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UNION MINISTER CHOUHAN LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE 'KHET BACHAO ABHIYAN' FROM MP'S RAISEN DISTRICT

MADHYA PRADESH TO IMPLEMENT UCC SOON, SAYS CHIEF MINISTER YADAV, URGES PUBLIC TO SHARE SUGGESTIONS

Part of conspiracy to engineer defections from party: TMC

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Party functionaries scrambled to contain damage as spokesperson Kunal Ghosh alleged a broader conspiracy led by Ritabrata to engineer defections. Ghosh referred to an alleged meeting between Ritabrata and more than 20 TMC MLAs at a hotel, a charge the MLA denied.

According to Adhikari, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee wrote to the speaker on May 9 nominating opposition leader, deputy leader and chief whip. After seeking supporting documents, assembly authorities received a resolution carrying signatures of 70 MLAs, including 14 names written in block letters.

"The two TMC MLAs complained to the speaker, alleging no resolution was adopted on May 6. Complaint alleged resolution dated May 6 was fabricated," Adhikari said. Following directions from the speaker, assembly authorities lodged an FIR. CID has so far conducted videography, photography and signature verification of 13 legislators. Adhikari claimed three of them — Baharul Islam, Arup Roy and Subhashish Das — told investigators the signatures were not theirs. "TMC, even after losing, has not given up its habit of theft. They are certified veteran thieves. They are deeply corrupt," Adhikari alleged.

Expelled MLA Saha said he acted against what he described as an illegal exercise. "Abhishek Banerjee signed and submitted the document, certifying that this was our resolution… We had no knowledge that signatures on an attendance register would later be converted into a resolution… This is completely illegal," said Saha. Ritabrata said the complaint was a conscious decision. "Someone had to do it," he said, alleging many TMC legislators were unhappy after being pressured to publicly endorse Abhishek's handling of the election despite defeat.

Conflicting accounts from within TMC added another layer to controversy. Baharul Islam said he never signed the resolution. "I did not step out of my house on May 6 because of violence. There is no question of signing it," he said.

Didi: TMC will protest despite no police permit

Kolkata: The TMC will go ahead with its planned sit-in here against the alleged attacks on party leaders and workers, and the railways' hawker eviction drive, despite the police denying permission for it, party supremo Mamata Banerjee said on Monday.

She alleged that while the common people and small traders were living in fear, and hawkers were being evicted without a proper rehabilitation plan, the ruling BJP was using "money and power" to engineer defections in her party.

The former chief minister however, asserted that the departure of leaders from the party fold would help rebuild the organisation, and the TMC would emerge stronger from the crisis. She said that 12 TMC workers had been killed since the assembly elections and that thousands of party activists had been arrested. PTI

NTA: Will focus on NEET-UG retest in pen & paper mode

Will Transition To CBT Format In 2027: NTA to SC

New Delhi: Amid ongoing controversies around the conduct of NEET and CUET UG 2026, the top National Testing Agency (NTA) officials in a meeting told a parliamentary standing committee that the agency's complete focus for now was to hold the June 21 NEET-UG re-test in pen-paper format, sources said on Monday.

The meeting was held by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports to discuss the pros and cons of the pen and paper testing system versus computer-based testing (CBT) used in examinations in the country.

Top NTA officials, including its director general Abhishek Singh, who also attended the meeting, are learnt to have told the panel that it intends to hold the NEET exam in CBT format from 2027, but it is currently focused on holding the re-test in pen and paper format.

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Members of various students' union take part in protest in New Delhi

The NTA earlier informed the Supreme Court that NEET-UG will transition to the CBT format in 2027 to enhance examination security.

The recommendation to transition to a computer-based test was made by a high-level expert committee.

Secretary (Higher Education) Vineet Joshi and Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) Punya Salila Srivastava were summoned by the Committee on Monday to appear before it to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the pen and paper and the CBT systems.

As per the agenda of the meeting on Monday, the panel was to consider and adopt the 381st Report on Action Taken by the govt on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the 364th Report on Demands for Grants (2025-26) of the department of higher education, ministry of education. PTI

Ministry believes issue may point to deeper lapses

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Sources indicated that the ministry believes the controversy goes beyond isolated technical failures and may point to deeper procedural and oversight lapses within the system.

The OSM tender controversy escalated after allegations surfaced that eligibility norms and technical criteria were modified across multiple rounds of bidding before Hyderabad-based Coempt Edu Tech emerged as the successful bidder.

The issue further snowballed after students began reporting blurred answer sheets, mismatched scanned copies and repeated glitches during the reevaluation process. Opposition leaders and independent analysts asked whether procurement conditions were diluted to favour a particular company.

'Mantri Pradhan' should follow his 'rajdharma' and resign: Congress

New Delhi: The Congress on Monday launched a scathing attack on the Modi govt over the CBSE OSM row, saying the "Pradhan Mantri" has never been known to hold himself or his colleagues to any standard of probity or morality but the "Mantri Pradhan" should follow his "rajdharma" and immediately resign.

The opposition party reiterated its demand that education minister Dharmendra Pradhan must resign immediately, alleging that he had presided "over one of the biggest institutional failures in India's education history".

Congress leader **Jairam Ramesh** shared a media report on X and said that after denying cybersecurity vulnerabilities in its OSM system for weeks, the CBSE has finally acknowledged that the system has been compromised. But what action is it planning to take against its contractor COEMPT, he asked, adding, "not much". PTI

BJP not seeking revenge against TMC: Suvendu

Kolkata: Asserting that the BJP govt was not seeking revenge against the TMC, West Bengal CM **Suvendu Adhikari** on Monday said the CID sent a notice to MP Abhishek Banerjee following a complaint by two of his own party's MLAs.

He said two TMC MLAs, Ritabrata Bandopadhyay and Sandipan Saha, complained to the Assembly Secretariat that their signatures in the party's resolution for appointing SobhandebChattopadhyay as the leader of opposition were forged. Immediately after the CM's press conference, the TMC expelled the two legislators from the party for "anti-party activities".

"It may seem like vengeance to some, but we do not want to do any such thing since TMC is already defunct," the CM said. Abhishek Banerjee has alleged a political vendetta by the BJP govt in the state over its actions.

Adhikari maintained that neither the BJP nor the govt has any role in the CID sending a notice to Banerjee to appear before it on Monday in connection with its probe into the alleged forgery of signatures. PTI

CID visits Abhishek's house for 2nd time

Kolkata: Sleuths of Bengal CID on Monday evening visited the residence of TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in Kalighat area here for the second time in a little over 48 hours in connection with a signature forgery case, officials said. The development came hours after Banerjee sought 15 days from the probe agency, citing health reasons. PTI

Swapan Dasgupta, 34 others included in Bengal cabinet

Kolkata: BJP MLAs Swapan Dasgupta, Tapas Roy and Shankar Ghosh are among the 35 legislators who took oath as ministers on Monday as West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari expanded his cabinet, taking the total strength of the council of ministers to 41.

A carefully-crafted balance, based on geographical, ethnic and gender considerations, characterised the expanded council of ministers of the first BJP-helmed govt in the state.

Governor RN Ravi administered the oath of office to the legislators at a programme held at Lok Bhavan here in the presence of Adhikari, the existing ministers of his cabinet and senior bureaucrats of the state administration.

While 13 BJP MLAs were sworn in as cabinet ministers, three took oath as ministers of state (Independent Charge) and 19 others were inducted in the council as ministers of state. PTI

SC declines plea to conduct '26 NEET-UG retest in CBT mode

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to accept a plea seeking the conduct of the NEET-UG 2026 re-test on June 21 in computer-based test mode, saying the NTA is already faced with too many problems.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Aravind Kumar, which posted the plea by RJD MP Sudhakar Singh and others for hearing on July 27, refused to order the conduct of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate), or NEET-UG, in computer-based test (CBT) mode instead of the existing pen-and-paper method.

On May 12, the NTA cancelled the NEET-UG held on May 3 for medical admissions amid allegations of paper leak. The CBI is currently investigating the matter, and a retest is scheduled for June 21. "There is no question of conducting the re-examination in CBT mode. They (the NTA) are already having too many problems. The examination was cancelled, and now it is being re-conducted. Either we dismiss this petition now or after the vacation," the bench told advocate Satyam Singh Rajput, appearing for the petitioners.

At the outset, Rajput said they are not pressing any other prayer but only one related to conducting the retest in CBT mode. The bench said that similar matters were earlier dismissed by the court.

Rajput then submitted that the re-examination is being conducted physically, insisting that it be held in the CBT mode.

Justice Narasimha told the counsel to understand the current pressure on the NTA. PTI

J'khand girl dies, family claims she killed herself over NEET cancellation

Koderma: A NEET aspirant was found dead in Jharkhand's Koderma district, following which her family claimed that she took her life as she was upset with the medical entrance test being cancelled. The incident took place in Chitragupt Nagar in the Telaiya police station area on Sunday night, police said.

The 17-year-old girl was alone in her room when her family called her for dinner. After receiving no response for a long time, family members forced open the door and found her body hanging with a scarf, they said. She was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her dead, they added. PTI

Will return on June 6, want Pradhan to quit: CJP founder

New Delhi: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder **Abhijeet Dipke** on Monday said he would return to India from Boston, the US, on June 6 to launch a peaceful protest seeking the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over examination-related lapses.

In a video released on Instagram and X, Dipke called on supporters of the CJP and students to join the protest in Delhi.

"The time has come for all of us to come together, following the path of the Constitution, and peacefully raise our voices to demand Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. If we raise our voices together, they will definitely have to listen to us," he said.

"I will arrive in Delhi on Saturday morning, June 6. Please join me at the airport, and together we will go to the Parliament Street police station to seek permission to hold a peaceful protest at Jantar Mantar," Dipke said. PTI

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Siddaramaiah, DKS reach Delhi for cabinet talks

New Delhi: Karnataka CM-designate D K Shivakumar and senior leader Siddaramaiah arrived in the national capital on Monday to hold consultations with the Congress high command over the composition of the new state cabinet, ahead of the June 3 swearing-in ceremony.

Shivakumar, who replaces Siddaramaiah after being formally elected leader of the Congress Legislature Party in Karnataka on Saturday, is scheduled to be sworn in as the CM alongside select members of his council on Wednesday.

With Karnataka's council of ministers capped at 34 and a swelling pool of aspirants vying for limited berths, Shivakumar faces one of his first and most consequential tests.

Party sources acknowledged the risk of widespread disgruntlement among those who fail to make the cut.

Speculation is rife that the new govt could have multiple deputy CMs. PTI

Floating new party? Annamalai to clarify his stand in two days

Chennai: Amid speculations that he was sulking in the BJP and that he may float a new political party, the saffron party leader from Tamil Nadu, K Annamalai, on Monday said he would clarify his stand in two days.

"Please wait. We will sit down and talk in two days," he told reporters when pressed about the buzz that he is heading to the national capital to meet party chief Nitin Nabin, as he planned to quit the party.

The former state president's opposition to the recent CBSE's announcement on implementing the three-language policy for Class 9 students from the current academic year, and his demand to roll back the notification, fuelled speculation that he was opposing the Centre as he was getting geared up to launch his own party.

He played a crucial role in roping in TTV Dhinakaran and former chief minister O Panneerselvam for the 2021 assembly election

The former IPS official who played a crucial role in roping in TTV Dhinakaran and O Panneerselvam for the 2021 assembly election has been maintaining a low profile after the party high command replaced him with Nainar Nagenthran and revived the electoral pact with the AIADMK ahead of the 2026 assembly election.

A source in the BJP said that Annamalai was unlikely to quit the party as he may be given a bigger role to play. But some of his supporters favoured the former state president to float a new party. PTI

TN CM slams DMK, AIADMK for trying to 'form govt to loot'

Tiruchirappalli: Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay on Monday rejected the horse-trading charge levelled against him and accused DMK and AIADMK of surreptitiously "attempting to form the govt to loot".

Addressing his maiden rally after assuming charge as CM, Vijay slammed the DMK for criticising him and alleged that the DMK's "family politics" was the reason for their defeat in the April 23 assembly election.

"The people have made me the 'first sewak', not CM," he said and added that the more the DMK criticised him, the more advantageous it would turn out for the TVK. PTI

Naga apex body cancels release of 14 Kuki civilians after talks fail

Imphal/Senapati: The apex body of Naga tribes in Manipur on Monday cancelled the scheduled release of 14 Kuki civilians following disagreements with certain youth leaders and stakeholders of the tribal community. In a statement, the United Naga Council said, "Considering the prevailing sentiments of the Naga public, the proposed release of the 14 Kuki detainees, hereby stands cancelled."

The 14 Kuki civilians were detained and taken hostage on May 13 and were scheduled to be released on Monday afternoon before being taken to Kangpokpi district for a reception programme. PTI

JoSAA 2026 Counselling for Seat Allocation to UG Programs (AY 2026-27) in NITs, IIEST Shibpur, IIITs, and GFTIs starts from June 02, 2026

Notification No. CSAB2026/01, dated June 02, 2026

Online counselling for seat allocation to undergraduate programs (AY 2026–27) for NITs, IIEST Shibpur, IIITs and other GFTIs will be conducted through JoSAA 2026.

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AASU leader killed, sister injured in machete attack; cops shoot down assailant

Nalbari (Assam): A jilted youth who killed a local All Assam Students' Union (AASU) leader and critically injured his cousin sister in a machete attack was gunned down by police while trying to escape after his arrest in Nalbari district on Monday.

The attack on Madhurjya Barman (19) and his cousin sister, a class 11 student, took place on Sunday evening when they were returning home from Nalbari, while police killed assailant Ashik Ali alias Roj Ali in Mukalmua on Monday. Nalbari SP Bibekananda Das said Ali had snatched a self-loading rifle from a policeman and fired at the team. In retaliation, cops shot and killed him, he added.

Cops said Ali had proposed to the girl, but she had rejected his proposal. He had threatened to kill the girl. Her parents wanted to lodge a complaint, but relented after Ali's parents assured he wouldn't cause trouble, police said. PTI

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