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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 Guilia De Castro, Board Member, International Secretariat, World Farmers Organisation, also spoke.
