

INDIA

## PAVITRI MANJHI

### Harassed for standing up to big business

**Pavtri Manjhi is defending the rights of her indigenous Adivasi community to remain in their ancestral home and keep their farms and livelihoods. Two companies want to drive the community off the land to make way for power plants. As head of the village council, Pavtri has filed nearly 100 formal complaints against the companies, whose agents have allegedly defrauded villagers of their land.**

Local 'strongmen' have repeatedly pressured Pavtri to withdraw the complaints. They visited her home and told her: 'Everyone who helped you file the complaints are outsiders. They will not be able to save you and we will silence them.' They returned the next day to make more threats. Pavtri reported the harassment to the police but little has been done.

For decades, Adivasi people have been forced from their land and had their rights trampled on to make room for business developments.



#### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Pavtri Manjhi Ji  
c/o Sri. Degree Prasad Chouhan,  
Convenor, Adivasi Dalit Mazdoor  
Kisan Sangharsh  
Near Lata Sadan, Puri Bagicha,  
Madhuban Para,  
Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh  
India – 496001

**Language** English, Chhattisgarhi and Hindi  
**Suggested message**

Dear Pavtri Manjhi Ji and human rights defenders in Raigarh, I stand in solidarity with your work to defend indigenous peoples' land rights. I wish strength and success to you and your brave colleagues in your fight for justice.

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card of message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Tell Director General of Police of Chhattisgarh State to protect Pavtri Manjhi from threats, harassment and intimidation.

#### Write to

Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh  
Police Headquarters, Naya Raipur  
Chhattisgarh  
India – 492001

**Salutation** Dear Director General of Police  
**In your letter tell him to**

- Protect Pavtri Manjhi from threats, harassment and intimidation so she can continue to campaign for the rights of her indigenous Adivasi community.

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EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS Together we can demand protection for Pavtri

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