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Can a Hybrid Exam Model Make NEET-UG More Secure?

Dr Vijay Garg

Nearly two years after the NEET-UG 2024 paper leak controversy and following the unprecedented cancellation of NEET-UG 2026, central govt is examining a hybrid examination model under which question papers could be digitally transmitted to centres and printed locally under secure conditions. Officials said this is being considered a safer alternative because conducting a fully online exam for 23 lakh candidates remains difficult due to infrastructure and logistical challenges. A senior health ministry official said discussions on possible reforms in NEET are expected in coming days between health ministry, National Medical Commission (NMC) and National Testing Agency (NTA), including whether parts of the examination process can be digitised. Officials said the proposed "computer-assisted secure paper-based test", recommended by Radhakrishnan Committee, is emerging as a possible middle path between fully offline and fully computer-based examinations. Under the proposal, encrypted question papers would be sent to confidential servers at exam centres or regional hubs shortly before the exam and printed locally using



high-speed secure printers. "The idea is to reduce manual handling points during transportation and storage of question papers, which are considered vulnerable stages," an official said, adding that printing exam papers closer to examination time could reduce risks of leaks. According to officials, the hybrid system could retain advantages of a single-day, single-paper offline examination — avoiding controversies over normalisation and varying difficulty levels across shifts — while continuing to allow a large number of centres, including those in smaller towns and rural areas, to host the exam. Another senior official said shifting NEET fully online was difficult because of the exam's sheer scale and complications linked to multiple-shift testing. "India currently lacks infrastructure to conduct

a single-day computer-based exam for nearly 25 lakh students. At best, only 1 to 1.5 lakh candidates can be accommodated daily. Multiple shifts would bring into play issues of normalisation, fairness and comparisons across sessions," the official said. The official added that many NEET aspirants from smaller towns and rural areas may not be equally familiar with computer-based testing. Unlike offline exams conducted in schools across districts, online tests require specialised centres, stable internet, uninterrupted electricity and technical manpower. Officials said a fully online system could also significantly reduce the number of centres and force many students to travel to larger cities. Cyber-security risks, server failures and technical disruptions are also issues to be considered. Any

transition, they said, would require months of preparation, including infrastructure expansion, mock tests and student familiarisation exercises. The hybrid system, however, would still require pilot testing, infrastructure assessment and detailed operational protocols before rollout. "These are still discussions and nothing has been finalised yet. But after repeated controversies in recent years, there is broad agreement that reforms are needed," an official said. The Radhakrishnan Committee was constituted after NEET-UG 2024 controversy to recommend reforms for strengthening examination security and transparency. **Dr Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational columnist Eminent Educationist street kour Chand MHR Malout Punjab**

"A movement without a clear direction often ends in collapse or bargaining."

Dr. Rajkumar Yadav's emotional and conscious message to truck drivers, truck owners, and transport professionals across the country

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Rourkela: "Any movement without direction and purpose either collapses or sells out." This is the statement of Dr. Rajkumar Yadav, who has issued a serious, poignant, and introspective message to truck drivers, truck owners, and transport professionals across the country. His message is rapidly becoming a topic of discussion in the transportation world today. Dr. Yadav said that if there is any real force keeping this country's economy alive, it is the truck drivers who ply the roads day and night, connecting every state, every city, and every industry like the blood vessels of the Indian economy. The same drivers who keep the country's supply system afloat by driving

hundreds of kilometers in the scorching heat, bitter cold, and dark, rainy nights are today seen as the most exploited, neglected, and mentally broken. He said that for years, large organizations, political contractors, corporate groups, and so-called cunning leaders have been using the suffering of transporters and drivers as a platform for selfish politics. Each time, truck drivers and owners were brought out on the streets in the name of protests and strikes, but decisions were made behind closed doors, and the benefits were limited to a select few. The struggling drivers and truck owners remained in the same position—burdened with debt, humiliation, rising inflation, and insecurity.



Dr. Yadav said that a movement without a clear objective, a transparent strategy, and an honest dialogue with participants, becomes not a fight for rights but a trade in the emotions of helpless people. He appealed to truck drivers, truck owners, and transport professionals that before joining any movement, they must understand who is leading it, its direction, and who will truly

benefit from it. He said that people in the transport sector must now become a conscious force, not just a crowd. Unless truck drivers, truck owners, and transport professionals become organized and aware of their rights, diesel prices, toll taxes, insurance, road safety, and labor laws, their exploitation will remain unchecked. Concluding his message, Dr. Yadav said, "The day truck drivers and truck owners recognize their true strength, that day, not just vehicles but self-respect will run on the roads of this country. Fight, but thoughtfully. Because your sweat should not become the fuel for someone's politics or your dignity should not be traded."

The government's policies create a strong suspicion that by continuously increasing the prices of diesel, petrol, and CNG, transporters are being forced toward adopting electric vehicles against their will

President, Delhi Taxi and Tourist Transporters Association. The recent increase in fuel prices by the government — ₹3 per litre on diesel and petrol, and ₹2 per kilogram on CNG — will directly impact the taxi, bus, and tourism transport sector across the country. Due to this hike, taxi and bus operators will be compelled to increase fares, which will also affect domestic and foreign tourists. President of the Delhi Taxi and Tourist Transporters Association, stated that transporters are already struggling with financial pressure, reduced business, and rising operational costs. In such a situation, continuous increases in fuel and CNG prices are pushing the transport

industry further into crisis. He alleged that the government is attempting to promote electric vehicles in India by increasing the prices of diesel, petrol, and CNG, while also creating fear regarding fuel shortages and pollution. According to him, the government wants to project electric vehicles as economical and beneficial, whereas the reality is that electric vehicles are several times more expensive than traditional diesel and petrol vehicles. He further said that the maintenance cost of electric vehicles is extremely high, after-sales service infrastructure is still inadequate, and there are serious concerns regarding their resale value in the future.

Transporters fear that these vehicles may eventually become "scrap" for them. Sanjay Samrat also stated that under the pretext of pollution control, the government is continuously trying to impose electric vehicles on transporters. Policies mandating an annual increase in the percentage of electric vehicles, especially in school buses and commercial transport fleets, are placing an additional financial burden on transport operators. He said that the government's policies create a strong suspicion that by continuously increasing the prices of diesel, petrol, and CNG, transporters are being forced toward adopting electric vehicles against their will.

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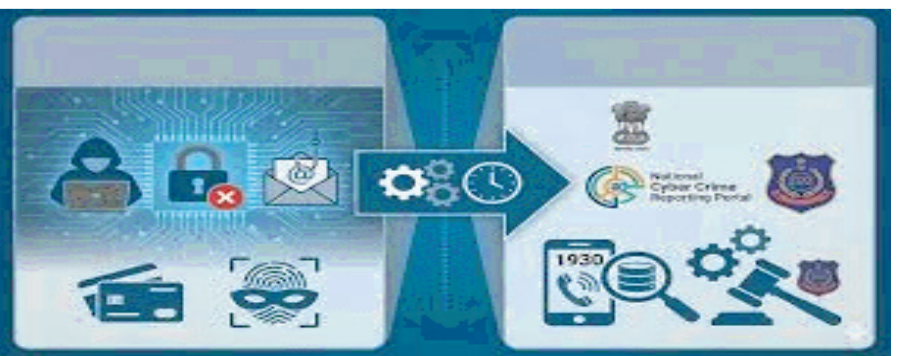
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Thousands of victims lose hope because they are unaware of this portal. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Cyber Financial Frauds provides a uniform, legally backed framework to freeze fraudulent transactions and restore

Today's Cybersecurity Thought: NCRP Money Restoration Portal – Your convenient Path to Recovery

stolen money. Due to limited publicity, many victims are unable to recover their defrauded money and eventually lose hope. The SOP for handling cyber financial frauds has created a standardized, legally supported process for freezing fraudulent transactions and restoring funds. To recover money through the NCRP Money Restoration Portal, you must first log in with your mobile number and OTP, then raise a refund request by submitting fraud details, transaction evidence, and bank account information. The portal is managed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and directly connects with banks and law enforcement agencies for verification.

Step by Step Guide

- 1 Login**
 - Enter mobile number → Get OTP → Verify
 - Forgot password? Use "Forgot Password" option
- 2 Raise Refund Request**
 - Select Raise Refund Request
 - Provide:



- o Fraud type (UPI, card, scam, etc.)
- o Transaction ID / Reference number
- o Amount & date of fraud
- o Bank details (A/c no., IFSC)
- o Evidence (screenshots, SMS, emails)
- 3 Verification**
 - Portal sends request to Bank + Police
- 4 Track Status**
 - Login anytime to check progress:

Under Review → Bank Verification → Police Action → Approved/Rejected

5 Refund Settlement

- Verified cases → Money restored to your account
- Faster reporting = Higher recovery chances

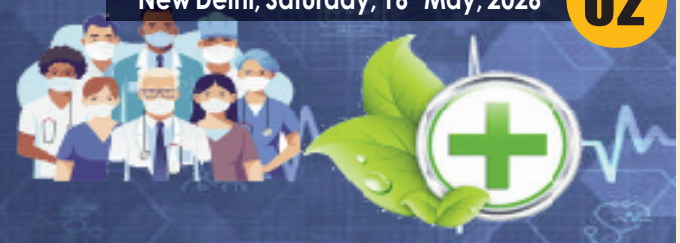
Risks & Notes

- Try to Report within 24 hours via 1930 helpline or NCRP portal
- Accurate details = smoother recovery
- Not all cases succeed (withdrawn/foreign transfers are harder)
- Police may file FIRs for large scale frauds

Practical Advice for Citizens

- Keep transaction proof ready (UPI ID, SMS, screenshots)
- Track complaint status on NCRP dashboard
- Follow up with local Cyber Police Station for FIR in bigger frauds
- Spread awareness — timely reporting saves money!

Stay Cyber Safe. Act Fast. Recover Smart.



Nature, money and health: a balanced view

Pinki Kundu

In today's world, our perceptions of health have rapidly changed.

Modern lifestyles, technology, expensive medical facilities, and rising incomes have created the belief that money is the key to better health. People living in big cities believe that if they have access to good hospitals, renowned doctors, private insurance, and modern equipment, illness will be insurmountable. But when we see prominent figures from across the country and the world—with access to wealth, resources, and the best medical facilities—suffer from serious illnesses, this belief begins to waver.

It's natural to question why, despite so much care, caution, and resources, people haven't been able to escape cancer, heart disease, and other complex illnesses. Is modern lifestyle truly making us healthier, or are we unknowingly weakening our bodies' natural strength? This question isn't limited to the rich and famous, but concerns everyone who lives a fast-paced, artificial, and stressful life.

The human body is a gift of nature and the result of millions of years of evolution. Our bodies have evolved in harmony with natural foods, pure air, clean water, sunlight, and physical exertion. When we stray from this natural balance—eating highly processed foods, spending hours in closed rooms, and spending

our lives in front of mobile phones and screens—the body's balance begins to deteriorate. Diseases don't come suddenly; they are the result of years of bad habits, stress, and imbalance.

Today's food is a prime example of this. Packaged, long-lasting, and laden with flavor-enhancing chemicals have taken over our plates. Fruit juices, frozen vegetables, and processed milk have become part of our daily diets. While convenient, they're not always healthy. Nature provides us with food in its complete form—a balanced diet of fiber, vitamins, and nutrients. When we alter that form, its effectiveness also changes.

In the name of cleanliness and safety, we've made the environment around us highly artificial. There's a race to disinfect everything. Life seems incomplete without soap, sanitizer, and chemical cleaners. Undoubtedly, cleanliness is essential, but excess is always harmful. Scientists also agree that exposure to natural bacteria, even in limited quantities, strengthens our immune system. A body that is protected from every small challenge can become vulnerable when faced with a major one.

Rural and urban life are often compared in this context. Elderly people living in villages eat simpler food, engage in more physical labor, and live a slower pace. Mental stress

is also relatively low. This is why they can tolerate minor illnesses without medication. Meanwhile, urban residents lead comfortable lives, but even a simple fever can confine them to bed. This difference is not only about medical facilities, but also about lifestyle and mental state.

However, it would be wrong to assume that connecting with nature is the cure for every illness. Many diseases are genetic, many are caused by infections, and many come naturally with age. Modern medical science has made unprecedented progress in these areas. Vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, and modern diagnostic techniques have saved millions of lives. It would also be a dangerous thought to dismiss science simply in the name of natural.

The real problem arises when we go to one extreme. Either we become completely dependent on machines, medicines, and conveniences, or we reject science and seek solutions to every problem solely through home remedies. Both approaches are incomplete. Health is a balance—where both nature and science have their respective roles.

Mental health is another important aspect of this balance, one that is often overlooked. Today's human being may be physically surrounded by comforts, but mentally they are insecure, anxious, and stressed. Competition, fear of failure, social pressure, and worries

about the future keep our minds constantly occupied. This mental stress gradually affects the body and leads to serious illnesses. Money cannot completely eliminate this stress.

It's also important to understand that the illnesses of wealthy people are more visible to us because they are in public life. Ordinary people also suffer from the same illnesses, but they are not discussed. This doesn't mean that wealth automatically brings illness, but rather that wealth cannot provide complete protection against illness.

Today, we need to understand health not just from a medical perspective, but from a lifestyle perspective. A simple and balanced diet, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, time with nature, and mental peace—these are no less effective than any medicine. Furthermore, it is equally important to consult a doctor in a timely manner and take advantage of modern medicine when needed.

Ultimately, we must accept that neither money can make us immortal, nor can a natural lifestyle alone protect us from all diseases. The real solution lies in balance. Only when we combine science with an understanding of nature is a healthy and meaningful life possible. Perhaps this is the path we can take to live not only longer, but also better lives.

Feeling like vomiting? Putting dry ginger powder on your tongue will relieve you!



Pinky Kundu

Scientific Reason:

1. Dry ginger contains gingerols and shogaols, which are more effective than fresh ginger.

2. It calms the stomach nerves and accelerates gastric emptying, preventing the vomiting signal from reaching the brain.

Ayurvedic Reason:

1. Dry ginger is a digestive.
2. It neutralizes phlegm, the main cause of nausea.
3. When placed directly on the tongue without honey, it stimulates the salivary glands and shows immediate results.

Benefits:

1. Nausea calms: Best for traveling or pregnancy (as advised by a doctor).

2. Hunger: Improves the taste of the mouth.

3. Gas: Relieves the feeling of heaviness in the stomach.

How to follow:

1. 1 pinch of dry ginger powder. Take it.

2. Place it on the middle of the tongue.

3. Slowly absorb it with saliva.

Constraints:

1. Very pungent, children may not tolerate it (give it with honey).

2. May cause throat irritation, drink water afterward.

3. Avoid people with ulcers.

The neurologist who proved that a single word can alleviate or intensify pain

Pinki Kundu

For years, the placebo effect was considered merely a deceiving the patient. An illusion, a psychological gimmick.

Until a scientist decided to measure it in the body.

His name is Fabrizio Benedetti, one of the world's most renowned experts on placebos, nocebos, and pain. What he discovered was strange to conventional medicine: the brain can create real things that alleviate pain or real things that worsen it, not just fakes—real chemistry.

Benedetti showed that

1. When a person expects relief, the brain releases endorphins, dopamine, and other natural painkillers.

2. But when a person expects harm:

1. Pain increases.
2. Symptoms worsen.
3. Side effects appear even when the treatment is fake.

This is called the nocebo effect. And this is where the strange thing begins:

* A misinterpreted diagnosis can increase pain

* Alarming warnings can worsen symptoms

* Fear can make illnesses



chronic

Not because the patient is imagining things, but because the nervous system responds to threats.

Benedetti clearly stated: A patient's hope can change the course of the disease. This has been seen before:

1. Chronic pain
2. Parkinson's disease
3. Migraine

4. Anxiety

5. Functional disorders
*This doesn't mean that everything can be cured by the mind.

*This doesn't mean that illnesses aren't real.

It means something that's hard to believe: the mind doesn't just feel pain. He actively participates in creating or diminishing it.

So

*Words matter,

*Diagnoses matter.

*The way we explain things matters.

Sometimes, without realizing it, medicine doesn't just cure, it also wounds.

Science that makes us uncomfortable, but changes the way we heal.

If these 10 signs are present in your body, understand that your health is strong from within - without any medication.

Pinki Kundu

When the body is in perfect balance, it automatically gives small signals. These signals can tell if your digestion, immune system, hormones, and energy levels are in good condition.

1. Hair and nails grow quickly This indicates that the body is getting adequate protein, minerals, and nutrition, and that blood circulation is good.

2. Waking up easily in the morning means that your body clock is running correctly and hormones are in balance.

3. Not getting colds, coughs, or flu frequently This is a sign of a strong immune system, capable of fighting infections.

4. Daily bowel movements without pain indicate that your digestive system and intestines are healthy.

5. No shortness of breath when walking or climbing stairs indicates good heart and lung capacity and stamina.

6. Clear, smooth, and naturally glowing skin indicates that the body is detoxifying properly and is not dehydrated.

7. No gas, heartburn, or heaviness after eating indicates good metabolism and balanced blood sugar.

8. No unexplained joint or back pain indicates less inflammation and flexible muscles.

9. Able to control oneself even under stress indicates a strong nervous system and mental balance.

10. Deep sleep and feel refreshed in the morning indicates proper recovery and hormonal repair.

If you experience most of these signs, your health is on track. Maintaining good health is the true cure.

Lead contents in Ayurvedic Aushadhis

The ancient wisdom of Ayurveda, India's revered system of holistic healing, has long championed natural remedies derived from herbs, minerals, and traditional formulations to restore balance in body and mind. Among these, Triphala—a revered polyherbal blend of three potent fruits (Amla, Haritaki, and Bibhitaki)—stands as one of the most cherished and widely consumed preparations, celebrated for its gentle detoxification, digestive support, rejuvenative properties, and role in promoting longevity.

Yet, beneath this aura of natural purity lies a sobering and increasingly documented peril: contamination with toxic heavy metals, particularly lead, which has drawn sharp warnings from health authorities,

researchers, and global regulators.

Lead is a insidious neurotoxin with no safe exposure level. Even minute quantities, when accumulated over time through repeated ingestion, wreak profound havoc on human health. In children, it impairs cognitive development, lowers IQ, and disrupts behavioral growth. In adults, chronic exposure manifests as hypertension, kidney damage, anemia, abdominal pain, fatigue, neurological deficits (including memory loss, irritability, and peripheral neuropathy), reproductive issues, and elevated risks of cardiovascular disease. Extremely high levels can precipitate life-threatening encephalopathy, seizures, coma, or even fatality. The World Health Organization and

agencies like the CDC emphasize that lead's toxicity stems from its interference with enzymes, mimicry of essential minerals like calcium, and bioaccumulation in bones and soft tissues.

Health experts have repeatedly cautioned about heavy metals (lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium) in certain Ayurvedic aushadhis (medicines), especially those from the Rasa Shastra tradition (which intentionally incorporates processed metals for purported therapeutic potency) or those inadvertently contaminated during cultivation, harvesting, processing, or poor manufacturing practices. Plants used in Triphala can bioaccumulate metals from polluted soil or water in regions with

industrial activity or mining. Manufacturing inconsistencies, lack of rigorous quality controls, and occasional adulteration exacerbate the issue.

Regarding the recent sample of Triphala in India you mentioned with elevated lead levels: While specific high-profile incidents involving Triphala in very recent Indian regulatory findings are not prominently detailed in the latest public reports, contamination concerns persist broadly across Ayurvedic products. Older studies (e.g., from 2008–2016) on marketed Triphala churna in India frequently detected lead exceeding permissible limits in several brands (e.g., levels up to 15–16 ppm in some samples, far above safe thresholds like 10 ppm or lower set by various

pharmacopoeias). More contemporary global alerts underscore the ongoing risk, with Triphala occasionally implicated in broader surveys of herbal supplements. Latest developments (as of late 2025–early 2026) reveal heightened international scrutiny and domestic concerns:

The US FDA issued a stark warning in December 2025 about unapproved Ayurvedic products containing harmful heavy metals, including lead and mercury, after lab testing revealed dangerously high levels in specific formulations (e.g., Rheumacare). No Ayurvedic products are FDA-approved, and such contamination risks heavy metal poisoning with symptoms like kidney injury, neurologic issues, and

gastrointestinal distress.

In countries like New Zealand, a 2025 study found lead in two-thirds of analyzed Ayurvedic medicines, linked to a cluster of over 20 lead poisoning cases (some severe) tied to these products, with ongoing alerts from Medsafe.

Australia's TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration) reported in September 2025 continued cases of lead poisoning from imported/unregistered Ayurvedic medicines contaminated with lead, mercury, and arsenic.

Victorian Department of Health (Australia) updated advisories in January 2025 about lead poisoning notifications from imported Ayurvedic products, some containing scheduled poisons.



Married Women to Observe Vat Savitri Vrat on May 16 for Their Husbands' Longevity

Astrologer and Horoscope Analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas stated that, according to the Panchang (Hindu almanac), the Vat Savitri Vrat is observed on the Amavasya (New Moon) Tithi of the month of Jyeshtha. The Amavasya Tithi of the month of Jyeshtha will commence on May 16 at 5:11 AM and will conclude late at night on May 17 at 1:30 AM.

This year, a special conjunction is forming between the Vat Savitri Vrat and Somvati Amavasya. The Vat Savitri Vrat falls on May 16. Among all the fasts observed during the month of Jyeshtha, the Vat Savitri Vrat is considered to be highly potent; during this observance, married women pray for the longevity of their husbands and for all forms of happiness and prosperity. Dr. Aneesh Vyas—Director of the Pal Balaji Institute of Astrology, Jaipur—Jodhpur—explained that this year, the Vat Savitri Vrat falls on May 16. In North India, the Vat Savitri Vrat is observed from the Trayodashi Tithi (13th day) of the Krishna Paksha (waning phase of the moon) up to the Amavasya Tithi in the month of Jyeshtha; conversely, in South India, the Vat Savitri Vrat is celebrated during the same dates but within the Shukla Paksha (waxing phase of the moon) of the Jyeshtha month. The Vat Savitri Vrat is celebrated across various regions of North India, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, and Haryana. It is believed that just as the Banyan tree possesses immense longevity, married women, too, pray for their husbands to be blessed with a lifespan equal to that of the Banyan tree. In the Hindu faith, the Banyan tree (Vat-vriksha) is revered as sacred. According to the scriptures, this tree serves as the abode of all the gods and goddesses. Worshipping this tree is believed to bestow Akhand Saubhagya (unbroken marital bliss). Furthermore, on this day, devotees should water the Banyan tree, wrap a raw cotton thread around its trunk, and perform a Parikrama (circumambulation) around it three times. Look Better In Photos With These Simple Tips



Vyas explains that on this day, women observe a fast and visit a Banyan tree (Vat Vriksha) to perform worship using incense, lamps, sacred food offerings (Naivedya), and other rituals. Additionally, they offer Roli (sacred red powder) and Akshat (unbroken rice grains), tie a sacred thread (Kalava) around the Banyan tree, and, with folded hands, perform a circumambulation (Parikrama) around it. This act is believed to remove obstacles from their husbands' lives and bestow upon them a long life. Furthermore, on Somvati Amavasya (New Moon falling on a Monday), special rituals are performed for bathing in holy waters, charitable donations, worshipping ancestors (Pitrs), and seeking financial prosperity. On the day of the Amavasya Tithi (lunar day), women place idols of Lord Brahma and Vat Savitri atop a bed of seven types of grains (Sapt Dhanya) inside a bamboo basket; in a second basket, they place idols of Satyavan and Savitri. They then proceed to the Banyan tree to perform their worship. On this day, they also worship Lord Yama (the God of Death), and while circumambulating the Banyan tree, they wrap the sacred thread (Kalava) around it 108 times. An Arghya (water offering) is presented to Goddess Savitri while chanting sacred mantras. Subsequently, a Saubhagya Pitari (a basket containing items symbolizing marital bliss) and other worship materials are donated to a worthy spiritual practitioner or priest. During this fast, the sacred legend of Satyavan and Savitri is recited and listened to.

Vat Savitri Vrat
Tourist and Horoscope Analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas states that, according to the Panchang (Hindu almanac), the Vat Savitri Vrat is observed on the Amavasya Tithi (New Moon day) of the month of Jyeshtha. The Amavasya Tithi of the month of Jyeshtha will commence on May 16th at 05:11 AM and will conclude late at night on May 17th at 01:30 AM. Consequently, the Vat Savitri Vrat will be observed on May 16, 2026. According to the scriptures, this fast is specifically intended for married women. On this day, women observe a Nirjala (waterless) fast, praying for their husbands' longevity, success, good health, and enduring marital bliss. The spiritual potency of this observance fosters love, trust, and happiness within relationships.

Auspicious Planetary Alignments
Astrologer and horoscope analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas explains that, according to the Panchang (Hindu almanac), May 16th marks a rare conjunction of Shani Jayanti (the birth anniversary of Lord Shani) and Shanishchari Amavasya (New Moon falling on a Saturday), making this day doubly auspicious and fruitful. Observing a fast and worshipping Lord Shani (Shani Dev) on Shani Amavasya holds immense significance; consequently, this year's unique alignment is considered exceptionally propitious for devotees. Furthermore, the Saubhagya Yoga and Shobhan Yoga are also forming on this day. The Saubhagya Yoga will prevail from 2:21 PM on May 15th until 10:26 AM on May 16th, after which the Shobhan Yoga will commence, remaining effective until 6:15 AM on May 17th. Both these Yogas are considered highly beneficial for undertaking auspicious activities and performing

religious rituals. On the day of Shani Jayanti, the Bharani Nakshatra (lunar mansion) will prevail from dawn until 5:30 PM, after which the influence of the Krittika Nakshatra will begin. The ruling planet of Bharani Nakshatra is Venus, and its presiding deity is Lord Yama (Yamaraj); conversely, the ruling planet of Krittika Nakshatra is the Sun, and its presiding deity is Lord Agni (Fire). Due to this confluence of auspicious alignments, the significance of Shani Jayanti has been further heightened this year.

Worship Materials
Astrologer and horoscope analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas advises that the materials required for the Vat Savitri Vrat (fast) worship should include idols of Savitri and Satyavan, incense (dhoop), an oil lamp (deep), clarified butter (ghee), a bamboo hand-fan, a red sacred thread (Kalava), items symbolizing marital bliss (Suhag), raw cotton thread, soaked chickpeas, Banyan tree fruits, and a Kalash (sacred pot) filled with water, among other items.

Worship Procedure
Astrologer and horoscope analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas outlines the worship procedure as follows: On this day, one should clean the house early in the morning, complete one's daily routine chores, and then take a ritual bath. Thereafter, one should sprinkle holy water throughout the entire house. Fill a bamboo basket with the seven grains and install an idol of Brahma within it. Place an idol of Savitri to the left of Brahma. Similarly, install idols of Satyavan and Savitri in a second basket. Take these baskets and place them beneath a Banyan tree. Thereafter, perform the worship of Brahma and Savitri.

Conversely, Lord Shani Dev inflicts severe punishment upon individuals who engage in evil or wrongful acts. Falling under the adverse gaze of Lord Shani Dev can cause an individual to face physical, mental, and financial hardships. Astrologer Dr. Aneesh Vyas explains that performing certain rituals on the day of Shani Jayanti pleases Lord Shani (Saturn), prompting him to bestow his blessings; conversely, there are certain actions that may incur his wrath—such actions should be strictly avoided on this day, even inadvertently. Lord Shani is the son of the Sun God and the elder brother of Yama, the God of Death. He

is regarded as the planet of justice. While people often perceive Shani's Mahadasha (major period), Antardasha (sub-period), Sade Sati, and Dhainya as inauspicious phases, this is not always the case. Lord Shani inflicts severe suffering upon individuals who engage in unethical acts during their Dhainya, Sade Sati, or Mahadasha periods. Such individuals are compelled to endure sudden losses, physical ailments, financial setbacks, and humiliation; conversely, those who lead a virtuous life have been observed rising from rags to riches during Shani's Mahadasha. Lord Shani is the ruling planet of the Capricorn and Aquarius zodiac signs. He is exalted in the sign of Libra. If Shani occupies a favorable house in an individual's horoscope, he guides them toward progress and success in life; however, if Shani is positioned in the sign of Aries or in an inimical sign within the horoscope, he inflicts suffering upon that individual. It is those who engage in wrongful acts—such as accepting bribes, tormenting the poor, neglecting their parents, giving false testimony, or committing acts of oppression—who have reason to fear Lord Shani. Lord Shani keeps a meticulous account of everyone's Karma (deeds).

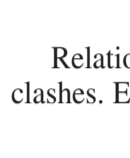


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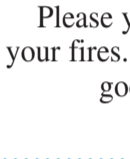
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A radical reorganisation of your environment could give you a fresh lease on life. The day may be auspicious for work matters. You might get positive reward and emotional satisfaction. Romance is also favoured.



TAURUS
There might be some financial problems at the moment. Relationships with spouse also remains turbulent due to frequent clashes. Expenditures may also increase so you should try to keep it a balance.



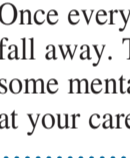
GEMINI
Strength and determination are available today. Put this to good use rather than letting it slip by or be banked for another time. Your income might increase at the moment. Your mind remains quite stable too.



CANCER
Please yourself going where you want and doing what ignites your fires. Your boss may appreciate your work. The day would be good for business dealings. You may feel very energetic and blessed.



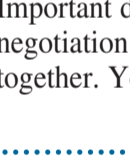
LEO
You may be frustrated with the attitude of someone who is not willing to go along with to go along withions your plans. Work progress might be slower than usual. You might develop some disruptions with family members or relatives or friends.



VIRGO
Once everything is in practical perspective, denial and illusion will fall away. There might be some health problems. You might also face some mental stress and anxiety. There might also be some obstacles at your career.



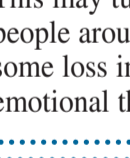
LIBRA
Deep insight can be gained into very important territory. Disarming secrets may come out of the closet. You might also gains some profits from businesses. You may also enjoy a healthy life and your income may also shoots up.



SCORPIO
Important developments are likely in relation to a contract under negotiation. It may seem as though everything suddenly comes together. You may achieve success and fame for all your hard works.



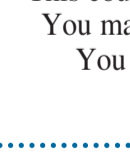
SAGITTARIUS
Allow extra time if getting somewhere by a certain hour is vital. You might not bu might not meet your expectations at your workplace. In the meantime, your reputation may be affected. Deals may not turn out that profitable.



CAPRICORN
This may turn out to be a quieter relaxed than you expect. With fewer people around, there should be less for you to do. You may face some loss in your investments or business. You may be more emotional than usual.



AQUARIUS
The inability of other people to make up their minds and commit to specific arrangements can be infuriating at the moment. Your health and relationships may also improved. Friends, relatives or friends support you throughtout.



PISCES
This could end up being a lost day, but hopefully in the best sense. You may not get enough support from your friends or colleagues. You should refrain from picking fights and starting arguments.

Celebrate Shani Jayanti on May 16th: Here is How to Please Lord Shani Dev

Forecaster and Horoscope Analyst Dr. Aneesh Vyas stated that, according to the Hindu Panchang (calendar), the Amavasya (New Moon) Tithi of the month of Jyeshtha falls on May 16th this year, and the festival marking the birth anniversary of Lord Shani will be celebrated on this date. The Amavasya Tithi of the month of Jyeshtha will commence on May 16th at 5:11 AM and will conclude late at night on May 17th at 1:30 AM. Shani Jayanti holds special significance in the Hindu religion. According to the Hindu Panchang, Shani Jayanti is celebrated every year

on the Amavasya Tithi of the Krishna Paksha (waning phase of the moon) during the month of Jyeshtha. As per the Hindu calendar, Shani Jayanti will be observed on May 16th this year. It is believed that Lord Shani Dev is the deity of justice; if devotees perform worship with proper rituals and observe a fast on the day of Shani Jayanti, their afflictions and troubles are alleviated. Astrologer Dr. Aneesh Vyas—Director of the Pal Balaji Institute of Astrology in Jaipur and Jodhpur—explained that Lord Shani Dev bestows the fruits of their actions upon all devotees according to their karma. People engage in various forms of worship to

please Lord Shani Dev and to protect themselves from any adverse effects or negative influences. From the perspectives of both religion and astrology, Lord Shani Dev—the son of the Sun God—occupies a position of great importance. It is widely believed that performing worship of Lord Shani Dev with proper rituals on this day can help mitigate Shani-janit doshas (afflictions caused by the influence of Saturn). Lord Shani Dev is revered as a deity who is just and who delivers results strictly in accordance with one's deeds. Lord Shani Dev's grace always remains upon those who perform good deeds, and all their wishes are fulfilled.

Conversely, Lord Shani Dev inflicts severe punishment upon individuals who engage in evil or wrongful acts. Falling under the adverse gaze of Lord Shani Dev can cause an individual to face physical, mental, and financial hardships. Astrologer Dr. Aneesh Vyas explains that performing certain rituals on the day of Shani Jayanti pleases Lord Shani (Saturn), prompting him to bestow his blessings; conversely, there are certain actions that may incur his wrath—such actions should be strictly avoided on this day, even inadvertently. Lord Shani is the son of the Sun God and the elder brother of Yama, the God of Death. He

is regarded as the planet of justice. While people often perceive Shani's Mahadasha (major period), Antardasha (sub-period), Sade Sati, and Dhainya as inauspicious phases, this is not always the case. Lord Shani inflicts severe suffering upon individuals who engage in unethical acts during their Dhainya, Sade Sati, or Mahadasha periods. Such individuals are compelled to endure sudden losses, physical ailments, financial setbacks, and humiliation; conversely, those who lead a virtuous life have been observed rising from rags to riches during Shani's Mahadasha. Lord Shani is the ruling

planet of the Capricorn and Aquarius zodiac signs. He is exalted in the sign of Libra. If Shani occupies a favorable house in an individual's horoscope, he guides them toward progress and success in life; however, if Shani is positioned in the sign of Aries or in an inimical sign within the horoscope, he inflicts suffering upon that individual. It is those who engage in wrongful acts—such as accepting bribes, tormenting the poor, neglecting their parents, giving false testimony, or committing acts of oppression—who have reason to fear Lord Shani. Lord Shani keeps a meticulous account of everyone's Karma (deeds).

OFFICERS SHOULD COMPLETE THE WORK RELATED TO THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT THROUGH MUTUAL COORDINATION: DC

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil gave necessary instructions to the officers of the Revenue Department in the meeting.

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Jhajjar, May 15. DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil held a review meeting with the district's revenue department officials and reviewed in detail the progress of revenue-related work, including registry, jamabandi, tateema cutting, land map status, and other revenue-related tasks. He gave clear instructions that revenue-related work should be completed within the stipulated timeframe and that there should be no unnecessary delays at any

level. Earlier, through video conferencing, Rohtak Divisional Commissioner gave necessary instructions to the district officials.

After the VC, DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that works related to citizens should be completed on priority basis, so that the general public can get services on time. The DC directed the concerned officials to ensure that information about the new process is made available to citizens in a timely manner and to avoid confusion among the public. He also called for ensuring that pending mutation cases are resolved promptly and revenue records are kept up to



date. He said that the paperless registry system should be effectively implemented and transparency and accuracy should be ensured in land records. He stated categorically

that any pending work will not be tolerated and that any negligence will result in the responsibility of the concerned officer. In the meeting, the concerned officers presented the progress report of their respective areas.

On this occasion, SDM Jhajjar Ravi Meena, SDM Beri Renuka Nandal, SDM Badli Vishal Kumar, DRO Manbir Singh along with all the Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars of the district were present.

Water conservation is the biggest need of the present times: DC

Departments should complete the targets of Jal Sanchay - Jan Bhagidari 2.0 in a timely manner - DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil reviewed the Water Conservation - Public Participation 2-0 programme in the meeting of officials after the VC.

Jhajjar, May 15. DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that the main objective of the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 is to further strengthen water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and irrigation systems. Therefore, officials should work towards water conservation by involving the public in this campaign.

DC on Friday after the VC of ACS Anurag Agarwal of Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Haryana. The officials were reviewing the progress of Jal Shakti and Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 campaign in the meeting. He gave clear instructions to officials that all concerned departments should coordinate with each other and achieve the set goals in a timely manner. He said that water conservation is the greatest need of the present time and it is our collective responsibility to advance it as a mass movement.

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil told officials that rainwater harvesting, pond revival, check dams, soak pits, rainwater harvesting structures, and other water conservation projects should be completed on a priority basis in the district. He also directed that identified projects in urban and rural areas be regularly monitored and progress reports submitted periodically. He also directed that reports on work completed under the campaign be uploaded to the portal.

In the meeting, the DC emphasized public participation and said that the general public, self-help groups, village councils, educational institutions, and social organizations should be involved in the campaign to increase awareness about water conservation and achieve lasting results. He said that behavioral change is as important as structural action for water conservation. The DC directed the concerned departments to intensify publicity activities so that more people understand the importance of water conservation and actively participate in the campaign. He also stressed that negligence will not be tolerated at any level and that all officials should take their duties seriously. In the meeting, officials from various departments gave information about the work done so far under the campaign and also discussed the future action plan.

This officer was present On this occasion, CEO Zila Parishad Manish Phogat, Superintendent Engineer of Irrigation Department Satish Janawa, XEN Khivalesh Bhardwaj, XEN of Panchayati Raj Narendra Gulia, SDO of Irrigation Department Harpal Singh and officers of the concerned departments were present

Officers should work in coordination for environmental protection and cleanliness: DC

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil held a review meeting with officials regarding the ongoing programmes under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Jhajjar, May 15. A meeting was held on Friday in the Mini Secretariat auditorium under the chairmanship of DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil regarding the Swachh Bharat Mission (urban and rural) programme across the district.

In the meeting, DMC Abhinav Siwach and District Council CEO Manish Phogat gave detailed information about the activities being run under the Swachh Bharat Mission in urban and rural areas.

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that all departments should work in coordination to protect the environment and create a clean district. Pollution Control Board officials were also instructed to achieve this. Land should also be identified for waste processing plants in rural areas.

Instructing officials, he stated that it is



the collective responsibility of all departments to ensure effective compliance with solid waste management regulations. He urged that government and court directives regarding improved sanitation, scientific waste disposal, and environmental protection should be strictly followed.

He instructed officials to regularly monitor waste management work in urban and rural areas and to address any

deficiencies within the stipulated timeframe. The DC directed the concerned departments to further streamline garbage collection, door-to-door collection, waste segregation, and disposal.

He said that no negligence should be allowed in sanitation and that campaigns should be launched to raise awareness among the public. He directed education department officials to increase

awareness activities related to cleanliness through painting, cleanliness rallies, and other awareness activities. He also directed the civil surgeon to effectively work towards bio-waste segregation in health institutions.

On this occasion, SDM Beri Renuka Nandal, SDM Badli Vishal Kumar, DPPO Nisha Tanwar, Civil Surgeon Dr Manju Kadyan and officers of the concerned departments were present.



Timely settlement of complaints of Samadhan Camp is necessary: DC

- DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil gave instructions in the weekly review meeting of the Samadhan camp.

Jhajjar, May 15. DC Swapnil Ravindra said that timely resolution of every public issue is the administration's top priority. Therefore, officials should promptly address public problems. The DC was giving necessary instructions to officials during the weekly review meeting of the Samadhan Shivir on Friday.

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil stated that a total of 6,013 complaints have been received so far at the district's resolution camps, of which only 197 are pending. Pending complaints are being resolved on a priority basis.

He directed the officials to ensure that reports of all complaints received through Samadhan Camp, CM Window, Jan Samvad, etc. are uploaded on the portal within the stipulated time limit. He made a department-wise assessment of the problems related to Public Health, Police, Irrigation, Panchayat, Revenue, Pollution Control Board, HSVP, PWD and Education Department and gave clear instructions that all departments should ensure prompt resolution of the problems and upload ATR on the portal on time.

Officers from these departments were present On this occasion, CEO Zila Parishad Manish Phogat, SDM Beri Renuka Nandal, SDM Badli Vishal Kumar, DRO Manbir Singh, along with departmental officers were present.

In the third phase of the SIR campaign, special verification of voter lists will be done from June 15 to September 22: DC

It is the responsibility of the Commission to ensure that no ineligible person is included in the list and no eligible person is deprived. The objective of SIR is to make the voter list error-free. BLOs will go door-to-door to verify voters. No voter's name will be removed from the draft list without

investigation and hearing.

Jhajjar, May 15. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that the third phase of the Special Intensive Revision Campaign, being conducted by the Election Commission of India to make the district's voter lists more transparent, accurate, and up-to-date, will begin on May 30 and continue until December. In Haryana, this process

will be carried out from June 15 to September 22, 2026.

District Election Officer Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that in this third phase, voter details from 19 states and union territories, including Haryana, Punjab, and Chandigarh, will be verified. Under Article 324 of the Indian Constitution and the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Election Commission has the authority to prepare electoral rolls and

conduct elections. According to Article 326 of the Constitution, only Indian citizens are eligible to enroll in the voter list. The Commission's responsibility is to ensure that no ineligible person is included in the list and that no eligible citizen is deprived. He stated that the objective of this campaign is to ensure error-free voter lists and to remove the names of deceased, transferred, or duplicate voters, thereby

establishing a correct record of actual voters. Under the campaign, BLOs will go door-to-door to verify voters and check necessary documents. The SIR process in Haryana will run from June 15 to September 22. A detailed voter verification campaign will now be conducted through the special campaign. He stated that the Commission mandates that no voter's name will be removed from the draft list without proper

investigation and an opportunity for a hearing. If a person is dissatisfied with the decision of the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), they may appeal to the District Magistrate and subsequently to the Chief Electoral Officer. Furthermore, the Commission clarified that citizens who have relocated from outside the state will be required to submit an additional declaration along with Form 6 for voter registration.

Educating daughters benefits two families: DC

There is a need to run continuous awareness campaigns to improve the sex ratio - said DC - DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil gave necessary instructions in the meeting of officials related to Health, Women and Child Development Department.

Jhajjar, May 15. DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil said that the government is vigilant and alert regarding the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign and the safety of daughters. We should not only give respect to girls but also celebrate their birthdays with great joy.

DC Swapnil Ravindra Patil chaired the district-level

standing committee meeting on Friday. During the meeting, nodal officer Dr. Sandeep Dalal shared detailed information about the programs being implemented under the Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child campaign.

The DC stated that the ₹Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign is a national campaign. With public support, this program, aimed at achieving a 100% sex ratio, is yielding positive results. The goal is to achieve a 100% sex ratio in Jhajjar district. This will only be possible if all relevant departments work in coordination and with team spirit.

He said that strict compliance of PCPNDT Act and



MTP Act should be ensured in the district, along with monitoring of ultra sound centres, CCTVs installed nearby should also be continuously monitored. He said that in villages where the sex ratio is low, awareness campaigns should be run to make the general public aware. Along with this, the message of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao should

also be given in religious programs. The Drug Control Department should regularly check medical stores regarding MTP kits. Those daughters of the concerned villages who have achieved success in sports, education and other fields should be invited in the awareness programs.

This officer was present On this occasion, DMC

Abhinav Siwach, SDM Jhajjar Ravi Meena, CEO Zila Parishad Manish Phogat, SDM Beri Renuka Nandal, SDM Badli Vishal Kumar, ACP Shamsher Singh and Surendra Singh, Civil Surgeon Dr Manju Kadyan, DDPO Nisha Tanwar, Nodal Officer PC PNDT Dr Sandeep Dalal, DPO Sapna Holkar and officers of the concerned departments were present.

Iran Raises Concerns Over West Asia Conflict During BRICS Meeting, Questions US Role



Sangini Ghosh

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi raised concerns over the escalating tensions in West Asia while speaking on the sidelines of the BRICS meeting, stating that the United States has reached a critical point in its involvement

in the region. His remarks come amid rising geopolitical tensions, growing security concerns and renewed diplomatic discussions among major global powers. **Concerns Over Regional Stability** The Iranian Foreign Minister warned that continued escalation in West Asia could further impact regional peace and global economic conditions. **US Role Comes Under Scrutiny** During the interaction, Araghchi suggested that Washington's policies in the region are increasingly being

questioned amid ongoing conflicts and diplomatic deadlocks. **BRICS Platform Highlights Global Concerns** The issue gained attention during discussions among BRICS nations, where member countries emphasized dialogue, multilateral cooperation and peaceful resolution of conflicts. **Impact on Energy and Trade** Analysts believe prolonged tensions in West Asia could affect global energy markets, shipping routes and international trade flows. **Call for Diplomatic Engagement**



Iran reiterated the importance of diplomatic engagement and regional

cooperation to prevent further escalation in the conflict-hit region.

In a way, the discussions on the sidelines of the BRICS meeting show how conflicts in

West Asia are no longer regional issues alone, but matters with wider global political and economic consequences. **Key Points** * Abbas Araghchi comments during BRICS sidelines * Concerns raised over West Asia conflict * US policies in the region questioned * Focus on diplomacy and peaceful resolution * Possible impact on energy markets and trade * BRICS discussions highlight global geopolitical concerns.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad Launches Missed Call Campaign for Restoration of "Indraprastha" Name

Swatantar Singh Bhullar New Delhi

New Delhi: The Indraprastha Province, has launched a large-scale missed call support campaign aimed at restoring the ancient, cultural, and historic identity of the National Capital Region as "Indraprastha." Under this campaign, citizens have been urged to express their support for this historic and cultural initiative by giving a missed call to 8860484811. Shri Surendra Kumar Gupta, Provincial Minister of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Indraprastha Province, said that names are not merely words of pronunciation; they carry the memory, identity, and civilizational self-respect of a society. He stated that "Indraprastha" is not just a name, but a declaration of India's ancient cultural consciousness and glorious history. He further said that when people say "Indraprastha," they are not merely referring to a

geographical location but remembering their ancestors, their history, the legacy of the Mahabharata era, and India's uninterrupted civilizational journey. He added that India's true strength does not lie only in trade, buildings, roads, or political power, but in its culture, history, spiritual depth, and civilizational pride. Shri Gupta said that while "Delhi" may be a commonly used name in daily life and commercial practice, it does not carry the same historical and cultural depth as "Indraprastha." He compared it to calling a child by a nickname at home—while it may reflect affection, it cannot replace the child's dignified identity. He questioned whether any society can truly take pride in abandoning its glorious historical identity for the sake of colloquial convenience. He clarified that the



campaign is not directed against anyone but is focused on restoring historical dignity and cultural

heritage. He described it as an initiative linked to honoring India's civilizational legacy, respecting ancestors, and strengthening the identity of future generations. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Indraprastha Province, has appealed to all sections of society, including religious and cultural organizations, academicians, history enthusiasts, youth, and citizens, to join the campaign and register their support for the restoration of the name "Indraprastha" by giving a missed call to 8860484811. "Indraprastha is our identity. Indraprastha is our history. Indraprastha is our pride."

Medicity Hospital Polyclinic opens in Gayaji with state-of-the-art facilities

Specialized treatment for stomach, intestinal, and liver diseases, along with the availability of a general physician



Gayaji. The Medicity Hospital Polyclinic, located next to the Vivek Diagnostic Center on GB Road in the city, is providing state-of-the-art medical facilities to patients. According to the hospital management, experienced doctors provide consultation and treatment for various serious illnesses. Patients receive specialized care for everything from common ailments to stomach, intestinal, and liver diseases under one roof.

Timely diagnosis and treatment can prevent serious illnesses: Dr. T. Sharma Stomach, intestinal, and liver disease and endoscopy specialist Dr. T. Sharma stated that his primary objective is to provide better healthcare

through modern technology and a team of experienced physicians. He explained that stomach and liver-related diseases are increasing rapidly these days due to irregular eating habits, stress, and changing lifestyles. Persistent gas, acidity, stomach pain, loss of appetite, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, or liver-related problems should not be ignored. Serious diseases can be prevented with timely diagnosis and proper treatment.

Experienced team of doctors providing superior healthcare

Dr. Gunjan Kumar serves as a general physician and critical care specialist at the polyclinic. He holds an MBBS from Kolkata, an MD from IMS, BHU, and a PDCC in critical care, and has also worked at AIIMS, New Delhi. He treats diabetes, hypertension, thyroid, lung, heart, kidney, and infectious diseases. The hospital management stated that modern diagnostic and treatment facilities are being continuously expanded at the polyclinic to provide better and more accessible healthcare to patients.

Safdarjung Hospital's Cancer Department Receives New Safety Equipment

Swatantar Singh Bhullar | New Delhi

New Delhi, May 2026: The Department of Medical Oncology at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital has received Bio Safety Cabinets under a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The initiative was undertaken by Capco Technologies Private Limited in collaboration with the Association of Women in Business (AWIB).

According to the hospital administration, the Bio Safety Cabinets will help further strengthen

infection control systems and ensure a safer environment for healthcare workers as well as for sensitive medical procedures carried out in the Oncology Department. The initiative has been described as an important example of collaboration between institutions, social organizations, and the private sector in strengthening public healthcare services.

Director of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Kavita Sharma, said that such support is extremely important for strengthening healthcare

infrastructure in large government hospitals. She stated that the availability of Bio Safety Cabinets in the Medical Oncology Department would further enhance safety standards and infection control measures for both healthcare workers and patients. She also expressed gratitude to Capco Technologies Private Limited and AWIB for their contribution.

A representative of Capco Technologies Private Limited said that healthcare services form an important part of the company's CSR

activities. The representative expressed hope that the support would help healthcare professionals in the Medical Oncology Department provide better services in a safe working environment.

Dr. Divya, President of the Association of Women in Business, said that the organization has consistently supported initiatives related to patient welfare and the improvement of healthcare services. She added that this partnership is a meaningful step toward creating a positive impact on society.

PIL 2.0 – A mix of self-interest, headlines and vengeance

Prof. RK Jain "Arijit"

When the doors of justice seem to be closed for the weak and neglected sections of the society, then Public Interest Litigation i.e. PIL (Public Interest Litigation) emerged as a powerful ray of hope. In the late 1970s, Justice PN Bhagwati and VR Krishna Iyer Its visionary foundation was laid by the Justice Department. Its objective was to provide justice to the poor, the helpless and the deprived. From the Hussainara Khatoun case to landmark decisions related to environmental protection, women's rights, and human rights, PILs have become a powerful voice of the public. But in May 2026, the situation has changed. Today, both the Supreme Court and the Central Government are expressing serious concern over its increasing misuse. Has this powerful medium of public interest now become a tool for personal vendetta, political selfishness, and economic gains? This question challenges not only the dignity of the judiciary but also the public's faith in justice.

The increasing misuse of PILs has raised concerns about the judicial system in recent months. In May 2026, Justice B.V. Nagarathna remarked that PILs are now

becoming private interest, publicity interest, monetary interest, and political interest litigation. A nine-judge bench reviewing the Sabarimala case questioned petitions that were based solely on news clippings and social media posts with which the petitioner had no direct involvement. The central government has also indicated that it is time to set limits on PILs. According to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the locus standi exemption is now being used more for personal agendas than for the underprivileged. This is increasing the backlog of cases and delaying justice for genuine victims.

The increasing misuse of PILs is having a serious impact on the justice system. In several cases, a single individual filed more than 25 PILs, which the Supreme Court dismissed, advising the petitioner to focus on his legal practice. Many petitions are now becoming a vehicle for personal vendettas, business competition, and interference in religious matters. PILs, once a powerful tool for public interest, are now being filed without any solid basis. In 2025, the Supreme Court accepted 570 PILs, and as of March 2025, over 80,000 cases remained pending. This is increasing the



burden on the courts and affecting the progress of genuine public interest cases.

The misuse of PILs has cast serious doubt on the credibility of the judicial system. Genuine public interest issues such as rural health services, the deteriorating education system, the water crisis, and environmental imbalances are being left behind, while PILs filed for publicity and political gain are grabbing headlines. The central government believes that PILs are now becoming a means of unnecessarily involving the courts in policymaking. This threatens to disrupt the balance between the three organs of democracy. Even fines imposed on frivolous petitions are proving ineffective, as many petitioners simply dismiss them as a cost.

To preserve the spirit and credibility of PILs, immediate and drastic reforms are essential. Courts should critically examine the petitioner's motives and facts before accepting a petition. It should be ensured that the petitioner is connected to the affected community and has gathered sufficient evidence through RTI or other means. Measures such as imposing heavy financial penalties for baseless petitions, restrictions on lawyers, and requiring minimum documentary evidence could be effective. The media must also refrain from immediately portraying every PIL as a mass movement. It is also essential to make the public understand that PILs are not a privilege, but rather the ultimate constitutional means of achieving justice.

The Supreme Court has periodically issued strict guidelines to prevent the misuse of public interest litigation. In the 2010 Balwant Singh Chauhal case, provisions were made for verifying the veracity of the petitioner, verifying the facts, and imposing penalties on petitions that lack merit. Recently, the Court has clarified that only genuine public interest litigation will be heard on priority, while petitions seeking personal gain or publicity will be dismissed. Some High Courts have also extended their powers to PILs. We have adopted procedures for filing RTIs, contacting the administration, and verifying the petitioner's authenticity before filing an RTI. Following these guidelines, along with the establishment of a special bench or expedited process, will reduce the burden on the judicial system and ensure speedy justice for victims.

Despite these growing challenges, it would not be appropriate to completely eliminate the Public Interest Litigation Act (PIL). Even today, it remains the greatest hope for millions of poor, helpless, and marginalized people who cannot afford expensive legal proceedings. What is needed is not its abolition,

but balanced and effective reform. While preserving the original purpose, a strict and clear system must be established to prevent misuse. The Supreme Court and the Central Government should jointly develop guidelines that will enable the PIL to once again become a powerful protector of genuine public interest. Otherwise, this important means of delivering justice will become a burden on the judicial system itself.

Today, the Public Interest Litigation Act (PIL) is facing a severe test of its fundamental purpose and credibility. This system can remain a strong and effective foundation of democracy only if it is used for genuine justice, constitutional values, and public interest, and not for personal gain, publicity, or political gain. If strict and effective controls are not imposed on its misuse in time, this important medium, which serves as a voice for the weak, will gradually lose its dignity, influence, and credibility. Therefore, the judiciary, the government, and society must work together with responsibility, awareness, and seriousness. The protection of justice is indeed a shared and essential responsibility for all of us.

NEET Not Clean: The Growing Crisis of Trust in India's Biggest Medical Entrance Exam



Editorial

My Thought



● Dr. Vijay Garg

The phrase "NEET Not Clean" is no longer merely a social media slogan. It reflects the growing frustration, fear, disappointment, and mistrust among students, parents, teachers, and even education experts. Allegations of paper leaks, unfair grace marks, impersonation, cheating networks, coaching mafias, and administrative lapses have deeply shaken public confidence in the examination system. For millions of students, NEET is not just an exam. It is years of sacrifice, sleepless nights, financial burden, emotional struggle, and family expectations. When doubts arise about the integrity of the exam, the damage goes far beyond marks and rankings. It affects the mental health of students and weakens trust in the country's education system.

India's National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, popularly known as NEET, was created with the promise of fairness, transparency, and equal opportunity. The idea behind a single national examination for admission to medical colleges was simple: every student, whether from a village school or a metropolitan coaching institute, should compete on the same platform. Over the years, NEET became one of the largest and most competitive examinations in the world, with millions of students appearing every year.

However, in recent times, a painful question has started echoing across the country:

Is NEET still clean?

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The Dream Called NEET

Every year, students across India prepare for NEET with extraordinary dedication. Many begin preparation from Class 9 or 10. Some move away from home to coaching hubs like Kota, Delhi, Hyderabad, or Chandigarh. Others study under difficult conditions in villages with limited resources.

A NEET aspirant often sacrifices:

- Festivals and vacations
- Sports and hobbies
- Social life and friendships
- Sleep and mental peace
- Parents too invest heavily in coaching fees, hostel expenses, books, online test series, and travel. For many middle-class and poor families, preparing a child for NEET becomes a financial mission.

The reason is simple: becoming a doctor is

considered one of the most respected and secure professions in India.

But when irregularities enter the examination process, students begin to feel that honesty and hard work alone may not be enough.

Why Students Are Losing Trust

1. Repeated Allegations of Paper Leaks

One of the biggest reasons behind the "NEET Not Clean" sentiment is the recurring controversy around paper leaks.

Whenever reports emerge that question papers were circulated before the exam or certain groups gained unfair access, students feel betrayed. Even if only a small number of candidates benefit illegally, the psychological impact spreads nationwide.

Students begin asking:

"What was the value of my hard work?"

"Can rank really reflect merit?"

"Did someone buy the future that I earned honestly?"

In highly competitive exams where even one mark changes ranks significantly, unfair advantage becomes devastating.

2. Coaching and Exam Mafia

Another major concern is the rise of organized cheating networks.

Some reports and investigations over the years have suggested the involvement of:

- Impersonation rackets
- Dummy candidates
- Technology-assisted cheating
- Corrupt officials
- Middlemen charging huge amounts

This creates the perception that powerful people can manipulate systems while ordinary students suffer.

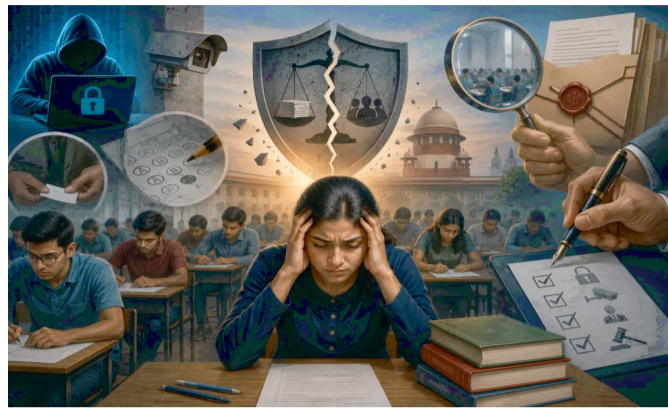
The commercialization of education has further widened this gap. Expensive coaching industries dominate the medical entrance ecosystem. Students from economically weaker backgrounds often feel disadvantaged even before entering the examination hall.

3. Unequal Education System

NEET is conducted as a single national exam, but India's school education system is far from equal.

A student from:

- A CBSE English-medium school with advanced labs,
- Daily coaching,



Online test analytics, AI-based learning tools, cannot easily be compared with a student studying in:

- Rural schools,
- Regional language systems,
- Limited laboratory facilities,
- Teacher shortages,
- Poor internet access.

Though NEET aims to create equality, many argue that unequal educational foundations make the competition uneven from the beginning.

4. Mental Health Pressure

The pressure surrounding NEET has reached alarming levels.

Many students: Study 10-14 hours daily, Face parental and social expectations,

- Fear failure constantly,
- Compare themselves with toppers online,
- Feel isolated and emotionally exhausted.

When controversies occur after the exam, stress multiplies.

Students who already struggled emotionally may feel hopeless if they believe the system itself is unfair. The emotional impact of uncertainty can be severe, especially for teenagers who tie their entire identity to exam results.

The Real Victims: Honest Students

Whenever an exam controversy occurs, discussions usually focus on: Investigation agencies, Political blame, Court cases, Administrative failures. But the biggest victims are often forgotten: honest students.

Imagine a student who: Wakes up at 4 a.m. daily, Solves thousands of MCQs, Gives up entertainment for years,

- Studies despite family hardships,
- and then hears allegations that some candidates may have

cheated.

The emotional damage is enormous.

Even students who score well start doubting whether the competition was fair. Many begin losing faith not only in exams but also in institutions.

How Exam Irregularities Damage Society

The issue goes beyond NEET.

When trust in competitive exams weakens, society suffers in multiple ways.

1. Meritocracy Gets Damaged

Competitive exams are supposed to reward talent and hard work. If manipulation enters the process, deserving candidates may lose opportunities unfairly.

This weakens the belief that effort leads to success.

2. Future Healthcare Quality Is Affected

Medical education shapes future doctors. If dishonest methods help candidates enter medical colleges, concerns naturally arise regarding the quality of future healthcare professionals.

A weak selection system can indirectly affect patient care and public trust in healthcare institutions.

3. Youth Become Cynical

Young people form opinions about society based on experiences during education and employment.

If students repeatedly witness corruption, favoritism, or unfairness, they may begin believing:

- honesty has no value,
- connections matter more than merit,
- ethics are impractical.

Such thinking harms the moral foundation of society.

Technology: Solution or Problem?

Technology has transformed modern examinations. Online systems, biometric verification, AI surveillance, encrypted papers, and digital monitoring can improve security.

But technology can also

create new challenges:

- Hacking attempts,
- Digital cheating tools,
- Communication devices,
- Data manipulation risks.

The answer is not rejecting technology but using it responsibly with stronger cybersecurity and transparent processes.

The Role of Parents

Parents often unintentionally increase pressure during NEET preparation.

Some common mistakes include:

- Comparing children with toppers,
- Treating NEET as the only successful career path,
- Ignoring emotional well-being,

Measuring self-worth through ranks.

Students need encouragement, emotional balance, and realistic guidance—not constant fear. A child's future cannot be reduced to a single examination.

Is Becoming a Doctor the Only Success?

One dangerous consequence of NEET obsession is the belief that life is over if medical admission is not secured. This is completely untrue. India and the world need talented people in:

Research, Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Psychology, Teaching, Environmental science, Artificial intelligence, Public health, Agriculture, Entrepreneurship, Journalism, Civil services, Skilled trades.

A student's intelligence cannot be measured only through NEET ranks.

What Reforms Are Needed?

To restore trust, strong reforms are essential.

1. Stronger Security Systems

- Encrypted paper distribution,
- Real-time monitoring,
- Advanced surveillance,
- Strict accountability.

2. Faster Investigations

Any allegation of malpractice should be investigated quickly and transparently.

3. Reduced Overdependence on One Exam

Relying entirely on a single

high-pressure exam increases stress and risk.

4. Better School Education

Improving government schools and reducing educational inequality is essential.

5. Mental Health Support

Counselling systems should become a regular part of schools and coaching institutes.

6. Transparency in Evaluation

Students should clearly understand: marking methods, normalization policies, grievance procedures.

Transparency builds confidence.

Students Need Hope, Not Fear

Despite controversies, millions of honest students continue preparing sincerely every year. Their determination proves that faith in education still survives.

India's youth do not demand miracles. They simply want:

- fairness,
- transparency,
- equal opportunity,
- respect for hard work.

The future of the country depends on whether talented students believe the system rewards honesty.

Conclusion

"NEET Not Clean" is not just criticism of an examination. It is a warning signal about the growing crisis of trust in competitive education.

An exam can only succeed when students believe: the rules are fair, merit matters, honesty is respected, every candidate gets an equal chance.

India's education system carries the dreams of millions of families. Protecting the integrity of examinations is therefore not merely an administrative responsibility—it is a national responsibility.

The true strength of a country lies not only in the number of doctors it produces, but in the fairness of the path through which those doctors are selected.

If trust is lost, even the biggest examination loses its meaning.

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International Family Day Special: A Home Becomes a Real Home Only When Relationships Carry a Sense of Belonging

Dr Vijay Garg

Every year on May 15, the world observes the International Day of Families, a reminder that despite rapid technological progress, economic growth, and modern lifestyles, the family remains the strongest emotional foundation of human life. A building made of bricks and concrete may provide shelter, but only relationships filled with love, trust, care, and belonging can transform that structure into a true home.

In today's fast-moving world, people are surrounded by digital connections yet often experience emotional loneliness. Many individuals have hundreds of online contacts but very few people with whom they can genuinely share their fears, failures, joys, and hopes. This is where the importance of family

becomes even more visible. Family is not merely a social institution; it is the emotional heartbeat of society.

A house may have luxurious furniture, expensive gadgets, and modern facilities, but if relationships are cold, distant, or broken, it still feels empty. On the other hand, even a small home filled with affection, respect, and togetherness radiates warmth and happiness. That is why it is often said: "A home becomes meaningful not because of its walls, but because of the hearts living within them."

Understanding the True Meaning of Family

Family is much more than a group of people related by blood. It is a bond built on emotional support, shared responsibilities, sacrifice, understanding, and unconditional acceptance.

Within a family, people learn the earliest lessons of life—love, patience, compassion, discipline, sharing, and forgiveness.

For a child, family is the first school. For an elderly person, it is the greatest source of comfort. For adults struggling with responsibilities and stress, it is a place of emotional refuge.

The strength of a family does not depend on wealth or status. Instead, it depends on how deeply its members care for one another. A strong family is one where people listen to each other, stand together during difficult times, and celebrate happiness collectively.

Why Belonging Matters in Relationships

The feeling of belonging is one of the deepest emotional needs of human beings. Every person wants to feel valued,

accepted, and emotionally connected. Families fulfill this need better than any other institution.

When relationships contain genuine belonging:

- People feel emotionally secure.
- Children grow with confidence.
- Elderly family members feel respected.

Individuals cope with stress more effectively. Emotional wounds heal faster.

Belonging means knowing that someone will stand beside you even during your failures. It means being accepted not only for achievements but also for imperfections.

In many modern societies, people are increasingly struggling with isolation and

emotional emptiness. Despite living together under the same roof, family members often become emotionally distant. Conversations are replaced by screens, and emotional bonding weakens gradually. This is why rebuilding a sense of belonging within families has become essential.

The Changing Structure of Families

Family structures have changed dramatically over the past few decades.

Joint Families: A Culture of Togetherness

In traditional societies, especially in countries like India, joint families were common. Multiple generations lived together under one roof. Grandparents shared wisdom, parents provided guidance, and children learned values naturally

through observation.

- Joint families offered: Emotional support
- Shared responsibilities
- Stronger cultural values
- Better care for children and elders

A sense of unity and collective identity

Festivals, meals, and daily activities were shared experiences that strengthened relationships.

Rise of Nuclear Families

Urbanization, career opportunities, migration, and changing lifestyles have led to the rise of nuclear families.

While smaller families provide independence and privacy, they can also lead to emotional isolation.

Today many parents work long hours, children spend more time with digital devices,

and grandparents often live separately. Family members may physically share the same home but emotionally live in different worlds.

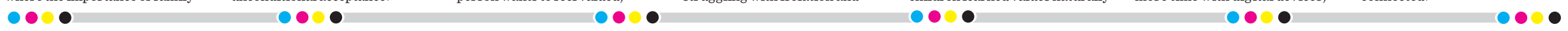
This shift has created new challenges:

- Reduced emotional communication
- Increased loneliness among elders
- Mental stress among working parents
- Emotional pressure on children

Weakening family traditions

Technology: Connecting or Dividing Families?

Technology has transformed communication in extraordinary ways. Video calls, instant messaging, and social media allow families separated by distance to remain connected.



'Gun-tantra' Followed by 'Gan-tantra': The Comprehensive Decline of the Left

Rakesh Sain

Following the election results in five states, a humorous anecdote began making the rounds: a man remarked to his friend, ₹The Left has been wiped out in Kerala as well.₹The friend replied, ₹That is three-day-old news.₹ To this, the first friend responded, ₹The news may be old, but how wonderful it sounds! ₹ The departure of the Leftist government in Kerala is news that—following similar events in Bengal, Tripura, and Punjab—is now being regarded as the final chapter in the story of the Communists' nationwide decline. April 5, 1957, marked a turning point in Indian politics that stunned the world; on this day, Elamkulam Manakkal Sankaran Nambudiripad took the oath as the Chief Minister of Kerala. On July 31, 1959, the Congress-led central government stifled an elected government that was barely 28 months old. However, the story of the Communists did not end with the dismissal of the Kerala government; yet, 69 years after that event, the question is now being raised: has the 'Red Flag' now been confined merely to the pages of history and old photographs?

The election results in Kerala in 2026 have stunned the entire nation. Just this past March, Naxalism was eradicated, and now, two months later, the Leftist

government in Kerala has met its end. In other words, the Communists' 'Gun-tantra' (rule by the gun) has been defeated, as has their 'Gan-tantra' (rule through democracy). The conversation extends beyond Kerala to Bengal—a state where their dominion was once considered unassailable. They held power in Bengal for 34 years, yet today, they have vanished from the political landscape there entirely. After Bengal and Tripura, Kerala remained as their final battleground; now, the story has reached its conclusion there as well.

A Communist-Free India

With these election results across five states, India has become 'Communist-free.' In not a single state do those who chant 'Lal Salaam' (Red Salute) currently hold power. This is not merely a tale of electoral defeat; it is the story of the ultimate collapse of an ideology that took root on foreign soil. Why did this decline occur? Was it because they failed to adapt with the changing times, or because they were never truly rooted in the soil of this nation? Did their opposition to the majority community—pursued in the name of pseudo-secularism—and their hostility toward the country's cultural identity ultimately prove to be their undoing? This narrative is not

confined solely to Kerala; it is the story of the erasure of a 'foreign hue' from India's political landscape.

One Hundred Years: Nationalism Flourishes, the Left Falters

Approximately one hundred years ago—in 1925—two ideological organizations were established in India: the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Communist Party of India (CPI). While the Sangh chose a path of alignment with the national identity, the Leftists opted for the exact opposite course. Today, the Sangh boasts over 85,000 branches across the country, engages in more than 150,000 social service initiatives, and commands a workforce of hundreds of thousands of volunteers across its various affiliate organizations—making it the largest social organization in the world. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)—an integral part of the Sangh's ideological family—currently holds power in 17 states across the nation. Furthermore, having secured victory in three consecutive Lok Sabha elections, the party also forms the government at the Centre. In stark contrast, the Communist parties were left with a government in only one state—Kerala—which, too, has now crumbled. There was a time when the Left's dominion over Bengal

was considered an immutable reality—etched in stone. The dominance of their party cadre—whether exercised through democratic or undemocratic means—was so absolute that it became virtually impossible for the opposition to gain a foothold in the region. In 1964, the CPI split into two factions. In the elections held on June 14, 1977, the Left Front secured over 200 of the 294 assembly seats. Between 1977 and 2000, Jyoti Basu alone led the party to victory in five consecutive assembly elections. Following his tenure, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee won two elections. In total, the Left remained in power for 34 consecutive years. Elected through the ballot box, this constituted the longest-serving Communist government in the world. During this period, the Left's party cadre grew so powerful that virtually no activity could take place within the state without their explicit approval. The public eventually grew weary of this stranglehold—and then came the events of Singur and Nandigram. In March 2007, 14 people were killed in police firing during the protests in Nandigram. It was from this very movement that a leader of national stature emerged—Mamata Banerjee—who, in the 2011 elections, dismantled the 34-year-old ₹Red Fort₹ of the Left.

"This evening is dedicated to Rahi ji": Felicitating literary figure Balswaroop Rahi on his 90th birthday



Dr. Shambhu Panwar

New Delhi, May 15.

A grand celebration was held at the Creative Unlock auditorium in Dwarka, jointly organized by the Krishnaditya Parivar Manch, to commemorate the 90th birthday of Balswaroop Rahi, a renowned Hindi literary figure and senior poet. The program was coordinated by senior literary figures Lakshmi Shankar Vajpayee, Mamta Kiran, Rajendra Nigam Raj, and Indu Raj Nigam.

The ceremony began with the lighting of a lamp and Saraswati Vandana

before Goddess Saraswati. Rahi ji's birthday was celebrated with the traditional tilak and aarti. The highlight of the program was Rahi ji's recitation of his famous works, which captivated the audience. Family memories shared by his daughter added to the emotional atmosphere. Senior literary figures and well-wishers then paid tribute to Rahi ji. On this occasion, Shikha Khurana, founder of Sahitya Sangam Manch, President Sunila Narang, and Vice President Alka Garg honored Rahi ji by presenting him with a shawl and a copy of the

Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta. At the ceremony, Advik Publications founder Ashok Gupta, senior literary figure Veena Agarwal, social worker and literary figure Dr. Anju Kwatra, Shakun Mittal, Lokesh Chaudhary, Mamta Jha Rudransi, and Jagdish Meena, along with a large number of writers, poets, and literature lovers from Delhi and the NCR, paid tribute to Rahi ji's long literary contributions and extended their best wishes. The ceremony concluded in a cordial atmosphere with a cake cutting ceremony, a group photo, and refreshments.

NEET-UG paper leak case 2026 - Re-examination on June 21, 2026 - NEET exam to be completely computer-based from 2027 - The question remains: Digital age, paper leaks and the crisis in the education system: Has technology accelerated the network of exam mafias?

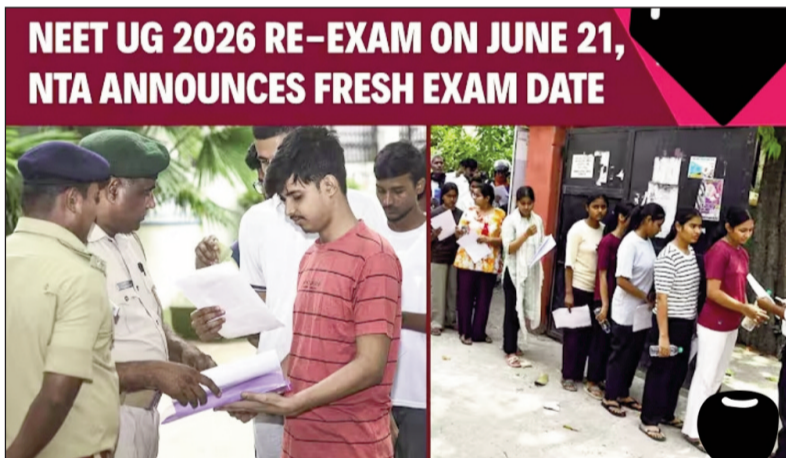
Competitive examinations in India are not just a means of employment or admission, but a lifeline that shapes the dreams, social standing, and future direction of millions of youth. The ₹Munnabhai MBBS₹ model has now transformed into technology-driven organized crime, where dummy candidates, digital impersonation, biometric fraud, and question paper trading have become a parallel industry. - Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra

Globally, India is experiencing a period where, on the one hand, the digital revolution has accelerated governance, administration, education, health, banking, business, and civic amenities, while, on the other hand, this technological expansion has also given new impetus to cybercrime, data theft, digital fraud, and organized examination mafias. Modern technology has made life easier, but the misuse of this technology is challenging the credibility of the system. The penetration of technology-based crimes, especially in the education sector, has shaken the credibility of the country's most prestigious examinations. Competitive examinations in India are not just a means of employment or admission, but a lifeline that shapes the dreams, social standing, and future of millions of youth. When the confidentiality of these examinations is questioned, it becomes not merely an administrative failure but a national moral crisis. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra believe that the NEET-UG paper leak incident of 2026 has emerged as the most significant example of this deepening crisis. The medical entrance exam, NEET-UG, held on May 3, 2026, had to be cancelled following allegations of paper leaks and widespread irregularities. The government rescheduled the exam date for June 21, 2026, and also clarified that from 2027, the NEET exam will be

conducted entirely in computer-based (CBT) mode. This decision is being seen as a sign of a major change in the Indian examination system. Months of hard work, mental stress, and parental expectations of over 2.2 million students suddenly turned into uncertainty. Student protests across the country, social media campaigns, and sharp questions about the examination system made it clear that India's examination system now demands structural changes, not just administrative reforms. Ironically, this crisis emerged at a time when the government had enacted the ₹Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, ₹in 2024. This law, colloquially known as the ₹Anti-Paper Leak Law, ₹was claimed to decisively curb crimes like paper leaks, punish those guilty severely, and make the examination system more secure. This law provided for stringent punishments and heavy fines for crimes such as organized cheating, question paper leaks, digital hacking, fraud, and technical interference in the examination process. However, the NEET scandal of 2026 demonstrated that simply enacting laws is not enough; as criminal networks become more technologically advanced and organized, they find ways to exploit legal loopholes and administrative laxity.

Friends, today's paper mafia is no longer a traditional criminal organization. It has evolved into a highly organized, multi-layered, and technologically sophisticated network. It involves individuals associated with educational institutions, coaching networks, cybercriminals, data brokers, local agents, technical experts, and sometimes even corrupt officials. This is why question paper leaks are no longer limited to a single state or exam. The problem has spread nationally. The use of technology is no longer limited to studies or online applications; organized fraud is being perpetrated through Bluetooth devices, micro earpieces, encrypted messaging, dark web channels, and digital payment networks.

Friends, following the NEET-UG 2026 controversy, the Union Education Minister held a press conference on May 15, 2026, and made



several important announcements. He clearly stated that the culprits would be found, even from the depths of the earth, and that no perpetrators would be spared at any level. This statement was not merely a political reaction, but a reflection of the public outrage that was evident across the country. The government announced the re-examination date as June 21, 2026, and also clarified that from 2027, the NEET exam will be conducted entirely in computer-based (CBT) mode. This decision is being seen as a sign of a major change in the Indian examination system. Several important changes related to the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination were announced. It was decided to allow students to change their exam center city so that students from areas where irregularities were suspected could take the exam in the city of their choice. Admit cards were announced to be released by June 14th, and the exam time was set from 2 pm to 5:15 pm, with an additional 15 minutes added. Most importantly, no additional fees would be charged for re-examination. This decision was taken to reduce the mental and financial pressure on students. But the real issue isn't just about re-examination. The bigger question is why such incidents are occurring repeatedly? Has India's traditional pen-and-paper examination system become irrelevant? Has the exam mafia technologically outmaneuvered the administration? And will simply switching to the CBT mode solve this problem?

Friends, to find answers to these questions, we must understand India's examination culture and its socio-

economic pressures. Competitive examinations in India are not merely academic pursuits. Admission to fields like medicine and engineering is linked to social prestige, financial security, and family honor. Millions of families spend their entire savings on coaching, hostels, and study materials. Many students take breaks and prepare for years. In such a situation, when the pressure to succeed becomes overwhelming, the allure of illegal means also increases. This is precisely where the examination mafia establishes its network.

Friends, the reference to the famous film Munnabhai M.B.B.S., released in 2003, seems extremely relevant here. At the time, audiences viewed the film as an entertaining comedy-drama that satirized the flaws in the medical education system and the fake admission culture. However, real-life incidents today have made us realize that it was not just a fantasy. The ₹Munnabhai₹ model has now evolved into technology-driven organized crime, where dummy candidates, digital impersonation, biometric fraud, and question paper trading have become a parallel industry.

Friends, this nexus between cybercrime and the examination system has posed new challenges for the administration. Previously, question papers were leaked during printing presses or transportation, but now digital servers, encrypted data transfer, and network security are also at risk. If exam data is not managed with adequate cybersecurity, the entire system could be compromised through hacking, data theft, and internal collusion. This is

why experts are emphasizing not only legal enforcement but also the need to upgrade cyber infrastructure.

Friends, in India, the CBT (Computer Based Examination) system is being considered the solution of the future. In many developed countries, large-scale entrance exams are conducted digitally. This reduces the risks associated with question paper distribution, transportation, and printing. It enables reordering questions, creating different sets for each candidate, and real-time monitoring. Technologies such as AI-based monitoring, face recognition, and digital logging can strengthen exam transparency. In India, many banking, management, and government recruitment exams are already being successfully conducted in CBT mode. However, adopting the CBT mode alone cannot be considered the ultimate solution. Digital examination systems also have their own risks. If cybersecurity remains weak, problems such as server hacking, remote access, software manipulation, and data tampering can arise. Inequality in internet and computer access in rural and remote areas is also a major challenge. Providing equal digital infrastructure to millions of students in a vast country like India will not be easy. Therefore, cybersecurity, digital literacy, and technological transparency must be given equal priority alongside the CBT system. The NEET controversy has raised another serious question—is the exam-based education model itself in crisis? Today, the entire education system has become a competition for marks, ranks, and cutoffs. Mental pressure on students is constantly increasing. The coaching industry has become a multi-billion dollar business. When success is measured solely by exam results, morality begins to weaken. Experts believe that simply increasing exam security will not provide a permanent solution to the problem; rather, the education system must be made more multifaceted, skill-based, and mental health-friendly.

Friends, social media played a crucial role in this entire incident. Students raised their voices on X, YouTube, Telegram, and other digital

platforms. Millions of posts, videos, and live discussions put pressure on the government. This is both a strength and a challenge of digital democracy. While social media served as a medium for transparency and public pressure, it also allowed rumors, fake documents, and misinformation to spread rapidly. Therefore, information management in the digital age has become as important as exam management. Since the investigation was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation, several arrests have been made, and investigative agencies are actively unraveling the network. But this is not just a matter of arresting a few individuals. It is a challenge to dismantle the vast parallel system that is thriving by exploiting the weaknesses of the education system. If society, the administration, educational institutions, and technical experts do not work together to implement long-term reforms, every new law may prove ineffective over time.

Friends, in fact, the failure of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 does not mean that the law was unnecessary, but rather demonstrates that strong enforcement, technical capability, accountability, and institutional integrity are essential alongside the law. The success of any law depends on its efficiency in implementation. If the mechanisms involved in conducting examinations are not transparent and accountable, even the most stringent laws remain limited to paper. Today, India stands at a crucial juncture. On one hand, there is the world's youngest population, a digital economy, and technological capabilities; on the other, there is growing distrust in the education system, the threat of cybercrime and exam mafias. If India is to become a global knowledge power, it must make its examination system reliable, transparent, and technologically secure. The NEET-UG 2026 controversy is not just a crisis of one exam, but a test of the trust on which India's future rests.

Therefore, if we study and analyze the above, we will find that this is not just a time to catch the culprits, but to rebuild the entire system.

The Sangh's Goal: The Establishment of a Supremely Glorious India

Dr. Balmukund Pandey

The objective of the Sangh is the establishment of a supremely glorious India. The Sangh's resolve for the coming years is to further strengthen an organized Hindu society. It adapts its structural programs in accordance with the needs of the nation and the times, relative to the prevailing context. In a changing environment, the Sangh is manifesting itself on the bedrock of nationalism. Change is an eternal truth, and the Sangh is continually transforming itself in response to the requirements of collective circumstances. In both ancient and modern Indian intellectual traditions, the 'Nation' (*Rashtra*) is described not merely as a geographical or political entity, but as a living cultural entity. The 'Nation' is a sacred landmass—an emotional collective comprising intellectual memories, knowledge traditions, and a collective consciousness accumulated over centuries. *Bharat Mata* (Mother India) is that

hallowed motherland whose feet are worshipped by the ocean itself; who wears the Himalayas as her crown; and who is adorned by the eternal tradition of contemplative ascetics, profound philosophers, and radiant sages. The 'Nation' serves as a focal point for the collective psycho-moral and emotional attachment—as well as the unwavering faith—of its people. The perspective propounded by the Sangh remains highly relevant; it views the Nation as the manifest embodiment of a cultural and civilizational entity, deeming a sense of duty, social harmony, social cohesion, and ideological continuity as absolutely essential for realizing a Supremely Glorious India. A spirit of reverence toward *Bharat Mata*, exemplary conduct that elevates the essence of Indianness, and the Sangh's civilizational outlook together provide a robust foundation for a Glorious India—a vision that encompasses a prudent blueprint for actualizing a Supremely Glorious India rooted in cultural self-confidence, social

synergy, and cultural renaissance. The Sangh stands as the world's largest social, non-political, and cultural organization. Its ultimate objective is to establish India as an indivisible cultural nation. The Sangh has strengthened the fundamental foundations of India. It has safeguarded India's sovereignty, empowered the weaker sections of society, and upheld the values of Sanatan culture and civilization. The 'Sangh' stands as a living symbol of selfless service. The edifice of a nation is built upon the excellent, disciplined, and harmonious character of its individuals. With a spirit of dedication, dutifulness, devotion to service, altruism, and self-sacrifice, volunteers and Sangh functionaries are actively working across every sphere of society. The fundamental objective shared by all of them is to establish India as a nation of supreme glory, immense power, and a global guide. The centenary year of the Sangh serves as a testament to this vision: that by organizing Hindu

society, mobilizing the virtuous forces within it, fostering social cohesion, and cultivating an atmosphere of harmony and affection among all individuals, we can elevate our national unity and cultural pride." The Sangh is a social, non-political, and cultural organization comprising millions of dedicated volunteers who are resolutely committed to the twin objectives of individual character-building and nation-building. In 1925, Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, together with his fellow volunteers, founded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (Sangh) with the aim of realizing the vision of a supremely glorious India. Under the administrative regime of the then-ruling power, the British government was arbitrarily and forcefully suppressing the civil rights and liberties of the populace. A regulatory apparatus and an irresponsible bureaucracy—which stifled freedom of the press, freedom of movement, and the conduct of daily life—were utilizing their unlimited

and autocratic powers to ruthlessly crush the collective strength of the common people. During such adverse and challenging times, Dr. Hedgewar prepared the populace for the freedom struggle by fostering social and cultural unity among Hindus. Driven by a spirit of dedication to the nation and focused on the monumental task of character building, the volunteers of the Sangh have remained wholeheartedly engaged in national service across every dimension and sector of society and the nation—including service, education, healthcare, student affairs, labor, and politics—upholding the mantra of Nation Foremost as the ultimate objective of their material lives. The Sangh is a unique organization of global stature, resolutely committed to achieving the ultimate goal of national service by utilizing the spirit of selfless service as its primary instrument. The objective of the Sangh is to steer India toward social harmony. By virtue of the significance and

dynamism of its activities, the Sangh has successfully completed a centennial journey spanning 100 years. Throughout this period, it has awakened society through a spirit of service and dedication. Through the efficacy of these endeavors, it has contributed significantly to both individual character building and nation-building. These activities have fostered an atmosphere of social harmony within society. It is precisely due to this relevance—particularly within the context of contemporary times and evolving societal needs—that the Sangh continues to advance successfully. The Sangh has demonstrated its capability to confront and overcome numerous challenges and adversities. The fundamental objective of the Sangh is to build a Harmonious India—a nation capable of transcending the barriers of caste and parochial mindsets. To facilitate the upliftment of society, the Sangh places strong emphasis on establishing an organized and empowered society."

Today, a joint delegation led by Comrade Vijay Kumar, Punjab President of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Sewerage Employees Union, along with his associates, met Shri Kishor Makwana, Chairman of the National SC Commission.

Amritsar, May 15 (Sahil Beri)

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the serious issues faced by sewer workers, sanitation staff, and other Class-IV employees working in municipal corporations, municipal councils, municipalities, and committees across Punjab. They stated that due to rising inflation, it has become extremely difficult for employees to sustain their families on low wages.

The delegation also presented their key demands to the Chairman, including:

The reservation system has effectively been replaced by a roster system for a long time, despite employees already belonging to reserved categories.



Implementation of the Old Pension Scheme.

Immediate job provision to family members in case of an employee's death.

The contractor system should not be imposed on door-to-door waste collection workers.

Regularization of overage

employees.

Regular recruitment of remaining Class-IV employees such as sewer workers, sanitation staff, gardeners, beldars, drivers, etc.

The Chairman assured the union that a meeting with the Local Government Department,

Chandigarh, will be arranged soon to address these issues.

The union expressed gratitude to the Chairman. Comrade Vijay Kumar also thanked fellow members including Deepak Gill, Narendra Kumar Soni, Rajesh Kumar, and others for their presence.



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- 1  EVERY SUNDAY WILL BE "METRO DAY"
- 2  GOVERNMENT TO BE 50% VIDEO CONFERENCING COMPLIANT
- 3  WORK FROM HOME 2 DAYS IN A WEEK
- 4  NO FOREIGN TOURS BY MINISTERS FOR ONE YEAR
- 5  ONE DAY A WEEK NO CAR DAY
- 6  NO PETROL-DIESEL VEHICLES FOR NEXT 6 MONTHS
- 7  SPECIAL BUS SERVICE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



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