

Police in dock after cops seen thrashing two youths in video

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Police found themselves in the firing range after cops were seen thrashing two youths in a viral video.

Sumit Mishra of Aliganj was found dead on July 15 while his relative Pankaj had suffered injuries in an attack.

The police had recovered a stick, a baseball club, a luxury car, a country-made pistol and a live cartridge from the accused.

However, after the video went viral on Friday, Adarsh's father Arun Singh said the youths seen in the video were Sumit and Pankaj.

After Adarsh's father's allegations, the police came on the back foot. A police

spokesman said the DCP (North) was probing the case. He said the veracity of the video was yet to be ascertained.

Sumit Mishra of Aliganj, along with his relative Pankaj Sharma, was having lunch at a hotel when he was kidnapped and attacked.

The police had earlier said that Sumit had a verbal spat with his wife Mansi who complained about his behavior to Ayush.

Both caught hold of Sumit and Pankaj and dragged them out of the hotel and thrashed them.

Centennial pillar to come up at zoo

Lucknow (PNS): A centennial pillar will be established and a postal stamp will be released on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Lucknow zoo.

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The ruling Bharatiya Janata party has a head start as it has already won three elections -- 2014 Lok Sabha elections, 2017 UP Assembly elections and 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP, in 2017, had also expanded its reach among Most Backward Classes (MBCs) by allying with Om Prakash Rajbhar's Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) in 2017.

While the SBSP relies on Rajbhars, the vote-bank of Nishad Party, an ally of the BJP, is the Nishad community.

The BJP is now focusing on these non dominant OBCs.

The BJP maintains that a large section of OBCs are still with the ruling party.

Not only have we given them leadership but also representation in party organisation and the government," a BJP leader said.

The Samajwadi Party, meanwhile, launched its OBC sammelans on August 9.

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Checking should be conducted at public places like railway and bus stations and religious routes.

"Social media should be routinely monitored and appropriate action should be taken in case an objectionable post is found.

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Battle for non-Yadav OBC vote bank

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In the run-up to Uttar Pradesh Assembly election, all political parties are locked in an intense race to woo non-dominant or non-Yadav other backward classes who constitute about 35 per cent of the population.

The Samajwadi Party and Congress have stepped up their efforts to influence the non-dominant OBCs ahead of the UP Assembly polls.

The Congress, on its part, has already held several OBC conventions.

"We have organised four OBC sammelans as of now. In these sammelans we have covered Sainis, Kushwahas, Mauryas, Shakyas, Pals, Dhangars, Gaderiyas, Kumhars, Nishads, and Mallas," said a UP Congress leader.

Though the BSP is not making any such moves, party supremo Mayawati had appointed Bhim Rajbhar as party's state president a few months ago.

The caste wise figures of OBCs collected through the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) conducted in 2011 has not been released so far by the Centre.

As per the Mandal Commission report, OBCs constitute 52 per cent of the national population. In UP, the OBC population is over 50 per cent.

Yadavs, Kurmi and Lodh Rajput are considered the three most dominant OBC castes, followed by the Rajbar.

According to a post-poll survey after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Kurmis and Koeris and other such OBCs rallied behind the BJP.

The survey found that four-fifths of Kurmis and Koeris, and three-fourths of lower OBCs voted for the BJP.

79,400 girls complete courses in KGBVs in UP despite pandemic

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A total of 79,400 girls have completed their course at 746 branches of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in the state of Uttar Pradesh despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Driven by its mission to educate and empower the girl child, the Yogi Adityanath government ensured that classes did not stop for a single day at all the branches of the school spread over 746 development blocks.

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Thakur to contest poll against Yogi

Lucknow (PNS): Former IPS officer Amitabh Thakur has announced to contest against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the upcoming assembly elections.

Thakur, in a video message through social media on Saturday, said that from anywhere Yogi Adityanath would contest election this time, he would definitely contest against him.

in the poll. Amitabh Thakur's wife Nutan, in a statement issued in Lucknow, said it was a fight for principles for her husband.

"Adityanath undertook many undemocratic, improper, suppressive, harassing and discriminatory steps during his tenure as chief minister," she alleged.

"Hence, Amitabh (Thakur) shall be contesting the election against Adityanath from any place he contests. It is a fight for principles for him, where he shall be presenting his protest to the wrongdoings," she said.

CFCs lending clay artisans a helping hand to in UP

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Aiming to promote and encourage the local clay artisans and create maximum employment opportunities in Uttar Pradesh, the Common Facility Centres set up by Mati Kala Board of Khadi Gramodyog department are proving to be an efficient tool to give every facility under one roof.

Providing new equipment and quality training for production and marketing to potters, artisans and craftsmen, the CFC centres are paving the way for strengthening the rural economy in the state.

In this regard, the CFC of Pilibhit, which has become operational now, is an example.

The families associated with the local clay artisans committee are producing tea kulhads, lassi/milk glasses, cups for curd, ras malai katori among others in these centres.

Through the Mati Kala Board, the Yogi Adityanath government decided to set up these CFCs in all divisional headquarters of the state.

Under this scheme, land was approved in Pilibhit, Rampur, Firozabad, Kannauj and Barabanki for establishing the centres.

"Efforts are being made to encourage pottery items by embracing modern technology all under one roof. The artisans don't have to wander places now for any facilities.

The Pilibhit centre has already been made functional while CFCs of Kannauj and Firozabad will also start

soon. The Rampur and Barabanki centres are also ready with all the facilities under one roof.

The administration has completed the electrical connection work and the work of installation of machine/equipment and construction of the furnace will start soon.

The workshop of Rampur CFC will be made operational this month by completing the installation of machine/equipment and furnace.

With the establishment of CFC, all the clay artisans residing in the nearby area will be able to improve their production efficiency and quality of production in a safe manner with less labour along with using advanced equipment like pugmill, plunger, jigger-jolly and gas furnace.

The Uttar Pradesh government is targeting to set up six more CFCs in the current financial year.

In the current financial year, the target is to establish six more centres in addition to the already existing five.

In order to improve the production efficiency and quality of finished goods, it was decided to establish Micro Mati Kala Common Facility (CFC) in all the divisions of the state.

The total cost of each CFC centre comes around Rs 12.5 lakh. Out of this, the UP government will bear Rs 10 lakh and the Remaining 2.5 lakh will be given by the committee of artisans.

The land for the centres will be also given by the society or committee. If the land is not available with the committee, then the government will provide the gram sabha land.

Each CFC will have modern equipment like gas powered kilns, pugmills, electric potter chinks, plungers, jigger-jolly among others for clay preparation and processing.

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