

Indian education system keeps all aspects of human development in harmony: M Joshi

NEW DELHI, OCT 8: Indian education system believes in creating a world where all aspects of human development-material, intellectual and spiritual-are in harmony, BJP veteran and former HRD Minister Murli Manohar Joshi said on Thursday.

Joshi, a Padma Vibhushan awardee, was addressing the 21st FICCI Higher Education Summit here.

"Indian education system believes in creating a world where all aspects of human development --- material, intellectual and spiritual --- are harmonised," he said.

The two-day long summit which began at Bharat Mandapam here on Thursday is based on the theme "Higher Education for a New World Order: Reform, Resilience and Relevance".

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the summit, Joshi said legitimate de-



mands by students should be heard with sympathy and not batons.

"Reasonable or legitimate demands of students should always be heard and should be heard with a great deal of sympathy. This method of using batons is not appropriate. You can never find a solution this way. If there are problems, listen to them. They are our children," the

BJP leader said when asked about the raging student protests.

Joshi, also released a report "From AI Adoption to Readiness - Preparing Indian Higher Education for the AI-era" at the summit.

Symbiosis University Chancellor Vidya Yeravdekar said in a world dominated by technology and artificial intelligence, it is the

responsibility of higher education institutes to make its students resilient and future ready.

"Artificial intelligence is changing what a graduate needs to know faster than any syllabus committee can meet. Universities everywhere are being asked to do more with less certainty about the world their students will enter," said Anant Swarup, Secretary General, FICCI.

Padmakumar Nair, Vice Chancellor of Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, said that universities must learn to hold both compassion and excellence together.

"Ruthless compassion in the way we treat people and an uncompromising pursuit of excellence in what we do must be two aspirations that our universities must learn to hold together," he said. (PTI)

'Won't stop till Gyanesh Kumar resigns': Rahul Gandhi leads another day of high-voltage anti-CEC protests

NEW DELHI, OCT 8: Giving further momentum to his politics of street protest, Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday led INDIA bloc leaders to another resistance-packed day -- moving from the opposition group-ing's vegetarian lunch meeting to near Jantar Mantar in a procession of buses for a surprise dharna. But for the second day, police stalled the planned anti-CEC protests midway, forcibly detaining him and other leaders.

"We are not going to stop protesting till (Chief Election Commissioner) Gyanesh Kumar resigns. This is a fight to protect the most sacred thing in this country. There is nothing that Narendra Modi and Amit Shah can do that will stop us," Gandhi said.



trolled online by a section of X users for having a non-vegetarian roll from 'Khan Chacha' eatery during his eight-hour sit-in at the Akashvani Bhawan.

Lunch began at 1:30 PM with opposition MPs congregating for a second straight day.

After about one-and-a-half hours, the MPs streamed out of the eatery and went and sat in three buses parked on Janpath Road and headed towards Jantar Mantar.

Some Congress leaders, including Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Imran Masood, Imran Pratapgarhi, Deepender Hooda and Srinivas B V climbed the roof of the bus in which Kharge, Rahul and Priyanka were travelling, and waved the tricolour, as the procession crawled from Janpath to Jantar Mantar, bringing the high security area to a halt for the second day.

However, the buses were stopped by a multi-layered security cordon at Ashoka Road, after travelling a kilometre, near the Shangri-La hotel, barely another kilometre away from the Jantar Mantar protest site.

MPs of the Congress, TMC, CPI-M, CPI, RJD, IUML and some other parties were among the protesters. Sign Petitions

The Samajwadi Party was unrepresented at an INDIA bloc lunch, with the Congress attributing the absence of some allies to short notice. However, SP sources sepa-

ately voiced concerns over a lack of consultation ahead of Rahul Gandhi's surprise protests.

Representatives of the Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP-SP also could not attend because of prior commitments.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said all parties of the INDIA bloc had been invited, but the decision and communication came late on Tuesday night.

"Therefore, it was natural that representatives from some parties could not participate in it. Some media outlets are making unnecessary comments about this," he posted on X.

Ramesh asserted that INDIA bloc constituents and other opposition parties remained united against "vote theft", the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and delimitation.

Before embarking on the bus ride, Gandhi spoke to the media and said, "Today, we feel that we will protest at Jantar Mantar, which is a designated protest site, and tell the country that for us Gyanesh Kumar is not a legitimate Election Commissioner."Get Local Permits

"As I said yesterday, around 300 Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs wanted to meet Election Commissioners, but they did not meet us. They told us that we cannot protest here (Jantar Mantar)," Gandhi said.

Asked about an FIR being registered against him for entering the Akashvani

Bhawan premises and staging an eight-hour sit-in there, Gandhi said, "I have 45 FIRs against me. My target is that there should be 100 FIRs against me. Every FIR against me is a medal for me."

Kharge said the Election Commission is making mistakes and "Modi ji is getting these mistakes done".

"We have decided that we will together take the voice of the people to the country. We will tell the people that their rights are being taken away. We are working hard to protest those rights of people. We are all united and will continue to fight against this government," the Congress chief said.

On FIR's registered against the Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, he said, "You may register as many cases as you want; we are not going to be scared."

As the bus procession reached the Shangri-La roundabout from the Jantar Mantar road, some young protesters were seen tearing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's posters and banners put up at the roundabout. Track Exec Orders

As the bus carrying Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, among others, neared the multi-layered security personnel cordon, it was stopped, with the security personnel urging them not to proceed further as BNS 163 was in force.

Soon there was a melee as leaders and the security personnel jostled amid loud sloganeering, demanding the CEC's resignation. Priyanka Gandhi and some other women MPs then lay flat on the ground, with the Congress general secretary clutching a copy of the Constitution in her hand.

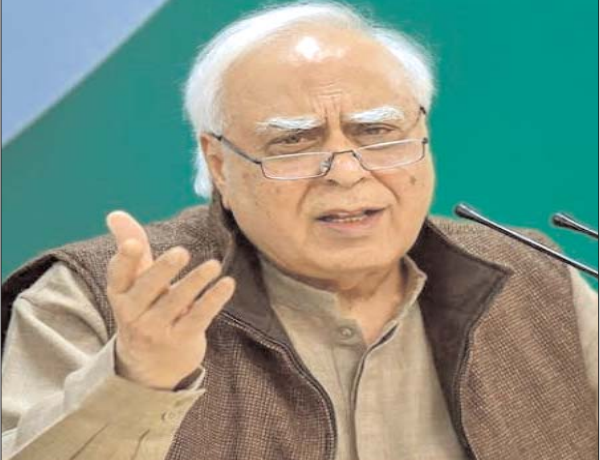
Both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi were forcibly put in police buses and vans and detained.

Learn to shun hate, stop vote manipulations: Sibal's swipe at PM

NEW DELHI, OCT 8: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Thursday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday over his remarks that he wishes that his power to learn does not wane, and said "let us learn" to shun hate, stop vote manipulations and respect the fundamentals of democracy.

Sibal's attack on the PM came a day after Modi addressed the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha' to mark a quarter-century as a head of government.

"Even today, I consider myself a student. I try to learn something new each day. That is why today, I



prayed to God that my power to learn does not wane," Modi had said.

In his post on X, Sibal said,

"October 7, 2026, PM: 'I prayed that my power to learn does not wane'. Let us learn to: Listen to our youth,

farmers, adivasis; shun hate; embrace other's dreams; value diversity; stop vote manipulations; respect the fundamentals of democracy; stop unprincipled defections."

Coining a slogan, "We Will Do It", Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday had asserted that India would become a developed nation by 2047, but flagged casteist divisions during elections as a major challenge.

Modi also highlighted his Government's achievements in different sectors and said what once seemed unimaginable had become possible. (PTI)

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