

## 600 students expelled for cheating



Authorities in India's Bihar state have expelled around 600 high school students for cheating in their 10th grade examinations. The pupils used a novel but somewhat dangerous way to get help with their exam papers – their parents scaled the walls of the school building and provided the answers to questions through the windows. Pictures show dozens of parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls to feed information to their children. Teachers found many cheat sheets inside the classroom. Some had been folded up into paper airplanes and thrown through the window.

Bihar's education minister P.K. Shahi told reporters that schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams took place under the strictest of conditions. He said: "It's virtually impossible to conduct fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He added that it was not possible to monitor all parents who accompany their children to schools and other test centres. The situation regarding parents helping their children cheat has become so prevalent that police officers are posted at each school. However, an official said, "we can't use force to drive away the parents".

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