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Respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji,

Sub: Request for Declaration of Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma's Samadhi as a Nationally Important Monument under The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958

On behalf of the people of Karnataka, I bring to your attention the historical and cultural significance of the Samadhi of Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma, located in Bailahongala taluk of Belagavi district, Karnataka. Rani Chennamma occupies a unique place in India's history as one of the first women to lead an armed resistance against colonial rule. Her valor and indomitable spirit continue to inspire generations across the nation.

The Samadhi of this iconic leader is not just a resting place but a sacred site symbolizing the undying spirit of India's struggle for independence. It stands as a beacon of courage and sacrifice, reflecting the determination of a woman who defied the might of the British East India Company in 1824. Recognizing this site as a nationally important monument under The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, would be a monumental step in preserving her legacy and honoring her contribution to the nation.

This site holds immense historical significance, yet it remains in need of proper conservation and development. Such recognition would facilitate the necessary steps to safeguard the Samadhi's integrity, ensuring that it is protected from neglect and degradation. It would also bring greater visibility to the site, drawing visitors from across the country and beyond, thereby promoting cultural tourism and contributing to the socio-economic development of the region. More importantly, it would serve as a medium to educate future generations about Rani Chennamma's unparalleled role in our freedom struggle and inspire pride in our collective heritage.

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This gesture would not only honor the legacy of a great freedom fighter but would also affirm the Government of India's commitment to preserving the contributions of our historical icons. Karnataka has always been a land that celebrates its rich history and culture, and the recognition of Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma's Samadhi at the national level would reinforce this pride while ensuring its rightful place in the annals of Indian history.

I urge you to direct the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India to expedite the process of evaluating and declaring this sacred site as a monument of national importance. The people of Karnataka and the nation as a whole look forward to your kind and decisive intervention in this matter, which will resonate deeply with the sentiments of our citizens.

Thanking you,

Your sincerely


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Shri Narendra Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Government of India.