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Plantation workers begin indefinite protest

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Landless plantation workers of Kollahalli in Sakleshpur taluk have begun an indefinite

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Malali Gram Panchayat officials had recently recovered 13 guntas of government land, which was being illegally used by a local planter till recently. The panchayat officials had assured the landless families that the land would be allotted to them to build houses. But since the allotment was delayed, the workers put up tents on the vacant land last month. Salim Kollahalli and others from the village are leading the protest.

The Hassan district unit of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions has also extended support to the protest.

M.G. Pruthvi of Dalit Hakkugala Samiti, said the protest would continue until the demand was fulfilled. “The taluk administration and people’s representatives have ignored the long-pending demand of the landless people,” he said.

