



Dharmendra Pradhan Resigns as Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned as the **Union Education Minister** following weeks of nationwide student protests over examination irregularities and the **NEET-UG paper leak** controversy. He served as Education Minister from **July 2021 to July 2026** and stated that his decision was guided by accountability and the interests of students.

During his tenure, he led the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, including foundational curriculum reforms, higher education restructuring, and the expansion of digital learning initiatives. Earlier, as Petroleum Minister, he also played a key role in implementing the **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**, which expanded access to subsidised LPG connections for low-income households.

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