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Introduction

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE

7 Cooperative Principles



The Department of Cooperation, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, is dedicated to fostering the growth and development of cooperative societies across the region, with a focus on empowering local communities and enhancing economic opportunities. By promoting the cooperative model, the department aims to drive sustainable socio-economic progress, improve livelihoods and facilitate financial inclusion in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, dairy and handicrafts. Through various initiatives, training programmes in collaboration with financial institutions, the department strengthens existing cooperatives, encourages the formation of new ones and ensures that the benefits of cooperation reach all sections of society. Its commitment to promoting the values of mutual aid, shared responsibility and democratic participation plays a pivotal role in advancing the overall welfare and prosperity of the islands.

Mission and Vision

→ Mission

Our Mission is to promote and strengthen cooperative societies in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands by empowering local communities, fostering economic growth and enhancing livelihoods through collaborative efforts. The department is committed to creating a conducive environment for the development of cooperatives across various sectors ensuring sustainable socio-economic progress, financial inclusion and equal opportunities for all.

→ Vision

- To provide Institution support for socio-economic development in rural and urban areas through cooperative movement.
- To provide cooperative as one of the lead sector for economic development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Impart cooperative education for all around development of members of the cooperative societies and community as a whole.

Our Schemes

01. Development & Strengthening of Cooperatives

1. GOVT SHARE CAPITAL :

Participation in all types of Cooperative Societies viz. Quantum of assistance under the head will depend on requirement of each case subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs for primary cooperative and Rs. 10.00 Lakhs for Apex/Central Cooperative societies at a time or phased manner over the plan period. The Govt share capital assistance will be on matching basis subject to the maximum limit of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs for primary Cooperative societies and Rs. 10.00 Lakhs for Central and Apex Level Cooperative Societies.

2. MANAGERIAL SUBSIDY :

1st Year 100%, 2nd Year 75% & 3rd Year 50% will be provided for the first three years subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 Lakh for the first year Rs. 0.75 Lakh for the second year and Rs. 0.50 Lakh for third year respectively to all types of Primary Cooperative Societies including Tribal and Women Cooperative Societies.

3. RISK FUND :

Risk Fund shall be provided to all types of Cooperative Societies to cope up losses sustained/suffered on account of natural calamities/accidents.

The quantum of assistance shall be maximum to the limit of Rs. 1.00 Lakh for each primary cooperative society and Rs. 3.00 Lakhs to each Central/Apex Cooperative society.

4. SUBSIDY FOR MIS/PSS :

The quantum of assistance shall be provided @100% subsidy of the loss sustained/suffered in procurement and handling of agricultural produces like Copra, Arecanut etc as declared by Govt of India from time to time under MIS and PSS.

5. REIMBURSEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES FOR PACS:

Hiring/lease of building including establishment charges to be reimbursed @ Rs. 10,000/-per month (maximum) per PACS for a period of 5 years on production of necessary document/bills.

02. Development & Strengthening of Coop. Union

Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success

-Henry Ford

1. GRANT-IN-AID (COOPERATIVE UNION):-

50% of the expenditure incurred by the Cooperative Union on the annual programme of activities duly approved by the Administration subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per year.

2. STIPEND:-

Stipend @Rs.150.00 per day per head to the members, office bearers and employees of Cooperative Societies for attending training Programmes being conducted by the Cooperative Union.

3. SUBSIDY :-

(a) 100% of the total expenditure incurred for training, purchase of training materials, furniture and fixtures including purchase of vehicle , pay and allowances of the training personals, office staff etc. of the institute subject to maximum of Rs. 15.00 lakhs per year.

(b) 100% subsidy of the total project cost of the construction/ extension/ renovation of Cooperative Training College to a maximum of Rs. 20.00 lakhs per year.

Major Initiatives by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India

Initiatives aimed at strengthening the cooperative movement and providing new opportunities for economic development

To realize the Vision of “Sahkar Se Samridh”(Prosperity through Cooperation) of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi ji a separate Ministry of Cooperation was established on July 6, 2021. Under the able leadership and guidance of the first Cooperation Minister of the Country Shri Amit Shah ji, the Ministry of Cooperation in a short span of time has taken various initiatives and historical steps to make Cooperative Sector strong and vibrant.

Important Initiatives are outlined below :-

1. Adoption of Model Bye-Laws for making PACS Multipurpose

There are 47 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) registered in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, all of them have adopted model bye-laws. This adoption will empower these societies, making them more economically viable by diversifying their business activities. As a result, the sources of income for Multi-Purpose Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS) will increase, leading to the creation of new employment opportunities across more than 25 sectors, including dairy, fisheries and Agriculture among others.

2. Strengthening of PACS through Computerization

To enhance the efficiency of PACS, computerization has been initiated. M-PACS are being linked with NABARD through a single National Software Network. Out of the 47 PACS, 46 have successfully completed the computerization process and are in the final stages of being fully integrated into the system, which will streamline operations, improve data management and enhance overall service delivery.



3.PACS as Common Service Centres (CSCs) for better access to e-Services

An MoU was signed on February 2, 2023 between the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NABARD and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited to enable PACS to deliver over 300 e-services provided by CSC. Currently, 17 PACS in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been allotted with CSC and providing services to the local public, enhancing access to essential services and improving digital inclusivity in the region.

4.Eligibility of PACS for LPG Distributorship

The Government of India has now allowed PACS to apply for LPG Distributorships. This will give PACS an option to increase their economic activities and create new employment opportunities in rural areas

5.PACS as Paani Samiti

In order to utilize the deep reach of PACS in rural areas, on the initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has made PACS as eligible agencies to carry out the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) of Pipe Water Supply in rural areas.

6.Three new Multi-State Cooperative Societies at the National Level

a) New National Level Multi-State Cooperative Society for Exports

Under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, a new National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) has been set up as an Umbrella organization to promote exports from the cooperative sector. Cooperative societies from Primary to National level including District, State, National level 10 federations and Multi-State Cooperative Societies can become its members. Through this Society, the Export of farmers' products will be facilitated and the farmers will get better price for their products. 01 M-PACS namely “Little Andaman Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Little Andaman has taken membership in National Cooperative Export Ltd.



b) New National Level Multi-State Cooperative Society for Certified Seeds

Under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, a new Bhartiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has been set up as an Umbrella organization for cultivation, production and distribution of improved seeds under a single brand name. Cooperative Societies (Primary, District and State level) of States/Union Territories can become its members. This Society will increase availability of improved seeds to the farmers, boost productivity of crops and enhance the income of the farmers. Under this BBSSL 27 M-PACS of A & N Islands have taken membership.

c) New National Level Multi-State Cooperative Society for Organic Farming

Under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, a new National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) has been set up as an Umbrella organization which will work for production, distribution and marketing of certified and authentic organic products. Primary to National level cooperative societies including District, State, National level federations, Multi-State Cooperative Societies and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) can become its members. 01 M-PACS namely Little Andaman Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Little Andaman has taken membership.



UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARED THE YEAR 2025 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES.

The International Year of Cooperatives is declared by the United Nations to focus global attention on key issues and encourage meaningful action. The year 2025 has been designated to recognize the invaluable contributions of cooperative enterprises in addressing critical challenges such as poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration. This observance aims to raise public awareness about the significant role cooperatives play in promoting inclusive and sustainable development. Furthermore, it will emphasize the strengths of the cooperative business model as a viable alternative to traditional business practices, showcasing its potential in advancing socio-economic development across the globe.

The UN General Assembly declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025) to be celebrated under the theme "*Cooperatives Build a Better World.*"



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Inauguration of ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi ji inaugurated the Global Cooperative Conference 2024 on 25 November 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Further, launched the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives 2025 and released a commemorative postal stamp. On this occasion, The Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah ji, the Prime Minister of Bhutan, the Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji, the President of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation, and several other dignitaries were present.



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



An awareness program for the Karpaswami Women Construction Cooperative Society Ltd., Bimbiltan, was conducted at the A&N State Cooperative Union, Teyrelabad, on 28th January 2025, focused on the diversification of business activities, exploring new opportunities in canteen services and poultry farming.

A Special General Body Meeting was held at the Shivshankar Fisheries Cooperative Society Ltd., Dairy Farm on 29th January 2025 to discuss amendments to the existing bye-laws of the society for the diversification of business activities. Additionally, awareness programs focused on fish value addition were organized during the meeting to educate members on new opportunities for enhancing their business.





The Cooperative flag was hoisted at Mus Panam Hinengo Ltd., Car Nicobar, on 27th January 2025 and Kinmai Panam Hinengo Ltd., Kinmai, Car Nicobar, on 28th January 2025. During the event, members were informed about the significance of tree plantation. As part of the initiative, fruit-bearing plants were planted on the premises of the society.





Membership drive conducted at Andaman Karen Craft Society Ltd., Panighat Junction, Lucknow, Mayabunder on 31st January 2025 and also focused on diversification of various business activities.

Training program conducted at Karanti Women Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., Swarajgram, Diglipur on 31st January 2025, focusing on proper record keeping, cash book entries, maintaining receipts & vouchers and basic audit procedures.



The Cooperative Flag was hoisted at Adarsha Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Millangram, Diglipur on 14th February 2025 by the Chairman of the Society and the objectives of the International Year of Cooperatives were discussed.

An awareness program was held at Sabri Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Sabri, Rangat on 8th February 2025 highlighting the importance and benefits of Multi-Purpose Cooperative in today's world. The General Public was motivated to form new Multipurpose Cooperatives and reap its benefits.



The Cooperative Flag was hoisted at Tugapur Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Mayabunder on 28th February 2025. The program focused on the enrollment of new members and the diversification of PACS operations for profit-making. Emphasis was also placed on the importance of computerization and its benefits.

Awareness program was held at Rangat Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Rangat on 17th February 2025, focused on the formation of new Multipurpose Cooperative Societies and their benefits for the general public. The PACS was encouraged to explore new business activities beyond agriculture and was motivated to organize membership drives to help the local public avail the benefits.



A meeting with the local fishermen was held at Diglipur, North Andaman on 26/02/2025. They were given guidance for the formation of new fisheries cooperative society highlighting the values and ethics of Cooperative Principles and benefitting the fishing community on a larger scale.



An organization meeting was held on 20th February 2025 at Nancowry to form a Fisheries Cooperative Society. The meeting took place at the office of the AFDO, Nancowry, for the local fishermen of Nancowry village. During the meeting, the draft bye-laws of the proposed society were presented and were unanimously accepted by the local fishermen.

An awareness program aimed to raise awareness regarding the formation of Cooperatives and to educate participants on how Cooperative structures could positively impact their socio economic conditions. The sessions covered the benefits of collective organizations, improved bargaining power and enhanced financial security through cooperative participation.





An Educational program was conducted at ANStCU, Teylarabad, Sri Vijaya Puram on 21st February 2025, creating awareness among the stakeholders and public, focusing the significance of cooperatives and their role in community development. Later, the Cooperative Flag was hoisted at the premises of the Union

Review meeting on celebration of International Year of Cooperatives – 2025 on 25/02/2025 – at RCS office, Sri Vijaya Puram

The Secretary (Cooperative)-cum-RCS reviewed the month wise activities and events conducted by the officers of Cooperative Department to commemorate International Year of Cooperatives -2025. Direction issued to conduct month wise program as per the approved Annual Action Plan and Calendar of Activities and create awareness among cooperators and General public about the major initiatives taken by MoC for development of Cooperative Sector.



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