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Farmers at the Mahapanchayat at Haveri on Sunday. Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait addressed the gathering

'Soudha Chalo' by farmers today

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AFTER a series of protest rallies and two Mahapanchayats over the weekend at Shivamogga and Haveri, farmer unions have given a call for a tractor rally and 'Vidhana Soudha Chalo' on Monday.

Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait on Saturday and Sunday had asked farmers to enter Bengaluru on tractors as part of their serial protest against the Union Government's three new farm laws and as a mark on solidarity with farmers protesting on Delhi borders for over three months now.

Leaders of Samyukt Kisan Morcha, including Tikait, Yudhvir Singh and Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, are expected to march from Bengaluru's Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station to Vidhana Soudha as farmers from neighbouring districts are expected to arrive in tractors.

The Bengaluru police had stopped a similar rally on Republic Day this year and seized tractors on the city's outskirts. District administration officials too had been told to stop tractors along their borders.

"Our protest will continue till the government repeals the laws. This is not just in solidarity with our brethren protesting in Delhi, but also for the welfare of the entire farming community," said Kuruburu Shantakumar, president, Cane Growers' Association.

Agitators are expected to be diverted to Freedom Park on Monday, where a public meeting is scheduled.

Farmer unions have called for another Mahapanchayat in Belagavi on March 31.

Govt selling nation to corporates, says Tikait

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BHARATIYA Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait has once again exhorted farmers to lay siege to Bengaluru on tractors in protest against the new farm laws.

Taking part at a Mahapanchayat on the municipal grounds in Haveri on Sunday, he said tractors serve as multi-purpose vehicles and more number of youths should take part in the indefinite movement for the welfare of the farming community.

Stressing that 2021 should be declared as the 'Year of Movements', he advised farmers to intensify the protest and not to step back until the Centre withdraws the three farm laws. He said that all farmers and labourers should support the agitation on Delhi's borders that is on for the last 156 days.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is selling the nation to private companies and he has already given away 26 government boards and corporations to corporate companies. Now, his government is eyeing the agriculture sector and trying to hand it over to private companies using the three laws," Tikait said.

BKU General Secretary Yudhvir Singh said that though the government did not enjoy a majority in the Rajya Sabha, it passed the farm laws "in violation of the Constitution".

"But the same House is not taking up the Minimum Supportive Price Act in the same House for the welfare of farmers. The Union Government has neglected our movement and now this movement is extending to the entire country," he added.

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