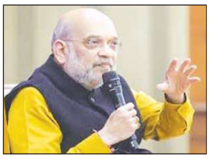
NCERT pulls chapter on 'judicial corruption' after CJI rebuke

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Wednesday strongly objected to a chapter on judicial corruption in the NCERT's Class 8 social science curriculum, prompting the syllabus-setting body to withdraw the contentious textbook from its website.
A three-judge bench comprising the CJI and justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi took suo motu cognizance of the "objectionable" statements about the judiciary in the new textbook after senior advocate Kapil Sibal, alongside Abhishek Singhvi, mentioned the matter for urgent consideration.
The NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) social science textbook for Class 8 says corruption, a massive backlog of cases, and the lack of an adequate number of judges are among the challenges faced by the judicial system.
After stern words by the Supreme Court that it will not allow "anyone on earth" to tarnish the judiciary's integrity, the NCERT pulled the textbook from its website, with sources saying the government was livid with the controversial references in the curriculum.
The council, responsible for school education curriculum, is also considering the removal of the controversial portions from the books already printed, sources said. Several schools in the national capital, however, said they had no directive yet about whether or not to teach the portions in question.
The NCERT is said to have called an internal meeting to review the recommendations of the subject experts involved in the chapter and the officials who approved it.
NCERT Chairman Dinesh Prasad

Saklani did not respond to calls and messages on the issue. Another top official at the council refused to comment, saying the matter was sub judice.
The government sources said while the NCERT is an autonomous body, the officials responsible for adding chapters should have applied their minds. If the issue of corruption was to be included in the textbook, it should have been about all three organs (the executive, the legislature and the judiciary), they said.
"We are very disturbed as members of this institution to find that children of Class 8 are being taught about corruption in the judiciary. It is part of the NCERT book. We have great stake in the institution... it (the chapter) is entirely scandalous. We have the copies of the book," Sibal said in court. "I can assure you all that I am fully aware of this," the CJI said, adding that he received various calls and messages and many high court judges were "perturbed".
When Sibal said he hoped the bench would take suo motu cognizance, the CJI said, "Wait for a day. This is definitely concerning the entire institution. The bar and the bench are perturbed. Every stakeholder in the system is really perturbed. I am receiving a lot of calls and messages. There are judges of the high courts who are perturbed."
The CJI told Sibal he had already passed an order taking suo motu cognizance of the issue.
"I will not allow anyone on earth to taint the integrity of the institution and defame the institution. At any cost, I will not permit it. Howsoever high it may be, the law will take its course. I know how to deal with it," a visibly irked CJI said.
Singhvi raised the issue of the NCERT adopting a selective approach and said it presumed that "there was no corruption elsewhere. There was not a word about corruption in bureaucracy, politics, public life and other institutions".
"It seems to be a very calculated and deep-rooted measure to... we don't want to say anything more... I am aware and I have done my duty," the CJI said and thanked the lawyers for raising the issue.
Justice Bagchi referred to the basic structure doctrine and said "constitutional integrity to the basic structure is missing in the contents of the textbook".
The book pegs the approximate number of pending cases in the Supreme Court at 81,000, in high courts at 62.40 lakh, and in district and subordinate courts at 4.70 crore.
It highlights the judiciary's internal accountability mechanisms and refers to the established procedure for receiving complaints through the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System. According to the book, over 1,600 complaints were received through this mechanism between 2017 and 2021. The textbook also quotes former Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, who in July 2025 said that instances of corruption and misconduct within the judiciary had a negative impact on public confidence.

Shah in Bihar on three-day visit; review of 'demography change' on agenda

PURNEA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Bihar on Wednesday for a three-day tour during which he is expected to attend several functions in the strategically located Seemanchal region, besides reviewing "demographic changes" in the area.
During the day, he chaired a meeting of the Land Ports Authority of India, a statutory body functioning under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, which is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing border infrastructure.
After Shah reached Purnea airport, he was welcomed by senior BJP leaders like Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary and state party president Sanjay Saraogi.
Photographs of the occasion were shared on the X handle of the "Office of Amit Shah" with the remark"Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached Purnea for a three-day Bihar tour. He is likely to dedicate to the nation border outposts, lay foundation stones for projects of the Sashastra Seema Bal and attend meetings to review demographic change".
From Purnea, Shah left in a helicopter for Kishanganj, the lone Bihar district



with a Muslim majority population, where, according to the X post, he chaired a meeting of the Land Ports Authority of India.
Shah is also likely to hold a meeting with officials of the departments responsible for guarding the porous border with Nepal.
"The Union Home Minister is likely to brief officials on measures needed for putting a check on smuggling of drugs and circulation of counterfeit currency along the Indo-Nepal border," DGP Vinay Kumar had said on Tuesday.
This is the first Bihar visit of Shah, widely regarded as the BJP's principal strategist, who was last seen in the state capital in November, at the swearing-in ceremony of the new Nitish Kumar cabinet after the NDA's landslide victory in assembly polls.
State minister and former Bihar BJP chief Dilip Jaiswal, who hails from Kishanganj, wrote on X: "It is a matter of pride for us that Amit Shah, the Chanakya of Indian politics, has visited our land".
Shah is scheduled to visit the adjoining Araria district on Friday, where he will inspect the Indo-Nepal border, interact with officials of Sashastra Seema Bal, and also inaugurate a newly constructed "SSB Bhawan".
He will wind up his Bihar tour on Friday with a visit to Purnea, from where he is scheduled to board his return flight.
"Union Home Minister Amit Shah's tour of Seemanchal is a decisive step in the direction of strengthening national security. It is a strategically important region, by virtue of its proximity to Nepal and Bangladesh and presents challenges with regard to maintaining an intelligence network and demographic balance," state BJP spokesperson Prem Ranjan Patel said in a statement.
Located in the north-eastern extreme of Bihar, Seemanchal is a densely populated, but flood-prone and impoverished area, situated close to the border with Nepal and West Bengal.

Rahul on compromised mission, has links with pro-Pak elements: Nitin Nabin

PATNA: BJP president Nitin Nabin on Wednesday launched a blistering attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of undertaking foreign visits without informing central security agencies, and having close links with "anti-India and pro-Pakistan" elements.
Nabin charged Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition, with being on a "compromised mission" that began with his great grandfather and first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and "continued through generations".
The BJP president's comments come amid a row over the Indian Youth Congress activists staging a shirtless protest at the AI Summit in Delhi last week, with the slogan "PM is compromised", an allusion to the proposed trade deal with the US allegedly under pressure from the Donald Trump administration.

"Today, I wish to expose the compromised mission of the Nehru-Gandhi family, which has traded national interests for personal gains. I wish to expose Rahul Gandhi, who is trutting about like a babbar sher (lion)," the 45-year-old Bihar MLA, who was made the BJP president a month ago, told reporters.
Nabin raked up Nehru's alleged reference to the country's burgeoning population as a "liability" and the defeat in the 1962 war with China, and charged Indira Gandhi with "giving up Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, after defeating Pakistan in 1971" as examples of the "compromised mission". He also alleged that Rajiv Gandhi, the father of Rahul and a former Prime Minister, had made use of the Bofors gun deal to "fatten up his personal bank balance".
"The compromised mission continued under Rahul's mother Sonia Gandhi, who functioned as a 'super prime minister' from 2004 to 2014, compromising the authority of the top constitutional post," the BJP president asserted.
Nabin slammed Rahul Gandhi for "undertaking 247 foreign visits, without informing security agencies back home".
"All this has been a part of Rahul Gandhi's compromised mission," said Nabin who also accused the Rae Bareli MP of having close links with "anti-India, pro-Pakistan and China" elements abroad, including billionaire George Soros, US Congress member Ilhan Omar and Kenyan financier Shakir Merali.
"Rahul Gandhi is a poster boy of negative politics. But the people of the country, especially the youth, have seen through his game and they will not be misled by his rhetoric," Nabin added.

'Shirtless' protest: Court extends police custody of 5 arrested IYC workers by 4 days

NEW DELHI: A court here on Wednesday extended by four days the police custody of five Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers who were arrested in connection with holding a 'shirtless' protest at the AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam.
Arguing that the incident was not spontaneous but executed after prior planning, the Delhi Police said that the initial probe revealed structured allocation of roles, concealment tactics and coordinated post-incident movement.
It, however, said that the entire conspiracy, including its hierarchy, funding and inter-state coordination, needed to be unearthed.
Chief Judicial Magistrate Mridul Gupta extended the custodial interrogation after hearing the arguments by the public prosecutor and counsel for the accused persons. The Delhi Police sought an extension of the custodial interrogation by five days.
These accused include Krishna Hari, national secretary of the Youth Congress from Bihar; Kundan Yadav, state general secretary of Bihar; Ajay Kumar Singh, state vice-president of east Uttar Pradesh; and Narasimha Yadav, national coordinator of IYC from Telangana, who were arrested

after the protest inside an exhibition hall at the summit on February 20.
Jitendra Yadav, another national coordinator of the IYC and who was arrested on February 22 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, was also produced in court. The magistrate extended his police custody.
In its plea for extension of remand, the Delhi Police said, "Investigation conducted till date has revealed that the incident was not spontaneous but executed pursuant to prior planning, coordination and structured strategy among the accused persons."
The application said that during initial interrogation, it "emerged that the protest was executed pursuant to structured planning, allocation of roles, concealment tactics and coordinated post-incident movement".
"However, the entire conspiracy, including its hierarchy, funding and inter-state coordination, is yet to be fully unearthed," it said.
The remand paper said that two "key conspirators", IYC president Uday Bhanu Chib and one Bhudev Sharma, were arrested on Tuesday and remanded in police custody till February 28.
It sought further police custody remand, saying the five accused persons needed to be confronted with Chib and Sharma to "ascertain the hierarchy within the conspiracy, distribution of roles, planning meetings, decision-making authority and funding/logistical support".
"Multiple mobile phones have been seized. Preliminary extraction reveals inter se communications. However, detailed forensic analysis, CDR correlation, location mapping and WhatsApp/Telegram group analysis are in process," the application said.
It said that the accused were required to be confronted with technical evidence to "verify authenticity, explain communication patterns and identify other conspirators".
"Several co-accused persons, including Manish Sharma (national in-charge of IYC), belonging to different states are still absconding. The present accused are required to disclose their exact identities, whereabouts and role in the conspiracy," the application said.
It said that the investigation regarding financial contributions, printing source, accommodation arrangements and travel logistics were ongoing and required further custodial interrogation for effective recovery and verification.

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Place: KADAPPA, Date: 26-02-2026
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

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Date: 26/02/2026
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India can be called developed only if all get equal opportunity to progress: Murmu

NAGPUR: India can be called developed in true sense only if everyone gets an equal opportunity to progress, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday.
She was speaking after launching the 'Golden Era of Maharashtra through Unity and Trust' campaign, organised by Brahma Kumaris in Nagpur.
"We have to discard negativity and embrace positivity," the President said.
She described Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as an inspirational figure, who fought for justice and freedom.
The campaign aims to promote trust, harmony, unity, and respect for human values across Maharashtra.
The Brahma Kumaris have outlined eight guiding principles for the initiative, including building an addiction-free society, encouraging sustainable lifestyles, ensuring cleanliness,

strengthening civic responsibility, fostering readiness for humanitarian service, promoting value-based education, advocating a disciplined and pure life through yoga, and working towards a green and sustainable Maharashtra.
Governor Acharya Devvrat, state revenue minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, and senior Brahma Kumaris functionaries were present at the event.

1 dead, over 70 hospitalised in Andhra's Srikakulam due to water contamination

SRIKAKULAM: One person died and more than 70 people were hospitalised after allegedly drinking contaminated water in Srikakulam district, prompting the authorities to initiate emergency measures. On January 22, several residents of a colony in Srikakulam town suffered mild diarrhoea, following which surveillance and sanitation drives were intensified in the locality. "One person has died and more than 70 others have been hospitalised after allegedly consuming contaminated water in Dammala Veedi colony of Srikakulam town," Srikakulam District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) K Anitha told.