

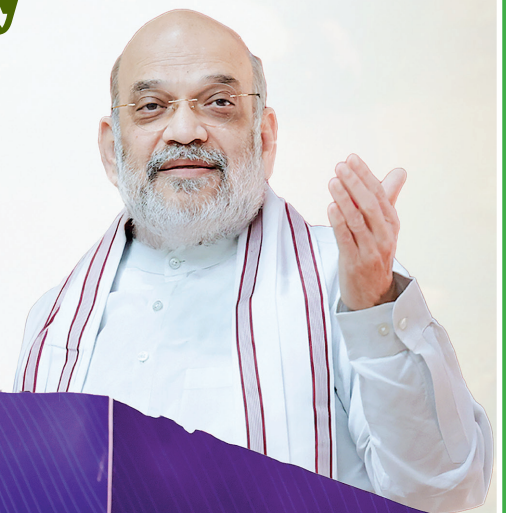
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# Elixir of Cooperation to Emerge from Manthan



comprehensive manthan (deliberation) on the cooperative sector was held to explore the progress made across the country, evaluate the achievements of various initiatives, and discuss the implementation of central schemes—from the grassroots level units like Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to apex cooperative institutions.

This in-depth dialogue with states aimed to discover the amrit (elixir) of cooperation by identifying solutions and charting new directions for the cooperative movement. The review focused on the development of the cooperative sector and addressing existing challenges. Chaired by Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation held extensive deliberations with cooperation ministers from all states and Union Territories to assess the progress of ministry-led initiatives. This effort marks a significant step towards strengthening the cooperative sector and redefining its future course. It not only accelerates plans to fortify the cooperative movement in India but also enhances Centre-State collaboration to evaluate and scale up grassroots achievements. On this occasion, the collective resolve to rejuvenate cooperation for the welfare of millions of small farmers and rural citizens was reaffirmed. Emphasis was laid on harnessing the immense potential of the cooperative sector to actively contribute to the making of a developed India.

The Ministry of Cooperation has developed a National Cooperative Database, which presents comprehensive data on cooperative institutions at the national, state, district, and tehsil levels. This initiative has made it significantly easier to identify regions where the cooperative framework is either weak or non-existent. Moving forward, the Ministry is actively advancing a plan to expand cooperative societies to every village in the country within the next five years. As part of this mission, two lakh new multipurpose cooperative societies are being established to strengthen grassroots-level cooperation and ensure inclusive rural development.

Cooperation has always been the foundation of Indian rural life. Since ancient times, a strong spirit of mutual cooperation has prevailed among the people of India, enabling collective efforts toward progress and economic upliftment. Recognizing this development-oriented philosophy as a key pillar of a Developed India, the Government of India established the Ministry of Cooperation four years ago. With the vision of “Prosperity through Cooperation”, this historic decision has infused new direction, energy, and momentum into the cooperative movement. Under the leadership of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry has launched more than 60 impactful, strategic, and far-reaching initiatives for the development of the cooperative sector. These efforts have not only transformed the landscape of Indian cooperatives but have also earned global recognition for India’s cooperative progress. A shining example of this recognition is the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 celebrations from India—a testimony to the country’s leadership and achievements in the cooperative domain. ♦♦♦

**Jai Sahakar**



While earlier our farmer brothers and sisters were forced to borrow even for small needs, in the last 11 years, their lives have become much easier due to the decisions taken by our government. Be it PM Kisan Samman Nidhi or Kisan Fasal Bima, we have taken many important steps for their welfare. Now, with the continuous increase in MSP, the country's food producers are not only getting a fair price for their crops, but their income is also increasing.

**Shri Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister of India



Cooperatives are an economic system for the whole world, but for India it is a way of life. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), which were earlier limited to only short-term agricultural finance, have today become multi-faceted and have become the centre of various schemes of the government. Three new cooperative societies of exports, organics and seeds are emerging as a big cooperative force and are strengthening the farmers.

**Shri Amit Shah**  
Union Minister for  
Home and Cooperation



With the tireless efforts of the Modi government, India is taking new flights of development in every field... Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi, India has become the fourth largest economy of the world and is rapidly moving towards becoming the third largest economy.

**Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar**  
Union Minister of State, Ministry  
of Cooperation, Gol



The 'Shala Praveshotsav Abhiyan' started by the then Chief Minister of Gujarat and now the Prime Minister of the country, Shri Narendrabhai Modi in the year 2003 has become a strong educational movement today. Along with this, 'Kanya Kelvani' campaign is also going on, which strengthens social awareness by promoting the education of girls.

**Shri Dileep Sanghani**  
President, NCUI & IFFCO



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi sees cooperatives as the cornerstone of India's socio-economic development. His guiding principle 'Sahakar se Samridhhi' clearly reflects this vision. Shri Modi believes that cooperatives are an integral part of India's cultural heritage and are also a powerful medium to empower farmers, women and rural communities.

**Ministry of Cooperation,**  
Government of India





A New Era of Cooperative Education Begins

# Bhoomi Poojan Ceremony at Tribhuvan Sahkari University

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With the Bhoomi Poojan for the construction of the country's first cooperative university, a new chapter has begun in India's cooperative education landscape. This university will equip youth with technical expertise, accountancy skills, scientific approach, and marketing acumen, along with the core values of cooperation. Only those educated and trained at this institution will be eligible for employment in

- ✦ The university will address the lack of education, training, and innovation in the cooperative movement and aims to establish India as a global hub of cooperatives
- ✦ Tribhuvan Sahkari University is being established to promote transparency, accountability, research, and the spirit of cooperative federalism

cooperative organizations.

On July 5, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah performed the Bhoomi Poojan of the

'Tribhuvan Sahkari University,' which will be built over 125 acres within the Institute of Rural Management, Anand campus in Gujarat, at a cost

of ₹500 crore. With this, the date has been etched in the pages of history. Ministers of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Shri Murlidhar Mohol, along with several prominent cooperative leaders from across the country, witnessed this historic moment.

The university has been named after Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel, one of the founding figures of India's cooperative movement. Addressing the gathering on this occasion, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "Today is a very significant day for the cooperative sector. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has paid a true tribute to Tribhuvandas Patel. The foundation of this Cooperative University is laid with the aim of promoting transparency, accountability, research, and the spirit of cooperative federalism. And no one could be more deserving than Tribhuvandas Patel to lend his name to this institution." On his X handle, Shri Shah wrote, "From the land of Anand, revered Tribhuvandas Patel Ji ignited the spirit of transformation in the lives of the poor, women, and farmers through cooperatives. The university being established in his name is a path-breaking initiative to connect the youth power with the power of cooperation. In the times to come, branches of this university will be set up across the country, from where trained youth will lead the cooperative movement forward with scientific outlook and modern management practices."

## Promoting Cooperative Education and Training

The year 2025 is being celebrated as the 'International Year of Cooperatives' as declared by the United Nations. The enactment of legislation in Parliament for the establishment of the Tribhuvan Cooperative University during this landmark year, and the rapid



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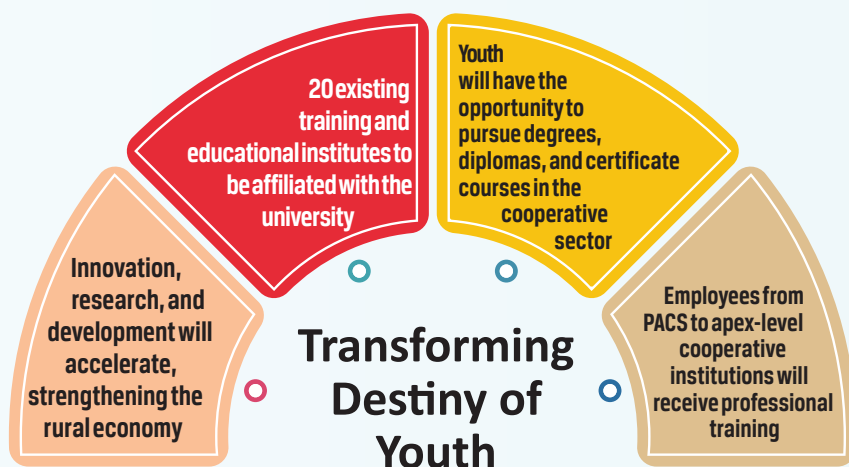
**Union Minister for Home and Cooperation**

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commencement of its construction, reflect the strong commitment of the Central Government towards strengthening cooperative education and training. The idea behind this university was conceptualized by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah himself. It is also a matter of personal responsibility for him to ensure that the university is completed at the earliest and academic activities commence without delay.

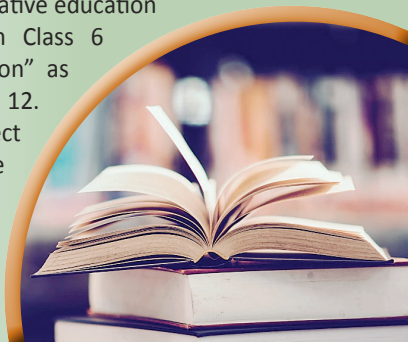
To instil hope in the lives of crores of marginalised and rural citizens

and to empower them economically, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation four years ago. Since its inception, the Ministry has taken 60 new initiatives in the past four years aimed at the development, promotion, and inclusive growth of the cooperative sector in India. All these initiatives have been focused on making the cooperative movement sustainable, transparent, democratic, and progressive—while enhancing farmers' income and increasing the participation of



## Cooperative Education Module Launched for Schools

In a historic step aimed at raising awareness about India's cooperative movement among school students, the Ministry of Cooperation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has introduced a special bilingual educational module on cooperation. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah formally unveiled the module during the foundation stone ceremony of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University. Prepared in both Hindi and English, the module has been designed to be interactive, accessible, and student-friendly. It reflects the Ministry's commitment to integrating cooperative education into school curricula and familiarizing youth with the core values of cooperation. The module introduces students to various aspects of India's cooperative movement—from the concept of cooperative societies in ancient India, their constitutional status, principles and values, to their roles before and after independence. It also highlights prominent cooperative leaders, different forms of cooperative societies, and the Ministry's recent initiatives. The Ministry has also announced plans to include cooperative education in the curriculum for students from Class 6 onwards and to introduce "Cooperation" as an elective subject for Classes 11 and 12. This initiative will help students connect more deeply with institutions like the Tribhuvan Cooperative University. This step ensures that the message—"Cooperation is not just an idea, but a movement"—reaches every young learner across the country.



women and youth in cooperatives. The establishment of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University is a key part of this broader vision.

### Addressing Gaps in the Cooperative Sector

While laying the foundation stone of the university, Shri Amit Shah remarked that the establishment of the Tribhuvan Cooperative University is a significant initiative aimed at addressing the longstanding gaps in the cooperative sector. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the cooperative movement is progressing rapidly across the country. The foundation of this university marks a transformative step in strengthening the sector. Today, over 40 lakh employees are associated with the cooperative movement, there are 80 lakh board members, and nearly 30 crore people—approximately one in every four Indians—are connected to it. This university will play a vital role in filling the critical voids in education, training, and innovation within this vast ecosystem. The university will not only design policies but also promote innovation, lay the groundwork for research, and develop a standardized training curriculum for cooperative institutions across India. It will work to unify and elevate the cooperative movement on a national scale. By offering a platform for emerging talent, the university will become the cradle of cooperative policy-making and act as a guiding force for the entire sector.

### Meeting the Demand for Skilled Human Resources

According to the Union Minister for Cooperation, there was previously no systematic framework for training employees and members of cooperative societies to support the growth of the cooperative sector. Earlier, employees would receive training only after being



recruited into cooperatives. However, with the establishment of this university, only those who have undergone formal training will be eligible for employment in the cooperative sector. This move will eliminate nepotism and bring greater transparency. Only trained youth from the Cooperative University will be considered eligible for roles in cooperative institutions. The university will play a vital role in fulfilling the growing demand for skilled human resources in India's cooperative landscape. At this university, students will not only acquire technical expertise, accountancy skills, scientific approaches, and marketing knowledge but will also be instilled with the core values of cooperation—recognizing that the cooperative movement is dedicated to the upliftment of the country's marginalized communities, including Dalits, women, and tribal populations. Many of the persistent challenges facing the cooperative sector are expected to be addressed through this institution.

Shri Amit Shah highlighted that the Prime Minister has decided to establish two lakh new Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), of which 60,000 will be set up by the end of this year. These PACS alone will require around 17 lakh employees. Additionally, many district-level dairy cooperatives are being established, all of which will

## Cooperation: An Integral Part of Indian Culture

The core values of Indian culture—"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (The world is one family) and "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" (May all be happy)—form the very foundation of the spirit of cooperation. It is from this cultural ethos that the cooperative movement has emerged. Rooted in these values, cooperation not only promotes economic welfare but also contributes to human welfare, animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and increasingly, to the upliftment of the poor. With over 30 crore members, India's vast cooperative movement has long lacked a dedicated framework for education, training, and innovation. The Tribhuvan Sahkari University will address this vacuum. It will drive the development of cooperative policies, foster innovation, lay the foundation for research, provide training, and design a standardized curriculum for cooperative institutions across the country. Additionally, through the implementation of government schemes via two lakh new and 85,000 existing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the university will play a central role in translating cooperative policies into action on the ground, ensuring their reach and impact at the grassroots level.

need skilled manpower—something the Tribhuvan Cooperative University is designed to provide. This university will also be instrumental in policy formulation, data analysis, and drafting 5-year, 10-year, and 25-year strategic development plans for India's cooperative sector. Research activities will be an integral part of the university's mission. It will not only produce trained cooperative personnel but also groom dedicated cooperative leaders in the spirit of Tribhuvandas Patel, who will go on to lead the cooperative movement in the future.

Shri Shah further noted that through the two lakh new and 85,000 existing PACS, the implementation of all cooperative-linked schemes

will be facilitated on the ground. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already introduced "Cooperation" as a subject in classes 9 to 12. He urged the Gujarat government to include the subject of cooperation in its curriculum as well so that the general public can become more aware of the cooperative movement.

### Cooperative Experts Urged to Join the University

The establishment of this university will not only strengthen and expand India's cooperative movement but also position the country as a global hub of cooperatives. The policies and curricula developed by the Tribhuvan Cooperative University will help

transform the cooperative economic model into a people's movement. The university will serve as a key institution for supplying qualified personnel to major cooperative organizations across the nation. Shri Amit Shah emphasized that if India aims to launch cooperative initiatives such as a cooperative taxi service or a cooperative insurance company, then it will require experts, trained professionals, and visionary cooperative leaders across various domains. Appealing to the entire cooperative sector of the country, he called upon cooperative training experts from across India to associate themselves with this university and contribute their knowledge and experience to help shape the future of cooperation in the nation.

### University to Connect All Cooperative Institutions

At the Tribhuvan Sahkari University, special focus will be placed on key sectors such as dairy, fisheries, sugar, banking, rural credit, cooperative finance, cooperative marketing, and multi-state cooperatives. In states with a large number of cooperative institutions, four to five colleges will be affiliated with the university, while in other states, one or two cooperative colleges will be linked. Provisions have also been made to affiliate the university with international-level cooperative universities and institutions. It will serve as a vital link among cooperative management institutes across the country. Efforts are underway to integrate cooperative education into the national school curriculum. In the first phase, NCERT textbooks will include topics on cooperation. The university will design and implement detailed diploma and degree programs in training and management for various types of cooperative institutions.



## Tribhuvandas Patel: A Role Model in Cooperation

Tribhuvandas Patel sowed the seeds of a revolutionary idea on the land of Anand under the guidance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He began with a small group for milk collection and launched a major campaign to empower farmers through cooperation. In 1946, the Kheda District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union was established—an initiative that grew into what the world now knows as Amul, a towering banyan tree born from Tribhuvandas Patel's vision. Today, Amul is connected with over 36 lakh women and has an annual turnover of ₹80,000 crore. It has emerged as one of the most valuable food brands globally. Thanks to Tribhuvandas Patel's visionary leadership, India's cooperative dairy sector proudly stands shoulder-to-shoulder with private dairy giants across the world. Shri Amit Shah remarked that Tribhuvandas Patel is a shining example of how a true cooperative leader—working selflessly for the welfare of every member—can play a monumental role in nation-building and in creating a prosperous India.

Inspired by Vedic traditions, students will be introduced to sustainable agricultural practices, ethical business conduct, and community-driven economic models. Another core objective of the university is to standardize cooperative education across the country. The university will function as a central institution, pooling resources from ICAR centers,

Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), CSIR institutions, health institutes, and other universities. Secretaries of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) will also receive training here. Moving beyond the conventional Minimum Support Price (MSP) framework, the university will help cooperative societies adopt market-driven solutions and self-sustaining business models. ♦♦♦



## Discussions on Cooperation

# Boundless Opportunities for Rural Development through Cooperatives

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On the occasion of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah has been actively leading efforts to give a new direction and momentum to India's cooperative movement. As the first half of this landmark year concludes, several major initiatives have already been launched under his leadership, with implementation now underway. These include the establishment of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University, the creation of three new multi-state cooperatives in the dairy sector, the launch of a cooperative taxi service, and the formation of a wholly-owned cooperative insurance company. This year also marks four years since the establishment of the dedicated Ministry of Cooperation at the central level, a major institutional reform by the Government of India. To assess the progress made and discuss the road ahead, Shri Amit Shah convened a high-level 'Manthan' (Deliberation) Meeting in New Delhi with Cooperation Ministers from all States and Union Territories. The meeting was a significant step toward strengthening the cooperative ecosystem. It aimed to review the ongoing schemes, evaluate the achievements, and foster greater collaboration among stakeholders to further empower the cooperative movement—particularly in unlocking the vast potential it holds for rural development and inclusive growth.

★ Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah held a significant meeting with Cooperation Ministers from all States and Union Territories

### Manthan Meeting Charts the Future of India's Cooperative Sector

A comprehensive discussion on policies related to the cooperative sector, new initiatives, and the implementation of government schemes took place during the 'Manthan' meeting, organized to chart the future roadmap of India's cooperative movement. The meeting aimed to formulate a concrete strategy for cooperative development. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the visionary guidance of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the central government is empowering cooperative institutions across the country to further strengthen the cooperative movement. The Manthan meeting was an integral part of these ongoing efforts.

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation not only to revive the age-old spirit of cooperation in the country but also to align

it with a modern perspective. Around 60 to 70 crore people in the country once lacked access to even the most basic amenities of life. In the past ten years, the Modi government has fulfilled the dreams of these millions by providing housing, toilets, clean drinking water, food grains, healthcare, gas cylinders, and other essential facilities. These people now aspire to improve their quality of life through entrepreneurship, but they lack capital. The only viable way to turn the small capital of millions into large-scale initiatives is through cooperation.” He further added that in a country like India with a population of 140 crore, two things are critically important: the growth of GDP and GSDP, and the creation of employment for every citizen. For generating employment for all, there is no alternative to cooperation. It was with this foresight that the Ministry of Cooperation was established.

### **Every Village to be Linked with a Cooperative in the Next Five Years**

There is immense potential in the cooperative sector for the welfare of millions of small farmers and rural communities in India. To revive and strengthen this sector, the government has undertaken extensive legal, administrative, and financial reforms. According to the Union Minister for Cooperation, more than 60 initiatives have been launched by the Ministry of Cooperation so far. One of the most significant among these is the creation of a National Cooperative Database, which is being used to identify and address the gaps in the cooperative network across the country.

The National Cooperative Database has been developed to enable cooperative institutions at the national, state, district, and block levels to assess where in the country—especially at the village level—there are no existing cooperatives. The Modi Government has set an ambitious target: in the next five years, not a single village in India should be left without a cooperative society. Emphasizing this goal, Shri Amit Shah stressed the effective use of the National Cooperative Database to achieve this transformative vision.

### **Comprehensive Review of Government Initiatives**

The meeting placed strong emphasis on the comprehensive evaluation of initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Cooperation. The aim was to facilitate meaningful exchange of best practices, policy frameworks, recommendations, and implementation strategies among states and union territories. Aligned with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s vision of “Sahkar se Samridhi”, the discussions during the meeting highlighted the critical importance of mutual collaboration and coordination in achieving inclusive development. Key focus areas of the deliberation included the progress made in setting

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**The Modi Government, in collaboration with the states, is consistently steering the cooperative sector towards progress and prosperity. Every state must formulate its own cooperative policy at the earliest, aligned with the national policy and local requirements. Along with this, States should also promote cooperative training by affiliating with the Tribhuvan Sahkari University.**

**-Shri Amit Shah**

**Union Minister for Home and Cooperation**

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up two lakh Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (Multi-Purpose PACS) across the country, and the promotion of dairy and fisheries cooperatives to enhance rural service delivery. The meeting also featured in-depth discussions on the implementation of the world’s largest food grain storage scheme in the cooperative sector. Representatives participating in the meeting also expressed their commitment to the spirit of “Cooperation in Cooperatives” and shared their intended contributions toward the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.

### **Education and Training to Transform the Future of Cooperatives**

The decline of the cooperative movement in India can largely be attributed to three key reasons. First, the failure to amend outdated cooperative laws with time—an issue that has now been addressed. Second, the lack of diversification and modernization of cooperative activities. Third, recruitment in the cooperative sector was previously marred by nepotism and favoritism. To rectify these systemic flaws, the Tribhuvan Sahkari University has been established. Shri Amit Shah urged all states to affiliate at least one cooperative training institute with the University. This step aims to create a centralized and integrated training ecosystem for the cooperative sector in every state. Empowering youth through structured cooperative education and training will not only lead to the holistic growth and expansion of cooperative institutions, but will also open new employment avenues, encouraging youth to pursue viable careers in the sector. ♦♦♦

# PACS to be Integrated with Cutting-Edge Technology

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**T**o strengthen and ensure greater transparency in Primary Agricultural

Credit Societies (PACS), their computerization is underway. The Ministry of Cooperation has now set a target to computerize 80,000 PACS across the country. Once digitized, PACS will be transformed into inclusive, dynamic, seamless, and efficiently functioning institutions. To achieve this transformation, emerging technologies will be integrated into their operations, enabling farmers and rural communities to access a wide range of services through PACS. Speaking at a workshop on 'Emerging Technologies in PACS', Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani emphasized the need to connect rural systems with modern tech solutions. "Our farmers and rural citizens require timely advice on weather conditions, natural disasters, rainfall forecasts, and pest attacks. Today, advanced technologies are available that can be harnessed to raise awareness and empower rural India," Dr. Bhutani stated.

So far, approximately ₹3,000 crore has been spent under the PACS computerization scheme. The current goal is to digitize 80,000 PACS and integrate all Government of India schemes with them—transforming PACS into vibrant economic and social institutions. Drawing a parallel with the computerization of the



Indian Railways ticketing system, Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani highlighted that digitization would bring greater transparency to the functioning of PACS. It would also enhance their viability and turn them into valuable assets for society at large. He added that PACS have the potential to serve as a "one-stop shop" for the Government of India at the grassroots level. "We only need to ensure that PACS adopt the latest technologies to remain sustainable and relevant," he stressed.

The number of beneficiaries availing short-term credit through PACS has now risen to 42%. This clearly reflects the growing relevance and positive impact of PACS in serving the needs of small and marginal farmers across rural India. Of the nearly 2,000 banking licenses issued in the country, about 1,900 belong to cooperative institutions, while only 100 are held by other banks. However, the smallest credit structures are located in rural areas and have struggled to adopt new technologies. As a result, cooperative banks operate with a

limited range of banking products, and their functioning faces certain constraints.

Since the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation, key banking-related concerns of the cooperative sector have been taken up with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Ministry of Finance, and the Income Tax Department. Now is the time for the cooperative banking structure to adopt modern technology, enhance transparency in operations, resolve human resource challenges, and become more competitive. The Secretary added that earlier, PACS were limited to offering credit and providing agricultural inputs. But with emerging reforms, they are poised to become dynamic multipurpose institutions that serve a broader economic and social role in rural development.

Under the visionary leadership of Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation has taken decisive steps to strengthen PACS and enhance their role as viable, community-driven institutions. ♦♦♦

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Speaks at Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan

# Agriculture Must Become the Backbone for Viksit Bharat

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**T**he launch of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan marks a significant step for India's farmers. It is a unique initiative aimed at strengthening and accelerating agricultural development by bringing scientific knowledge directly to the fields. Teams of scientists will engage with farmers across the nation, equipping them with modern agricultural practices and providing access to comprehensive data.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shared these thoughts with the nation through video conferencing during the launch of the campaign. He announced that over 2,000 teams—comprising scientists, experts, officials, and progressive farmers—will soon travel to more than 700 districts, including remote villages.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that the agricultural sector in India also requires significant transformation. He stressed that bringing modern reforms to agricultural systems—with the cooperation of states and farmers—is essential. Referring to agriculture as traditionally a state subject, he emphasized that the Central Government is focused on formulating policies and launching new initiatives aimed at the welfare of farmers across all states. Expressing satisfaction over record crop production and well-stocked grain reserves in the country, the



- ✦ Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan will open new avenues of progress for farmers and promote modernization in agriculture
- ✦ Over 2,000 teams of scientists and experts will visit more than 700 districts across the country

Prime Minister also cautioned farmers about the rapidly changing market dynamics and shifting consumer preferences. He remarked, "The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan presents a valuable opportunity to bridge the knowledge gap, enabling farmers to benefit from cutting-edge agricultural practices and information."

Prime Minister Modi emphasized the need to bring transformative changes in the agricultural sector, ensure fair prices for farmers' produce, strengthen the agricultural economy, and boost crop production in alignment with the country's needs. He stated, "India must not

only meet its own requirements but also emerge as a global food supplier." He underlined the importance of addressing climate change challenges, increasing grain production with minimal water usage, protecting soil health from harmful chemicals, modernizing agricultural practices, and taking science and technology directly to the fields. Over the past 10–11 years, the government has undertaken extensive reforms in these areas. Shri Modi added, "The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan will open new avenues of progress for India's farmers and promote the modernization of agriculture." ♦♦♦

**Shri Amit Shah Attends Annual Conference on Disaster Management**

# India Emerges as Global Force in Mitigating Disasters



## Sahakar Jagran Team



With global warming and rising pollution levels, the world is grappling with

a growing frequency of natural and man-made disasters. Amid this, India is moving towards becoming a global leader in comprehensive disaster management. The credit for India's rising stature in this domain goes to the policies and vision of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. These remarks were made by Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah at the annual conference of Relief Commissioners and Disaster Response Forces held in New Delhi. He stated that the past decade under the Modi government

- ✦ Under the Modi Government, India has made remarkable progress in capacity, efficiency, speed, and precision in disaster management
- ✦ The Zero Casualty outcome during Cyclone Biparjoy reflects the collective strength of coordination between the Centre, States and local bodies

will be recorded as a transformative period in India's disaster response history. During this time, India has achieved major milestones in all four key areas of disaster response—capacity building, operational speed, efficiency, and precision. Shri Shah emphasized that the government has not only strengthened India's disaster response capabilities but has also extended them to the grassroots level, down to the tehsil

level. He highlighted the roles played by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) in this national effort.

Shri Shah stated that speed of response is crucial in disaster management, as saving lives in the shortest possible time is of utmost during any crisis. The government



**For the first time at the national level, a National Disaster Risk Management Fund has been established with an allocation of**

**₹68,000 crore**

has equipped disaster response forces with modern technology, making them more skilled, efficient, and effective in their operations. He emphasized that India has also succeeded in providing accurate disaster forecasts and ensuring that timely information reaches people, thereby enabling public participation in crisis response. He pointed out that global warming is the root cause of most disasters. He stressed the need to integrate environmental conservation into every aspect of disaster preparedness. Without environmental protection, achieving disaster prevention is impossible.

### **Forecasting and Early Warning Systems**

Union Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah highlighted that India has made significant progress in developing disaster forecasting and early warning systems, which has played a vital role in minimizing damage during disasters. He emphasized that under the Modi Government, the goal of “Minimum Casualty” has been successfully transformed into “Zero Casualty,” drawing global attention and appreciation. Citing examples, Shri Shah recalled that in the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha, over 10,000 people lost their lives, whereas during Cyclone Fani in 2019, the death toll was reduced to just one, thanks to timely alerts and coordinated preparedness. He further mentioned that during Cyclone Biparjoy in Gujarat, not only was there zero

## **Towards 'Zero Casualty': A Proactive and Inclusive Disaster Management Vision**

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has undergone a transformational shift in its disaster management approach—moving from a relief-centric model to a comprehensive and integrated framework. This significant policy overhaul has enabled the country to successfully achieve the goal of ‘Zero Casualty’ during major disasters, marking a milestone in safeguarding lives. Shri Shah underlined that accurate forecasting and timely implementation of preventive measures are crucial in minimizing loss. The Modi government, he said, has replaced the reactive stance of the past with a proactive strategy, wherein preparedness, mitigation, and community engagement form the backbone of disaster risk reduction efforts. Highlighting the growing synergy between institutions, he noted that state governments, local bodies, and the Centre are now working in unison, fostering a culture of coordination and shared responsibility. More importantly, civil society and communities are being brought into the fold, making disaster resilience a collective national mission.

human casualty, but no loss of livestock either—a testament to the effectiveness of proactive planning and collective action.

Shri Shah asserted that when the government, its agencies, and the public work together, it is entirely possible to successfully manage any disaster. He recognized the critical roles played by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Forces (SDRF) in these achievements. During the 11 years of the Modi Government, both NDRF and SDRF have been significantly strengthened, with substantial increases in budget allocations. He pointed out that from ₹38,000 crore during 2004–2014, the SDRF budget was raised to ₹1.44 lakh crore between 2014–2024. Similarly, the NDRF budget, which stood at ₹28,000 crore in 2004–2014, was increased to ₹84,000 crore under Prime Minister Modi’s leadership. Additionally, Shri Shah announced the establishment of a National Disaster Risk Management Fund for the first time in India, with a corpus of ₹68,000 crore. As a result of these comprehensive efforts, India has

achieved disaster resilience even at the village level, showcasing a remarkable transformation in disaster preparedness and response.

### **Rising Public Participation in Disaster Management**

Shri Shah underlined the growing role of public participation in India’s disaster response and preparedness, emphasizing that community engagement is the backbone of effective disaster management. He informed that the government has trained one lakh Community Volunteers, of which 20% are women, thereby ensuring inclusive grassroots resilience. In addition to this, the government has launched the ‘Yuva Aapda Mitra Yojana’, aimed at building a proactive and trained youth force ready to assist during emergencies. He proposed that inter-state mock drills should be made an annual exercise, encouraging all states to participate. He concluded by reaffirming India’s commitment to moving forward with the vision of “Zero Casualty”, backed by strong public participation, institutional preparedness, and innovative strategies. ♦♦♦

**Prime Minister Shri Modi Speaks in Visakhapatnam**

# Global Resolution on Yoga Essential for 'One Earth, One Health'

- ★ Over two crore people participated in the 'Yogandhra Abhiyan', showcasing the vibrant spirit of public participation
- ★ Yoga is for everyone and leads us toward harmony with the world

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Yoga is a people's movement that will guide the world towards peace, health, and harmony. Every individual should begin their day with yoga to bring balance in life. Societies must embrace yoga to become free from stress. For the well-being of humanity and global welfare, these inspiring thoughts were expressed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the 11th International Yoga Day celebrations held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. He said, "Yoga should serve to unite humanity. It must become a global resolution for One Earth, One Health." The essence of yoga lies in unity, and it is encouraging to see how yoga has brought the world together. Shri Modi noted that this marks the 11th occasion when the world has come together to



collectively observe Yoga on June 21.

Referring to this year's International Yoga Day theme, "Yoga for One Earth, One Health," Prime Minister Shri Modi said that it reflects a profound truth — that the health of every living being on Earth is interconnected. He stated, "Yoga teaches us that we are not isolated individuals but an integral part of nature. Initially, we learn to take care of our own health and well-being, but gradually, this sense of care expands to our environment, society, and the entire world. Yoga is a deeply personal discipline that also functions as a collective system — it transforms the focus from 'me' to 'we'."

## Yoga Becomes an Integral Part of Lifestyle Across the World

Reflecting on the journey of yoga over the past decade, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that in 2015, India proposed the idea of International Yoga Day at the United Nations, and 175 countries supported the resolution. This was a rare example of broad global unity and represented a collective global effort for the well-being of humanity. Over the years, yoga has become an integral part of the lifestyle of millions around the world. Expressing happiness, the Prime Minister noted that today, even divyang individuals are reading yoga books in Braille,

## Yoga Unites the Mind & Body: Shri Shah



On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah participated in a yoga session with local residents in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Urging people to make yoga an integral part of daily life, Shri Shah took to social media to share his thoughts, emphasizing that yoga brings unity to the mind, body, and brain, and has now become a part of daily routine for people across the world. He noted that yoga has long been an inseparable part of India's ancient tradition of healthy and holistic living. Regular practice of yoga, he said, frees the body, mind, and thoughts from impurities and fosters the flow of positive energy. Shri Shah acknowledged that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's priceless heritage — yoga — has gained worldwide recognition and acceptance.

and scientists are practising yoga in space. Describing Visakhapatnam as a confluence of nature and progress, Shri Modi highlighted that more than two crore people participated in the Yogandhra campaign, a reflection of vibrant public participation — the very foundation of a developed India. He further said that Indian culture teaches us the value of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah' (May all be happy), and it is this philosophy that promotes social harmony.

### Yoga Science Emerging as a Complementary Medical Discipline

Highlighting India's efforts to strengthen yoga science and promote its global outreach through modern research, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that India's

leading medical institutions are actively engaged in yoga research. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, has made exemplary contributions in this direction. He underlined that yoga has shown significant positive effects in the treatment of cardiac and neurological disorders, and has also contributed to women's health and mental well-being. Through the National AYUSH Mission, the message of yoga and wellness is being vigorously promoted across the country, with digital technology playing a key role in this transformation. More than 10 lakh programmes have been registered on platforms like the Yoga Portal and Yogandhra Portal, reflecting yoga's expanding impact in every corner of India.

In view of the rising global popularity of the "Heal in India" initiative, the Prime Minister emphasized yoga's vital role in this healthcare evolution. A Common Yoga Protocol has been developed to standardize practices. The Yoga Certification Board has trained over 6.5 lakh volunteers and accredited nearly 130 institutions. Additionally, a 10-day yoga module has been introduced in medical colleges, and trained yoga instructors are being deployed in Ayushman Arogya Mandirs across the nation. To ensure global access to India's wellness ecosystem, PM Modi announced a special e-AYUSH visa, further integrating yoga into the country's broader vision of holistic health and international collaboration. ♦♦♦

**PM Shri Narendra  
Modi Visits Bihar**

## **A Prosperous Bihar to Anchor Viksit Bharat**



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ihar has a rich history that has contributed to India's progress for centuries.

However, during previous governments, the state had veered away from the path of development, a journey it has now resumed. A prosperous Bihar will serve as the foundation for a developed India. This view was expressed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹5,200 crore in Siwan, Bihar. Shri Modi stated that both the Central and State Governments are determined and actively working to fulfill the dream of a developed Bihar

- ✦ New Vaishali-Deoria railway line and Vande Bharat Express between Patliputra and Gorakhpur via Muzaffarpur and Bettiah flagged off
- ✦ Inauguration of ₹1800 crore project under Namami Gange project

envisioned by the great leaders of the state. These projects will play a significant role in the development of regions such as Siwan, Sasaram, Buxar, Motihari, Bettiah, and Ara, improving the lives of the, deprived, Dalits, Mahadalits, backward, and extremely backward communities.

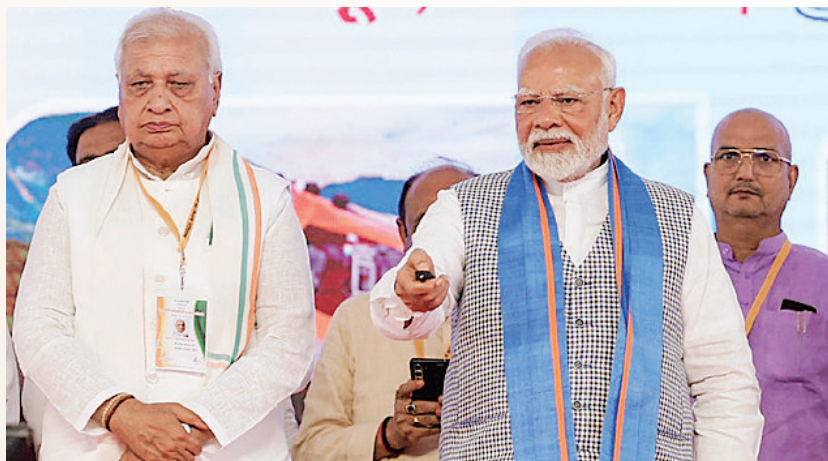
The Prime Minister expressed his commitment to making India the third largest economic power in the world and highlighted Bihar's crucial role in achieving this goal. He

conveyed confidence in the strength and potential of Bihar's people, stating that a prosperous Bihar will significantly contribute to the overall development of the country. He praised the people of Bihar for their self-respect and hard work, which helps them succeed even in adverse circumstances. Shri Modi also commended Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for steering Bihar back onto the path of development despite numerous challenges. Over the past

10 to 11 years, approximately 55,000 kilometers of rural roads have been constructed in Bihar. More than 1.5 crore households have been provided with electricity connections, while an equal number now have access to tap water. The establishment of over 45,000 Common Service Centers across the state stands as proof of the emergence of new startups in Bihar's small towns.

While slogans of poverty eradication have long been heard across the country, the NDA government has taken tangible steps to reduce poverty. In the past decade, a record 25 crore Indians have been lifted out of poverty, with the Nitish government playing a significant role in Bihar. Around four crore people in Bihar have overcome poverty in the last ten years. Despite many years of independence, a large section of the country's population still struggles with poverty. Prime Minister Shri Modi noted that under previous governments, the poor were deprived of housing, ration, education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Jobs were nearly impossible to obtain without bribery and recommendations. The most affected by this were people from Dalit, Mahadalit, backward, and extremely backward communities.

Expressing his commitment to remove every obstacle from the path of the poor, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that in the past decade, his government has provided permanent houses to over four crore poor families across the country, with an additional three crore houses planned for construction in the coming years. He highlighted that these efforts have significantly benefited the poor, Dalits, Mahadalits, backward classes, and extremely backward families in Bihar. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, more than 57 lakh



permanent houses have been built in Bihar alone, and this work continues without interruption. The Prime Minister expressed special satisfaction that most of these

houses are registered in the names of mothers and sisters, empowering women who previously did not own property to become homeowners.

The government is not only providing housing but also ensuring access to free ration, electricity, and water facilities for the poor. In recent years, over 12 crore new homes have been connected with tap water. Shri Modi stated that the government aims to provide tap water connections to every rural household and adequate drinking water facilities in urban areas. He noted that pipelines and sewage treatment plants have been established in various cities across Bihar, and new projects for pipelines and sewage treatment plants have been approved for many cities.

Referring to the NDA's development model, the Prime Minister cited the export of engines manufactured at the Marhaura Locomotive Factory as a historic achievement. He stated that Bihar

### Foundation stone laid for water supply, sanitation and STP projects worth more than

## ₹3,000 crore

will emerge as a major hub for 'Made in India' manufacturing. Not only will local products like makhana, fruits, and vegetables reach international markets, but goods produced in Bihar's factories will also

be in demand worldwide. Shri Modi said, "Products made by the youth of Bihar will strengthen the vision of a self-reliant India."

The Prime Minister emphasized that the modern infrastructure being developed in Bihar will play a key role in the state's progress. Unprecedented investments are being made in roads, railways, air travel, and waterways throughout Bihar. The state is continuously receiving new trains, including advanced Vande Bharat trains. Shri Modi mentioned that the new Patna-Gorakhpur Vande Bharat train will offer a modern travel option for devotees of Lord Shiva in Purvanchal. He also highlighted that this train serves as an important link between Lord Buddha's Tapasthali and his Mahaparinirvan Sthal in Kushinagar.

The Prime Minister said that such efforts will not only enhance industrial and commercial activities in Bihar but will also greatly benefit the tourism sector. ♦♦♦



## Focus On Holistic Solutions to Counter Health Problems

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nder the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the

government is rapidly advancing toward the goal of building a developed India. To achieve this, there is a strong emphasis on accelerating multi-dimensional development schemes and effectively implementing public welfare policies. The government has addressed the nation's health challenges with a comprehensive and holistic approach. These views were expressed by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah during the inauguration of the Bengaluru campus of Adichunchanagiri University (ACU) in

- ✦ Modi government is providing free treatment up to ₹5 lakh to 60 crore people of the country
- ✦ Shri Adichunchanagiri Math is doing a great job of running health centres, free treatment for the poor and education centers for children

Karnataka. Shri Shah highlighted that the Modi government is providing free medical treatment of up to ₹5 lakh to 60 crore underprivileged citizens of the country. Over the past 11 years, the government has made remarkable progress in upgrading the country's healthcare infrastructure and services.

He noted that while there were only 7 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the country in 2014, under the previous administration, this number has now

increased to 23. Similarly, the number of medical colleges has risen from 387 to 780. To further strengthen medical education and increase the number of doctors in the country, the Modi government has expanded MBBS seats from 51,000 to 1,18,000, and postgraduate medical seats (MD and MS) from 31,000 to 74,000.

The government has also ensured free vaccinations for children from birth up to 15 years of age under the Mission Indradhanush and taken significant steps to ensure maternal

and child nutrition through the Poshan Abhiyaan, thereby laying the foundation for a healthy generation. In its efforts to build a clean and healthy India, the government has constructed toilets in approximately 12 crore households. Initiatives like the Fit India Movement and the celebration of International Yoga Day have been launched to promote overall well-being. To ensure access to affordable medicines, over 15,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been established under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana. These centers offer medicines at highly subsidized rates, up to 80% discount, making them available at only 20% of the market price.

### **Adichunchanagiri Math Expands Education Service**

Shri Shah praised the efforts of Shri Adichunchanagiri Math, highlighting its work in the fields of health, education, and social welfare. He noted that the Math is playing a crucial role by operating health centers in every village, offering free medical treatment to the poor, and running educational institutions for children. On one hand, the Math is connecting children and youth with India's rich traditions and cultural heritage. On the other, it is empowering them with modern education, enabling them to earn respect and dignity in society.

Shri Shah also spoke about the Bengaluru campus of Adichunchanagiri University (ACU), describing it as one of the finest universities in the country. The campus, established on 16 acres of land at a cost of ₹200 crore, includes a well-equipped academic complex designed to accommodate 4,000 students. A major highlight of the campus is a 1,000-bed modern hospital, which is envisioned as a true symbol of service. This facility offers

comprehensive healthcare services, with arrangements for both medical treatment and education—free or at highly affordable rates for the underprivileged. The hospital includes advanced research centers and specialized departments such as cardiology, neurosurgery, and oncology, and provides top-tier medical services including kidney, liver and cornea transplants, either at minimal cost or completely free for the economically disadvantaged.

Shri Shah further praised Jagadguru Sri Dr. Bal Gangadharanath Swamiji for preserving the 1,800-year-old spiritual legacy of the sacred hills of Adichunchanagiri. He acknowledged that Swamiji had integrated this rich spiritual tradition with service, education, and devotion. This legacy is now being carried forward with equal dedication by Dr. Nirmalanandanath Mahaswami. ♦♦♦





Shri Amit Shah Attends Meeting in Chhattisgarh

# 'Naxals Must Lay Down Their Arms'

The country will be free from Naxalism in

**2026**

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**T**he most significant achievement of the Chhattisgarh government over the past one and a half years has been its progress toward making the state free from Naxalism. The government has revived and accelerated a previously stalled anti-Naxal campaign. These remarks were made by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah during a recent inter-state security coordination meeting and review of the Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) situation in Chhattisgarh. Firm in his resolve to eliminate Naxalism not only from Chhattisgarh but from the entire country, Shri Shah reiterated that India will be completely free from Naxalism by March 31, 2026. Shri Shah made this declaration while presiding over key security-related meetings held in Raipur, attended by Directors General of Police (DGPs), Additional Directors General of Police (ADGPs) and senior officials from Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Odisha. Shri Shah emphasized that, given the bravery shown by our security forces and the precise strategies developed by our intelligence agencies, this ambitious goal will certainly be

- ✦ Naxals will not be able to sleep peacefully this rainy season, the operation of the security forces will continue
- ✦ The hard work, sacrifice and martyrdom of the security forces will be written in golden letters

achieved. He further added that Naxalites, who typically remain inactive during the monsoon season, will not find peace this year, as operations by security forces will continue uninterrupted, even during the rains.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah urged all youth who have strayed onto the path of Naxalism to lay down their arms and take advantage of the state government's surrender policy. He emphasized that there is no better opportunity than this for them to become part of the country's development journey. Shri Shah called on the youth involved in violence to place their trust in the government and reintegrate into mainstream society,

## Shri Shah Interacts with Security Forces in Chhattisgarh

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah met with security forces in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh, where he praised their bravery, courage, sacrifice and unwavering dedication. He commended their crucial role in successfully carrying out encounters with Naxalites, stating that the way they have dismantled Maoist strongholds through sheer determination and discipline has astonished security forces around the world.

Shri Shah remarked that when the history of Naxalism's eradication is written, the sacrifices and relentless efforts of India's security personnel will be recorded in golden letters. "I know that whatever our armed forces set their minds to, they accomplish," he said. With full confidence in their capabilities, Shri Shah reaffirmed his commitment to making India completely free from Naxalism by March 31, 2026.

He highlighted that Naxalism has been a major curse for poor tribal regions, resulting in the death or disability of nearly 40,000 people over the past 35 years. Due to Naxal violence, essential services such as food, electricity, education, housing, sanitation, and clean drinking water were kept out of reach for tribal communities. Entire regions were pushed into a state of prolonged deprivation, largely due to the grip of Naxalism.

Shri Shah emphasized that today, under Prime Minister



Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, the government is reconnecting these marginalized areas to the mainstream of development by ensuring access to food grains, healthcare, education, electricity, housing, toilets and clean drinking water in areas where Naxalism has been eliminated.

He said, "When a child holds a pencil to write 'A, B, C,' instead of picking up a gun, it's not just the future of that region, but of the entire nation that is transformed. That moment is coming soon." Shri Shah concluded by saying that March 31, 2026, when India becomes free from Naxalism, will mark one of the most historic and defining moments in the country's journey since independence.

## Book Launch: 'Lior Oyna' Highlights Naxal Violence

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the book 'Lior Oyna' in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The book documents the brutal massacres of tribal communities by Naxalites and the ongoing efforts to protect and revive the Bastar region. Shri Shah said the book will serve as a vital resource to help people understand the deep pain and suffering endured by innocent, unarmed civilians who were victims of Naxalite violence. He further noted that 'Lior Oyna' will play an important role in exposing the truth to those who, under the guise of human rights, continue to sympathize with Naxalites. It will help lift the veil from their eyes and reveal the harsh realities on the ground. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shah said that the same innocent children who were once handed guns by Naxalites are now being given books to build a brighter future. Under the Chhattisgarh government's 'Lior Oyna' initiative, children from Naxal-affected areas are being brought to Raipur, integrated into the mainstream, and empowered through education and support, helping to boost their confidence and aspirations.

which would naturally lead them to contribute to the nation's progress.

He assured that the government is committed to honouring the promises made to surrendered Naxalites and will strive to offer them even greater support in

rebuilding their lives. Expressing satisfaction with Chhattisgarh's remarkable role in advancing the national campaign against Naxalism, Shri Shah praised the leadership of Shri Vishnu Deo Sai and Shri Vijay Sharma. He noted that they not only

sharpened the effectiveness of anti-naxal operations in the state but also consistently guided the campaign and motivated the security forces. Their comprehensive efforts, he said, have made a significant contribution to the fight against Naxalism. ♦♦♦

# PM Shri Modi's Development Agenda for Eastern India from Bhubaneswar

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Odisha is not just a state but a shining jewel of India's rich heritage.

For centuries, it has made significant contributions to the development of Indian civilization and culture. Today, the blend of development and heritage forms the foundation of India's progress, with eastern India, including Odisha, playing a crucial role. These views were expressed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at an event in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, where he also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹18,600 crore.

Speaking about the growth of Odisha and the entire eastern region, Shri Modi stated, "The development of 21st century India will be led by eastern India. This is the era of Purvodaya." Highlighting the expansion of industrial zones from Paradip to Jharsuguda, he noted that Odisha's mineral and port-based economy is becoming stronger. The central government is investing thousands of crores in improving road, rail, and air connectivity in Odisha. Projects such as the establishment of a mega dual-feed cracker and downstream unit at Paradip, a crude oil storage facility at Chandikhol and an LNG terminal at Gopalpur will position Odisha as a major industrial hub. These initiatives are expected to foster a wide network of small and medium enterprises and generate hundreds of thousands of new jobs for the youth. Referring to the



- ✦ PM talked about expansion of industrial areas from Paradip to Jharsuguda
- ✦ Said Naxalism to end from the country soon
- ✦ Central government is creating a special fund of ₹25 thousand crore for the development of fishermen

investment of around ₹1.5 lakh crore in the petroleum and petrochemical sectors in recent years, the Prime Minister said Odisha is rapidly emerging as a 'petrochemical hub.'

On the completion of one year of the state government, Shri Modi said that the administration has demonstrated good governance, committed to public service and trust. Odisha has embraced the mantra of development while preserving its heritage. He mentioned that he declined an invitation from US President Trump, following the G-7 summit in Canada, to visit the US in order to come to the land of Jagannath. Shri Modi added that in recent years, the country

has witnessed the success of India's development model, which has made the lives of its people easier. With the new government, Odisha has also entered a new era of social and economic transformation.

### India is Advancing on a New Path of Development

The Prime Minister stated that Eastern India, which a decade ago was troubled by instability, separatism, and violence, has now seen an end to militant activities and is progressing on a new path of development. He highlighted that several eastern states, including Assam, have surpassed many other states in the country on various development indicators. The positive impact of the

## Inauguration and foundation stone laying of development projects worth more than

# ₹18,600 crore

development model implemented by the Central and State Governments is now clearly visible in Odisha, a state that has faced challenges for decades. Referring to the Central Government's Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana and the State's Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana, Shri Modi noted that these schemes have provided free treatment to nearly three crore people in Odisha.

Speaking about empowering the marginalized and disadvantaged, Shri Modi said that before 2014, over 125 tribal-dominated districts across the country were affected by Naxalite violence. In recent years, his government has succeeded in removing tribal communities from this cycle of violence and set them on a path of development, sparking a new wave of progress in tribal areas. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the tribal community will soon be free from the shadow of violence and that Naxalism will be eradicated from the country.

### Holistic Development of Tribal Areas

Describing the government's commitment to fulfilling the aspirations of tribal communities, providing them with new opportunities, and easing their hardships, Shri Modi stated that for the first time, two major national schemes for tribal development have been launched with an investment of over one lakh crore rupees. The first of these schemes, the Dharti Aba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Yojana, is focused on development work



in more than 60,000 tribal villages across the country. In Odisha as well, houses are being constructed for tribal families, along with the provision of roads, electricity, and water facilities. Additionally, 40 residential schools are being established across 11 districts of the state. Shri Modi also noted that the inspiration for the PM Janman Yojana came from Odisha, and this scheme specifically targets the upliftment of particularly vulnerable tribal groups

within the tribal community.

Highlighting the welfare of Odisha's fishermen, the Prime Minister mentioned the Matsya Sampada Yojana, which has been designed for their benefit. Fishermen are now also able to access the Kisan Credit Card scheme. Furthermore, the Central Government is creating a special fund of ₹25,000 crore to support people living in Odisha's coastal areas and to provide new opportunities for the youth. ♦♦♦

**Shri Amit Shah Addresses the 25th Meeting of Central Zonal Council**

# Eradicating Child Malnutrition & Reducing School Dropout Rate

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**T**he states under the Central Zonal Council hold a crucial role in realizing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India by 2047. While Zonal Councils primarily have an advisory role, under PM Shri Modi's leadership, these councils have moved beyond mere advisories, becoming powerful platforms for fostering mutual understanding and cooperation among states on various issues. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah emphasized these points while addressing the 25th meeting of the Central Zonal Council in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Chairing the session, he highlighted that the Central Zonal Council is the only such body in which there are no disputes between member states, calling it a significant achievement.

In a show of unity, Shri Shah, along with all Chief Ministers and members present, moved a proposal to commend Prime Minister Shri Modi's strong resolve and the valour of the Indian Armed Forces, which was unanimously passed by the Council through a voice vote.

Shri Shah also praised the transformation of Varanasi since PM Shri Modi became an MP from the world's most ancient city. "Through the remarkable development of Kashi, the Prime Minister has shown all of us how a dedicated public



✦ Approximately 83% of issues were resolved in Zonal Council meetings held between 2014 and 2025

representative can bring about significant change for his people and constituency," he said.

Highlighting the improvement in the functioning of the Zonal Councils, Shri Shah pointed out that between 2004 and 2014, only 11 meetings of the Zonal Council and 14 meetings of its Standing Committees were held. In comparison, during the Modi government's tenure from 2014 to 2025, 28 Zonal Council meetings and 33 Standing Committee meetings were organized.

A total of 1,287 issues have been resolved in these meetings so far, a figure Shri Shah described as "historic and encouraging." Overall, 62 meetings of various Zonal Councils and their Standing Committees have been conducted in the last 11 years with active cooperation from state

governments, central ministries, and departments.

A total of 19 issues were discussed, covering a wide range of topics of national importance. Key discussions included the implementation of fast-track special courts to ensure swift investigation and speedy resolution of rape cases involving women and children, the establishment of brick-and-mortar banking facilities, and the rollout of an Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) in every designated village area.

Shri Shah urged all member states of the Central Zonal Council to eliminate child malnutrition, reduce the dropout ratio to zero, and strengthen inter-state cooperation.

He also called on the states to enhance the revenue of Gram Panchayats by formulating appropriate rules. ♦♦♦

# Cooperatives Promote Sahakar Taxi Service

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**I**n a landmark move for the cooperative sector, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah had announced in Parliament earlier this year that a cooperative taxi service, similar to Ola and Uber, would soon be launched. This mobile app-based taxi platform is designed not just to offer an alternative to existing ride-hailing services but also to empower taxi drivers, promote cooperative entrepreneurship, and expand the cooperative ecosystem in India. That vision is now turning into reality.

A multi-state cooperative society named Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited has officially been registered to implement this initiative. The country's first cooperative-run taxi service is expected to be launched by December this year, marking a transformative moment for India's transport landscape.

The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), which plays a key role in supporting cooperative institutions nationwide, is the lead promoter of this initiative. Additionally, seven other major cooperatives, Amul, NAFED, NABARD, IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NDDB and NCEL, have come on board as co-promoters.

Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, with an authorized share capital of ₹300 crore. In the initial phase, each promoter organization has pledged to contribute ₹10 crore, laying a strong financial foundation for the launch and scalability of the platform. This initiative is expected to revolutionize the transport sector



by integrating cooperative values with modern technology, offering both economic opportunity and social security to thousands of taxi drivers across the country.

### Bookings to Be Made Through 'Sahakar' App

The cooperative taxi service will initially launch operations in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, with plans to expand across the rest of the country in later phases. The app-based platform facilitating this service will be named 'Sahakar'. Through the app, customers will be able to book not only taxis but also two-wheelers, e-rickshaws, and cars.

The standout feature of Sahakar Taxi is its cooperative structure, where drivers are not merely service providers but co-owners of the cooperative society. This innovative model ensures fair profit-sharing, involvement in decision-making, and improved working conditions for drivers. Unlike conventional ride-hailing services driven purely by profit, Sahakar Taxi will charge a fair and transparent fare from passengers, with a significant portion of profits distributed among the drivers. The platform also emphasizes social security for its driver-members.

### Interim Board For Cooperative Taxi Service

Discussions have already begun with potential technology partners for the development of a dedicated mobile app for the service. To ensure the technological strength of the platform, collaborations with top academic institutions like IIT Bangalore are being explored.

This partnership will help establish robust technical infrastructure, operational systems, and seamless digital integration in line with industry standards.

The initiative, titled Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, aims not only to offer consumers affordable, efficient, and reliable transport services but also to create a sustainable and inclusive livelihood model for taxi drivers. It marks a significant step in transforming the transport sector through a cooperative approach rooted in technology, inclusiveness, and shared values.

Passengers using Sahakar Taxi will benefit from fair pricing — with no surcharges or tips. In the initial phase, around 400–500 drivers are expected to be onboarded. After completing six months, each driver will be eligible to become a member of the cooperative by purchasing five shares worth ₹100 each. ♦♦♦



# Cooperatives Set to Venture into Insurance Sector

## Sahakar Jagran Team



he Union government is dedicated to bringing transformative

changes to the cooperative sector and expanding its reach on a large scale. As part of this effort, a fully-owned cooperative insurance company will soon be launched. This announcement was made by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah during a national seminar organized by NAFED in Mumbai, marking the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. This marks the fourth major initiative in the cooperative sector this year. Earlier, the Ministry

- ✦ By increasing the share of cooperatives in the insurance sector, a wholly-owned insurance company will soon be formed
- ✦ NAFED's new products, grants to FPOs and contracts with PACS for building warehouses have been formalized

of Cooperation had introduced several key initiatives, including the establishment of the country's first cooperative university, the launch of a cooperative taxi service, and the formation of three new multi-state cooperatives in the dairy sector. These steps are expected to play a vital role in fulfilling Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of

'Prosperity through Cooperation'.

While addressing the national seminar organized by NAFED, Shri Amit Shah said, "The government has decided to establish Tribhuvan Cooperative University, and its groundbreaking ceremony will take place soon. A taxi service based on the cooperative model will also be launched, where the taxi driver

will not just be associated with the service but will also be an owner. The profits will go directly into their bank accounts. Additionally, a fully-owned cooperative insurance company will be launched soon, increasing the share of cooperatives in the insurance sector. This will open up many new opportunities.”

Currently, among the cooperative institutions in the country, only IFFCO is involved in the insurance sector, and that too as part of a joint venture, not with full ownership. According to Shri Shah's announcement, the upcoming insurance company will be entirely owned by cooperative institutions. The blueprint of this company, such as which cooperatives will be involved and whether it will operate in the general insurance or life insurance sector, is yet to be finalized. However, the establishment of this new cooperative insurance company is expected to significantly strengthen and expand the cooperative movement in India.

During the program, agreements were formalized with new Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) for NAFED's new product lines, along with grants to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and for the construction of warehouses, highlighting NAFED's commitment to farmer-centric initiatives. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah remarked that NAFED has created numerous success stories. Farmers work hard in the fields and supply their produce to the Government of India at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), which is then distributed as 5 kg of free ration every month to the underprivileged. Both NCCF (National Cooperative Consumers' Federation) and NAFED form the backbone of this entire initiative.

Shri Shah added that if farmers register on NAFED's app, the



organization will procure 100% of their pulses and maize at MSP. Encouraged by the success of this model, NAFED is now preparing to start direct procurement from farmers in the near future. This system will empower farmers to better plan their crop production.

The Union Minister further shared that the creation of three new national-level cooperative institutions, National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL), and Indian Seed Cooperative Society Limited (BBSSL), will open global markets for Indian farmers, ensuring that the profits go directly to them. He noted that promoting and marketing organic products under the 'Bharat Organic' label, as part of the Bharat brand, will not only benefit traditional and organic farmers but also provide consumers with access to trustworthy organic products. Additionally, the government is focusing on seed conservation, improvement, and boosting productivity.

Shri Shah expressed confidence that within the next ten years, these three newly established cooperatives could grow into large institutions akin to Amul, NAFED, IFFCO, and KRIBHCO, playing a pivotal role in supporting Indian farmers.

He also noted that almost all PACS across the country have now been computerized, with around 52,000 of them going live. PACS have become viable and multifaceted entities, now authorized to carry out 24 different types of services. Through the

integration with Common Service Centres (CSCs), PACS are now serving as access points for as many as 300 different government schemes. Post-computerization, accounting systems have been made available in the local languages of each state to ensure ease of use.

On the technological front, the Ministry of Cooperation has taken significant steps to modernize and empower cooperatives. A key reform is the tax parity now being established between cooperatives and corporates under the Income Tax Act. The surcharge for cooperatives has been reduced from 12% to 7%, and the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) has been lowered from 18.5% to 15%. Additionally, PACS have been exempted from income tax penalties for transactions below ₹2 lakh. Long-standing tax disputes involving cooperative sugar mills have also been resolved.

To provide financial support to the cooperative sector, significant reforms have been implemented in the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). So far, financial assistance amounting to approximately ₹1.38 lakh crore has been extended through NCDC. In the fisheries sector, 44 deep-sea trawlers are being provided through cooperatives to boost marine farming. Simultaneously, the dairy sector is being strengthened under the White Revolution 2.0 initiative.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah highlighted that the Government of India has also increased the procurement price of ethanol produced from maize, ensuring fair returns for maize farmers. Today, ethanol derived from corn is being blended up to 20% in petrol, significantly helping reduce the nation's import bill. Going forward, efforts are also being made to promote a circular economy within the dairy sector. ♦♦♦



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# NCUI Plays Leading Role in Strengthening Cooperatives

India's cooperative movement has a long and impressive legacy, playing a crucial role in driving socio-economic transformation, particularly in rural and agriculture-based economies. Today, over 8.5 lakh cooperative societies are active across the country, with nearly 29 crore citizens participating as members. These cooperatives contribute significantly to various sectors including agricultural production, rural finance, housing, marketing, consumer services, dairy, fisheries, and other industries.

However, the cooperative sector continues to face several challenges such as governance issues, lack of innovation, insufficient training, and technological lag. To address these concerns and further empower the sector, several initiatives have been taken over the years. A major milestone was achieved in July 2021 when the Government of India established the Ministry of Cooperation with the goal of revitalizing the cooperative movement and addressing its challenges. This historic step, in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Prosperity through Cooperation," placed the responsibility in the hands of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, who became the country's first Cooperation Minister.

Since the formation of the Ministry, the sector has seen transformative reforms and forward-looking policies. Under the dynamic leadership of Shri

Shah, several innovative steps have been introduced, including the establishment of three national-level cooperative bodies focused on the export of organic products, the seed sector, and multipurpose services. These initiatives have opened new opportunities for cooperatives—enabling access to global markets, improving seed quality, and promoting organic farming.

## National Cooperative University: A Transformational Initiative

The government has launched the National Cooperative University to advance cooperative education and professional development. This university aims to equip students and cooperative professionals with specialized training in areas such as cooperative administration, leadership, entrepreneurship, digital management, and policy-making. The goal is not only to strengthen the professional capabilities within the cooperative sector but also to generate employment opportunities, particularly for rural youth. The university will help meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in cooperative banks, marketing federations, housing societies, agricultural service societies, and other cooperative institutions.

## Launch of the Learning Management System Portal

As a major step toward the digitalization of cooperative education, the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) has developed the Learning Management System (LMS) Portal. This initiative aligns with Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi's vision of a technologically empowered India and self-reliant cooperatives. The portal delivers technical education and quality training to individuals involved in the cooperative sector, aiming to make learning accessible, engaging, and tailored to local needs.

Through this platform, youth, cooperative members, employees, and entrepreneurs can gain in-depth knowledge and practical skills in areas such as cooperative management, governance, accounting, auditing, legal procedures, and social entrepreneurship. More than just an educational tool, the LMS portal also functions as a center for dialogue and problem-solving—allowing trainees to consult experts and receive timely guidance, thereby improving decision-making and business acumen.

The LMS portal offers numerous benefits, especially for young people. Students from both rural and urban areas can access online training simultaneously through digital means. This, in turn, boosts the demand for trainers, consultants, and managers within cooperative institutions, creating fresh employment opportunities. The portal also provides training and guidance for self-employment and entrepreneurship in the cooperative sector.

This initiative makes a significant contribution to national missions like 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Digital India', supporting financial self-reliance among cooperatives and promoting inclusive growth in the rural economy. ♦♦♦

President, NCUI & IFFCO



The National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) organized a Leadership Development Program in New Delhi, where senior officials from Indian fisheries cooperatives were provided with technical insights on government schemes, the National Fisheries Development Board and the role of technology-driven digitalization in the fisheries sector. NCUI Deputy Chief Executive, Smt. Savitri Singh, also distributed certificates to the participants.



To enhance cooperative governance in the fisheries sector, the National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) organized a Leadership Development Program for Chairmen and Directors of fisheries cooperatives from across the country. A total of 46 delegates from various States and Union Territories took part in the program, gaining a deeper understanding of cooperative values, the new cooperative policy, the MSCS Act, and membership procedures.



To promote the theme of 'Cooperatives and Cooperative Management,' the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) organized a training program for technocrats from the IFFCO Phulpur Unit. The program aimed to strengthen cooperative leadership at the grassroots level and enhance managerial skills to streamline and improve the efficiency of the cooperative system.



The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) organized a three-day training program for Cooperative Information Officers (CIOs), aimed at building their capacity to take on new responsibilities and promote transparency within cooperative societies. The program covered various aspects of cooperative functioning and focused on deepening the CIOs' understanding of the statutory and regulatory framework governing cooperatives.



As part of the celebrations for the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, Mizoram Mahila Sahakari Sangh (Womanfed) Ltd. in Mizoram, held its Annual General Meeting at the RCS Conference Hall. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) attended the event and offered valuable guidance to help accelerate the development of the cooperative sector.



To commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 and to promote the growth of cooperatives in the country, a comprehensive orientation program was organized for the Board of Directors of State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks at Dashrath Manjhi Sansthan in Patna, Bihar.



To empower India, we must lead in every sphere, economic, social and military. The importance of self-reliance in the defense sector was clearly demonstrated during Operation Sindoor. Today, the country's policies and decisions reflect a strong commitment to social welfare through education, organization, and industrial development. This is creating new opportunities for the youth of our nation. We made service our mission, and as a result, today millions of families across the country are benefiting from essential facilities, from the PM Awas Yojana to electricity, clean water and toilets.

**Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



NCUI Haat is pioneering a collaboration between NCUI and lesser-known cooperative institutions, offering a unified platform for product sales and exhibitions. Through its innovative online portal, NCUI Haat is fostering an environment to realize the vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'.

### CEAS-LMS Portal

Cooperative Extension & Advisory Services-Learning Management System, i.e., (CEAS-LMS), is first-of-its-kind online platform which provides Information and Services required by Cooperative Members, Leaders, Managers and General Public. It is being run under 3 components:

1. **LMS:** Learning Management System (LMS) focuses on educating its registered members on all elements of Cooperative Education.
2. **QMS:** Query Management System (QMS) is a platform where users can express their concerns pertaining to Cooperatives, in order to receive a quick and high quality advices.
3. **CRC:** Cooperative Resource Centre (CRC), is a platform for stakeholders to collaborate and exchange Cooperative related information and knowledge.



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