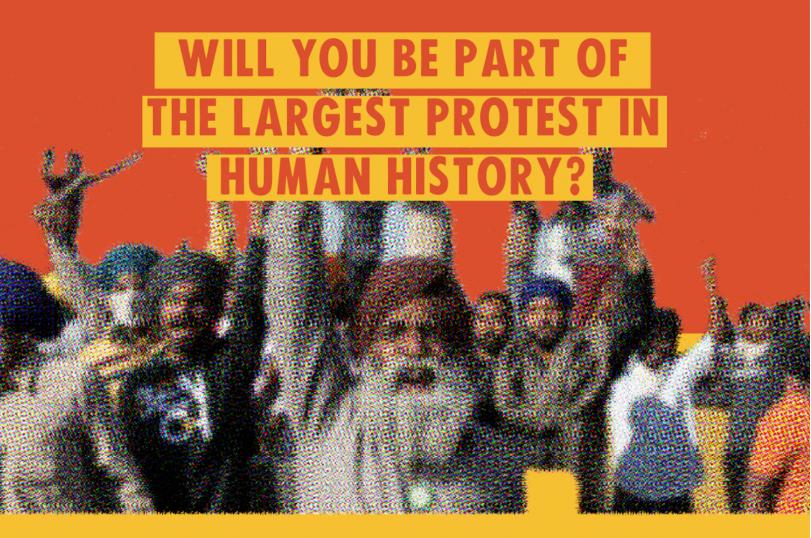
# #ASKINDIAWHY GLOBAL FARMERS STRIKE FIRST WAVE



TO STAND UP AGAINST INDIA'S FAILING DEMOCRACY (AT THE BEHEST OF THE FASCISTIC RULING PARTY, RSS-BJP).

TO STAND UP AGAINST UNREGULATED CORPORATISATION OF THE FARMING SECTOR.

# URGENT ACTIONS

- 1. Twi erStorm on 4th and 5th February, 2021 11 am to 2 pm UTC (Briefing doc & Zoom link)
- Share solidarity Photo/Video Message by email to <u>scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</u>, preferably by 5th February, latest by 6th February (<u>solidarity messages</u> for farmers at Delhi's border).
- 3. Write to us at <u>scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</u> if you would like a session organised to understand the local context with environmental activists and experts in India.
- 4. **Call/Email any of your govt representav es** and ask them to take acon, **Sign online Peons** and take acon to **Divest** from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani.
- 5. Organise an on-ground acon near the closest Indian Embassy, Media House or your local Govt. office on 13th/14th February, 2020. Share pictures on social media and with us.

## PRIOR ACTIONS

- 1. Share solidarity Photo/Video Message by email to <u>scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</u>, preferably by 25th January (<u>solidarity messages</u> for farmers at Delhi's border).
- 2. <u>Digital Strike</u>: #AskIndiaWhy Video/Photo Message On or Before 26th January.
- TweetStorm 23rd January onwards 11:30 pm UTC / 5 pm IST Feel free to tag @PMOIndia, @nstomar (Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare), your own heads of state & others who ought to take note, like the IMF, WTO, FAO, World Bank (<u>Tweetbank</u>)
- 4. Zoom session (Ask your Quesons) with a Greens with Farmers' Coalion` representative from Alliance for Sustainable & Holisc` Agriculture on 23rd January, 2020 (We will be happy to organise another session. Write to us at <u>scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</u>)
- **5.** XR Global Insta Live at 9:30 am UTC / 3 pm IST\* on **26th January (India's Republic Day)** with farmers at the borders of Delhi and environmental workers & activists worldwide.
- **6. Physical Acons** Near Indian Embassies, Govt. offices, Media houses (or even Adani-Ambani offices) globally **26th January.**
- 7. Watch out for (or Join) the Farmers' March / Parade (a first of its kind) into Delhi and back to the borders on 26th January.
- 8. Call/Email any of your govt representav es and ask them to take acon, Sign online Peons and take acon to Divest from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani. (\*tentative me)

Get a complete picture through the <u>Farmers Protests' Cheat-sheet</u> [#AskIndiaWhy]

# How can you help?

### 1. Par cipate in (or organise an) on-ground protest.

On 26th January, a major day of globally coordinated acons, Show your support at local physical locaons, wherever you are. Either find protests happening in your city/state/country and parcipaäte in large (or small) numbers or organize one. In addion to the opons below, you are encouraged to organise solidarity protests either **at/near Indian Embassies**, near your local Govt. offices or offices of various mulnaäonal Adani and Ambani companies. While we are focusing on the 26th, you are encouraged to connue organising gatherings as and when possible - for this is not going to end anyme soon. Do share details by email so we can update (scrapfarmacts@gmail.com).

Tarmers Protests - Live Global Map | Find A Protest

#### Resources to help organise:

- <u>Campaign Material</u> & <u>Social Media Template</u> by Poeč Jusce/ <u>www.AskIndiaWhy.com</u>?
  - <u>Greens With Farmers' Youth Coalion` Informaonal` Toolkit</u>
    - Posters & Graphics #ScrapFarmActs

# 2. More ways to par cipate (from 21st - 26th February, 2021) A. #StandWithFarmers Solidarity Video

Record a **video** (preferably in landscape mode) to share your message of support to protesng' farmers. **OR** Hold a poster/paper/chart/card with a solidarity message anywhere in your city/town/village and take **pictures**. Compilaon' of videos & photos will be shown to protesng' farmers at different protest sites (Singhu Border & Tikri Border). It will first be projected on a screen there, and then shared on social media & other pla. orms around 26th January.

**Email** them to <u>globalfarmersstrike@gmail.com</u> or <u>scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</u>, **preferably by 23rd January, 2021 (or by 25th)** (even if later, we will find a way to show the farmers the same). You are also encouraged to share your photos/videos on social media and tag whoever you think should take note.

Click Here: Instrucons, Sample clip & messages (in English), in Portuguese & in French

#### B. #AskIndiaWhy & Via Campesina Digital Campaigns on 26th January

• India has a long history of human rights violaons, violence, and a cruel indifference for its most vulnerable ciz ens. On January 26th the government will be celebrang the adopon of its constuon with a military parade, while connuing to perpetuate harmful policies that violate their own Constuon.

- India's farmers & other ciz ens need the global community to pay a⊡enon the world needs to know that India is retreang from a democracy, regressing hard by rushing headlong into fascism. Internaonal focus on these protests may be the only thing prevenng more state-sponsored violence and another massacre/genocide in India.
- And we need your help to do this. On January 26th, we need you to...
   Parcipa te Digitally (if not physically) on 26th January to #AskIndiaWhy. Do share photos

   / videos on your social media (tag @XRebellionInd, @thepmo, your own head of state &
   other notables when sharing).

#AskIndiaWhy Instrucons & Sample 'Why' messages

• **#ShineOnIndiaFarmers** light a candle <u>digital campaign info</u> from <u>Vía Campesina</u>; here are some of their <u>posters</u>)

#### C. Take part in Global TweetStorm

#### Dates: 23rd January & 26th January

Time: 05.00PM - 07.00PM IST | 02.30PM - 04.30PM EAT | 12.30AM-02.30PM CET | 11.30AM-01.30PM GMT/UTC | 06.30AM - 08.30AM EST | 03.30AM - 5.30AM PST | 12.30AM -02.30AM NZT (+1 Day) (<u>11:30 am UTC / 5 PM IST onwards</u>)

#### Hashtags: #StandwithFarmers #AskIndiaWhy #FarmersProtest

Click here For TweetBank

Accounts to Tag: @thepmo, @UNDP, @UNFAO @XRebellionInd (if on Instagram) and @PMOIndia, @UNDP\_India, @nstomar, @XRebellionInd, @mes trolley (if on Twi er). If willing, do tag your Heads of State, the IMF, the WB and/or the WTO.

- D. Zoom Q & A on 23rd January, 2021 at 12:30 am UTC / 6 pm IST with one of the lead representav es of Greens with Farmers (Indian Youth Coalion) & XR Edinburgh, Scotland- feel free to login and ask your quesons to find out more about the farmers protest against the Farm bills/acts and the present status of the ongoing "negoa ons".
- Exncon Rebellion (Global) Instagram Live on 26th January, 2021 at 9:30 am UTC\* / 3 pm IST with Farmers at the border and other environmental / agri-ecology acvis ts in the country. Check out @exnconr ebellion, @xrebellionind, @yugma\_network for the same.

(\*subject to change, depending on farmers' March at the border)

#### 3. Other Ac ons

• Contact a local Representav e

It is paramount to put internaonal pressure on India's Government. Click the bu ons below to find templates, contact informaon on your local representav e(s) to do your civic duty, whichever may be your country.

**Call** Your Representav es: Click here for <u>Call Script</u>

**Send Emails** to your govt. representav es: <u>Email Dra Template</u> (in English), in <u>Portuguese</u>, in <u>French</u>

#### • Sign Peons

In less than 1 minute, sign a peon aimed at condemning state violence and demanding the Indian Government to listen to the protestors and not silence and mock their dissent.

- 1. <u>Peon to Abolish the 3 Farm Bills & Support the Protesng</u> Farmers
- 2. <u>Peon to UN Freedom to express dissent is a key pillar of democracy</u>
- 3. <u>How you can peon the UK MPs to support the farmers in India</u>

(UK MPs are being asked to act now to support India's farmers in two ways:

 Revise the UK approach to aid to India, including the Conceptual Framework on Agriculture and the UK-India Infrastructure Technical Co-Operaon Facility (ITCF), which promotes contract farming (one of the issues the farmers are protesng about) and finances consultants to "alleviate boleneck s to private sector investment in agriculture" in India. (Read: target small and subsistence farmers).

[Any project that seeks to improve govt. policy like ITCF Aid should engage with grassroot movements, like farmer unions and civil society sufficiently, but it simply did not]

 Stop exports of pescides banned in the UK to India and other countries, including Paraquat, which is responsible for thousands of farmer deaths in India - a situaon so severe that doctors in India have resorted to hunger strikes demanding a ban on its usage.)

Read as to how there is strong interest in UK MPs on this issue and why. The UK is a memory to reform its own agricultural system as it was realised to be detrimental to tackling the climate and biodiversity crisis; it is, therefore, imperave that UK supports India so it does not go down the same path of destrucon / exploitaon and instead encourage good agro-ecological pracces and substanally support the small & marginal farmers.

#### • Divest from Ambani and Adani

Billionaires **Mukesh Ambani** and **Gautam Adani** manufacture wealth by working hand-in-hand with the Modi Regime to exploit the world's people, lands and culture. They control major industries and partner up with the world's biggest brands. Do you own products or support

companies linked to Adani and Ambani – the billionaires invesng heavily in the Farm Bills? Created by ASovereignWorld, *click below* to **hit them where it hurts**: their bo om line. <u>Click to Start Divesng</u>

This is a resource to understand all the ways their reach impacts our daily life. This list is being acv ely updated. Be sure to visit frequently for new informaon.

- Go to ASovereignWorld.Com > Do I own products linked to Ambani?
- Research by type
- Divest and write to the company
- Repeat

More Informa on - Important Links <u>Kisaan Ekta Co. (Farmers United)</u> <u>Find A Protest and Divest Adani, Ambani</u> <u>AskIndiaWhy</u> <u>Trolley Times (Farmers at the borders' Newsweekly)</u> <u>List of Farmer Deaths at Delhi borders</u>

> RISE UP AND RESIST! THANK YOU! <3