

# 'First see if there is adequate evidence'

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**U**P DGP, Vijaya Kumar instructed all district police chiefs and police commissioners on Friday that before registering an FIR against the owner of a shop, hotel, construction company, or educational institutes, it must be seen that there is adequate evidence of his involvement. "The police must probe whether an FIR was being lodged just to harass a businessman or put undue pressure on him," directed DGP Kumar, adding "the FIR must be registered after proper investigation."

"The government is determined to stop all kinds of harassment of entrepreneurs, traders, owners of educational institutions, hospitals, con-

struction companies, hotels, and others, as well as their managerial-level employees," a release issued by the CM office said. "The Yogi government has taken many reformative steps in the past to promote enterprise and business in UP," it adds.

The order has been issued days after the Azamgarh incident in which a class XI girl died by suicide and acting on her father's complaint, police arrested the principal and class teacher for abetment. The arrests triggered a protest by Uttar Pradesh Unaided Private Schools Association, which decided to shut all the private schools in the state on August 8. On August 10, both were released on bail.