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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami during a roadshow in Dehradun

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The over 50 candidates of the community fielded by the BJP are therefore focusing on “development” undertaken by BJP governments both at the Centre and in the state, including for the minorities, and hoping the electorate will look past UCC fears.

“Our campaign is based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s call ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’. Since 2014 (when Modi came to power), Muslims too have been getting benefits of welfare schemes like free rations and housing, and Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The community has realised that they should not overlook progress in the name of religion. We are sure our Muslim candidates will win,” state BJP minority wing president Intezar