New population policy keeps all sections in mind: Adityanath

Rising population is the root of major problems, says U.P. Chief Minister

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Every section of society must join in the awareness programme for population control, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Sunday as he launched the State's population policy for 2021-2030.

Mr. Adityanath said rising population was the root of major problems and prevailing inequality in society. "Increasing population can be an obstacle to development," he said here, stating that the new policy was drafted keeping in mind all sections of society.

If there is no gap between the birth of two children, it will naturally affect their nutrition, he said, explaining the need for spacing and control in population.

Future planning | The Uttar Pradesh Population Policy 2021-2030 was launched to reduce maternal and infant deaths in a time-bound manner. The policy aims to:

Baby steps: Yogi Adityanath encouraging a newly married couple to opt for family planning in Lucknow on Sunday. ▪ PTI

- Decrease the **total fertility rate** (number of children per woman) from 2.7 to **2.1 by 2026** and **1.7 by 2030**
- Increase **modern contraceptive prevalence rate** from 31.7% to **45% by 2026** and **52% by 2030**
- Increase **male methods of contraception use** from 10.8% to **15.1% by 2026**
- Decrease **maternal mortality rate** (per 1,00,000 live births) from 197 to **150 by 2026** and **98 by 2030**
- Decrease **infant mortality rate** (per 1,000 live births) from 43 to **32 by 2026** and **22 by 2030**
- Decrease **under 5 mortality rate** (per 1,000 live births) from 47 to **35 by 2016** and **25 by 2030**

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> U.P. POPULATION POLICY

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'Hurdle to development'

"Across the world, concerns have been raised from time to time about increasing population being a hurdle in development. Discussions on it have been going on for four decades... The countries and States which have made efforts in this direction have seen positive results. However, more efforts are needed."

The new policy aims at decreasing the total fertility rate from 2.7 to 2.1 by 2026 and 1.7 by 2030, increase modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 31.7% to 45% by 2026 and 52% by 2030, increase male methods of contraception use from 10.8% to 15.1% by 2026 and 16.4% by 2030, decrease maternal mortality rate from 197 to 150 to 98, and infant mortality rate from 43 to 32 to 22, and under 5 infant mortality rate from 47 to 35 to 25.

Targeting stabilisation, the draft of the policy also said the State would attempt to maintain a balance of population among the various communities. "Awareness and extensive programmes would be held among those communities, cadres and geographical areas that have a higher fertility rate," the policy read.

Addressing a function at his official residence here, the Chief Minister said efforts to control population were linked to comprehensive awareness in society. "We should not forget that the increase in population contributes to poverty in society. Hence, until all sections of society are made comprehensively aware, there will be a delay in fulfilling various goals. Every section of society has to be associated with the awareness campaign," Mr. Adityanath said. The health of a mother and her child have to be linked with this, the CM said.

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