

SP needs its own narrative to counter BJP: Akhilesh

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Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said that the party needed to develop its own political narrative to counter the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

He was addressing a rally at Azamgarh, the Lok Sabha constituency of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav, on Wednesday.

The move is seen as a clear departure from the stated policy of SP of forging alliances with other secular parties in Uttar Pradesh ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

On August 27, Akhilesh had attended a mahagathbandhan rally in Patna organised by Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad Yadav.

"People believe the blatant lies of the BJP but do not accept the truth of the Samajwadi Party like development and welfare schemes for all. The BJP is a party of dream merchants and they are leading the people up the garden path. The dreams promised by the BJP are divorced from the truth, yet people were impressed by them. We will have to devise our own narrative to counter the BJP so that the trust of the people in us is restored," Akhilesh said.

"First they promised 'achhe din' and now they are talking of 'New India'. The BJP had promised to hike the minimum support price of different crops and double the income of farmers. The National Democratic Alliance government has singularly failed to



deliver to farmers yet they have come out with a new slogan of 'New India' and people seem to believe it. No one is asking what measures were taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last three years to double the farmers' income," the SP chief commented.

"I want to understand the difference between 'achhe din' and 'New India'. The BJP is talking of 'New India'. The BJP had promised to hike the minimum support price of different crops and double the income of farmers. The National Democratic Alliance government has singularly failed to

sought votes in the name of cow but did nothing for its protection. It is concerned for 'Bharat Mata' but we are worried about 'Dharti Mata' as without accelerating development, carbon emission from India cannot be curtailed."

Attacking Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Akhilesh said, "The SP government completed Agra-Lucknow Expressway in 22 months. The Yogi government can never achieve the target of taking the expressway to Ghazipur as they have made no provision for it in the budget and are seeking Central funds for financing the stretch."

The SP chief also accused the BJP of using money to lure MLCs and party leaders to support the serving chairpersons of various district panchayats.

"I welcome the Yogi government's proposal of linking Poorvanchal Expressway with Ayodhya and Varanasi but have doubts that it will ever be completed," he added.

Congress MLC flays Yogi's remarks on children's death

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Congress MLC Deepak Singh flayed Yogi Adityanath's controversial remark on children's deaths at BRD Medical College hospital in Gorakhpur and said the Chief Minister had lost the moral right to continue on the post, adding that he should immediately resign if he found himself incapable of ensuring safety and security of the people.

"Since Yogi is an MP from Gorakhpur, he never missed an opportunity to criticise the state governments and staged protests if any child died due to encephalitis in districts. Now he is making such irresponsible and insensitive remarks over the deaths of children," said Congress MLC Deepak Singh.

"Initially, Yogi ruled out death of any child in BRD Medical College hospital due to lack of oxygen. Now he is making a mockery of their parents by saying that some day people will leave their infants for the government to raise them," Singh said.

Singh was reacting to Yogi's remark made in Lucknow on Wednesday in which while indirectly criticising the media for targeting his government over the Gorakhpur tragedy, he said that some day people

would leave their infants for the government to bring them up. "Why did Yogi weed in Parliament when children died in Gorakhpur earlier? Now that he is heading a government, it is not the government's responsibility to safeguard the citizens, particularly children. After failing to provide security to the masses and ensure treatment to the ailing children, he is now targeting the media for highlighting the truth," the Congress MLC stressed.

42 more kids die in 48 hours

Meanwhile, Principal of BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur, Dr PK Singh confirmed that 42 more children had died in the last 48 hours in the medical college's hospital.

A total of 42 children died in 48 hours, of which seven died due to encephalitis and the rest for other reasons," the principal confirmed to media persons in Gorakhpur on Wednesday.

Sources confirmed that from August 26 midnight to August 27 midnight six deaths were reported from NICU while 12 were reported from ICU. While till August 28 midnight 10 deaths were reported from NICU and 15 from ICU. "So in 48 hours, total 42 children were

reported," he added. The BRD Medical College principal said that in these 42 deaths only seven died of encephalitis while others were normal deaths.

Dr Singh claimed that the sudden increase in the number of deaths was due to seasonal infection. He said that from August 26 to 29, 11 deaths were reported due to encephalitis while 19 new patients suffering from the same disease were admitted to the hospital.

Officials confirmed that of these deaths, 213 died in the neo-natal ICU while the rest 77 died in the encephalitis ward of the hospital. They added that 1,250 deaths had been reported at BRD Medical College hospital, especially in encephalitis, infant and children's wards, since January this year.

DGP asks UP-100 not to attend calls about illegal mining

Lucknow (PNS): Director General of Police Sukh Singh has directed his junior colleagues, including those deployed in UP-100, not to attend any call regarding illegal mining across the state.

Singh was addressing a gathering soon after releasing 'ISO-9001 Certification' provided to 'Dial-100' for excellent services in Lucknow on Wednesday. "Calls about illegal mining are not an SOS for the police as separate departments are working at the state and district levels to check it. In case of information about illegal mining, it will be forwarded to SSP/SP who will ensure that the police team is accompanied by an officer of Revenue department to initiate necessary action," the DGP clarified.

He said that Police Response Vehicles (PRVs) were not under control of officials of Dial-100 and were directly controlled by the SSP/SP and the district officers were to take disciplinary action against cops posted at the PRVs for objectionable actions.

On the occasion, officials of two government petro-companies gave cheques of Rs 50 lakh and Rs 32.62 lakh respectively to the UP Police as part of company's payback policy. PRVs filled through Metro Cards continued to be used by two leading government-owned petro-firms.

3 die in mishap

Ghazipur: Three members of a family died when their motorcycle was hit by a pick-up van near Sanehuvu market under the Qasimbabid police station area here, PTI



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NSI applies for patent for bio-detergent from bagasse

Kanpur (PTI): The government-run National Sugar Institute (NSI) has filed an application for patent rights for its innovative technique to develop bio-detergent from bagasse, the residue left after the extraction of juice from sugar cane.

NSI director Narendra Mohan said since no chemical was used in preparing the detergent powder from bagasse, it was safe for skin and environment because it did not discharge any harmful waste. Besides, the detergent requires less water for washing clothes and is not harsh on fabric. One kilogram of bagasse detergent could be produced from raw material that costs just ₹20, he told PTI here.

Bagasse has been used as biofuel for generating power at sugar factories and in building construction as a substitute for wood in many countries including India, China, Colombia, Iran, Thailand, and Argentina. However, with the emergence of low-cost solar power, generating power through bagasse was no longer feasible. "Many of the detergent producing companies have approached NSI for collaboration and adopting the technology. But we will collaborate only after getting the technique patent. We have applied for patent rights last week," Mohan said. Use of bagasse for detergent has now provided a fresh option of earning, he said. Assistant professor at NSI Vishnu Prabhakar Srivastava and research scholar Anushka Agrawal developed the technique after conducting laboratory tests at the institute over a period of seven months.

QUICK TAKES

UPSTR BUS HITS PCR VAN; SI DIES, 2 POLICEMEN INJURED

Budaun: A sub-inspector was killed and two policemen were injured when a speeding Uttar Pradesh Roadways bus hit a patrol car on national highway 91 at village Maman in the district early Wednesday morning, the police said. The accident happened as soon as the Police Control Room (PCR) vehicle, on a routine patrol duty, took the highway from a link road at an intersection, a senior police officer said. Sub-Inspector Rajendra Singh was killed on the spot while driver of the PCR van, Vikas and another policeman Rafiq were injured. SP (City) Praveen Ranjan said. Both the injured were rushed to a hospital. Merrut for treatment, he said, adding that the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSTR) bus driver fled after abandoning his vehicle.

TWO COMMIT SUICIDE

Muzaffarnagar: A 26-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by jumping before a train at Khatoli town here, police said on Wednesday. The incident took place on Tuesday, they said.

Metro will usher in a new culture: Keshav

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As the countdown for Lucknow Metro flag-off has begun, LMRK managing director Kumar Keshav said that it would usher in a new culture for people of the city, which is currently on the brink of change.

Keshav said all the people who viewed the train as a means of transport should understand that a new work culture and lifestyle would emerge with the Metro as it would glide down the centre of the city with heritage monuments in the background.

"The whole approach of people will change when they get used to a mass mode of transport in terms of the clothes they wear and the disciplined manner in which they travel in it because of the ambience provided. The commuters will experience a noise-free environment where they can sit, read a book while listening to music. It will be the time to bid adieu to traffic jams and long wait for the vehicles and welcoming the new-age travel," he claimed.

Filmmaker Muzaffar Ali said Metro was certainly going to be a positive change for the city.

"This is the first time that people will experience the captive environment which is a different kind of exposure and what matters is how this experience has been designed for them," he said.

Ali said that apart from easing the traffic, Metro would add to the aesthetics of the city.

Flood situation remains grim; toll rises to 103

Lucknow: The flood fury in Uttar Pradesh showed no signs of abatement as one more death was reported on Wednesday, taking the toll to 103, while over 27 lakh people are affected.

Citing a report compiled till Tuesday, the Relief Commissioner's office here said around 60,000 people had taken shelter in relief camps in the affected districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh as raging waters of rivers emanating from Nepal caused havoc in vast swathes of land.

"The death toll in the floods has reached 103 in the state, where 3,133 villages in 24 districts are inundated affecting over 27 lakh," it said.

Army choppers, NDRF and PAC (flood) personnel continued relief and rescue operations round-the-clock in the heavily affected areas of the flood-hit districts of the state.



not spoil it. Even in Hazratganj, they have taken the Metro underground so that the heritage look is not spoilt," he added.

Lucknow University Vice-Chancellor SP Singh said Metro would be a positive change for the city and boost the mobility of students in a big way.

"I have been a resident of Lucknow for the past two decades and have noticed that there has been a great change in its cultural milieu. Lucknow is fast becoming an academic hub with people understanding that academic excellence is the only way to achieve anything. Metro in this scenario is a welcome addition because it will not only boost the mobility of students but also change the perception of people outside of Lucknow," he said.

Celebrity chef Ranvir Brar said Lucknow Metro would

Man arrested with explosives

Lucknow: A man has been arrested in Mirzapur district with explosive materials, including gelatin rods, the police said. On a tip-off, Vinay Mishra was arrested on Tuesday from Bahaud village with 405 pieces of explosives each weighing 125 gm, 600 detonators and wire, DGP office said here. An SUV was also seized from him. He claimed that he had bought the explosive materials from MP.

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Open e-Tenders in single packet system are invited by the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Lucknow for & on behalf of the President of India for the work of:- Work-1: Hiring of five Non-AC Passenger road vehicles for 2400 kms. per month per vehicle along with driver and fuel 12 hrs. duty per day for RPF personnel in Jhansi-Manikpur & Jhansi-Bhraman & Jhansi-Lalitpur-Udaipur (Gr. 200 of Jhansi Division, North Central Railway). Work-2: Hiring charges of 65 KVA/220V Single Phase DG set including one standby 65 KVA DG set 220V Single Phase with starter, Distribution alarm board containing MCB, Ammeter, Voltmeter, Buzzer, Audible and Visual alarm indicators, power supply indicator and Nil Kalf fuse along with operator and maintenance in Electrification Gr. 196 of North Central Railway. Work-1 Work-2



