



ICNW hosts UN’s 68th Session on Status of Women in Chennai

“Building Leadership of Young Women in Co-ops

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The Working Women’s Forum – Indian Cooperative Network for Women (WWF-ICNW) in Chennai, India, played host to a significant event in the global discourse on women’s status. This marked the fourth consecutive year that the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) chose Chennai as the venue for this momentous gathering.

The theme of this year’s session, “Building Leadership of Young Women in Co-ops,” underscored the imperative of empowering young women within cooperative frameworks.

Dr. Nandini Azad, President of WWF-ICNW, expressed gratitude for the opportunity bestowed upon their grassroots movement, which boasts 28 years of UN consultative status.

Addressing a diverse audience comprising representatives from 13 cooperative branches across four Southern Indian states, Dr. Azad emphasized the

organization's pivotal role in advocating for the rights and voices of over 620,000 impoverished women members.

Keynote speakers, including Mr. Andreas Kappes, Secretary General of the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU) from Germany, highlighted the systemic barriers hindering women's leadership, such as educational, financial, and cultural constraints.

The event also featured prominent voices from global institutions, including Ms. Lana Zaman from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Mr. Hirofumi Kobayashi from the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia.

These speakers underscored the significance of women's participation in economic and social spheres, advocating for inclusive policies and programs to support their advancement.

As part of the proceedings, WWF-ICNW showcased case studies of five young women entrepreneurs who defied the odds to carve out successful ventures from humble beginnings. These stories served as a testament to the transformative power of empowerment and collective action in breaking the cycle of poverty and marginalization.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment from participants to foster an environment where women can thrive as leaders, entrepreneurs, and agents of change.

As Chennai continues to serve as a beacon of empowerment on the global stage, the legacy of this gathering promises to inspire future generations in the pursuit of gender equality and social justice.



Cooperative model brings about gender equality and empowers women, says expert

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A cooperative model expands women's opportunities contributing significantly to their empowerment, financial independence and the pursuit of gender equality, aligning with the targets of sustainable development goals, Kati Partanen, board member, International Secretariat, World Farmers Organization (WFO), Italy, said.

The 68th session of the United Nations Commission on Status of Women (UNCSW 68) was held at New York and a virtual parallel event to it was organised by Working Women's Forum (India) (WWF) and Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW) here on Wednesday. While speaking at the parallel event on the title, 'Building

leadership of young women in cooperatives in combating inequalities, enhancing productivity towards 2030 global agenda: Working Women's Forum –Indian Cooperative Network for Women', she said the integration of gender perspectives in cooperatives was essential, requiring active and equitable participation from both men and women.

Nandini Azad, president of Working Women's Forum (India) and Indian Cooperative Network for Women said cooperatives such as WWF and ICNW which played an important role in poverty reduction. Even the youngest, poorest and semi-literate women can manage and run an institution, following the principles of cooperative management, she added.

Andreas Kappes, secretary general, International Raiffeisen Union (IRU), Germany, said, by engaging young women in co-operative structures, they were not only empowered economically but it also fostered their sense of ownership.

Hirofumi Kobayashi, executive director, Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA), Japan, Asia; Lana Basneen Zaman, sustainable development officer, UNDESA, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN headquarters, New York and Milagro Matus, deputy programme manager, Agricultural & Agro-Industrial Development, the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM Secretariat), Guyana also spoke during the occasion.



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Working Women's Forum – Indian Cooperative Network for Women (WWF-ICNW) Parallel event at the United Nations 68th Session of the Commission on Status of Women (UNCSW 68) from U.N. H.Q. New York., (held in Chennai)

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“Building Leadership of Young Women in Cooperatives in combating inequalities, enhancing productivity towards 2030 Global agenda: Working Women’s Forum –Indian Cooperative Network for Women”

Dr.Nandini Azad, President, Working Women’s Forum – Indian Cooperative Network for Women (WWF-ICNW) welcomed all to this historic parallelevent of the United Nations 68th Session of the Commission on Status of Women (UNCSW 68) is being held for the fourth time in the city of Chennai, India.

Last year too we were also privileged by the **UN Commission on Status of Women (2024)** to award us the only virtual parallel event on girls in cooperatives worldwide – This year we are among 100 events globally on women status. We are grateful to them for having trusted this iconic grassroots movement like ours (with 28 years UN consultative status) Now at the H.Q of the legendary Working Women’s Forum and Indian Cooperative Network for Women H.Q, on behalf of the members from 13 Cooperative branches in the four Southern States of India (Tamil Nadu,

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana) having reached 6,20,000 poor women members.

As members from the new International Network for Women in Cooperatives announced 1 year before (watching us online all over the India and the world). Our CEO's and myself, we welcome, greet and are here to be inspired by you & us, she stated.

Further she said, 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 New York, Germany, Rome.

WWF-ICNW stand's represented on most global unions/alliances of the International Cooperative Movement today "through elections". Active global player on gender, livelihood and cooperative issues i.e., the poor women from the informal sector she stated.





Next, she said the panel today is online **“I’m honoured to facilitate”** it as I lead the them as their President. The event has mostly all the major networks/unions on cooperatives, UN agencies worldwide represented, she said.

The speakers were as follows: (program attached)

Mr. Andreas Kappes, Secretary General, the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU), Germany. Globally, ICNW said Dr. Nandini Azad has been privileged to be the first woman in 50 years on their global board and re-elected again Inequalities faced by young women with statistics are highlighted. Cooperatives he stated are effective means of creating opportunities for young women in various sectors and quotes ICNW as an historic example. He elaborates on role of cooperatives from DGRV (Eg: of Directorate of German banks example) with young women’s case studies.

To quote him: We are Honoured to build leadership among young women. Many women facing structural barrier’s, educational issue’s, financial resources/crunch, cultural norms, discrimination and ownership and women’s participation in economic and social activity is challenging.

Women have mostly burden of care work but have to be equally considered in decision making.

(Women’s Farmer Cooperative) – Telangana (case study video). They are producing vegetables, through participation in group meetings of Women’s Farmer Cooperative.

He said that we have to with integrity follow gender equality, empowering their education also their employment and economic participation.

This is needed because women are not just only as beneficiaries, they are mentor's for the success of the community.

He concludes by saying that together we should make commitments for upholding values and principles of education, equality, participation of women in all aspects.

Next, Ms Lana Zaman, Sustainable Development Officer at UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN.H.Q. NY the next panellist spoke on gender disparities that begin from childhood & escalate during adolescence. She discusses the challenges & opportunities faced by young women in Agriculture. Elaborating on the UN programs for women in Agriculture (accelerating progress towards the economic empowerment of rural women) and future generations.

Further she talks of: Opportunities & challenges for young women in cooperatives like Global food insecurity ● Feeding growing population ● Rapid urbanization ● Climate change.

Then, Women in Agriculture

To quote women have make up 43% of global agricultural workforce also at the same time women have a significant discrimination on reaching their full potential of wages and leadership.

Challenges facing women in agriculture all to her:

- Limitation to land & livestock, land ownership (women don't have equal land property).
- Discrimination in equal pay.
- Limited access to financial services, health care & education.
- Less access to household resource and institutional barriers.

On average women run farms produce 20 – 30% less crops than farms run by men due to discrimination.

Role of cooperatives:

Benefits: → Economics → Increasing yields management systems.

Provide support in the form of → Education & extension services
→ Improved inputs.

Women's only cooperatives play vital role in agricultural sector.

Opportunities for next generation of young women

- Education – more young women have to be educated
- Digitalization
- Information & communication
- Climate smart agriculture
- Agro ecological practices
- Cooperative action

Next speaker was Mr. Hirofumi Kobayashi, Executive Director, Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA) Japan. provides figures on the Gender Gap Index (GGI) in the Asian countries and women's representation in higher echelons of cooperatives. He highlights young women's participation at training courses in the IDACA (and reservation of quotas for training).

- To quote: Thanking the Working Women's Forum & Indian Cooperative Network for Women for continuous efforts in organizing this kind of workshops.
- Explaining about the action plan proposed by the participants at ICA-MAFF training course for Rural Women implemented by IDACA he said.

“Countries & their action plan

- India – To Increase income of rural women weavers in Kerala
- Thailand – by producing silk and woven fabrics - by silk cooperative
- Through vegetable farming

Rice plan, farmers position in Malaysian strengthened by value chain.

Another approach was Japan agricultural news, March 10, 2024. Women's participation to farm management.

Ration of farm management with women's participants in 2020 of commodity → Dairy – 43%, Vegetable – 43%, flowers & trees – 41%, he concluded.

The next speaker was the Deputy Program Manager of The Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM Secretariat) from Guyana in South America. Ms. Milagro Matus, highlighted the challenges, opportunities and gaps for women in the countries of CARICOM region, such as are Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti,

Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

- To quote her
- **it women had same access of productive resources to men production it will increase 20/3rd percent leading to 12 percent decrease in hunger.**

In CARICOM, there is special space for women and youth in

→ Planning, →Policy development & →Programming, she said

Investment at national level

Such as poultry, meat, soya, eggs, crops such as coconut, herbs, spices for youth and women's development.

- Caricom region have taken a position for a special space for women & youth on agriculture, food, nutrition security in international level.

At regional level:

- Caricom has strong companion with support of world food programme showcasing women and youth in agriculture production.
- Caricom youth in agriculture
Together the youth representing each members state contributing to youth policy → their policy recommendation for implementation both in regional & international level, she concluded.

CARICOM Pays attention speedily.

Food development of women, youth

Finally, she concluded by thanking WWF- Indian Cooperative Network for Women.

Next the inspiring words of Ms Kati Partanen, World Farmers Organization (WFO) Global Board Member, International Secretariat, Italy spoke with commitment on the role of women/girls in agriculture cooperatives.

She said, “A Farmer from Finland and Board member of the World Farmers Organization (WFO) she spoke of the WFO initiated “**Gymnasium programme**” to recognize the importance of young women farmers. This high level capacity building initiative aims to train young farmers, preparing them to emerge as future leaders in the agriculture sector. The programme provides lessons from International leaders across various policy areas and facilitates active engagement in global events related to agriculture. By investing in the education and empowerment of young women in agriculture, we can equip them with necessary tools to overcome challenges in the agriculture sector.

Together, we can harness the immense potential of women in agriculture for a sustainable and equitable future”, she concluded.

Thank you. ICNW & WWF for organizing this very important event.

WWF – ICNW Study of Young Women Entrepreneurs of the WWF-ICNW – Nandini Azad facilitated (shown as 5 case studies on video “on line” speaking and with English transcription).

The study revealed that all the girls (i.e., young women entrepreneurs) hail from poor backgrounds and begin with zone zero inputs in terms of background, resources or leverage for entrepreneurship (Tamilnadu, Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh) (no back up at all but minus inputs such as poverty, illiteracy, etc.,) that makes them late starters.

There are fewer young women entrepreneurs in WWF-ICNW under the age of 30 and higher in the range of 30- to 35-years. This is due to the fact many women experiencing life - cycle difficulties i.e., after marriage and reproductive roles (children) with zero backing.

- Many young women’s spouses work only as wage workers. Their background’s are problematic due to poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, underemployment to support client, families as daily wagers (alcoholic/irregular or poor income contribution). Often unable to provide children with suitable skills/education/ housing/ food security/ nutrition.
- Most unable to obtain financing from lenders (exorbitant interest) young women started business with no collateral, assets etc.,
- Majority of girls entrepreneurs had only primary education; likewise uneducated.
- Even if educated, they were unable to work outside lacking day / child care, (unorganised sector). Many had irregular support in child care as parents survival daily wage workers; extended family unable to facilitate them.
- Many thus opted to work independently to care for families, ply petty business with low-interest financial support from WWF-ICNW (i.e., work from home) with no collateral, no husbands guarantee.
- After joining Forum, they emerge as successful entrepreneurs after 7-8 loan cycles, transitioning from informal to pre-formal sector. Five cases were presented in Video form.

Entrepreneurial History

- Many ICNW women members work in family farming activities related to agriculture, fisheries, and lace manufacturing.
- Young Women learnt traditional skills by observing family members work, reviving the business through competition; continuing tradition in the second generation, preserving cultural heritage (UNESCO).
- In the ICNW Kancheepuram cooperative branch (the forum is formed for silk weavers) Government policy protected only male weavers through its cooperatives. The cash assistance from Government was also pledged by male weavers to money lenders/ spent on liquor.
- WWF-ICNW intervened and assisted women weavers as members of Weaver's Cooperative Society to avail their entitlements/ facilities /benefits available to male weavers.
- In other work related fields, such as the clothing industry, retail stores, beauty salons etc., some young women start out with one business, expand with others; hire two more staff to work with.
- For instance, if a woman begins a clothing business during four to five loan cycles, builds a provision store, hires three other staff, and pays for children's education;
- Creating income, assets & investments (girls education, technology or business/ home related).
- **Young women members in the WWF-ICNW are now capable of taking decisions, understanding rights, marketing produce, and digitalizing businesses as a result of empowerment, digital financial literacy, and financial training.**
- Many young women knew of WWF-ICNW through family members, already member (mother / mother in law/ sisters) or through community peer groups. Family support (husband/ mother/ mother in law), important element for poor women to upgrade skills.

Working & Studying :

- **Few young women at 25 years, working & studying were engaged in entrepreneurial work (with family support) alongwith continuing studies, (without parental support) being independent & inspiring others.**

Experiment of WWF-ICNW Results:

- **The experiment of WWF-ICNW demonstrates that even the youngest, poorest and semi-literate women can manage and run institutions.**
 - **Following the principles of cooperative management if they have the right kind of training/orientation and field exposure.**
 - **The model that perceives co-operation as a instrument for poor women engaged in struggle for freedom, human dignity and transformations in economic /social structure.**
 - **Cooperatives also have potential of imparting training to the culturally deprived sections in management skills, economic operations and other vocations.**
 - **To a certain extent, prepare them to shoulder responsibilities and transferring labour surplus and power into hands of working classes.**
- (Case – studies are attached)**

A Counter Culture said Dr. Nandini Azad

- Thus, WWF/ ICNW has been able to bring women from their closed shell to the outside world instilling self confidence and courage.
- This inturn made them socially/ financially independent.
- The experiment further proves that poor women had made an effort to achieve high level of competence in effecting the social change process even amidst all challenges & poverty.

JAYA ARUNACHALAM AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SOUTH INDIA.

This year 9 Jaya Arunachalam awardees were announced in February 2024 at the UNCSocD62.

Nine Women entrepreneurs who for over 30 years been our members, obtaining i.e, even loans often Rs.200 (Approx. 2 \$) initially, and now receiving higher. Today they have been able to avail through various holistic services, aspire, educate their children as doctors and engineers. Also moving encouraging young entrepreneurs to slowly move from the informal into the pre-formal sector. They are from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka their testimony in cases was given before by video.

Micro entrepreneurs, who have taken subsequent loans from ICNW-WWF, increased employment, moved from informal to pre-formal sector, educated their children, empowered and involved in the WWF/ICNW women based activity). Many women members will provided case studies from South India today and their acceptance speech. Grateful for the financial inclusion that transformed their lives from poverty to success and performance. Girl children educated in higher education and boys as engineers/doctors and into the main street food security ensured and higher investment. Thanked the Cooperative staff and their President Dr. Nandini Azad.

President WWF-ICNW said- Gender based violence solutions are important to Women's Human rights, the right to live in dignity as women, entrepreneurs, home managers community leaders. President WWF said Youth forums against gender violence, work through street theatre and sports, training to resocialize men away from patriarchy towards gender equality for its cooperative members too.

The visit of Mme. Hillary Clinton as U.S. Secretary of State to our WWF/ICNW H.Q., and ICPRD statement on changing boys minds from patriarchy for combating gender violence was also highlighted here too.

Indeed this event heralds a clarion call by Dr.Nandini Azad, WWF-ICNW and ICPRD organizations to male/female cooperative leaders to integrate financial inclusion with Gender violence – i.e., the Gender based violence product in micro finance.

Conclusions

This parallel event highlighted the key issues and the manner in which poor young women are transformed from atomized women workers into cooperative leaders, based on WWF-ICNW experience. Cases too from different regions of the world will be presented through panel discussion. As young women experience more disadvantages in cooperatives and their economic empowerment & equal participation in work is crucial to eliminate poverty and strengthen the global economy.

The theme of the program highlights that Young women hailing from poor background with no backup & zero inputs (poverty, illiteracy, etc..) make them as late starters (after 30 years), as they experience life cycle difficulties (after marriage & reproductive roles) as the WWF-ICNW experience points out. Their spouses are problematic (alcoholic/ irregular or poor income contribution). Some unable to go for work even if educated, as they to take care of home & children. Some young women, aged around 25 years work & study (independent & inspiring), are also engaged in entrepreneurial work without parental support. This is possible only through cooperatives like WWF-ICNW, which play a

important role in poverty reduction. Even the youngest, poorest & semi-literate women can manage & run institutions (such as WWF-ICNW) through financial inclusion of cooperatives, transforming them & their families from survival to indebtedness to further development/empowerment & gender consciousness, ensuring financial inclusion.

Young women learnt traditional skills by continuing the tradition in second generation (silk weaving in Kanchipuram, agricultural families etc). They also expand their business, creating assets, investments & generating employment. Demonstrating that Young, poor and semi illiterate women can also lead & manage business & households.

The visit of Mme. Hillary Clinton as U.S. Secretary of State to WWF/ICNW H.Q., was a historic event. World leaders have increasingly admired our gender and equity model. We welcome you on behalf of our 1000 members from 13 branches that are watching and resolve to continue our work of the International Network of Women in Cooperatives (based at our headquarters at Chennai). Dr. Azad concluded after Question and Answer session. May I Thank one and all in cooperative sisterhood particularly the grassroots women members, friends from the media, television with its large team turnout and our social media units efforts. Our grassroots women will answer questions directly with translation.

Thankyou,

Vanakam, Namaste.

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डॉ. नंदिनी आज़ाद, अध्यक्ष, कामकाजी महिला मंच - महिलाओं के लिए भारतीय सहकारी नेटवर्क का संदेश

सहकार सृष्टि

चेन्नई। कामकाजी महिला मंच (भारत) - महिलाओं के लिए भारतीय सहकारी नेटवर्क (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ - आईसीएनडब्ल्यू) को महिलाओं की स्थिति पर आयोग के संयुक्त राष्ट्र के 68वें सत्र के दौरान क्षमता निर्माण के माध्यम से महिला सहकारी नेतृत्व पर आभासी समानांतर कार्यक्रम के लिए आमंत्रित करने का सौभाग्य मिला है। (यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू 68) (यूएन मुख्यालय) 120 मिनट के लिए (20 मार्च 2024 को सुबह 08:30 बजे, सुबह 10:30 बजे (पूर्वी समय क्षेत्र न्यूयॉर्क समय) यानी, शाम 6: 00 बजे से रात 8:00 बजे तक (भारतीय मानक समय)

प्रसिद्ध डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ/आईसीएनडब्ल्यू विश्व स्तर पर एकमात्र महिला सहकारी नेटवर्क है जिसे अपने 28 वर्षों के संयुक्त राष्ट्र परामर्शदात्री दर्जे में चौथी बार



समानांतर कार्यक्रम से सम्मानित किया गया है। इस वर्चुअल साइड इवेंट का शीर्षक है असमानता से निपटने में सहकारी समितियों में युवा महिलाओं के नेतृत्व का निर्माण, 2030 के वैश्विक एजेंडे की दिशा में उत्पादकता बढ़ाना-कामकाजी महिला मंच - महिलाओं के लिए भारतीय सहकारी नेटवर्क।

महिलाओं की स्थिति पर आयोग का 68वां सत्र 10 से 22 मार्च 2024 तक न्यूयॉर्क में संयुक्त राष्ट्र मुख्यालय में होगा (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू

आभासी समानांतर कार्यक्रम चेन्नई मुख्यालय से आयोजित किया जाएगा)। हमारे समानांतर कार्यक्रम में मुख्य वक्ता (20 मार्च 08:30 पूर्वाह्न 10.30 पूर्वाह्न पूर्वी समय क्षेत्र न्यूयॉर्क समय), वक्ताओं द्वारा दुनिया के सबसे पुराने सहकारी संघ, जर्मनी से द इंटरनेशनल रायफिसेन यूनियन (आईआरयू) के महासचिव एंड्रियास कप्पस; हंस ग्रीनवेल्ड, वाइस चेयरपर्सन राबो बैंक, नीदरलैंड्स (टीबीसी); विश्व किसान संगठन (डब्ल्यूएफओ) के प्रतिनिधि; हिरोफुमी कोबायाशी, कार्यकारी निदेशक - एशिया में कृषि सहयोग विकास संस्थान (आईडीएसीए), जापान; शॉन बौध, कार्यक्रम प्रबंधक, कृषि एवं कृषि-औद्योगिक विकास निदेशालय आर्थिक एकीकरण, नवाचार और विकास कैरिकॉम सचिवालय, गुयाना; सुश्री लाना बसनीन ज़मान, संयुक्त राष्ट्र में एसोसिएट सतत विकास अधिकारी, आर्थिक और सामाजिक

मामलों के विभाग, यूएन.एच.व्यू। एनवाई (टीबीसी);आईकेईए फाउंडेशन, नीदरलैंड्स (टीबीसी) और वर्किंग वुमन फोरम (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ) इंडिया और इंडियन कोऑपरेटिव नेटवर्क फॉर वुमन की अध्यक्ष डॉ. नंदिनी आजाद उद्घाटन भाषण देंगी और कार्यशाला के लिए विषय निर्धारित करेंगी। 3 अन्य स्पीकर होंगे। यह कार्यक्रम हितधारकों, सहकारी समितियों, नागरिक समाजों और सरकारों सहित विभिन्न देशों के प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत करेगा। इसके बाद, डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ/आईसीएनडब्ल्यू जमीनी स्तर की युवा महिला नेता अपने प्रशंसापत्र में सहकारी समितियों के साथ अपने अनुभव को उजागर करेंगी। प्रश्नोत्तर सत्र के साथ समापन और उसके बाद 13 दक्षिणी भारतीय सहकारी समितियों (500 महिलाएं) की डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ/आईसीएनडब्ल्यू जमीनी स्तर की महिला नेताओं के साथ चर्चा।

ICNW ने चेन्नई में महिलाओं की स्थिति पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र के 68वें सत्र की मेजबानी की

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भारत के चेन्नई में कामकाजी महिला मंच – भारतीय सहकारी नेटवर्क फॉर वुमेन (डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू) ने महिलाओं की स्थिति पर वैश्विक चर्चा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रम की मेजबानी की। यह लगातार चौथा वर्ष है जब महिलाओं की स्थिति पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र आयोग (यूएनसीएसडब्ल्यू) ने इस महत्वपूर्ण सभा के लिए चेन्नई को चुना है।



इस वर्ष के सत्र का विषय, "सहकारिता में युवा महिलाओं के नेतृत्व का निर्माण" ने सहकारी ढांचे के भीतर युवा महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाने की अनिवार्यता को रेखांकित किया।

डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू की अध्यक्ष डॉ. नंदिनी आज़ाद ने जमीनी स्तर के आंदोलन को दिए गए अवसर के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया

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चार दक्षिणी भारतीय राज्यों की 13 सहकारी शाखाओं के प्रतिनिधियों को संबोधित करते हुए, डॉ. आज़ाद ने 620,000 से अधिक गरीब महिला सदस्यों के अधिकारों और आवाज़ों की वकालत करने में संगठन की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका पर जोर दिया।

जर्मनी से इंटरनेशनल रायफिसेन यूनियन (आईआरयू) के महासचिव एंड्रियास कप्स सहित मुख्य वक्ताओं ने महिलाओं के नेतृत्व में बाधा डालने वाली प्रणालीगत बाधाओं, जैसे शैक्षिक, वित्तीय और सांस्कृतिक बाधाओं पर प्रकाश डाला।

इस कार्यक्रम में वैश्विक संस्थानों की प्रमुख आवाज़ें भी शामिल थीं, जिनमें संयुक्त राष्ट्र के आर्थिक और सामाजिक मामलों के विभाग से सुश्री लाना ज़मान और एशिया में कृषि सहयोग विकास संस्थान से हिरोफुमी कोबायाशी शामिल थे।

इन वक्ताओं ने आर्थिक और सामाजिक क्षेत्रों में महिलाओं की भागीदारी के महत्व को रेखांकित किया, उनकी उन्नति में सहायता के लिए समावेशी नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों की वकालत की।

कार्यवाही के हिस्से के रूप में, डब्ल्यूडब्ल्यूएफ-आईसीएनडब्ल्यू ने पांच युवा महिला उद्यमियों के मामले के अध्ययन का प्रदर्शन किया, जिन्होंने मामूली शुरुआत से सफल उद्यम बनाने के लिए बाधाओं को हराया। ये कहानियाँ गरीबी और हाशिए के चक्र को तोड़ने में सशक्तिकरण और सामूहिक कार्रवाई की परिवर्तनकारी शक्ति के प्रमाण के रूप में काम करती हैं।

यह कार्यक्रम प्रतिभागियों की ओर से एक ऐसे माहौल को बढ़ावा देने की नई प्रतिबद्धता के साथ संपन्न हुआ जहां महिलाएं नेता, उद्यमी और परिवर्तन के एजेंट के रूप में आगे बढ़ सकें।

चेन्नई वैश्विक मंच पर सशक्तिकरण के प्रतीक के रूप में कर रहा काम

चूँकि चेन्नई वैश्विक मंच पर सशक्तिकरण के प्रतीक के रूप में काम कर रहा है, इस सभा की विरासत लैंगिक समानता और सामाजिक न्याय की खोज में भावी पीढ़ियों को प्रेरित करने का वादा करती है।



உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம் (இந்தியா) தலைவர் டாக்டர் நந்தினி ஆசாத்தின் உரை இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம்



UNCSW68 இணை நிகழ்வு என்ற தலைப்பில்: "சமத்துவமின்மைகளை எதிர்த்துப் போராடுவதில் கூட்டுறவுகளில் இளம் பெண்களின் தலைமைத்துவத்தை உருவாக்குதல், 2030 உலகளாவிய நிகழ்ச்சி நிரலை நோக்கி உற்பத்தித்திறனை மேம்படுத்துதல்: உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம் இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்புத் தலைமையம்"

உழைக்கும் மகளிர் சங்கம் (இந்தியா) (கிசீதிமி) இந்திய மகளிர் கூட்டுறவு இணைப்பு மையம் (மிசிழிசி) இலிருந்து உங்களை நாங்களும் நாலும் மனதார வரவேற்கிறோம்.

இன்று, ஐக்கிய நாடுகள் சபையின் 68வது அமர்வின் வரலாற்று சிறப்புமிக்க பெண்களின் நிலை குறித்த ஆணையத்தின் (வரிழிசிஷி 68), இந்தியாவின் சென்னையில் நான்காவது முறையாக நடைபெறுகிறது. கடந்த ஆண்டும், ஐ.நா. பெண்கள்(2024) உலகெங்கிலும் உள்ள கூட்டுறவு நிறுவனங்களில் பெண்களுக்கான ஒரே மெய்நிகர்பக்க நிகழ்வை எங்களுக்கு வழங்க உள்ளது இந்த ஆண்டு உலகளவில் 100 நிகழ்வுகளில் நாங்கள் ஒன்றாகும். நான்கு தென் மாநிலங்களில் உள்ள 13 கூட்டுறவுக் கிளைகளின் உறுப்பினர்களின் சார்பாக, பழம்பெரும் உழைக்கும் மகளிர் மன்றம் மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான இந்திய கூட்டுறவு வலையமைப்பின் தலைமையகத்தில் (28 வருட ஐநா



ஆலோசனை அந்தஸ்துடன்) இந்தச் சின்னமான அடிமட்ட இயக்கத்தை நம்பியதற்காக அவர்களுக்கு நாங்கள் நன்றியுள்ளவர்களாக இருக்கிறோம். இந்தியாவின் (தமிழ்நாடு, ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசம், கர்நாடகா, தெலுங்கானா) 6,20,000 ஏழைப்பெண் உறுப்பினர்களை எட்டியுள்ளது. கூட்டுறவு நிறுவனங்களில் பெண்களுக்கான புதிய சர்வதேச வலையமைப்பில் இருந்து ஒரு உறுப்பினர்கள் 1 ஆண்டுக்கு முன் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டனர் (இந்தியா மற்றும் உலகம் முழுவதும் ஆன்லைனில் எங்களைப் பார்க்கிறோம்). எங்கள் தலைமை நிர்வாக அதிகாரி நானே, நாங்கள் உங்களை வரவேற்கிறோம், வாழ்த்துகிறோம், உங்களாலும் எங்களாலும் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம்.

இன்று இந்த இயக்கங்களின் கிளவுட் மற்றும் உலகளாவிய தலைமைக்கு அதன் எழுச்சி என்பது 45 ஆண்டுகளில் அவர்கள் தங்கள் குரல்கள் மற்றும் பிரச்சினைகளுடன் உலகளாவிய உயர் கொள்கை அட்டவணையில் முக்கிய வீரர்களாக உள்ளனர். அது நியூயார்க், ஜெர்மனி, ரோம். கிசீதிமிசிழிசி



நிலைப்பாடு இன்று "தேர்வுகள் மூலம்" சர்வதேச கூட்டுறவு இயக்கத்தின் பெரும்பாலான உலகளாவிய தொழிற்சங்கங்கள்/கூட்டணிகளில் பிரதிநிதித்துவப்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. பாலினம், வாழ்வாதாரம் மற்றும் கூட்டுறவுப் பிரச்சினைகளில், அதாவது முறைசாரா துறையைச் சேர்ந்த ஏழைப் பெண்களின் செயல்பாட்டில் உலகளாவிய வீரர். குழு இன்று ஆன்லைனில் உள்ளது, அவர்களின் தலைவரின் கருப்பொருள்களை நான் வழி நடத்துவதால் அதன் எளிதாக்குவதில் நான் பெருமைப்படுகிறேன்.

இந்த நிகழ்வில் பெரும்பாலும் அணைத்து முக்கிய நெட்வொர்க்குகள்/தொழிற்சங்கங்கள், உலகெங்கிலும் உள்ள ஐ.நா. திரு. ஆண்ட்ரியாஸ் கப்பல், செகரட்டரி ஜெனரல், தி இன்டர்நேஷனல் ரைலிபைசன் யூனியன், ஜெர்மனி. உலகளாவிய ரீதியில், மிசிழிசி மற்றும் நாங்கள்



50 ஆண்டுகளில் முதல் பெண்மணி என்ற பக்கியத்தைப் பெற்றுள்ளோம், மேலும் மீண்டும் மீண்டும் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளோம், புள்ளிவிவரங்களுடன் இளம்பெண்கள் எதிர்கொள்ளும் ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகள் முன்னிலைப்படுத்தப்படுகின்றன. கூட்டுறவுகள் பல்வேறு துறைகளில் இளம் பெண்களுக்கு வாய்ப்புகளை உருவாக்குவதற்கான சிறந்த வழிமுறைகள் என்று அவர் கூறுகிறார், மேலும் மிசிழிசி ஐ ஒரு வரலாற்று எடுத்துக்காட்டாக மேற்கோள் காட்டுகிறார். கொலம்பியா/லத்தீன் இளம் பெண்களின் வழக்கு ஆய்வுகளுடன் ஸ்ரீதிஸ்கி (எ.கா: ஜெர்மன் வங்கிகளின் இயக்குநரகம் உதாரணம்) கூட்டுறவுகளின் பங்கை அவர் விரிவாகக் கூறுகிறார்.

TRANSLATION

UNCSW68 parallel event entitled: "Building Leadership of Young Women in Cooperatives in combating inequalities, enhancing productivity towards 2030 Global agenda: Working Women's Forum –Indian Cooperative Network for Women" Date: 20-03-2024|Time: 06:00 pm – 8.00 pm (IST)

Dr.Nandini Azad, President, Working Women's Forum – Indian Cooperative Network for Women (WWF-ICNW) welcomed all to this historic parallel event of the United

Nations 68th Session of the Commission on Status of Women (UNCSW 68), is being held for the fourth time in the city of Chennai, India. Last year too we were also privileged by the **UN Commission on Status of Women (2024)** to award us the only virtual parallel event on girls in cooperatives worldwide – This year we are among 100 events globally on women status. We are grateful to them for having trusted this iconic grassroots movement like ours (with 28 years UN consultative status) Now at the H.Q of the legendary Working Women's Forum and Indian Cooperative Network for Women H.Q, on behalf of the members from 13 Cooperative branches in the four Southern States of India (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana) having reached 6,20,000 poor women members. As members from the new International Network for Women in Cooperatives announced 1 year before (watching us online all over the India and the world). Our CEO's and myself, we welcome, greet and are here to be inspired by you & us, she stated.

Further she said, 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 New York, Germany, Rome. WWF-ICNW stand's represented on most global unions/alliances of the International Cooperative Movement today "through elections". Active global player on gender, livelihood and cooperative issues i.e., the poor women from the informal sector she stated.

Next, she said the panel today is online **"I'm honoured to facilitate"** it as I lead the them as their President. The event has mostly all the major networks/unions on cooperatives, UN agencies worldwide represented, she said.

Mr. Andreas Kappes, Secretary General, the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU), Germany. Globally, ICNW said Dr. Nandini Azad has been privileged to be the first woman in 50 years on their global board and re-elected again Inequalities faced by young women with statistics are highlighted. Cooperatives he stated are effective means of creating opportunities for young women in various sectors and quotes ICNW as an historic example. He elaborates on role of cooperatives from DGRV (Eg: of Directorate of German banks example) with young women's case studies.