

Virtual event highlights success stories of women cooperative leaders

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Narratives from the grassroots and success stories of women cooperative leaders were shared with the audience from different countries at a virtual event organised on the status of women in cooperatives globally on Thursday.

The stories of micro-entrepreneur warriors and the Working Women’s Forum (India)-Indian Cooperative Network for Women (WWF-ICNW) were highlighted at a parallel event on ‘Global Leadership of Grassroots Women Co-operators in the U.N. Year of Cooperatives: Poor Women’s Cooperative in Global Action.’

The virtual event was part of the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on Status of Women, which is instrumental in promoting women’s rights and shaping global standards on gender equality and empowerment.

Saying it was a proud moment for WWF to have been provided recognition as a cooperative network, Nandini Azad, president, WWF-ICNW, said it was a significant milestone for the women’s cooperative movement. It was an opportunity to demonstrate how the movement had acted on the ground and transformed underprivileged women into cooperative leaders.

Nearly 400 members from 13 locations across India participated in the event apart from representatives from 15 countries. Andreas Kappes, Secretary General, The International Raiffeisen Union, Germany, one of the oldest cooperatives unions in the world, and Maria Guilja De Castro, Board Member, International Secretariat, World Farmers Organisation, also spoke.

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It was the fifth time that UNCSW was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, a city that has played a key role in this movement. Last month, the UN Commission on Social Development recognized WWF and ICNW with a special online side event on cooperatives, emphasizing their impact. The event brought together members from 13 cooperative branches across four southern Indian states, who shared their journey of economic empowerment. Over the past 45 years, WWF-ICNW transformed unregulated women workers into a



powerful global force, influencing policies in Brussels, Japan, New York, and Rome. Today, they play a significant role in international cooperative movements, advocating for gender equality and cooperative development while ensuring financial and social resilience for poor women.

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Mr. Andreas Kappes, Secretary General of the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU), highlighted successful

cooperative models from Latin America and Africa, followed by video case studies of micro-entrepreneurs who progressed from borrowing small amounts to running businesses and employing others. The prestigious Jaya Arunachalam Awards honored women who advanced economically through WWF-ICNW's support. Maria Giulia De Castro (World Farmers Organization, Italy) emphasized the role of women in agricultural cooperatives and ICNW's contributions to global forums such as the UN and G20.

With 250,000 members across 262 trades in South India, WWF-ICNW continued to lead globally in cooperative policy and gender equity. Dr. Nandini Azad's leadership brought international recognition, making her the first woman in 50 years to be elected to the IRU Board—a position to which she was re-elected. She also held key roles in the International Cooperative Alliance and the World Farmers Organization.

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 <p>Barbetti Savitri, 55 year member, Womans, Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Voices from the Ground WWF-ICNW Young Women Entrepreneurs Case Study (Voices from the Ground)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Valliammal, Oil Press Business, Vellore, Tamil Nadu (T.N.) 2. Ms. Sasikala, Online Business, Central Chennai, T.N. 3. Ms. Shanmuga Priya, Crab Business, Adirampattinam, T.N. 4. Ms. Monisha, Vegetable Shop, South Chennai, T.N. 5. Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Silk Weaver, Kancheepuram, T.N. 	<p>Working & Studying</p> <p>Two young women at 25 years, working & studying were engaged in entrepreneurial work with family support, despite continuing studies, (without parental support) being independent & leading others.</p> <p>Ms. Manisha (24 yrs, South Madras, grand mother jayanti was 80th member (20 years) of the forum, initially started from home-based & sold vegetables. After she joined the WWF-ICNW, she started a firm, sold vegetables in a larger shop, helped her daughter to set up another vegetable shop.</p> <p>Manisha's mother is also an ICNW member. She is grandmothers' mother! and can vegetable shop after studying continuous basis.</p> <p>Now she is a member, with Rs. 3000 (3 Euro!), started own business and also studied in evening college.</p> <p>In the 2nd year, she started her own business & half in studies. In the next year, she started a vegetable shop, and her college fees & financial studies. She is grateful to ICNW cooperative president, for setting up her life.</p> <p>Manisha, April 24 Vegetable Shop South Chennai, Tamil Nadu</p>

கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில், உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் (ICNW) ஆகியவற்றின் ஒப்பந்த வரலாற்றுச் சாதனை, ஏழைப் பெண்கள் உலகளாவிய தலைமைத்துவத்திற்கு எழுச்சிபெறுவதை இந்த இணையான நிகழ்வின் மூலம் சிறப்பித்துக் காட்டப்படும் (சிறந்த நடைமுறைகள் குறித்த எங்கள் விடயோக்களுடன்).

பல குறைபாடுகள், குறைந்த வளர்ச்சி / முதுகு, சமூக / வர்க்க ஒடுக்குமுறை, உற்பத்தி உள்ளீடுகளுக்கான அணுகல் ஆகியவற்றைக் கொண்ட முறைசாரா துறையில் உள்ள பெண்கள் எங்கள் மாதிரியில் மாற்றப்படுகிறார்கள். பெண் தொழிலாளர்கள் ஒரு வெகுஜன தேசிய/வரவேடச தளமாக அணி திரட்டப்படுகிறார்கள், கூட்டுறவு செயல்பவர்கள், தொழிற்சங்கவாதிகள், சிவில் சமூகம் என பழிச்சி பெறுகிறார்கள்.

உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் இன் அன்பான சகோதரத்துவ வாழ்த்துக்களுடன் தலைவர்டாக்டர் நந்தினி ஆசாத் வரவேற்றார். நுண் தொழில் முனைவோரின் துணிச்சலின் பாடலைத் தொடர்ந்து, நமது தமிழ் மூத்த தமிழ் கவிஞர், சதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரர் மகாகவி கப்பிரமணிய பாரதியின் வார்த்தைகளுடன் குழு தொடங்கியது. எல்லாவிதவத்தின் சகமைகளுக்கு எதிராக போராடும் போது இப்போராடும் போது, அவர் 'அச்சம் இல்லை அச்சம் இல்லை - அதாவது இனி பயம் இல்லை, ஒரு

புதிய நம்பிக்கை தொடங்கிவிட்டது" என்று பாசாட்டினார். முறைசாரா துறை தொழில் முனைவோரில் உள்ள சவால்களை எதிர்த்துப் போராடும் எங்கள் பெண் தொழில் முனைவோர் போராளிகள் WWF-ICNW அமைப்புகளில் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருந்த பிறகு தலைப்புப் பாடலில் தங்கள் துக்கத்தை விட்டுவிட்டு ஒரு பிரகாசமான நாளை உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறார்கள்.

ஐக்கிய நாடுகளின் பெண்கள் ஆணையநிலை (UNCSW69) இன் 69வது பதிப்பின் வரலாற்று இணையான நிகழ்வு ஐந்தாவது முறையாக தமிழ்நாட்டின் கடலோர நகரமான சென்னையில் நடைபெறுகிறது. கடந்த மாத தொடக்கத்தில், கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில், உலகளாவிய கூட்டுறவுகள் குறித்த ஒரே ஆண்டைப் பக்க நிகழ்வை எங்களுக்கு வழங்கும் பாக்ஷியம் ஐநா. சமூக மேம்பாட்டு ஆணையத்தால் எங்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது - உலகளவில் நடைபெறும் சில நிகழ்வுகளில் ஒன்று.

நாங்கள் இப்போது உழைக்கும் பெண்கள் மன்றம் மற்றும் இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு வலையமைப்பின் தலைமையகத்தில் (வங்காள விரிகுடா கடலில் இருந்து 3 கி.மீ.) இருக்கிறோம். இந்தியாவின் நான்கு தென் மாதிலங்களில் உள்ள 13 கூட்டுறவு கிளைகளைச் சேர்ந்த உறுப்பினர்கள் எங்கள் கதையால் ஊக்கமளித்து, உங்கள் அனைவரையும் மெய்நிகராகக் கேட்டு, இணைக்கிறார்கள். இந்த ஏழைப் பெண்களில், ஒரு தீவிர உலகளாவிய வீரராக இருப்பது உலகளவில் முதல் முறையாக ஒரு நன்றி தெரிவிக்க விரும்புகிறோம்,

அவர்கள் உழைக்கும் பெண்கள் மன்றம் (29 ஆண்டுகள் UN ECOSOC ஆலோசனை அந்தஸ்துடன்) போன்ற ஏழை பெண் தொழிலாளர்களின் வெகுஜன அமைப்புகளை நம்பினர். இந்த வெகுஜன அமைப்பில் அணுவாக்கப்பட்ட, ஒழுங்குபடுத்தப்படாத முறைசாரா துறை பெண்களை ஒழுங்கமைக்கும் யோசனையுடன் தொடங்கப்பட்டது. இந்தியாவின் 4 தென் மாதிலங்களில் அமைந்துள்ள கிளைகள் அதாவது தமிழ்நாடு, கர்நாடகா, ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசம், தெலுங்கானா.

இன்று இந்த இயக்கங்களின் செல்வாக்கும், உலகளாவிய தலைமைத்துவத்திற்கான அதன் எழுச்சியும், 45 ஆண்டுகளில், அவர்கள் தங்கள் குடும்ப மற்றும் பிரச்சினைகளைக் கேட்டு, உலகளாவிய உயர் கொள்கை அட்டவணைகளில் முக்கிய பங்கு வகிக்கின்றனர். அது பிரஸ்ஸல்ஸ், ஐப்பான், UN HQ நியூயார்க், ரோம் என எதுவாக இருந்தாலும் சரி. WWF-ICNW நிலைப்பாட்டு நேற்று தேர்தல்கள் / வேட்புமனுக்கள் / உறுப்பினர் பதவிகள் மூலம் சர்வதேச கூட்டுறவு இயக்கத்தின் பெரும்பாலான உலகளாவிய தொழிற்சங்கங்கள் / கூட்டணிகளில் பிரதிநிதித்துவப் படுத்தப்படுகிறது / இணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்த சக்திவாய்ந்த வெகுஜன பெண்கள் கூட்டுறவு சங்கம் பாலின்ஸ் மற்றும் கூட்டுறவு பிரச்சினைகளில், அதாவது முறைசாரா துறையைச் சேர்ந்த ஏழைப் பெண்களில், ஒரு தீவிர உலகளாவிய வீரராக இருப்பது உலகளவில் முதல் முறையாக ஒரு அசாதாரண நிகழ்வாகும்.

Translation to English:

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Women in the Informal sector with multiple disabilities, low growth/investment, social/class oppression, access to productive inputs are transformed in our model. Women workers are mobilized into a mass national/international platform, trained as co-operators, trade unionists, civil society.

Dr.Nandini Azad, President welcomed in warm sisterhood greetings from the Working Women’s Forum (India) (WWF-I) – Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW).

Following the song of courage of micro entrepreneurs the panel started with words from our Tamil veteran Tamil poet, freedom fighter Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathi. While struggling/fighting against the burden of colonialism. He hailed “Acham illai Acham Illai– meaning No more fear No more fear, A new hope has begun” Our multitude of women entrepreneur warriors fighting odds in informal sector entrepreneur confirm’s a bright tomorrow leaving behind their sorrow in the title song after being part of WWF-ICNW organizations.

The historic parallel event of the United Nation’s 69th edition of the Commission

Status of Women (UNCSW 69) is being held for the fifth time in the seaside city of Chennai, Tamilnadu. Earlier last month we were also privileged by the UN Commission on Social Development to award us the only online side event on Cooperatives worldwide – in the year of cooperatives the only all one of the few events globally.

We are now at the H.Q of the Working Women’s Forum and Indian Cooperative Network for Women H.Q. (3 kms from the Bay of Bengal sea).

The members participating are from 13 Cooperative branches in the four Southern States of India inspire with our story, hear and connect with all of you virtually. We would like to thank the UN Commission on Status of Women 69th edition (UNCSW69) for this event who trusted it to largely poor women workers mass organizations like the Working Women’s Forum (with 29 years UN ECOSOC Consultative Status). Having started with the idea of organizing atomized, unregulated informal sector women into this mass organization. Branches located in 4 Southern States of India i.e., Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana.

Today this movements clout and its rise to global leadership is wherein in 45 years they are key players on global high tables of policy with their voices and issues heard. Be it Brussels, Japan, UN H.Q New York, Rome. WWF-ICNW stand’s represented/affiliated on most global unions/alliances of the International Cooperative Movement today through elections/nominations /membership. An extra- ordinary co incidence for the first time globally that this powerful mass women’s cooperative union is a active global player on gender and cooperative issues i.e., the poor women from the informal sector

உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம்

சென்னை, மார்ச் 15: கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில், உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் (ICNW) ஆகியவற்றின் ஒப்பற்ற வரலாற்றுச் சாதனை, ஏழைப் பெண்கள் உலகளாவிய தலைமைத்துவத்திற்கு எழுச்சி பெறுவதை இந்த இணையான நிகழ்வின் மூலம் சிறப்பித்துக் காட்டப்படும் (சிறந்த நடைமுறைகள் குறித்த எங்கள் வீடியோக்களுடன்). பல குறைபாடுகள், குறைந்த வளர்ச்சி/முதலீடு, சமூக/வர்க்க ஒடுக்குமுறை, உற்பத்தி உள்ளீடுகளுக்கான அணுகல் ஆகியவற்றைக் கொண்ட முறைசாரா துறையில் உள்ள பெண்கள் எங்கள் மாதிரியில் மாற்றப்படுகிறார்கள்.

பெண் தொழிலாளர்கள் ஒரு வெகுஜன தேசிய/சர்வதேச தளமாக அணி திரட்டப்படுகிறார்கள், கூட்டுறவு செய்பவர்கள்,



தொழிற்சங்கவாதிகள், சிவில் சமூகம் என பயிற்சி பெறுகிறார்கள். உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் இன் அன்பான சகோதரத்துவ வாழ்த்துக்களுடன் தலைவர் டாக்டர் நந்தினி ஆசாத் வரவேற்றார். நுண் தொழில் முனைவோரின் துணிச்சலின் பாடலைத் தொடர்ந்து, நமது தமிழ் மூத்த தமிழ் கவிஞர், சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரர் மகாகவி சுப்பிரமணிய பாரதியின் வார்த்தைகளுடன் குழு தொடங்கியது. காலனித்துவத்தின்

சுமைகளுக்கு எதிராக போராடும் போது/ போராடும் போது. அவர் "அச்சம் இல்லை அச்சம் இல்லை அதாவது இனி பயம் இல்லை, ஒரு புதிய நம்பிக்கை தொடங்கி விட்டது" என்று பாராட்டினார்.

முறைசாரா துறை தொழில்முனைவோரில் உள்ள சவால் களை எதிர்த்துப் போராடும் எங்கள் பெண் தொழில் முனைவோர் போராளிகள் WWF-ICNW அமைப்புகளில் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருந்த பிறகு தலைப்புப் பாடலில் தங்கள் துக்கத்தை விட்டுவிட்டு ஒரு பிரகாசமான நாளை உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறார்கள்.

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ஐக்கிய நாடுகள் சபையின் கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில் அடிமட்ட பெண் கூட்டுறவு நிறுவனங்களின் உலகளாவிய தலைமை பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் மற்றும்

உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா என்ற தலைப்பில் ஐக்கிய நாடுகள் சபையின் பெண்களின் நிலை ஆணையம் இணையான நிகழ்வு

◆ சென்னை

கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில், உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா (WWF) மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் ஆகியவற்றின் ஒப்பற்ற வரலாற்றுச் சாதனை, ஏழைப் பெண்கள் உலகளாவிய தலைமைத்துவத்திற்கு எழுச்சி பெறுவதை இந்த இணையான நிகழ்வின் மூலம் சிறப்பித்துக் காட்டப்படும் (சிறந்த நடை முறைகள் குறித்த எங்கள் வீடியோக்களுடன்).

பல குறைபாடுகள், குறைந்த வளர்ச்சி/முதலீடு, சமூக/வர்க்க ஒடுக்குமுறை, உற்பத்தி உள்ளீடுகளுக்கான அணுகல் ஆகியவற்றைக் கொண்ட முறைசாரா துறையில் உள்ள பெண்கள் எங்கள் மாநிலத்தில் மாற்றப்படுகிறார்கள். பெண்



தொழிலாளர்கள் ஒரு வெகுஜன தேசிய/சர்வதேச தளமாக அணி திரட்டப்படுகிறார்கள், கூட்டுறவு செய்பவர்கள், தொழிற் சங்கவாதிகள், சிவில் சமூகம் என பயிற்சி பெறுகிறார்கள். உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம், இந்தியா மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் இன் அன்பான சகோதரத்துவ வாழ்த்துக்களுடன் தலைவர் டாக்டர் நந்தினி ஆசாத் வரவேற்றார்.

நுண் தொழில்

முனைவோரின் துணிச்சலின் பாடலைத் தொடர்ந்து, நமது தமிழ் மூத்த தமிழ் கவிஞர், சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரர் மகாகவி சுப்பிரமணிய பாரதியின் வார்த்தைகளுடன் குழு தொடங்கியது. காலனித்துவத்தின் சுமைகளுக்கு எதிராக போராடும் போது/போராடும் போது.

அவர் “அச்சம் இல்லை அச்சம் இல்லை அதாவது இனி பயம் இல்லை, ஒரு புதிய நம்பிக்கை தொடங்கி விட்டது” என்று பாராட்டினார்.

முறைசாரா பாக்கியம் ஐ.நா. சமூக துறை தொழில் முனைவோரில் உள்ள சவால் களை எதிர்த்துப் போராடும் எங்கள் பெண் தொழில் முனைவோர் போராடிகள் WWF-ICNW அமைப்புகளில் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருந்த பிறகு தலைப்புப் பாடலில் தங்கள் துக்கத்தை விட்டுவிட்டு ஒரு பிரகாசமான நாளை உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறார்கள்.

ஐக்கிய நாடுகளின் பெண்கள் ஆணைய நிலை இன் 69வது பதிப்பின் வரலாற்று இணையான நிகழ்வு ஐந்தாவது முறையாக தமிழ்நாட்டின் கடலோர நகரமான சென்னையில் நடைபெறுகிறது.

கடந்த மாத தொடக்கத்தில், கூட்டுறவு ஆண்டில், உலகளாவிய கூட்டுறவுகள் குறித்த ஒரே ஆன்லைன் பக்க நிகழ்வை எங்களுக்கு வழங்கும்

மேம்பாட்டு ஆணையத்தால் எங்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது உலகளவில் நடைபெறும் சில நிகழ்வுகளில் ஒன்று. நாங்கள் இப்போது உழைக்கும் பெண்கள் மன்றம் மற்றும் இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு வலையமைப்பின் தலைமையகத்தில் (வங்காள விரிகுடா கடலில் இருந்து 3 கி.மீ.) இருக்கிறோம்.

இந்தியாவின் நான்கு தென் மாநிலங்களில் உள்ள 13 கூட்டுறவு கிளைகளைச் சேர்ந்த உறுப்பினர்கள் எங்கள் கதையால் ஊக்கமளித்து, உங்கள் அனைவரையும் மெய்நிகராக்க கேட்டு, இணைக்கிறார்கள்.

இந்த நிகழ்விற்காக ஐ.நா. பெண்களின் நிலை குறித்த ஆணையத்தின் 69வது பதிப்பிற்கு நன்றி தெரிவிக்க விரும்புகிறோம், என்றார்.

Translation to English:

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Date: 13-03-2025 | Time: 06:00 pm – 8.00 pm (IST)

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The historic parallel event of the United Nation's 69th edition of the Commission Status of Women (UNCSW 69) is being held for the fifth time in the seaside city of Chennai, Tamilnadu. Earlier last month we were also privileged by the UN Commission on Social Development to award us the only online side event on Cooperatives worldwide – in the year of cooperatives the only all one of the few events globally.

We are now at the H.Q of the Working Women's Forum and Indian Cooperative Network for Women H.Q. (3 kms from the Bay of Bengal sea).

The members participating are from 13 Cooperative branches in the four Southern States of India inspire with our story, hear and connect with all of you virtually. We would like to thank the UN Commission on Status of Women 69th edition (UNCSW69) for this event who trusted it to largely poor women workers mass organizations like the Working Women's Forum (with 29 years UN ECOSOC Consultative Status). Having started with the idea of organizing atomized, unregulated informal sector women into this mass organization. Branches located in 4 Southern States of India i.e., Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana.



महिला सहकारी संगठन: आर्थिक-सामाजिक सशक्तिकरण का उत्प्रेरक

खबर मन्त्र संवाददाता

रांची। संयुक्त राष्ट्र महिला स्थिति आयोग (यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू) की ओर से 13 को चेत्रई में एक समानांतर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया। कार्यक्रम में वर्किंग वुमेन्स फोरम (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ) और इंडियन कोऑपरेटिव नेटवर्क फॉर वुमन (आइसीएनडब्ल्यू) की उल्लेखनीय यात्रा को प्रदर्शित किया गया। इस आयोजन में दिखाया गया कि भारत की गरीब महिलाएं सहकारी मॉडल के माध्यम से कैसे वैश्विक नेतृत्व तक पहुंची और आर्थिक और सामाजिक चुनौतियों को पार कर उद्यमी, ट्रेड यूनियन नेता और नागरिक समाज की अग्रणी बनीं। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएनडब्ल्यू की अध्यक्ष डॉ नदिनी आजाद ने महिलाओं की एकजुटता, संघों के संदेश के साथ प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत किया। उन्होंने प्रसिद्ध तमिल कवि महाकवि सुब्रमण्यम भारती के प्रेरणादायक शब्दों और साहस के गीत से कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की। यह अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र की महिलाओं के लिए



आशा और हृदय का प्रतीक था।

यह पांचवीं बार था जब यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू का आयोजन चेन्नई (तमिलनाडु) में हुआ। यह आंदोलन में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाने वाला शहर है। पिछले महीने, संयुक्त राष्ट्र सामाजिक विकास आयोग ने सहकारी समितियों पर एक

विशेष ऑनलाइन साइड इवेंट के माध्यम से डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ और आइसीएनडब्ल्यू को मान्यता दी। उनके प्रभाव को उजागर किया गया। इस आयोजन में चार दक्षिण भारतीय राज्यों की 13 सहकारी शाखाओं के सदस्यों ने भाग लिया। सभी ने अपने आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण की यात्रा साझा

की। आज, महिलाएं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहकारी आंदोलनों में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रही हैं। अनौपचारिक सेक्टर में लैंगिक समानता और सहकारी विकास की वकालत कर रही हैं और गरीब महिलाओं के लिए वित्तीय और सामाजिक सम्मान सुनिश्चित कर रही हैं।

इंटरनेशनल रैफाइज्ड यूनियन के महासचिव एंड्रियास कैपेस ने लैटिन अमेरिका और अफ्रीका के सफल सहकारी मॉडल को उजागर किया। समारोह में उन सूक्ष्म उद्यमियों के वीडियो केस स्टडीज प्रस्तुत किये गये जिन्होंने छोटे ऋण लेकर अपने व्यवसाय खड़े किये और दूसरों को रोजगार दिया। प्रतिष्ठित जवा अरुणाचलम पुरस्कार डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएनडब्ल्यू के समर्थन से आर्थिक रूप से उन्नति करने वाली महिलाओं को सम्मानित करने के लिए प्रदान किया गया। वर्ल्ड फार्मर्स ऑर्गनाइजेशन (इटली) की मारिया जूलिया डी कास्त्रो ने कृषि सहकारी समितियों में महिलाओं की भूमिका और संयुक्त राष्ट्र एवं जी-20 जैसे वैश्विक मंचों में आइसीएनडब्ल्यू के योगदान को रेखांकित किया।

Translation:

Women's cooperative organization: a catalyst for socio-economic empowerment

Khabar Mantra Reporter

Ranchi. The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) organized a parallel event in Chennai on 13th. The event showcased the remarkable journey of Working Women's Forum (WWF) and Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW). The event showed how poor women of India reached global leadership through the cooperative model and overcame economic and social challenges to become entrepreneurs, trade union leaders and civil society leaders. Dr. Nandini Azad, President of WWF-ICNW, welcomed the participants with the theme of women's solidarity, the vector of unions. She started the program with the inspiring words and song of courage of the famous Tamil poet Mahakavi Subramaniam Bharati. This is a great platform for women in the informal sector.

It was a symbol of hope and perseverance.

This was the fifth time UNCSW was held in Chennai (Tamil Nadu), a city that plays a key role in the movement. Last month, the United Nations Commission on Social Development held a seminar on cooperatives.

WWF and ICNW were recognised through a special online parallel event highlighting their impact. The event was attended by members of 13 cooperative branches from four South Indian states. Everyone shared their journey of economic empowerment

Today, women are playing an important role in the international cooperative movement, advocating for gender equality and cooperative development in the informal sector and ensuring financial and social dignity for poor women.

Andreas Capes, Secretary General of the International Raiffeisen Union, highlighted successful cooperative models in Latin America and Africa. The ceremony featured video case studies of micro-entrepreneurs who built their own businesses using small loans and employed others. The prestigious Jaya Arunachalam Award was presented to honour women who have advanced economically with support from WWF-ICNW. Maria Giulia De Castro of the World Farmers Organisation (Italy) highlighted the role of women in agricultural cooperatives and ICNW's contribution to global forums such as the UN and G-20.

Sanmarg Jharkhand | 17-03-2025

डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएन को यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू69 में सम्मानित किया गया

जमीनी महिलाओं को वैश्विक नेता बनाने के लिए किया गया सम्मानित लिंग समानता और सहकारी नीति में नेतृत्व के लिए वैश्विक मान्यता

संवाददाता

रांची/नई दिल्ली : संयुक्त राष्ट्र महिला स्थिति आयोग (यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू69) ने पिछले दिनों एक समानांतर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया, जिसमें वर्किंग वुमेन्स फोरम (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ) और इंडियन कोऑपरेटिव नेटवर्क फॉर वुमन की उल्लेखनीय यात्रा को प्रदर्शित किया गया। इस आयोजन में दिखाया गया कि भारत की गरीब महिलाएं सहकारी मॉडल के माध्यम से कैसे वैश्विक नेतृत्व तक पहुंचीं और आर्थिक और सामाजिक चुनौतियों को पार कर उद्यमी, ट्रेड यूनियन नेता और नागरिक समाज की



अग्रणी बनीं। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएनडब्ल्यू-आइसीएन की अध्यक्ष डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद ने महिलाओं की एकजुटता संघों के संदेश के साथ प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत किया और प्रसिद्ध तमिल कवि महाकवि सुब्रमण्यम भारती के प्रेरणादायक शब्दों और साहस के गीत से कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की,

जो अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र की महिलाओं के लिए आशा और दृढ़ता का प्रतीक था। यह पांचवीं बार था जब यूएनएस्सीडब्ल्यू का आयोजन चेन्नई, तमिलनाडु में हुआ, जो इस आंदोलन में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाने वाला शहर है। इस आयोजन में चार दक्षिण भारतीय राज्यों की 13 सहकारी शाखाओं के सदस्यों ने भाग

लिया और अपने आर्थिक सशक्तीकरण की यात्रा साझा की। पिछले 45 वर्षों में, डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएनडब्ल्यू अनियमित महिला श्रमिकों को एक शक्तिशाली वैश्विक शक्ति में बदल दिया है, जिससे ब्रुसेल्स, जापान, न्यूयॉर्क और रोम में नीतियों को प्रभावित किया है। आज, महिलाएं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहकारी आंदोलनों में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रही हैं, और अनौपचारिक सेक्टर में लैंगिक समानता और सहकारी विकास की वकालत कर रही हैं और गरीब महिलाओं के लिए वित्तीय और सामाजिक सम्मान सुनिश्चित कर रही हैं। यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू69 समानांतर कार्यक्रम, संयुक्त राष्ट्र के सहकारी वर्ष में जमीनी महिलाओं के सहकारी नेतृत्व शीर्षक के तहत आयोजित किया गया, जो न्यूयॉर्क (10-21

मार्च, 2025) में संयुक्त राष्ट्र सत्र का हिस्सा है। इस सत्र में प्रमुख वैश्विक सहकारी नेटवर्क और यूनियनों ने भाग लिया। कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य गरीब महिलाओं के सहकारी संगठनों को सामाजिक न्याय के उत्प्रेरक के रूप में प्रस्तुत करना था। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आइसीएनडब्ल्यू 262 ट्रेडों में 2,50,000 से अधिक सदस्यों के साथ, सहकारी नीति और लैंगिक समानता में वैश्विक नेतृत्व करता रहा है। डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद के नेतृत्व ने इसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय पहचान दिलाई, जिससे वह 50 वर्षों में पहली महिला बनीं जिन्हें बोर्ड के लिए चुना गया—और वह फिर से चुनी गईं। उन्होंने इंटरनेशनल कोऑपरेटिव अलायंस और वर्ल्ड फार्मर्स ऑर्गनाइजेशन में भी महत्वपूर्ण पद संभाले।

Translation:

WWF-ICNW honoured at UNCSW 69

Honored for building grassroots women into global leaders Global recognition for leadership in gender equality and cooperative policy

Reporter

Ranchi/New Delhi: The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW 69) recently organized a parallel event showcasing the remarkable journey of the Working Women's Forum (WWF) and the Indian Cooperative Network for Women. The event showcased how India's poor women rose to global leadership through the cooperative model and overcame economic and social challenges to become entrepreneurs, trade union leaders and civil society leaders.

Leading the way Dr. Nandini Azad, President, WWF ICNW-ICN welcomed the participants with the message of women's solidarity associations and started the event with the inspiring words and song of courage of the famous Tamil poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharati,

Which was a symbol of hope and perseverance for women in the informal sector. This was the fifth time UNSCW was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, a city that has played an important role in this movement. Members of 13 cooperative branches from four South Indian states participated in the event.

And shared their journey of economic empowerment. Over the past 45 years, WWF-ICNW has transformed irregular women workers into a powerful global force, influencing policies in Brussels, Japan, New York and Rome. Today, women are playing a vital role in international cooperative movements, advocating for gender equality and cooperative development in the informal sector and ensuring financial and social dignity for poor women. UNCSW 69 parallel events, held under the title Grassroots Women's Cooperative Leadership, coincide with the United Nations Year of Cooperatives, which is being held in New York (10-21).

The event is part of the UN session on the theme of the UN Women's Co-operative Movement (WWF-ICNW, March 2025). The session was attended by leading global co-operative networks and unions. The main objective of the event was to present poor women's co-operatives as catalysts for social justice. WWF-ICNW, with over 2,50,000 members across 262 trades, has been a global leader in co-operative policy and gender equality. Dr. Nandini Azad's leadership has brought it international recognition, making her the first woman in 50 years to be elected and re-elected to the board. She has also held important positions in the International Cooperative Alliance and the World Farmers' Organization.

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डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू को यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू 69 में सम्मानित किया गया, पांचवीं बार था जब यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू का आयोजन चेन्नई, तमिलनाडु में हुआ

महिलाओं के सहकारी संगठन आर्थिक और सामाजिक सशक्तीकरण के उत्प्रेरक

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संयुक्त राष्ट्र महिला स्थिति आयोग (यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू 69) ने समानांतर कार्यक्रम आयोजित कर वर्किंग वुमेन्स फोरम (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ) और इंडियन कोऑपरेटिव नेटवर्क फॉर वुमन (आईसीएनडब्ल्यू) को उल्लेखनीय यात्रा को प्रदर्शित किया। इस आयोजन में दिखाया गया कि भारत की गरीब महिलाएं सहकारी मॉडल के माध्यम से कैसे वैश्विक नेतृत्व तक पहुंचीं और आर्थिक एवं सामाजिक चुनौतियों को पार कर उद्यमी, ट्रेड यूनियन नेता और नागरिक समाज की अग्रणी बनीं। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू की अध्यक्ष डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद ने

महिलाओं की एकजुटता संघों के संदेश के साथ प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत किया। उन्होंने प्रसिद्ध तमिल कवि महाकवि सुब्रमण्यम भारती के प्रेरणादायक शब्दों और साहस के गीत से कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की, जो अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र की महिलाओं के लिए आशा और दृढ़ता का प्रतीक था।

यह पांचवीं बार था जब यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू का आयोजन चेन्नई, तमिलनाडु में हुआ, जो इस आंदोलन में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाने वाला शहर है। पिछले महीने, संयुक्त राष्ट्र सामाजिक विकास आयोग ने डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ और आईसीएनडब्ल्यू को सहकारी समितियों पर एक विशेष ऑनलाइन साइड इवेंट के माध्यम से मान्यता दी, जिससे उनके प्रभाव को उजागर किया गया। इस आयोजन में चार दक्षिण भारतीय राज्यों की 13 सहकारी शाखाओं के सदस्यों ने भाग लिया और अपने आर्थिक सशक्तीकरण की यात्रा साझा की।

वैश्विक स्तर पर प्रभावशाली बना डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू का



योगदान : पिछले 45 वर्षों में, डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू ने अनौपचारिक महिला श्रमिकों को एक शक्तिशाली वैश्विक शक्ति में बदल दिया है। ब्रुसेल्स, जापान, न्यूयॉर्क और रोम में नीतियों को प्रभावित करते हुए, आज ये महिलाएं अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहकारी आंदोलनों में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा

रही हैं। वे अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र में लैंगिक समानता और सहकारी विकास की वकालत कर रही हैं और गरीब महिलाओं के लिए वित्तीय और सामाजिक सम्मान सुनिश्चित कर रही हैं।

यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू 69 समानांतर कार्यक्रम, "संयुक्त राष्ट्र के सहकारी वर्ष में जमीनी महिलाओं के सहकारी नेतृत्व" शीर्षक के तहत आयोजित किया गया, जो न्यूयॉर्क (10-21 मार्च, 2025) में संयुक्त राष्ट्र सत्र का हिस्सा है। इस सत्र में प्रमुख वैश्विक सहकारी नेटवर्क और यूनियनों ने भाग लिया। कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य गरीब महिलाओं के सहकारी संगठनों को सामाजिक न्याय के उत्प्रेरक के रूप में प्रस्तुत करना था। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू के जमीनी प्रयासों को रेखांकित करते हुए वीडियो स्निपेट जारी किए गए। इसके अलावा, डिजिटल साक्षरता प्रशिक्षण, महिला उद्यमियों के लिए उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार और संयुक्त राष्ट्र एवं G20 बैठकों में उनकी नीतिगत भागीदारी को प्रदर्शित किया गया।

वैश्विक मंचों पर महिला सहकारी आंदोलन को मिली सराहना : इंटरनेशनल रैफाइज्ड यूनियन (आईआरयू) के महासचिव एंड्रियास कैपेस ने लैटिन अमेरिका और अफ्रीका के सफल सहकारी मॉडल को उजागर किया। इसके बाद, उन सूक्ष्म उद्यमियों के वीडियो केस स्टडीज प्रस्तुत किए गए, जिन्होंने छोटे ऋण लेकर अपने व्यवसाय खड़े किए और दूसरों को रोजगार दिया।

प्रतिष्ठित जया अरुणाचलम पुरस्कार डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू के समर्थन से आर्थिक रूप से उन्नति करने वाली महिलाओं को सम्मानित करने के लिए प्रदान किया गया। वर्ल्ड फार्मर्स ऑर्गनाइजेशन (इटली) की मारिया जुलिया डी कास्त्रो ने कृषि सहकारी समितियों में महिलाओं की भूमिका और संयुक्त राष्ट्र एवं जी20 जैसे वैश्विक मंचों में आईसीएनडब्ल्यू के योगदान को रेखांकित किया।

डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद का नेतृत्व और वैश्विक पहचान : डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू,

262 ट्रेडों में 2,50,000 से अधिक सदस्यों के साथ, सहकारी नीति और लैंगिक समानता में वैश्विक नेतृत्व करता रहा है। डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद के नेतृत्व ने इसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय पहचान दिलायी। वह 50 वर्षों में पहली महिला बनीं, जिन्हें आईआरयू बोर्ड के लिए चुना गया और उन्हें पुनः चुना गया। उन्होंने इंटरनेशनल कोऑपरेटिव अलायंस और वर्ल्ड फार्मर्स ऑर्गनाइजेशन में भी महत्वपूर्ण पद संभाले। जी20 सामाजिक शिखर सम्मेलन 2024 ब्राजील में, डॉ. आजाद ने नागरिक समाज का संबोधन दिया, जिसमें भारत के जमीनी सहकारी सफलता की कहानी प्रस्तुत की। उन्होंने कई संयुक्त राष्ट्र कार्यक्रमों में गरीब महिलाओं के सहकारी संगठनों का प्रतिनिधित्व किया, जिनमें संयुक्त राष्ट्र सतत विकास लक्ष्य पर राजनीतिक संवाद और कई यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू सत्र शामिल हैं। डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू को गरीबी उन्मूलन और लैंगिक समानता में योगदान के लिए लगातार मान्यता मिलती रही है।

Translation:

WWF-ICNW honoured at UNCSW 69, the fifth time UNCSW has been held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Women's cooperatives are catalysts for economic and social empowerment
Globally recognized for leadership in gender equality and cooperative policy

Event Auspicious message. New Delhi

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW 69) organised a parallel event showcasing the remarkable journey of the Working Women's Forum (WWF) and the Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW). The event showcased how poor women from India rose to global leadership through the cooperative model and overcame economic and social challenges to become entrepreneurs, trade union leaders and civil society leaders. Dr Nandini Azad, President, WWF ICNW

Welcomed the participants with a message of women's solidarity associations. They started the event with the inspiring words and song of courage of the famous Tamil poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharati, which was a symbol of hope and perseverance for women in the informal sector.

This was the fifth time UNCSW was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, a city that has played a key role in the movement. Last month, the United Nations Commission on Social Development recognised WWF and ICNW through a special online side event on cooperatives, highlighting their impact. Members of 13 cooperative branches from four south Indian states participated in the event and shared their journey of economic empowerment.

Become globally influential WWF-ICNW of Contribution: Over the past 45 years, WWF ICNW has transformed informal women workers into a powerful global force. Today these women play a vital role in the international cooperative movement, influencing policies in Brussels, Japan, New York and Rome.

She has been advocating gender equality and cooperative development in the informal sector and ensuring financial and social dignity for poor women.

The UNCSW 69 parallel event, held under the title "Grassroots Women's Cooperative Leadership in the United Nations Year of Cooperatives", is part of the UN session in New York (March 10-21, 2025). The session was attended by leading global cooperative networks and unions. The main objective of the event was to showcase poor women's cooperatives as catalysts for social justice. Video snippets were released highlighting WWF-ICNW's grassroots efforts. In addition, digital literacy training, excellence awards for women entrepreneurs and their policy engagement at the UN and G20 meetings were showcased.

Women's cooperative movement gets appreciation on global platforms Andreas Capes, Secretary General of the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU), highlighted the successful cooperative models of Latin America and Africa. This was followed by video case studies of micro entrepreneurs who built their businesses by taking small loans and employed others.

The prestigious Jaya Arunachalam Award was presented to honour women who have made economic progress with the support of WWF-ICNW. Maria Giulia De Castro of the World Farmers Organization (Italy) highlighted the role of women in agricultural cooperatives and the contribution of ICNW in global forums such as the United Nations and G20.

Outlined, Dr. Nandini Azad's leadership and global Identification : WWF-ICNW with over 2,50,000 members across 262 trades, the cooperative has been a global leader in policy and gender equality. Dr. Nandini Azad's leadership has earned it international recognition. She became the first woman in 50 years to be elected and re-elected to the IRU Board. She has also held important positions in the International Cooperative Alliance and the World Farmers Organization. At the G20 Social Summit 2024 in Brazil, Dr. Azad delivered the civil society address, presenting India's grassroots cooperative success story. She has represented poor women's cooperatives at several UN events, including the political dialogue on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and several UNCSW sessions. WWF-ICNW has been consistently recognized for its contribution to poverty alleviation and gender equality