

BPSC sticks to exam schedule

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Patna: With the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) refusing to change the schedule for its mains examination, civil services aspirants once again staged a dharna here on Tuesday to vent their ire on the commission. While the BPSC mains examination will be held between July 8 and 30, the preliminary exam of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is scheduled for August 7. Students from Bihar are finding it difficult to prepare for the two examinations at a time as they follow completely different patterns.

The students were conveyed about the decision on Monday. Sources in BPSC said more than 100 candidates staged a protest outside the office of the commission demanding change in dates. The students met BPSC officials Shahnawaz Khan, Dr Ram Kishore Singh (both members) and Prabhat Kumar Sinha, the secretary, to drive home their point. The BPSC officials, however, turned down the request of the students to change examination schedule. "We will continue the protest till our demands are met," said one of the protesting students. Students of Patna University have also come out in support of the civil services aspirants.