

## SP students' wing sweeps Allahabad University polls

**LUCKNOW/ALLAHABAD, OCT 15/-**—The Samajwadi Party's student wing won four of the five seats in the Allahabad University Students' Union elections today, a result which party chief Akhilesh Yadav termed as a victory of 'socialist ideology and secularism'. The Samajwadi Chitra Sabha won the posts of president, vice president, joint secretary and cultural secretary in the varsity students' body. The ABVP, which is linked with the ruling BJP, could win only the general secretary's post. Avinash Kumar Yadav of the Samajwadi Chitra Sabha was elected president of the union after he defeated nearest rival Mrityunjay Rao, an independent, by 532 votes.

For the vice president's post, Chandrasekhar Choudhary beat Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad's (ABVP) Shivam Kumar Tiwari by 72 votes.

ABVP's Nirbhay Kumar was elected as the General Secretary beating National Students' Union of India's (NSUI) Arpit Singh by 61 votes.

Samajwadi Chitra Sabha's Bharat Singh and Avdesh Kumar Patel were elected as the joint secretary and cultural secretary respectively.

While Bharat Singh defeated independent candidate Adarsh Shukla by 630 votes, Avdesh Kumar Patel beat ABVP's Abhishek Kumar Awasthi by 912 votes.

"I congratulate the newly elected office bearers. It's a victory of socialist ideology and secularism. It gives a message that the extreme policies of the BJP should be ignored. Due to the faulty policies of the BJP, there is resentment among the youth," SP chief Yadav said here.

SP spokesman Rajendra Chowdhury said that due to the welfare and developmental schemes launched by Yadav during his term as the chief minister, the youth consider him their "icon" and "will in future help SP in defeating communal forces like the BJP".

Newly-elected president of the students' union Avinash Kumar Yadav said, "This is the victory of all students of the university".

According to Allahabad University's chief proctor Professor Ram Sevak Dubey, in the voting which took place till yesterday noon, 9,181 ballots were cast. The university has around 19,900 students. (PTI)

# Adityanath govt working on RSS agenda, Samajwadi Party alleges

**BALLIA, OCT 15/-**—The Samajwadi Party today accused the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh of working according to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's agenda and claimed that its ordering of the survey of Bangladeshi people was part of it.

"The Yogi Adityanath government in UP is working as per the agenda of the RSS and as a part of this, is undertaking survey of Bangladeshi people living in the state," senior party leader Ram Govind Chaudhary told reporters here.

He had also said that an intensive campaign should be conducted to check infiltration of suspicious elements from states sharing borders with UP.

Hitting out at the BJP government, Chaudhary today said, "A large number of Indians live in different countries across the world. What will happen if they are being pushed out?"

He added that this was a government "not of the common people".

Asked about chief minister Adityanath campaigning in Gujarat for the Assembly elections, Chaudhary said, "Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and (BJP President) Amit Shah have failed in Gujarat. Apart from playing

the Hindu card, the BJP has no other option."

Adityanath will not be able to do any magic in favour of the BJP in Gujarat, as he has failed completely in UP," he said.

Chaudhary also accused the BJP government of "orchestrating communal riots" in the state to divert the attention of the people from its failure and to win the urban local bodies elections.

"The Yogi Adityanath government has failed on all fronts. Law and order has deteriorated, price hike has

virtually reached its peak and unemployment is assuming an alarming proportion," he claimed.

To a question whether senior SP leader Shivpal Singh Yadav was satisfied in the party, Chaudhary responded in affirmative.

Shivpal Yadav is satisfied in SP. The entire party is now united and blessings of Netaji (Mulayam Singh Yadav) are with Akhilesh Yadav," he said.

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## State Notes

### Three of family killed

**MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP), OCT 15/-**—A couple and their minor daughter were killed after their bike collided with a tractor on Meerut-Kanpur highway, police said today. The accident occurred last night in neighbouring Shamli district, they said. The deceased were identified as Sadik, his wife Salina and daughter Juana, police said. The tractor has been seized and a hunt is on for the absconding driver, police added.

### Tension in UP village

**MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP), OCT 15/-**—A Dalit girl was allegedly thrashed in a village here by four upper caste girls, sparking tension in the area, the police said today. After the alleged victim's father, Ajay Singh, filed a complaint, the police registered a case against the girls, all class XII students, who allegedly belonged to the Jat community. Circle Officer Rajiv Kumar said according to the victim's father, the four beat up the girl yesterday in Pachenda village, Kumar said. Meanwhile, agitated Dalit residents of the village staged a protest and demanded a probe into the matter. The security has been tightened in the village and extra police force has been deployed in the area to ease the tension, he added.

### Man ends life over family dispute

**MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP), OCT 15/-**—A 38-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by consuming a poisonous substance after his wife refused to live with him, an official said today. Inteezart took the extreme step after his wife, who was living with her parents for over a month, refused to return, the official said. The incident was reported in Dadhru village, which comes under the jurisdiction of Charthawal Police Station, he said.

### Three former BSP MLAs join BJP

**LUCKNOW, OCT 15/-**—Three former MLAs of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) along with their supporters joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) here today in presence of the party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav. Those who joined the BJP are former MLAs Neeraj Maurya, Deepak Patel and Guru Prasad Maurya and their supporters. Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya and UP cabinet minister Suresh Khanna were also present. Neeraj Maurya is a two-time MLA from Shahjahanpur's Jalalabad Assembly constituency, which he won in 2012 and 2007. (PTI)

## Akhilesh Yadav faces new challenges

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**LUCKNOW:** Akhilesh Yadav, who has got himself re-elected as the national president of Samajwadi Party for a full five years at the party's national convention at Agra, faces tremendous challenges within the party and outside.

Although Akhilesh Yadav got the blessings of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav and uncle Shivpal Yadav, they were not present at the convention. This was for the first time that Mulayam Singh Yadav, who founded the party in 1992, was not present in a national convention. Now it is for Akhilesh to have his father as mentor and show him all the respect that he deserves.

At the same time, he faces the difficult task of dealing with uncle Shivpal Yadav, who had been handling the party organisation on behalf of his brother Shivpal has a great following in and around

Itawah and it is to be seen how Akhilesh wins over his uncle and his followers to work for the party. At present the close associates of Shivpal Yadav are not allowed to enter the party office.

Although Akhilesh Yadav announced at the Agra convention that his alliance with Congress is continuing even after the assembly polls, there have been no contacts with Rahul Gandhi or other alliance partners.

Congress, RLD, NCP and other smaller parties are now looking to Akhilesh Yadav to take the initiative to start the dialogue to form a morcha to take on the BJP, which emerged as a big force after getting 325 seats in the UP Assembly and 73 seats in the Lok Sabha. Akhilesh will have to talk with left parties as well as other like-minded parties.

The biggest challenge before Akhilesh is the 2019 Lok Sabha polls when he would face Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, who would be the main face of his party. Even after winning 325 seats in the assembly, the BJP is not sitting idle and has taken the forthcoming elections more seriously than rivals. All the frontal organizations of Sangh Parivar are working overtime to be in touch with the masses.

Yogi Adityanath has become the main face of Hindutva forces and he is working according to the task assigned to him. BJP and the Sangh Parivar are raising the Ram temple issue in a different manner this time. The entire Yogi cabinet would be at Ayodhya on the occasion of Deepawali to 'recreate' the return of Lord Ram to the holy city after completing banwas. The entire town of Ayodhya will be illuminated and all the temples decorated. The occasion is likely to be used for the announcement of a plan, estimated to cost several hundred crores, for the

development of Ayodhya. Daily trucks laden with stones are said to be reaching Ayodhya for the construction of the temple, with the Shia Waqf Board announcing its decision to leave the land for the temple.

This Hindutva card of Modi and Yogi will pose a major challenge to Akhilesh Yadav in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Another big challenge would be on how to expand the party in the other states to justify his position as the national president.

Akhilesh had participated in the anti-BJP rally at Patna, where Lalau Yadav projected him as a national leader, and now he will have to tour the entire nation to rebuild the party units in different states.

So each move by Akhilesh Yadav is being watched not only by BJP but also by the smaller parties looking for an alliance with his Samajwadi Party. (IPA)



A woman collects water chestnuts, locally known as "Singada", from a pond in Nasirabad town in the desert state of Rajasthan—REUTERS

## TN Speaker defends notices to DMK MLAs on Gutka issue

**CHENNAI, OCT 15/-**—Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker P Dhanapal was well within his powers in referring the issue of DMK members displaying banned gutka pouches inside the House to the Privileges Committee, the Madras High Court was informed by Assembly Secretary K Boopathy today.

The Speaker was of the prima facie opinion that acts of the petitioners involved a question of breach of privilege. Hence, in accordance with the powers vested in him, he referred the issue to the Privileges Committee for examining, investigating and reporting on it.

Dhanapal did not take any hasty or unilateral penal action, the secretary contended in his counter.

On July 19, DMK MLAs had displayed gutka sachets in the Assembly claiming that the tobacco product was being illegally sold in Chennai despite a ban.

Last month, DMK MLAs, including Leader of the Opposition M K Stalin had moved the Madras High Court, seeking to declare a showcause notice issued by the House Privileges Committee against them as "illegal".

DMK MLA K S Ravichandran had contended in the high court that the issue could have an impact in the event of a floor test in the House.

On August 28, the Privileges Committee, led by Deputy Speaker and

chairman of the panel, Pollachi V Jayaraman, had issued notices to Stalin and 20 other DMK MLAs, seeking their explanation within a week.

In his counter, Boopathy said all the 21 MLAs were called upon to offer their explanation for exhibiting Gutka inside the House.

Quoting constitutional provisions on the powers, privileges and immunity of the Assembly, he said issuance of notice was within the jurisdiction of the House.

The freedom of speech of a member is subject to such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the Speaker, he said.

"By no stretch of imagination could the freedom of speech be extended to disorderly conduct like displaying the banned items inside the House," he submitted.

Also, an extension of seven days was provided to members to answer to the notices and hence appropriate time was given to the members, he said.

"The Privileges Committee had not decided anything on the issue and had just called for an explanation from the petitioners, he said.

"It is incorrect to allege that the issue was referred to the Committee of Privileges with the sole motive of preventing them from exercising their legal and constitutional right to vote in the floor test," he noted in his reply. (PTI)

## Modi to address Gujarat BJP workers today

**AHMEDABAD, OCT 15/-**—Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit his home state Gujarat tomorrow and address a gathering of BJP workers at a village near Gandhinagar, a senior leader of the party's state unit said here today. The prime minister is scheduled to address a gathering at the 'Gujarat Gaurav Mahasammelan', which is being organised by the state BJP to celebrate the conclusion of the saffron party's 'Gujarat Gaurav Yatra' (march for honour) today, Gujarat BJP chief Jitendra Vaghani said.

Senior leaders of the party had taken part in the 15-day march, which was launched on October 1. The march covered a distance of around 4,471 kilometres, spread over 149 of the 182 Assembly constituencies in the state, he added.

"Tomorrow, the prime minister will give his guidance to around seven lakh BJP workers at the Gujarat Gaurav Mahasammelan to be held in Bhat village," Vaghani said.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, BJP national president Amit Shah and many other leaders of the party would also be present on the occasion, he added.

Last week, Modi had visited Gujarat to inaugurate and lay foundation stones of various projects in Rajkot, Vadnagar, Gandhinagar and Bharuch. He had also held a roadshow in his hometown Vadnagar on October 8. The Assembly polls are due in Gujarat later this year. (PTI)

## Gangraped and threatened, UP girl ends life

**BAGHPAT, OCT 15/-**—A 15-year-old girl, allegedly raped by five people four months ago and threatened to marry them last Friday, has ended her life, the police said today.

The police, which had initially claimed that it was a case of suicide, later arrested five accused and started a probe.

Four months ago, on a complaint of the girl's family that she was raped, a case was registered and the five people were arrested. But they were let off allegedly owing to pressure from their family, a police official said on the condition of anonymity.

The SP has suspended the in-charge of the police station concerned on the charge of laxity in duty. "Somu, Monu, Rohit, Sagar and Pappu have been arrested. The in-charge of Ramala police station Sharad Tilara has been suspended for laxity in duty, and necessary departmental proceedings have been initiated against him," the SP said today.

According to the complaint by the girl's mother, around four months back she was abducted by the five people. After five days, she was found unconscious outside Ramala police station, the police said.

When she regained consciousness, the girl said that five people had abducted her, locked her in a room and raped her, they said.

On October 13, the same people threatened her with rape. She told her mother about it, but before they could approach the police, the girl ended her life by hanging herself, the police said. She was cremated yesterday.

The SP said, "The old case is being investigated upon. On what basis they were let off and final report submitted will be probed." (PTI)

## AAP to contest civic body polls in UP

**NEW DELHI, OCT 15/-**—The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will contest the civic body polls in Uttar Pradesh, expected to be held next month, as it is gearing up to make its presence felt in the politically crucial state, a senior party leader said.

The AAP would contest the civic polls in Ghaziabad, Meerut, Lucknow, Varanasi, Kanpur, Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Allahabad and Aligarh, Sanjay Singh, who was the party's in-charge of Punjab and who is now working to strengthen its organisational base in Uttar Pradesh, told PTI.

It is expected that the dates of the civic polls in these cities will be announced by the month-end and polling will take

place next month. "We will contest from wherever we feel we have a strong organisational base," Singh said. The Aam Aadmi Party had not contested the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls in March and instead, diverted all its resources and focus to Punjab.

The party had also received a setback in the state when its leaders, Kumar Vishwas and Kojriwal, lost to Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Amethi and Varanasi respectively in the 2014 Lok Sabha election.

After its poor show in the Punjab polls, the AAP has again shifted focus to be announced by the month-end and polling will take

Six killed in road accident in UP  
**RAE BAREILY, OCT 15/-**—Five members of a family and their relative were killed today when their car went out of control, crossed a road divider and collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction on the Lucknow-Rae Bareilly national highway, the police said.

The incident occurred at 6.35 am. The car passengers were going to Vindhyachal temple. The six people died on the spot Superintendent of Police Shivhari Meena said. The deceased were identified as Divya Kumar Mishra (30), Shakti Mishra (26), Divyaa Mishra (25), Deepika Mishra (23), Arpit Mishra (14) and Jyoti Pandey (18), the SP said.

Pandey was a resident of Basti district, while the rest were from Lucknow's Indiranagar.

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem and the driver of the truck is absconding, the official said. (UP)

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