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Agnivesh prevented from speaking at function



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Social activist was invited to speak at an awareness campaign on traditional medical systems

A group of people, allegedly right wing activists, prevented social activist Swami Agnivesh from speaking at a function organised by the Vaidya Mahasabha at Poojappura on

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Agnivesh was invited by the Vaidya Mahasabha to speak at an awareness campaign on traditional medical systems. The event was organised at the Saraswati Mandapam at

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forbade him. He was joined by a group of people. This led to an altercation at the venue.

The police officers who were present reportedly offered Agnivesh protection to speak, but he chose to leave.

According to the organisers of the event, they had initially planned to invite BJP leader and former Mizoram Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan to inaugurate the event.

As he was not available, they had invited Swami Agnivesh in his stead. In fact, posters of the event featuring the name of Swami Agnivesh had been handed to the trust officials three days ago, the organisers said.

The Poojappura police said that no case has been registered so far in connection with the incident. In the meantime, it has sparked outrage from all around.

Stern action

The AIYF blamed Sangh Parivar forces for the incident and demanded stern action against the culprits. AIYF State president R. Sajilal and secretary Mahesh Kakkath said that the people of Kerala will not approve such behaviour.

Industries Minister E. P. Jayarajan, in a Facebook post, said that the 'RSS action' questions the self respect of Keralites.

The heinous incident took place on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, he said. The 'intolerance of the RSS' against those who oppose their views is already proven, Mr. Jayarajan said.

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