



# National Hindu Movement



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## Pressnote

**More than two thousands devotees of Goddess participate in the mammoth procession in Kolhapur against the corruption of Pashchim Maharashtra Devasthan Vyavasthapan Committee !**

**'Fight will continue till every square inch of land belonging to the temple is restored !' - Unanimous resolve by devout Hindus**

Kolhapur, 2 February – A mammoth procession was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> February under the initiative of 'Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee' against the corruption by 'Pashchim Maharashtra Devasthan Vyavasthapan Committee', which looks after the management of 3,067 temples including that of Shri Mahalakshmi Temple at Kolhapur, one of three and half Shakti Piths. More than 2,000 devout Hindus participated in the procession. Temple committee is indulging in several malpractices such as not maintaining any record of the donations in the form of cash and ornaments offered by the devotees, not maintaining the record of thousands of acres of land belonging to the temples, corruption of the amount received as a royalty towards mining works carried out on the land belonging to the temples, supplying grains of inferior quality for Naivedya (Food offered to the Deity as part of ritualistic worship) etc.

Thousands of devotees of the Goddess participating in the procession displayed unity and unanimously demanded, among other things, imposition of stringent punishment on corrupt, freeing all temples from the control of the Government and instituting CBI inquiry into the entire working of temple committee. 'Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee' declared State-wide agitation through the procession held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The procession started at 11.30 am from Gandhi Maidan. The occasion was endowed with the auspicious presence of H.H. (Ms.) Swati Khadye of Sanatan Sanstha. Agitations were held on 1<sup>st</sup> February at Pune and Mumbai on this issue and similar agitations are also being launched in the districts of Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Thane, Raigad, Solapur, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Akola Yeotmal etc. Now, the unrest is also spreading in other districts. Dignitaries present in the procession addressed the gathering on the termination of the procession at Bindu Chowk. Later the Collector was presented with the memorandum on behalf of the action committee.

**Dignitaries present in the procession** – Mr. Sambhaji Salunkhe, District President of Bajarag Dal, Mr. Mahesh Ursal, City Chief of Bajarang Dal, Jilhapramukh of Shiv Sena Mr Sanjay Pawar, Shahar-pramukh Mr. Shivajirav Jadhav and Durgesh Lingras, Mr. Uday Bhosale, Mr. Chandrakant Barale, District Head of Hindu Ekata, Mr. Hindrav Shelake, Mr Shivajirav Sase, Shri Sharad Mali of Gurukul Martial Arts, Mrs. Mina Joshi, Mrs. Nanda Shah, Mrs. Suvarna Shah of Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, City President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Mr. Ashok Ramchandani, Mr. Rajan Bunage and Mr. Shivanand Swami of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, Dr. Mansing Shinde, Adv. Ranjitsing Ghatage of Sanatan Sanstha, Mr. Purushottam Patel of Svadhyay Parivar, Mr. Prasad Patil, District Secretary of MNS, etc.

**Names of the organisations participating in the procession** : Shiv Sena, Aam Aadami Party, Shri Shiv Pratishthan, Hindu Ekata Aandolan, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, BJP, Shriram Sena, MNS, Hindu Mahasabha, Sanyukt Ravivar Peth, Svadhyay Parivar, Bajarang Dal, Shri Sampraday, Shri Renuka Bhakt Sanghatana, Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Bharat Swabhimani, Yoga Vedant Samiti, Nabhik Samaj Sanghatana, Vyapari Mitra Sanghtana, Vyapari Mahasangh, several Rksha organisations, Chamber of Commerce, Gurukul martial Art, several Ganesh Mandals, Namdev Shimpi Samaj, Varakari Sanghatana, ISKON, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Yuva Bharat, Drongiri Ashram, Vishwakarma Sutar Samaj of Ujalai, Gurav Samaj, Jain Mahasangh, Agrawal Samaj, several Akhadas, Jyotiba Seva Sanstha, Kolhapur Jilha Purohit Mandal, Karavir Nivasini Purohit

Mandal, Shikh Samaj, Jyotish Mandal, Jangali Maharaj Sampraday, Prajasattak Samajik Seva Sanstha, devotees and priests of various temples, devotees of Raghvendra Math, Art of Living, devotees of Uttaradi Math, several youth organisations, etc.

## **Hang the corrupt in Bindu Chowk ! - Mr. Sunil Ghanvat, Spokesperson, 'Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee'**

All temples taken over by the Government so far are facing corruption, irregularities. When Pandharapur temple, Shridi temple, Shri Siddhi Vinayak temple were taken over by the Government, the donations offered by the devotees were pocketed by the agents of the politicians. Therefore, all temples taken over by the Government should be freed from the government control and handed over to the devotees. 'Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee' has started agitation from Kolhapur against the corruption of crores of rupees by 'Pashchim Maharashtra Devasthan Vyavasthapan Committee'. The fight initiated by the residents of Kolhapur will prove an ideal before the entire nation. It will create such a dread in the mind of corrupt that nobody will ever think of indulging in corrupt practices in respect of any of the temples. This agitation has given rise to a 'Kolhapur Pattern'. We have declared a war against the corrupt through the medium of this agitation.

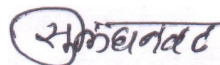
This agitation will not end till every square inch of land belonging to the temple lost due to corruption by the 'Pashchim Maharashtra Devasthan Vyavasthapan Committee' is restored to the temples, its rightful owners. "Hang the corrupt in Bindu Chowk !" is the demand of the devout Hindus, expressed Mr. Sunil Ghanvat, Spokesperson, 'Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee' on the occasion.

**Special :** Mr. Vaibhav Badave, Mr. Chitamani Utpat, Mr. Virendra Utpat, Mr. Pradip Badave, Mr. Aniruddh Utpat of Shri Vitthal-Rukmini Mandir Bachav Kruti Samiti, Pandharapur were specially present to display their support to the agitation. Similarly, a large number of activists of Shriram Sene along with Mr Maruti Sutar from Belgaum were present in a large number. Ex-deputy Mayor Mr. Uday Pawar declared his support to the agitation.

### • **Highlights**

1. Devotees of the Goddess, devout Hindus from about 25 towns around Kolhapur participated on a large scale in the procession.
2. Mr. Rajesh Kshirasagar, Shiv Sena MLA fully supported the agitation right from the beginning. He participated in every step of the agitation from conducting a meeting of Shiv Sainiks to their actual participation in the procession. He was also present in the press conference held on 30<sup>th</sup> January and promised to raise the issue in the Assembly through a 'Call attention notice.'
3. **The action committee successfully organised the agitation with the preparations made in just 20 days :** Shri Mahalakshmi temple anti-corruption action committee' exposed the corruption for the first time on 12<sup>th</sup> January by holding the press conference. Later, the procession was successfully organised with the preparations made in just 20 days. The action committee has created an ideal before all Hindus through this agitation that any agitation can be successfully implemented with the blessings of God, yearning, boldness and longing.
4. Tableau showing Mahishasur in the form of 'Pashchim Maharashtra Devasthan Vyavasthapan Committee' and Shri Durgadevi killing him and devil in the form of corruption and Kadaklakshmi killing him were displayed in the procession.

Yours Truly,



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