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## We should make India free of liquor: Medha Patkar

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We should make India free of liquor and drug addiction said Medha Patkar, National Convener, National Alliance of People's Movements here on Wednesday.

She reached the city on Wednesday as part of her national yatra against liquor and drug addiction called Nasha Mukta Bharat Andolan, which started from Kanyakumari on October 2.

While speaking to the students of Stella Maris College in the city she said, "The liquor and

drug addiction are killing people of this country and the government should feel for the good health of the people."

"In Tamil Nadu, the government itself is selling liquor in the name of generating revenue. It was Rs 4,800 crore in 2004 and it has increased to Rs 26,000 crore in 2016. It resulted in many families losing their livelihoods," she said.

Drawing the attention on Punjab, she said the people of the state have enormous wealth but the drug addiction is causing a huge problem.

She called upon the

students to take out a march against liquor. "If all the students of this college take out a march, it will force the Chief Minister Jayalalithaa to bring on total prohibition."

Bringing the attention on recent Cauvery protests, she said there should be a dialogue between people on both the sides. "We are confident of resolving issues and conflicts provided if we look at alternate ways to manage the resources and development."

The national yatra against liquor and drug addiction will end in Bhopal on October 12.