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# **National level Workshop & Review Meeting on Strengthening of Cooperatives**



**The National Level Review Meeting and Workshop with States and UTs was successfully conducted by the Ministry of Cooperation for Strengthening of Cooperative Sector was held on 08.10.2025 & 09.10.2025 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.**

**The event was attended by the Principal Secretaries, Commissioners and Registrars of Cooperative Societies from all States and Union Territories.**

**The Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands was represented by the Secretary (Cooperation)-cum-Registrar of Cooperative Societies.**

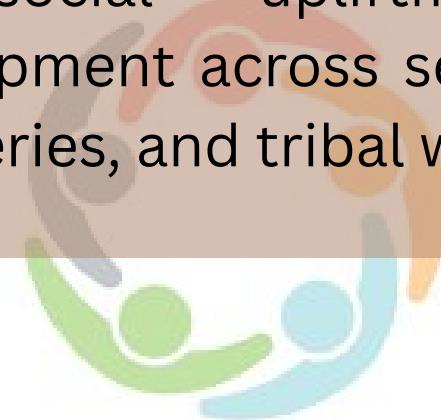
**The workshop emphasized and focused on the vision of “Sahakar se Samruddhi” — achieving prosperity through cooperatives.**

**Discussions were held on Computerization of all PACS, enhancing digital systems, and expanding cooperative services in rural areas.**

**Additionally, several sessions were held on topics such as cashless and paperless operations, strengthening of dairy and fisheries cooperatives, developing new business models and improving export opportunities.**

# COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE ISLES

Post-independence, cooperatives have played a transformative role in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, promoting economic empowerment, social upliftment and community development across sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, and tribal welfare.



Cooperative societies provided the foundation for rural finance and modern agricultural practices, supporting settlers and local producers through group credit, thrift and land development initiatives.

The Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd. (ANStCB) stands as the apex financial institution of the cooperative credit structure in the Union Territory, serving as a vital pillar in the economic development of the ANI. With 41 Core Banking System (CBS) branches spread across 14 islands and 33 ATMs. The Bank has established its presence even in the remotest corners where nationalized banks are yet to reach, catering to a customer base of over 3 lakh individuals.



Cooperatives have promoted tribal economic self-reliance, notably through Ellon Hinengo Limited (EHL) & Tribal Development Cooperative Society LTD (TDCS).

TDCS has secured Geographical Indication (GI) tags for Virgin Coconut Oil and other local products, boosting market recognition and empowering indigenous communities.

# Computerization of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS)

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (css) for PACS by the Ministry of Cooperation has been successfully implemented across all sanctioned 46 PACS, which are now fully equipped with essential hardware components, including computers, printers, UPS units and scanners, to support digital operations. The National Level PACS Software (NLPS), developed by NABARD (H.O) has been installed and made operational in all societies, enabling seamless management of accounts, transactions and member services.



Legacy data digitization, including member account details has been successfully completed, ensuring smooth transition from manual to digital systems. The implementation of NLPS has brought greater transparency, efficiency and accuracy to the functioning of PACS, marking a significant step towards strengthening the cooperative credit structure in the Islands.

# Computerization of RCS Office

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (css) of the Ministry of Cooperation, the Department has procured 10 desktop computers, 04 Multi-Functional Printers and 10 UPS through GeM.

For software development, SOVTECH was entrusted with the development of eight online software modules viz.

- (i) Registration of New Cooperative Societies,
- (ii) Amendment of Bye-laws,
- (iii) Inspection of Cooperative Societies,
- (iv) Audit of Cooperative Societies,
- (v) Election of Cooperative Societies,
- (vi) Settlement of Disputes,
- (vii) Liquidation of Cooperative Societies,
- (viii) Appeal for facilitate ease of access and ensure timely disposal of proposals received from the public and registered cooperative societies.

The project aims to streamline administrative processes, enhance transparency and improve service delivery. It will significantly modernize the functioning of the Registrar's Office and facilitate better support to cooperative societies.

# KESARI LABOUR CONTRACT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

Kesari Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd., Mayabunder is a labour cooperative primarily engaged in stevedoring operations at dockyards. The society plays a critical role in ensuring smooth cargo handling. Being a cooperative, it is democratically managed by its member-workers, ensuring fair wages, transparency, and shared responsibility by providing livelihood to around 80 members.



In addition to dockyard labour, the cooperative undertakes various semi-private contracts, such as:

- Material shifting and handling for industrial units.
- Labour supply for construction support activities.
- Event-related manpower, cleaning, and utility work for private organisations.
- Minor civil labour and maintenance tasks for institutions or local bodies.



The Cooperative maintains profitability by:

- Stable revenue from dock operations.
- Elimination of middlemen AS members work directly through the society, reducing commission leakages and improving overall earnings.
- Flexible workforce allocation.
- Cost-effective operations such as shared resources, rotational labour deployment.

# Celebration of International

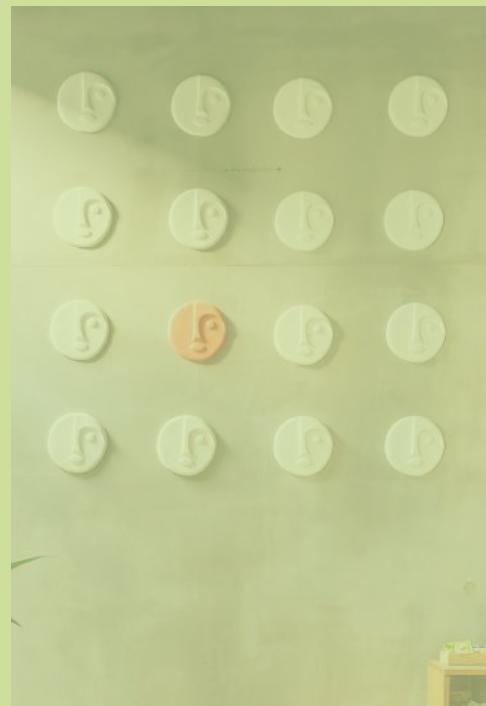
## Year of Cooperatives 2025

## along with the Tree Plantation

## Drive under the Campaign,

## #Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam

## #Plant4Mother







**As part of the International Year of Cooperatives-2025 celebrations, the Department of Cooperation, in collaboration with the A&N State Cooperative Union and Forest Department, organized a Tree Plantation Drive under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' at Teylerabad on 09.07.2025. The Secretary (Cooperation)-cum-RCS attended as chief guest, joined by officials from departments, Board members, faculty, and trainees. With the Forest Department's support, 100 fruit-bearing and 600 ornamental saplings were planted during the two-day Van Mahotsav drive. In his address, the Secretary highlighted the importance of tree plantation for ecological balance and community well-being, invoked the PM's vision of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" and Viksit Bharat, and urged cooperatives to embed environmental responsibility in their activities while playing a pivotal role in advancing grassroots social initiatives.**



As part of the “International Year of Cooperatives – 2025” celebrations and the nationwide “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign, the Office of the ARCS, Campbell Bay, in collaboration with the Government Senior Secondary School, Campbell Bay on 01.07.2025 organized an awareness session and tree plantation drive. Students, staff, and officials actively participated, promoting environmental awareness, cooperative values, and sustainable development.

As part of the “International Year of Cooperatives – 2025” and under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign, the Office of the ARCS, Campbell Bay, in coordination with the State Transport Service and the Forest Department staff organised on 02.07.2025 .





**Tree Plantation campaign under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was conducted on 04.07.2025, the Office of the ARCS, Campbell Bay, in coordination with the Gram Panchayat, Laxmi Nagar,**



**As part of the IYC 2025 celebrations, a tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and Van Mahotsav was organized in collaboration with DRCS, Car Nicobar, and the Department of Environment and Forest at the premises of GSSS School, Tamaloo, with enthusiastic participation from students on 01.07.2025 .**





**The DRCS Office, Car Nicobar, in collaboration with the Forest Range Office, Car Nicobar, on 02.07.2025 organized a tree plantation programme as part of Van Mahotsav Week at the premises of Tamaloo Panam Hinengo Ltd and the Community Hall, Tamaloo.**





**On the International Day of Cooperatives, the ARCS Office, Diglipur, on 05.07.2025 organized a meeting at Talbagan, Kishorinagar, featuring discussions on strengthening Fisheries Cooperative Societies and government schemes for fishermen. As part of Van Mahotsav Week, the Cooperative Flag was hoisted, and 10 fruit-bearing saplings were planted with active community participation.**



**Under IYC 2025 and the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, the ARCS Office, in coordination with the Electricity Department and local officials, organized an awareness programme at Laxmipur Panchayat Hall on 04.07.2025. The programme promoted the Government's Solar Panel Scheme and strengthened PACS and Fisheries Cooperative Societies. Shri Sujan Das, Pradhan and PACS Chairman, encouraged villagers to participate in government schemes.**

**The ARCS Office, Ferrargunj, on 01.07.2025 organized a tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" at Kurmadera.**



**As part of Van Mahotsav Week, a tree plantation programme was organized in the premises of the DRCS Office, Big Lapathy, on 04.07.2025 by the officials of DRCS, Car Nicobar, in collaboration with the staff of the Forest Range Office, Car Nicobar.**



**A tree plantation drive was conducted on 08.07.2025 at the Bangashree Cooperative Coconut Farming Society Ltd., Manpur, under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative and in conjunction with IYC 2025. The programme was organized by the Administrator of the Society alongwith the Circle Inspectors Sri Vijaya Puram and Ferrargunj.**





**A sensitization and tree plantation programme was conducted at the Government Progeny Farm, on 03.07.2025 engaging 35 beekeeping farmers. Participants were briefed on the formation and functioning of Cooperative Societies and expressed interest in establishing one.**



**A tree plantation drive in commemoration with IYC- 2025 and Van Mahotsava was conducted at Govt. Model School, Hut Bay. Shri Bibash Roy Principal along with teachers and students actively participated in the event and planted 10 fruit bearing plants on 05.07.2025 Students were also sensitized about their responsibility towards preserving nature and the importance of trees**



**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** was observed at Mayabunder Tehsil with tree plantation activities led by the District Commissioner, Smti Nandini Maharaj, and the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Mayabunder. Members of various societies, including Regal Cooperative, Venus Cooperative, Deopur Construction, and Kesari Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd., participated.





Under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, the ARCS Office, Rangat, in coordination with the Forest Range Office, Rangat, and staff of Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir School, on 02.07.2025 planted fruit and flower-bearing saplings on the school campus. Students were also sensitized about the benefits of plants for sustainable development.

The ARCS Office, Rangat, along with members of womens' Cooperative Societies and Sabari Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Sabari, conducted a tree plantation drive in Sabari Village on 03.07.2025 . Members were also educated on the benefits of plants for sustainable development.





**As part of the International Year of Cooperatives and Van Mahotsav, on 02.07.2025 a tree plantation drive was organized at JNRM, Sri Vijaya Puram, by the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Urban).**

**Shri Ravinder Kumar, DRCS (HQ)/Director (Social Welfare), was the Chief Guest, joined by Shri Venkata Ramana Murthy, Principal of JNRM, faculty, cooperative officers, students, and society members.**





As part of the International Year of Cooperatives, Seamen Cooperative Society Ltd., Phoenix Bay, on 02.07.2025 in collaboration with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, organized a tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam."

An awareness programme was conducted at IMFC Housing Cooperative Society Ltd., Garacharma, to promote the formation of Thrift & Credit Cooperative Societies among residents on 06.07.2025. The session educated members on the benefits of cooperative savings and credit systems, encouraging financial self-reliance and mutual support.



An awareness programme was conducted on 17/06/2025 at Maccapahad with members of Appu Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. and local villagers. The session focused on diversifying cooperative business activities through initiatives such as marketing agro-products, fertilizers, and seeds, aiming to benefit both the cooperative members and the local farming community.





On 04.07.2025 seedlings were collected from the Forest Range Office Nursery, Koidyaghat, and a tree plantation programme under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was conducted at Maccapahad with the Chairman of Pema Service Cooperative Society Ltd. The programme was organized by under ARCS-V, Rural.

**A tree plantation drive was conducted on the morning of 05/07/2025 at Beodnabad under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative in conjunction with IYC 2025.**

**The programme was organized under the jurisdiction of ARCS-V (Rural), with the participation of Smti V. Shanti, Ex-Pradhan, and Shri Varadharajan, member of Burmanullah Milk Cooperative Society Ltd.**



**Seminar on Importance of Cooperative and its role in Socio-Economic Development on 02.08.2025 in Coordination with the Line Department Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science was imparted to the members of Subhashgram PACS. The PACS was encouraged to undertake atleast 03 major business activities in coming months.**



**GP Subashgram Seminar on Importance of Cooperative and its role in Socio-Economic Development in Coordination with the Line Department Agriculture, on 21.08.2025 Fisheries and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science and Awareness program on preservation of environmentbyplanting Tree 26 Ek Pedh Maa ke Naam”**

**Meeting held on 02.08.2025 at PEMA**

### **PACS**

**During the discussion, the Board of Directors emphasized that farmers in the area are largely dependent on distant or private dealers for fertilizers and seeds, which often results in higher costs, inferior quality inputs, and irregular supply. To address this challenge, it was proposed to establish a cooperative outlet that would ensure timely access to certified fertilizers, quality seeds, farm tools, and equipment at affordable prices.**



**An awareness programme on Cyber Crime was conducted on 28.08.2025 in the premises of Community Hall, Perka. The members were briefed about the Cyber crimes by Head Constable S.Jiju. Police Department.**

**The members also participated in cleanliness drive in the premises of the Perka Community Hall.**

**Tree plantation programme under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was conducted on 28.08.2025 in the premises of Community Hall, Kakana by the members of Kakana Panam Hinengo Ltd along with officials of DRCS Office, Car Nicobar. Altogether 06 saplings of fruit bearing trees were planted. Cooperative Flag was also hoisted on the occasion.**



**A joint meeting was held with Cooperative, Fisheries, and Veterinary Departments on 02.08.2025 to discuss the revival and formation of Dairy and Fisheries Cooperative Societies. Local fishermen demanded support for a new FCS and a floating jetty at Ramnagar shore. The Chairman of the District Fisheries Cooperative Federation assured assistance under PMMSY.**



**A joint meeting was conducted with officials of the Cooperative, Fisheries, and Veterinary Departments to deliberate on the formation and strengthening of DCS and FCS on 11.08.2025 at GP RK Gram, Diglipur. Local fishermen placed demands for equipment and support under government schemes. Officials assured necessary assistance.**

**The Department of Cooperation in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, on 8.08.2025 organized an Awareness Programme on "Revitalization of Fisheries Cooperative Societies in A&N Islands" at the Fisheries Training Centre, Marine Hill, South Andaman. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. K. Gopal, Joint Director (Fisheries), and Shri Bashir Ahmed, ARCS.**



An Awareness Programme was organized with local tour operators at Batu Basti on 23.08.2025. The programme focused on exploring the potential of the tourism industry in the Islands and initiating measures for the revival of defunct tourism cooperative societies.





An Awareness cum tree plantation programme under the theme of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam was conducted by the officials of ARCS office, Campbell Bay, on 19.08.2025 in collaboration with the members of the Rajiv Nagar Colony. On this occasion, a cleanliness drive was also organized under Swacchta Hi Seva activity.



**kalasi, teressa**  
As part of the celebration of "International Year of Co-operative (IYC) 2025" meeting regarding the formation of a new Multipurpose Co-operative Society named Manulo Luro Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Teressa, Nancowry was convened on 1st August 2025 at the Office of the Tribal Council, Kalasi Village, Teressa Island, Nancowry.

**Awareness meet was setup by the Fisheries and Coast Guard at Tugapur Community Hall to impart knowledge regarding various fishing apparatus and safety mock drills on 20.08.2025.**

**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) schemes were also discussed with the local fishermen along with various local fishermen who also previously had shown interest in formation of fisheries cooperative.**



**The PACS were informed about adopting additional business activities beyond their existing ones like Kisan Credit Card (KCC) credit and Common Service Centers (CSC) on 24.09.2025. They were requested to explore other centrally sponsored schemes such as POL (Petrol, Oil, and Lubricants) distribution, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Kendra (PMKSK), LPG distributorship, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, and locally viable businesses tailored to the needs of their communities.**





**In collaboration with Merchant Navy Officers' Cooperative Society Ltd., Dairy Farm, an awareness programme cum tree plantation drive was organized on 23.09.2025 at the Composite Regional Centre, Brookshabad. Among others, the programme was attended by the Director CRC, ARCS (Apex & Central), Inspector (Legal), Urban Inspectors and Secretary of the Society.**





**Awareness program on BUDS portal was organized for the members of women's welfare Cooperative Society Ltd, Prothrapur on 21.09.2025.**

**Tree Plantation Drive under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was conducted at Dollygunj in association with the Cosmos Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. on 27.09.2025. The matter of availing various schemes provided by the Govt. through RCS Department was discussed.**



**A Beach Cleanliness Drive under Swachhta Hi Seva and in observance of the International Cooperative Year 2025 was held at Burmannallah beach on 20.09.2025. During the drive, volunteers and cooperative members came together to remove plastic waste, bottles, fishing nets, and other non-biodegradable litter from the beach. Awareness messages were also shared about reducing plastic use, keeping beaches clean, and safeguarding marine life.**



**Mayabundar Visited the Mayabunder Panchayat Hall and attended the awareness meet setup by the Fisheries and Coast Guard on 12.09.2025 to impart knowledge regarding various fishing apparatus and safety mock drills. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) schemes were also discussed with the local fishermen along with various local fishermen who also previously had shown interest in formation of fisheries cooperative.**

**As part of the IYC– 2025  
celebrations Swacchta Hi  
Seva Cleanliness Drive  
organised at Harinagar,  
Nimbudera on 23.09.2025.**

**The event saw active  
participation from the staff  
of Cooperative  
Department along with the  
members of various  
cooperatives and villagers.**



**The ARCS OFFICE, Ferrargunj,  
successfully organized a "Run for  
Fun" (Rally)programme today with  
the central theme of "Nasha Mukt  
Bharat" (Drug-Free India) on  
20.08.2025.**

**The event saw active participation  
from the officers and staff of the RCS  
Office, Ferrargunj and Sri Vijaya  
Puram along with representatives  
from various cooperatives.  
The programme was enriched by the  
gracious presence of the Secretary  
(Coop)-Cum-RCS, whose  
encouragement and inspiring words  
added great significance to the  
occasion.**

**As a part of the IYC 2025 a  
cleanliness drive under the  
theme of "Swacchta Hi Seva"  
was held on 20.08.2025 in the  
premises of the Samiti Office,  
Ferrargunj.**





**GP GANDHINAGAR**  
**Awareness programme of various schemes under PMMSY Chairmen of N&M Andaman District Fisheries Cooperative Federation, and the Gandhinagar Fisheries Cooperative Society Ltd, with local fishermen in attendance and Tree Plantation drive "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was conducted on 18.09.2025**

**A Rally was organized at Harminder Bay, Little Andaman on 21.09.2025 in collaboration with the Members of the Nicobarese Settlers Cooperative Society, Harminder Bay, to commemorate IYC-2025. Family members and children of the cooperators also participated enthusiastically, adding joy and energy to the event."**



**A Rally was organized at Big Lapathy by the officials of DRCS, Car Nicobar along with members of Panam Hinengoes on 20.09.2025 to create awareness among the public about the major initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation. The participant's actively took part in the rally carrying placards that highlighted the initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation**