

CM: Those behind paper leaks won't be spared

Jai Narain Pandey | TNN

Patna: CM Samrat Choudhary on Thursday said those responsible for paper leaks would not be spared, asserting that any attempt to undermine the future of the country's youth would not be tolerated.

In a post on X, Choudhary said the youth were the country's greatest strength and any attempt to undermine their dreams and future would not be tolerated.

He assured that the strictest legal action would be taken against those involved in paper leak cases and that no guilty person would escape punishment.

Sharing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message on the issue, Choudhary said the NDA govt was committed to protecting the future of the country's youth. Modi had earlier stated that those responsible for paper leaks would face stringent punishment through fast-track courts.

BJP state president Sanjay Saraogi said the Centre was ready for a detailed discussion in Parliament on issues such as the NEET-UG paper leak, but alleged that Congress, Rahul Gandhi and the



Police personnel stop protesters in Patna on Thursday

opposition were avoiding the debate and attempting to create unrest in the name of student protests. He accused the opposition of trying to derive political mileage from students' sentiments.

Meanwhile, deputy CM Vijay Kumar Choudhary said anti-social elements who allegedly infiltrated Wednesday's student protest in Patna and attacked legislators and journalists would be identified and punished. While reaffirming students' democratic right to protest, he said those involved in violence could not be considered genuine students.

"The govt will act on the basis of available evidence. Those who attacked MLAs and journalists will not be allowed to hide behind the protest movement," he said, adding that strict action would be taken against anyone taking the law into their own hands.

On the other hand, senior RJD leaders Alok Mehta and Kumar Sarvajet criticised BJP legislators for allegedly creating a ruckus in the Assembly and humiliating MLA I P Gupta after he objected to student protesters being described as "goons".

House adjourned amid din over police excess

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Patna: Bihar Legislative Council witnessed chaotic scenes on Thursday as NDA and opposition MLCs clashed over the violent student protests in Patna a day earlier. The uproar disrupted proceedings almost immediately after the House convened, forcing Chairman Awadesh Narain Singh to adjourn the session within 15 minutes amid continuous sloganeering and protests by opposition members.

Even before the session began, opposition MLCs staged a demonstration in the Vidhan Parishad portico, demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over recent paper leak controversies. The issue spilled into



Opposition MLCs protest on the council premises

the House as soon as proceedings commenced. RJD leader Abdul Bari Siddiqui moved an adjournment motion seeking a discussion on the student unrest, comparing the current agitation to Bihar's historic 1974 Student Movement. He warned that the govt risked repeating history if it failed to address students' concerns.

However, the Chair rejected the motion, triggering sharp protests from opposition members.

Protests spread to many dists; several detained, cops injured

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Patna: A day after violent clashes between students and police in Patna, protests against the alleged NEET paper leaks escalated across Bihar on Thursday, with demonstrations turning violent in several districts, including Darbhanga, Begusarai and Katihar. Students renewed their demand for the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

In Darbhanga, thousands of students marched from Karpuri Chowk to the collectorate. As protesters gathered outside the premises, some allegedly tried to force entry by climbing the main gate despite repeated warnings by police.

Begusarai SP Manish said the protest had initially remained peaceful and a memorandum had been submitted, but some miscreants later damaged government property.

Violence also broke out in Katihar, where hundreds of students marched from Shaheed Chowk to the collectorate. A magistrate and Sadar Police station officer Sonu Bhagat were injured after stone-pelting erupted when police stopped protesters from entering the collectorate.

Katihar DM Ashutosh Dwivedi said action would be taken against those damaging public property or taking part in unlawful protests. Katihar SP Parichay Kumar said 14 anti-social elements had been detained and legal proceedings were underway. Several policemen were injured in the violence, he added.



Students protest in Patna

A warm, wise tale of healing across generations

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Max, Min & Meowzaki (Romance, Drama)
★★★★

Cast: Siddharth Menon, Medha Shankar, Adil Hussain, Mandira Bedi, Nassar, Nafisa Ali, Vidhatri Bandi
Direction: Padmakumar Narasimhamurthy
Duration: 2 hours, 27 minutes
Language: Hindi (UA)

While breaking up with Min (Medha Shankar), Max (Siddharth Menon) gets to keep her cat, Meowzaki. As he nurses a broken heart, he embarks on a journey of healing and maturing alongside his grandfather and father, who also happen to be single at the same time.

(Vidhatri Bandi). While the quote sums up what the romantic drama is about, writer-director Padmakumar Narasimhamurthy's narrative goes much beyond. The movie is a profound story of healing, maturing, love, friendship, and relationships. The film opens with Max and Min (short for Minara Hussain) dividing their belongings as the latter moves out to be with an older man. Who will keep the cat, Meowzaki (named after Min's favourite cat)? The title may suggest that this will be a comedy-drama about the cat's custody or how it will bring the two together, but that's misleading. The story is about

three generations of the Mahadevans—grandpa Sridhar (Nassar), father Ramesh (Adil Hussain), and Max—healing, learning the true meaning of relationships, and accepting their loved ones despite their differences. While voiceover artist and rock band member Max finds friendship in cat sitter Carol Sequira (Vidhatri Bandi), businessman Ramesh's healing journey includes his

Carol's grandmother Jennifer (Nafisa Ali), his friend at the assisted living facility. Narasimhamurthy proves to be an assured writer as the narrative gradually reveals many truths about the three men. But the beauty lies in the characterisations and their arcs. They are flawed, yet so relatable that we have seen, or even been, these men at some point. The takeaway here is that healing happens with self-awareness, self-acceptance, and change. And despite its deep themes, including patriarchy and intergenerational trauma, the film sidesteps melodrama and loud dialogues. Sagacity is the film's strength. It offers insights into why men may behave the way they do, including the roots of Ramesh's misogynistic outlook. The dignity accorded to each character, despite their flaws, is winsome and reminds us that they are, after all, human.

Although the film keeps you interested, the pace and narrative often feel plodding. A couple of tracks, such as Max's Tinder date, could have been shorter.

The story's emotional depth is perfectly conveyed through its performances. Max, heartbroken and grieving his mother's recent passing, is vulnerable at first but matures over the course of the story. Siddharth Menon portrays both sides of the character, as well as his growth, beautifully. Adil Hussain is outstanding as the super-conservative father, especially for the sincerity with which he brings out his imperfections. Nassar is exceptionally charming and grounded. Mandira Bedi pulls off her role as a therapist and later a friend with ease and elan. Nafisa Ali, Medha Shankar, Vidhatri Bandi, and Gitanjali Rao as Max's mother, Vasudha, are equally effective.

Max, Min & Meowzaki remains a warm and thoughtful film about people learning to understand themselves and those they love, making for a rewarding watch.

— Dhaval Roy

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CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. swesky. My baby. 23 July - the day my favorite person was born. I hope you have the most beautiful day.

tender & notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Ravindra Kumar, son of Narayan Prasad, resident Bachhauta, Morkahi, Khagaria, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my daughter, Garima Anand, is also known by the name Garima Singh. Both names refer to the same person, and her correct name is Garima Anand. Affidavit No. - 13137/2026

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South Africa Inspiring new ways

Farmers to get subsidy for cultivating bananas

Kumar Rajesh | TNN

Bhagalpur: To promote banana cultivation using disease-free, high-yield planting material, the district horticulture department (DHD) has set a target of bringing 250 hectares under tissue culture banana cultivation (TCBC) this year under state govt schemes.

The initiative aims to boost banana production through scientific farming practices, increase farmers' income and encourage agri-entrepreneurship under the Integrated Horticulture Mission Scheme. A major focus is being placed on Bhagalpur's Naugachia subdivision, a key banana-growing belt.

According to DHD officials, under the Mukhyamantri Bagwani Mission (Kela Vikas Yojana)/Phal Vikas Yojana, farmers will receive a 40% subsidy on the unit cost of Rs 1.75 lakh per hectare.

DIGEST

Lighting strikes claim 2 lives in Buxar

Two persons were killed in separate lightning strikes in Buxar district on Thursday, confirmed Dumraon SDPO Polast Kumar. In the first incident, a farmer Ramkumar Upadhyay (60) was struck by lightning while working in his field. In another incident, one Golu Kumar died after being struck by lightning in Nachap village.

Infant dies: A one-and-a-half-year-old girl died while her mother and elder brother were hospitalised after allegedly consuming poison following a family dispute in Saharsa district.

Ex-mukhiya dies in accident: Ravindra Nath Upadhyay (55), former mukhiya of Banarpur panchayat in Chausa block of Buxar district, died in a road accident on Thursday afternoon.

Magadh range IG seeks report: Magadh range IG Vikas Vaibhav has sought a report from Gaya SSP Sushil Kumar over the alleged misuse of a govt bodyguard assigned to Belaganj JD(U) MLA Manorama Devi.

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2 electrocuted in Bhojpur dist

Ara: Two people, including a 23-year-old newlywed man and his sister-in-law, died after being electrocuted at Mungaul village under Jagdishpur police station area in Bhojpur district on Thursday morning. Both victims were residents of the village. Police said the victims were identified as Sahul Kumar (23) and Basanti Kunwar (46), wife of late Veer Bahadur Singh. Sahul had married just six months ago and is survived by his wife, Puja Kumari. According to a family member, Sahul was working in the field when he accidentally came in contact with a live earthing wire. TNN