

Kerala CM's visit to Mangaluru: Sangh Parivar calls for bandh on February 25

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Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan

The Sangh Parivar led by the RSS has called for a district-wide bandh on Saturday February 25 in protest against the participation of Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the CPI(M) communal harmony march planned in the city on that day.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Sangh Parivar on Tuesday February 21 at Sangha Niketan here.

Moreover, the Sangh Parivar will also hold a massive protest on Friday February 24 with a march from Dr Ambedkar circle to Nehru Maidan.

Meanwhile, in a press meet, the district Sri Rama Sena too opposed Kerala chief minister speaking at the rally and extended full support to the bandh called by the VHP.

Addressing the media at Arya Samaj here on Tuesday, Sri Rama Sena president Anand Shetty Adyar said, "The CPI(M) is set to organise public communal harmony on February 25. Since 1999 Kerala has witnessed over 200 murders of Hindus for which CPI(M) is directly responsible. We do not have any problem in Pinarayi Vijayan coming to Mangaluru, but we strongly oppose him delivering a speech during the programme.

"In the name of communal harmony rally, Pinarayi Vijayan will definitely try to create communal unrest in the district. When Sri Rama Sena chief Pramod Muthalik has been banned from attending programmes and delivering speeches for the past 5 years, on what basis was Pinarayi Vijayan permitted to attend the programme and deliver speech? Vijayan's constituency has witnessed a series of murders and he belongs to the CPI(M) which is well-known for eliminating rivals," he said.

"We also extend support to the bandh called by the Sangh Parivar against the communal harmony rally. When Pramod Muthalik delivers speech, it is labelled as 'provocative', but he has not delivered any kind of provocative speeches. If Pinarayi Vijayan is allowed to speak publicly, even Pramod Muthalik should be allowed to deliver speeches. Why is there so much bias?" he questioned.

"We would not have interfered if it was a political convention by CPI(M). It is not necessary for the people of Dakshina Kannada to lend an ear to a communal harmony speech by Pinarayi Vijayan," he added.

When asked why the SRS was silent on Vinayak Baliga and other murder cases in the district, he said, "We raised our voice even against Vinayak Baliga murder. However, the murder was committed out of personal enmity."

Sri Rama Sena vice-president Jeevan Neermarga, secretary Guru, Pradeep, Harish and Venkatesh were present.