

NCUI organises meeting of National Cooperative Committee for Empowerment of Women

NCUI organised meeting of National Cooperative Committee for Empowerment of Women on 14th February, 2014, the day on which National Conference on Empowerment of Women was held. In the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive, NCUI extended warm welcome to all the members of the committee. He expressed happiness that they were present on the occasion, and he looked forward to their valuable suggestions. Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive, NCUI read out all the Agenda Items in detail, which were confirmed by the members.

After the confirmation of the Agenda Items, the Members came up with wide ranging suggestions. These suggestions are as under:

- There is need to increase the number of project staff in the NCUI Field Education Projects for Women.
- More programmes should be organized for Shimoga Project.
- Training for SHGs in accounting/auditing for the NCUI project staff should be provided by the ICMs, as women SHGs are not trained in these aspects.
- The project staff should visit the tribal areas and impart skills to the tribals so that may form cooperatives.
- Cooperation as a subject should be introduced in the school syllabus. For this effective liaison must be established with NCERT and CBSE. ICMs all over the country should conduct cooperative sensitization programmes.
- Special status should be given to cooperatives in processing of raw materials.
- Women seminars and workshop on cooperatives should be organized in large numbers at national, state, district and project (village) level. Women cooperatives should also be established in large number, and well trained women cooperative trainers should be appointed.

- The management institutions in the country should organize programmes on cooperatives for youth, and NCUI should play an important role here so that youth are attracted to the concept of cooperatives.
- Good cooperative literature or manual should be developed for the school children to popularize cooperative concept in schools. Cooperatives should form a part of SME Training, as there is need to place the subject of cooperatives in the area of small enterprises training.
- ICMs should undertake more active publicity for their MBA Programme.
- Training programmes should also be organized for MLAs to generate awareness for cooperatives in them, as the politicians want to take cooperative initiatives for socio-economic development of the people.

Ms. Jeena Potsandbam, Chairperson, NCUI Project Coordination Committee, Manipur informed the members that Govt. of Manipur has taken a decision to register every SHG of NCUI Project free of cost and legal awareness programmes are being organized by NCUI Women Project in Manipur. Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive, NCUI speaking on the occasion said that a certificate Course in Cooperation may be started by Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonipat, Haryana in collaboration with NCUI. Shri Abhyankar, Chairman Cosmos Bank and President, NAFCUB assured all help from Cosmos Bank for women empowerment programmes. Dr. Chandra Pal Singh, President, NCUI assured that all the suggestions of the members of National Committee on Empowerment of Women would be duly considered. He hoped that the National Conference on Empowerment of Women through Cooperatives will attract the women to the concept of cooperatives in a big way.