

Halving line losses in 4 years may be a tough task for UPPCL

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LUCKNOW : Claims notwithstanding, it may be a tall order for the loss-ridden UP Power Corporation Ltd (UPPCL) to cut the mounting distribution losses (a euphemism for power theft) to half in next four years, even as the Centre has recently approved funds of more than ₹16,000 crore for the purpose, said people aware of the issue.

With poor collection efficiency and rampant power theft, the UPPCL's technical and commercial losses in the state only rise further when it increases power supply to consumers, often neutralising the gains (to a large extent) it makes by making efforts to contain the losses.

The UPPCL, in December 2021, forwarded a proposal to the Centre, seeking a financial assistance to the tune of around



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₹50,000 crore under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) a reforms-based and results-linked scheme.

The scheme aims to reduce the aggregate technical and commercial losses (AT&C) to

pan-India levels of 12-15% and average cost of supply and average revenue realization (ACS-ARR) gap to zero by 2024-25 to enable discoms to improve quality, reliability and affordability of power supply to consumers through financially sustainable and operationally efficient distribution system.

"The UPPCL sought a financial assistance of ₹18,885 crore for installation of meters on unmetered premises of consumers, as well as in distribution of transformers, ₹18,916 crore for modernization and augmentation and ₹16,485 crore for reducing losses," an official said. "Last month the centre approved the funds sought for loss reduction while rest of the proposal may also get the nod soon," he added.

Though the UPPCL claims to have already started the work on reducing losses to 20.19% by 2023-24 and 16.38% by 2024-25,

achieving the target is said to be a hard nut to crack, going by the prevailing high losses and the UPPCL's track record in dealing with the same.

As per a presentation recently made to the chief minister, the UPPCL's average current AT&C losses are as high as more than 29% which it has to bring down to around 16% as committed to the centre, failing which the grants will convert into loan in the proportion to which the targets are not met.

"The UPPCL's predicament is that its losses go up when it tries to increase supply hours for consumers because of rampant theft and poor bill collection, especially in rural areas where only around 30% consumers turn up for bill payment. This means the more the power supply, the higher the losses," another official pointed out.

The same presentation showed the losses to be the

highest in the Agra discom at 38.24%, followed by 32.32% in the Varanasi discom and 31.76% in the Lucknow discom. The losses in the Meerut discom and the Kesco were relatively lower at 19.52% and 15.94%, respectively. "The losses are too high to be halved in four years unless offensive is launched against power thieves and cost of each unit sold to consumers is recovered," he said.

The presentation showed the UPPCL's average collection efficiency to be poor at only 88.14% which it has planned to improve to 96.25% by the targeted year 2024-25. The collection efficiency, the official pointed out, might also not improve till, among other things, the UPPCL ensured timely delivery of correct bills to all the consumers—something that chief minister Yogi Adityanath recently emphasized upon in a meeting last week.

Will forge anti-BJP alliance for 2024 LS polls: OP Rajbhar

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LUCKNOW : The Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) national president Om Prakash Rajbhar has said the opposition parties will form an alliance to defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led alliance in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Addressing a press conference after the conclusion of the two-day training programme of his party workers in Lucknow on Sunday, Rajbhar said, "Talks are in progress with TMC chief Mamata Banerjee, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, RJD leader Lal Prasad Yadav and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal over the formation of the anti-BJP alliance."

"The Samajwadi Party led alliance, including SBSP, Mahan Dal, RLD and Janwadi Party, that contested the 2022 assembly election in Uttar Pradesh is working to include the Bhagidari Parivartan Morcha in the anti-BJP alliance for the 2024 Lok Sabha election," said Rajbhar.

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statewide membership drive to strengthen its organisation in 75 districts of the state. We will raise the issue of free education, free health facilities to the poor, employment to the youth and caste census," Rajbhar added.

"In the two-day training programme, SBSP workers were directed to mobilise their resources for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The SBSP workers will organise meetings in all villages to create awareness

SHASHI PRATAP RESIGNS AS SBSP UP SPOKESPERSON

VARANASI : SBSP UP spokesperson Shashi Pratap Singh on Sunday resigned from the post of state spokesperson. Singh said that he is resigning from the post for personal reason. "I am not able to give time to the party. Therefore, I have resigned. I have sent my resignation to SBSP national president Om Prakash Rajbhar," Singh said. Singh has been associated with the party since its initial days. **HTC**

among the masses about the anti-party policies of the BJP government. We will urge people to join the SBSP," he said.

The party workers were directed to be active on social media platforms as well as on the ground to win the support of the people, Rajbhar added.

In expansion mode, HYV starts daily 'jan sunvai' in Varanasi region

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VARANASI : A new signboard mentions the Hindu Yuva Vahini with an arrow pointing at its refurbished office at the Gorakhnath Math in the crowded Maidagin area of Varanasi. Floated by Yogi Adityanath, the then Gorakhpur MP and present UP chief minister, Hindu Yuva Vahini (HYV), which had kept a low profile for about four years, is in expansion mode in the Varanasi region in 2022 through a daily jan sunvai (public hearing) programme launched in the first week of April.

During the jan sunvai held for two hours daily, a senior officer bearer of the Hindu Yuva Vahini sits at the office and listens to the complaints of the people and gets their problems solved.



Hindu Yuva Vahini office at the Gorakhnath Math in the crowded Maidagin area of Varanasi. RAJESH KUMAR/HT

On average, 40 people visit the HYV office with complaints as the organisation seeks to strengthen its hold among the people. Take the case of Ankit Singh, resident of Azamgarh. He travelled all the way from Azamgarh to the Hindu Yuva Vahini office at Maidagin in Varanasi.

He submitted an application mentioning the estimated financial assistance required for his ailing father Shamsher Singh.

Ankit Singh said, "I heard about this jan sunvai from a local (resident of Azamgarh) who got financial assistance with the help of HYV. He gave me the mobile number of HYV divisional coordinator Ambarish Singh Bhola. I called him up and he asked me to come to the office. I arrived here in the morning and submitted my application. I am quite hopeful that my application will reach the chief minister and I will get relief." Munnu Lal Maurya, resident of Khojwain (Varanasi), sits at the HYV office in Maidagin. His 26-year-old son Bharat Maurya has been missing since July last year. He lodged a com-

plaint at the Bhelupur police station and has now requested Hindu Yuva Vahini divisional coordinator to speak to the police so that some action may be taken. Similarly, Prince Jaiswal, resident of Bhelupur area in Varanasi, has come for help in a property dispute with his father. Ambarish Singh Bhola, the Varanasi region divisional coordinator of HYV, said, "Jan Sunvai has been started at HYV office to help the needy and the poor. An office bearer sits at the office daily, listens to complaints and makes efforts to get them redressed." Bhola himself sits at the office on Wednesday.

"On an average, 40 to 50 people, who come with complaints of various sorts, are attended in the public hearing daily," he said. "A team of HYV confirms that the person really needs help, then we submit the application onto the office of chief minister Yogi Adityanath Ji Maharaj," said Bhola. Ever since the jan sunvai has started, around 20 ailing people have been helped in getting financial assistance from the UP government in the last 30 days, said Bhola. HYV has over 10,000 members in four districts in Varanasi region and the organisation is expanding, said Bhola. HYV is headquartered in Gorakhpur

Pre-litigation mediation best way to resolve disputes, says SC judge

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LUCKNOW : Justice L Nageswara Rao of the Supreme Court on Sunday stressed on the importance of pre-litigation mediation to resolve disputes and promotion of mediation by lawyers who think it will result in loss of work for them. Justice Rao virtually addressed an inaugural session of the mediation training programme organised by the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court on the high court campus in Lucknow.

Justice Rao stated that pre-litigation mediation was the best way to resolve disputes.

He asserted that lawyers are apprehensive that mediation would lead to loss of work (cases) for them but this is not the case. Resolution of disputes through mediation would repose faith of people in the judicial system and it would bring more work for them (lawyers), Justice Rao said. Lawyers must play the role of a conflict manager as they are better



The inaugural session of the mediation training programme organised by the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad HC in Lucknow DEEPAK GUPTA/HT

mediators than judges, he added. He also stressed on the need to promote mediation at the level of the civil courts.

Justice Rao also laid stress on advance training for mediators so that master trainers were available to train mediators.

He also spoke about the importance of the bar associations in the success of mediation cells in courts. Chief Justice of the Allahabad high court Justice Rajesh Bindal stressed on the importance of women

mediators. Justice AR Masoodi, chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Supervisory Committee of the high court, gave the welcome address. Justice Ramesh Sinha of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court presented the vote of thanks. Bulbul Godiyal, senior advocate, Lucknow bench of the high court and secretary of Mediation and Conciliation organising committee here, apprised the gathering of the mediation centre and its achievements.

{ HELD IN DEOBAND }

B'DESHI NATIONAL WAS INVOLVED IN ANTI-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES: ATS

LUCKNOW : A Bangladeshi national, Talha Taluqdar Bin Farrukh, arrested by UP Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) from Darul Uloom hostel of Deoband, Saharanpur, on April 29, was involved in anti-national activities and was in constant touch with a Jehadi group member, said senior police officials here on Sunday. They said the accused had made these revelations during rigorous interrogation done during his two-day custody remand period on Saturday and Sunday. Farrukh was arrested for living in Deoband on fake identity since 2017, and a photocopy of Bangladeshi passport and its currency was recovered from him. He originally hails from Cumilla district of Chattogram division in Bangladesh. The ATS press note stated that Farrukh was in touch with a Jehadi group member Abdullah through instant messaging application and virtual private network for past two years. **HTC**

{ SURVEY AT KV-GYANVAPI COMPLEX }

Plea for advocate commissioner removal to be opposed in court

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VARANASI : Advocates of the plaintiffs on Sunday said they will file an objection in the court of the civil judge (Senior Division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar here on May 9 (Monday) against a petition that seeks the removal or replacement of the court-appointed advocate commissioner Ajai Kumar who has been tasked with carrying out a survey of the Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal in the Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi complex in Varanasi.

The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which manages the Gyanvapi mosque, filed the petition on Saturday for removing or replacing the current advocate commissioner in the court of the civil judge (senior division). After hearing the petition on Saturday, the court fixed May 9 for the next hearing.

The advocate commissioner and his team could not conduct a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi on Saturday as advocates of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee opposed the exercise, another advocate said. Saturday was the second day of the exercise.

"We will file an objection in the court of civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar on May 9 against the petition filed by Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee seeking removal of advocate commissioner Ajai Kumar," said Sudhir Tripathi, who is one of the advocates representing the plaintiffs Rakhi Singh, Manju Vyas, Sita Sahu and Rekha Pathak, who filed a petition in court in 2021, seeking permission for daily worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal.

"The allegation by the lawyers of the Masjid committee

that the advocate commissioner is biased and conducting the survey keeping in view the interest of the plaintiffs is completely baseless," Tripathi said.

Abhay Nath Yadav, an advocate of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid committee, said, "We filed a petition in the court of the civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar, urging the court to remove or replace the advocate commissioner Ajai Kumar with a senior lawyer because (on the first day) he conducted the proceeding of the survey as per wish of the advocates of the petitioners (seeking permission for daily worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal)."

After hearing the matter, the court directed the plaintiffs and advocate commissioner to present his side in the court on the date (May 9), said Abhay Nath Yadav.

A copy of the order by the court was delivered to the advocate commissioner and the petitioners, he added.

They have been directed to come with all documents and evidences to present their side.

CASE REGISTERED FOR HINDERING GOVT WORK

In the meantime, a case was registered against one Abdul Salam and five unidentified people for creating hindrance in government work, spreading hatred between two communities and disturbing the peace on Saturday, a police officer said and added that five others were being identified from video clippings.

Abdul and several others reportedly shouted slogans opposing the survey when the team arrived at the Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi Complex on Saturday. Abdul has been arrested and further investigation is on.

Shringar Gauri Sthal legal battle will go on: Four petitioners

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VARANASI : Four of the five women petitioners in the case seeking daily worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal in Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi complex in Varanasi on Sunday said they would not withdraw the case.

They made their stand clear after Vishwa Vaidik Sanatan Sangh chief Jitendra Singh Vishen, whose organisation had backed the original plea by the five women, on Sunday morning said the case would be withdrawn on Monday.

After the announcement started doing the rounds on social media, the four women—Manju Vyas, Sita Sahu, Lakshmi Devi and Rekha Pathak—appeared before the media in Varanasi and said that the case would not be withdrawn and they will continue the legal battle.

Manju Vyas said, "The case will not be withdrawn under any circumstances. We will continue our legal battle."

The four petitioners said during the survey of Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal in Kashi Vishwanath Gyanvapi premises on Friday, the head of Vishwa Vaidik Sanatan Sangh Jitendra Singh Vishen was not present on their behalf. The fifth petitioner Rakhi Singh was not present at the media interaction held by the four others.

The Vishwa Vaidik Sanatan Sangh, the body backing the case, on Saturday dissolved the legal advisory committee and

shared the information on its letterhead.

Under the leadership of Vishwa Vaidik Sanatan Sangh chief Jitendra Singh Vishen, five women, including Rakhi Singh, had filed a petition in August 2021, seeking permission for regular darshan and worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal.

On April 8, 2022, the court of civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar appointed Ajai Kumar as the advocate commissioner. On April 26, the court ordered a survey and videography of Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal in the Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi complex. The court asked the advocate commissioner to present a detailed report before it on May 10.

On Friday, advocate commissioner Kumar started the survey, but could not conduct it on Saturday as advocates of Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which manages the Gyanvapi mosque, didn't allow the survey team to enter the Gyanvapi mosque premises.

On the other hand, the petitioners' advocate Subhash Nandan Chaturvedi said that none of the petitioners contacted him (for withdrawing the case). So, he was not aware of it, he said. Chaturvedi said that there are five plaintiffs in the case. Even if a person withdraws for any reason, the case still stands, he said. The case continues until all the plaintiffs withdraw the case, he added. Despite repeated attempts to contact him, Jitendra Singh Vishen was not available for comment.

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**[Appendix IV-A (See Proviso to Rule 8(6))
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties**

E - Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", on 01/06/2022 between 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM, for the recovery of dues to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the following Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the respective property/ies is furnishing below.

Last Date and Time for submission of EMD amount is : Date 31.05.2022 upto 4:00 PM

| Name & Add. of Borrower | Description of Mortgaged Property | Dt. of 13(2) Notice & Outstanding Dues | Reserve price EMD |
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| Chief Manager, Branch - Civil Lines, Agra Mob no: 9336476108, Tel no 0562-2858822, E-mail ID: bmagra0234@centralbank.co.in | | | |
| Borrowers- 1. M/S Technocrat Transformers (Prop. Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal), Add.- D-37, UPSIDC, Block-C, Sikandra, Agra, 2. Mrs. Anubha Mittal W/o Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal, 3. Mr. Nitesh Mittal S/o Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal, 4. Mrs. Ambuja Mittal D/o Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal, All Legal Heir of Borrower/Prop. Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal, Guarantor- Mrs. Anubha Mittal W/o Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal, Add. of All- Flat No. 501, Ganpati Kings, Kakretha, Sikandra, Agra. | (1) All that part & parcel of Leasehold Industrial Property (Land & Building) consisting of Plot No. D-37, Site-C, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Lohamandi Ward, (It is a lease hold property lessor - UPSIDC for period of 90 years from dt. 06.04.1987. Now un-expired period of lease is approx. 55 years), Area- 2361 Sq.Mtr., Property in the name of M/s Technocate Transformer through its Director Late Shri Rajiv Mittal, Bounded as: East- Plot No D-38, West- Plot No. D-36, North- Railway line, South-12 Mtr. wide Road. | 13(2) Date 27-11-2019 ₹ 9,77,03,417/- + int. & other exp. Less Recovery thereafter, if any | 1) Rs. 350.00 lac Reserve price EMD Rs. 35.00 lac Rs. 20,000/- Bid increase amount |
| | (2), All that part and parcel of the residential property, (Vacant plot) consisting of Plot No. 92A, Khasara No. 158(Min), Mauza Lakhapur, Ward Lohamandi Agra, Distt. Agra, Area- 1676.38 Sq. Mtr., Property in the names of Late Mr. Rajeev Mittal. Bounded as: East- Plot of Mrs. Usha, West- Plot No. 3 of Sri Ravindra Kr. Jain, North- 9 Mtr. wide Road (Now 100 ft. wide Road), South- Plot Others. | Possession Dt. 06-03-2020 | 2) Rs. 190.00 lac Reserve price EMD Rs. 19.00 lac Rs. 20,000/- Bid increase amount |
| | (3) All that part and parcel of residential property, (Vacant plot) Consisting of Plot No. 92A, Neerav Nikunj Phase II, Khasra No. 591, Mauza Kakretha, Hari Parwat Ward, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, Area-315.85 Sq.Mtr., Property in the name of Late Mr. Rajiv Mittal. Bounded as: East- Plot No. 93, West- Plot No. 92, North-40 Ft. wide Road, South-Plot No. 91 | | 3) Rs. 72.00 lac Reserve price EMD Rs. 7.20 lac Rs. 10,000/- Bid increase amount |

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