

Portions of old mosque demolished in Fatehpur

BY Correspondent

BANPUR: Authorities in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district on Tuesday demolished a significant chunk of a 10-year-old mosque. The official alleged was illegally constructed and obstructing a road-widening project.

The case of demolition in Fatehpur's Lalpur town came weeks after the Supreme Court had downgraded its guidelines to work on arbitrary demolitions by state authorities. The judgment had clarified that in demolition cases, the strictness would apply to unauthorised construction on public land, such as roads, highways, and water bodies, or in violation of local laws.



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The construction committee of the Newt Jams Masjid, built in 2019, alleged the administrators had a long-standing feud with the district administration. It also alleged that the case was being dragged by the Allahabad High Court. "We were informed about this without any prior intimation to involve any member," said Muskan Singh, a member of the mosque management committee.

Further, additional district magistrate (ADM) Anand Dixit alleged the demolition was carried out in accordance with the Supreme Court's guidelines. "The mosque's construction had authorised scope of the action, although time was provided in the construction to lawfully complete it. In view of failure, the portion being within the Government's jurisdiction was demolished," he said.

The local administration said the mosque illegally built after 2013 laws came into effect. It demolished a portion of the mosque built in 2019. The mosque was built in the late 20s near a residential area on the main road. The mosque was built on a 10-year-old plot. The demolition was carried out in accordance with the Supreme Court's guidelines. The mosque's construction had authorised scope of the action, although time was provided in the construction to lawfully complete it. In view of failure, the portion being within the Government's jurisdiction was demolished.

was closed. Other cases also need to be handled by the agencies. In Fatehpur, any construction within 200 metres on both sides of the main road can be termed unauthorised.

But Singh said that the mosque did not obstruct any lane. It only obstructed the demolition, saying the case was scheduled for a hearing on December 12. The high court, however, in a Tuesday order, said that the committee will comply with the directions of the court.

Madhukar Singh, a local resident who regularly passes by the mosque, said that the demolition was not in accordance with the court's directions. "It was wrong to demolish the mosque. At least the administration should have sought for the mosque's regularisation."

Last month a Delhi High Court judge had ruled that the state government should have sought for the mosque's regularisation.

Nadeem created false narrative, court told

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A Delhi court has ruled that Nadeem Khan, through "targeted dissemination of selective and misleading information," attempted to create a narrative of "particular eminence" as a victim of "systemic oppression" by the incumbent administration. The Delhi High Court said the Delhi high court is to consider the affidavits filed by the petitioners on December 5 regarding the petition filed by

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday opposed before the Delhi High Court the bail plea by alleged whistleblower Christophe Michel in the money laundering case. The ED's lawyer, Anil Kumar, said, "The subject case, which is a pending civil suit, pertains to the purchase of US\$ 100 million worth of shares in AgustaWestland Helicopters from AgustaWestland."

ED's special counsel Delip Hansani said, "We are not entitled to bail irrespective of the fact that he has spent approximately six years of imprisonment."

In his bail petition, the accused requested he had already spent six years in jail for an offence to which he could be entitled to remission of seven years. Justice Jaitly ordered that Michel be granted bail.

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MIRAFLORES: A novel malaria vaccine candidate that works at the blood-stage appears safe and highly immunogenic in African children and shows promising efficacy against malaria when given in a delayed (two-year) schedule, according to the findings of a phase II clinical trial published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases on Tuesday.

Work is ongoing to further increase efficacy of the vaccine in children, however, the new vaccine is different in the sense that it targets the parasite gametocytes when it is present in the blood, thereby preventing a second wave of infection.

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