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Three Sadhus Killed in Auraiya and the Unequal Response

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Inside the Shri Bhayanaknath temple in Kudarkot village in Auraiya

CASE SUMMARY

Location	Shri Bhayanaknath temple in Kudarkot village, Auraiya district.
Date and victims	Three resident sadhus were found with fatal stab wounds on 15 August 2018.
Raid before the killings	According to the FIR account, police rescued six cows and arrested two men after a sadhu alerted them the previous night.
Arrests and reported motive	Police arrested five men, who reportedly said the killings were retaliation for the sadhus tipping off police about cattle smuggling and slaughter.
Temple security	An officer on duty said four police officers guarded the temple around the clock after the killings.

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