

3 students who stood their ground: Hunger strike by Neha, Ameen, Manish enters Day 22

NEW DELHI, JULY 19: After activist Sonam Wangchuk was taken to Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital on the 21st day of his indefinite hunger strike on Saturday morning, the protest at Jantar Mantar showed no signs of ending on Sunday as three student activists continued their fast.

The organisers reaffirmed that the proposed July 20 march to Parliament would go ahead.

The hunger strike entered its 22nd day with Neha, Ameen Amitoj and Manish Kumar, three associates from the All India Students' Association (AISA), continuing their indefinite fast. WorldNews Coverage

Neha, AISA president, and a PhD scholar in theatre and performance studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), began the fast at 66 kg and has reportedly lost 7.5 kg.

Ameen Amitoj, a PhD scholar in urban studies at Dr BR Ambedkar University, Delhi, who had also participated in the 2020 to 2021 farmers' protest, started at 69.3 kg and has reportedly lost 9.3 kg.

Manish Kumar, AISA's Uttar Pradesh president and a PhD scholar in political science at Allahabad University, began the fast at 85.7 kg and has lost 10.4 kg, according to organisers.

Doctors continued monitoring the three students and were expected to issue a fresh medical assessment as concern grew over their health after more than three weeks without food. Volunteers remained around the fasting students as supporters gathered at the protest site.

The agitation gathered fresh momentum after Wangchuk was taken away from Jantar Mantar by Delhi Police on Saturday.

Police said he was shifted to Safdarjung Hospital on expert medical advice and in compliance with directions of the Delhi High Court because of his deteriorating health. Officials said some protesters tried to obstruct the exercise,



leading to a slight commotion, but maintained that the officers exercised maximum restraint and that there was no lathi charge or detention.

Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, has maintained that he continues his hunger strike in hospital, consuming only salt water. She has questioned the decision to hospitalise him, saying the High Court had directed only that his health be monitored regularly.

Neha, who completed 21 days of fasting on Saturday, alleged that police also tried to remove the remaining hunger strikers after Wangchuk was taken away.

"Today is the 22nd day of our hunger strike," she said. "Yesterday, at around 7.30 am, some people in plainclothes entered the stage area. Five to 10 minutes later, a heavy police deployment moved towards the stage, and Sonam Wangchuk, who was on the 21st day of his hunger strike, was forcibly removed from here in the name of providing him medical attention."

"At around 9 am the same day, RAF and police personnel in uniform tried to break through the rope boundary around our AISA's tent and enter the area. Their aim was to forcibly remove us from our chosen hunger strike, and unlawfully detain us, which they eventually tried. However, because there were many volunteers pre-

sent, they were unable to detain us. Delhi Police's attempt to forcibly end a democratic and peaceful protest is shameful," she said.

She added, "This government has turned completely blind by not noticing the students and Sonam Wangchuk, who have been sitting on hunger strike for over 21 days now. Meanwhile, administration is trying to assault our hunger strikers and admit us to the hospital against our wishes. I appeal to all of you to come to Jantar Mantar. This movement has not ended, and it will not end until Dharmendra Pradhan resigns. Please make sure this message reaches everyone."

Meanwhile, Cockroach Janta Party chief Abhijeet Dipke has entered the second day of his hunger strike. The CJP also alleged that electricity supply to the site had been cut, leaving the students exposed to the heat and humidity without fans.

The CJP in a statement said, "Delhi Police are planning to crack down on our protest during night or early hours of morning, silencing the voice of youth." It appealed to citizens to join a night vigil at Jantar Mantar and said the July 20 Parliament march would proceed as planned.

Dipke also posted on X alleging that authorities were preparing for "a crackdown" and shared a video purportedly showing

Rapid Action Force personnel deployed at Jantar Mantar.

Speaking to The Tribune, CJP spokesperson Vijeta Dhaiya said, "We are scared right now. Scared for what has happened yesterday with Sonam Wangchuk, could get repeated with Abhijeet Dipke, the forcible, unlawful removal from the protest. It was tried again with students here from AISA, soon after Wangchuk was taken forcibly to hospital. In any case, we want to continue protest and are not going to leave our ground." AICertification Course

The protest also received support from the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers Association, which criticised the alleged police action. The teachers' body said, "The JNUTA strongly condemns the nefarious attempts to launch a brutal police crackdown on peaceful student and parent protesters at Jantar Mantar."

Calling the agitation part of a wider struggle over education, it added that "the battle for the future of Indian education can no longer be fought in isolated struggles", while appealing to teachers across the country to join Monday's Parliament march. At the same time, it urged those on an indefinite hunger strike to consider shifting to a more sustainable form of protest while continuing the movement.

Fight should now be launched to change govt that is not accountable: Uddhav

MUMBAI, JULY 19: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday attacked the BJP-led Centre, saying a fight should now be launched to change a government that is not accountable.

Addressing a rally in Mumbai, he accused the government of stealing the future of the youth, referring to alleged irregularities in the NEET exam and student suicides tied to it, which have prompted activist Sonam Wangchuk to launch a hunger strike.

The criticism of the government by Thackeray, whose party recently saw six of its Lok Sabha MPs switching over to the rival Shiv Sena, led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, came on the eve of Parliament's monsoon session.

"A fight should now be launched to change a government that is not accountable. And this fight



is not just about Sonam Wangchuk," he said. Thackeray asked how Wangchuk, who built solar tents for soldiers working in sub-zero temperatures and created ice stupas to address water woes in Ladakh, can be described as "anti-na-

tional". He said the erstwhile UPA government led by the then prime minister Manmohan Singh sent a delegation to hold talks with social activist Anna Hazare when he was on an indefinite hunger strike in 2011. "Why did the Modi government not

do so with Wangchuk?" he asked.

Activist Wangchuk has been on a hunger strike since June 28 over alleged irregularities in the NEET and several students' suicides in the wake of the cancellation of the paper earlier.

5 ALLEN students in NEET-UG top 10, 46 in top 100

NEW DELHI, JULY 19: The results for NEET-UG 2026, have been declared. Five ALLEN students featured in the top 10, while 46 students from the institute are in the top 100.

According to the released results, Aryan Gupta and Panshul Bansal jointly secured 715

out of 720 marks. Based on tie-breaker rule priorities, Aryan Gupta was awarded All India Rank 1, and Panshul Bansal was awarded All India Rank 2. Panshul Bansal has been a regular classroom student at ALLEN for two years, while Aryan Gupta is associated with ALLEN Career Institute through

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ALLEN CEO Nitin Kukreja congratulated all the students and their families on the results.

ASTRO ZINDAGI

(Weekly Horoscope July 19 - 26, 2026)

ARIES :

This week, your heart turns inward as the Venus encourages emotional reflection. In love, you may find yourself revisiting the past, not to dwell, but to grow. Singles are urged to assess dating patterns with honesty, while couples may navigate healing conversations that bring deeper intimacy. Financially, Saturn favors long-term strategy over impulse. An opportunity might catch your eye, but resist quick decisions, take time to evaluate. Peer advice could be valuable, yet maintain your independence. In your career, contrasts bring clarity. If a dynamic or system no longer supports you, speak up. Advocating for your vision will earn more support than you expect. For entrepreneurs, internal restructuring can lead to powerful shifts hence don't fear change.

TAURUS :

This week, Venus brings a deeper desire for emotional closeness. In relationships, open and heartfelt conversations bring clarity and strengthen trust. It's a good time to align on future plans. For singles, a potential connection may reflect your long-term values, take things slow, as Saturn reminds you that meaningful bonds grow with patience and emotional awareness. Financially, Mercury and Saturn guide you toward smart decisions. This is a week for reassessing your budget and avoiding unnecessary expenses. Thoughtful planning now sets you up for lasting financial health. Trust your practical instincts and avoid rushing into purchases or investments that don't align with your bigger goals. At work, Mars boosts your motivation to grow professionally. Focus on learning or improving your skills rather than making major changes. Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

GEMINI :

This week, emotional honesty takes the spotlight with the help of Mercury and the Moon. In love, it is a time for open communication. If you are in a relationship, meaningful conversations can bring you closer. Singles may find themselves drawn to someone with a unique perspective. Let things unfold naturally, without rushing. Midweek, a small misunderstanding might arise, but clear and kind communication will resolve it. Financially, Saturn's influence encourages responsibility. You may face minor surprises, like a forgotten bill or delayed payment, but don't stress, just review your budget and adjust.

CANCER :

This week invites emotional honesty, especially in matters of the heart. With the Moon amplifying your inner awareness, relationships benefit from open and thoughtful conversations. If you are in a relationship, take time to align on future goals and emotional needs, gentle check-ins will deepen your bond. If you are single, it's natural to be cautious; let trust build slowly and allow your instincts to guide you. Financially, progress is in sight. Your recent efforts to manage money wisely may start paying off, and a minor gain or new opportunity could arise. Still, South Node energy advises you to save rather than spend, long-term security should remain the priority. In your career, it's a week for refinement.

LEO :

This week, Mars energizes your love life with bold passion and magnetic confidence, inviting both couples and singles to embrace intimacy and new romantic possibilities. While enthusiasm runs high, balancing desire with patience ensures deeper, more authentic connections. Financially, Saturn encourages a thorough review of your spending habits, avoid rushing into commitments despite unexpected income opportunities, and focus on steady, disciplined growth with trusted advice. Your career thrives under Mars and Jupiter's influence, urging you to showcase creativity, lead projects, and seize calculated risks while staying organized and open to collaboration. History

VIRGO :

As the week begins, Venus and Mercury invite a balance between connection and independence in your love life. Whether You are partnered or single, honoring your personal space while staying emotionally present creates healthier, more resilient bonds. Clear communication around boundaries prevents misunderstandings and deepens mutual respect. Midweek, Mars highlights your financial focus. Review your budget carefully, small lifestyle adjustments can ease pressure and strengthen your foundation. Avoid major purchases unless thoroughly planned. Be ready for potential surprise expenses, and keep your emergency fund in good shape. If finances are shared, honest conversations help avoid con-

fusion and promote cooperation.

Libra : This week opens with a gentle, emotionally fulfilling tone, guided by Venus's harmonious influence. If you are in a relationship, you will enjoy a sense of stability and deeper connection. Recent tensions begin to soften, allowing simple, quiet moments to feel especially meaningful. If you are single, someone emotionally aligned may enter your life, perhaps subtly at first. Financially, reflection takes center stage. Mercury encourages you to assess habits that have brought stability so far. This week is ideal for reviewing goals and adjusting timelines without pressure. Avoid impulsive decisions or last-minute spending.

SCORPIO :

This week begins with a quiet emotional shift as the South Node inviting you to reflect inward. You or your partner may crave space not from disconnection, but from a need for personal clarity. If you are single, solitude brings powerful insights into your romantic patterns. You are less interested in surface-level connection and more drawn to emotionally meaningful relationships. Someone new may enter your life who reflects your recent emotional growth. Financially, unexpected expenses could arise, pushing you to review your spending. North Node energy encourages practical thinking, cut non-essential costs and hold back on impulsive buys. A new earning opportunity may present itself mid-week, but take time to assess the details before committing. Romance

SAGITTARIUS :

The week begins with a deep emotional pull as Venus and the Moon heighten your need for meaningful connection. In relationships, you will crave honest intimacy over surface-level comfort. Starting a heartfelt conversation could open emotional doors. Singles may cross paths with someone who feels instantly familiar-trust your instincts but take it slow. Emotional courage is your strength this week, and it leads to genuine bonds. Financially, Mercury sharpens your awareness. It's an ideal time to restructure your budget, clear unnecessary expenses, and refocus on savings. Positive news, like a raise or new client income, may arrive-just stay practical. Celebrate with moderation and vision. On the career front, Mars increases responsibility. Juggling tasks is likely, so stay organized and don't overpromise. Early signs of success are emerging, but careful planning is still needed.

CAPRICORN :

This week, influenced by the calming energy of Moon and Venus. Couples find closeness in shared downtime and nostalgic moments-being present matters more than doing more. Singles may notice someone drawn to their calm, self-assured vibe. This quiet emotional rhythm builds slowly and with care, grounding you deeply. Financially, under the practical guidance of Mercury, the week begins with reflection. It's a good time to review accounts, automate payments, and resolve lingering money issues. Small adjustments help ease the flow, leaving you wiser and more in control by week's end.

AQUARIUS :

The week begins with a soothing shift in your love life. With Venus emphasizing stability, romance feels calmer and more rooted. Singles may feel drawn to emotionally available and dependable people, while couples thrive through small, thoughtful actions. Midweek, as the South Node influences emotional patterns, trust deepens through quiet moments and shared routines. Financially, Mercury prompts a review of your systems. You might notice budgeting inefficiencies or outdated tools that need an upgrade. Sudden expenses, possibly tied to home or tech, may pop up, but you handle them with logic and poise. Language Resources

PISCES :

This week, Venus brings gentle, romantic energy perfect for deepening emotional bonds. Couples benefit from shared vulnerability and presence rather than fixing issues. Singles may meet someone who truly sees their emotional depth-don't hide your sensitivity. Old insecurities might surface briefly but remind you of your growth. Let love come in its purest form. Saturn encourages stepping back to assess financial habits and relationships. Adjust management strategies rather than chase more income. Be cautious with spending pressures or financial requests that don't respect your boundaries. End-of-month reviews help you stay aware and in control. With Mars fueling your professional drive, clarity sharpens your focus.

'No permission sought or granted': Delhi Police on CJP's July 20 Parliament march

NEW DELHI, JULY 19: Delhi Police on Sunday clarified that no permission was granted or sought for the proposed march by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) to the Parliament on Monday as the monsoon session is set to kick off.

The police clarified that prohibitory orders under section 163 of the BNSS are in force in the New Delhi district and accordingly, the gathering of more than five people are prohibited.

In a statement, New

Delhi Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Sachin Sharma stated, "In view of reports of a proposed march to Parliament by CJP on 20.07.2026 (Monday), Delhi Police hereby categorically clarifies that no permission has been sought or granted for any such protest/march/procession."

Prohibitory order under Section 163 BNSS (erstwhile section 144 CrPC) is in force in the New Delhi

District.

Accordingly, protest marches, processions, demonstrations and assemblies of five or more persons are strictly prohibited, except at the designated protest site at Jantar Mantar, with prior permission," the statement added.

As the Parliament session is set to commence from Monday, the DCP said that strict security arrangements are in place to ensure public safety, security of protectees, and

the protection of vital government installations.

"Any person violating these prohibitory orders shall be liable for prosecution under Section 223 BNS and other applicable provisions of law," he added.

The Delhi Police has urged the citizens to respect the law, refrain from participating in any unauthorised gathering or march, and cooperate in maintaining public peace, safety and security.