

# Time-bound redressal of people's issues govt's top priority: Yogi

## HT Correspondent

**GORAKHPUR :** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday directed officials to ensure prompt, effective, and sensitive resolution of public grievances, reiterating that time-bound redressal of people's problems remains the top priority of his government.

Yogi interacted with over 200 people for the second consecutive day during a Janata Darshan event held at the Digvijay Nath auditorium on the Gorakhpur temple premises here. He advised people to remain patient and assured them that the government would sincerely consider their concerns.

The CM personally listened to grievances, reviewed applications, and forwarded them to the concerned officials with clear instructions to resolve all



CM Yogi Adityanath meets visitors during Janata Darshan at Gorakhpur Temple in Gorakhpur on Friday.

complaints in a time-bound, impartial, and satisfactory manner. Several individuals sought financial assistance for medical treatment. In response, Yogi directed officials to promptly prepare estimates for advanced medical care for needy patients

so that government funds could be released without delay. "No one's treatment will stop due to lack of money," he said. A significant number of women attending the Janata Darshan raised housing-related concerns. Addressing them, the CM said the government is committed to providing permanent housing to all eligible beneficiaries under the PM and the CM housing schemes. He instructed officials to ensure that all deserving individuals deprived of pucca houses are covered under these schemes.

## CM pays tribute to wife of ex-BJP MLA

Earlier on Thursday evening, the CM attended the Brahm Bhuj ceremony of Marikandey Bhuj, a devoted follower of Gorakshpeth, and prayed for the peace of the departed soul during his visit to Lohi village in Pilibhit region. Yogi passed away on April 1.

Later, Yogi also paid tribute to the late wife of former BJP MLA Narendra Singh. Attending the Brahm Bhuj ceremony near Tarang Crossing, he consoled the bereaved family members.

# 'Krishnavataram' cast and crew meet CM Adityanath

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**LUCKNOW :** The cast and crew of the film 'Krishnavataram Part I: The Heart (Hridayam)' met UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath at his residence in Lucknow. The team sought his blessings for the film, which is rooted in the values and cultural heritage of Sansan Dharma, said a government spokesperson in a statement on Friday.

During the interaction, the CM shared his vision and guidance, emphasizing that such films are essential in today's times, as they bring forward stories from our history and culture that the younger generation is often unaware of, the statement said.

'Krishnavataram' is a grand cinematic portrait inspired by the timeless stories of Lord Krishna, with its first part titled 'Hridayam', focusing on the essence of 'Prem' - divine love in its many forms. The trailer of the film was recently launched at the sacred Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple, where the team dedicated the film to the devotees of Lord Krishna.



CM Yogi Adityanath with the cast and crew of 'Krishnavataram Part I' in Lucknow on Friday

Actor Sanskriti Patel, granddaughter of former chief minister of Gujarat and current UP governor Anandiben Patel, plays a pivotal role in the film, portraying Satyabhama, the statement added.

"It was great meeting with CM Yogi. We are grateful for the way he guided us. We are thankful to the administration that we were able to launch this film on Krishna Janmabhoomi. He told us that more movies should be made..." Director Hardik Gajjar emphasised the film's cultural significance, saying, "This is our history, not mythology. This is what we can impart to the future generations..."

Speaking after the interaction, producer Sajjan Raj Kurup said:

INPUTS FROM AGENCY

## INFRA PUSH IN FOCUS AT UP CONCLAVE

## LUCKNOW:

The Uttar Pradesh Infrastructure Conclave 2026, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) and the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), focused on key themes such as infrastructure development, urban expansion and affordable housing in the state.

The first edition of the CII Uttar Pradesh Infrastructure Conclave 2026 was attended by Housing Commissioner Balkar Singh, CEO of Noida International Airport Christoph Schnellmann, and Business Head of Omaze India Anjali Kumar Pandey. The Housing Commissioner shared details of housing schemes and policies being implemented by the state government.

The CEO of Noida International Airport explained that Asia's largest greenfield airport has been designed with future passenger capacity expansion in mind.

# Smriti Irani dares SP chief to contest outside stronghold

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**VARANASI :** Hitting back at Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav over his 'saas-bahu serial' jibe in Parliament, former Union minister Smriti Irani on Friday challenged him to contest and win from a constituency outside his traditional stronghold.

If he (Akhilesh Yadav) has the courage, he should prove his mettle by contesting and winning an election from any constituency other than his ancestral seat," Irani said while addressing media persons on the sidelines of a programme here.

Irani, along with deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak, took part in a town hall organised under the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam campaign in Varanasi.

She said she had demonstrated leadership capability by defeating a Congress president in his own bastion (Amethi), and suggested that the Samajwadi Party chief contest from Gorakhpur.

Urging all political parties to support the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam unanimously, Irani said the nation would not forgive any attempt to disrupt the legislation.

Earlier in the day, Irani offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath temple, performing darshan and puja in accordance with traditional rituals.

Meanwhile, in a post on X,



BJP leader Smriti Irani interacts with young girls in Varanasi. By CM Brajesh Pathak is also seen.

she said: "The women power of the country is today demonstrating its capability, leadership, and resolve in every field. An empowered woman is the foundation of an empowered society and a developed India."

The decisive participation of women is not merely a question of equality, but an essential necessity for nation-building."

The Nari Shakti Vandan Act, brought under the leadership of the visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a historic initiative that provides 33% reservation to women in Parliament and state assemblies, enabling them to play a key role in the mainstream of policy-making.

This step will give new direction to women's leadership and infuse new strength into India's democracy," she added.

## { WOMEN'S QUOTA BILL }

# Mayawati likens SP, Congress to 'chameleon' over shifting stand

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**LUCKNOW :** Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Friday targeted the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP), likening them to a "chameleon" over their shifting positions on the Women's Reservation Bill.

In a post on X, she alleged that the Congress "changes its colours like a chameleon" and is now speaking about SC, ST and OBC representation in women's reservation despite failing to safeguard their constitutional rights when in power.

She said the Congress did not take concrete steps to ensure reservation quotas for these communities in jobs or education, and also failed to implement the 27% OBC reservation recommended by the Mandal Commission, which was eventually enforced during the tenure of former Prime Minister V P Singh.

Turning to the SP, Mayawati said that in Uttar Pradesh, the party had shelved the Backward Classes Commission report of July 1994 that proposed extending OBC benefits to backward Muslims. The report, she said, was later implemented by the first BSP government on June 3, 1995.

She accused the SP of changing its colour for political gains, adding that the party adopts one position in power and another when in opposition, often reflecting a "narrow, casteist and discriminatory" approach.

"These communities must



BSP chief Mayawati

always remain cautious of such deceptive and double-faced plays; only then can something better become possible," she said.

On the issue of delimitation linked to the 2011 Census for implementing women's reservation, Mayawati said that early implementation is the priority, it would have to be based on the existing census data. She added that the Congress, if in power at the centre, would have taken a similar position as the BJP.

"No party in the country has been serious about the real interests, welfare, and shaping the future of the SC, ST, OBC, and Muslim communities in any manner," she added.

Advising these groups, Mayawati said they should, for now, accept whatever reservation benefits are available and focus on becoming self-reliant and strong, rather than being swayed by political inducements.

## DIABETES, HYPERTENSION CAN BE CONTROLLED WITH LIFESTYLE CHANGES: EXPERT

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**LUCKNOW :** Diabetes and hypertension can be effectively controlled through a simple routine of diet, exercise and meditation, experts said at a public health session. They urged people not to view these conditions as life-ending, but as manageable with the right approach.

Speaking at a session organised by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), Dr Mayank Somani said one of



Experts address a public health session

the biggest myths is that diabetes and high blood pressure cannot be controlled. "Both conditions can be managed with a simple formula—diet, exercise and

medicine. Patients themselves can take charge of their health," he said.

Dr Somani also addressed the misconception that gym workouts cause increasing heart attacks. He first cautioned that uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension can lead to thickening of blood and clot formation, increasing the risk of heart attacks. Referring to increasing cases of sudden cardiac arrests reported during or after gym workouts, Somani clarified that

"Exercise is not the cause. The illness already exists in the body. If someone with undiagnosed high cholesterol or heart issues exercises and faces complications, it is due to the underlying disease, not the gym," he said.

The session was held at Hotel Clarks Awaah.

Mukesh Singh, chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Committee of IACC, said the initiative was aimed at increasing patient awareness as cases rise across professions.

# Dimple says women's quota changes aimed at power, not empowerment

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**LUCKNOW :** Dimple Yadav, Samajwadi Party MP from Mainpuri, on Friday alleged in Lok Sabha that the recent amendments to the women's reservation law were driven by a desire to retain power rather than genuinely empowering women.



SP MP Dimple Yadav

Speaking during the debate on the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, which provides for 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, she accused the ruling party of misrepresenting the Opposition.

Yadav reiterated her party's demand for a census followed by delimitation, before implementing the 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies. She questioned why the government had delayed the census.

"Why has the government not initiated the census since 2024? They have wasted two and-a-half years. Now they are suddenly in a hurry. This is because they want to cling to power and are using delimitation as a political weapon to deny women their

rightful place in the 2029 elections," she claimed.

The SP MP also accused the ruling party of failing to fulfil several electoral promises, including creating jobs for the youth and doubling farmers' incomes.

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# UP RERA warns against misleading real estate offers, 'assured returns'

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**LUCKNOW :** Taking serious note of misleading promotional schemes and 'assured returns' offered by developers, the Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP RERA) on Friday issued a public advisory cautioning homebuyers that such promises have no legal validity.

The authority warned that offers such as 'assured returns' and 'fixed monthly rental income before possession' are often not enforceable under the law, and urged buyers to exercise caution while investing in real estate.

monitoring the sector to curb misleading practices and protect buyers' interests, chairman Sanjay Bhosreddy said. "Homebuyers should remain cautious of promotional offers like assured returns or fixed rental income, as these are often not legally enforceable under UP RERA. Buyers must rely only on verified information available on the official portal and ensure that all transactions and agreements comply with prescribed norms," he added.

Referring to the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, UP RERA said misleading advertisements and false commitments violate regulatory provisions.

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