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**NATIONAL-LEVEL
WORKSHOP REVIEWS
COOPERATIVE
REFORMS UNDER
“SAHKAR SE
SAMRIDDHI” VISION**

GUIDED BY THE VISION AND LEADERSHIP OF THE HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SHRI NARENDRA MODI, AND HIS CLARION CALL OF "SAHKAR SE SAMRIDDHI" TO MAKE COOPERATIVES A KEY DRIVER OF INCLUSIVE GROWTH, RURAL PROSPERITY AND GRASSROOTS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, A TWO-DAY NATIONAL-LEVEL WORKSHOP AND REVIEW MEETING ON STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR WAS HELD IN UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN, ON 8-9 JANUARY 2026.

ORGANISED BY THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, THE WORKSHOP BROUGHT TOGETHER SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES, INCLUDING SECRETARIES AND REGISTRARS OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, ALONG WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM ACROSS THE COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM.

THE WORKSHOP WAS INAUGURATED BY DR. ASHISH KUMAR BHUTANI, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COOPERATION, IN THE PRESENCE OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRY AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED DIGNITARIES. SMT. ANANDHI, SECRETARY (COOPERATION), GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN, WELCOMED THE DELEGATES OF THE CONFERENCE TO RAJASTHAN IN HER ADDRESS.



THE SESSION EXAMINED THE PROGRESS ON KEY MINISTRY OF COOPERATION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING COMPUTERISATION OF PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL CREDIT SOCIETIES (PACS), AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS (ARDBs) AND RCS OFFICES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES SUCH AS MPACS, MULTIPURPOSE DAIRY AND FISHERY COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES. DISCUSSIONS COVERED THE WORLD'S LARGEST GRAIN STORAGE INITIATIVE AND EXPANSION OF PACS SERVICES (COMMON SERVICE CENTRES, PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMRIDDHI KENDRA AND PM JAN AUSHADHI KENDRAS), COOPERATIVE BANKING REFORMS, AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS LIKE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE ORGANIC LIMITED, NATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXPORTS LIMITED AND BHARATIYA BEEJ SAHKARI SAMITI LIMITED, ALONGSIDE PROMOTION OF WHITE REVOLUTION 2.0.

PARTICIPANTS ALSO FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE DATABASE AND REFORMING MULTI-STATE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES. STATES SHARED BEST PRACTICES ON API INTEGRATION, UPDATING FINANCIAL DATA FOR GVA ESTIMATION, ONBOARDING COOPERATIVES ONTO GEM, IMPROVING GOVERNANCE AND E-COMMERCE CAPABILITIES. CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS LBSNAA, TRIBHUVAN SAHKARI UNIVERSITY, NCCT AND VAMNICOM, WITH EMPHASIS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND MARGINALISED GROUPS, WAS HIGHLIGHTED.

A DEDICATED "SAHKAR SE SAMRIDDHI – PACS AHEAD" SESSION EXAMINED STRATEGIES TO EMPOWER PACS AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATIVE BANKS' ROLE IN REVITALISATION. PRESENTATIONS COVERED CASHLESS PACS AND MIS (TAMIL NADU), COOPERATIVE STARTUPS (ANDHRA PRADESH), DISTRICT BUSINESS PLANS (JAMMU & KASHMIR UT), MODEL COOPERATIVE VILLAGES AND MODERN STORAGE/SUPPLY-CHAIN INTEGRATION (NABARD/NABCONS), MEMBERSHIP DRIVES (UTTAR PRADESH), AND TECHNOLOGY-LED FISHERIES AND DAIRY SUCCESSES FROM THE NORTH-EAST— FORMING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ENHANCE PACS' FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE READINESS.

**“MANTHAN” -
MEETING OF
COOPERATION
MINISTERS OF
STATES/UNION
TERRITORIES**

“मंथन बैठक”



“सहकार से समृद्धि”

सभी राज्यों एवं केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के सहकारिता मंत्रियों के साथ

“मंथन बैठक”



WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF TRANSFORMING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES FROM MERELY INSTITUTIONAL ENTITIES INTO MEMBER-CENTRIC, INCOME-ENHANCING AND SELF-RELIANT ECONOMIC UNITS, A HIGH-LEVEL 'MANTHAN' MEETING OF COOPERATION MINISTERS OF STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES WAS HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2026 AT MAHATMA MANDIR, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI AMIT SHAH, THE HON'BLE UNION HOME AND COOPERATION MINISTER.

The meeting was attended by Cooperation Ministers of all States and Union Territories, along with officers of the rank of Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary. The platform enabled a comprehensive review of key initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation, assessment of progress made so far, exchange of best practices and experiences from States, and preparation of a coordinated roadmap for the future.

DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED THE PROGRESS OF ESTABLISHING 2 LAKH NEW MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL CREDIT SOCIETIES (PACS), DAIRY AND FISHERIES COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, AIMED AT PROVIDING FRESH MOMENTUM TO THE RURAL ECONOMY.

DELIBERATIONS WERE ALSO HELD ON EXPANDING THE NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF MODERN WAREHOUSES UNDER THE WORLD'S LARGEST GRAIN STORAGE PLAN, ENSURING IMPROVED STORAGE FACILITIES, PRICE STABILITY AND BETTER MARKET ACCESS FOR FARMERS.

THE MEETING ALSO FOCUSED ON THE ROLE, PARTICIPATION AND EXPECTATIONS OF STATES IN NEWLY FORMED NATIONAL-LEVEL COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS — NATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXPORTS LIMITED (NCEL), NATIONAL COOPERATIVE ORGANICS LIMITED (NCOL), AND BHARATIYA BEEJ SAHKARI SAMITI LIMITED (BBSSL) — TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATIVES IN THE AREAS OF EXPORTS, ORGANIC FARMING AND QUALITY SEED SUPPLY.

FURTHER, DISCUSSIONS COVERED TIME-BOUND REFORMS IN STATE COOPERATIVE LAWS, ADOPTION OF MODEL LEGISLATION IN LINE WITH THE 97TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS, PROMOTING CIRCULARITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE DAIRY SECTOR, AND FORMATION OF NEW DAIRY COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN COLLABORATION WITH AMUL AND NDDDB.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS



AN AWARENESS MEETING WAS ORGANIZED AT JUNGLIGHTAT ON 27.01.2026 TO ENCOURAGE FISHERMEN AND STAKEHOLDERS TO FORM A FISHERIES MARKETING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION, BRANDING, AND EXPORT OF ANDAMAN CHILLED CORAL TROUT. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE SENSITIZED ON THE BENEFITS OF COLLECTIVE MARKETING, VALUE ADDITION, IMPROVED MARKET ACCESS, EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE FOR OBTAINING A GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (GI) TAG FOR THE PRODUCT.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME WAS CONDUCTED AT JUNGLIGHTAT ON 04.03.2026 TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF A HOUSING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY FOR ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS IN THE URBAN AREA OF SRI VIJAYA PURAM. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE INFORMED ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF COOPERATIVE HOUSING AND THE SCOPE FOR COLLABORATION WITH PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL CREDIT SOCIETIES (PACS) FOR THE SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES, THEREBY FOSTERING INTER-COOPERATIVE COOPERATION.



AN AWARENESS MEETING WAS ALSO HELD WITH LAXMI NIWAS HOUSING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD., ATTAM PAHAR, ON 19.02.2026 TO STRENGTHEN THE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE OF THE SOCIETY. THE MEMBERS WERE GUIDED ON PROPER MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS AND STATUTORY RECORDS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, MEMBER PARTICIPATION, INTER-COOPERATIVE COOPERATION, AND THE BENEFITS OF AFFILIATING WITH THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COOPERATIVE UNION.



AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME-CUM-SOCIETY VISIT WAS CONDUCTED FOR GANGA LABOUR CONTRACT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. SVP ON 12.02.2026 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AND ENHANCING SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG THE LABOUR WORKFORCE ENGAGED IN THE DISTRIBUTION AND HANDLING OF LPG CYLINDERS. A SIGNIFICANT COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAMME FOCUSED ON SAFETY MEASURES FOR LABORERS INVOLVED IN THE LOADING, UNLOADING, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF LPG CYLINDERS. THE WORKERS WERE EDUCATED ON SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES, THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE), EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES, ACCIDENT PREVENTION, AND PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHILE DEALING WITH LPG CYLINDERS TO MINIMIZE OPERATIONAL RISKS.



AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME-CUM-INTERACTION SESSION WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE MEMBERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PEMA PACS, SVP (RURAL) ON 12.01.2026 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AND TO DIVERSIFY THE BUSSINESS ACTIVITIES F THE PACS INTO NEW BUSSINESS VENTURES WHICH ENDED ON A POSITIVE NOTE.





AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME-CUM-INTERACTION SESSION WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE MEMBERS PACS 13.03.2026 ALONG WITH THE LIVE WEBCAST OF OF 22ND INSTALLMENT OF PM KISSAN.



AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME WAS CONDUCTED ALONG WITH TREE PLANTATION ON 10.02.2026 ALONG WITH THE LIVE WEBCAST OF OF 22ND INSTALLMENT OF PM KISSAN.



ON 20TH JANUARY 2026, A MEETING WAS ORGANIZED WITH THE WOMEN SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHGS) OF KRISHNAPURI, SITANAGAR, RABINDRAPALLY, AND MADHUPUR, DIGLIPUR, TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND THE FORMATION OF WOMEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES. DURING THE MEETING, THE PARTICIPANTS WERE SENSITIZED TO THE OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND BENEFITS OF THE COOPERATIVE MODEL, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, COLLECTIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND SELF-RELIANCE. THE MEMBERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO COME FORWARD FOR THE FORMATION OF WOMEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LIVELIHOODS, ENHANCE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE VILLAGES. THE SESSION CONCLUDED WITH AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION, ADDRESSING THE QUERIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND MOTIVATING THEM TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

