

Thank you for your solidarity

Hello Halinka, Suse and Zaman,

We received your solidarity message on the very day when Women Farmers' Day (18th January) was being observed at the farmers' protest sites. Thank you very much.

Today our women gathered in large numbers at the protest sites to raise the voice of women farmers and protesters. The programme had a special significance because, very recently, in a very regressive observation, the Supreme Court of India advised the protesting farmers to 'keep women away' from the protest sites! Women across the country were outraged at the Court's suggestion that women had no agency, that they were not conscious protesters, but had actually been 'brought in' by men and could be 'sent back home' by men. Hence today Women Farmers' Day was spiritedly and militantly observed across the country, emphasising women's inalienable right to protest and demanding repeal of the new draconian agri-laws.

I am sharing the links of two short videos here. The first shows Comrade Urmila of AIRWO reading out the solidarity message from the European Coordinators of the World Women's Conference at the protest site on the borders (Tikri) of Delhi.

<https://www.facebook.com/301488160049152/videos/2507548976217153>

The next link shows Comrade Nandini of an organisation called Feminists in Resistance reading out the solidarity message at the protest site in Kolkata.

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Warm regards,
Sharmistha