SUGRAMA

Grama Panchayat Chunayita Mahila Okkuta Karnataka MANIFESTO

2010-2011

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

1. 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 Gram Panchayats and are able to actively participate in public life as political leaders.

2. 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 Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state.

3. Direct election for the post of Adhyaksha in the Grama Panchayats

We shall demand that the Government of Karnataka immediately institute direct election for the post of Adhyaksha in the Grama Panchayats and commit to a full five year term for the post of the President as is constitutionally mandated for Presidents across the country.

4. Reservation should be extended upto two terms

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

5. 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.

6. Securing timely payment

Securing timely payment of the honorarium and it should be directly remitted into the bank accounts of the elected representatives.

7. Increase funds for Grama Panchayats

Advocate for increased funds for Grama Panchayats

8. Bus Pass

Advocate for Bus Pass for elected women representatives

9. Capacity building and training

Advocate for capacity building and training for elected women representatives for effective functioning