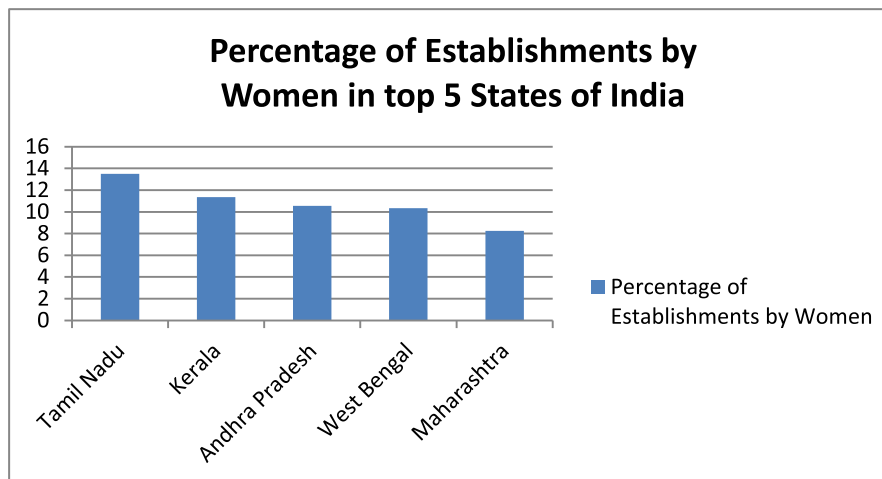


## Encouraging Women to be Entrepreneurs

Many Indian women are choosing their careers as pilots, civil servants, police officers, scientists, engineers. Data reveals that many are choosing to be entrepreneurs as well. Tamil Nadu (13.51%) has the largest proportion of establishments run by women entrepreneurs. This is followed by Kerala (11.35%), Andhra Pradesh (10.56%), West Bengal (10.33%) and Maharashtra (8.25%).



**Source:** Data from 6th Economic Census

The establishments which did not have any hired workers were around 83 per cent and establishments which had at least more than one hired workers were around 17 percent.

The source of finance for women headed establishments were mainly from self finance (79.07%).

Education of women and thereby higher awareness among women about the policies for them can be a reason why there are a higher proportion of women entrepreneurs in the South. There are many women centred policies especially in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal for women entrepreneurs. Karnataka had Global Investors' Meet and a session was on Promoting Women Entrepreneurship in Karnataka.

Other states are also taking efforts to encourage women entrepreneurs. Uttarakhand launched industrial park for women in July.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has given focus to promote the entrepreneurship of women in India.