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Karnataka women seek 50 percent quota in local bodies

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Women members of local government bodies in Karnataka have sought 50 percent representation

In a memorandum to Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa Sunday, a joint organisation of the members said

"We want Karnataka to have 50 percent of the seats for women in the three tiers of the panchayati raj in

About 5,000 of the elected women members formed a federation - Sugrama - in 87 blocks in 21 of the 3

The memo also referred to the address by President Pratibha Patil in parliament June 4, 2009, in which

"Though 8-10 members end up holding the president's post, the provision leads to corruption and often v

To eliminate graft and favouritism or nepotism, the members have asked the state government to rescin

The members have also sought reservation to be extended to two terms in place of a single five-year ter