

REPORT

OF

OUTREACH AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP ON NEW INITIATIVES/SCHEMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE COOPERATIVES SECTOR

7th June, 2023



Minute to Minute

Outreach & Dissemination Workshop on New Initiatives/Schemes and Achievements for the Cooperative Sector

To be organized by National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT)

on 7th June, 2023 at

TAGORE CHAMBER at SCOPE Convention Centre at Scope Complex,
CGO Complex, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi

Minute to Minute Programme

Time	Session
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Joining and Registration
Inauguration	
10.00 am - 10.05 am	<i>Welcome Address and Opening Remark by Shri Mohan Kumar Mishra, Secretary, NCCT</i>
10.05 am - 10.10 am	Felicitation of Chief Guest and other dignitaries
10.10 am - 10.20 am	<i>Address by Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Joint Secretary (CD), Ministry of Cooperation and Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)</i>
10.20 am - 10.30 am	<i>Address by Shri Rajkumar, ADG (Home and Cooperation), Press Information Bureau</i>
10.30 am - 10.45 am	<i>Inaugural Address by Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation</i>
10.45 am - 10.50 am	<i>Vote of Thanks by Dr. Gopalsamy, Director (Finance), NCCT</i>

SESSIONS

Time	Session	Name of Presenter
Session I		
10.50 am - 11.10 am	Establishing 2 lakh new multipurpose PACS/ Dairy/Fishery Cooperatives	Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Cooperation
	Q/A session	Dr. Rakesh Malhotra, Consultant, PMU
Session II		
11.10 am - 11.30 am	Income Tax related benefits for Cooperatives including sugar sector.	Shri Pramod Mathur, Consultant, NCDC
	Q/A session	Shri Jitendra Pareek, DD, NCDC
11.30 am - 11.45 am	TEA BREAK	
Session III		
11.45 am - 12.05 pm	World's largest grain storage plan in cooperative sector.	Dr. Ashok Pillai, Executive Director, NCDC
	Q/A session	Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Cooperation
12.05 pm – 12.15 pm	Short Film on Successful Dairy Cooperatives	
Session IV		
12.15 pm – 12.35 pm	Strengthening of PACS - Model Bye-laws for PACS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formation of FPOs through PACS ● Business opportunities for PACS including Petrol Pumps, LPG Distributionship ● PM-KUSUM Scheme for PACS 	Shri Kapil Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
	Q/A session	

Time	Session	Name of Presenter
Session V		
12.35 pm – 12.55 pm	Computerization of 63000 PACS Q/A session	Ms. Shalini Tiwari, Consultant, PwC
12.55 pm - 02.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
Session VI		
02.00 pm - 02.20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Multi State Cooperative Organic Society ● National Multi-State Cooperative Export Society ● National Multi-State Cooperative Seed Society Q/A session	Shri Dinesh Verma Director (CD), Ministry of Cooperation
02.20 pm – 02.30 pm	Short Film on Successful Sugar Cooperatives	
Session VII		
02.30 pm – 02.50 pm	National Cooperative Database Q/A session	Shri Rakesh Kumar, DDG
02.50 pm - 03.10 pm	TEA BREAK	
Session VIII		
03.10 pm – 03.30 pm	Initiatives for Cooperative Sugar Mills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Scheme of Loan Assistance of Rs. 10,000/- crores to Cooperative Sugar Mills Q/A session	Shri Dinesh Verma, Director (CD), Ministry of Cooperation <hr/> Shri Girraj Agnihotri, Director (Sugar), NCDC

Time	Session	Name of Presenter
Session IX		
03.30 pm – 03.50 pm	New Initiatives of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Computerisation of Central Registrar Office ● Refund to Depositors of Cooperative Credit Societies of Sahara Group Q/A session	Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary (CRCS), Ministry of Cooperation
		Shri Jitender Nagar, Deputy Commissioner (L&M), Ministry of Cooperation
Valedictory Function		
03.50pm – 04.05 pm	Summing up by Dr. Dharmaraj, Director I/c ICM Madurai and Dr. Seema Mishra, Faculty, MICM Bhubaneswar	
04.05 pm - 04.25 pm	Sharing of Feedback by the participants	
04.25 pm – 04.45 pm	Certificate Distribution to the Participants by Shri Alok Agarwal, Joint Secretary (CET), Ministry of Cooperation	
04.45 pm - 04.55 pm	Valedictory Address by Shri Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary & Ministry of Cooperation and Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of India	
04.55 pm – 05.00 pm	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Gopalsamy, Director (Finance), NCCT	
05.00 pm - 05.30 pm	HI - TEA	



Report of the Outreach and Dissemination Workshop on new Initiatives/Schemes and Achievements for the Cooperative Sector

Introduction:

The Outreach and Dissemination Workshop on New Initiatives/Schemes and Achievements for the Cooperative Sector was organized by NCCT on behalf of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. The workshop aimed to bring attention to the remarkable achievements and initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation and create awareness among various stakeholders, including journalists, media persons, social media campaigners, writers, and authors in the field of cooperation.

Welcoming the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour:



Welcome of the Chief Guest- Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India

The workshop commenced with a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. Shri Mohan Kumar Mishra, Secretary of NCCT, highlighted the significance of the workshop and the role of media professionals in disseminating information about cooperative initiatives. He applauded the leadership of Shri Gyanesh Kumar and the support of other dignitaries present.



Welcome of the Guests of Honour Shri Alok Agarwal, Joint Secretary (CET), Ministry of Cooperation, Shri Rajkumar, ADG, Press Information Bureau and Dr.K.K. Tripathy, OSD to Honourable, Union Minister of Cooperation, Government of India.

He also welcomed Shri Alok Agarwal, Joint Secretary (CET), Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, Shri Rajkumar, ADG (Home and Cooperation) - PIB, Dr. K.K. Tripathy, OSD, Ministry of Cooperation and other dignitaries from NABARD, NCDC, National Federations, Faculty and Nodal Officers of RICMs/ICMs attending the Workshop.

Shri Rajkumar, Additional Director General, PIB appreciated the efforts of Ministry of Cooperation on the new initiatives and schemes launched recently for the benefits of the Cooperative Societies in the country and he assured his wholehearted support to publicize the same in the Print, Electronic and Social media forum for dissemination to the target audience.



Inauguration of the Workshop by Lighting of Lamp by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour



***Inaugural Address by Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary,
Ministry of Cooperation***

Inaugural Address:

Shri Gyanesh Kumar delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of cooperatives in India. He mentioned that Indian cooperatives have a membership of around 30 crore, which would make it the 4th largest populated country in the world. He praised the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, and the strong footing of the Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, in promoting cooperatives through "Sahakar se Samridhi". Shri Gyanesh Kumar highlighted the 41 new initiatives and various schemes approved by the Cabinet and implemented by the Ministry of Cooperation in a short span of time. He also informed that more than 86

DPR are available with the Ministry which may be customised by the cooperatives as per their need. He called upon the media persons to use their writing power to create awareness among the cooperatives at the grassroots level and encouraged them to showcase the collective efforts in spreading the message of cooperation.

The Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation expressed his deepest appreciation and gratitude to the media persons for their participation in the Workshop. He expressed the hope to look forward to future collaborations and continued engagement with the media persons to promote cooperation and empower cooperative members. He said that another follow up workshop will be organised in September, 2023, focusing on the progress and impact achieved since the previous event. As a part of this upcoming workshop, he requested the participants to attend the workshop and bring a compendium of published articles to showcase the collective efforts in spreading the message of our cause.



Release of Training Modules on PMMSY, NPDD and DIDF by Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation

Release of Training Modules:

Shri Gyanesh Kumar released the training modules on PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana), NPDD (National Programme for Dairy Development), and DIDF (Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund). These modules aimed to provide comprehensive guidance and support to cooperatives in availing benefits under these schemes.

Highlights of nine Sessions taken by Eminent Resource Persons on different schemes/initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation for the Cooperative Sector

Session – I

Establishing 2 lakhs New M-PACS/Dairy/Fishery Cooperatives



Resource Persons of Session I: Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Cooperation and Dr. Rakesh Malhotra, Consultant, PMU

The resource persons explained the initiatives of the Ministry, including the establishment of new multi-purpose PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) over a period of five years. They discussed the convergence of various government schemes through cooperatives and highlighted the training sessions conducted for PACS at the grassroots level.

During Session I, Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Cooperation, and Dr. Rakesh Malhotra, Consultant, PMU, discussed the establishment of 2 lakh new Multi-Purpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS) in the areas of dairy and fishery cooperatives. Here are the key points covered:

- Initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation: The session commenced by highlighting various initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation in promoting cooperative societies.
- Establishment of New M-PACS: The goal is to establish 2 lakh new M-PACS within 5 years, based on a gap analysis conducted using the data from the National Database.

- **Convergence of Government Schemes:** The session emphasized the need for integrating and utilizing the underutilized outlay of various Government of India schemes through cooperatives, particularly M-PACS, to benefit the grassroots level.
- **Identified Schemes for Convergence:** More than 86 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared, focusing on 10 schemes for convergence through M-PACS.
- **Project Management Unit (PMU):** A dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) has been set up by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to support the implementation of these initiatives.
- **Diverse Activities of M-PACS:** M-PACS are envisioned to undertake various activities, including backward and forward linkages, integration of government schemes, and economic viability, supported by the Model Bye-laws.
- **Coordination Committees:** National Level Coordination Committee has been constituted, along with the formation of State and District Level Committees in 21 states and union territories.
- **Implementation Agencies:** Implementation agencies such as NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), NDDB (National Dairy Development Board), and NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board) are involved in the implementation of these initiatives.
- **Training Sessions:** Training sessions on the convergence of Government of India schemes at the PACS level have already been conducted.
- **Hand-Holding Support:** The session highlighted the provision of hand-holding support to ensure the successful establishment and functioning of M-PACS.
- **These initiatives aim to promote agricultural and rural development through the establishment of M-PACS, integrating government schemes, and strengthening cooperative societies in the dairy and fishery sectors.**

Session – II: Income Tax Related benefits for Cooperatives Including Sugar Sector



Resource Persons of Session II: Shri Pramod Mathur, Consultant, NCDC and Shri Jitendra Pareek, Deputy Director, NCDC

This session focused on the income tax benefits available to cooperatives, particularly PACS and sugar cooperatives. The resource persons discussed the provisions introduced in the latest budget and the efforts to bring parity for cooperatives in the manufacturing sector.

During Session II, Shri Pramod Mathur, Consultant at NCDC, and Shri Jitendra Pareek, Deputy Director at NCDC, discussed income tax-related benefits for cooperatives, including the sugar sector. Here are the key points covered:

- **Meaning of Cooperative Society under Income Tax Act:** The session provided an understanding of what constitutes a cooperative society under the Income Tax Act.
- **Tax Rates for Cooperative Societies:** The presentation highlighted the different tax rates applicable to cooperative societies.
- **Income Tax Benefits to Cooperatives:** Various income tax benefits available to cooperatives were discussed, emphasizing the provisions introduced in the latest budget to support PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) and sugar cooperatives.

- **Section 115 BAE:** In the budget 2023, Section 115 BAE was introduced to bring parity for the cooperative sector in manufacturing activities, reducing the tax rate from 22% to 15%.
- **Section 80P:** Under Section 80P of the Income Tax Act, certain activities have been made 100% eligible for deduction, including banking business, cottage industry, marketing and processing of agricultural produces, and purchase of agricultural implements.
- **Surcharge and Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) Reduction:** The surcharge on cooperative societies has been reduced from 12% to 7%, and the MAT has been reduced from 18.5% to 15%.
- **Parity for PACS:** The session highlighted the parity achieved for PACS with their counterparts in the banking industry, such as no deduction of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on cash withdrawals up to Rs. 3 crore.
- **Amendment to Section 269T:** The limit on cash deposits without deduction under Section 269T of the IT Act has been increased from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 2,00,000 for PACS, bringing them at par with the banking industry.
- **Resolution of IT Issue for Co-operative Sugar Sector:** An IT issue related to cane payment by cooperative sugar sectors after April 1, 2016, has been resolved, resulting in a tax liability saving of Rs. 9,460 crore.
- **Deduction of Disallowed Expenditure:** Sugar cooperatives can now claim a deduction of expenditure disallowed earlier, amounting to Rs. 10,000 crore, following the budget for 2023-24.

These income tax-related benefits and amendments aim to provide support and incentives to cooperative societies, particularly in the sugar sector, to facilitate their growth and development.

Session – III

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector



Resource Persons of Session III: Dr. Ashok Pillai, Executive Director, NCDC and Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Cooperation

The presentation highlighted the need for decentralized grain storage in India and the proposed plan in the cooperative sector. It covered aspects such as flexi modular technology for storage, financial packaging for PACS, convergence of government schemes, and the roles of different agencies involved in the pilot project.

During Session III, Dr. Ashok Pillai, Executive Director at NCDC, and Ms. Sucheta Sharma, Deputy Director at the Ministry of Cooperation, presented on the topic of the world's largest grain storage plan in the cooperative sector. Here are the key points covered:

- **Current Status of Food Grain Production and Storage:** The session highlighted the existing situation of food grain production and storage in India, with food grain production at approximately 311 million tonnes (MT) and available storage capacity at 145 MT. This leaves a requirement of an additional 166 MT of storage capacity.
- **Need for Decentralized Grain Storage:** The presentation emphasized the need for decentralized grain storage in India, which would help reduce post-harvesting losses, transportation costs, distress sales, and enable decentralized

procurement. The proposed plan aims to create an integrated supply chain within the existing food chain.

- **Use of Flexi Modular Technology:** The session introduced the use of flexi modular technology by PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) for storage. It showcased three types of modules: custom hiring centers for purchasing, processing, and PACS storage; silos with capacities of 50, 100, or 200 MT; and containerized storage ranging from 500 MT to 1000 MT capacity.
- **Financial Packaging for PACS:** The presentation discussed the financial packaging options available for PACS as part of the grain storage plan. It highlighted the convergence of various Government of India schemes at the PACS level, including AIF (Agriculture Infrastructure Fund), AMI (Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund), SMAM (Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises), MIDH (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture), PMFME (Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises), and PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana). The total investment required for these schemes is Rs. 1,30,492 crores.
- **Pilot Project and Implementation:** The plan proposes the implementation of a pilot project in selected districts of states and union territories (UTs), with 20 states having already identified districts for undertaking the pilot project. The implementing agencies for the plan are NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy Services), and a Project Management Unit (PMU) has been created in NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation).

The world's largest grain storage plan in the cooperative sector aims to address the storage capacity gap in India and create a decentralized and efficient grain storage system. It involves the use of advanced technology, financial support, convergence of schemes, and collaboration among various agencies to enhance the food grain supply chain in the country.

Session – IV Strengthening of PACS -Model Bye-Laws for PACS



Resource Person of Session IV: Shri Kapil Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation

This session focused on the importance of model bye-laws for PACS and their facilitation in undertaking diverse economic activities. The resource person highlighted the adoption of model bye-laws by 19 states and UTs, and the financial assistance provided.

In Session IV, Shri Kapil Meena, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation, discussed the importance of Model Bye-Laws for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), its feature and their role in strengthening the cooperative sector. Here are the key points covered in the session:

- **Need for and importance of Model Bye-Laws:** Shri Meena emphasized the need for standardized Model Bye-Laws for PACS to provide a framework for their functioning. These bye-laws help streamline the operations of PACS and enable them to undertake 25 diverse activities, expanding their scope beyond traditional credit functions.
- **Facilitator for converting PACS into M-PACS:** The Model Bye-Laws act as a facilitator for the conversion of PACS into Multi-Purpose Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS). By enabling PACS to undertake a broader range of activities, M-PACS can better serve the needs of farmer members and contribute to their overall development.

- **Adoption of Model Bye-Laws:** Shri Meena informed the audience that 19 states and Union Territories have already adopted the Model Bye-Laws for PACS. This widespread adoption demonstrates the acceptance and recognition of these bye-laws as a valuable tool for strengthening cooperatives.
- **Financial assistance for formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):** To promote the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), the Ministry of Cooperation provides financial assistance of Rs. 33 lakhs to FPOs and Rs. 25 lakhs to Cluster-based Business Organizations for each FPO formation. This financial support aims to benefit farmer members and encourage them to join FPOs.
- **PACS in priority category for certain businesses:** Shri Meena highlighted that PACS are given priority consideration for businesses such as petrol/diesel dealership and LPG distributorship. This preferential treatment aims to create additional income generation opportunities for PACS and enhance their viability.
- **Convergence with government schemes:** The Model Bye-Laws for PACS facilitate convergence with various government schemes, such as the PM-KUSUM scheme for farmers. This convergence ensures that cooperatives can access benefits and support provided by these schemes, thereby enhancing the reach and impact of cooperative initiatives.
- **Expected outcomes:** Shri Meena outlined the expected outcomes of implementing the Model Bye-Laws for PACS. These outcomes include improved viability and sustainability of PACS, enhanced energy security through initiatives like adding 30.08 KW capacity of solar energy by 2026, and ensuring the reach of government schemes to the last mile beneficiaries.

The session provided valuable insights into the significance of Model Bye-Laws for PACS and their role in strengthening the cooperative sector.

Session – V Computerization of PACS



Resource Person of Session V: Ms. Shalini Tiwari, Consultant, PwC

The session highlighted the ongoing computerization efforts in PACS and emphasized the benefits of implementing an ERP platform. By leveraging technology, PACS can enhance their functioning, improve transparency, and ensure efficient operations for the benefit of their members.

In Session V, Ms. Shalini Tiwari, a consultant from PwC, discussed the process and benefits of computerizing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). Here are the key points covered in the session:

- **Computerization of 63,000 PACS:** The session focused on the ongoing initiative to computerize 63,000 PACS over a period of 5 years. This large-scale computerization effort aims to modernize and transform the functioning of PACS.
- **Computerization as a driver for transformation:** Ms. Tiwari highlighted that computerization plays a crucial role in driving the transformation of PACS. By leveraging technology, PACS can enhance their operations and better serve their members.
- **Benefits of computerization:** Computerization brings several benefits to PACS. One of the key advantages is the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform linked with PACS. This integration improves transparency, efficiency, and trustworthiness in the operations of PACS. It streamlines processes and enables better monitoring and management of activities.
- **Implementation process:** The session covered the process of implementing computerization in PACS. It likely included steps such as assessing the existing IT infrastructure, designing the ERP platform, data entry, customization based on specific requirements, and training for PACS staff.

- **Progress in on boarding PACS on ERP software:** Ms. Tiwari informed the audience that 82% of PACS have been on boarded on the ERP software. This indicates substantial progress in the computerization initiative. Data entry has been either in progress or completed for these PACS, marking a significant milestone in the implementation process.
- **Success Story: Transformation in business parameters - Telangana experience:** The session showcased the experience of Telangana in implementing computerization in PACS. The computerization initiative has led to a transformation in various business parameters, resulting in improved efficiency, accountability, and member satisfaction.
- **Customized implementation by vendors:** Ms. Tiwari emphasized the flexibility of computerization implementation, allowing for customization based on the specific needs of PACS. Vendors involved in the computerization process can adapt the ERP software to align with the requirements and operations of individual PACS.

Session - VI Three New National Multi-State Cooperatives Societies



Resource Person of Session VI: Shri P. Prabhu, Director, NCDC

During Session VI, Shri P. Prabhu discussed about the establishment of three new national multi-state cooperative societies was discussed. Here are the key points from the session:

- **Approval and Registration:** The Ministry of Cooperation proposed the establishment of three multi-state cooperative societies for Exports, Organic Products, and Seeds. These proposals were approved by the Cabinet on January 11, 2023. The societies were registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002, by the Central Registrar on January 25, 2023.

- **National Status:** The three societies were granted 'National' status on March 21, 2023, through an amendment to the Second Schedule of the MSCS Act, 2002. The names of the societies are as follows:
 - National Cooperatives Exports Limited, New Delhi (NCEL)
 - National Cooperative Organics Limited, Anand, Gujarat (NCOL)
 - Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited, New Delhi (BBSSL)

Activities of the Societies:

- **National Cooperatives Exports Limited, New Delhi (NCEL):** Undertake direct export of products of cooperatives and related entities, and engage in other export promotional activities. Promoters include IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED, AMUL, and NCDC.
- **National Cooperative Organics Limited, Anand, Gujarat (NCOL):** Market organic products produced by cooperatives and related entities, utilizing the brand and marketing network of AMUL, as well as developing their own marketing capabilities. Promoters include NDDB, AMUL, NAFED, NCCF, and NCDC.
- **Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited, New Delhi (BBSSL):** Engage in the production, procurement, and distribution of quality seeds under a single brand, aiming to improve crop yield. Promoters include IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED, NDDB, and NCDC.

Ancillary Activities: The societies will also undertake various ancillary activities, including creating a knowledge repository, facilitating credit support for members, providing technical know-how and capacity building, developing and maintaining a market intelligence system, and implementing relevant government schemes.

Membership: The societies will have a membership structure that includes multi-state cooperative societies, co-operative societies registered under state or UT laws, government-owned or controlled corporations, and other eligible individuals or associations permitted by the Central Registrar.

Profit Distribution:

- The societies will operate based on the cooperative principles enshrined in the MSCS Act, 2002.
- The aim is to provide 50% of the net surplus to the members from whom the products are sourced.
- The societies also aspire to distribute up to 20% of the surplus as dividends to the shareholders.

By adhering to these principles and profit distribution objectives, the multi-state cooperative societies aim to promote cooperative values, benefit their members, and ensure equitable sharing of profits.

Session-VII National Cooperative Database



Resource Person of Session VII: Shri Rakesh Kumar DDG, Ministry of Cooperation

During Session VII, Shri Rakesh Kumar discussed the National Cooperative Database, which aims to provide a single point of access to comprehensive data related to cooperatives. Here are the key points covered in the session:

- **Purpose and consultations:** The purpose of this database is to centralize cooperative data and make it easily accessible. Extensive consultations and discussions were conducted with stakeholders, including state governments, the central government, and various federations.
- **Phased data collection:** The data collection process was carried out in phases. In the first phase, data related to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Fisheries, and Dairy was captured.
- **Geo Mapping:** The cooperatives have been geo-mapped, which means their locations and geographic information have been recorded.
- **Involvement of nodal officers:** More than 1130 nodal officers appointed by state cooperative departments were involved in creating the database. Their contributions were crucial in gathering the necessary data.
- **Dashboard and analytical tools:** A dashboard has been developed, allowing users to access individual cooperatives through a graphical tool. Additionally, analytical tools will be made available to further analyze the cooperative data.
- **Micro level planning:** The database is expected to aid in micro-level planning for the government. The comprehensive data collected will provide valuable insights for effective decision-making and resource allocation.

- **Access and launch:** Currently, access to the database is restricted. However, it is planned to be launched before 6th July 2023, making it accessible to authorized users.
- **Future phases:** In subsequent phases, data related to educational and training institutes associated with cooperatives will also be included in the database, further enhancing its scope and utility.

Session – VIII Initiatives for Cooperative Sugar Mills



Resource Person of Session VIII: Shri Girraj Agnihotri, Director (Sugar), NCDC

During Session VIII, Shri Girraj Agnihotri discussed various initiatives for Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs) aimed at improving their financial position and supporting their operations. Here are the key points covered in the session:

- **Setting up Ethanol plants:** Establishing new Ethanol plants will enable CSMs to switch between the production of sugar and Ethanol, providing them with alternative revenue streams. This will contribute to improving the financial position of the CSMs.
- **Ethanol Loan and interest subvention:** CSMs will have the opportunity to avail Ethanol Loans from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for setting up Ethanol plants. Additionally, they can benefit from interest subvention, which will help reduce the cost of borrowing.
- **Cogeneration power plants:** The establishment of new cogeneration power plants will generate additional revenue for the CSMs. These power plants utilize the by-products of the sugar production process to generate electricity, which can be sold to the grid.
- **Easy access to working capital loan:** CSMs will have easy access to working capital loans from NCDC without any hindrance. This will provide them with the

necessary capital to support their day-to-day operations and ensure smooth functioning.

- **Eligibility criteria for loans:** All CSMs are eligible to avail loans under the scheme. CSMs that meet the eligibility criteria set by NCDC for direct funding will receive loans directly. For CSMs that are not eligible for direct funding, they can obtain loans through their respective state governments.
- **Funding pattern:** Under the loan scheme, NCDC will provide term loans up to 90% of the project cost, subject to viability. The remaining 10% of the project cost will be borne by the CSMs. In addition, NCDC will provide working capital loans up to 75% of the peak level sugar stock.
- **Flexibility in interest rates:** CSMs will have the option to choose the rate of interest on the loans provided by NCDC, giving them flexibility based on their financial capabilities and preferences.

These initiatives aim to support the growth and sustainability of Cooperative Sugar Mills by providing financial assistance and promoting diversification in their revenue sources.

Session-IX

New Initiatives of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies



Resource Person of Session IX: Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary (CRCS), Ministry of Cooperation and Shri Jitendra Nagar, Deputy Commissioner (L&M), Ministry of Cooperation

During Session IX, Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary (CRCS), Ministry of Cooperation, and Shri Jitendra Nagar, Deputy Commissioner (L&M), Ministry of Cooperation, discussed the new initiatives of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS). The key points covered were as follows:

- **Ease of Doing Business:** The Central Government has taken several initiatives to facilitate ease of doing business, and the CRCS is aligning its activities with this objective.
- **Computerization of CRCS:** The activities of the CRCS are being computerized to establish a digital ecosystem that will benefit various stakeholders.
- **Nine Modules:** The new system being implemented by the CRCS will consist of nine modules, which will cover different activities of the CRCS office.
- **Electronic Workflow:** The software being developed will enable the processing of applications for the registration of Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) through an electronic workflow.
- **Digital Communication:** The new system will enable digital communication with MSCS, improving efficiency and transparency.
- **Enhanced Analytics:** The new system will also provide better analytics capabilities, enabling data-driven insights and decision-making.
- **Expected Launch Date:** The new system is expected to be launched by 26th June 2023.
- **Refund of Deposits:** A notable development highlighted was the refund of deposits of Sahara Cooperative Societies, which is expected to benefit lakhs of depositors.

These initiatives aim to streamline processes, improve transparency, and enhance the overall functioning of the CRCS and cooperative societies

Feedback/Suggestions from Media Persons



The feedback and suggestions from media persons attending the workshop were valuable and focused on various aspects of promoting cooperative initiatives and improving communication. Here are the specific suggestions provided:

- **Inclusion of media persons in committees:** Eminent media persons suggested including them as members of committees constituted by the government on cooperative education and training. This would ensure wider perspectives and inputs from writers in the initial stages of government initiatives and programs.

- **Provide analysis materials:** Media persons requested materials with analysis on initiatives, achievements, schemes, and success stories of cooperatives. This would help them write articles with accuracy and consistency when publishing in vernacular languages to raise awareness about these topics.
- **Frequent workshops at national and regional levels:** It was suggested that workshops should be held more frequently, not only at the national level but also at the regional level. Regional workshops would facilitate greater participation by authors and editors from specific regions, thereby increasing the reach and impact of government programs.
- **Separate workshops for North-East and J&K:** Considering the special focus of the government on the weak cooperative movements in the North-East region and Jammu and Kashmir, separate workshops in those regions were proposed to address the specific challenges and opportunities they face.
- **Support for authors' exposure to cooperative movements abroad:** A mechanism for identifying and supporting the best authors on cooperative subjects was suggested. These authors could be financed for exposure to cooperative movements in other countries and sponsored to attend international conferences, symposiums, and workshops.
- **Support for publishing books on cooperatives:** The NCCT or other suitable training institutes could assist authors in publishing books on cooperatives. These institutes could retain the rights to the book and pay the authors royalties, thereby encouraging the writing and publication of more books on cooperative topics.
- **Honorarium for authors:** Authors could be given honorariums for writing articles on government schemes, initiatives, achievements, and success stories related to cooperatives. This would provide recognition and incentive for their contributions.
- **Showcasing articles during Cooperative Week and International Cooperative Day:** Articles written by different authors on government schemes, initiatives, achievements, and success stories could be showcased during the All India celebrations of Cooperative Week and International Cooperative Day. This would increase awareness among cooperators and the general public.

- **Organizing workshops under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation:** To encourage current authors and motivate new authors, similar workshops could be organized under the leadership of the Minister of Cooperation.
- **Awarding good authors annually:** The government could establish criteria for selecting and awarding authors annually in the field of cooperatives. This would provide further encouragement based on their previous work.
- **Establish a Publicity and PR Cell at NCCT:** Creating a Publicity and PR Cell at the NCCT, where selected authors could meet regularly, would facilitate the review of article publication progress, discussion of ground-level writing challenges, and knowledge sharing on recent government initiatives related to cooperatives.
- **Collaboration with national-level cooperative federations and organizations:** Identified authors who regularly write on cooperative movements could be connected with national-level cooperative federations and organizations. These organizations could be encouraged to advertise in newspapers and magazines associated with the identified authors, fostering mutual support and promotion.
- **Include session on Credit Cooperatives and Cooperative Banks in future workshops:** To highlight the significance of credit cooperatives and cooperative banks as the backbone of rural credit structures in India, it was suggested to include a session on these topics in future workshops.

These suggestions aim to strengthen the cooperative sector's communication, outreach, and knowledge sharing efforts, while also providing support and recognition to authors and media persons involved in cooperative reporting and promotion.

Valedictory Function



Felicitation of Shri Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation and CRCS, Government of India

Shri Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation and Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of India, was felicitated by Shri Mohan Kumar Mishra, Secretary, NCCT for his contributions and leadership in the cooperative sector.



Valedictory Address by Shri Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation and CRCS, Government of India

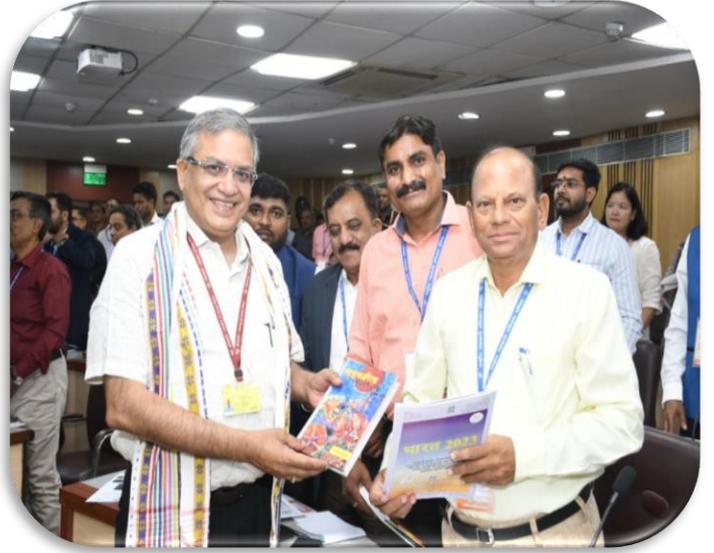
Shri Vijay Kumar delivered the valedictory address, emphasizing the workshop's objective of disseminating information about new initiatives and schemes to strengthen the cooperative sector. He highlighted the upcoming computerization of the CRCS Office, which would streamline the registration process for new Multi-State Cooperative Societies and enhance the functioning of existing ones. He thanked the writers/authors on cooperative sectors for their active participation in the workshop.



Vote of Thanks by Dr. R Gopalsamy, Director (Finance), NCCT

Dr. R. Gopalsamy, Director (Finance) of the NCCT, expressed gratitude to all the media representatives and participants for their active involvement in the workshop. He encouraged them to play an instrumental role in spreading awareness about the achievements, new initiatives, and benefits offered by the Ministry of Cooperation's schemes on a regular basis.

Glimpses of the Workshop







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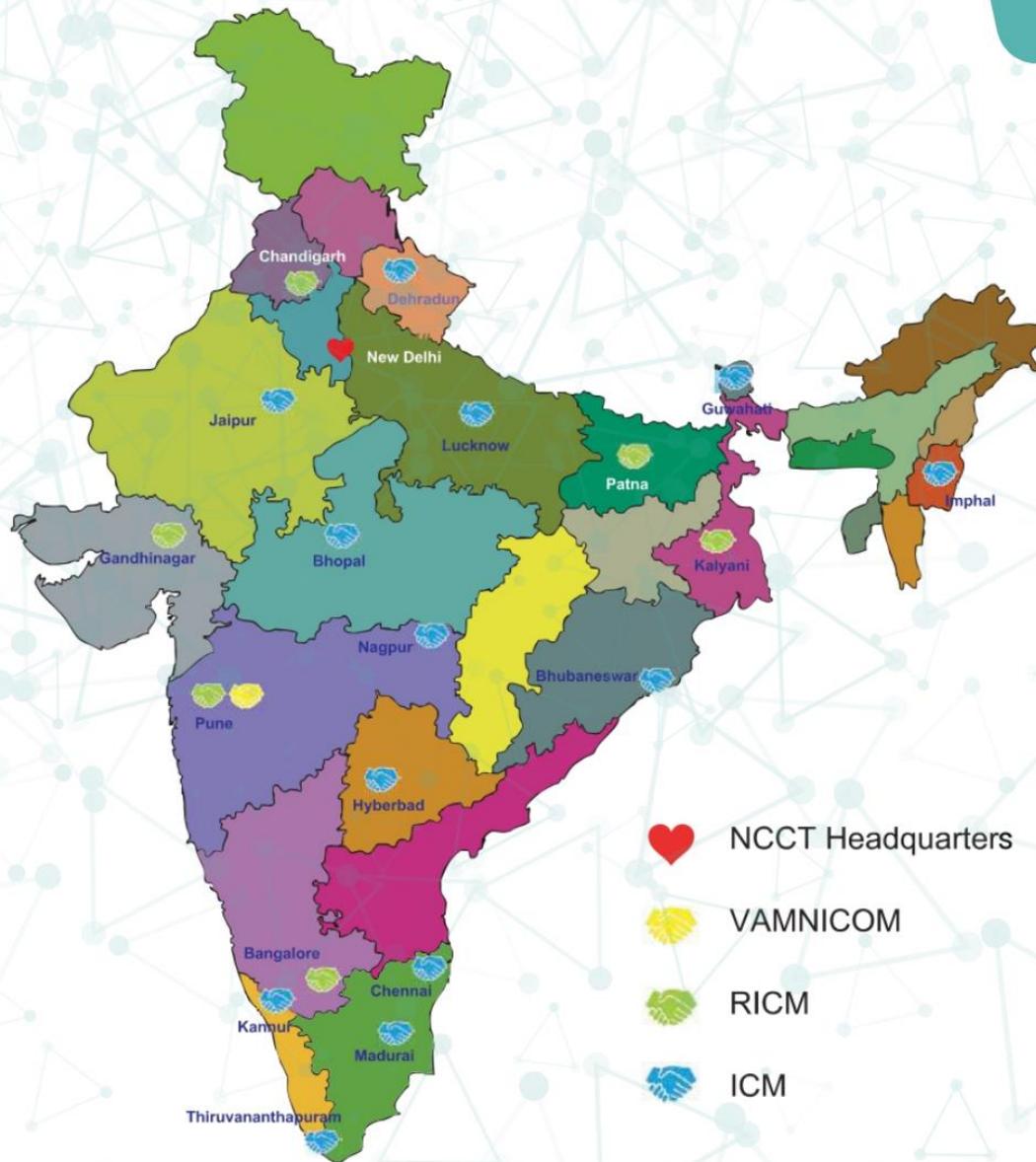
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