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Invites you for a webinar on

Land Question for Women in Andhra Pradesh: Challenges for Possible Future Directions

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For over 25 years, Usha has worked with several organisation (regional, national and international) including Government institutions in various capacities (as a researcher, trainer and advisor/consultant) on issues related to resource governance, rights of local communities (especially land and forests), land conflicts and land acquisition for public purpose projects, rehabilitation and resettlement rights, agrarian crisis and rural livelihoods, gender responsive budgeting etc. A large part of her research over the past 15 years has been on issues related to the nature and politics of land acquisition for public purpose projects, diversion of farm land for non-farm purposes, as well as a deeper engagement with questions of women's rights related to land and forests in A.P and Telangana. She is currently associated with MAKAAM, a national platform with a presence in 24 states across India, that is working to secure identity, rights and entitlements for women farmers.

Abstract:

In Andhra Pradesh, Women have an overwhelming presence in agriculture as cultivators and agricultural workers. Yet, access to cultivable land with secure rights continues to be a major challenge for women, especially for those belonging to socio-economically marginalized sections who form the bulk of cultivators and agricultural workers in the State. Andhra Pradesh is also one of the few States which took a series of policy and legislative measures to enhance women's ownership rights to land. There is however no accurate gender disaggregated data to show to what extent women across different social groups gained from these initiatives. This talk attempts to analyse various challenges, questions and issues related to women's land rights keeping the backdrop of processes of economic reforms, feminization of agriculture, farm suicides, SHG-led delivery of development programmes in rural areas, seemingly women oriented land policies combined with dispossession from lands induced through private, corporate capital led economic growth models in the State. It also discusses how these developments could shape the larger discourse on land reforms in the current context.

Chair: Prof C Ramachandraiah, Social Scientist.

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