

New Delhi

Youth uprising: Indian police beat up protesters in New Delhi this week, firing tear gas to break up a march of the youth-led Cockroach Janta Party. The thousands of protesters were demanding the resignation of Education

Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the botching of the national college entrance exam this spring. Millions of students were told to retake the test after it emerged that the answers had been leaked ahead of time, and the stress of having to study all over again led to at least a dozen suicides. "This rotten system refuses to take action," said protester Jyoti Rajput. "It cannot see the pain of students." The Cockroach movement began in May as a satirical response to India's chief justice, who compared unemployed youth to roaches. It has exploded into a major opposition movement with millions of followers and has staged huge protests against the Hindu nationalist government.



The fury of the 'cockroaches'