

Congress slams PM’s ‘stony silence’ on ‘police brutality’ against students in ‘Mann ki Baat’

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NEW DELHI, JULY 26: The Congress slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for maintaining "stony silence" on the student protests and the "police brutality" in his "Mann ki Baat monologue" on Sunday. The opposition party claimed that the government has no intent to make interventions in ensuring students get quality education. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said education is a full-time portfolio at any time and Pralhad Joshi, the new incumbent, is already the Minister of New and Renewable Energy as well as Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution. But in any case this is a "one-man, two-face Government", Ramesh said on X.

"The true 'niyat' of the Modi Government is evident in the outpouring of political support the BJP has extended to the discredited ex-Mantri Pradhan, and the Pradhan Mantri's own stony silence on the student protests and the police brutality on students in his 'Mann ki Baat' monologue today," the Congress leader said. The government's goal is only "political hegemony", he alleged. Modi on Sunday asserted that India is



scaling new heights in defence production, military exports and also in the field of political cooperation with friendly nations.

Addressing his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat', he also paid tributes to the 1999 Kargil War martyrs. The prime minister, however, made no mention of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led protests on the NEET paper leak. The students' month-long agitation ended on Saturday after the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Education Minister and acceptance of their other demands by the government. Recording of the Mann Ki Baat is normally done two to three days ahead of the scheduled broadcast.

Oppn to seek Amit Shah’s resignation over action against NEET protesters: CPI(M) leader

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NEW DELHI/ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 26: CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas on Sunday said the Opposition would demand the resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the police action against students protesting in New Delhi over the alleged NEET paper leak. Speaking to reporters in New Delhi, Brittas said the Opposition would raise in Parliament the appointment of Naresh Pal Gangwar as Secretary, Department of Higher Education, when the session resumes on Monday. He said the Opposition would raise both issues forcefully in Parliament.

"Last day, Shah said the government respected the youth who led the protest. Where was that respect for the last 36 days? When students were being beaten on the streets of the national capital, and their skulls were being cracked open, where was that respect," Brittas asked.

"If there is even a grain of sincerity in those words, Amit Shah too should resign. Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned. The home



minister, who is responsible for this brutal assault on innocent students, must resign," he said.

Brittas said the Opposition would support any move to strengthening laws aimed at preventing examination-related fraud, but questioned the government's claim that fresh legislation was the solution. He pointed out that Parliament had passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act in 2024 after the government claimed it would curb examination fraud.

"Now the government is only proposing amendments to that law. The problem is not the absence of legislation but the lack of political will to enforce it and the authorities' alleged compromise with vested interests," he alleged.

The CPI(M) leader also questioned the appointment of Naresh Pal Gangwar as Secretary, Department of Higher Education, alleging that he had earlier faced accusations of irregularities in the disbursement of central government subsidies.

"Such an officer has now been

appointed to head the department responsible for public examinations, where transparency and integrity are of utmost importance. All these issues will be raised during the discussion in Parliament," Brittas said. He alleged that while the authorities had released details of police personnel injured during the protests, no information had been made public about the students who were injured.

"The home ministry has released details of police personnel who were allegedly injured. But not a single detail has been made public about the protesters who were brutally assaulted. There is a complete veil of secrecy over their condition," he said. Brittas said the identities and medical condition of the injured students should be made public so that their families and organisations willing to assist them could extend support.

"The parents are anxious. Their relatives may have travelled from villages to Delhi and may require assistance. Even our efforts to help them are being blocked," he alleged.



People pay tributes at the 'Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham' during the 27th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Sunday---PTI

Students want to know about TN govt’s stance on NEET: AIADMK leader Udhayakumar

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SIVAGANGA (TN) JULY 26: Senior AIADMK leader R B Udhayakumar launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Sunday over his administration's handling of the NEET and the Cauvery water dispute, while also questioning his silence on critical state issues.

Addressing a Kazhaga Amma Peravai gathering, Udhayakumar asserted that the AIADMK was the first party to raise a strong voice against NEET in Tamil Nadu. He emphasised that former Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami demonstrated true social justice by implementing a 7.5 per cent

internal reservation for government school students in medical admissions.

"What is the Tamil Nadu government's stance when all of India is burning? Students are asking why the chief minister is not opening his mouth. He remains silent in answering the students protesting on the ground," Udhayakumar said. He also accused state ministers of relying on public relations and social media "reels" instead of delivering genuine governance and solutions for students.

"There is no limit to making these reels. Having such ministers and a chief minister like this, I don't know what we are going to achieve," he said.

On the Cauvery water dispute, Udhayakumar pointed out that despite 53 meetings of the Cauvery Water Management Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee, Tamil Nadu has failed to secure its rightful share of water. He questioned what outcome CM Vijay would achieve through talks with Karnataka CM D K Shivakumar, noting that nearly 90 per cent of reservoirs remain dry, putting thousands of agricultural acres at risk of drought. Vijay has proposed bilateral talks with his Karnataka counterpart to seek an amicable solution to the long-standing Cauvery river water-sharing dispute.

Delhi Police awaits official nod on withdrawal of FIRs against NEET paper leak protesters

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NEW DELHI, JULY 26: Following the Centre's assurance that cases against the NEET paper leak protesters would be withdrawn, Delhi Police sources on Sunday said it would take further action only after receiving official communication and guidelines from the competent authority. The source said 15 FIRs have been registered so far at different police stations in the New Delhi district in connection with the July 20 violence and other incidents linked to the ongoing protests. On Saturday, at a joint press conference with Cockroach Janata Party spokespersons Saurav Das and Abhiseh Ranka, Union minister JP Nadda had said that the government agreed to withdraw FIRs registered against protesters and would provide a written assurance on the agreed demands by Tuesday.

"We will act according to the guidelines and official communication after receiving from the competent authority," the source said. The source, however, said the announcement regarding withdrawal of the cases would not affect the ongoing investigation into the alleged larger conspiracy behind the clashes. Police are examining CCTV footage, digital evidence, mobile phone records, and statements of witnesses to reconstruct the sequence of events and identify those suspected of planning, instigating or participating in the violence. Police have also identified over 2,500 people with criminal backgrounds and bad characters using their facial recognition system (FRS).

More than 200 police personnel and 70 protesters sustained injuries during the July 20 clashes, while several government vehicles and other public property were damaged, they said. The source said the conspiracy probe would continue irrespective of the proposed withdrawal of the FIRs and all evidence collected during the investigation would be examined as part of the ongoing inquiry.

Sleeping on pavement does not contribute to negligence: Delhi HC

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NEW DELHI, JULY 26: The Delhi High Court has enhanced the compensation awarded to the victims and the kin of the deceased in a road accident, stating that sleeping on pavements cannot be held to be an act contributing to the negligence of the offending truck driver.

Justice Anish Dayal set aside the decision of the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal (MACT), which reduced the compensation payable to the families of two deceased persons and two surviving victims by half, and said the finding attributing 50 per cent "contributory negligence" to the claimants was unsustainable. The judge said a pedestrian using a pavement for walking, standing, or resting owing to compelling circumstances cannot be expected to anticipate that a motor vehicle would be driven onto the footpath and a driver ought to be more cautious while driving in an area meant for pedestrians.

"It is a reality in this country that many persons are homeless, work through the night, or are part of labour deployed at various construction sites and do not have a place to sleep. For such persons, these pavements also become a relatively safer place to rest, considering that they do not expect vehicles to be driven onto the pavements and mow them down. Even if they had taken a calculated risk sleeping on the pavement, it certainly cannot be translated into contributory negligence," said the court in the judgement passed on July 8.

"Even if it is not being used for the purpose it is intended for, still it certainly cannot be used for driving, which is completely prohibited under the law," it held. The accident, in the instant case, took place on the pavement under the Madipur metro station in October 2015 at around 4:30 am when the truck, which was being driven at a high speed, hit four victims sleeping on the pavement there.

Dipke sparked a revolution, must get security; will speak to CM Fadnavis: Sena minister Shirsat

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CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJI NAGAR, JULY 26: Maharashtra minister and Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Shirsat on Sunday expressed pride that Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and a resident of his assembly constituency, had sparked a revolution and deserved security.

Shirsat, who is also the guardian minister of Aurangabad West constituency, was speaking to reporters after visiting Dipke's family in the Waluj MIDC area of Sambhajanagar. The

youth-led CJP scored a momentous win on Saturday when its 36-day agitation over irregularities in the exam system and the NEET paper leak culminated in the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Shirsat said Dipke, who is yet to return home despite the CJP calling off its protest as he has got typhoid, must be given security.

"His parents were worried because every parent wants their kids to remain safe. They are like family, and I came here not merely as the guardian minister. Security must be provided to Abhijeet

when he reaches Maharashtra. I will talk to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis about this," he said. The minister, whose party is an ally of the ruling BJP, said he did not visit Dipke's family earlier because it might have been viewed through a political lens.

Shirsat said he has known Dipke's family for more than 25 years and had also enquired about the 30-year-old activist's health. Dipke, who pursued a master's degree in public relations at Boston University, had received a job offer in the US when the CJP burst onto the scene, the minister said. "His

parents wanted him to take up the job, but Abhijeet had a wish to do something for students," he said.

The minister also expressed pride that a resident of his constituency had sparked a revolution in the country.

"The agitation is over, and the demands of the protesting students have been fulfilled. But a resident of my constituency started a revolution. Moreover, he is not associated with politics and does not even want credit for this agitation. My son (Dipke) got success because he was supported by people in society," Shirsat said.

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