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Tractors rumble across the South in solidarity

Farmers hold protest demonstrations in Kerala and Telangana demanding full repeal of contentious laws

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Tractors rumbled across Kerala, Telangana and parts of Tamil Nadu and protests were held on Tuesday in solidarity with the agitating farmers in Delhi.

In Kerala, Left organisations organised rallies with tractors and farm implements reiterating the demand for repeal of the farm laws. In Thiruvananthapuram, the rally led by farm organisations and trade unions began from Overbridge and ended at the Martyrs' Column at Palayam on Tuesday evening. A. Vijayaraghavan, convener, Left Democratic Front (LDF), who inaugurated a public meeting at the Martyrs Column in Thiruvananthapuram, urged the farmers not to back down until the "black laws" were repealed.

"Initially the BJP government tried to silence the farmers. When that failed, the government is now trying to use force," he said. The Modi government misused Parliament to enact the laws and trample on farmers' rights. The laws were intended to uproot the farmers

from the soil, he said.

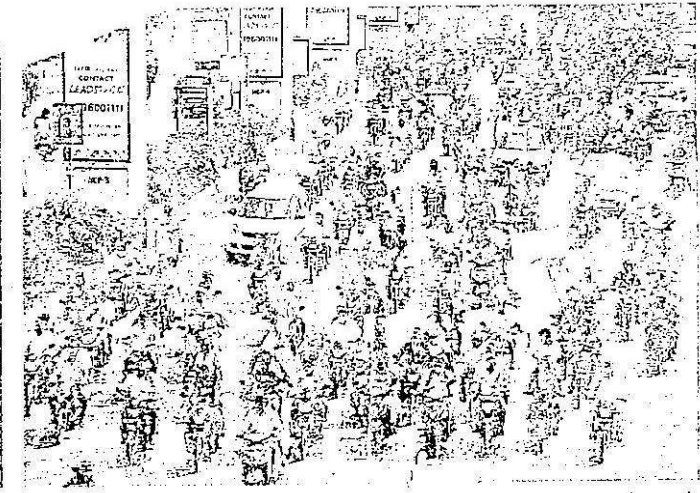
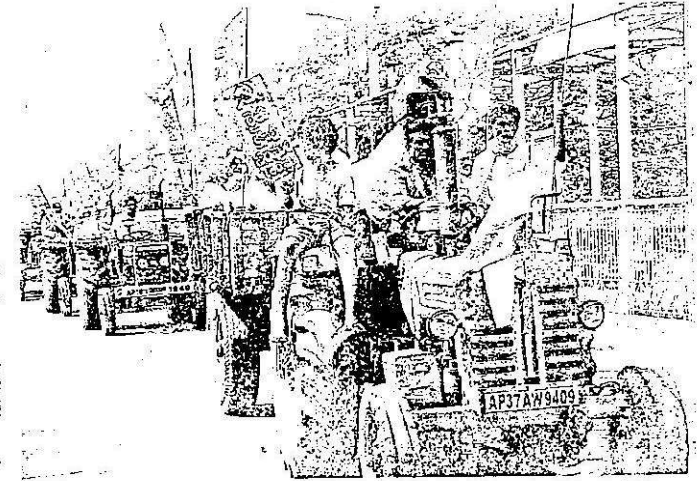
Protest rallies were organised in all panchayats, municipalities and corporations in Kerala, Samyuktha Karshaka Samithi chairman, Sathyan Mokeri, said. Farmers were protesting since November 26 to prevent a corporate invasion of the nation's farm sector, but the Modi government had done next to nothing to resolve the issue, he said at a public meeting.

"The protesting farmers have not raised any new demands. They want the minimum support price and the mandi system to be retained. Even wealthy farmers have realised that corporates are the common enemy," Mr. Mokeri said.

Police action slammed

At Khammam in Telangana, Left party cadres, the Congress and several farmers' organisations took out a bike rally on Tuesday.

Addressing a meeting at the Pavilion grounds, the leaders of the Rythu Sanghams condemned the alleged caning of farmers by the police in Delhi. They demanded that the Centre entirely scrap the three farm laws without further delay.



Loud and clear: (clockwise) Farmers and supporters of various parties taking out rallies in Thiruvananthapuram, Vijayawada, and Hyderabad on Tuesday. • S. MAHINSHA, GIRI K.V.S. & RAMAKRISHNA G.