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Farmers call for all-India protest on New Year Day

New Delhi: A day after sending a proposal for talks to the government, agitating farmers' unions on Sunday gave a call for a countrywide protest on New Year's Day urging the public to take a pledge to support the farmers' struggle and demand repeal of the three central farm laws, reports Vishwa Mohan.

Ahead of New Year's Day, the protesting farmers' umbrella body, AIKSCC, has also planned protest rallies in Paine and Thanjavur on December 29 and in Manipur and Hyderabad on Dec 30 as the government has, so far, not responded to their offer for discussions.

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In yet another outreach to the Sikh community, PM Modi in his "Mann ki Baat" address on Sunday, recalled sacrifices made by Sikh gurus and their families, referring to the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's sons who were walled alive by the Mughals. His remarks are seen as an effort to signal the Centre's sensitivity towards the community amid the farm stir. P 10



Yet to hear from govt, protests are still on: Farmers

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"We have not yet got any communication from the government. We have already told the agriculture ministry wherever we have to say in our letter on Saturday. We are waiting for the response," Darshan Pal, farmer leader and Punjab president of the Krantikari Kisan Union, told TOI. He said all our protest programmes will continue as scheduled.

The group of 40 farmers' unions on Saturday jointly proposed December 29 as a date for talks provided the agenda for discussion includes four specific points, including modalities to repeal the three farm laws and mechanism to ensure legal guarantee for higher minimum support price (MSP).

The unions have also demanded keeping farmers outside the ambit of penalty provisions on stubble burning in the new ordinance on air quality management in Delhi-NCR and certain changes in the proposed Electricity Amendment Bill to protect the interests of farmers.

PM ignored protest in his talk: Cong

New Delhi: Accusing him of being heartless and unconcerned about the sufferings of farmers, Congress Sunday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for completely ignoring the farmers' protest in his monthly radio address.

Punjab Congress MP Raveel Bittu, addressing a press conference at AICC headquarters, said that government should announce that it will withdraw the three controversial farm laws ahead of the talks with protesters on December 29. Bittu said the statements by BJP leaders that these laws will not be revoked under any condition was provocative.

Bittu, who along with party MP Jasbir Gill and others is sitting on a dharna at Jantar Mantar demanding a winter session of Parliament and repeal of farm laws, said that BJP was confusing the issue by raising irrelevant points.