

Online on

Structural Violence on Rural Women Workers

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The webinar began with introductions by Renu Khanna, discussing a study on violence faced by women farmers conducted by Feminist Policy Collective (FPC) and Maha Kisan Adhikar Manch (MNSAAM) with the support of WOPPCO, ANAND and SARAL.

Panel 1: Everyday Violence Against Women in Agriculture

The first panel focused on the FPC-MNSAAM research study titled “[Structural Violence Against Women in Agriculture](#)”, while the second panel addressed violence against rural women in the informal sector. Speakers in the first panel included Renu Khanna from WOPPCO and MNSAAM, S. Ashokini from Rythu Sevaay, Veetika and MNSAAM, and Jagal Chand from ANAND and WNSAAM, who presented key findings and recommendations from the study report. Anshu Puri moderated the first panel.

Renu Khanna began the presentation with a brief explanation of the study and how it came about. The study was an exploratory one that emerged from discussions within MNSAAM and “Gender-based Violence” Working Group of the Feminist Policy Collective. MNSAAM, established in 2014, aimed to raise issues of recognition, identity, and voice for women farmers.

The recent study focused on structural violence against women in agriculture. It aimed to address the challenges faced by women farmers regarding settlements, access to resources, markets, and agricultural inputs within the context of the agrarian crisis. WNSAAM looked at violence and harassment experienced by women farmers in relation to the broader agrarian paradigm. The collaboration with FPC provided a platform for dialogue and learning, strengthening the linkages between activists, advocacy, and academic.