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## Rahul Gandhi Passes Scathing Remarks on PM Modi, Calls Him 'Psychologically Broken'

New Delhi: In a sharp critique, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi has attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the alleged irregularities in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and the cancellation of the University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET). Rahul Gandhi has claimed that PM Modi's silence on these issues is due to him being "crippled" and "psychologically collapsed" following the recent elections. Rahul Gandhi further said that it seems PM Modi is more concerned regarding the election of the Speaker and not bothered about NEET. "The silence (of government) is because the Prime Minister is crippled. Right now, the PM's main agenda is the (election of) Speaker. He is not bothered about NEET or all these things. He is bothered about his government and Speaker. That is where his mind is," Rahul Gandhi said at a press conference on Thursday. "We have a government now, and a Prime Minister now, who will find it very difficult to function. The Prime Minister, if I might say so, is psychologically broken. He has collapsed, psychologically collapsed. and knowing his personality, he will struggle to run a government like this," he added. Continuing his attack on the Prime Minister, Rahul Gandhi said that PM Modi's idea of running the government by frightening people is not working at present. "Mr Modi's idea of running government is to generate fear in people, to frighten people, to make people not speak. But now people are not scared of him," he said. Rahul Gandhi further said that people ridicule PM Modi at present and this may lead to "psychological tensions" in the Prime Minister. "... Now nobody in the country is afraid



of him (PM Modi). They ridicule him now. Earlier the chest was 56 inches, but now I cannot give the number, but it has become 30-32. The balloon which was so big has now become small. This will lead to psychological tensions in him and lead to many problems," he said. Rahul Gandhi further said that Narendra Modi's way of working is not similar to former Prime Ministers like Atal Vihai Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh who have led coalition governments in the past. "If there had been a leader like Vajpayee or Manmohan Singh who had humility, respected people, listened to them, he could have worked in such a situation. But this is not Narendra Modi's style. Narendra Modi cannot listen to anyone, cannot work without force," he said.

### Rahul Gandhi Hints At 'Internal Problems' In BJP

Rahul Gandhi also hinted that there are internal problems in the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh as well. "There are internal problems too, there are problems in their party, there are issues in their parent organization," he said. The Congress MP from Rae Bareilly further said that people have now realised that they are "sitting on a disaster" and they are no longer quiet like before. "Before the elections, it was clear that there was mas-

sive control of the media, other institutions, so people were quiet. Now people are clear that we are sitting on a disaster and we have got a government that is crippled and cannot do the job. It is literally walking around on one leg," Rahul Gandhi said. Acknowledging that the 'paper leak' issue is a crisis, Rahul Gandhi said, "Yes, it is a crisis, a profound national crisis, it's an economic crisis, it's an educational crisis, institutional crisis. But I don't see any response. I don't even see the capability of a response." Speaking about the people who have been arrested from Bihar in the "paper leak" case, he said, "Regarding Bihar, we have said that there should be an inquiry and action should be taken against those who have leaked the paper." When asked if he will raise the NEET issue and the UGC-NET exam cancellation in Parliament, Rahul Gandhi said, "Yes, we will raise the issue in Parliament." Rahul Gandhi also pointed out that the opposition is strong at present and the political situation is "interesting". "Moreover, there is a very strong opposition, so it is a very interesting time," he said. Highlighting the pressures faced by the students appearing for these competitive examinations, Rahul Gandhi said, "There is a huge pressure on our students and the pressure comes from a number of directions. The first direction is the large-scale unemployment that is there in the country. Everybody understands it, everybody knows it and one of the reasons the government suffered in the elections was that all youngsters believe that PM Modi is incapable of solving the employment problem. There is huge pressure because of this and there is very few avenues for students in all areas."

## Education Ministry seeking to bring internal changes in NTA



The education ministry is considering bringing certain internal reforms to the National Testing Agency to make it a test agency that will conduct zero-error examinations in the future. Currently, discussions are on assessing the shortcomings that are resulting in cases of cheating, impersonation, and paper leaks. Presently, the NEET UG exam and the now cancelled UGC NET exam have become present examples where these cases have come to light. The centre has taken into account irregularities in some centres where time loss was found to be a factor that created panic among students. Especially the case investigation done by Patna police on the paper leak that was recently accepted by the government's education ministry. In a press conference, the education minister Dharmendra Pradhan agreed that they were quick to jump the gun on the paper leak issue as they were awaiting evidences to that effect. Bihar police authorities were the first ones to point out a paper leak module for which 13 arrests were made right after the NEET UG exam was done in Patna. Sources further indicated that at present there has been no thought to cancel the NEET UG paper. Minister Dharmendra Pradhan also made it clear in a press conference that for a few concentrated incidents of malpractice, the future of all students cannot be put in jeopardy. The rules of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024 are currently being formulated by the law ministry, the minister said. The bill was passed by the parliament in the last session.

## Ahmadi community allegedly faces arrests over Eid rituals

Islamabad [Pakistan], June 20 : The Ahmadi community in Pakistan is reportedly enduring severe persecution, with recent incidents of arrests emerging during Eid-al-Adha celebrations. According to reports and social media claims, several members of the Ahmadi community were arrested under allegations of performing animal sacrifices, which are prohibited for Ahmadis under Pakistani law. Ahmadis are classified as non-Muslims in Pakistan and are barred from observing certain Islamic rituals. Prominent Pakistani journalist Arshad Yousafzai shared a video on social media platform X alleging that Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) extremists, in collaboration with the Sindh Police, detained Ahmadis in Karachi simply for celebrating Eid. "It's beyond understanding on whose behalf police and TLP terrorists are conducting this aggressive campaign against a peaceful community. Why is this happening?" Arshad questioned. Social media echoed similar sentiments, with users like Forooq Ahmad highlighting instances across Pakistan, particularly in Punjab, where Ahmadis faced harassment and arrests during Eid festivities. Forooq Ahmad mentioned the case of Mubasher Iqbal from Toba Tek Singh, who was reportedly ar-

rested at home for sacrificing a goat, an act considered illegal for Ahmadis. The incidents have sparked renewed discussions on religious freedom and human rights in Pakistan, where minority communities, including Ahmadis, face systematic discrimination and violence. Even during his Eid sermon, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, condemned the injustices perpetrated by extremist religious leaders in Pakistan. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's International Press & Media Office posted on X, "Even on this joyous day of Eid-ul-Adha, so-called clerics are preventing Ahmadi Muslims from the sacrificial rites and traditions of Eid. Ahmadi Muslims are being arrested, harassed, and persecuted merely for taking part in the Islamic rites and joys of Eid which Muslims around the world are commemorating." "The acts of these radical clerics show they have no fear of God and consider persecution as a service to God. But they are trying to take the place of God by determining who is a Muslim and who is not. Quoting 22:38 of the Holy Qur'an, His Holiness said animal sacrifice alone will not please God. Instead, it is the righteousness of the heart which reaches Him."

## US lawmakers congratulate PM Modi on win



New Delhi, : A visiting US Congressional delegation, which had met the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala earlier this week riling the Chinese, on Thursday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On their return to Delhi late on Wednesday, the delegation called on External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

### Beijing says 'respect our sensitivities'

China on Thursday asked the Dalai Lama to thoroughly reflect and completely correct his political propositions for it to hold talks with him and asked the US to respect its sensitivity and importance to Tibet-related issues as Washington is set to pass a tough Tibet policy law. Though the seven-member delegation did not touch on Tibet during its interaction with PM Modi and instead discussed bilateral issues, sources said the signals coming from their interaction with the top Indian leadership soon after the interaction with the Dalai Lama were unmistakable. China has already reacted angrily to the seven legislators from both aisles of the US Congress visiting Dharamsala with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi comparing Chinese President Xi Jinping with Dalai Lama receiving wide coverage. Pelosi had also controversially visited Taipei in 2022. It led to retaliatory, week-long drills by the Chinese military around Taiwan Island. An official news release said the US delegation appreciated the scale, fairness and transparency of elections and democratic processes in India and congratulated PM Modi on his election for the third consecutive term. The PM highlighted the significant role played by the consistent and bipartisan support of the US Congress in advancing India-US ties, it added. PM Modi with US House ex-Speaker Nancy Pelosi in New Delhi.

## Fall at PM's feet again: Tejashwi Yadav to Nitish Kumar after court's quota order



Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav has questioned the "silence" of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar after the Patna High Court scrapped the state government's decision to raise quotas for deprived classes. Speaking to the media on Thursday, Tejashwi Yadav asked Nitish Kumar to urge Prime Minister Narendra Modi to put reservation in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution, which contains a list of central and state laws that cannot be challenged in courts. "He (Nitish) has fallen at the Prime Minister's feet several times. I urge him (Nitish) to do it one more time to make reservation a part of the Ninth Schedule," Yadav said. The former Deputy Chief Minister also accused the BJP of being "anti-reservation". "We are hurt and we were suspecting this earlier that the BJP will try to stop the reservation. We already said this during elections that BJP people are against the reservation. You must be aware that when we conducted the caste-based survey, people of BJP filed PIL to try to stop it, but we won at

the end. I don't understand why the Chief Minister is silent on this," Tejashwi Yadav said. Earlier in the day, the Patna High Court struck down the Bihar government's decision to raise quotas for Dalits, backward classes and tribals from 50 to 65 per cent. "I will be writing to him (Nitish Kumar) to suggest that he lead an all-party delegation, which would meet the PM and seek remedial measures," said Yadav. "As far as legal remedy is concerned, the RJD will move the Supreme Court against the high court order if the state government fails to rise to the occasion," said the RJD leader, who was the deputy CM when Bihar came out with the report of the caste survey, which pointed out a rise in population of SCs, STs, OBCs and extremely backward classes.

## BJP Has Proved to Be the Kiss of Death for Ajit Pawar

The question being asked in Maharashtra's political circles is whether the controversial deputy chief minister, Ajit Pawar, has become the 'Nadendra Bhaskara Rao' of Maharashtra as the clock ticks towards the Assembly polls. Rao faced ignominy four decades ago when he became Andhra Pradesh's chief minister, replacing Telugu Desam Party founder N.T. Rama Rao, in a Congress-backed operation performed by controversial governor Ram Lal. Rao served the shortest term till date - 31 days. For Ajit, better known as 'Dada' in state politics, it is a bizarre riches-to-rags story, unheard of in recent times. On a slippery slope after the Lok Sabha elections, he and his party have been struck by a series of developments that could turn politically fatal. Ajit's faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has failed to secure a place in the Union Cabinet despite being part of the NDA. The growing discourse within the BJP in Maharashtra, as well as Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, is unnerving. The call to 'dump Ajit and his party' is gaining momentum. Ramdas Kadam, a Shiv Sena leader (Shinde faction), took potshots at Ajit, saying it would have been better if Ajit's entry into the Mahayuti would have been delayed. With Ajit becoming the bone of contention, such attacks are bound to grow in the days to come. This could also be part of the BJP's game plan to force Ajit to accept less seats in the upcoming polls. The BJP has to tread with care as Shinde Sena's profile grows. The fact of the matter is that no one wants Ajit as there is no such thing as a free lunch in politics. Ajit has created a record for the longest tenure as deputy chief minister in Maharashtra, and perhaps in the country, and is known as one of the most competent ministers in the state. Another leader who faced a similar fate is Dushyant Chautala, grandson of the late Devi Lal, after the BJP threw him out of the coalition in Haryana unceremoniously not too long ago. But the Jannayak Janta Party chief is a fluke in Haryana politics. Ajit's dramatic operation a



year ago - on July 3 to be exact, to ditch his uncle Sharad Pawar and split his party to become the deputy chief minister - was aimed at becoming the chief minister in the future. Ajit was being probed for various scandals, including the Rs 70,000 crore irrigation scam, about which the Prime Minister had targeted the NCP just three days before the 64-year-old leader joined the BJP-dominated government. Time to Dismantle the Narendra Modi Personality Cult Ajit's grudge was that Sharad Pawar was the obstacle to his becoming Chief Minister. Now, things have reached such a pass that there is a question mark over whether Ajit could even become an MLA again from his fiefdom of Baramati. It seems that the association with the BJP could have proved the kiss of death politically for both Dshyant and Ajit. Both had won the polls on an anti-BJP platform. But the BJP, having long sought to undermine Sharad Pawar, had been nurturing Ajit and his ambitions subtly but surely. As the Leader of the Opposition a year ago, Ajit treated the BJP with kid gloves and more than once praised Modi's leadership. The 'Operation Demolition Sharad Pawar' during the prestigious Lok Sabha election in his pocket borough of Baramati was orchestrated by the BJP, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, with Ajit as the 'actor'. The BJP virtually forced him to field his wife, Sunetra, effectively putting him to the test in Baramati. Since failing the test, nothing has gone right for Ajit. His faction of the NCP has become a house of cards - one that might collapse sooner rather than later. Reports have it that his faction could be in for a free-fall ahead of the Assembly polls. A leader of Sharad's faction has

claimed that up to 19 of Ajit's MLAs are in touch with them. Reports suggest that these MLAs might desert Ajit after the conclusion of the Assembly session beginning next week. No one wants to forgo the funds allocated to their constituencies ahead of the polls due in October-November. Ajit, handling the finance portfolio, is in a whirlpool. According to reports, Sharad could field one of his grandsons, Yugendra, from Baramati that has been held by Ajit for more than two decades. Yugendra is the son of Ajit's younger brother Srinivas, who sided with his uncle from day one. The NCP leader has stirred a hornet's nest by compelling the BJP to send his wife, Sunetra, to the Rajya Sabha. This has led to internal problems, with several senior leaders becoming unhappy. One of them is senior minister Chagan Bhujbal, the OBC face of the party, who reportedly is in search of greener pastures. Shiv Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray has slammed the door on him after reports appeared that Bhujbal, a former Shiv Sainik, was keen to join the party. Ajit has secured just one out of the four seats it contested in the state and its vote share is an abysmally low of 3.61%. The cup of woes is overflowing for Ajit as the party's nominee, Praful Patel, failed to get a place in the Union Cabinet. The BJP expressed its inability to make him a Cabinet minister when the party's strength in the Lok Sabha is just 1. What has worsened things is that the party's several Assembly strongholds fell like ninepins as the candidates of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, including the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad's NCP got massive leads in Assembly segments held by Ajit's men. It indicates that the party MLAs have sensed the winning side and are subtly dumping their party to cross over at the right time. What has come as a straw on the camel's back is that the RSS, through its mouthpiece, The Organiser, is rubbing salt in Ajit's wounds. In an article by senior Sangh researcher Ratan Sharada, The Organiser has questioned the BJP's tie-up with the controversial leader.

