

Centre to table strong anti-paper leak Bill next week, says Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Thursday, July 23, that a Bill containing provisions for strong action against paper leaks will be introduced in Parliament next week. In a video message, Modi also said the contours of the bill will be discussed at a meeting of the Union Cabinet to be held on Friday, July 24, where the proposed legislation will be finalised. "The Cabinet will discuss the issue of paper leaks on Friday and taking suggestions of the Cabinet colleagues, further action would be finalised. "On Monday, when the second week of the Monsoon Session of Parliament will begin, a Bill will be brought with provisions for strong action against paper leaks and we will try to pass it as early as possible," he said. The Prime Minister said he knows that paper leaks are not a small issue and for lakhs of students and their guardians, such incidents are extremely painful. Therefore, since allegations of NEET paper leak surfaced about two-and-a-half months ago, several strong steps have been taken, he added. "The guilty have been caught. They are now in jail. Our most significant responsibility was to ensure that the students do not lose a year. It was necessary to hold the examination immediately. By using all resources, the government has ensured that 22 lakhs students could attend the retest," he said. Modi said the results of the medical-entrance re-test were declared on July 19 and from across India, there have been reports of happiness from those who were successful. The PM said he is not among those who would be satisfied with this.



Opposition MPs protests on Parliament premises



New Delhi: Opposition MPs on Thursday, July 23, staged a protest at Makar Dwar inside the Parliament premises over the NEET

paper leak and examination irregularities, reiterating their demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra

Pradhan. The demonstration was attended by Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi,

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Congress General Secretary and MP K.C. Venugopal, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and several other Opposition leaders, who held banners carrying slogans against the Education Minister. The protest coincided with a parallel demonstration by the NDA at Makar Dwar, where leaders of the ruling alliance accused the Opposition of politicising the NEET paper leak issue. The government maintained that it had already agreed to hold a discussion on examination-related irreg-

ularities in Parliament and alleged that the Opposition was continuing to disrupt House proceedings despite the offer for a debate. The Opposition, however, remained firm on its demand that Dharmendra Pradhan should step down. Opposition leaders also reacted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's post on X regarding the establishment of fast-track courts to deal with paper leak cases. Speaking to reporters, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticised the Prime Minister's remarks, saying they failed to address the core demand raised by students.

SONAM WANGCHUK ENDS 26-DAY FAST, CJP SAYS PROTEST WILL CONTINUE



New Delhi: Activist Sonam Wangchuk has ended his indefinite hunger strike after the government assured him that his demands would be met.

He announced the end of his fast after Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh met him at Medanta Hospital around Thursday midnight and conveyed the government's assurances. "Just now in the pres-

ence of Union Ministers JP Nadda, Dr Jitendra Singh and the senior leaders of Apex Body of Leh Ladakh, I finally broke my fast after 26 days," Wangchuk said in a post on X. After Wangchuk announced the end of his hunger strike, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X, "I urge Sonam ji to follow his daily routine as advised by the doctors and regain

his weight as soon as possible."Reading out the government's assurances to Wangchuk in the presence of his wife Gitanjali Angmo and others at the hospital, Nadda said, "The government is positive on not registering cases against those protesting peacefully at Jantar Mantar in Delhi and those who participated in the march to Parliament on July 20, 2026."

The Union Health Minister further said that the government has already assured discussions in Parliament on paper leaks and education reforms for exams.

"Besides, the government is also positively considering suitable compensation for the suicide victims of recent NEET paper leaks," Nadda added. "This was done after long negotiations on various conditions and in view of possible violence in the country. I will explain the conditions in detail in a separate video very soon. Meanwhile, I urge you all to stay very vigilant about not allowing violence of any kind anywhere," he said in his post on X.

Bhatti Vikramarka Says Singareni Is Telangana's Heartbeat, Calls for 10-Year Growth Plan and Lower Coal Production Costs

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is the "heartbeat" and "soul of Telangana" and stressed that the State Government is committed to making the 130-year-old public sector enterprise stronger, future-ready, and globally competitive. During a field inspection at the Sathupalli Open Cast Coal Mine, he directed officials to improve coal quality, reduce production costs, prepare a 10-year strategic plan, expand into solar energy and critical minerals, and ensure the long-term sustainability of SCCL. Bhatti Vikramarka Inspects Sathupalli Open Cast Mine Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu conducted a field inspection at the Sathupalli Open Cast Coal Mine, where he reviewed: Coal reserves



Coal production processes Coal quality After the inspection, he addressed the media and explained that the visit was undertaken to directly assess mining operations, understand the company's challenges, and review its future plans. Senior officials who accompanied him included: Navin Mittal, Energy Special Chief Secretary Dr. Buddha Prakash Jyoti, Chairman and Managing Director, SCCL Dr. Harish, CMD, TG-GENCO Gautham Potru, Director, SCCL Divakar T.S., Khammam District

Collector MLAs Matta Ragamayee and Maloth Ramdas Naik, among others. "Singareni Is the Soul of Telangana" Calling Singareni the "soul of Telangana," Bhatti Vikramarka said the people of Telangana and Singareni employees share an emotional bond with the 130-year-old institution. He said it is the collective responsibility of everyone to protect the public sector enterprise, strengthen it further, and hand it over to future generations as a profitable organization. According to the Deputy

Chief Minister, the State Government's top priority is to ensure that SCCL remains a strong, efficiently managed, and future-ready public sector enterprise by expanding its business and ensuring long-term

sustainability. He observed that contractors may view overburden removal and coal excavation similarly because payments are based on excavation volume, but management must clearly distinguish between the two.

KTR sends legal notice to CM Revanth over student death remark

The former IT minister said Revanth's remarks were false, malicious and defamatory.

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) served a legal notice to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy demanding a public apology within 48 hours, after the latter held the former responsible for the death of 27 Telangana students in 2019. Revanth lashed out at KTR while speaking at a protest in his Assembly constituency of Kodangal on Wednesday, July 22. He alleged that Globarena Technologies was a 'benami' company of KTR that

indulged in irregularities in the evaluation of Intermediate (11th and 12th standard) exam papers in 2019. "CBSE had to cancel the evaluation process due to irregularities and take up the task all over again. This has led to the suicides. KTR spoke to BJP leaders in Delhi and got a contract," he claimed. Categorically denying any connection with Globarena Technologies, KTR's notice stated, "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made false, malicious and defamatory

statements in a public gathering and later shared them on social media and other public platforms, lacking sufficient evidence. The statements were widely circulated by television channels, newspapers and digital platforms, causing serious damage to Rama Rao's reputation." "CBSE had to cancel the evaluation process due to irregularities and take up the task all over again. This has led to the suicides. The former IT minister said Revanth's remarks were false, malicious and defamatory.

300 families protest demolition in Kalaburagi after court order

Protesters declared that they would not allow their homes to be demolished even at the cost of their lives.

Kalaburagi : Tension prevailed at Siddarameshwara Colony near Aland Check Post in Kalaburagi on Thursday, July 23, after officials initiated steps to clear houses and other structures following a Civil Judge (CJM) court order. The proposed demolition triggered protests from hundreds of residents, who blocked the main road and vowed not to allow the eviction. According to residents, over 300 houses have

come up on Survey Nos. 36 and 95, where families have been living for nearly three to four decades. They claimed they had purchased residential sites from the original landowners through notarised agreements and constructed their homes after investing their life savings. The dispute reached the court after landowner Mohammed Saleemuddin claimed ownership of nearly 13 acres of land based on rev-

enue records (Pahani) and sought possession through legal proceedings. Acting on the court's directions, officials, accompanied by police personnel, arrived at the colony to begin the eviction process. A heated exchange took place between survey officials and residents during the inspection. With the situation becoming tense and facing stiff resistance, the authorities suspended the demolition drive and returned without taking further action.

THEIR WELFARE GOVT'S TOP PRIORITY: AMIT SHAH BACKS PM MODI'S 'YOUTH FIRST' MESSAGE

Home Minister said that the welfare and bright future of the country's youth are both the top priority and a firm resolve of the government.

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of setting up fast-track courts to ensure speedy justice in the NEET paper leak case and said this step will prove to be a milestone in securing and safeguarding the future of students. "The Prime Minister's decision to establish fast-track courts – ensuring speedy trials and strict



action against those guilty in paper leak cases – reflects this commitment," he wrote in a post. He further stated that the significant

step undertaken against those who jeopardise the future of the youth through paper leaks will prove to be a milestone.

Earlier, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal supported the move for fast-tracking trials in paper leak cases. Underscoring the youth as India's "biggest asset", he stated, "the fast-track courts will ensure that those involved in paper leaks are brought to justice. The government under PM Modi is committed to ensuring that youngsters inherit a promising future and have the opportunities to realise their aspirations.

KEJRIWAL SHARES TRADERS' 6:30 PM CLOSURE ADVISORY, QUESTIONS GOVT'S INTENT

New Delhi: Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday claimed that unprecedented security measures have been deployed while ambulances have piled up in and around Jantar Mantar, the epicentre of students' protest against NEET paper leaks, questioning the government's intent and objective behind such escalation. Kejriwal's criticism came on the back of an "urgent" advisory by the New Delhi Traders Association (NDTA), which he also shared on his X handle. "As advised by the Chairman NDMC and Vice Chairman NDMC, telephonically, looking at the critical situation around CP, it has been strictly advised that all shops and establishments, including offices and restaurants, in Connaught Place, New Delhi, shall close for the day by 6.30 pm, today that is 23.07.2026. All establishment owners/occupiers are requested to cooperate and ensure strict compliance with the above directions to avoid any unpleasant situation and save yourself from any loss of property sorry read.