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Women workers hold manager hostage

PUNALUR: About 300 women workers of a tea plantation factory have started their agitation against the management by holding its manager hostage. The strike which started yesterday evening is continuing.

The person who is facing the wrath of the women workers is the manager of Ambanad TR and Tea Company at Aryanad Arandal division. Tamil Nadu native Anil Maharaj is the manager

The agitation got intensified as AITUC and CITU union leaders chipped in after coming to know about the strike.

The protesters have demanded wage hike, medical help and proper maintenance of the factory.

The workers have said that they were not ready for any compromise until and unless their demands are met.

As the situation worsened, the Estate office that was opened in the morning was closed soon after. A huge posse of policemen is camping at the place. The manager has been trying to get in touch with the company management, it is reported.