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## International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build  
a Better World



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# MANTHAN BAITHAK



**Hon'ble Union Home  
Minister and Minister of  
Cooperation chairs  
"Manthan Baithak" with  
Cooperation Ministers of all  
States & UTs in New Delhi**



Hon'ble Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the “Manthan Baithak” with State and UT Cooperation Ministers in New Delhi to mark the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. Key points included the goal of establishing cooperatives in every village within five years using the National Cooperative Database, aligning state training with Tribhuvan Sahkari University, promoting natural farming with Agriculture Ministers, and the upcoming National Cooperative Policy tailored to local needs. The meeting emphasized legal reforms, sector expansion, and strengthening the cooperative movement for rural development.



## Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Administration participates in event marking celebration of International Year of Cooperatives 2025 at New Delhi



Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands, Admiral D.K. Joshi (Retd.), participated in the National Conference on the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 in New Delhi, chaired by Union Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah. He highlighted the success of the Tribal Development Cooperative Society in Nicobar Islands, especially the GI-tagged Virgin Coconut Oil produced by the Nicobarese community, which was featured in PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'.



## National Level Review Meeting with State/UTs




**3rd Zonal National Level Review Meeting and Workshop with States and UTs on various Initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation for Strengthening of Cooperative Sector was held on 10.04.2025 & 11.04.2025 at Shillong, Meghalaya. The UT of ANI represented by Shri. Rajesh Chopra, IAS, Secretary (Cooperation) -cum- Registrar of Cooperative Societies and accompanied by the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies(HQ)**





# HISTORY OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLES



Cooperative Movement in the  
Andaman Islands started in the year 1946



The very first Cooperative  
Society viz Rangachang  
Cooperative Land Syndicate  
was registered in 1946



It was registered under the  
Cooperatives Act, 1912

Office of the Registrar of Cooperative  
Societies was established in the Year  
1962





At present total of 2236 Primary Cooperative Societies Registered in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

06 Apex and 07 Central Cooperative Societies are Registered in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The UT of A & N has 47 Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS), 136 Fisheries Cooperative Societies and 49 Dairy Cooperative Societies among other Cooperatives

There are a total of 81840 Nos members of this Cooperative Societies



# TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY. LTD.

Established in 1992, the Tribal Development Cooperative Society Ltd. (TDCS) has been working towards the welfare and economic upliftment of the Nicobarese community in the Nancowry Group of Islands, Nicobar District. With a focus on promoting women-led initiatives and preserving local traditions, TDCS supports a range of community-based enterprises.

One of its notable efforts is the promotion of “Tribes Nicobar Virgin Coconut Oil (Tavi-i-Ngaich),” a handcrafted, 100% organic coconut oil produced by local women’s Self-Help Groups using time-honored methods. In 2024, this product received a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag (No. 1057), reflecting its unique cultural and regional identity. The Society has also played a role in securing GI tags for the Nicobari Mat (Chatrai-Hileuoi) and Andaman Nicobar Coconut.



Encouragement from Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji at the  
Aadi Mahotsav on 16 Feb 2023





**The Chief Secretary Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar IAS and Prof. Unnat P. Pandit, Handed over the certificates to Smti. Aysha Majid, Chairperson, Tribal Development cooperative society Ltd, on achieving their First GI Prestigious Geographical Indications tag registrations for the Islands Controller General, Intellectual Property Rights & Registrar of Geographical Indication**

**In February 2025, TDCS opened the Island Heritage Crafts Store in Port Blair, aiming to promote local handicrafts and help reduce the circulation of imitations. The Society is empanelled with TRIFED, recognized as a State Level Supporter by NAFED for copra procurement under the Price Support Scheme, and is supported by institutions such as NABARD, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and the A&N Administration.**

**Through these initiatives, TDCS continues to contribute to preserving tribal heritage while fostering community participation and economic development in a respectful and sustainable manner.**



# Subhashgram Service Cooperative Society Ltd.

## – A Model PACS in North & Middle Andaman

Established in 1963, Subhashgram Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Diglipur, is one of the active Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the North & Middle Andaman District. With a membership base of 330 individuals, the Society has gradually evolved into a key institution supporting rural communities. Under the leadership of Chairman Shri Naresh Ch. Malo, it has focused on fostering financial inclusion, promoting agriculture, and improving access to basic services in the region.



The Society is involved in a range of activities aimed at supporting local livelihoods. It operates a Common Service Centre (CSC), offering important Government-to-Citizen (G2C) services such as Aadhaar enrolment, issuance of certificates, and registration under schemes like PM Vishwakarma Yojana. In the agricultural sector, it supplies high-yielding seeds in collaboration with BBSSL and encourages the use of bio-fertilizers to promote sustainable farming. Additionally, it provides credit support through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.

Looking ahead, the Society plans to expand its operations further. Future initiatives include the renting of Power Tillers to farmers to support mechanized farming, enhancement of fish seed distribution, upgradation of CSC services and the establishment of farm-based processing units. Through these efforts, Subhashgram PACS aims to continue playing a constructive role in rural development while adapting to the changing needs of its members and the broader community.





# Celebration of International Year of Cooperatives 2025 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

A 03-day training programme for the preparation of Business Development Plan for PACS held on 05-03-2025 to 08-03-2025 at the conference hall of A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Sri Vijiya Puram to empower Chairman and CEOs of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with skill development so as to transform PACS into Multiple Service Centres.



A program was organized on 19.03.2025 to create awareness about cyber crimes and to educate participants about the importance of financial literacy at office premises of Pallimangal service Cooperative society Ltd., Ferrargunj





As part of the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, an awareness programme on the Importance of Digital Banking was successfully organized at the Multipurpose Co-operative Society (PACS) on 22.03.2025 alongwith (ANSCB), Campbell Bay. The initiative aimed to educate rural customers on the benefits and convenience of digital banking services, empowering them to carry out secure and hassle-free transactions.



To promote local development, highlight the importance of cooperatives in community welfare, and raise awareness about digital banking, sustainable livelihoods, and bio-fertilizers. Shri Omkar Singh, Senior Manager of ANStCB, created awareness about Digital Banking and promoted the Kisan Credit Card. Shri R. Parmasivam emphasized the importance of the cooperative movement in earning a livelihood and achieving sustainable development and benefits of bio-fertilizers was held on 08.03.2025 at Maccapahd





As part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 celebrations, a program was organized on 12.03.2025 at Ramnagar PACS, Diglipur to highlight the importance of cooperatives and raise awareness about digital banking. Discussions focused on the role of cooperatives in rural development, the benefits and risks of digital banking, and how telemarketing can support business growth



An Awareness Programme on the benefits and risks of online and digital banking was organized at the office of the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur, North Andaman, on 25.03.2025 in coordination with ANStCB Ltd., Diglipur Branch. The event aimed to educate participants on the advantages of digital banking, including convenience and accessibility, while also addressing potential risks such as security concerns and fraud.

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An awareness program was conducted for the farmers of Rangat Tehsil, as well as PACS and other Primary Cooperative Societies members, focusing on the benefits of Digital Banking which was held in collaboration with the Manager and Staffs of ANStCB Ltd., Rangat Branch on 10.03.2025 at A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Janakpur



A program was held on 11.03.2025 at Keralapuram, Diglipur to raise awareness among farmers, PACS, and Primary Cooperative Society members about the benefits of Digital Banking, promoting its adoption for improved financial access and efficiency





As part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, an awareness camp in collaboration with AH&VS, A&NStCB Ltd. and SBI was organized on 10.03.2025 at Bimbiltan under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World," highlighting the role of cooperatives in sustainable development and community welfare. Sessions focused on livelihood opportunities such as dairy farming, goat farming, beekeeping, and poultry, along with guidance on digital marketing, financial support, and skill development programs for aspiring entrepreneurs.



As part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, a session was held in Shadipur, Sri Vijaya Puram (Urban) 15.03.2025, wherein, the women engaged in catering services were encouraged to join catering cooperative societies to promote self-employment and financial stability. The program also included awareness on cyber fraud, highlighting safe digital practices and online financial security.





An awareness program was conducted for the farmers of Rangat Tehsil on 17.03.2025 at Rangat in collaboration with the Agriculture Department. The training focused on the scientific methods of beekeeping, aimed at forming new societies of members involved in honey production and processing.



A meeting was convened with the member of Bapuji PACS of (A class member of A & N State Coop Bank Ltd.) on 05/04/2025 at wimberlygunj to brief the members about the election programme, constitution of Board and deputing representatives to participate in the election.





An awareness program was held on 08.04.2025 at R K Pur, Little Andaman with the member societies of the A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd. to sensitize the members about the election process of the bank to be held in month of April 2025.



A meeting was convened on 05.04.2025 at Rangat with members of Nimbutala PACS, Sabri PACS & Padmanabapuram Fisheries Coop. Society Ltd. to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.





A meeting was convened 09.04.2025 at Rangat with members of Bakuntala PACS & Kaushalya Nagar PACS to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.



A meeting was convened on 04.04.2025 with members of Rangat PACS and Janakpur PACS to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.





An awareness program was organized on 10/04/2025 at Govt Model Sr Sec. School, Hutbay, Little Andaman in which 40 students participated. The program aimed to nurture a sense of responsibility among children, deepen their bond with nature, and inspire a lifelong commitment to protecting the environment



A meeting was convened on 04.04.2025 with members of Rangat PACS and Janakpur PACS to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.





A meeting was convened on 08/04/2025 at EHL Office, Car Nicobar with all the member societies of A & N State Coop Bank Ltd, to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.



A meeting was convened on 17/04/2025 at Chukchucha, Car Nicobar with members of Nicobar District Cooperative Union Car Nicobar to brief the members about the election process of ANStCB Ltd & ANStCU Ltd. to be held in April 2025 and to participate in the election.





As part of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025, an awareness program on the importance and benefits of forming cooperative Societies was conducted at GSS Bengali Village, Teressa Island on Saturday, the 19th April 2025. The programme aimed to educate students and teachers about the vital role of cooperative Societies play in nation building.



An awareness program was conducted on 11.04.2025 at BVB Mondal Public Secondary School, Diglipur, as part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The event aimed to encourage student participation in the cooperative movement and inspire them to embrace cooperative values for a brighter future.





An Awareness Program held on 08.04.2025 at R K Pur, Little Andaman, to educate and empower women and youth about the role of cooperatives in fostering Socio-economic empowerment and community development .



Sensitizing member societies of A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Sri Vijaya Puram about the election to the managing committee of A&N StCB and encouraging active and informed participation. Members were apprised of the election schedule, nomination procedures, key deadlines and the constituency-wise distribution of 13 Board seats. It was clarified that societies intending to contest the election must be duly proposed and seconded by member societies of the same constituency/category.





An Awareness Programmes was organized by the Department of Cooperation in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries on 26.05.2025 at Durgapur Fish Landing Centre, Diglipur. The program aimed to inform the fishing community about various schemes under PMMSY and to highlight the vital role of cooperatives in the sustainable development of the fisheries sector. Key topics discussed included vessel and gear insurance, working capital support, cold chain Storage and transportation infrastructure, marketing assistance, and livelihood loan schemes



Awareness Program in colaboration with Fisheries Department, Police Department and Coast Guardon formation of Fisheries Societies was held on 22.05.2025 at Karmatang No 10, Community Hall, Mayabunder about the safety in open sea waters, Schemes of fisheries Dept. and diversification of activities in potentially viable projects.







As part of the IYC-2025, an awareness program was organized for the students of R.K. Pur, Little Andaman on 12.05.2025, to highlight the vital role of cooperatives in uplifting Socio-Economic Status of the society. Further, encouraged active participation of student in the cooperative movement.



An awareness program was organized on 28.05.2025 at Wiberlygunj to encourage Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to diversify their business activities beyond credit services. During the session, it was highlighted that the Ministry of Cooperation has mandated PACS to undertake three additional activities apart from their core credit functions.





An Awareness Campaign was organized on 11.05.2025 at Dollygunj as part of celebration of IYC-2025 focusing on the effective management and maintenance of housing Cooperative Societies and promotion of welfare initiatives among members.





# Celebration of Tree Plantation of Drive under the Campaign, #Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam # Plant4Mother

A tree plantation drive was organized at the office premises of Bharti Service Cooperative Society Ltd. On 25.03.2025 wherein, the importance of tree plantation and its role in promoting environmental sustainability were explained.



Tree Plantation drive was held on 25-03-2025 in the premises of the Sabari Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Sabri, Rangat in Coordination with PRI members of Sabari panchayat





Tree plantation drive was organized in the Gandhinagar Panchayat on 28-03-2025 under the campaigns Ek Pedh Maa ke Naam and Plant4Mother. The officers of the Cooperative Department explained the importance of tree plantation and its role in promoting environmental sustainability.



A tree plantation drive was organized in the Hutbay Panchayat under the campaigns Ek Pedh Maa ke Naam and Plant4Mother on 07/03/2025.





As part of the celebration of International Year of Cooperatives-2025, a tree Plantation Drive campaign "EkPedMaaKeNaam" was organized on 28.04.2025 at R K Pur Little Andaman to promote environmental awareness and honor motherhood through tree plantation.



Tree plantation initiative was conducted on 28/04/2025 at the premises of the Rangat PACS. The program aimed to promote sustainable agriculture, enhance environmental awareness, and encourage the cultivation of fruit-bearing trees to benefit the local community and improve ecological balance.





To promote environmental sustainability and foster a sense of responsibility towards nature by involving officers and staff of RCS office, SVP in tree planting activities, under the theme #Ek ped Maa Ke Naam" in alling with celebration of IYC-2025.



Fruit-bearing tree plantation initiative was conducted at the Bangashree Cooperative Coconut Farming Society Ltd., Manpur on 28/04/2025. The program aimed to promote sustainable agriculture, enhance environmental awareness, and encourage the cultivation of fruit-bearing trees to benefit the local community and improve ecological balance.







To promote environmental sustainability and community engagement a tree plantation Drive was organized at Sippighat on 28/04/2025 by the members of Durga Unemployed Cooperative Society Ltd., Sippighat,



Fruit-bearing tree plantation initiative was conducted at the premises of the DRCS office, Car Nicobar on 28/04/2025. The program aimed to promote sustainable agriculture, enhance environmental awareness, and encourage the cultivation of fruit-bearing trees to benefit the local community and improve ecological balance.







As part of the International Year of Cooperatives-2025 a Tree plantation Campaign under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was organized on 20-05-2025 at Fish landing station, machidera, Little Andaman to promote environmental awareness and strengthen cooperative governance. The event saw the participation of around 30-35 fishermen and served as a platform to encourage members to actively engage in the democratic functioning of their cooperative societies.



As part of the observance of the International Year of Cooperatives, the Kesari Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd., Mayabunder in collaboration with Zonal office of the Department of Cooperation, Mayabunder organized a special tree plantation drive to mark the occasion on 21.05.2025





An awareness program , focusing on the role of cooperatives in addressing local issues and supporting community development. Under the theme 'Cooperatives Build a Better World,' was held at Burmanallah, South Andaman, on 14.05.2025. During the program importance of cooperative models in improving livelihoods and promoting inclusive growth was highlighted and Tree Plantation drive was also organized by the Island Tourism Coop. Society Ltd., Burmanallah



An Awareness-cum-Tree Plantation program was organized on 24.05.2025 in collaboration with the members of Tapoiming Panam Hinengo Ltd. at the Tapoiming Community Hall. During the event, officials from the Cooperative Department emphasized the importance of tree plantation as a vital step toward environmental conservation.







**Tree Plantation Drive – “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” held at the office premises of Bapuji Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Wimberlygunj on 28.05.2025**



**An Awareness cum tree Plantation program under the theme Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam was conducted by the member of Sabri Service Cooperative Society Ltd. Rangat on 22.05.2025**







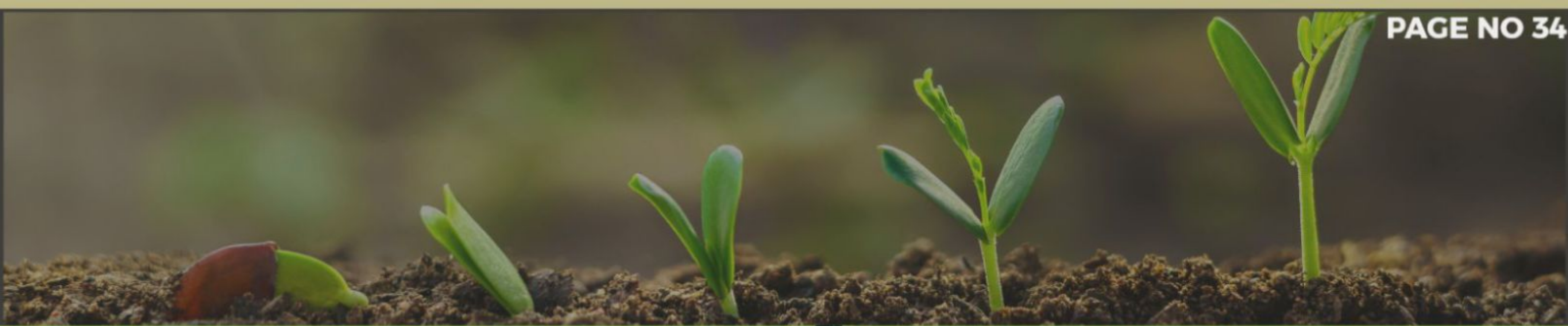
An awareness cum tree plantation programme under the theme "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" was conducted by the officials of ARCS Office, Campbell Bay on 26.05.2025



In observance of the International Year of Cooperatives-2025 the Government Press Employees Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Ltd., in collaboration with the Department of Cooperation organized a Tree Plantation Drive on 21.05.2025







**Gegraphical Indication No: 1057  
Under Registration and  
Protection Act 1999**



**Andaman Nicobar Coconut GI Regd  
No.1059 Under Registration and  
Protection Act 1999**



**Nicobari Mat  
(Chatrai -Hileuoi)GI Regd No.1054  
Under Registration and Protection Act 1999**



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