

Durga Puja preps Devotees carry an idol of Goddess Durga for the 'Durga Puja' festival, in Nadia.—PTI

"For SP, Family Was The State; For Me, Entire State Is Family": Yogi Adityanath

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Samajwadi Party (SP), alleging that its government prioritised family interests over the state.

"For the Samajwadi Party, the family was the state, but for me, the entire state is my family," Adityanath said.

Targeting the previous SP government over recruitment, the Chief Minister said, "Earlier, job advertisements would not even be released. But whenever an advertisement was issued, concerns would emerge among students preparing for competitive examinations."

"Parents somehow managed to fund their children's education, but students would worry about how they could secure a position in competitive examinations without paying money," he said.

Adityanath alleged that the uncle-nephew duo would set out to collect money as soon as job advertisements were released.



"As soon as a job advertisement was issued, the uncle-nephew duo would set out for extortion," he said, alleging that appointment letters were given to people who had not even appeared for examinations.

"The young people who prepared for examinations in Prayagraj felt cheated, and the courts had to intervene by issuing stays," the Chief Minister said.

He also accused the SP government of appointing an ineligible person to head a recruitment commission, alleging that the move had caused injustice to young people.

Referring to the law-and-order situation in Prayagraj before 2017, Adityanath said, "There was a time when Prayagraj was under a shadow. The mafia had put the city's identity at risk, and even the administration and judiciary were helpless. Today, under the BJP government, that mafia has been reduced to dust."

The Chief Minister asserted that mafia members could no longer illegally occupy property under the BJP government.

"No goon or mafia can cast an eye on anyone's property or occupy it. If anyone attempts to do so, even the wealth accumulated by their forefathers will be taken away from them, and we will reclaim it," he said.

He added that land freed from mafia encroachment would be used to provide housing for the poor.

"Before 2017, any land identified by the mafia would end up belonging to Atiq and Ashraf. That is no longer the case. The land freed from mafia occupation will be used for the poor," Adityanath said.

Claiming that his government had provided more jobs in its two terms than the total appointments made during the SP's four terms in power, the Chief Minister said, "I acknowledge that I have provided nine lakh jobs."

"The results for 32,000 police personnel have been announced, and the process for recruiting 42,000 home guards has been completed. Several other departments will also provide jobs soon," he said.

Taking a swipe at Akhilesh Yadav, Adityanath added, "The SP national president can keep counting. We are going to provide jobs to one lakh young people over the next six months."

The remarks came as Adityanath laid the foundation stone for a housing project comprising 600 flats in Prayagraj.—ANI

UP CM Yogi Adityanath Lays Foundation Stone For 602 Flats On Land Freed From Atiq Ahmed's Possession In Prayagraj; Kasari-Masari To Be Developed As Krishnapuri

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday laid the foundation stone for the Padma Lok Awas Yojana in Prayagraj's Kasari-Masari area, where land freed from mafia-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed's possession will be used to provide housing to people. The project envisages 602 two-bedroom flats.

Addressing the programme, Yogi said the campaign to free land from the mafia was now paving the way for homes for the poor in Kasari-Masari. He said that during the previous regime, mafia elements treated land they set foot on as their own, while the state government remained silent.

"The mafia used to be synonymous with fear, openly brandishing weapons. Development, investment and employment cannot come in such an atmosphere," the Chief Minister said government was committed to establishing the rule of law, making Uttar Pradesh mafia-free and developing the state as a major contributor to India's economy.

"The government's responsibility is to establish the rule of law and ensure that Uttar Pradesh becomes free from the mafia," he said.

Referring to the high profile murder case of Raju Pal, Yogi said the government had moved forward with the resolve to establish the rule of law, and the results were now visible. He said mafia elements had built stables on around 15 bighas of land, but the same land would now be used to construct residential accommodation.

For context, BSP MLA Rahu Pal was shot dead in Prayagraj in 2005, days after his wedding with now expelled Samajwadi MLA Pooja Pal. In February 2023, Umesh Pal, a key witness to the murder, was shot dead in Prayagraj's Sulem Saray area. Several rounds were fired, and bombs were hurled at Umesh and his gunners. Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf Ahmad were the prime accused and were arrested by the police. On April 15, 2023, they were shot dead by men posing as press persons on the night of April 15 while being taken for a medical examination in Prayagraj. Pooja Pal, was expelled in 2025 from the Samajwadi Party after she praised Yogi Adityanath for his "zero tolerance policy" against crime.

Yogi said the housing scheme would benefit people without discrimination. Taking a swipe at the Samajwadi Party, he alleged that it stood with mafia elements. He said around 6,000 people would live in the development and asserted that no one would be allowed to indulge in mafia activities in Prayagraj.

The Chief Minister also accused the Samajwadi Party of creating an identity crisis for the people of Uttar Pradesh.

Recalling the situation in Kasari-Masari, Yogi said even police vehicles could not enter the area earlier, let alone ordinary citizens. He said the situation had changed and roads were now accessible. The government, he added, was committed to creating a secure environment so that every poor family could benefit from development initiatives.

Yogi said Kasari-Masari would no longer remain known by its old identity and would be developed as Krishnapuri. He also announced that an ITI would be established in the name of Maharaja Bijli Pasi, whom he described as a formidable opponent of foreign invaders.

The foundation-stone ceremony for the Padma Lok residential scheme was also marked by worship of Maa Bhagwati, whom devotees revere in the form of the divine mother.

Prayagraj Development Authority's Padma Lok Awas Yojana envisages 602 two-bedroom flats across a 14-storey residential development on approximately 9,811.35 square metres of land. The project is RERA-registered.

The project is part of the administration's effort to put land reclaimed from mafia control to public use. Earlier, 76 flats under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana were constructed on land freed from Atiq Ahmed's possession in Lukerganj, Prayagraj. Atiq Ahmed, a former Samajwadi Party MP, was shot dead while in police custody on April 15, 2023.—ANI

UP: Massive Explosion Brings Down House In Varanasi's Sarnath; 3 Injured

Varanasi: A massive explosion ripped through a two-storey residential building in the Sarnath area here on Thursday, triggering its collapse and leaving at least three people injured, according to officials.

The blast is suspected to have occurred at an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit operating inside the densely populated residential locality.

Upon receiving information about the incident near Purana Pul, senior administrative and police officials, along with teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and Fire Services, rushed to the spot to initiate search and rescue operations.

In a briefing on the incident, an administrative official stated that rescue teams pulled out three injured persons, including two children and a woman, who were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

"A house collapse was reported in the Sarnath police station limits near Purana Pul. Immediate rescue operations were launched with NDRF, SDRF, fire service, and medical personnel. Three injured individuals were rescued and hospitalised, where they are currently undergoing treatment. Preliminary searches suggest no other persons are trapped under the debris, though precautionary re-checking is being conducted," the official said.

Addressing the cause of the explosion, the official added: "Prima facie, reports indicate that firecrackers were either being manufactured or stored at the premises. A thorough investigation is underway, and appropriate legal action will follow. Nearby houses also sustained minor damage due to the impact of the blast."

Local residents and eyewitnesses alleged that an illegal firecracker manufacturing and packaging operation was being run covertly inside the premises ahead of the upcoming festival season, claiming complaints regarding the illegal business had been raised in the past. Further investigation into the matter is underway.—ANI

UP CEO Rinwa Announces Special Camps To Check Missing Voter Names On Oct 17, Oct 24

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Navdeep Rinwa has said that the Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed states where the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has been completed to conduct a campaign to identify voters whose names appeared in previous electoral rolls but are missing from subsequent lists.

Speaking to ANI on Wednesday, UP CEO Rinwa said the commission had instructed the states to verify the names of such voters and ask those found missing from the electoral rolls to fill Form 6 for inclusion.

"The Election Commission of India has directed that in those states where SIR has been fully completed, a campaign should be run to check the names of those people who were in the previous voter list but whose names are not in the subsequent list... If any such



person is found, they should fill Form 6... For this special campaign, we have also set up camps on 2 dates (17 October and 24 October)," Rinwa said.

The special camps will be organised on October 17 and October 24 to facilitate the process of checking voter names and submitting Form 6 applications, he added.

Meanwhile, ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, three rebel Samajwadi Party (SP) MLAs -- Rakesh Pratap Singh, Abhay Singh and Vinod Chaturvedi -- joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Amethi on Wednesday.

The three legislators joined the BJP in the presence of Uttar Pradesh BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary.

BJP National General Secretary Smriti Irani welcomed the three leaders into the party, saying their induction had created an atmosphere of celebration in Gauriganj. She also expressed confidence that the BJP would win the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Irani said the three leaders had joined the BJP to contribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

"The BJP will undoubtedly secure victory in the state once again in the upcoming assembly elections. The public assures us of this, and it is also the resolve of our party workers," she said.

Irani also targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his criticism of the Election Commission, questioning his electoral record and accusing him of seeking the support of several political parties to attack the poll body.

"The people of Amethi know that Rahul Gandhi is incapable of contesting an election on his own strength; someone who cannot fight an election from his own constituency independently is now seeking the support and backing of 14 political parties in the national capital to launch an assault on India's democracy and tarnish the image of the Election Commission," she said.—ANI

School Teachers Felicitate MLC Candidate, Vimalendra Sharma Vimal, In Bijnor

Mahendra Singh Tyagi Chandpur

Bijnor (The Hawk): Teachers of Mahatma Gandhi Inter College have supported Vimlendra Sharma Vimal, the Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh,Chet Narayan Group, candidate for the Bareilly–Moradabad Teachers' Constituency of the Legislative Council on Thursday.

In MG Inter college Mandawar Dr Mohit Sharma, the Principal and the teachers welcomed Vimal with a ceremonial shawl and joined the Chet Narayan Group, switching from the Sharma faction.

During his district-wide campaign, Vimal sought teachers' support and outlined the union's priorities: cashless medical facilities, old pension benefits, higher remuneration for board examiners and regularisation of ad-hoc teachers. He also pledged to secure a dignified honorarium for teachers in unaided schools and additional marks for teaching experience in recruitment



examinations for principals, lecturers and assistant teachers under the leadership of the state president Chet Narayan Singh, state patron and Teachers' MLC Raj Bahadur Singh Chandel, and the State Secretary General Aniruddh Tripathi.

In the campaign Sudheer Agrawal, state Secretary, Somdev Singh distt President of Bijnor, Abhay Gupta ex- President of Distt Moradabad accompanied the candidate and appealed the teachers to cast their votes in favour of Vimalendra Sharma on 23rd October.

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Sr.DME/C&W/UMB acting on the behalf of President of India Invites bids against tender no. **116S-WC-33-MC-4-2026-27** closing date and time **05.11.2026** up to **11:00 hrs**, and will be opened at **11:35 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet and can be seen/downloaded.

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NIT NO. 116S-WC-33-MC-4-2026-27

S. N.	Name of work	Approx. cost	Earnest Money	Period of completion	Date of opening
1	Provision of shower testing facilities for covered wagons at BCN Depot Ambala Cantt	Rs. 34,62,120.00	Rs. 69,300.00	03 month	05.11.2026

Note: 1. Tenderer(s) are required to furnish all related documents with Tender document. **2.** For detail Tender Notice/Tender Document, please log on Rly. website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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S. No.	Name of work	Approx. cost	Earnest Money	Period of completion	Date of opening
1	Upgrading of LWFCWAC Coaches at C&W Depot, Chandigarh	Rs. 49,89,605.81	Rs. 99,800.00	02 month	05.11.2026

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Workshop Electrical Engineer (I/C) Northern Railway, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002, for and on behalf of President of India, invites e-tenders through online mode only for under mentioned work:-

Name of Work	"Outsourcing the work of Scrap disposal and new material between shops and store depot in 568 days"		
Tender Type	**Open**	**Bidding System**	**Single Packet**
Tender sale Closing Date	29.10.2026 at 11:30 hrs.	Date & Time of Uploading Tender	14.10.2026 17:34
Pre-Bid Required	No	Pre-bid query till date	N.A.
Advertisement Value	Rs. 11,83,838.66/- Including all taxes GST etc.	Tendering Section	Tender & Works/ Electrical branch Jagadhri Workshop
Earnest Money	Rs. 23,700/-	Validity of Offer	60 days
Tender Document cost	NIL (as per Part-I clause No 3 of Indian Railways GCC April 2022)	Period of Completion	568 Days
Bidding Start Date	15.10.2026	Bidding end date	29.10.2026 upto 11.30 hrs.
Tender opening date & time	At any time thereafter closing of tender. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserve the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender.		
Website	For complete information & Bidding please go to **www.ireps.gov.in**		

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E-AUCTION - SALE NOTICE
(Sale of secured immovable asset under SARFAESI Act)

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act") read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to Grihum Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as the **"Secured Creditor"** as per the Act) , the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor **in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rule pursuant to notice under section 13(2) of the Act.** The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **18-11-2026** through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public through E-Auction platform provided at the website: https://www.bankeauctions.com. **For detailed T&Cs of sale, please refer to link provided in GHFL's/Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.grihumhousing.com**

Sr. No.	Proposal No. Customer Name {A}	Demand Notice Date and Outstanding Amount {B}	Nature of Possession {C}	Description of Property {D}	Reserve Price {E}	EMD (10% of RP){F}	EMD Submission date {G}	Incremental Bid {H}	Property Inspection Date & Time {I}	Date and time of Auction {J}	Known encumbrances /Court cases if any {K}
1	**Loan No. HL00540100000005035135 Muhmmad Sajid (Borrower) Aafreen . (Co Borrower)**	**Notice date: 11-12-2025 Total Dues: Rs. 1195572/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred SeventyTwo Only) **payable as on 11-12-2025 along with interest @15.6% p.a. till the realization.**	**Physical**	All That Piece And Parcel Of Plot Measuring 50 Square Yards, I.E., 41.80 Square Meters, With Dimensions: East To West: 45 Feet, North To South: 10 Feet Situated On Khasra Number 850, Located In Aali Swad Bairun, Abadi Ekta Colony, Paragna, Tehsil And District Saharanpur, Along With All Rights And Entitlements Of Every Kind Related To It. Boundaries: East: Plot Of Smt. Sitara, West: Road, 8 Feet Wide (2.43 Meters), North: Plot Of Latifur Rehman, South: Road, 15 Feet Wide (4.57 Meters)	**Rs. 630000/-** (Rupees Six Lacs Thirty Thousand Only)	**Rs. 63000/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Thousand Only)	**17-11-2026 Before 5 PM**	**10,000/-**	**13-11-2026 (11AM - 4PM)**	**18-11-2026 (11 AM-2PM)**	**NIL**

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