SUGRAMA

Grama Panchayat Chunayita Mahila Okkuta Karnataka MANIFESTO

2011-2012

We, the members of SUGRAMA – Grama Panchayat Chunayitha Mahila Pratinidhigala Sangha Karnataka, hereby commit to advocate for the following issues at the State/taluk level:

- **1. Reserve 50% seats for women in all three tiers of the Panchayati Raj** We shall demand from the Government of Karnataka to reserve 50% seats for women in all three tiers of the PRIs in the state.
- 2. Direct election for the post of Adhyaksha in Grama Panchayats.

We shall demand that the Government of Karnataka immediately institute direct election for the post of Adhyaksha in GPs.

3. Full five year term for the post of the President

We demand for a full five year term for the post of the President as is constitutionally mandated for Presidents across the country.

4. Advocate for increased honorarium

Advocate for increased honorarium for President, Vice President and Ward Members. Honorarium should increase to Rs 5000/-, Rs 3000 and Rs 2500/- respectively.

5. Bus Pass

Advocate for Bus Pass for EWRs

- 6. Streamline and conduct regular Gram and Ward Meetings Conduct ward sabha and grama sabha on time.
- **7. Streamline and conduct regular Grama Panchayat Meetings** We demand that the meetings of the Grama Panchayat be streamlined and conducted regularly

8. Grants from the Government of Karnataka

We demand that the Government of Karnataka to release the Grants as a one time grant and increase the grant based on the population of the Grama Panchayats.

9. Development works undertaken under NREGA

We demand that the development works undertaken under NREGA be a permanent one and insist on payments to the workers in a timely manner.

10.Utilization of solar energy

We demand that the Government of Karnataka release a separate grant amount for the utilization of solar energy in the Grama Panchayats.

11.Open to suggestions from the Governments

We demand that the Government seek the suggestions of Grama Panchayats to plan for a scheme and thereafter implement through the Grama Panchayats.

12.Reservation extended upto two terms

Reservation should be extended upto two terms for elected women functionaries as this would ensure better governance.

13.Promote good governance

Promote good governance and advocate for increased accountability and transparency in the implementation of government schemes.

14. Transparency in Grama Panchayats

Advocate for increased awareness about transparency in Grama Panchayats.

15.Support the 33.33% reservation for women

We shall support the 33.33% reservation for women in the Parliament as we have greatly benefitted from the reservation for women in Grama Panchayats and are able to actively participate in public life as political leaders.