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Our vision is for a society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. We believe in creating a future where poverty, inequality, and discrimination are addressed head-on, and where every citizen has access to the basic necessities of life. Our Demands outline a comprehensive set of policies and initiatives aimed at achieving this vision:

1. POVERTY & INEQUALITY:

- ▲ Implement targeted poverty alleviation programs focusing on education, skill development, and livelihood creation.
- ▲ Increase the minimum wage and ensure fair wages for all workers, including those in the unorganised sector.
- ▲ Hold government officials accountable for addressing poverty and inequality.



- ▲ Ensure economic growth benefits all sections of society, not just the wealthy.
- ▲ Implement policies addressing religious, caste, and gender discrimination and empowering marginalised communities.

2. ACCESS TO FOOD:

- ▲ Strengthen food security measures to eradicate hunger and food insecurity.
- ▲ Improve nutrition programs to address child malnutrition rates, with a focus on wasting.
- ▲ Enhance food distribution systems to ensure consistent access to nutritious food for all citizens.

3. HEALTHCARE:

- ▲ Invest in public healthcare facilities to improve infrastructure, supplies, and hygiene standards.
- ▲ Implement measures to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all, including those in rural and remote areas.
- ▲ Address the shortage of healthcare professionals by increasing recruitment and training programs.

4. EDUCATION:

- ▲ Reform the education system to ensure all children acquire foundational skills in reading, writing and maths.



- ▲ We firmly believe that every child deserves access to quality education, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.
- ▲ Enact a law that guarantees the Right to Quality Education for all children in India.
- ▲ Extend the Right to Education coverage from existing 14 years to 18 years of age.
- ▲ Increase investment in quality education, with a focus on improving learning outcomes for all students.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNORGANIZED LABOR:

- ▲ Create job opportunities through skill development programs and investment in key sectors.
- ▲ Expand social security coverage for unorganised workers and raise awareness about existing schemes.
- ▲ Streamline benefit disbursement processes and reduce bureaucratic hurdles to ensure timely support for eligible workers.

6. TRIBAL COMMUNITIES:

- ▲ Address socioeconomic disparities and displacement issues affecting tribal communities.



- ▲ Improve access to quality education and healthcare services for tribal populations.
- ▲ Implement measures to prevent exploitation and discrimination against tribal communities.
- ▲ Stop destroying habitats of tribals by grabbing their lands and forests to sell to the Corporate Companies.
- ▲ Stop killing tribals in the name of Naxalism.
- ▲ Restore complete peace in strife torn Manipur and punish the culprits.

7. FARMERS:

- ▲ Provide relief from debt burden and ensure fair market prices through improved MSP coverage.
- ▲ Streamline procurement processes and resolve claim settlement issues in crop insurance schemes.
- ▲ Empower farmers through financial literacy programs and access to agricultural technology.

8. PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY:

- ▲ Enact the Nagar Raj Bill to facilitate citizen participation in urban local governance.



- ▲ Address social biases affecting Gram Panchayats and strengthen complaint mechanisms.
- ▲ Combat corruption and political interference to restore public trust in local governance institutions.

9. STRENGTHEN ALL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS BY INTRODUCING GOOD GOVERNANCE.

- ▲ Transparency: All government actions and decisions should be presented clearly and openly to the public.
- ▲ Accountability: The government should be accountable to the public for its actions.
- ▲ Rule of Law: The law should apply equally to everyone, including government officials.
- ▲ Public Participation: The public should have opportunities to participate in the government's decision-making process.
- ▲ Agencies like, ED, CBI etc. should work independently and free of govt & ruling Party's influence.
- ▲ Implement Police reforms as suggested by Police Commissioner and NGOs.



10. MINORITY ISSUES:

- ▲ Combat hate speeches and violence against the minorities specially against Muslim and Christian communities, ensuring safety and security for all citizens.
- ▲ Address disparities in education, employment opportunities, and political representation for Muslims.
- ▲ Implement welfare schemes and scholarships to support the socio-economic upliftment of Muslims.
- ▲ Ensure representation of Muslims in government jobs and positions of power.
- ▲ Foster social harmony and address narratives that seek to marginalize or alienate the Muslim and Christian communities.
- ▲ Provide constitutional safeguards and to stop atrocities against Minorities enact an Act on the lines of SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- ▲ Compensate for all houses, shops, worship places vandalised and bulldozed.
- ▲ Release and compensate all the innocent people, arrested and jailed arbitrarily in false cases

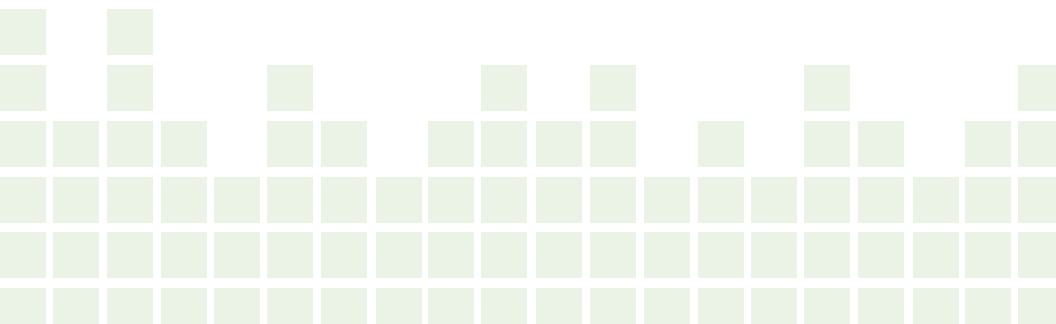


- ▲ Stop the weaponization of history and false narratives against Muslims for political gain
- ▲ Revoke the draconian law like UAPA
- ▲ Arrests and punish the perpetrators of atrocities and crimes against the minorities and weaker sections, whether they are from general public, politicians, police, administration and ministers.
- ▲ Take back the laws framed against The Muslim personal laws.
- ▲ Abolish CAA, NRC, NRP Act

11. IMPLEMENT THE PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT IN LETTER AND SPIRIT

It has been observed in the recent past that many Muslim places of worship are being claimed as Hindu temples. We demand that this trend should be rejected by the administration and the judiciary. Instead the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 should be implemented in letter and Spirit which was enacted to freeze the status of religious places of worship as they existed on 15th August 1947, and prohibits the conversion of any place of worship whether in full or part, from one religious' denomination to another or within the same denomination and ensures the maintenance of their religious character. The Act vide Abatement of Pending Cases [Section 4(2)] declares that any ongoing legal proceedings concerning the conversion of a place of worship's religious character before 15th August 1947, will be terminated, and no new cases can be initiated.

These Demands represents our commitment to building a more inclusive, equitable, and just society. We urge all citizens to support these policies and join us in shaping a brighter future for our nation. Together, we can create positive change and ensure a better tomorrow for generations to come.



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