

U.P. CM announces wage reform, warns industrial unrest will harm progress

Efforts are under way to also provide free annual health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh to workers in industrial regions, says Adityanath; reaffirms commitment to ensuring stability in workers' lives

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said the Labour Department has been instructed to form a new wage board and ensure that all workers, particularly those employed in industries with 10 or more employees, receive equitable wages.

Addressing the 'Shramveer Gaurav Samaroh 2026' on International Labour Day in Lucknow, he said industry and labour were interdependent.

"If industry advances, workers will also advance; and if workers thrive, industries will flourish swiftly. Additionally, efforts are under way in collaboration



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath at the 'Shramveer Gaurav Samaroh 2026' in Lucknow on Friday. ANI

with insurance companies and entrepreneurs to offer free annual health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh to workers in industrial regions, facilitating treatment in approved hospitals," he said.

The Chief Minister's remarks come against the backdrop of the recent

protests by workers in Noida. Workers in the industrial area staged a series of protests last month over issues like wage hike, working hours and better overtime pay, with violence reported during one such stir on April 13.

Similar protests were reported from neighbouring

Greater Noida.

Mr. Adityanath said industrial unrest must not be allowed under any circumstances, as it ultimately leads to ruin and hampers development.

"Elements who oppose development and prosperity do not want industries to function. They will try to mislead people, but we must not be misled. Industries and workers must progress together. Industrial unrest must not be allowed under any circumstances; where there is industrial unrest, nothing remains except ruins," he added.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring security, dignity, and stability in workers' lives.