

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath clicks on 'Mine Mitra' portal for more transparency

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the E-Seva portal for the mining department, called 'Mine Mitra', on Saturday. The portal will work as a single-window system for various processes linked with the department, making its functioning more transparent and easing several processes like application for permits and leases, officials said.

"There has been more transparency in mining related works in the state over the past five years. For the convenience of common people, the government has started new initiatives. In this time, we have now started an online E-Seva and a Mine Mitra portal for mining management. This will prove to be of help for those in the mining industry and others who have any personal mining related work," the CM said.

He added that the government's aim was to ensure a transparent process for all stakeholders involved in mining operations and to keep prices under control. Along with this, he added, all new businessmen should have equal opportunities so that they can function free from monopolies.

"Earlier, people had to face a lot of trouble to get small permissions. There was corruption and delay in processing applications. Now, not only will applications be disposed of in a time-bound manner through the portal, but the system has also become more transparent," he said.

Various facilities of the mining department will be available on the portal. It will make work easier for someone seeking to take out earth from their private property, transport earth, taking mining lease, permits and registration etc.

The CM directed the department to ensure that no mining takes place outside of the allocated area and not more than what has been permitted.

The CM said there should be no unnecessary increase in price of minerals like sand, gitti etc which are used for construction and strict action should be taken against their black-marketing.