



# NATIONAL COOPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA



...steering cooperative movement across the country



## The Origin

National Cooperative Union of India, (NCUI) is the apex body representing the entire cooperative organisations in the country. Established in 1929 as All India Cooperative Institutes Association, NCUI was re-organised as Indian Cooperative Union after its merger with Indian Provincial Cooperative Banks' Association. Later in 1961, it was rechristened as National Cooperative Union of India. Ever since then NCUI has been serving as the torchbearer of cooperative movement in the country.

## Activities

- ✓ Expresses opinion on matters of cooperative policy and acts as the accredited representative of the Indian cooperative movement in national as well as international spheres.
- ✓ Organises cooperative education and training programmes and popularises the principles and practices of cooperation.
- ✓ Organises, conducts, collaborates and assists in carrying out studies and researches on cooperative problems and formulates projects for cooperative development.
- ✓ Arranges for production and publication of literature and audio-visual aids, including films and filmstrips, on cooperation and allied subjects.
- ✓ Encourages cooperatives by lending publicity to their achievements through periodicals, journals, newspapers, pamphlets, brochures, books, films, TV broadcasts etc.
- ✓ Maintains an information bureau and a library of cooperative movement.
- ✓ Convenes and holds National Cooperative Congress, zonal conferences, cooperative seminars, meetings, conferences, exhibitions, etc.
- ✓ Selects delegates, representatives and observers on its behalf for participation in international, national and state conferences.
- ✓ Facilitates promotion of cooperative institutions and assists member societies in resolving their problems and difficulties as well as formulation of programmes and their implementation while preserving and safeguarding democratic character of cooperative movement in the country.
- ✓ Promotes international cooperative relations through active collaboration with ICA, UNO, FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and other international agencies involved in cooperative development.
- ✓ Help promotes international marketing on cooperative-to-cooperative basis by documenting necessary information as the nodal agency of Indian cooperatives.
- ✓ Provides consultancy services to all kinds of cooperatives in the country.

## The Organisation

NCUI members comprise of cooperative institutions at national and state levels as well as multi-state cooperative societies representing all sectors of the Indian cooperative movement. At present, 207 institutions are members of NCUI.

The supreme authority of NCUI vests with its General Body which meets once in a year to decide the policies and programmes for cooperative development. The General Body elects the Governing Council of NCUI for a period of five years. The Governing Council meets once in every quarter and functions through the Executive Committee and other functional committees.

The President is the head of the organisation. He is supported by the Chief Executive who operates through various functional divisions of the NCUI Secretariat.





## National Centre for Cooperative Education

Established in 1958 by National Cooperative Union of India, the National Centre for Cooperative Education has been organising several cooperative education programmes such as diplomas in leadership development and many refresher and orientation courses to cater to the needs of cooperatives. Some of these programmes are:

- ✓ Diploma Programme in Cooperative Education and Development (3 months).
- ✓ Leadership Development Programmes for the Chairmen/Directors of different sectors of the cooperative movement (3-5 days).
- ✓ Refresher course for the Farm Guidance Instructors of NCUI (one week).
- ✓ Orientation Course in Cooperative Management for University/College Lecturers.
- ✓ Orientation Course for the Faculties of Junior Cooperative Training Centres.
- ✓ Refresher Course for Cooperative Education Instructors of State/District Cooperative Unions.

## Cooperative Education Field Projects

NCUI is providing special attention to strengthen cooperative roots in those areas where the cooperative sector lags behind. Integrated development of cooperative societies in the comparatively underdeveloped areas of several states is undertaken through the Scheme of Cooperative Education Field Projects located in various parts of the country. This aims to increase the productivity of farmer members. Moreover, it helps create job opportunities through income generating activities. Currently 44 such Projects are operational across the country, especially in backward states and regions.

## Cooperative Education & Development Programme for Women

NCUI seeks greater involvement of women in the functioning of cooperatives. NCUI Cooperative Education Programme for Women is primarily designed to serve this purpose. The programme aims to promote women's self-help groups and cooperative societies, to mobilise members for building up group resources and establish collaborative links with other organisations regarding extending financial assistance to encourage involvement of women in their activities. These programmes are being implemented through State Cooperative Unions with the help of Lady Cooperative Education Instructors who organise different types of educational and social activities for development of societies, target groups and self-help groups.

## General Cooperative Education Programmes

In pursuance of its objective to develop the cooperative movement in India on cooperative principles, the NCUI monitors and supervises cooperative education programmes to popularise principles and practices of cooperation. At present, three types of such programmes are conducted in the country.

- ✓ General Cooperative Education Programme for agricultural cooperatives implemented by State Cooperation Unions
- ✓ Sector specific cooperative education programmes covering industrial, handloom, dairy, fishery, women housing, marketing cooperative, etc.
- ✓ Special cooperative education projects based on area development approach.

NCUI provides academic guidance to State Cooperative Unions, besides supplying study materials on various topics for organising education programmes at the village level. The education personnels are trained periodically at the training units of NCUI.



