

**Political demands raised by Madya Nisheda Andolan during the 71 day Satyagraha**

**“Ban Liquor in Karnataka”**

1. 50% reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies.
2. Short stay homes for women in difficult circumstances along with legal and other support systems. Also lot of hostels need to be started for girls to be able to continue their education beyond 10th class.
3. Implement the high level committee report on womens’s safety as given after Nirbhaya incident. Also gender concepts to be included in school curriculam.
4. Social security to all workers of the unorganized sector. Also Old age pensions should be increased to 50% of the existing minimum wages (Rs.2000/month) for the unorganized sector and also minimum wages to be revised as per ILO and SC judgements.
5. State government should add another 100 days (to the existing 100 days work) to MGNREGS and use these extra days to support agriculture.
6. Ration shop should give local food like Jowar, Ragi and also give pulses and ground nut oil.
7. Agriculture produces to be given scientific price as per recommendations of the Swaminathan committee. Support farmers by ensuring they have control on seeds, fertilizer and have storage facility and processing centres.
8. Handmade products to be supported by government by ensuring proper price to the producer. First government needs to define handmade sector and ensure that machine made is not sold as hand made.
9. Land survey/audit should be done in the state and excess land given to the landless, along with housing plots for all needy.
10. Farmers and Livestock rearers and other similar livelihood co-operatives to be supported by government (no tax on these institutions) and banks should come forward to give working capital.
11. All government schools to follow RTE norms and first ensure subject wise teachers are available along with necessary infrastructure like toilets.
12. All government hospitals to ensure that free medicines, OPD, all tests are done in the hospital, which should be fully equipped with human resource and machines.
13. Government needs to take proactive steps to remove the practice of Untouchability, still so much prevalent in our society. For this SC-ST atrocities act needs to be strengthened along with ensuring that SCP-TSP funds reach the people and change their lives. Ensure that atleast 25% of judiciary and press has people from SC-ST communities.
14. Government to ensure that there is no Malnutrition, for which the vulnerable families need to be given sources of income and ensure that women are eating nutritious food.
15. Immediate steps to be taken to save the forests and also dry land areas a forestation to be taken up immediately on a campaign mode. Also water conservation structures to be built in every village.
16. 365 days of drinking water to be ensured in all villages and cities.
17. Government to fill all vacancies in government departments and also ensure that the youth get gainful employment or are supported to be self employed.

18. Salaries in the police department need to be increased and also ensure that a police person does not work for more than 8 hours per day.