

19th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides | Uttar Pradesh | 23 Sep 2025

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh will host the 19th National Jamboree of the **Bharat Scouts and Guides**, a major youth event that will bring together thousands of young people from India and abroad.

Key Points

- About: The week-long event, set to be inaugurated by <u>Prime Minister</u> Narendra Modi, will take place in Lucknow's Vrindavan Scheme from 23rd to 29th November 2025.
 - The Prime Minister has a longstanding connection with scouting, having participated in the 2009 Jamboree in Ahmedabad as Gujarat's Chief Minister during the centenary year of scouting.
- **Activities:** The Jamboree will feature a variety of adventure sports, science exhibits, and cultural activities, providing an opportunity for youth to engage in **leadership-building exercises.**
- **Tent City:** The state government is building a **gated Tent City** with world-class facilities to accommodate 35,000 participants, with the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 29th September 2025.
- History: The first Jamboree in India was held in Hyderabad in 1953, and Uttar Pradesh hosted the fourth edition in Prayagraj in 1964.

Note: The **Bharat Scouts and Guides** is a voluntary, non-political, educational Movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and methods conceived by the **founder Lord Baden-Powell in 1907.**

UP to Curb Caste-Based Practices | Uttar Pradesh | 23 Sep 2025 Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has issued a notification to curb **caste-based glorification** by **banning caste-based political rallies**, removing caste signboards, and prohibiting caste mention in police records to promote social harmony.

This decision follows a ruling by the Allahabad High Court in the Praveen Chetri v State of UP case, which criticized caste recording in police records as regressive and against the principles of a modern, secular India.

Key Points

- Ban on Political Rallies: The notification imposes a blanket ban on political rallies based on caste identity, stating they promote social conflict and threaten "public order" and "national unity."
- **Display on Vehicles:** Vehicles displaying caste-related stickers, slogans, or identifiers will be subject to penalties under the <u>Central Motor Vehicles Act</u>, 1988.
- **Ban on Signboards:** Public signboards that glorify any particular caste or declare geographical areas as caste-based territories or estates must be removed immediately.
- **Revised Police Record Procedures:** The order mandates the deletion of caste details from police records such as <u>FIRs</u>, arrest memos, and recovery documents.
 - The caste column in police databases (CCTNS portal) will be removed. Instead, the mother's name will be recorded alongside the father's name in all related documents
- Monitoring of Social Media: The government has instructed authorities to monitor social media platforms and take action against individuals spreading caste-based hatred or glorifying any caste group.
- Exemption for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) Act, 1989: The only exemption to the caste prohibition will apply to cases related to the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, where caste identification remains essential.

Constitutional and Legal Provisions Against Discrimination

- Constitutional Provisions:
 - **Equality Before Law:** According to <u>Article 14</u>, no person shall be denied equal treatment before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.
 - Prohibition of Discrimination: <u>Article 15</u> of the Constitution of India states that the State shall not discriminate against any citizen on the grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or any of them.
 - Abolition of Untouchability: Article 17 of the Constitution abolishes Untouchability.
- Legal Provisions:
 - The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955: The act was enacted to enforce Article 17 of the Constitution of India, which abolished the practice of untouchability.
 - The SCs and the STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989: It was enacted to safeguard the members of SCs and STs from caste-based discrimination and violence.

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