

LOUDSPEAKERS REMOVED FROM RELIGIOUS SITES IN U.P.

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Loudspeakers being removed from a mosque in Gorakhpur on Wednesday. PTIPTI

The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday said that it had removed 6,031 unauthorised loudspeakers from religious places and lowered the volume of 29,674 loudspeakers to within permissible limits.

The drive was launched after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently instructed officials to ensure that the sound of loudspeakers does not disturb others outside the premises of religious sites. Also, no permission would be granted for installing loudspeakers at new sites. Till April 27 afternoon, the State government had removed 6,031 loudspeakers across 12 administrative zones in compliance with directions by the Allahabad High Court, said officials.

The highest number of loudspeakers were removed in Varanasi zone (1,366), followed by Meerut (1,215), Bareilly (1,070) and Lucknow (912). Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said that the police had established communication over the matter with over 37,300 religious heads.

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