Akhilesh takes a dig at Yogi over SIR, 80:20 remarks



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SP president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday took a swipe at Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over his remarks on the SIR and his '80:20' formulation for the upcoming Assembly polls, suggesting that the BJP-led NDA would be capable of contesting only 80 seats in the state.

In a post on X, Yadav reacted to a recent television interview of Adityanath in which he said the CM claimed that 1.27 crore Hindu voters were missing from the electoral rolls following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and that the number of Muslim voters had increased by 1.65 per cent.

Sharing a clip of the interview, Yadav challenged Adityanath to repost one of his earlier posts from his official social media account if he genuinely believed that 1.27 crore votes had been deleted.

"Only the wearer best knows when the shoe pinches," Yadav wrote, invoking a Hindi proverb to suggest that the CM was now experiencing the concerns that the opposition had been raising over the voter revision exercise.

Taking a further swipe at Adityanath, he said, "What is the difference between you and us now, neither in the complaints nor in the sorrows that you and we share."

In the interview, Adityanath had claimed that around 55 lakh Hindu beneficiaries of government welfare schemes and 4.5 lakh voters in the 18-19 age group were among those whose names were missing from the electoral rolls. He also said that the number of Muslim voters had increased by 1.65 per cent after the SIR.

In another post on X earlier in the day, Yadav responded to Adityanath's '80:20' remark, saying the CM's formulation meant that the BJP-led alliance would be capable of contesting only 80 seats, while the PDA (Pichhda, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) alliance would prove to be better than the NDA.

Jailed ex-Pb minister says he won't contest Assembly polls

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JAILED former Punjab minister and AAP MLA Laljit Singh Bhullar's Facebook post on Tuesday claimed that he will not contest the upcoming assembly elections.

Bhullar, who is a legislator from the Patti assembly constituency, is currently lodged in jail in connection with the suicide of an official of the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. The AAP is yet to announce a candidate from the Patti assembly seat.

Bhullar's Facebook post claimed that he would not fight the 2027 Punjab assembly elections.

"I have heard the sentiments expressed by the brothers and sisters of the Patti constituency regarding the party fielding me once again in the upcoming elections. However, I have decided not to contest the election," the post said.



"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the people of Patti constituency. I bow my head in deep respect before your love, affection and sentiments. I shall remain indebted to the people of Patti constituency throughout my life. My sincere thanks to every brother and sister who has stood by me and supported me at every step," the post read.

Bhullar was arrested on March 23, two days after the suicide of Gagandeep Singh Randhawa, the district manager of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in Amritsar.

PUNJAB RECORDS 198 FRESH FARM FIRES

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PUNJAB saw 198 fresh farm fire incidents on Monday, taking the cumulative count to 4,657, with Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Sangrur districts accounting for the maximum number of such cases.

Many farmers continue to ignore government advisories to stop crop burning residue.

According to the official data, the highest number of farm fires were reported in Tarn Taran at 659, followed by Ferozepur at 621, Sangrur 508, Bathinda 412, Patiala 299 and Amritsar 247.



Fines amounting to Rs 72.85 lakh have been imposed as environmental compensation in 1,442 cases so far. Of the total fine, Rs 33.60 lakh has been recovered so far.

The data also showed that 938 FIRs were registered against farm fire incidents during this period under Section 223 (disobedience of order promulgated by public servant) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

State authorities have also marked 1,150 red entries, 310 in Tarn Taran and 192 in Ferozepur, in land records of farmers who burnt crop residues.

A red entry bars farmers from getting loans against their farmland or selling it.

The annual farm fire monitoring period begins on September 15, two weeks before paddy procurement starts on October 1.

Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is often blamed for the rise in air pollution in Delhi-NCR.

As the window for the Rabi crop, wheat, is very short after paddy harvest in October and November, some farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue.

Punjab recorded 5,114 farm fire incidents during the 2025 paddy harvesting season. The state saw 10,909 farm fires in 2024 as compared to 36,663 in 2023.

2 youth acquitted in UAPA case over unreliable evidence

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A court in Jammu and Kashmir has acquitted two youths who were undergoing trial under anti-terror charges in Baramulla district, noting that the evidence against the accused was unreliable.

Special Judge (UAPA/NIA cases) Baramulla, Feroz Ahmad Khan, acquitted Huzaif Firdous Bhat and Aijaz Ahmad after finding contradictions in the prosecution case.

The two youths were arrested in September 2020 during a joint naka checking by police and the Army at Kanispora in Baramulla district. Police registered a case against the two youths under Sections 18, 23 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 7/25 of the Arms Act, claiming to have recovered two hand grenades, 100 rounds of ammunition and



posters of the terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"On an overall assessment, the court finds that the prosecution evidence suffers from such material inconsistencies and infirmities that it would be unsafe to base a conviction upon it," the court said in its 71-page order.

The court held that the prosecution has not established "through cogent and dependable evidence" that the arms and ammunition produced in the court were recovered from the "conscious possession" of the accused in the manner alleged.

Ardh Kumbh 2027

Garhwal commissioner reviews preparations

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DIVISIONAL Commissioner Anand Swaroop warned officials of strict action over delays and negligence in construction and maintenance works being undertaken for the Ardh Kumbh Mela 2027, directing them to ensure timely completion of all projects while prioritising the safety and convenience of pilgrims.

Swaroop conducted an onsite inspection of various ongoing projects in Haridwar and held a meeting with officials to review the progress of construction schemes, infrastructure facilities and temporary arrangements for the religious event.

He directed officials to maintain high quality in all works and ensure accessibility and safety for pilgrims. He



also instructed them to submit daily progress reports accompanied by photographs and regularly update the status of ongoing projects on the online dashboard.

"In line with the state government's commitment, all departments must work in coordination to ensure that the event is organised in a grand and magnificent manner. Tasks related to temporary infrastructure across all sectors should be expedited, and necessary arrangements prioritising the convenience, accessibility and safety of pilgrims must be put in place well in advance," Swaroop said. The divisional commissioner began his inspection with the ongoing maintenance work at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee State Guest House in Haridwar.

3 bodies found at separate locations in Lucknow

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THREE bodies, including one suspected to be of a murdered man, were found at separate locations in Lucknow, prompting police investigations into the circumstances surrounding the deaths, officials said on Tuesday.

The body of an unidentified man, aged around 35, was found stuffed in a sack beneath a culvert in the Amavan forest area under Banthra police station limits in the morning, police said.

The body appeared to be around three days old. The man was tall and thin and was wearing a red shirt and blue lower, according to a police statement.

Police received information about a suspicious sack lying beneath the culvert through Dial-112 at around 9.15 am. A police team reached the spot and found the body inside the sack.

"Prima facie, it appears that the man was murdered and his body dumped at the spot," police said, adding that forensic experts have collected scientific and physical evidence from the scene.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Md Mustaque inspected the spot, according to officials.

Police are trying to establish the identity of the deceased and have sent the body for a postmortem examination. Further action will be taken based on the post-mortem report and investigation, the statement said. Apart from this, the body of a 45-year-old man, identified as Subhash Chandra, was found in a mango orchard in Sant Nagar village under Rahimabad police station limits.

EX-AAP MLAS PATHANMAJRA, JOURAMAJRA MEET BJP'S KAUR

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FORMER Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislators Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra and Chetan Singh Jouramajra, who recently joined the Bharatiya Janata Party, met ex-Union minister Preneet Kaur here on Tuesday.

Talking to reporters after meeting BJP leader Kaur, they said discussions were held on various political and developmental issues concerning the Patiala parliamentary constituency, with particular emphasis on their respective assembly segments of Sanour and Samana.

They said issues relating to development works, public grievances and problems being faced by residents in their constituencies were



discussed in detail. The meeting also focused on strengthening the BJP's organisational structure in Punjab, expanding its grassroots activities and chalking out a future strategy to intensify the party's political activities in the state.

Pathanmajra said he held Kaur in high esteem and considered her a senior leader with extensive political and administrative experience. He further said Kaur had considerable influence and a longstanding association with the people across the Patiala parliamentary constituency.

"Given her vast experience and understanding of the region, we felt it important to meet her and seek her guidance. Her experience can prove valuable in understanding local issues and taking forward the party's activities in the constituency," he added.

Cong leader booked for killing lawyer in Kannauj

KANNAUJ : A 36-year-old lawyer was shot dead allegedly by a Congress district general secretary in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj district on Diwali night following an argument, police said.

The accused, Amol Dixit, has been booked for the murder of advocate Anuj Kumar Chaturvedi, who was shot dead near the Chhibramau police station. Dixit is absconding, and six police teams have been formed to arrest him, officials said. Chhibramau Kotwali Station House Officer Kapil Dubey said the incident followed a dispute over Dixit allegedly slapping Chaturvedi's cousin, Basant, over political rivalry. Basant informed Chaturvedi about the incident, following which the lawyer accompanied his cousin to Dixit's residence. An argument broke out between the two sides, Dubey said. Dixit allegedly pulled out his pistol and fired four rounds at Chaturvedi, who collapsed on the spot.

UP BJP chief to Akhilesh

Visit Ram Temple on Dec 6, apologise to kar sevaks



Uttar Pradesh BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary

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UTTAR Pradesh BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary on Tuesday targeted Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his proposed December 12 visit to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, asking him to visit the shrine on December 6 instead and apologise for the killing of 'kar sevaks' during the Samajwadi Party's rule.

"If this is not a new political ploy in the name of Lord Ram but genuine repentance, then visit the Ram temple on December 6, not 12. Apologise for the grave sin of getting hundreds of Ram devotees killed. Do not think your past sins will be washed away; rather, this pretence of devotion to Lord Ram will cost you whatever little political existence you have left," Chaudhary, also a Union Minister, said in a post on X.

The BJP state president's mention of December 6 refers to the anniversary of the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in 1992.

The attack came amid a series of barbs by BJP leaders questioning Yadav's religious credentials and accusing the SP of appeasement politics.

BJP MLC Subhash Yaduvansh also slammed the SP chief, alleging that his party's government had ordered firing on kar sevaks in Ayodhya and that those responsible for the incident were now talking about Sanatan Dharma.

He asked Yadav to take a dip in the Saryu river and apologise to the kar sevaks and their families before visiting the Ram temple.

Yaduvansh claimed that the BJP government had already developed world-class infrastructure in Ayodhya and established the temple town on the global map. He also challenged Yadav to clarify his stand on the demand for a grand temple at the Krishna Janmabhoomi site in Mathura.

PM gave U'khand new direction, fresh energy for its growth

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THE foundation laid by former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, under whom Uttarakhand became a separate state, now finds the strength of PM Narendra Modi's leadership, which drives the state toward prosperity and self-reliance, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Tuesday.

In a social media post on Tuesday, Dhami thanked Modi who had extended greetings on the occasion of Uttarakhand's foundation day a day before.

Today, Uttarakhand is establishing its identity as an excellent tourism destination, an industry-friendly state, and a rapidly growing economy: Dhami

Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh on November 9, 2000, as the 27th state of India.

"I am sharing the unprecedented work and achievements accomplished in the realms of development and public welfare in 'Devbhoomi' Uttarakhand, under the guidance and support of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Dhami said.



Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami

"Today, Uttarakhand is establishing its identity as an excellent tourism destination, an industry-friendly state, and a rapidly growing economy. This 'new' Uttarakhand is paving the path toward the welfare and progress of every section of society," he said. In the letter, Dhami wrote that reading the message from the PM, he sensed not merely "the greetings of a prime minister, but the sentiments of a deeply sensitive individual who shares a profound bond with the soil of Uttarakhand".

"The warmth expressed in your words has conveyed to every citizen of the state that, for you, Uttarakhand is not just another state in India, but a sacred land—one deeply intertwined with emotions, spiritual consciousness, and personal bonds. On behalf of all the people of the state, I express my deepest, heartfelt gratitude for this affectionate message," wrote Dhami.

The chief minister said that the creation of Uttarakhand was the culmination of a long-drawn-out public struggle, countless sacrifices, and the aspirations of the people.