

# India's edu minister resigns after weeks of youth protests

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**Online Desk :** India's Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned following weeks of youth protests over a series of examination paper leaks. "I have sent my resignation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Pradhan said on Saturday. Pradhan's resignation was the main demand of the protesters camping at Delhi's Jantar Mantar for over a month. The talks between the CJP and the Centre were deadlocked over the demand for Pradhan's resignation. On Saturday morning, the CJP had made it clear that there can be no discussions if government refuses to sack Dharmendra Pradhan.

With Pradhan's resignation, the government has fulfilled all the demands put forth by the protesters. The Center had assured the CJP on the latter two demands during the Friday, but had remained silent on the resignation demand. In his X post announcing his resignation Pradhan said: "I hold deep respect for the aspirations, sentiments, and rightful expectations of the youth of this country. Realising the dreams of India's young generation has been the moral resolve of our political and social life. I express my gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister for the opportunity given to me to serve the nation under his visionary leadership."

The protest site at Jantar Mantar erupted in celebration the moment news of Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation arrived. Reacting to the news of resignation, the CJP posted: "Long Live Student Power." "We have done it," CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said, announcing the news of Pradhan's resignation from the Jantar Mantar stage. "They used to say that no one resigns in this government. But we have done it." The student protests, which have spread of dozens of cities across the country in the last few days, had become a big political issue with the Opposition throwing its weight behind the movement and cornering the government.