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Nadda said the leaders of CJP had submitted a memorandum to the government after verbal discussions.

"I appealed to all the protesters to end their sit-in and help the administration restore normalcy," he said in a post on X.

Protesters demand end to 'corruption' in education

The Cockroach Janta Party's surge in popularity reflects frustrations among young Indians, including job shortages as well as exam leaks, which they say happen frequently.

Reuters reporters saw scores of young people streaming toward the protest site as police barricades on routes to central Delhi snarled traffic.

"All these leaders in power are illiterate and I am here to protest because we do not want question papers to leak," said Adi Nathan, 21, a student from Meerut city, about 60 miles from the capital. "This should come to an end."

Television images showed police cane charges on some protesters in one area, although Delhi police denied use of force, saying the protest was "being handled professionally."

Reuters journalists also said security officers fired rounds of tear gas near parliament to disperse the protesters, while elsewhere, some protesters hurled stones at police.



Police detain people during a protest organized by supporters of India's Cockroach Janta Party in Ahmedabad, India, on July 20. Attempts to disperse protesters did not stop thousands from gathering to protest alleged corruption.

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Mohammed Tabrez, 22, a student preparing for competitive examinations that are the gateway to professional courses or jobs, said he had come from Amroha in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, about 102 miles away. "We want this corruption to end," he said.

In a post on X, Delhi's police force appealed to the protesters to maintain peace, exercise restraint and cooperate with officers in ensuring peace and public order.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke and his supporters began a sit-in in June seeking Pradhan's resignation. Wangchuk

joined them on June 28, launching an indefinite hunger strike.

Wangchuk asked hospital authorities in a handwritten note to let him join the July 20 march, even if temporarily.

Earlier that day, he offered to end his hunger strike if the government agreed to three conditions including taking responsibility for what he said were recent failures in the education system and the exam leaks.

He said he would also end his protest if lawmakers and leaders of political parties met him in the hospital and assured him the conditions would be met.