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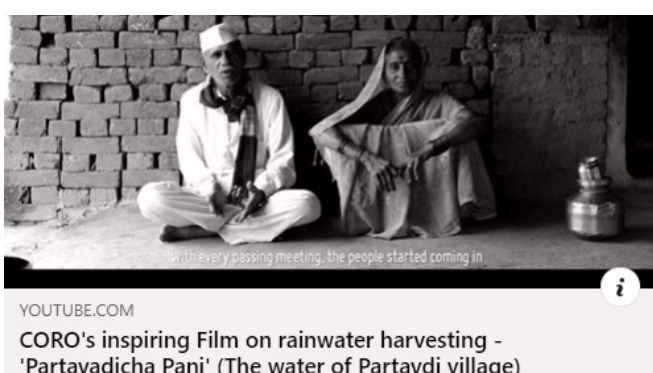
Your support to the Influencers journey is ensuring women and girls freedom from violence and discrimination, access to legal justice, grassroots leadership, rights and entitlements and freedom from economic dependence. In this issue, we bring to you updates from our coalition partners CORO, Jan Sahas and Mann Deshi's extensive on-ground work towards social and economic empowerment of women. Delve in further for glimpses of IT for Change's three-part webinar series on "Cyber Violence and Hate Speech".

Collective Action

With the support from **EdelGive Foundation** and **International Development Research Centre, Canada (IDRC)**, **IT for Change** brought together legal scholars, practitioners, platform intermediaries, feminist activists and journalists in a three-part webinar series to unpack sexist hate speech online across February. In the lead up to **International Women's Day, 2021**, the webinar series intended to engage and collaborate with diverse constituencies to create an urgent and vital space for framing misogynistic hate online as a key public policy issue. Encouraging an informed discussion on legal remedies and exploring obligations of platform intermediaries, the discussion focused on the Indian context while also drawing upon feminist expertise and best practices from other countries around the public policy issue with universal relevance.



Awareness and Advocacy for Rights and Entitlements



Through stellar efforts at the grassroots in Satara district, **CORO** prompted collective action to solve the village's water scarcity problem by uniting the villagers to build a check dam. Do watch the inspiring **short film** charting CORO's advocacy journey of mobilising rural communities to secure fair & equal water resources, in drought-afflicted talukas of Satara District.

We are delighted to share that, **CORO's** grassroots leaders have achieved yet another milestone! A Credit Co-operative Society (CCS) has recently been established in Osmanabad district with a vision to continue enabling economic empowerment at the grassroots. The registration certificate of the CCS has been received from the Deputy District Registrar of Co-operative department.

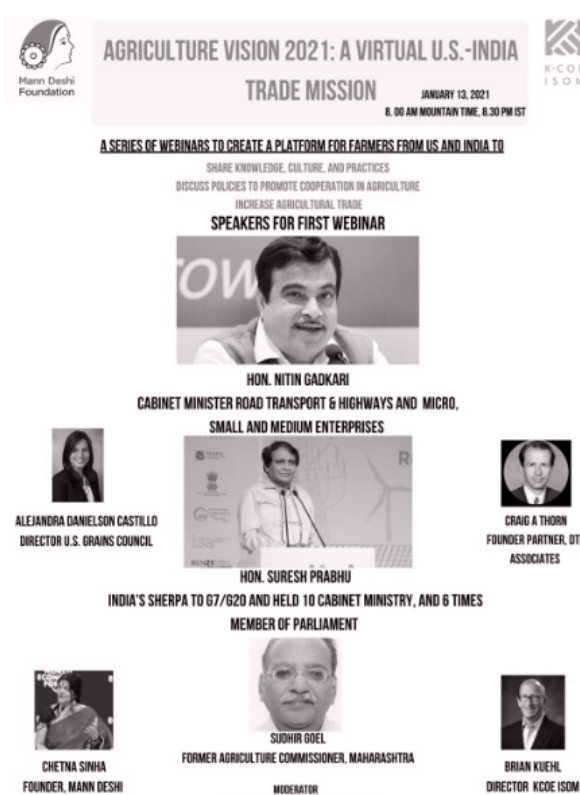


Awareness and Advocacy for Legal Justice

On 13th January, our partner NGO **Jan Sahas**, along with Women and Child Development Madhya Pradesh (MP) and MP Police organised a one-day workshop on 'Prevention of Violence against Women and Children' at the Police Control Room, Khandwa. The workshop addressed existing issues and the need for proper awareness and implementation of laws regarding women and children. Over 85 participants including DLSA lawyers, police officers, Education officers and WCD officers attended the workshop.



Collective Conversations



Mann Deshi Foundation and **KCoe Isom** co-hosted US-India agricultural trade webinar on 13th January 2021 to shed light on the India-US agriculture trade and aimed at creating a platform for farmers from the USA and India to further deepen their agriculture understanding. The Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Small Industries Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble former Minister of Railways and G20 Sherpa Shri. Suresh Prabhu and several American universities such as Georgetown University and the George Washington University, attended the webinar and contributed in sharing knowledge, culture and best practices. Click [here](#) to watch!

Influencing Change at the Local Levels

We are happy to share, that more than 200 women members of Ekal Mahila Sanghatana, an organization of single women facilitated by **CORO** through EdelGive Foundation's support, contested for the recent Gram Panchayat Elections held on 15th January 2021. In this entire process of local self-governance election, we are immensely proud to share that many women leaders were first time contenders and in all, 68 women won the election to become members of the Gram Panchayat in their respective villages!