



THERE IS A POLITICAL CONSPIRACY BEHIND **MUZAFFARNAGAR RIOTS, SAYS AKHILESH YADAV | 4**



Power cuts in industrial areas may jack up production cost UPPCL Says Rostering With An Aim To Curb Load On Grid

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Lucknow: Already facing intense criticism on the law and order front, the Akhilesh Yadav government is grappling with another key problem: massive power crisis. Thanks to tripping of half a dozen power units in the state, the crisis has assumed such a large proportion that the state government has been forced to resort to unscheduled rostering even in industrial areas of the state. Industrialists complained the factories were facing four hours of daily power cuts in what may further es-

calate production costs. Speaking to TOI, general secretary of UP rolling mills association, Neeraj Bansal said mills are being deprived of power between 10 pm and 2 am. "They are continuously functioning entities and require power to keep the production cost stable. With power crisis, production cost is bound to rise eventually because we have to run machines on generators," he said. Bansal alleged the UP Power Corporation Limited



(UPPCL) did not give any notice to the industries on the rostering front.

When contacted, UPPCL managing director AP Mishra said the curb was placed "to an extent" because of heavy load on the grid. He said they were trying to manage the situation so that the industries did not face further problems. Significantly, chief minister Akhilesh Yadav has been going to town talking about the conducive atmosphere for industries to grow in the state. But piquant power crisis has

exposed his claims. Chairman of Lucknow division industry association, Prashant Bhatia, said industrial feeders were not being provided enough power for

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the past three to four days. "Though power is available during peak hours, there is requirement for it even after that. We cannot ask labourers to go back when there is no power," Bhatia said, while speaking to TOI on Monday.

He said they had been in constant touch with the UPPCL management for the past few days. "They are telling us the situation would improve only after September 15," he said. "The cost of raw material is already high. Now the cost of energy has increased too. This is creating problems for industries to

grow at a constant pace," said Bhatia The situation has actually come to the fore because of re-

peated tripping of one or the other power generating units in the state in the past one week. In fact, at least three units went off the grid on Sunday. They included unit-IV of 500 Mw capacity in Anpara and unit-IV of 210 Mw in Parichha. Both of them tripped because of a boiler tube leak age. A unit of 110 Mw in Panki also went off the steam on Sunday following high pressure in its furnace. The Rosa unit of 300 Mw capacity also tripped because of boiler tube leakage. Tripping of power units in the central sector (owned by NTPC), like Singrauli (500 Mw), also added to the crisis.

Together, the supply has fallen by more than 1400 Mw. The demand remained high at around 13,000 Mw, even the supply hovered in the range of around 9,000 to 10,000 Mw, causing of shortfall of around 3,000 to 4,000 Mw.

Rostering was not only resorted to in industrial areas but also in residential areas of cities which the otherwise qualify to get 24 hours of power.



station is the door to Lucknow and the first impression for most visitors. It should be a reflection of the rich culture and heritage of the city and an experience so pleasant

one treasures the memory. In the 13 years I have known the railway station as a passenger and a social worker as well as the experience of teaching street children has given me rare insights.

A positive and innovative approach is the answer to handling Charbagh's problems. Efforts must be to make journeys safer. Often, CCTV cameras

SAFE STATION

are committed. Simultaneously, the railway staff must also be trained to identify suspicious persons.

tion towards children's safety. Already, Passenger Assistance and Child Protection Booths (PACPBs) have been put in place. Regular announcements about the service, though, can help spread the word and rescue children in distress. Assistance booths, should also give train arrival and departure timings, first aid kits and suggestion boxes.

To enhance the experience of visit ing the station with a 90-year-old history, service must also be provided with a smile. This should be made integral to the functioning of the railways. Introducing a corporate culture may improve service to the passengers. This



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advised to use recycled newspaper bags made by street children. The unique initiative, however, suffers in the face of poor publicity. With corporate spends on CSR activities increasing, companies can be roped in to make the endeavour cost-effective and, simultaneously, create awareness about the use of recycled paper bags and keeping the at the existing parking lot can help deal with the parking issues. Railways can use additional land on the opposite road or construct a multilevel parking there. A team of expert engineers should be engaged to redesign the parking possibilities as a lot of ground work and study will be required

no cars, not even those ferrying VIPs, should be allowed inside. Charbagh must have spacious and cleaner waiting rooms and take better

FACELIFT NEEDED: Railway station has several areas that need attention

includes the need for better behaviour by police personnel, coolies, auto rickshaw pullers and railway officials, all of who should consciously make a pleasant first impression on people visiting Charbagh.

Hygiene at the railway station is also critical to give it a world-class feel. Only last year, Charbagh station was declared a No-Polythene Zone by the senior divisional commercial manager Ashwini Srivastav. Vendors were





parking with elevators can also solve problem of overcrowding provided there is will

station clean.

A multilevel underground parking

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for it to make it passenger-friendly.

Once the multilevel parking is made,

care of persons with special needs. It

needs ramps and motor-operated wheel

chairs for the differently-abled and

sick. Public participation is needed.

In 2007, then station manager, Amita-

bh Kumar, now Charbagh's assistant

DCM, started the initiative of Special

Task Force (STF) that had station level

officers and NGOs working together.

The model drew support from stake-

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holders and reached the goals.

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Court directs further probe in CMOs' murder case

Lucknow: In a major setback to former chief medical officer Dr AK Shukla, a special CBI court on Monday rejected the final report forwarded against him by the Central Bureau of Investigation and directed the latter to conduct further investigations to nab the real culprits in the murders of his counterparts DR VK Arya and Dr BP Singh. The two murders related to the irregularities of NRHM funds had rocked the state capital during Mayawati's regime.

Special judicial magistrate (CBI) Neelkant Mani Tripathi said the CBI itself had said Dr Shukla had strong motive for the murders. "The CBI had collected ample circumstantial evidence during the investiga-

TASK FOR THE YOUTH BRIGADE

CHANGE CHARBAGH

Security, child safety, facility for elderly and disabled and above all smiling faces with helping hand can make Charbagh visitor-friendly. A multi-level parking and strict ban on entry of vehicles can help further

Shachi Singh

Charbagh Railway

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are commissioned only after crimes

Charbagh also needs to pay atten-

tions, but did not prosecute Di Shukla. The reason that there wasn't sufficient evidence to prosecute him is not proper or justifiable," observed the court.

Observing that the offences were committed against the state, the court said it was competent to pass orders in accordance with the law on the final reports, even if the informant IP Singh in Dr BP Singh murder case and Dr Arya's widow Shashi, did not proceed to file objections.

Informant IP Singh had appeared in the court on being summoned, but said he did not want to file any objection to the final report. He had said he had no problem with the CBI's investigation, and that he was giving this statement without coercion or financial motive. Dr Arya's widow chose not to appear to file objection against the closure report, despite summons being served to her. TNN

admissions from today

Online registration for PhD

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Lucknow: Lucknow Universitys online admission process for admissions in Philosophy Doctor of (PhD) will begin from Tuesday. In the first phase, candidates who have qualified the Junior Research Fellowship of UGC and CSIR are eligible. The online registration will end on September 19. The fee submission process will begin from September 11 to 20. The full form submission will begin from September 12 to 21.

According to university officials, preference will be given to JRF candidates. If the number of JRF applicants exceeds the number

of vacant seats, an en-trance test will be held. Candidates will be selected on the basis of merit. Dates of the entrance test will be declared after September 23. Candidates whose name will appear in the provisional selected list are supposed to report in the department concerned along with their original documents within four days. "In case of failure, the seats will be declared as vacant in the next phase of PhD admission procedure," said university officials.

As per the data released by the university, there are seven vacant seats in AIH. Persian; six in anthropology. Hindi, oriental Sansociology. skrit. com-

merce: one in Arab culture. jyotir vigyan, urban development, sculpture; four in Arabic, statistics; two in defence studies; 14 in English, philosophy; five in linguistics, social work; 17 in MIH; 12 in physical education, psychology; eight in political science, applied economics; 10 in public administration, biochemistry, geology; 20 in

Sanskrit; 13 in Western History: nine in women studies, fine arts; 11 in business administration; 32 in education; two in commercial arts: 51 in law: three in botany (env scn) geology (env scn): 15 in bot any, zoology; 30 in chemistry, 16 in mathematics, 36 in

physics.

Lucknow: The upcoming festival rush has made it difficult getting railway reservation Trains to almost all the destinations from Lucknow have seats booked for October and November. "I needed a ticket for November 1 to Delhi and was hopeful to get a confirmed ticket two months in advance but when I logged in I saw the 'regret' message,³ said PK Seth, resident of Hazratganj area in the city. Passengers willing to travel around the festival season are finding it difficult to get reservation even at the start of the

Besides, the division has only one train to Delhi on Wednesday and such matters willbebroughttothenoticeof the headquarters. TNN

advance reservation period.

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Child abuse: No CCTV footage of that moment

Lucknow: Over 12 persons were questioned by police on Monday to find out who assaulted a 3.5-year-old nursery student of a private school located in Sadar area in the basement during school hours on Satur-

The child could not pinpoint who lured her into the secluded portion of the school, said police, who may have to rely solely on the girl to trace the accused in the absence of concrete leads in the case. Majority of the persons questioned work at the school and interact with kids on a regular basis. Police also managed to get CCTV footage but found the recording around the time of the incident missing.

The school management claimed that due to power cut CCTV had stopped functioning. Nevertheless, a youth seen with the girl from the remaining portion of the footage was not identified by her as her tormentor, added cops. On Tuesday, cops are likely to quiz some senior students who visited the kindergarten school building on Saturday. TNN

First batch of haj pilgrims departs

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Lucknow: The first batch of haj pilgrims, comprising over 600 persons, left for Mecca from Amausi airport on Monday. They were given a warm send off by chief minister Akhilesh Yadav, state ministers, friends and relatives.

Minister and chairperson of State Haj Committee, Azam Khan urged the pilgrims to pray for the welfare and development of the country.

He also urged them to pray for every Indian who is for peace and mutual coexistence.

Officials of Haj Com-mittee said 616 pilgrims --326 men and 290 women -boarded the two flights that departed from Amausi airport at 8.20pm and 11.10pm. While the first flight carried 350 pilgrims, the other flight had 266 pilgrims.



Pilgrims being given a warm send off by relatives at Haj House on Monday

Most of the pilgrims shared they had spent their entire savings to go on haj. Many said only the chosen ones get the opportunity to go for haj. The pilgrims included teenagers to those in 80s and even 90s.

Haj or pilgrimage to Mecca, is one of the tenets of Islam. It is said to set the pilgrim free from all sins.