

Daya Bai's hunger strike enters 10th day, Oommen Chandy expresses solidarity

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THE ongoing indefinite hunger strike by social activist Daya Bai in front of the secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram seeking justice for endosulfan victims of Kasaragod will enter its tenth day on Tuesday.

On Monday, former chief minister Oommen Chandy, MLAs Ramesh Chennithala, M K Muneer, UDF convener M M Hassan and Congress leader V S Sivakumar visited her and expressed solidarity with her protest.

Chandy said the government's approach to Daya Bai's struggle is inhumane. He has also sent a fax to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan seeking his immediate intervention. M Shajar Khan, convener of the organising committee, welcomed the gathering, while ac-



Former chief minister Oommen Chandy, Congress leaders M M Hassan and V S Sivakumar with Daya Bai in front of the Secretariat on Monday | VINCENT PULICKAL

tivist Ambalathara Kunhikrishnan presided over. The day also witnessed a one-man play performed by activist K J Baby, and a flash mob and street

drama by the students of Bharat Matha College in Kochi. Daya Bai said the strike would continue until the state government initiates action.