

VICE PRESIDENT CALLS FOR PROVIDING EQUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO WOMEN

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Underlining the important role of agriculture in the country's economic progress, he called upon all stakeholders to bestow greater attention on agriculture. Similarly, India's demographic dividend should be fully realized by skilling and empowering the youth.

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