

Sacked Honda workers to take their woes to JNU

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J AIPUR: The march of workers seeking justice, which began on September 28 from Dharuhera in Haryana has reached New Delhi. The marchers are set to assemble at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in the national capital on Saturday to acquaint students with their plight.

The nearly 3,000 workers of the Honda two-wheeler unit at Tapukara in Alwar district are also pinning their hopes on the workers' rally. Five sacked Honda workers have been sitting on indefinite hunger strike since September 19 at Jantar Mantar in the national capital, but no official either from Honda Motors or the state or central governments has yet met them.

The sacked Honda workers have now decided to spread awareness about the plight of workers at the plants of this Japanese multinational, seeking that consumers boycott products. The Honda workers have alleged that they were sacked in February this year after attempting to form a union.

Honda Motors, however, has maintained that there is already a registered union that enters into negotiations with the management and that after a recent hike, most workers earned over Rs30,000 per month. Suresh Kirdoliya, one of the sacked workers, however, told TOI that most workers earned about Rs26,000 per month.

The firm also actively discouraged collective bargaining by terminating the services of those who were trying to forge unity among workers, he said.