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Modi triggers Sabarimala issue while Priyanka raises 'love jihad' row

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Triggering the Sabarimala women's entry issue as the electioneering is peaking in Kerala, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused the ruling CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) and opposition party Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) in Kerala of practising adjustment politics.

Meanwhile, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi triggered the 'love jihad' and Hathras issue to allege similarities between the CPM and the BJP.

Addressing an election campaign meeting at Palakkad in Kerala where 'Metro Man' E Sreedharan is contesting from BJP, Modi said that while the LDF government used lathis against the devotees over the Sabarimala issue, the UDF remained a mute spectator. The BJP only defended the culture of the land and he was proud of it. Party president K Surendran was arrested for protecting the traditions. The BJP would not remain a mute spectator if the LDF and the UDF abused the culture, Modi added.

Modi alleged that Kerala has

witnessed 'match-fixing' by the UDF and the LDF who were ruling Kerala successively. He alleged that the LDF government betrayed Kerala for a few pieces of gold like Judas betrayed Jesus. He also accused the LDF of political violence and killings in the state.

Meanwhile, Priyanka Gandhi who attended a series of roadshows and public meetings in South Kerala said that the LDF and the BJP were on the same lines with regard to their stand on 'love jihad'. Uttar Pradesh

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is raising issues like 'love jihad' during his speeches in Kerala and now a coalition partner of CPM is also

speaking on a similar line, she said referring to a remark of Kerala Congress (Mani) leader Jose K Mani, a new entrant to the LDF, that concerns over 'love jihad' should be addressed.

Priyanka added that the Kerala government was dealing with the sexual assault and death of two minor sisters at Walayar in Kerala, in the same manner the UP government dealt with the Hathras case.

She referred to the recent row over deal with a US firm for deep-sea trawler manufacturing as well as gold smuggling issue to attack the Pinarayi Vijayan government.

