

BJP Should Heed 'Godfather' Bhagwat's Advice On Gen Z: Dipke

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, AUG 7: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) convener Abhi-jeet Dipke on Friday urged the BJP to heed its "godfa-ther" RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's advice not to label protesting Gen Z youth as anti-national, and cited lack of synchronisation between the ruling party and its ideo-logical mentor.

Speaking to reporters a day after Bhagwat interacted with Gen Z in Mumbai, Dipke demanded that the ruling party align with the RSS chief's acknowledge-ment that the youth agitation at Jantar Mantar over NEET examination irregularities had stemmed from genuine grievances.

Bhagwat on Thursday came out strongly in support of Gen Z, saying their griev-ances are genuine and he be-lieves in their honesty, insist-ing protests by young people do not make them "anti-na-tional".

His interaction in Mumbai is being seen as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's most significant outreach to Gen Z (born roughly 1997-2012) and Gen Alpha (2013-2025) since the CJP's protests over



NEET paper leak culminated in Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's res-ignation last month.

The BJP government's handling of the protests, which turned violent during the July 20 march to Parli-ament in New Delhi called by the CJP, has invited criticism from different quarters.

The most important state-ment of Mohan Bhagwat was that the protesting youth should not be called anti-na-tional and their issues are genuine, Dipke said.

"Earlier, the BJP president

called us a virus, and former Education Minister Dhar-mendra Pradhan called us the B-team of terrorists. Now they should listen to Mohan Bhagwat because he is the mentor and godfather of the BJP," he remarked.

Warning that ignoring the RSS chief is a worrying trend, the CJP leader claimed there is zero synchronisation be-tween the BJP's stance and Bhagwat's views, as the ru-ling party continues to toe the opposite line.

"If they are not listening to their mentor, this is some-

thing worrying. If this is the thing, Bhagwat should speak to the BJP once," he said.

Addressing social media narratives surrounding the Jantar Mantar protests, Dipke demanded a thorough investigation into the clips circulating.

"I believe that the videos coming onto social media should be investigated. If in-vestigated, the fake videos originating from the (BJP) IT cell will be exposed," he al-leged.

Dipke further stated that CJP teams have been dis-patched to Jharkhand to stand in solidarity with aspi-rants protesting alleged ir-regularities in recruitment exams in the eastern state.

He warned that isolated agitations could soon snow-ball into a massive nation-wide movement if ignored.

"We will try to bring peo-ple together on the issues that concern the youth. If people come together, leav-ing aside political and ideo-logical differences, they can put pressure on the govern-ment, much like what we witnessed during the Jantar Mantar agitation," Dipke added. (Agencies)

Rahul Calls Amarinder His Favourite BJP Leader; Says Personal Ties With Gandhis Remain

CHANDIGARH, AUG 7: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi named Capt Amarinder Singh as his favourite politician from the BJP, with the former Punjab chief minister saying that while his personal and fam-ily relations with Rahul and his mother Sonia Gandhi will always be there, politically he remains committed to the BJP.

Rahul Gandhi's remark came in a video shared on In-stagram by the Congress leader.

"I get along with him; he is cool. He is an expert on mili-tary history. Hello, uncle Amarinder," Gandhi said.

In a fresh outreach to Gen Z, Rahul Gandhi on Thurs-day launched an "Ask Me Anything" session on Insta-gram, answering several questions.



Posting a link to his Insta-gram initiative on X, Gandhi said, "Students, Gen-Z -- I'm here to listen. Ask me any-thing on Instagram, and I'll answer as many questions as I can."

Reacting to Gandhi's re-mark, Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday said it was nice of Rahul Gandhi to speak good about him.

He said he has known Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi since they were children and their father and former prime minister late Rajeev Gandhi was his classmate and a friend.

Amarinder said, every-where across the world, ex-cept in India, personal rela-tionships are separate from one's political commitments.

He said, while his personal and family relations with Rahul and his mother Sonia Gandhi will always be there, politically he remains com-mitted to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Amarinder recalled that in 1980 he was a Congress MP, while his mother, late Maha-rani Mohinder Kaur, was an MP from a rival party.

"Would that mean I won't be getting along well with my mother?" he asked.

Pritpal Singh Baliawal, se-nior spokesperson of Punjab BJP, said, "Capt sahab is the tallest leader in Punjab".

Baliawal said, but Gandhi is remembering Capt Amarinder when the grand old party faces "severe in-fighting and bickerings" in its Punjab unit. Congress is a sinking ship, he added. (Agencies)

NEET Leak Charge Sheet: Access Control App Of NTA Expert's Society, Phone Records Expose Conspiracy

NEW DELHI, AUG 7: The CBI charge sheet in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case rests on a mountain of digital forensic evidence, in-cluding an access control app of a residential society in Pune where NTA chemistry expert and accused P V Kulkarni lived, officials said.

In its charge sheet against 13 accused persons filed be-fore a special CBI court here on July 28, the agency has cited records collected from the app of Kulkarni's society, including the biometrics of students who were coming for special coaching classes conducted by him.

The app is used for con-trolling and recording the en-try and exit of visitors in gated housing societies, among other things.

The Central Bureau of In-vestigation (CBI) used the records to corroborate the presence of students and their parents in the society in April, days before NEET-UG 2026 took place on May 3, when Kulkarni was in Pune, which was further buttressed by the call data records (CDR) and location analysis of their phones.

At the centre of the CBI

charge sheet are three Pune-based subject experts on the panel of the National Testing Agency (NTA) -- Kulkarni for chemistry, Manisha Gu-runath Mandhare for zool-ogy and botany, and Man-isha Sanjay Havaldar for physics -- who allegedly ex-ploited profound procedural gaps in the NTA to leak confi-dential questions for huge monetary considerations.

The CBI zeroed in on the experts through a beautician, Manisha Sanjay Waghmare, who had circulated the pa-pers to aspirants as far as Ra-jasthan and Haryana through a chain of middle-men, exposing the paper leak and leading to a subsequent complaint to the NTA.

Waghmare had planted students in the special coach-ing classes conducted in April by Kulkarni and Mand-hare and collected their note-books, on which the ques-tions dictated by the duo were scribbled, with some highlighted portions marked important and very impor-tant.

The CBI also noticed the role of Havaldar, who had provided 16 pages of physics questions containing 68

questions to the mother of an aspirant at the instance of Mandhare, the officials said.

The agency sent all the ma-terial collected from the leaked papers recovered from various aspirants and middlemen to an expert panel constituted by Delhi University, which showed that a major chunk of the material matched four sets of papers for NEET-UG 26 -- Kailash, Shivalik, Set 2, Set 3 -- in varying degrees.

It also showed that sets to which the experts had access had the highest number of matches, up to 85 per cent, while the sets to which they were not given access had the fewest matches, the officials said.

The CBI has found that pa-per setting, translations and back translation were done in the NTA building in Okhla in a sanitised environment where several lapses were identified, which were ex-ploited by Kulkarni, Mand-hare and Havaldar to recon-struct the material for the NEET question paper when they were back in their hotel rooms.

Kulkarni allegedly used the rough sheets to smuggle

small chits of questions in brief and optional answers. He memorised easier ques-tions and reconstructed them every day upon return to his hotel.

The agency alleged that he did back translation for three sets of NEET-UG 2026, and the leaked material recov-ered by the agency showed the highest match with these sets in chemistry.

Havaldar and Waghmare relied more on their mem-ory. They wrote down and marked questions on their subject books after returning to their hotel rooms, the agency alleged.

They were engaged in the work between March and April on different dates, giv-ing them ample time before the May 3 paper to return to Pune and continue coaching, which is not allowed accord-ing to the NTA rules.

The CBI has also named a coaching centre owner, Shiv-raj Raghunath Mutgaonkar, as an accused. He got the question papers from Kulka-rni through a middleman and circulated them among his students for financial consideration, the officials said. (Agencies)

SC Refuses To Entertain Plea For FIR, Probe Against Former HC Judge Yashwant Varma

NEW DELHI, AUG 7: The Supreme Court on Fri-day refused to entertain a plea seeking registration of an FIR and court-monitored probe into the purported dis-covery of huge stash of cash following a fire at the resi-dence of former Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma.

A bench of Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradhe dismissed the petition filed by advocate Ghanshyam Upadhyay, who contended that mere resigning from of-fice does not erase criminal liability for unaccounted money.

The bench said earlier also a similar petition was dis-missed. Upadhyay submit-ted that the earlier petition was dismissed on technical ground that no complaint was filed but in this case, he has filed a complaint.

Justice Narasimha told him, "You are an advocate.



This is just a misuse of the ju-dicial process. All for cheap publicity. We are not inclined to entertain this. Dismissed."

Upadhyay said there is no reason for not entertaining the petition as a judge of the high court has been held to be a public servant.

"Now he is retired also. There is no immunity from prosecution," he submitted.

top court, however, re-fused to entertain the peti-tion and dismissed it. On April 9, Varma, who was fac-ing impeachment proceed-ings for his removal over al-le-gations of corruption after wads of burnt currency notes were recovered from his resi-dence in Delhi last year, re-signed.

The rare removal proceed-

ings initiated by the Lok Sabha against Justice Varma was rendered "infructuous" following his resignation with immediate effect. The judge submitted his resigna-tion in a letter sent to Presi-dent Droupadi Murmu.

To avoid removal by Par-li-ament, a resignation was the only option left for the judge, who withdrew from the ongoing inquiry proceed-ings by a Lok Sabha-ap-pointed panel. The judge was due to superannuate on Jan-uary 5, 2031.

The purported discovery of a huge stash of cash took place after a fire broke out at the Lutyens' Delhi residence of Justice Varma, then a Delhi High Court judge, at around 11:35 pm on the night of Holi on March 14, 2025, prompting the fire depart-ment personnel to rush to the spot and douse the flames. (Agencies)

Manimahesh Yatra

Sale Of Small Water Bottles, Snack Packets Banned Along Pilgrimage Route

SHIMLA, AUG 7: Sale of cigarettes, small water bot-tles and snack packets have been prohibited along the pilgrimage route to the Man-imahesh Kailash peak in Hi-machal Pradesh to preserve the sensitive ecosystem of the region, officials said on Friday.

Deputy Commissioner, Chamba, Mukesh Repswal along with other officials in-spected the facilities for pil-grims along the route from Hadsar village to Dal Lake, Manimahesh and asked shopkeepers to cooperate in environmental conservation and preservation.

The Manimahesh Kailash peak is located at an altitude of 18,547 feet in Chamba dis-trict and the yatra is de-dicated to Lord Shiva.

The yatra, which includes a 14 km trek from Hadsar to Dal Lake, officially starts on August 17 and concludes at the end of September. How-ever, currently, about 60 trekkers and pilgrims are un-der-taking the journey every day.

Repswal inspected various arrangements, including the pilgrimage route, security



measures, drinking water fa-cilities, halting points, sani-tation facilities, and waste management, and issued in-structions to the departmen-tal officials to ensure better amenities for the pilgrims.

Barring two main days -- September 4 and 19 -- about 5,000 people will be allowed to undertake the yatra daily, depending on weather con-ditions, he said.

He said the sale of small-sized water bottles and small packets of snacks is prohib-ited along the pilgrimage

route. Additionally, he issued instructions prohibiting the sale of bidis, cigarettes, and other tobacco products along the entire pilgrimage route.

The official asked shop-keepers to refrain from sell-ing these banned items, keeping in mind the region's highly sensitive ecosystem and the need to protect the natural heritage of the Man-imahesh Valley.

This measure aims to curb plastic waste along the route, prevent adverse impacts on local biodiversity, and ensure

a clean, safe, and pollution-free environment for the pil-grims.

As 15 people died along the circumambulation route last year following heavy rains, the Manimahesh Trust has decided that the route would be closed for pilgrims from outside the state.

However, pilgrims from Lahaul coming from the 'parikrama' route and resi-dents of nearby Kugti village would be allowed to take the route, besides people with experienced guides.

NEW DELHI, AUG 7: A

normal electrocardiogram (ECG) should not be inter-preted as proof that the heart is free of disease, cardiovascular surgeon Dr Rahul Chandola said, stressing that while the test is an important diagnostic tool, it cannot by itself deter-mine the overall health of the heart or identify blocked coro-nary arteries.

Dr Chandola, founder and managing director of the Insti-tute of Heart Lungs Diseases Research Centre (IHLD), said many people mistakenly as-sume that a normal ECG rules out heart disease, leading them to ignore symptoms that re-quire medical attention.

Drawing on his clinical expe-rience, he said he had treated several patients who appeared healthy and physically active until shortly before suffering a heart attack.

"I have seen patients who ran several kilometres on the morning before experiencing a heart attack. They were fit, active and had normal test reports. Yet, within minutes, their con-dition changed dramatically," he said.

According to Dr Chandola, the challenge is not merely that people neglect heart health, but that many are unaware of the warning signs that warrant medical attention or the limita-tions of routine investigations.

He explained that an ECG records the electrical activity of



the heart and helps assess how the heart is functioning, but does not reveal the presence or severity of blockages in the coronary arteries.

"A normal ECG is neither a guarantee against future car-diac events nor confirmation that the heart is entirely healthy," he said.

Dr Chandola said many pa-tients who seek treatment late often recall experiencing sub-tle symptoms that were dis-missed as insignificant.

These symptoms may in-clude mild breathlessness while climbing stairs, often at-tributed to poor fitness; shoul-der discomfort after a heavy meal, commonly mistaken for acidity or indigestion; brief episodes of rapid heartbeat while at rest, assumed to be stress-related; and persistent fatigue that does not improve

with rest and is often consid-ered a consequence of ageing.

Recognising such symptoms early and seeking medical ad-vice could help prevent more serious complications, he said.

Dr Chandola added that heart disease does not always present with the classic symp-tom of severe chest pain.

"A heart under stress often gives subtle warning signs rather than dramatic symp-toms. Unfortunately, these are frequently ignored or misinter-preted," he said.

He advised that patients should not wait for severe symptoms before consulting a doctor and that even mild but persistent symptoms should prompt a comprehensive car-diac evaluation rather than re-liance on an ECG alone.

"If your body is repeatedly signalling that something is

wrong, it is important not to ig-nore it. Seek medical evalua-tion without delay," he said.

According to Dr Chandola, an ECG and lipid profile are only the initial investigations for patients presenting with suspected heart disease.

Depending on an individ-ual's clinical profile, doctors may also consider factors such as the coronary calcium score, the condition of the coronary arteries, sleep quality and fam-ily history spanning at least two generations to assess cardio-vascular risk and guide treat-ment more accurately.

He said a comprehensive evaluation, combined with timely recognition of warning signs, could help identify heart disease earlier and potentially reduce the need for major in-terventions such as surgery. (PTI)