

Info sought from govt on plea alleging pressure to lodge false FIR against seer

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PRAYAGRAJ: The Allahabad high court has sought instructions (information) from the state government in response to a writ petition alleging that Ashutosh Maharaj exerted pressure on one Ramashankar Dixit to lodge a false case of sexual assault against Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati. The petitioner had alleged that when he refused to do so, he was threatened with dire consequences.

In this backdrop, petitioner Dixit, a resident of Shahjahanpur, has sought protection from police and moved the high court seeking passing of an appropriate direction in this connection.

While hearing the writ petition, a division bench comprising Justice JJ Munir and Justice Indrajit Shukla also directed to implead Ashutosh Maharaj as a party respondent in the writ petition. Maharaj claims to be the president of Shri Krishna Jannabhoori Mukti Nirman Trust, Mathura. The court also directed the registrar (compliance) to communicate this order to the inspector general of police, Bareilly zone, Uttar Pradesh.



Swami Avimukteshwaranand

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police deployed for his security tried to influence him to change his statement.

Thereafter, he again approached the police authorities concerned with his complaint but no effective step has been taken so far. Hence, he had no option but to file the present writ petition before the high court. In the writ petition, he has alleged that security of his life and also his family members is under constant threat. Thereafter, he has prayed the high court to ensure his protection by passing an appropriate order.

To recall, acting on Ashutosh Maharaj's application earlier, a special Pocco court in Prayagraj had directed the police to register a case of sexual assault under the Pocco Act against Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati and others.

Headmistress booked for allegedly hitting man with slipper during TC dispute in Kaushambi

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PRAYAGRAJ: A headmistress of a government primary school in Kaushambi district has been booked after she allegedly hit a man with a slipper during a dispute over the issuance of a transfer certificate (TC). The incident came to light after a purported video of the argument surfaced on social media. Hindustan Times could not independently verify the authenticity of the video.

The said an FIR was registered at Charwa police station against Anita Devi, headmistress of Tika Ka Pura Primary School, on a complaint filed by Anuj Kumar Yadav, a resident of

POLICE SAID AN FIR WAS REGISTERED AGAINST ANITA DEVI, HEADMISTRESS OF TIKA KA PURA PRIMARY SCHOOL, ON A COMPLAINT FILED BY ANUJ KUMAR YADAV

Aliganj village under Kokhraj police station limits. A police investigation has begun, while the education department has also ordered a separate inquiry. According to the complaint, Yadav's cousin, Bhanchala, studied at the school up to class

4 and the family had been trying to obtain her transfer certificate. Yadav alleged that when he and his uncle's brother, Manoj Kumar, visited the school on July 9 to collect the document, the headmistress asked them to produce the student's Aadhaar card.

Yadav alleged that when Manoj Kumar started recording the conversation on his mobile phone, the headmistress tried to snatch the device. During the scuffle, the phone fell to the ground and was damaged. He further said that the headmistress got up and hit him with a slipper. A purported video of the incident later went viral on social media.

Deputy superintendent of

police (Chait) Shivank Singh said the FIR had been registered on the basis of the complaint and the complainant had undergone a medical examination.

The headmistress has been booked on the basis of the complaint. The investigating officer has been directed to conduct a fair investigation and take action accordingly, Singh said. Muraraj block education officer Hina Siddiqui said SDO had been assigned to conduct the departmental inquiry on the directions of the Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA). "The inquiry is under way and the report will be submitted shortly. Further action will be taken by the Basic Shiksha Adhikari based on the findings," she said.

FIVE HELD FOR KIDNAPPING, FORCIBLY MARRYING OFF 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL

VARANASI: Five individuals were arrested on Saturday on charges of abducting a 17-year-old girl from a village in Varanasi and forcing her into marriage with a 20-year-old man from Bulandshahr, police said.

Three of the suspects were arrested from the Gopulpur village, within the jurisdiction of the Chaurapur Police Station in Varanasi, while two others were held in Western Uttar Pradesh. The girl has been rescued and sent for a medical examination. Deputy commissioner of police (Varanasi Zone) Pramod Kumar identified the accused as Shivdhami, 34, Rahul Bhardwaj, 31, and Maina Devi, 42, all residents of Gopulpur, Kanauli in Varanasi along with Mohit, 20, a resident of Dharau village in Bulandshahr's Khera area, and Nem Singh, 34, a resident of Badanpur in Mathura.

According to police, a resident of the Chaurapur area filed a complaint on July 5 alleging that her 17-year-old niece had been kidnapped and sold for ₹1 lakh. Based on the complaint, a case was registered under Sections 377(2) (kidnapping), 87 (abducting or inducing a woman to compel her marriage), and 434A (trafficking) of the Bharatya Nyaya Sanhita.

Investigators allege that Shivdhami, Rahul Bhardwaj and Maina Devi orchestrated the kidnapping before forcing the girl to marry Mohit. Mohit's maternal uncle, Nem Singh, was also allegedly involved in the conspiracy. During interrogation, police learnt that Mohit and his uncle paid the other suspects to facilitate the forced marriage. Further investigation is ongoing, and police stated that additional action will be taken if other individuals are implicated.

Monsoon prompts mass livestock vaccination drive in Prayagraj

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PRAYAGRAJ: With the monsoon and the approaching flood season heightening the risk of infectious diseases, the animal husbandry department has intensified a district-wide vaccination campaign to protect cattle and buffaloes from seasonal outbreaks.

Chief veterinary officer (CVO)



Cattle vaccination drive underway in Prayagraj

Dr Shivnath Yadav said the drive is being conducted under the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) and the state animal husbandry department. The initiative aims to immunise bovine livestock against major infectious diseases, with free vaccinations available at all 49 veterinary hospitals and through door-to-door visits in villages.

The campaign against Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS), locally known as Galgohu, began in May and is scheduled to continue until July 15. To date, nearly 736,000 cattle and buffaloes in 2026, while the cattle enumeration places the bovine population at approximately 1,500,000. To ensure maximum coverage, the department deployed 39 veterinarians and 31 para-veterinary personnel to centres, supported by livestock extension officers and vaccinators conducting door-to-door visits in villages.

The next phase, focusing on Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), will begin on July 22 and span 45 days. The district has received 50,000 doses of the FMD vaccine, and officials aim to achieve full coverage of eligible livestock.

Vaccination against Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is slated for

August, starting in villages along state borders where the risk of transmission is highest. In addition to bovine efforts, the department has administered approximately 11,500 doses of the Classical Swine Fever vaccine to pigs. Vaccination against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) for goats has yet to commence.

According to the livestock census, Prayagraj recorded roughly 1.5 million cattle and buffaloes in 2026, while the cattle enumeration places the bovine population at approximately 1,500,000. To ensure maximum coverage, the department deployed 39 veterinarians and 31 para-veterinary personnel to centres, supported by livestock extension officers and vaccinators conducting door-to-door visits in villages.

Officials noted that intensive vaccination drives are underway in all development blocks. Following vaccination, each animal is fitted with a plastic ear tag to establish a unique digital identity. Details are then uploaded to the Bharat Pashudhan app, allowing authorities to maintain digital health records and monitor disease control measures more effectively.

MAN ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING, MARRYING OFF 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL

VARANASI: An individual accused of trafficking and marrying off a 16-year-old minor girl from Sonbhadra was arrested in Aligarh on Saturday.

A joint team comprising officers from the Robertson police station and the Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) unit of Sonbhadra district, led by Inspector Ramdharsh Ram, arrested the accused, Anil Kumar, a resident of Pakki Sarai in Aligarh district. A case was recently registered at the Robertson police station based on a complaint. The charges include Sections 377(2) (kidnapping), 143(4) (trafficking), 351(3) (criminal intimidation), and other relevant sections of the Bharatya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Additionally, charges were filed under Sections 167, 34, and 341(1) of the PCSO Act, as well as Section 3(2)(5) of the SCST Act. Following continuous raids, analysis of technical evidence, and an informant's tip, the team held the accused on Friday near the BSNL gate at the Sonbhadra Railway Station.

Circle officer Randhir Mishra stated that the investigation revealed Anil Kumar's active role in the crime. The collected evidence established that the victim was purchased, forced into marriage, and subjected to severe exploitation.

A RESIDENT OF THE CHAUBEPUR AREA FILED A COMPLAINT ON JULY 5 ALLEGING THAT HER 17-YEAR-OLD NIECE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND SOLD FOR ₹1 LAKH.

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Defying Destiny: The Extraordinary Journey of UP Cabinet Minister

NANDI GOPAL GUPTA 'NANDI'

From a Deadly RDX Blast to Spearheading Industrial Growth

THE INFAMOUS DAY : On July 12, 2010, a devastating remote-controlled RDX blast tore through the Bahadurganj area of Prayagraj, targeting Minister Nandi.

The Medical Miracle
Surviving near-fatal injuries, Nandi underwent 14 complex surgeries and spent seven months in critical care.



PRAYAGRAJ: Time moves relentlessly, but certain dates leave an indelible mark on the pages of history. For the political and social landscape of Prayagraj, July 12, 2010, remains etched as a day of immense tragedy, extraordinary courage, and an unbelievable comeback.

It was on this day that a high-intensity, remote-controlled RDX explosion rocked the Bahadurganj area, sending shockwaves far beyond the district and deep into the corridors of power in Uttar Pradesh. The prime target of this meticulously planned assassination attempt was the state's then Cabinet Minister, Nandi Gopal Gupta 'Nandi'.

From Sideways Vendor to the Corridors of Power Minister Nandi's life story reads like a classic script of triumph against all odds. Long before entering the high-stakes world of politics, Nandi started his career on the streets, working as a pavement vendor and running a micro-business on the footpaths of Prayagraj. Driven by sheer willpower and relentless hard work, he consistently broke through socioeconomic barriers.

Champion of Small Traders As he grew in business, Nandi quickly found his calling as a fiery advocate for the underprivileged, small

shopkeepers, and victimized traders. He launched a fierce crusade against local syndicates, extortionists,



and criminals who harassed small businessmen. This grassroots activism skyrocketed his popularity among the mercantile class.

A Spectacular Political Debut
Riding on a massive wave of public support,

14 Surgeries and a Hero's Return to Prayagraj

As news of the attack spread, an emotional tide swept over Prayagraj. Thousands gathered in spontaneous vigils. While non-stop chants of Mahamrityunjay Mantra echoed in temples, special prayers were held in local mosques, offering across all religious divides. Nandi was airlifted to a specialized facility in Lucknow, where a top-tier medical team spent seven grueling months fighting for his life, performing 14 major and highly complex surgeries.

When he finally defeated death and returned home to Prayagraj, the city erupted in joy. The public gave him a historic, emotional welcome fit for a cinematic hero a living testament to a leader saved by the collective prayers of his people.

Nandi formally entered active politics in 2007. Contesting the high-profile Prayagraj City (South) assembly seat, he pulled off a stunning victory by defeating seasoned political heavyweights. Recognizing his immense popularity and merit, the leadership immediately appointed him a Cabinet Minister in his very first term as an MLA.

The Day Destiny Was Challenged : THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

On the fateful morning of July 12, 2010, keeping up with his daily spiritual routine, Minister Nandi was walking through a narrow alley in Bahadurganj toward the Manokamna Puri Shiv Mandir to perform a ritual water offering (Jalabishek). Unbeknownst to his security detail, an RDX-laden scooter was parked strategically in the narrow lane. As the minister approached, the bomb was detonated via a remote control. The explosion was catastrophic, its deafening sound reverberating across the city. While the minister miraculously survived, the attack claimed the lives of a dedicated security officer and a senior journalist. Nandi was rushed to the hospital in critical condition, his body riddled with severe shrapnel injuries.

Crisis to Leadership : The Rise of Abhilasha Gupta 'Nandi'

While Minister Nandi was battling for survival in the ICU, his wife, Abhilasha Gupta 'Nandi', stepped up with extraordinary fortitude. She single-handedly managed the medical crisis, stood vigil at the hospital, and cared for their three very young children at home—emerging as a symbol of immense maternal and personal strength.

Driven by public demand and a desire to continue her husband's legacy of public service, she eventually entered active politics. In a spectacular electoral debut, she scripted history in the Prayagraj municipal elections, sweeping all 80 wards to become the Mayor of Prayagraj a position she held for two consecutive terms, accelerating the city's infrastructure and urban development.

A LIVING SYMBOL OF DEFIANCE AND SERVICE

Nandi Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' has transcended the identity of a traditional politician or cabinet minister. In the volatile landscape of Uttar Pradesh politics, he stands out as a living warrior proof that with unwavering conviction, clear policies, and an authentic connection with the masses, one can rewrite destiny itself. His journey remains a powerful blueprint for courage and public service in modern India.

Nandi Seva Sangathan :

Where There is Pain, There is Service

Post-recovery, Nandi founded the Nandi Seva Sangathan, now a vibrant force of over 100,000 volunteers. Under his, the "Maa Ki Rasoi" initiative serves fresh meals at 9 in Prayagraj Medical College, helping hundreds of daily. The NandiHelp Portal provides swift aid to those in distress.

