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Odisha medical PG exam paper leaked on social media during test

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An investigation has been launched after photographs of a question paper from the All Odisha Medical PG Examination were allegedly shared on social media while the test was in progress, officials said.
The incident reportedly took place on July 27 during the General Surgery theory paper of the MS/MD course for the 2023-26 batch. Officials said images of the second question paper were circulated in WhatsApp groups created by some postgraduate students. There were also claims that answers were being shared from certain phone numbers while the examination was underway.
The matter surfaced after a postgraduate student of a private medical college in Bhubaneswar reported receiving the images through a WhatsApp group allegedly created by a student of MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur.
Following the incident, Odisha University of Health Sciences Vice Chancellor Manas Ranjan Sahoo held a virtual meeting with principals of medical colleges conducting the examinations and advised stricter security arrangements for the remaining papers.
MKCG dean-cum-principal Harekrushna Dalai said the incident could not be called a paper leak because the ques-

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Student Power Prevails as Pradhaan Resigns

Students Face Baton Charges, Tear Gas and Pellet Guns



EJ - Ravi Arya
The student movement of the CJP (Cockroach Janta Party), which continued for more than a month at Jantar Mantar in the national capital Delhi, has shown a major political impact. Following demands for reforms in the education system, a fair investigation into exam paper leaks, and accountability, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned from his post. The protesting students have called it a

historic victory.
The movement began over alleged paper leaks in the NEET-UG 2026 examination and demands for transparency in the education system. Gradually, thousands of students, youth, and representatives of various social organizations joined the campaign. The main center of the protest remained Jantar Mantar in Delhi, where continuous sit-ins, demonstrations, and public meetings were held.
During the protest, the situation became tense when demonstrators attempted to march towards

Parliament. Police stopped them by setting up barricades and used lathi charge and tear gas at several locations. Many protesters were injured, after which the movement received widespread support from across the country.
Amid increasing public pressure and support from the opposition, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan finally resigned on 25 July. After this, the protesters held a victory rally at Jantar Mantar, calling it a win for student unity and democratic struggle. However, they clarified that their fight is not limited to the resignation alone, but will continue until comprehensive reforms in the education system and accountability are ensured.
The government has also announced steps towards forming a high-level task force to improve



most influential student-led mass movements in recent years and its impact may be seen in both education policy and politics in the coming times.

After a heated debate, the Lok Sabha passed the anti-paper leak bill



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Lok Sabha approved a bill to amend the anti-paper leak law with stricter punishment with the government asserting that the measure was taken as it is "open to learning from experiences".
The legislation was passed amid Opposition sloganeering after a stormy exchange over Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's remarks on police action against student protesters. Introduced by Union Minister Jitendra Singh on July 27 following the CJP-led protests that forced Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, the Bill now awaits passage in the Rajya Sabha. Speaking in Lok Sabha on Wednesday, Singh said the government acted swiftly in the NEET paper leak case, and as many as 52 FIRs have been lodged since the anti paper leak law came into force in 2024.
The amendment bill indicates that the government is open to learning from

first week of the Monsoon session of Parliament.
The 2024 law was brought in

when the government faced raging paper leak controversies. Before this legislation, there was no

specific substantive law to deal with unfair means adopted or of-

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Encouraging Learners to Learn: Challenges and How to Overcome Them

Today, the level of students' motivation to learn is steadily declining. There are many reasons for this. First came the COVID-19 pandemic, which moved our children to online learning. Then followed Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, forcing—and continuing to force—many students to study in bomb shelters. In addition, learners are often overwhelmed by the volume of school subjects and educational content. Together, these factors have significantly reduced students' motivation to learn. This is a challenge recognized by both teachers and parents.

The issue of student motivation has concerned me for many years. In 2022, together with one of my students, I conducted a research project entitled 'Increasing Students' Motivation to Learn Mathematics through Competency-Based Problem Solving.' The project won first place at the regional stage of the Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine research competition and became a laureate at the national final in the Pedagogy section. Based on both research and years of classroom experience, I would like to share several principles that have proven effective in motivating students to learn.

The first principle is simple: help students fall in love with you before asking them to fall in love with your subject. Ivan Franko once said, 'A school stands upon its teacher.' Today, the teacher's role is broader and more important than ever. A teacher cannot rely solely on deep subject knowledge. They must possess



intellectual curiosity, understand developmental psychology, stay informed about different areas of life, and remain familiar with the interests and values of today's young people. When I begin teaching a new group of fifth-grade students, my first priority is building trusting relationships. Only then do we establish our shared classroom expectations and learning rules.

The second principle is sharing stories of successful people. Children often believe that successful individuals achieved everything effortlessly. However, when they learn

about the difficulties, failures, and persistence behind those achievements, their perspective changes. I use biographies of famous people as well as stories from everyday life. Once, I told my students about our school principal's journey and how years of dedicated work transformed our school. I also shared one of my own setbacks: during university I once failed a Mathematical Analysis colloquium despite being an excellent student. I studied harder, retook the assessment, and eventually earned the highest grade in the final examination. Students are inspired when they realize that even their teacher has made mistakes and persevered.

The third principle is encouraging students to participate in competitions, Olympiads, and academic contests. These experiences strengthen motivation while developing resilience, confidence, and time-management skills. At first, students—and sometimes their parents—need encouragement to participate. Eventually, however, they begin eagerly anticipating each new opportunity. Throughout the process, I support my students without judging them by their results. Perhaps the greatest achievement of my teaching career is that nine students whom I taught continuously from Grades 5 through 11



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achieved a perfect score of 200 on Ukraine's National Multi-Subject Test (NMT) in Mathematics. They accomplished this without private tutors. Today they

are successful university students in Ukraine and abroad. More importantly, they have become kind and compassionate people.

The fourth principle is the value of demonstration (open) lessons. Although some consider them outdated, I believe they remain a celebration for teachers, students, and colleagues alike. They inspire students to discover that mathematics is not always easy—but it is always fascinating.

We live in exceptionally challenging times marked by educational reforms, the COVID-19 pandemic, and Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. These circumstances have also become a powerful motivation for self-improvement. Lifelong learning has never been more relevant. I continually attend seminars, webinars, educational festivals, visit schools across Ukraine, participate in EdCamp events, and study professional literature. My students see that I never stop learning, and this encourages them to do the same.

So, who am I to my students? I strive to be someone who keeps promises, acts honestly, treats others with humanity, remains open, and is always fair. I walk beside my students. If they travel, I travel with them. If they go to the theatre, I go with them. If they sing, I sing; if they dance, I dance. I do not want to stand above them—I want to stand beside them as a trusted adult, mentor, and friend. They know I will always be there.

These are my simple yet time-tested approaches to motivating students to learn. They have worked in my classroom. Perhaps they will work in yours as

Student Motivation and Success Stories: Inspiring Students to Excel in a Changing Society

Introduction

Education remains one of the greatest investments any individual can make because it shapes the future of both the learner and society. However, achieving academic excellence requires more than attending classes or passing examinations. It demands motivation, determination, discipline, resilience and a willingness to overcome challenges. In today's rapidly changing world, students are exposed to numerous opportunities and distractions. The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), social media, unemployment, economic hardship, peer pressure and mental health concerns has changed the way students learn and prepare for the future. While these challenges may discourage some learners, they have also inspired many young people to discover their strengths, develop new skills and pursue success with greater determination.

Student motivation is the inner desire that encourages learners to work hard, remain focused, and strive for excellence despite obstacles. Motivated students are not defined by their circumstances but by their determination to achieve their goals. As Nelson Mandela wisely stated, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." This powerful statement reminds us that education remains the foundation for personal growth, national development and global transformation. Therefore, every student should see education as a lifelong journey rather than a temporary ob-



ligation.

The Importance of Student Motivation

Motivation is the engine that drives learning. It influences students' attitudes toward education, their willingness to solve problems, and their ability to persevere through difficult situations. A motivated student develops confidence, discipline, creativity, leadership and critical thinking skills. Such students understand that success is achieved through consistent effort rather than shortcuts.

In today's society, motivation also helps students make wise decisions about technology. Instead of spending countless hours scrolling through social media, motivated learners use online platforms to watch educational videos, attend virtual classes, participate in webinars and improve their digital skills. This positive attitude prepares them for future careers in a

world increasingly driven by technology and innovation.

Students therefore need continuous encouragement from teachers, parents, mentors and society to remain inspired.

Challenges Facing Students Today

- Students today encounter challenges that can affect both their academic performance and emotional well-being. Financial hardship prevents many learners from accessing quality education, textbooks, internet services, or technological devices needed for learning. Some students struggle to balance academics with family responsibilities or part-time jobs.
- Social media has become another major challenge. While it provides opportunities for communication and learning, excessive use often distracts students from studying and encourages unhealthy comparisons with others. Peer pressure also influences some students to abandon their dreams in pursuit of temporary pleasure or acceptance.

- Another significant development is the rise of Artificial Intelligence. AI offers excellent learning opportunities by providing instant explanations, research support and personalized learning experiences. However, students who misuse AI by copying assignments without understanding concepts deny themselves genuine learning. Technology should be used as a tool to enhance knowledge rather than replace independent thinking.
- Mental health issues such as anxiety, stress and fear of failure have also become common among students. These challenges highlight the importance of counselling, mentorship, family support and positive learning environments.

Success Stories That Inspire

History is filled with individuals who overcame enormous challenges through determination and education. Many successful professionals came from humble backgrounds yet refused to allow poverty to define their future.

For example, a young Nigerian student from a rural community attended school without adequate learning materials. Despite studying under difficult conditions, she remained committed to her education, consistently ranked among the best in her class, obtained a university scholarship and eventually became a lecturer. Her journey demonstrates that determination can overcome limitations.

Similarly, many students who initially failed important examinations later succeeded because they viewed failure as an oppor-



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tunity to improve rather than a reason to quit. Their stories prove that temporary setbacks are stepping stones to future success.

As Winston Churchill famously stated, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." This quotation reminds students that persistence is often the greatest difference between success and failure.

The Role of Teachers, Parents, and Society

Student success is rarely achieved alone.

- Teachers inspire learners by creating engaging classrooms, encouraging creativity, identifying talents, celebrating wins and providing guidance during difficult moments. A caring teacher can completely transform a student's confidence and future.

- Parents also contribute significantly by providing emotional support, encouraging discipline, monitoring academic progress and creating environments that promote learning. Celebrating small achievements motivates children to pursue greater success.

- Society equally plays an important role by investing in quality education, scholarships, libraries, digital infrastructure, vocational training and mentorship programmes. Governments and private organizations should continue creating opportunities that prepare students for the demands of the twenty-first century economy.

There is an African proverb that says, "It takes a village to raise a child," reminds us that educating young people is a collective responsibility.

Practical Strategies for Student Success

- Students who desire success should develop habits that strengthen their academic and personal growth. Setting realistic goals helps maintain focus and direction. Effective time management ensures that study, recreation, family responsibilities and personal development remain balanced.
- Reading beyond classroom notes broadens knowledge and improves communication skills. Students should also embrace digital literacy by learning valuable skills such as coding, robotics, graphic design, public speaking, entrepreneurship and problem-solving. These compe-

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Union Minister Chirag Paswan addressed the GIMS ‘MERAKI-2026’ orientation program



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GNIOT Institute of Management Studies (GIMS), Greater Noida, organized its “MERAKI-2026” Orientation Programme for the newly admitted PGDM 2026-28 batch at the India Expo Centre.

The programme was graced by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan, as the Chief Guest. Presided over by Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Chairman, GNIOT Group of Institutions, the event witnessed the participation of over 450 students from 23 states, their parents, and senior executives from more than 40 leading national and multinational companies.

Addressing the gathering, Chirag

Paswan encouraged students to focus on education, skill development, innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurship. He emphasized that hard work, integrity, and continuous learning are the keys to success and urged students to become job creators rather than job seekers. He also appreciated GIMS for its achievements in quality education, industry-academia collaboration, research, innovation, and placements.

Chairman Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta highlighted GNIOT’s 25-year commitment to quality education and leadership development. CEO Mr. Swadesh Kumar Singh and Director Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Som out-

lined the institute’s focus on industry-oriented learning, artificial intelligence, global exposure, internships, and placements.

The programme also featured inspiring sessions by industry leaders from Adani Enterprise Global Capability Centre, PwC, People Group, and Accenture, along with motivational speaker Sonu Sharma. A special performance by comedian Inder Sahani added enthusiasm and entertainment to the event.

The orientation introduced students and parents to GIMS’s academic ecosystem, international collaborations, innovation initiatives, and career opportunities, marking an inspiring beginning to the new academic session.

3,821 Students Awarded Degrees at KIET University Annual Convocation 2026



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KIET Deemed-to-be University conferred degrees upon 3,821 graduating students of the 2025 and 2026 batches of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Lucknow, during its Annual Convocation 2026 held at the university campus.

The ceremony began with the academic procession, AKTU Kulgeet, and a welcome address by Dr. Adesh Kumar Pandey, Director Academics. The event was

attended by Shri Atul Garg, Chancellor of KIET University and Member of Parliament from Ghaziabad, Prof. Nagaraj Ramrao, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Manoj Goel, Pro Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Virendra Pathak, Director, IET Lucknow, representing the Vice Chancellor of AKTU, along with members of the Governing Board.

Presenting the university’s annual report, Prof. Nagaraj Ramrao highlighted KIET’s

transformation into a multidisciplinary deemed-to-be university with a strong focus on academic excellence, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and global engagement. He noted that degrees were awarded in B.Tech, B.Pharm, MBA, MCA, M.Pharm, and M.Tech programmes.

Prof. Ramrao said KIET has strengthened industry-oriented education through more than 10

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Rahul Gandhi targets Amit Shah over police action against student protesters; prove it, govt. fires back



EJ- Ghaziabad

In a no-holds-barred attack, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged that Home Minister Amit Shah was behind police excesses and firing against student protesters, triggering a massive uproar inside and outside Parliament.

The BJP hit back, accusing Gandhi of telling a “bundle of lies”, and sought his apology for “misusing” the House by making “baseless” allegations.

Many of Gandhi’s remarks made during a debate in the Lok Sabha on the bill to amend the anti-paper leak law were later expunged by the Speaker, but the Congress leader repeated his allegations outside Parliament again.

While targeting Shah, Gandhi also took an oblique dig at the BJP and its core supporters by referring to three categories – students, those who think they know everything and pretend to be God, and the “andhbhakt” who believe the second category is God.

Participating in the debate on The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill-2026, Gandhi claimed that the home minister is not present in the Lok Sabha because he is “scared”.

His remark drew objections from the treasury benches.

The home minister was behind violent action against students, the Congress leader alleged, referring to the crackdown by security forces during the march to Parliament on July 20 during the CJP-led protest over the NEET paper leak issue.

“The so-called home minister of this country does not have the courage to come and sit here.

Why is the home minister not here today? The home minister is not here today because he is scared.

He put pellets into the blood of our students,” Gandhi said.

Speaker Om Birla immediately intervened, saying the discussion was not on the home minister and added that Gandhi must provide proof to substantiate his allegations.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju objected to Gandhi’s remarks and demanded he apologise.

“On what basis have you said this? This is highly objectionable. You should apologise,” Rijiju said.

The House was adjourned twice due to the uproar over Gandhi’s remarks and he could not complete his address.

Later, while speaking in the House, Union minister Jitendra Singh said no bullet was fired and only tear gas was used.

‘Jab goli chali hi nahi, toh aadesh dene ka sawal hi paida nahi hota; aur aadesh dene ka adhikar magistrate ke pass rahta hai, mantri ke pas nahi’ (when there were no bullets fired, the question of authorising it does not arise, and the directive to open fire is given by the magistrate, not a minister),” he said.

Speaking to reporters in the Parliament House complex later, Gandhi said, “There can be just two options; the home minister gave the order for firing (at protesters), the other is that the home minister did not know that there will be firing.

In the first case, he is culpable. In the second case, he is incompetent, there can be no other option.

“Supposedly the brave home minister of India, why is he not in the House? If he has not done anything, why is he not coming? It is my right to speak in Parliament and I should have this right,” the LoP said.

In the Lok Sabha, Gandhi also hit out at the RSS, accusing it of influencing the education system and shaping what students are taught.

“The soul of the system has been captured by the RSS.

Dharmendra Pradhan never ran the education ministry.

The man and organisation that run the ministry is called the RSS.

“They (students) have to buy this nonsensical history that RSS fantasises about.

Pradhan is the symbol.

Your real enemy is the RSS.

They are the people who want you to be andhbhaks,” Gandhi said and alleged that all universities in the country have a vice chancellor from the RSS.

Gandhi said he was “very excited” and “reassured” by the student protests over the NEET paper leak issue and described them as an expression of the youth.

“This was not anger, not violence, not hatred; this was an expression, deep expressions of the youth of this country, of the future generation of this country. “All parties should respect this expression, including my friends in the BJP.

If my friends in the BJP were to go and ask their own children about what their brothers and sisters were doing, they would find agreement among their own children.

There is nothing wrong with what happened, and every Indian should be proud,” he said.

Gandhi said a conversation with a group of students gave him perspective on how young people view education and knowledge.

Recalling the interaction, Gandhi said he asked a student what it meant to be a student.

“Does it mean you study in a college, in a school, you read books? She said a student is someone who has an open mind (and) an open heart.

“A student is someone who accepts that he does not know everything.

Whatever he knows will be superseded by new knowledge.

He knows the universe is dynamic.

He also understands that knowledge is constantly changing.

The most important quality, she said, that a student has is humility,” he said.

Gandhi said the student also described another category of people who believed they knew everything and are arrogant, don’t listen and don’t respect other people’s truth, and used a word to describe them, but was found unparliamentary by the Chair and expunged.

The remark triggered an uproar in the House, with Speaker Birla asking Gandhi to focus on the debate.

Rijiju also objected to the use of the word.

Gandhi, however, said he was

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Pellet guns can be used in exceptional cases, says SC

■ EJ - New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday said pellet guns cannot be banned as long as the existing advisory permits their use for crowd control in exceptional circumstances by security agencies, while making it clear that allegations of specific misuse can be examined on a case-by-case basis.

The court was hearing a plea on the use of metallic pellet guns during the recent students' protests against NEET-UG paper leak in Delhi. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana also asked the Centre to preserve the ammunition log of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) deployed at the Jantar Mantar.

Observing that police, as per the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) advisory, are empowered to use pellet guns in exceptional situations, the bench termed the demand in the plea for a complete ban on such usage as vague.

"Prayers are not to use pellet guns. In exceptional cases, police regulations permit the use of pellet guns. If you are interested in phasing out pellet guns, you will have to challenge that very provision as ultra vires to Article 21 (right to life)," Justice Bagchi observed.

The bench also took note of submissions of senior advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for the petitioners, and asked the Delhi government to provide the best treatment to Prashant Kumar, Sheikh Irshad Mansoori and others who suffered pellet gun injuries during the July 20 protest.

Former Central Information Commissioner and retired IPS officer Yashovardhan Azad and the two victims had moved the court seeking a ban on the use of metallic pellet guns to deal with law and order situations.

The petition also sought compensation, medical treatment and rehabilitation for those injured in the Delhi protests.



Grover said, "There can be rubber, plastic and metallic pellets. These were metallic and recovered from the bodies..." She added that she confining her reliefs to metallic pellets.

Justice Bagchi said the court is "not averse to examining the use of pellets in individual use". Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the forces may have to take on-the-spot decision based on the event.

FIR lodged against Noida woman for 'abusive' remarks against PM Modi during Jantar Mantar



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A Zero FIR has been lodged at Noida's Expressway police station against a woman for allegedly using abusive language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, police said.

The FIR was registered on a complaint filed by Smriti Singh, a resident of Ghaziabad, against Ruchika Singh, a resident of Sector 168 in Noida.

According to the FIR, the complainant alleged that on July 23, the accused used "abusive and objectionable" language against the prime minister at Jantar Mantar, hurting the dignity of the constitutional office and with the intention of spreading hatred and disturbing public peace.

Based on the complaint, the police registered a case under Sections 352 (intentional insult to provoke breach of peace), 353(1) (statements conducing to public mischief) and 356(1) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), officials said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Manisha Singh confirmed the registration of the case.

"A resident of Ghaziabad lodged

an FIR against a resident of Sector 168, Noida, alleging that she used abusive language against the Prime Minister of India at Jantar Mantar. It is a Zero FIR and will be transferred to New Delhi for further investigation," the officer said.

Officials said a "Zero FIR" is an FIR that can be registered at any police station, even if the alleged offence did not occur within that police station's jurisdiction. It is then transferred to the police station that has the authority to investigate the case. This ensures that a complaint is recorded immediately without delay over jurisdictional issues.

The youth-led Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protests at Jantar Mantar in Delhi concluded on July 25. Thousands of student activists, joined by innovator-activist Sonam Wangchuk during his 26-day hunger strike, mobilised to express public anger over the alleged widespread competitive examination paper leaks.

Following intense demonstrations, police standoffs and a major march to Parliament on July 20, the agitation resulted in the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The CJP officially ended the pro-

test after the government conceded to their core demands which included educational reforms.

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tion paper was allegedly shared from inside the examination hall after the test had begun. "We are surprised despite routine checking and banning mobile phones," he said, adding that an internal inquiry is examining what device was used and how the images were transmitted.

The PG theory examinations began on July 21, with two papers still scheduled on August 1 and 5. A total of 154 students are appearing for the examination at MKCG Medical College and Hospital.

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attributing the term to a student and was not referring to any member of the House.

He further said the student told him that the hallmark of a student was that they "wear the truth on their chest", while the other category needed to create an image.

He said that the protests, though centred around examinations, reflected wider concerns about the education system.

Gandhi said the parents of these children did not have the courage to face the BJP or the RSS.

"And yet these children, brave, imaginative and powerful, stood there and faced everything that was thrown at them," he said.

"They challenged the idea that you, the BJP and the RSS, could destroy them and their careers," Gandhi said.

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cities into chaos, and garbage is strewn everywhere."

Arvind Kejriwal said the country's governance has suffered because the Prime Minister is preoccupied with buying MPs and MLAs, toppling governments, deleting people's votes, and getting fake votes added. "These days, the Prime Minister is even busy getting FIRs filed against young children who made fun of him on social media."

Stop targeting student protesters, warns CJP founder Dipke; says youth can change govt.



■ EJ - Agency

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke warned the government against allegedly targeting students who participated in the Jantar Mantar protest, saying the student community has the power to change the government. He said the government should stop troubling students, as they are not terrorists but the future of the country.

Dipke was given a grand welcome in his hometown, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, in Maharashtra. He met his parents after 40 days and expressed happiness over the success of the student protest, saying that the students of the country had won their first

'Girls are being...

ting the youth's social media accounts blocked, and girls are being doxxed," Kharge alleged. (Doxxing refers to the unauthorised publication or sharing of an individual's personal information online, often with the intent to harass, intimidate or expose the person to abuse)

Targeting Shah, Kharge added, "The arrogance is such that Home Minister Amit Shah didn't even set foot in Parliament House, fearing to give a statement on accountability. If there's even a shred of shame left, demand Amit Shah's resignation."

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Centres of Excellence and collaborations with organisations including IBM, L&T, SAP, and EY India. He also shared that the university hosted 12 international interns from six countries over the past two years.

Highlighting research achievements, he said KIET faculty published 1,356 research papers during the last two years. Seven faculty members received the C.V. Raman Award, while 12 were honoured with the Young Dronacharya Award.

The Vice Chancellor also announced impressive placement achievements, including the university's highest international package of ₹1.78 crore. The graduating batches secured 4,600 job offers from over 350 companies, including Microsoft, Deloitte, Capgemini, TCS, Infosys, and Tech Mahindra. He also highlighted the contribution of Technology Business Incubator (TBI-KIET) in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.

Gold, silver, and bronze medalists received cash awards of ₹50,000, ₹40,000, and ₹30,000, respectively, while university rank holders were awarded ₹20,000.

Delivering the Convocation Address, Prof. Virendra Pathak urged graduates to uphold honesty, integrity, and lifelong learning. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Vineet Sharma, Dean, CSE, celebrating the achievements of the graduates and reaffirming KIET University's commitment to nurturing industry-ready professionals and responsible citizens.

difficult battle. He also visited the statue of Dr B R Ambedkar near Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University to pay respects to the chief architect of the Constitution.

Dipke said their protest over the paper leak achieved a major success with the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. He warned the police to stop what he described as the witch-hunting of students.

Dipke said a larger agitation would be launched if the police and the government continued to harass students for participating in the protest demanding the education minister's resignation.

He added, "Students are the future of India, but they are harassed by the police. The police are selectively visiting the students' homes and colleges and targeting them. The students are also threatened by slapping police cases. Student lost their blood for the success of the protest because they want a better future."

"Today, we took the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. If people in government continue to trouble our students and youths, then we will not hesitate to

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fences committed by various entities involved in the conduct of public examinations by the central government and its agencies.

The Act aimed to prevent unfair means in the public examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), the railways, banking recruitment examinations and the National Testing Agency (NTA), among others.

Responding to Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi's remarks alleging that on innocent children atrocities and oppression were inflicted, Singh said, "utmost restraint was exercised and it was made sure that casualties do not happen".

According to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, investigations into paper leak cases are to be completed within two months.

The bill says that individuals involved in paper leaks or unfair means in exams will get jail terms for a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years, and a fine of up to Rs 50 lakh.

For organised crimes, the bill proposes a minimum sentence of seven years and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore.

The amendment bill seeks to empower all the state governments and UT administrations to designate any court of session to be a special fast-track court to try offences under the proposed law.

It also provides that the proceedings in such courts are continued on a day-to-day basis and the trial is completed within three months from the date of filing of the charge sheet.

It also empowers the central government to constitute a special task force for investigation of any offence, if necessary.

Welcoming the passage of the legislation, newly appointed Education Minister Pralhad Joshi said on X that the amended law would usher in a stronger legal framework to tackle examination malpractices.

launch a massive peaceful protest once again to dethrone the people in power and change the government. They should not underestimate the power of the youth," Dipke warned.

He also said that while the protest at Jantar Mantar had ended with the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan, it was not the end of the movement but part of a longer battle to reform the education system for the bright future of students.

"This is just the beginning, and long way to go. The government should not presume that students' anger has decreased due to Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. If needed, we will launch a fresh agitation on a much bigger scale," Dipke said.

Dipke also criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying Modi should resign and become an influencer, as he is very good at it, and hand over the post of Prime Minister to someone who is serious about students' future.

Student Motivation
tencies complement academic qualifications and increase employability.

- Building positive friendships is equally important because companions influence behaviour, attitudes and decision-making. Students should surround themselves with individuals who encourage excellence, discipline and continuous improvement. Moreso, students should have vision towards telling a success story. Mine vision is "STRIKE" S- Stretching out your hands to T- Talented R- Reliable I- Individuals with K- Keen E- Empathy

Above all, students must believe in themselves. Self-confidence empowers learners to face challenges with courage and determination.

Conclusion

Student motivation remains one of the strongest foundations for academic excellence, career success and national development. Although today's society presents numerous challenges; including financial hardship, technological distractions, unemployment and mental health concerns, students who remain focused, disciplined and committed to lifelong learning can still achieve remarkable success.

Success stories from around the world continue to demonstrate that determination, resilience and hard work are more powerful than circumstances. Teachers, parents, governments and communities must continue working together to inspire young people, provide quality educational opportunities and create environments where every learner can thrive.

As education continues to evolve alongside Artificial Intelligence and technological advancement, students must embrace innovation while maintaining integrity, critical thinking and a passion for learning. Every student has the potential to become a leader, innovator, entrepreneur, or positive agent of change. By believing in themselves, setting meaningful goals, learning continuously and refusing to give up, they can transform not only their own lives but also the future of their communities and nations. As the saying goes, "Dream big, work hard, stay focused and never stop believing in yourself, because today's motivated student is tomorrow's successful leader."

Indian students gather in solidarity at London's Trafalgar Square



■ EJ - London

Hundreds of students gathered at Trafalgar Square in London on Sunday to express solidarity with the student movement in India led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP).

The 36-day agitation in New Delhi ended on Saturday with the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as the education minister.

The Students Federation of India (SFI) UK had organised the weekend protest, which turned into a "celebration of the victory" of the student movement in India.

It welcomed the resignation of Pradhan as education minister and reiterated its stance in support of educational reforms. "SFI UK salutes the struggle of

the student movement and its success in pushing the education minister to resign," SFI UK said in a statement.

The fight has been very inspiring and courageous. But it has certainly not yet come to an end. We continue to grieve for the 21 students who have lost their lives due to the handling of NEET, and of course, the brutal police repression against protesters," it stated.

The large gathering at one of London's most iconic squares waved the Indian national flag and placards reading "Ban NEET" and "Diaspora stands with people's resistance".

The crowds chanted slogans of "Azadi" and sang songs such as 'Yeh Subah Kabhi To Aayegi' and Tagore's 'Ekla Chalo Re'.

"All the international students gathered here, please organize around these issues in your campuses," said one SFI UK worker.

In the last couple of years, we have seen a rise in the number of Indian students coming here to study in the UK. These are students who are taking massive loans to study here because our country cannot provide them the education that they need or the job opportunities that they need," the worker added.

Similar SFI UK-led demonstrations were planned in other cities, such as Leeds and Liverpool in England, and followed similar protests held in solidarity with the CJP agitation in New Delhi.

'Girls are being doxxed': Congress warns Modi, Shah against 'threatening Gen Z' with FIRs, account takedowns

■ EJ - New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home minister Amit Shah of threatening Gen Z, and said that the duo is "India's past" and should be careful about how they treat the country's future.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha also alleged that Modi and Shah are behind the filing of FIRs against student protesters and taking down their social media accounts.

"PM Modi and Amit Shah — you cannot threaten Gen Z into silence. First you broke their bones. Now you are filing FIRs and taking down their accounts," Gandhi said on X.

"You are India's past. Be careful about how you treat India's future," the former Congress chief said.

Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge echoed Rahul Gandhi's attack, accusing the Narendra Modi government of reneging on its assurance that no action would be taken against students after the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) called off its protest.

"Ten days ago, your government suppressed the youth with batons and pellet guns. When the students withdrew their movement, now you're filing FIRs against them out of a sense of revenge and forcibly detaining them," Kharge said in a post on X.

The Hindu had reported that despite the Centre's assurance to withdraw cases against pro-

testers, students continued to be summoned by the Delhi Police for questioning until Thursday afternoon. Citing Rishav Ranjan, a member of the Congress legal cell involved in providing legal aid, the newspaper reported that a helpline launched by the party had received around 300 calls, including about 50 from young

women alleging rape and death threats over their participation in the protests.

According to the report, several students from Haryana were taken to Parliament Street police station for questioning without prior notice and alleged that in some cases police action continued despite the Supreme Court's July 28 order restraining coercive action against student protesters without criminal antecedents.

"Many girls are getting calls from right-wing influencers asking why they joined the protest. Their names are part of a list, which is being circulated by these handles. They are being harassed and threatened. There is clear evidence online. This needs serious action by the State," Rishav Ranjan told The Hindu.

A 25 year old student named Ruchika Singh has been charged

with remarks against PM Modi during CJP's protest. a Zero FIR was registered against her due to her July 23 remarks. The complainant alleged that Singh's statements undermined the dignity of the Prime Minister's office and had the potential to incite disharmony and disrupt public order. Based on the complaint, the Expressway Police Station in Noida registered the Zero FIR under Sections 352 (intentional insult to provoke breach of peace), 353(1) (statements conducing to public mischief) and 356(1) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

"The youth withdrew the movement on the condition that no action would be taken against them, and now your governments have gone back on their own word. You're get-

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Strong anti-paper leak bill passed, won't spare mafia playing with future of children: PM



■ EJ - New Delhi

Releasing a video message on Instagram hours after Parliament cleared the anti-paper leak Bill, Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed its passage, saying the government had been consistently working to build a robust and efficient examination system. PM Modi said the government had taken several steps to curb paper leaks, including constituting a special task force, setting up fast-track courts and seeking suggestions from states to strengthen the examination system.

He said the problem of paper leaks had persisted for several years and affected not only the Centre but also many states, adding that the government had been continuously working to build an

efficient examination system.

The PM said, "Saathiyo, we are continuously taking one step after another to build a reliable examination system. Whether it is the creation of passports, the creation of fast-track mechanisms, or taking into account the suggestions of the states."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that, as promised, a strong anti-paper leak Bill has been passed by both Houses of Parliament.

Modi said paper leaks had threatened the future of children for several years, making comprehensive reforms to the education system necessary to effectively tackle the menace.

"And once again, those paper mafias and gangs involved in paper leaks the gangs that play with the future of the country's children they will not be spared", he reiterated.

He further said "We also need such strict laws. We brought a bill in Parliament, and as I had promised you, in the last two days, both Houses of Parliament with the approval of the maximum number of MPs, discussed it in detail. And today, both Houses have passed this bill with strict provisions".

The Prime Minister said that an important step had now been

taken towards creating a trustworthy and world-level examination system, adding that the work would continue in the future.

Concluding his message, he called upon the people to support the effort, saying, "With the belief that we will not allow such situations to continue for long, friends, come, let us all join hands and work shoulder to shoulder to fulfil the dream of a Viksit Bharat — a Developed India", he called upon the people.

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday by a voice vote amid an Opposition walkout. The Lok Sabha had approved the legislation a day earlier.

The amendment seeks to strengthen the legal framework against examination malpractices by prescribing stricter punishment for those involved in paper leaks and other unfair means. Under the amended law, those found guilty will face imprisonment ranging from five to ten years and fines of up to Rs 50 lakh, while organised offences will attract a minimum seven-year jail term and penalties of up to Rs 10 crore.

Kejriwal slams PM over student FIRs



■ EJ - Chandigarh

Am Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal strongly condemned the police action against students for allegedly mocking the Prime Minister on social media, saying it re-

flected the misplaced priorities of the BJP-led Central Government.

He said that while China is building an Artificial Sun, India's Prime Minister is busy getting FIRs (First Information Report) filed against young students, buying MPs and MLAs, toppling governments, and manipulating the electoral process through voter deletions and fake voter registrations. Arvind Kejriwal said India now needs a Prime Minister with vision and the ability to think big.

Sharing a video on social media platform X, AAP Arvind Kejriwal said that according to a

media report, China is building an artificial sun based on nuclear fusion technology that will generate clean energy similar to the Sun. The project is expected to be completed by 2030. "On one hand, China is building an artificial sun, while on the other, our Prime Minister is busy getting FIRs filed against young children who merely mocked him on social media," he added.

He further said, "While China is building an artificial sun, our government is unable to build proper roads and bridges. A single spell of rain throws our

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