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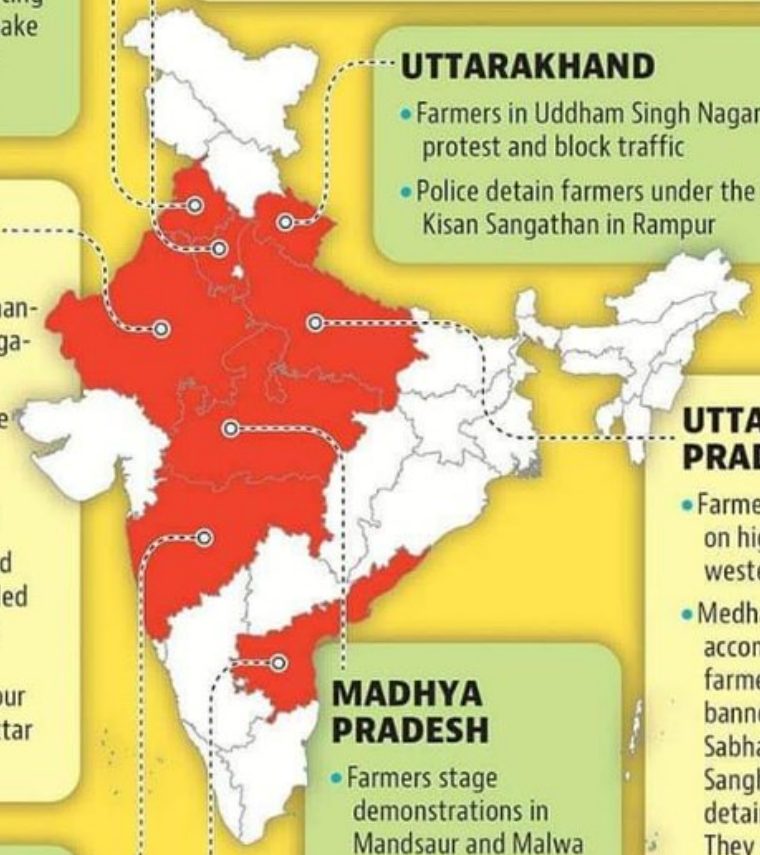


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One of the common misconceptions about the farmer protests against #FarmBills2020 is that the resistance is confined to Punjab, implying that the rest of the country is for the Bills, and the stir is politically motivated. This is a brief thread to counter that propaganda.

Farm stir across states

Farmers and different farm organisations held demonstrations across the country on Friday to protest against the central government's new farm laws



PUNJAB

- Farmers assemble at different places on the Punjab-Haryana border
- Protesting organisations squatted on the road, and stood in trucks and tractors, waiting impatiently to make their way to the national capital

HARYANA

- BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) activists from Bathinda, Punjab, enter Haryana from Dabwali in Sirsa district by removing barricades
- More farmers enter Haryana at Dera Bassi on Grand Trunk Road, Shambhu border in Ambala district
- Farmers camp at the GT Karnal road stretch from Panchkula to Sonipat, where gurdwaras prepared food
- Some eateries on the national highway opened their doors to the farmers

UTTARAKHAND

- Farmers in Uddham Singh Nagar stage a protest and block traffic
- Police detain farmers under the banner of Terai Kisan Sangathan in Rampur

RAJASTHAN

- Farmers take to streets in Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar districts
- Jaipur wing of the Bharatiya Kisan Union to join protests in Delhi
- Police stop around 150-200 people, led by social activist Medha Patkar, stopped in Dholpur from entering Uttar Pradesh

UTTAR PRADESH

- Farmers block traffic on highways in western UP
- Medha Patkar, accompanied by farmers under banner of Kisan Sabha Lok Sangharsh Morch, detained in Agra. They were later allowed to move towards Delhi.
- Bharatiya Kisan Union to join protests in Delhi on Saturday

MADHYA PRADESH

- Farmers stage demonstrations in Mandsaur and Malwa region
- State wing of the Bharitya Kisan Union organises protests in Dewas and Rajgarh districts

MAHARASHTRA

- Farmers' bodies take out protest rallies in Nashik, Vidharbha, Thane, Palghar, Ahmednagar, Nashik, Sangli, Nanded, Wardha and Solapur areas
- Sit-in protest in Nanded and Ahmednagar

ANDHRA PRADESH

Hundreds of members of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee and Left parties arrested during protests in Vijayawada

The spotlight may be on Punjab, but many states are witnessing agitations and rallies as this @htTweets report explains - https://t.co/JhogVUp6tF

Odisha:
https://t.co/tds6mNKewh

Uttarakhand:
https://t.co/L7uvOe5cPS

Maharashtra:
https://t.co/X8Gsf8fLkz

Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh:
https://t.co/tKv7s8zi1Z

It took five minutes to put together this thread based on one publication. A little more time spent on it will throw up far more results surely. That the agitation is widespread can also be gleaned by the call for #8[redacted].

A few updates...
#Telangana:
https://t.co/aRqun9yQBJ

#Chhattisgarh had protested earlier, and & had joined Punjab & Rajasthan in passing state legislation designed to negate the Centre's #FarmLaws2020.

https://t.co/PfJtXQOv88

#Kerala had observed a total shutdown in protest against not just the #FarmLaws but also changes in Labour Laws (which sadly haven't received much attention)
https://t.co/8HUJ3BZjBK