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To
The Hon'able Chief Minister
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad

Respected Sir,

Steps taken by the Government of Telangana for women development is well appreciated. In connection with International Women's day, since last 3 days, the state is celebrating the occasion. For overall development and safety of women and her family some more steps have to be taken, they include.

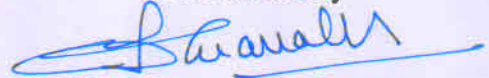
1. **Control on belt shops:** Consumption of liquor is highest in the Telangana state. This over dose is increasing the wasteful expenditure on the meager sources leading to cut in food expenditure in the family. Mal- nutrition in children, family disputes, serious health problems, accidents etc. are some of the ill effects of liquor consumption. Total prohibition may not be possible in near future, but if the Government is serious, liquor consumption can be controlled. Today there are close to 2500 authorized wine outlets and thousands of unauthorized belt shops attached to them which facilitate easy availability of liquor making people addicts. Controlling the belt shops may to some extent control the consumption of liquor especially in rural areas.

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2. **Adulterated Toddy (Kalthi Kallu)** : Weaker sections of society in rural areas are habituated to consume Toddy. As the demand is out stepping the supply adulterated Toddy prepared by mixing dangerous chemicals is openly marketed. Once a person starts taking the adulterated Toddy he becomes addict like Drug addict. Government of Telangana has taken strong and effective steps to control Gudumba. In the same way, the Government should control the adulterated Toddy. In villages and slum areas of cities many youth expired by consuming adulterated Toddy leaving behind young widow and children without any support.

On the occasion of International Women's day, Forum for Good Governance requests the Hon'able Chief Minister of Telangana to take steps to control Belt shops and Adulterated Toddy.

Yours Sincerely



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Secretary

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