

After Supreme Court scraps quota, Bangladesh protesters suspend agitation amid Hasina's crackdown

After the Supreme Court scrapped the contentious job quota, the Bangladesh student groups have suspended protests for 48 hours. Even as protesters have suspended their movement for now, the military continues to patrol the streets and internet remains suspended in the country. The protesters have given Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina an ultimatum that internet should be restored while their movement is suspended or they would return to the streets. In violence over the past one week or so, more than 160 people have been killed in clashes between protesters and security personnel. Hundreds more have been injured at over 500 protesters have been arrested.

Uneasy calm after Supreme Court's fresh ruling

The Bangladesh Supreme Court on Sunday scrapped most of the contentious quota that had been the trigger of protests. Under the contentious quota system of Bangladesh, around half of all jobs in the country, including civil services posts, were reserved for select groups like the descendants of veterans of the 1971 War of Liberation. The critics said the system was rigged in favour of Hasina as her

NCW takes suo motu cognizance of Rewa incident in Madhya Pradesh



New Delhi [India].: The National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo motu cognizance of the incident in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa, where two women were partially buried in murrum amid a family dispute. The NCW has written to the state police chief regarding the matter and asked to send an Action Taken Report (ATR) within three days. "The National Commission for Women has taken suo moto cognizance of a media report titled 'Truck Dumps Gravel On 2 Women, Tries To Bury Them Alive In Madhya Pradesh'. The incident, a fallout of a land dispute in Hinauta, Rewa district, saw two women nearly buried alive and later rescued by locals. A letter has been sent by Chairperson NCW, @sharmarekha to DGP of the state to send a detailed report in the matter and an ATR is expected in 3 days. MPPoliceDeptt," NCW posted on X on Monday. The incident occurred in Hinauta village of Madhya Pradesh's Rewa on July 20, in which two women were partially buried after murrum was off-loaded over them from a dumper truck while they were protesting against the construction of a road. The victims alleged that they were assaulted by the accused and were buried when they protested against the road construction work. According to the Rewa police, a case has been registered for attempted murder against three persons including the dumper truck driver and two family members of the victims. "The accused have been identified as Praveen (the dumper truck driver), Gokaran Pandey (the father-in-law of one of the victims), and Bipin Pandey (another family member). One of the accused, Bipin, has been taken into custody, and the dumper-truck has also been seized," Rewa SP Vivek Singh said. The investigation is underway and the hunt to trace and nab the other two accused is on, the police said.

family-run Bangladesh Awami League (BAL) was central to the war of liberation and her father Mujibur Rahman was the leader of the movement and was the first president of Bangladesh after the nation was formed. Hence, the critics said, the quota effectively reserved the jobs for children of Hasina's supporters. In its order on Sunday, the Supreme Court ruled that 93 per cent of government jobs should be open to candidates on merit and only 7 per cent should be reserved. Of the 7 per cent reserved jobs, 5 per cent would be reserved for ethnic minorities and 2 per cent for the descendants of freedom fighters, said the top court. Even though the immediate trigger of student-led agitation was the quota system, as the Opposition party Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) joined the agitating student groups, it took the shape of a broader movement opposed to Hasina and her 15 years of rule in the country. Hasina's critics have long alleged that she has ruled with an iron fist and claimed democratic backsliding under her. Earlier this year, Hasina effectively won a fourth term unopposed as the main opposition party, BNP, had boycotted the



elections. Following the Supreme Court's order, the protesters have suspended the movement an uneasy relative calm prevails in Bangladesh - for now. More than 160 killed, over 500 arrested in Bangladesh protests. At least 163 people have been killed in the clashes, including "several" police personnel, according to AFP. The agency has compiled the numbers from police and hospital records. The police in Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital, told the agency that "at least 532" people had been arrested in the capital since the protests began. Those arrested include BNP leaders. As the streets in Dhaka remained largely quiet on Monday, Army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman said the law and order situation had been

brought "under control" since the military was deployed, as per the agency. Even though the protests have been suspended, sporadic violence was reported on Monday and four people were brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries, according to the agency. The internet remains suspended in Bangladesh. The websites and social media accounts of major media organisations, including newspapers Dhaka Tribune and Daily Star, remain out of operations. Internet freedom watchdog NetBlocks said on X (formerly Twitter): "Network data show #Bangladesh has now been offline for four days with a nationwide internet shutdown remaining in place amidst student protests." The usage of military vehicles with United Nations (UN) markings in crushing the protests under question. Moreover, the international scrutiny of Hasina's heavy-handedness has further been questioned as diplomats summoned by her minister and shown footage purportedly of protesters damaging the property said the government was presenting a one-sided narrative and was not acknowledging the firing by own police personnel.

Karnataka Cabinet Approves Resolution To Scrap NEET After Shivakumar's Call For State Entrance Exam

The Karnataka Cabinet on Monday approved a resolution to scrap the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) in the state, replacing it with a new entrance exam for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students. In a late-night session on Monday, the Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, also approved two additional resolutions: one concerning the delimitation of state legislative assemblies and Lok Sabha constituencies, and another opposing the concept of 'One Nation, One Election'. These resolutions are expected to be presented during the current legislative session, possibly as early as Tuesday, sources told news agency PTI. This development comes amid growing concerns surrounding NEET. Last week, Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar urged the central government to scrap NEET and allow states to conduct their own entrance examinations. "The irregularities in

the NEET exam are serious. It is a question of the future of lakhs of students. The Centre must scrap NEET and allow states to conduct their own entrance tests. Students from across the country can participate in the tests conducted by states," Shivakumar stated. He further criticised the impact on Karnataka students, stating, "Injustice is being meted out to the students from Karnataka. Karnataka has built colleges, but it is benefitting students from North India and depriving its own students. We have to fight unitedly against this. The Centre must conduct an inquiry into the NEET exam irregularities also." Previously, in 2021, the DMK government in Tamil Nadu had passed legislation seeking exemption from NEET, with Chief Minister MK Stalin calling the exam as discriminatory and disadvantageous to rural aspirants aspiring to pursue medical careers. A similar attempt was made by the AIADMK government under Edappadi K



Palaniswami, but the bill failed to receive presidential approval in 2017. Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated investigations into multiple alleged irregularities and instances of paper leaks in the NEET-UG 2024 exams, lodging six FIRs so far. The NEET-UG, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), serves as the gateway for admissions into MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and other related courses in both government and private institutions.

20 people from Kerala are enough for searching Arjun: Karnataka police

KARWAR: Karnataka police said that only 20 people from Kerala are needed to search for Kozhikode native Arjun, who went missing in a landslide. During the search, there was an argument between the Malayali rescue workers and the Karnataka police. It was suggested that 20 people from Kerala are sufficient as the search is happening at the same time. It appears that the dispute has now been resolved. There is heavy rain in the area. A red alert has been announced. There is also a possibility of landslides repeating. It is informed that the warning has been given as a precaution in the background of this. The river is also being searched using special radar equipment to see if any part of the



lorry can be found. A team of soldiers and experts are present here. MLA Satish Sail informed that the search for Arjun on the land area will be completed today. From tomorrow, further search will be done in the river. Dredging possibilities are also being explored. Permission will be sought for this. Sathish Sail said that

the bridge and weather are obstacles and a retired expert from NDRF will reach the spot tomorrow. The army stated that they got crucial information during the search for Arjun, but the lorry was not found during the search. The radar signal was received from two places. The search for Arjun continues for the seventh day today. The investigation is based on the suspicion that Arjun's lorry may have been parked near the roadside. There is still a dune on the side of the road. The lorry driven by Arjun was hit by a massive landslide on the Kanyakumari-Panavel National Highway 66 on the Mangaluru-Goa route at Shirur near Angola. The accident happened at 8.30 am on Tuesday.

Chandrayaan-3 Wins World Space Award for Historic Lunar Landing: 5 Key Points To Remember

Chandrayaan-3, India's lunar mission that achieved the historic feat of landing near the lunar South Pole, has been honoured with the prestigious World Space Award by the International Astronautical Federation. This recognition places India among the elite group of nations, including the US, Russia, and China, that have accomplished soft landings on the Moon. The award ceremony is set to take place on October 14 during the opening ceremony of the 75th International Astronautical Congress in Milan, Italy, over a year after Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on August 23, 2023. The International Astronautical Federation praised the mission for its blend of scientific curiosity and cost-effective engineering, highlighting India's dedication to excellence and the significant potential of space exploration. The federation noted that Chandrayaan-3 has rapidly revealed new aspects of the Moon's composition and geology, marking a global milestone in innovation. Chandrayaan-3 is notable not only for its scientific achievements but also for its successful integration of India's space and nuclear sectors. The mission's propulsion module was powered by nuclear technology, showcasing India's advanced capabilities in these fields. The mission's success has inspired numerous celebrations and events across India to commemorate the first anniversary of the landing. These events will likely reflect on the mission's accomplishments and its contributions to lunar science and exploration. Chandrayaan-3 stands as a testament to India's growing prowess in space technology and exploration. It exemplifies the country's ability to conduct complex space missions on a budget, setting a high standard for future endeavours. The mission's success underscores the importance of international collaboration and innovation in advancing human understanding of the cosmos.

Chandrayaan-3: 5 Key Points To Remember

First Landing on Lunar South Pole: Chandrayaan-3 was the first successful mission to achieve a soft landing on the unexplored south polar region of the Moon. This region is of particular interest to scientists due to the presence of water ice in permanently shadowed craters.

Successor to Chandrayaan-2: Chandrayaan-3 served as a follow-up mission to Chandrayaan-2, which aimed to land a lunar rover but encountered a hard landing in 2019. Chandrayaan-3 addressed the technical challenges faced by its predecessor and successfully placed a lander and rover on the lunar surface.

Limited Mission Duration: The mission was designed to operate for just three months due to the harsh lunar environment and the lander's limitations. Unlike rovers designed to withstand extreme temperatures, the Chandrayaan-3 lander wasn't built to endure the long lunar night, where temperatures plummet. Designed by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation): The entire Chandrayaan-3 mission was planned, developed, and executed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This achievement marked a significant milestone in India's spacefaring journey, showcasing their domestic space exploration capabilities.

Short-lived Rover Deployment: The mission deployed a six-wheeled rover named "Pragyan," an iteration of the rover used in Chandrayaan-2. However, Pragyan's operations were limited to the three-month lifespan of the lander. Future missions may leverage the learnings from Chandrayaan-3 to develop rovers capable of surviving the lunar night for extended scientific exploration.

Dharmendra Pradhan's scathing attack on Rahul Gandhi: 'Understands maths of...'

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday launched a scathing attack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over the raging NEET-UG row, saying the Congress politician understands the "fundamentals and maths of unfair practises too well". In a post on X, the minister said the Congress-led UPA government couldn't enact laws to prevent malpractices in educational institutions. "The LoP and his cabal are all but shedding crocodile tears. The ground reality on paper leaks during the UPA regime and when Shri Akhilesh was at the helm of UP, will open a can of worms for both Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav," Pradhan said. "Maybe Rahul Gandhi understands the fundamentals and maths of unfair practices too well. That explains why the Congress govt. failed to implement the bills to stop malpractices in educational institutions, including the Prohibition of Unfair Practices Bill, of 2010," he added. He asked Rahul Gandhi to spell out under what compulsion the Congress refused to enact laws to end irregularities in com-

petitive exams. Earlier today, Gandhi spearheaded the Opposition's attack on the government in the Parliament as he said a very serious problem was afflicting the country's exam system and Pradhan had blamed everyone except himself. "The minister has blamed everybody except himself. I don't even think he understands the fundamentals of what is going on here... the issue is that millions of students in this country are extremely concerned about what is going on and who is convinced that the Indian examination system is a fraud," Gandhi said. He said the rich could buy the Indian examination system. "As this is a systemic issue, what exactly are you doing to fix this issue at the systemic level?" he asked Pradhan, who was responding to queries during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha. A visibly upset Pradhan said it was unfortunate that the member described the examination system as rubbish. He said he was at the mercy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government was collectively responsible. The minister also asserted that there



had been no evidence of paper leaks in the last seven years. Pradhan said the government wasn't hiding anything and everything was on record. Samajwadi Party MP Akhilesh Yadav attacked the government, saying it would make a record of paper leaks. "The NTA should publish a list of centres where a high number of students have performed well... how is this possible that students from particular centres have done far better than others," Yadav said. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that NDA has cancelled 16 exams in total since its inception in 2018.

Wife Of Gujarat IAS Officer, Who 'Eloped' With Gangster, Commits Suicide After Husband Denies Her Entry In House



Gujarat: The wife of a Gujarat IAS, who eloped with a gangster nine months ago, ingested poison after she was denied entry to the officer's Gandhinagar house upon her return on Saturday. The woman, Surya Jay, died while being treated in a city hospital on Sunday. According to the Police, Jay was also a prime accused in a child abduction case and Tamil Nadu police were searching for her. Surya Jay's husband, IAS Ranjeet

Kumar, a secretary at Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, had reportedly directed the house staff not to let her enter the house upon her arrival. Police further said that she might have gone to the house of her estranged husband to evade arrest by Tamil Nadu police in the abduction of a 14-year-old Madurai boy.

Couple Was Heading For Divorce

According to an NDTV report, the couple has been living separately since 2023. They were also heading for the divorce. Ranjeet was reportedly gone out to finalise the divorce petition on Saturday when Surya came to his Gandhinagar house and tried to force her way in. On being denied entry by the domestic staff, she ate a poisonous substance and called an ambulance through the 108

helpline. Suicide Note Found Police have found a suicide note written in Tamil near her body, Gandhinagar SP Ravi Teja Vasamsetty said however, the official denied divulging any further details. The incident was reported from Sector 19 in Gandhinagar. Gujarat IAS Wife's Name Cropped Up With Tamil Gangster Surya Jay's name reportedly cropped up in a case involving her gangster love Maharaja High Court, and his accomplice Senthil Kumar. They allegedly kidnapped a boy on July 11 due to a monetary dispute with his mother and demanded a ransom of Rs 2 crore from her, but the Madurai police successfully rescued the boy. The police then started searching for everyone involved, including Surya.

12th Fail Student Scores 705 In NEET UG 2024? Viral Marksheet Sparks Debate

The NEET UG controversy is currently making headlines. A large number of students have scored more than 700 marks in the exam. When the NEET UG result was released in June, a photo of the marksheet of a student from Gujarat went viral. A candidate who had failed in 12th grade made headlines by scoring 705 marks in the NEET UG exam. On July 20, city- and center-wise NEET UG results were uploaded on the NTA's website, exams.nta.ac.in. Since then, this student has been in the news again. The name of the student is Anjali Hirjibhai Patel. Two mark sheets in the name of this student are going viral on social media. One is the 12th board exam, and the other is the NEET UG. According to the mark sheet, Anjali had failed in Physics and Chemistry in 12th grade but managed to score 705 marks in NEET.

GSEB 12th Board Result: Anjali

Seat No: 8216798	Name: P. HIRJIBHAI
School Index: 02.0410	SID: 244
Group: B	Overall
Science Personal: --	Theory
Result: Needs Improvement	
Subject Name	Total Marks
004 ENGLISH (F.L.)	100
052 CHEMISTRY	100
053 CHEMISTRY PRACT.	50

Hirjibhai Patel had received the 12th examination from the Gujarat Board. She had scored only 352 marks out of 700 in the Gujarat Board 12th Science exam. She had scored 31 out of 100 in chemistry and only 21 in physics. She failed in both of these subjects. Her marks in biology and computer science are also not very good. In most of the subjects, she has B, C, D, or E grades. But her performance in the NEET UG 2024 exam has surprised everyone.

NEET UG Result: According to reports, there is no confirmation of

the authenticity of these two mark sheets. The student's details are the same in both the mark sheets on social media. According to this, Anjali Hirjibhai Patel has scored 705 out of 720 marks in the NEET UG 2024 exam. In this, she has a 99.8903697 percentile in physics, 99.8618693 in chemistry, and 99.9402991 in biology (Botany and Zoology). It is a big deal for a 12th fail student to score so much in the NEET.

Dummy Student: Many media reports are claiming that Anjali Hirjibhai Patel was a dummy student. This means that she took admission to a school and stopped going there after attending classes for some time. After this, she went directly to give practicals and written exams. Being a dummy student, she must have had trouble covering school studies and the syllabus, and perhaps that is why she failed. There has been no official confirmation till now.

