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Strengthening the Power of Cooperatives

The cooperative movement in India is moving towards new heights. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is rapidly advancing towards making the cooperative sector a key driver of rural prosperity. Several innovative initiatives have been launched in this direction, which are empowering and strengthening the cooperative sector and paving the way for the progress of rural communities.

Under the leadership of the country's first Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation is spearheading the formation of two lakh new cooperative societies across the country. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is implementing this major initiative by establishing 56,500 new societies in the dairy sector. In addition, NDDB is also working to strengthen 46,500 existing dairy societies.

Similarly, the cooperative departments of various states and union territories are working to form 25,000 new Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) across the country. The responsibility of forming and developing fisheries cooperative societies has been taken up by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), which is moving towards creating 6,000 new fisheries cooperative societies. NFDB is also working to enhance the capacity and utility of the existing 5,500 fisheries cooperative societies by strengthening them.

These collective efforts for the creation of two lakh PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies will open up new avenues for employment generation in rural areas. At the same time, by strengthening grassroots cooperative societies and expanding the cooperative model to previously underserved regions, these transformative initiatives will ensure prosperity in rural India. These efforts truly reflect the government's visionary approach to reinforcing the foundation of the cooperative movement and making it an engine of inclusive development.

It is a matter of great pride that Indian dairy cooperatives have established themselves as a successful model of cooperation not just in the country but also at the global level. However, there is a pressing need to expand this success to the still-untapped regions of the country through primary cooperative societies. In this direction, the Ministry of Cooperation along with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is making significant strides.

At the same time, it is equally important to focus on strengthening weaker cooperative societies, as they hold immense untapped potential for progress. Through dairy cooperatives, the lives of rural livestock-owning farmers—especially women—can be greatly improved. The transformative impact of these efforts is already visible in rural India, as seen in the stories of over 1.22 lakh “Lakhpatis Didis”, who today stand as living proof of the government's initiatives bringing growth and change to villages across the nation.

With the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation, a series of comprehensive initiatives have been launched to broaden the scope of the cooperative sector, increase people's participation, and make it more employment-oriented. As a result, cooperative societies are now actively engaged in implementing over 25 government schemes, tapping into new avenues for employment generation.

The implementation of Model By-Laws for PACS has empowered them to undertake diverse commercial activities. Today, PACS are functioning not only in traditional roles but also as dairy units, fishery centers, food grain storage and warehousing entities, seed suppliers, LPG and CNG pump distributors, Common Service Centers (CSCs), and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). These government initiatives have unlocked new income-generating opportunities for PACS, while also enhancing transparency and efficiency in their operations.

These reforms have accelerated the pace of rural development and transformation. Strengthened by such changes, cooperative societies are poised to play a significant role in uplifting the weaker sections of society and becoming a boon for farmers. As Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah rightly stated, once two lakh new PACS are established, the creation of forward and backward linkages will make it significantly easier to connect farmers' produce with global markets, unlocking vast opportunities for India's rural economy. ♦♦♦

Jai Sahakar



In the last 11 years, our government has made continuous efforts to empower the youth. With the new education policy and focus on skill development and start-ups, our youth have become important partners in the resolution of 'Developed India'. It is a matter of great happiness for us that today the youth of the country is playing a leading role in nation building.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Operation Sindoor is a unique symbol of the firm political will of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, accurate information of intelligence agencies and the infallible strike capability of our three armed forces. India is proud of its three armed forces, Border Security Force and all security agencies.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Minister for
Home and Cooperation



PM Swanidhi Yojana is providing financial support to street vendors! Under the scheme, so far more than 98.29 lakh loans worth more than ₹14,246 crore have been sanctioned for more than 68 lakh street vendors without any guarantee.

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



The Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi is giving special impetus to promote natural farming across the country. The cooperative sector is making special efforts in this direction.

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 'Sahkar se Samridhhi' clearly reflects this vision. 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





Three New Multi-State Cooperatives to Come Up in the Dairy Sector

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Under White Revolution 2.0, the government is committed to strengthening

the rural economy by enhancing the role of cooperative societies in the dairy sector. Cooperation is the core mantra of rural development. The cooperative dairy sector provides a vital source of livelihood to crores of rural families. To further this cause and realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sahakar se Samridhi," a decision has been made to establish three new

- ✦ Decision taken at the meeting on "Sustainability and Circularity in the Cooperative Dairy Sector"
- ✦ Emphasis on ensuring sustainable development and circular economy in the cooperative dairy sector under White Revolution 2.0
- ✦ Focus to be on strengthening milk unions and cooperative societies and enhancing dairy processing

multi-state cooperative societies for the dairy sector. This decision was taken during an important meeting

on "Sustainability and Circularity in the Cooperative Dairy Sector" chaired by Union Minister for Home

and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah.

The first society will work on animal feed production, disease control, and artificial insemination. The second will develop models for dung management and the third cooperative society will promote circular utilization of carcasses of dead cattle. During the meeting, Shri Shah stated, "As we move towards White Revolution 2.0, our aim should not only be to expand dairy cooperatives and make them efficient and effective but also to build an ecosystem in dairy that is sustainable and promotes a circular economy. To increase farmers' income, an integrated cooperative network must be created so that most of the work is done through mutual cooperation and collaboration among cooperatives."

Emphasis on Empowering Dairy Cooperative Societies

In the meeting, Shri Shah laid special emphasis on the need to empower dairy unions and cooperative societies, as well as promote food processing in dairy plants. He also stressed that the direct benefits of carbon credits should reach farmers through scientific models. These efforts will not only enhance farmers' income but also mark a significant step toward making the dairy sector more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Cooperative dairy societies play a crucial role in the dairy sector through milk production and marketing. By providing small farmers with stable markets, credit facilities, veterinary and breeding services, these societies are not only strengthening the rural economy but also empowering women by increasing their participation.

Shri Shah stated that we must collectively move from "Sustainability to Circularity," which will be a multidimensional journey.

Benefits of the New Societies

- ▶▶ The first society will promote animal feed production, disease control, and artificial insemination.
- ▶▶ The second society will develop dung management models.
- ▶▶ The third society will enhance the circular utilization of carcasses of dead cattle.

Major Dairy Cooperatives in the Country

- ▶▶ Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited (APDDCF)
- ▶▶ Bihar State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (COMFED)
- ▶▶ Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF)
- ▶▶ Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation (HDDCF)
- ▶▶ Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (HPSCMPF)
- ▶▶ Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (KMF)
- ▶▶ Kerala State Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (KCMMF)
- ▶▶ Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited (MPCDF)
- ▶▶ Maharashtra State Cooperative Milk Federation Limited (Mahanand)
- ▶▶ Odisha State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (OMFED)
- ▶▶ Pradeshik Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited (Uttar Pradesh) (PCDF)
- ▶▶ Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (MILKFED)
- ▶▶ Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited (RCDF)
- ▶▶ Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (TCMPF)
- ▶▶ West Bengal Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation (WBCMPF)
- ▶▶ Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Dairy Federation

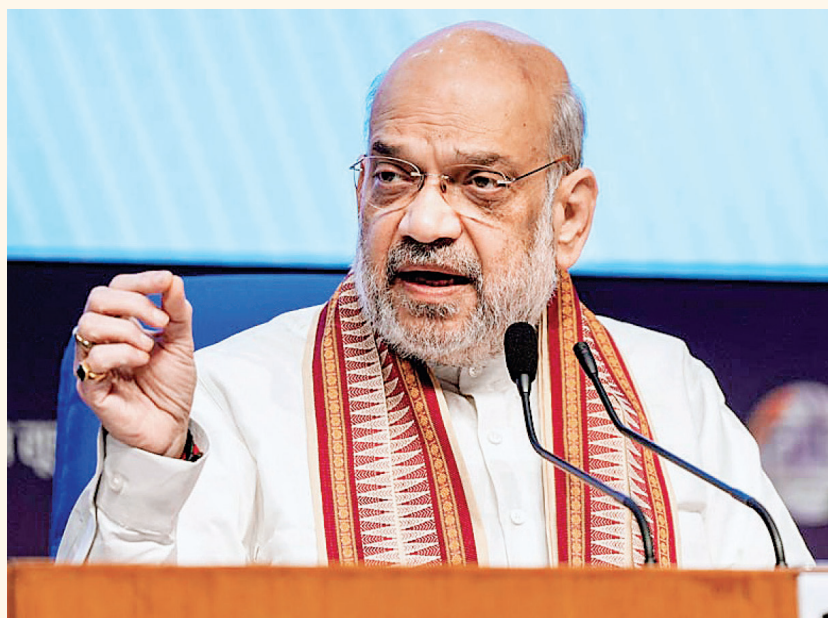


The rapid development seen in the private dairy sector should be mirrored by cooperative institutions through the collaboration of farmers and livestock rearers. This includes activities ranging from technical services, animal feed, artificial insemination, and disease control to dung management and processing in dairy and agriculture-related sectors.

Referring to successful cooperative models like Amul, he said that the Ministry of Cooperation, in collaboration with various ministries and stakeholders, is not only advancing these successes in the dairy sector but also expanding and strengthening village-level cooperative societies by linking them with other activities. All these efforts will play a key role in collectively achieving the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India.

To make White Revolution 2.0 a success, the Ministry of Cooperation and the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying have brought all stakeholders together. This effort has accelerated everything from policy-making and financing to the formation of village-level cooperatives and transforming them into multi-purpose entities. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has undertaken significant work in the area of sustainability. NDDB's biogas and dung management programs are being expanded nationwide. Along with boosting milk production through the White Revolution, focus is also being placed on increasing the production of biogas and organic fertilizers.

India is the world's largest milk producer. The cooperative sector currently accounts for approximately 14 % of the country's total milk production, with a target to increase this to 22–23 % over the next five years. In addition to increasing milk production, the cooperative sector will also be encouraged to enhance



India's cooperative dairy sector is unique in the world. Despite operating primarily at a small scale with each farmer typically owning only two to three cows and relying mainly on crop residue-based animal feed, India has become the largest milk producer globally. Large-scale recording programs and research projects conducted in India are generating valuable data on lesser-known breeds of cattle, buffaloes, and other livestock species, thereby attracting the attention of researchers worldwide.

dairy processing. During this review meeting of the Ministry of Cooperation, Union Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal Singh Gurjar, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Cooperation Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying Smt. Alka Upadhyaya, NDDB Chairman Dr. Meenesh Shah, and NABARD Chairman Shri Shaji KV also shared their views.

Shri Shah appreciated the national institutions working

for the advancement of the cooperative sector—such as the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), NDDB, and NABARD—and stated that their mutual cooperation will certainly strengthen cooperatives and enable the implementation of farmer-centric schemes across the country. With the support of apex cooperative institutions, the potential for rapid development in the dairy sector at the grassroots level has significantly increased. ♦♦♦

Rural Development Through Dairy Cooperatives Empower Women



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o fulfil the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat and

ensure rural development through the power of cooperation, the Ministry of Cooperation is emerging as a mission for transformation and progress in rural India under the leadership of Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah. Through the ministry's many multidimensional initiatives, new doors of prosperity are opening in the lives of farmers, women, and youth. Dairy cooperatives are playing a vital role in this direction.

Under Shri Shah's guidance, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is expanding programs related to cooperative development and cooperative governance across

- ✦ Over 1.22 lakh women have become 'Lakhpati Didis' and achieved self-reliance, realizing the vision of 'Prosperity through Cooperation'
- ✦ The development and expansion of the cooperative sector is bringing happiness to farmers' lives and unveiling a new picture of rural India

the country, leading to the creation of self-reliant, jointly owned, democratically controlled, and professionally managed cooperative institutions.

NDDB is playing a key role in supporting the social and economic advancement and development of its members, while also addressing their cultural aspirations. It is contributing to the implementation of various programs by providing

technical and advisory support to cooperatives across the country. This includes technical and consultancy assistance to producer-owned institutions, institutional development, strengthening infrastructure for milk collection, promoting women's participation in cooperatives, facilitating technical and policy consultations, supporting marketing and innovation in dairy products, and assisting in project

management and key milk union operations. In this way, the National Dairy Development Board is giving new direction to cooperatives by promoting women's leadership in the dairy sector, strengthening socio-economic empowerment, and playing a decisive role in rural development and the socio-economic progress of the nation.

Dairy Revolution Accelerates Women Empowerment in Villages

With the development of cooperatives, women have historically played a vital role in the dairy sector. Their increased participation in milk producer organizations has set an example of empowerment in villages, resulting in 1.22 lakh women across the country becoming 'Lakhpati Didis' through dairy cooperatives.

Women's involvement has grown significantly in activities such as livestock management, milking, and checking milk quality. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has played a key role in placing women at the forefront of commercial dairy enterprises, transforming them into decision-makers and business leaders, and actively promoting women's empowerment in the dairy sector.

Out of the 22 top cooperative milk producer organizations (MPOs) operating in the country, 17 are specifically owned by women and guided by women-led boards that set their strategic direction. The most remarkable achievement is that 18 of these milk producer organizations are chaired by women.

1.22 Lakh 'Lakhpati Didis' Become Self-Reliant

It is the result of the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation under the leadership of Shri Amit Shah that the expansion of cooperatives is redefining success through women-led enterprises in



As we move towards White Revolution 2.0, our goal should not only be to expand dairy cooperatives and make them efficient and effective but also to create an ecosystem of dairy that is sustainable and promotes a circular economy.

-Shri Amit Shah

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation



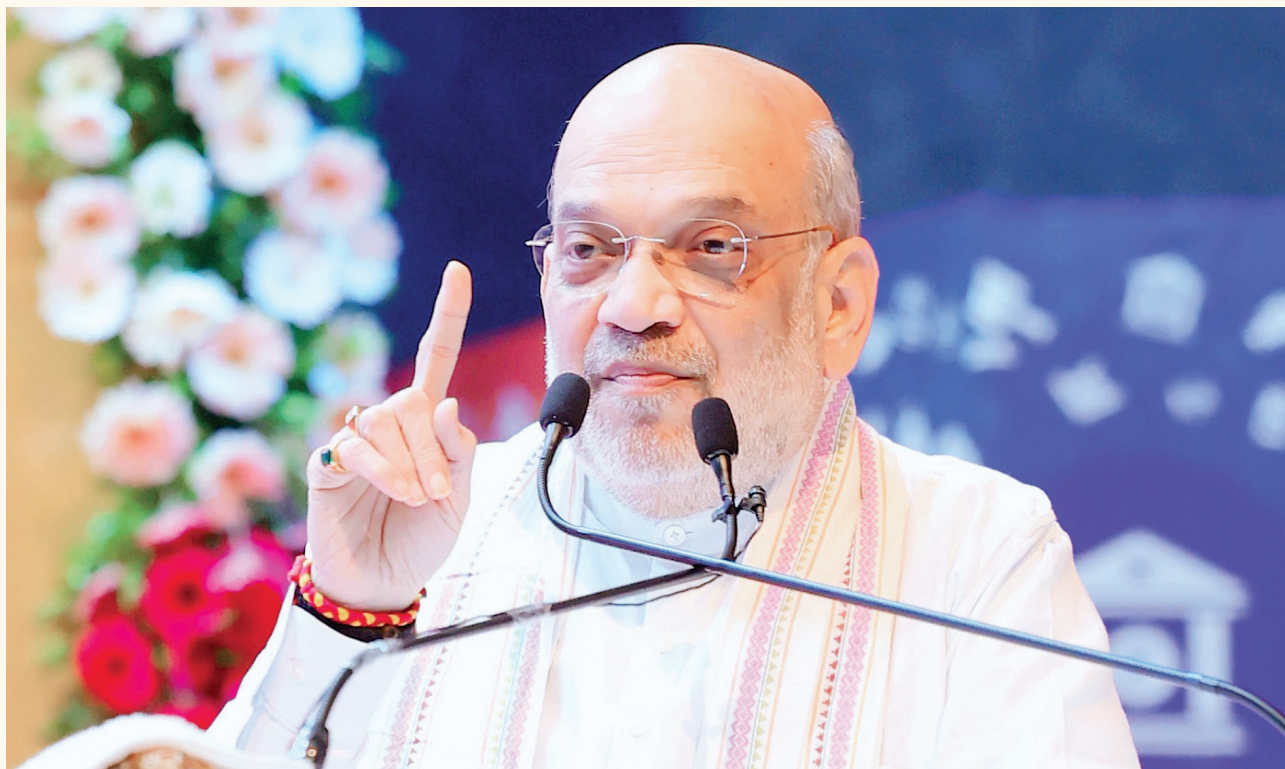
the dairy sector. The transformative role of women dairy farmers is driving grassroots-level economic development. Many of these women leaders have represented India on global platforms, including the World Dairy Summits of the International Dairy Federation held in the USA and France. The broad and deep impact of this empowerment is that women are now playing a decisive role in managing the day-to-day operations of the dairy sector. A significant achievement in this field is that Smt. Rachna Devdhar Goyal is serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Sakhi Women Milk Producer Organization in Alwar, Rajasthan.

Dairy Cooperatives: A Viable and Profitable Economic Activity

Through the efforts of NDDB, cooperative dairy has become a viable and profitable economic activity for millions of milk producers, bringing

significant transformation to India's rural economy. It has played a major role in making India self-reliant and a global leader in milk production. By implementing innovative activities that generate additional income from milk production and by providing sustainable livelihoods, NDDB has contributed to the prosperity of dairy farmers. Its initiatives have made the dairy sector a sustainable and profitable economic activity for millions of milk producers, leading to a major shift in India's rural economy. By rolling out innovative programs, NDDB is expanding its outreach to dairy farmers and offering them stable means of livelihood. These efforts have made India self-sufficient in milk production while transforming the dairy industry into a stable and profitable enterprise, resulting in a concrete transformation of the rural economy. ♦♦♦

Cooperative Dairy to Expand to Villages Across the Country



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reparations have been completed to make White Revolution 2.0 a success through

the cooperative sector. The primary objective is to improve the financial condition of livestock rearers, milk producers, and small and landless farmers while creating employment opportunities. A firm commitment has been made to achieve this goal by increasing the participation of the cooperative sector in milk production, collection, and processing. Support from various

- ✦ Target to increase cooperative dairy's share from 14% to 22%
- ✦ Expansion of the cooperative sector unlocking golden opportunities for development

related ministries is also being enlisted to make the second White Revolution a success. To achieve this, a decision has been made to establish over one lakh dairy cooperative societies across the country, ensuring that every village has access to a dairy cooperative society.

The plan to establish milk

collection centers at the village level is being rapidly advanced. In addition, new hi-tech plants will be set up to increase milk processing capacity. This will help boost both milk collection and sales. A strategy has also been formulated to strengthen the presence of dairy products not only in the domestic market but also globally.



Project Benefits

Strengthening of infrastructure for milk collection, testing, chilling, logistics, and processing

Reinforcement of the dairy value chain

Improved market access for small dairy farmers, ensuring fair and remunerative prices

Support in expanding the network of primary dairy societies

Increased participation of women in dairy cooperative societies

To support Multi Dairy PACS (MPAX), the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has stepped forward to provide financial assistance. Around 10,000 MPAX units across the country will receive financial support. Each society will be provided with a minimum assistance of ₹40,000.

White Revolution 2.0 aims to strengthen the infrastructure for milk collection, testing, chilling, logistics, and processing, thereby reinforcing the entire dairy value chain. It is being seen as a booster dose for the National Dairy Development Program. With this initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, the standard of living of livestock rearers is improving. The Ministry of Cooperation, through the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, has set an ambitious

target to significantly increase the share of dairy cooperatives in the country's total milk production over the next five years.

A self-reliant India in the dairy sector has now become the largest milk-producing country in the world. India's annual milk production has exceeded 23.9 crore tonnes. The target is to increase this to 30 crore tonnes by 2030. India's share in global milk production has reached 24.64 %. However, the cooperative sector's contribution to this remains only 14 %. The goal is to raise this share to 22 % within the next five years. The NDDDB will play the nodal role in achieving this goal. Under the plan, along with increasing milk production, more and more livestock rearers will be connected to dairy cooperatives. ♦♦♦

White Revolution 2.0 will also play a crucial role in women's self-reliance and empowerment. Mothers and sisters are deeply engaged in milk production and cooperative dairying. No other sector is as effective in making women self-sufficient and economically empowered as the dairy sector. There are successful examples across many states. In Gujarat alone, 36 lakh women are engaged in the dairy sector, contributing to a business worth ₹60,000 crore. Amul has emerged as one of the most trusted food brands in the world.

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

White Revolution 2.0: A Livelihood-Centric Transformation

Target to increase total milk production from 23 crore tonnes to 30 crore tonnes by 2030

► Milk collection in the dairy sector to grow 1.5 times under White Revolution 2.0

- Core objective: Link all dairy farming families in the country with cooperatives
- Around 2.7 lakh gram panchayats to be integrated with PACS during this phase
- Plan to establish one lakh dairy cooperative societies across the country



Prime Minister Shri Modi launches development projects in Bhuj, Gujarat

Marine Food, Tourism and Trade Gain Prominence in India's Coastal Areas

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Kutch holds a central role in India's solar revolution. It is emerging as one of the largest hubs for green energy in the world. Soon, cars, buses, and streetlights will be powered by green hydrogen, revolutionizing India's energy landscape. These remarks were made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the foundation laying, inauguration, and dedication of multiple development projects worth more than ₹53,400 crore in Bhuj, Gujarat. He said green hydrogen has transformative potential and is the fuel of the future. The projects being launched for rapid development in Kutch—focused on infrastructure and economic growth—will significantly contribute to India's emergence as a global hub for the blue economy and green energy. One of the world's largest solar energy projects is being developed in this region. Shri Modi said that with the establishment of the Khavda complex, Kutch has been firmly placed on the global energy map. Kandla here is one of the three green hydrogen hubs in the country. He announced the laying of the foundation stone for a new green hydrogen plant in Kutch and said that the technology used in this plant is entirely 'Made in India'.

Reiterating the government's commitment to ensuring adequate power supply while reducing



- ★ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth more than ₹53,400 crore
- ★ Kutch, an important center of trade and tourism, will play an even bigger role in the coming times
- ★ Green hydrogen has transformative potential and is the fuel of the future

electricity costs for citizens, Shri Modi mentioned the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, which has already benefited millions of families in

Gujarat. Emphasizing the economic importance of coastal areas, he said that marine prosperity has been a crucial factor in the development of many countries. Referring to

India's rich heritage and the role of ancient port cities Dholavira and Lothal in historic trade and development, the Prime Minister said, "Inspired by this legacy, the government is advancing its vision of port-led development by expanding cities around ports."

He stated that India is actively promoting a new coastal ecosystem that includes marine food, tourism, and trade. Significant investments are being made in the modernization and expansion of ports, which are already yielding positive results. For the first time, major ports collectively handled a record 150 million tonnes of cargo in a single year, with Kandla Port playing a key role. Shri Modi said that nearly one-third of India's maritime trade is managed by the ports of Kutch. He added that the capacity and connectivity of Kandla and Mundra ports are continuously being enhanced. Highlighting the government's special focus on the maritime sector, he said that India will build large ships not only to meet domestic needs but also for global demand. These initiatives, he noted, will generate significant employment opportunities for the youth in the maritime sector.

Kutch's Legacy Becomes a Driving Force for Development

Emphasizing the legacy of Kutch, the Prime Minister described it as an inspiring force behind the region's development. He highlighted the remarkable growth in various industries in Bhuj, including textiles, food processing, ceramics, and salt production. Underscoring the wide recognition of traditional crafts such as Kutch embroidery, block printing, Bandhani fabric, and leatherwork, he praised the village of Bhujodi as a living museum of handloom art. Shri Modi also mentioned the unique tradition of Ajrakh printing in Kutch,



which has now been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This special recognition strengthens the cultural identity and craftsmanship of tribal families and artisans.

Paying tribute to revolutionaries and martyrs, including the great freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Varma, the Prime Minister said it was a matter of great fortune for him to witness the waters of the Narmada River reaching the Kutch region. Recalling the unwavering resolve and spirit of Kutch's farmers, he said their tireless efforts have transformed Kutch into a major center for trade, commerce, and tourism. He added that the region's role will become even more

significant in the years ahead.

Referring to the impact of farmers' hard work and the dedicated efforts of the government, along with the Narmada water in improving Gujarat's groundwater levels, Shri Modi said the canal stretching from Kevadia to Modkuba has played a crucial role in reshaping Kutch's destiny. Today, agricultural produce such as mangoes, dates, pomegranates, cumin, and dragon fruit from Kutch is reaching global markets. Where once limited opportunities forced migration from the region, today, due to remarkable progress, local youth are finding employment within Kutch itself, boosting regional prosperity. ♦♦♦

Tourism Sector Will Become a Major Source of Employment for Youth

Shri Modi said that providing employment opportunities for India's youth is a top priority of his government. Tourism is one such sector that has the potential to generate large-scale employment. He stated that with its rich history, cultural heritage, and natural beauty, Kutch is well-positioned for expansion in this area. The Rann Utsav of Kutch is reaching new heights year after year, and this will further boost the region's tourism industry in the coming years. Dhordo village has earned international recognition as one of the world's best tourism villages, and Mandvi's coastline is emerging as a major attraction for tourists. Shri Modi said that the Namo Bharat Rapid Rail between Ahmedabad and Bhuj will further promote tourism in the region.



Strengthening Cooperative Fisheries through the Blue Revolution

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The Union Government's initiative to transform the fisheries sector through the cooperative model is beginning to show tangible results. This has not only boosted production but also significantly improved the living standards of fishermen. Fisheries play a vital role in India's economy, contributing to national income, exports, food and nutritional security, and employment generation. The sector is recognized as a 'sunrise sector' and provides a livelihood to nearly 30 million people in the country, especially from underprivileged and weaker sections of society.

Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a high-level review meeting to assess the steps taken by the government over the past decade in the fisheries sector and their impact. In this important meeting, he suggested key strategies for further advancement of the sector. The Prime Minister emphasized the extensive use of satellite technology for better utilization of fishery resources and for issuing safety advisories to fishermen. He also proposed the modernization of the sector through smart ports and markets, and the use of drones for transportation and marketing of the catch.

The Prime Minister emphasized that just as AgriTech is being adopted in the agriculture sector, "FishTech" should be promoted



- ✦ The Ministry of Cooperation is actively promoting the formation of PACS and FPOs in the fisheries sector
- ✦ Under the target of establishing two lakh new PACS, more than 11,000 fisheries cooperative societies are planned
- ✦ Over 1,500 fisheries cooperative societies have already been formed, transforming the lives of fishermen

in the fisheries sector to improve systems of production, processing, and marketing. He further stated that promoting fish farming in Amrit Sarovars (revival ponds) would not only enhance the ecological value of these water bodies but also improve the livelihoods of fishermen. Additionally, the Prime Minister highlighted the need to promote ornamental fish farming as a potential income-generating opportunity.

Focus on Enhancing Fish Production

Over the past 10 years, the Central

Government has launched several initiatives to boost fish production and productivity. These include the Blue Revolution Scheme, Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kalyan Sampada Yojana (PM-MKSSY), and expansion of investment in the sector through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC). As a result, with a sectoral growth rate of over 9% in 2024–25, total annual fish production (both inland and marine) reached 195 lakh tonnes, up from 184 lakh tonnes in

Prime Minister Reviews Progress in Fisheries Sector

Focus on Promoting Technology

To modernize the fisheries sector, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has directed increased use of satellite and drone technologies. He also stressed the need to promote ornamental fish farming as a means to boost fishermen's income. Over the past 10 years, the Modi Government has taken several significant steps to develop the fisheries sector. To review the progress of these initiatives, the Prime Minister chaired a high-level meeting, where he underscored the wider application of satellite technology for better utilization of fishery resources and to issue safety advisories to fishermen. He emphasized the modernization of the sector through the development of smart ports and markets, and highlighted the use of drones for the transportation and marketing of the catch. He called for the creation of an efficient system that ensures value addition across the supply chain. The Prime Minister also suggested exploring the use of drones to transport fresh fish



from production centers to large nearby markets in cities and towns, in consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in line with technical protocols. Additionally, he discussed the need to improve processing and packaging and called for facilitating private sector investment in these areas to further boost the sector's growth.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that just as AgriTech is transforming the agriculture sector, the fisheries sector must also adopt FishTech to improve systems of production, processing, and marketing. He stated that fish farming in Amrit Sarovars

would not only enhance the ecological value of these water bodies but also significantly improve the livelihoods of fishermen. The Prime Minister also underlined the need to promote ornamental fish farming as a viable income-generating opportunity. He called for a dedicated strategy to meet the needs

of landlocked regions, where the demand for fish is high but supply remains insufficient.

Since 2015, the Government has increased investment in the sector to ₹38,572 crore through several schemes and programmes, including the Blue Revolution Scheme, Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Samriddhi Yojana (PM-MKSSY), and the Kisan Credit Card (KCC). These efforts have led to a significant rise in fish production, which reached 195 lakh tonnes in 2024–25.

FY 2023–24. Compared to 95.79 lakh tonnes in FY 2013–14, fish production has more than doubled over the past decade. According to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), India exported 1,781,602 tonnes of marine products worth ₹60,523.89 crore in FY 2023–24 — more than double the ₹30,213 crore worth of exports in FY 2013–14. Since 2015, the Government has increased total investment under various schemes and programmes to ₹38,572 crore.

As part of the Ministry of

Cooperation's initiative, efforts are being made to expand the number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the fisheries sector. Under the target of establishing 2 lakh new PACS, over 11,000 PACS are planned specifically for the fisheries sector by FY 2028–29.

According to the National Cooperative Database, 1,450 Fisheries Cooperative Societies (FCS) were formed in FY 2024–25, surpassing the target of 1,051. In the current fiscal year 2025–26, 74 FCS have been established so

far, with a target of 1,611. These societies not only provide credit facilities to their members but also serve the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities, offering them marketing support, and assistance in purchasing fishing gear, fish seed, and feed. Emphasis is also being placed on skill development to enable these cooperatives to adopt modern technology in fisheries. This initiative is proving to be instrumental in enriching the lives of fishermen, helping them increase their income and livelihood opportunities. ♦♦♦

Operation Sindoor Sparks New Zeal in Fight Against Terrorism

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The entire nation stands united and resolute in its fight against terrorism, filled with anger and determination. Today, every Indian is committed to the elimination of terrorism. 'Operation Sindoor' is not merely a military mission, but also a symbol of our resolve, courage, and the face of a transforming India, which has ignited patriotic fervour across the country. The bravery displayed by our armed forces during this mission has filled every Indian with pride. These thoughts were shared by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his recent address to the nation during the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme. He said the precise manner in which our forces destroyed terrorist hideouts across the border is truly remarkable. In his address, Shri Modi stated that our soldiers demolished the terror hubs, which was possible only because of their indomitable courage. This operation also showcased the power of indigenously manufactured weapons, equipment, and technology — a testament to the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. Following this campaign, there has been a renewed energy across the country in support of the 'Vocal for Local' movement.

Inspired by the success of this unprecedented military operation, Tiranga Yatras (Tricolour Marches) were organised in numerous cities, villages, and small towns across the country. Thousands of people came out holding the national flag



✦ Operation Sindoor reflects the resolve, courage, and image of a changing India

to salute and honour the Indian Armed Forces. In many cities, a large number of youth gathered to volunteer as Civil Defence Volunteers — with the enthusiasm of the youth in Chandigarh being particularly noteworthy. The Prime Minister said that Operation Sindoor has left such a deep impact on the people of the country that many families have made it a part of their lives. In Katihar (Bihar), Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh), and several other cities across the nation, children born during that time have been named Sindoor.

The Prime Minister, while sharing several heart-touching reflections, said that many parents have resolved to buy only toys made in India for their children — a step towards instilling patriotism from

an early age. He mentioned that some families have pledged to spend their next vacation at a beautiful destination within India. Meanwhile, many youths have taken a vow to marry within the country. A large number of people have also resolved that every gift they give from now on will be handcrafted by Indian artisans.

Shri Modi added that people are writing poems and singing motivational songs about the military operation on social media. Even small children have expressed their emotions through paintings — many of which carried profound messages. The Prime Minister said that the real strength of India lies in "people's emotional connection and public participation." ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Reviews Security Situation in Border States Adjacent to Pakistan and Nepal

India Stuns the World with Strategy, Firepower and Accurate Intelligence

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Through Operation Sindoor, India has given a befitting reply to the Pahalgam terror attack, sending a strong message to the entire world. Launched by the Indian Armed Forces based on specific intelligence inputs, this operation is a clear indication of the Modi Government's "Zero Tolerance" policy against terrorism. Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah shared these views during a review meeting held in New Delhi with Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors of border states adjacent to Pakistan and Nepal, and top officials from various security agencies. He said that after the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had made it clear that India would respond strongly to the perpetrators and supporters of terrorism.

Shri Shah said that Operation Sindoor is India's firm response to anyone who dares to threaten its borders, army, or citizens. The Indian Armed Forces targeted nine terrorist bases and destroyed the infrastructure linked to terrorist networks. The operation led to the dismantling of terrorist training camps and weapon depots belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizbul Mujahideen, and other terrorist organisations. He further added that the unity shown by the nation at this moment has significantly boosted the morale of



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Indian citizens.

Shri Shah directed that all states should prepare in accordance with the issued guidelines for mock drills.

Encouraging the states to ensure the smooth functioning of essential services such as hospitals and fire services, he also emphasized ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities. He asked the states to keep the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), Civil Defence, Home Guards, NCC, etc., alert and ready to respond to any situation. He stated that efforts should be made to ensure public participation through citizens and non-governmental organizations. Cautioning states against anti-national propaganda by undesirable elements on social and other media platforms, Shri Shah instructed that strict surveillance must be maintained on all such activities. He directed that

Operation Sindoor

action against such individuals must be taken swiftly in coordination between state governments and central agencies.

Shri Shah instructed that every possible effort should be made to keep communication systems seamless. He urged states to take appropriate steps to raise awareness among people against rumours and prevent unnecessary panic among the public. He also emphasized the need for improved coordination between local administration, the army, and paramilitary forces. This high-level meeting was attended via video conferencing by the Lieutenant Governors of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and West Bengal, and representatives from the Sikkim government. ♦♦♦

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah Speaks at a Function in Mumbai

Operation Sindoor: A Resounding Message of Zero-Tolerance Against Terrorism



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nder the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government has

instilled a strong sense of confidence among the people to make India fully developed and a global leader in every field by the year 2047. India no longer needs to look back or pause its progress. These remarks were made by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah during the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple at Madhavbaug in

- ✦ After Independence, many problems could not be solved due to lack of political will
- ✦ Modi government completed important tasks by showing strong political will

Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Shri Amit Shah noted that Shri Modi has completed 11 years as Prime Minister, and during this time, he has significantly accelerated the country's development journey. The work done under his leadership has instilled a sense of pride among citizens in being Indian. He further said that for several decades after independence, many national issues

remained unresolved due to a lack of political will. A striking example of this, he said, is the grand temple of Lord Ram in Ayodhya, constructed after 550 years, an achievement made possible only through strong political determination. He also highlighted the redevelopment of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, whose original structure had been destroyed by Aurangzeb. The

Shri Amit Shah added that through this operation, India's military showcased its might by entering terrorist hideouts and destroying their bases, thereby elevating the pride of "Matrishakti"—the divine mother power of India.

restoration and enhancement of the site's grandeur, he emphasized, is yet another result of the Modi government's firm political resolve. Shri Shah added that the Modi government has also played a pivotal role in taking yoga to every household around the world, further enhancing India's global cultural influence.

Social Work Rooted in a Deep Sense of Service

Shri Amit Shah praised the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Trust for its unwavering commitment to social service, stating that for the past 150 years, the Trust's members have been inspiring society with a strong sense of social responsibility and noble objectives. He recalled how, with a generous spirit and a big heart, visionaries like Shri Varjivandas and Narottambhai laid the foundation of this institution during challenging times. Shri Shah highlighted that in the year 1875, under foreign rule, these great individuals sparked a renaissance of social consciousness by constructing this temple. He noted that the temple has historically been a hub for various forms of social initiatives. In addition to religious practices, it once hosted education programs, the study and practice of the Bhagavad Gita, and even operated a Sanskrit school. He emphasized that the Madhavbaug Trust is a product of



the confluence of purity, balance, and virtuous deeds—a legacy that has continued uninterrupted for 150 years and is a source of great pride for everyone. Looking ahead, Shri Shah urged everyone to reflect on what the Trust should look like when it completes 200 years. He posed an important question: Can we transform this Trust into a

religious and cultural centre that becomes a source of peace and relief for the middle-class society? He further proposed the idea of establishing a Sanjeevani Centre at the site—an initiative to provide various healthcare services for middle-class citizens, especially the sick, thereby enhancing the Trust's role in serving the community. ♦♦♦

Amit Shah Addresses Families After Issuing Appointment Letters to Victims of Terror Attack

Modi Government Stands Like a Rock with People of Jammu and Kashmir

- ★ India gave a befitting reply to Pakistan's attack on our residential areas and unarmed civilians in Poonch, destroyed many of their airbases and surveillance systems
- ★ Modi govt firm on border security, Indian Army will not tolerate provocation



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Following the cowardly terrorist attack on innocent pilgrims in Pahalgam, the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi responded swiftly and decisively. In retaliation, Indian forces destroyed terrorist bases located in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, reaffirmed this while distributing appointment letters for government jobs to the families of the victims in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. Expressing heartfelt condolences to the families affected by Pakistan's shameful attacks on residential areas, temples, gurdwaras and madrasahs in Poonch, Shri Shah stated that while offering government jobs and financial compensation cannot truly

make up for the loss of precious lives, these efforts symbolize the deep concern and solidarity of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the Government of India, and the people of the entire nation.

He emphasized that, in the wake of the Pahalgam attack, the entire country stands firmly with the affected families. The wave of patriotism rising from every corner of Jammu and Kashmir, from the valley to Poonch and Kathua, has served to strengthen the unity and resolve of the entire

- ▶ **More than 9,500 bunkers, built by the Modi government in border areas, helped save the lives of civilians**
- ▶ **The strong-willed decisions of the government, accurate information from the agencies and the amazing courage and accurate killing power of the army wiped out hundreds of terrorists**

nation. Shri Shah also underlined that the development momentum initiated in Jammu and Kashmir in 2014 will not only continue but also accelerate in the times to come.

Shri Shah stated that, for the first time, Indian forces successfully destroyed the headquarters of terrorist organizations

located deep inside Pakistan. As a powerful and decisive response on behalf of the people of India, the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took a firm and courageous decision. Acting

on precise intelligence provided by security agencies, and backed by the extraordinary bravery and unmatched combat capabilities of the Indian Army, hundreds of terrorists were eliminated.

Shri Shah emphasized that India targeted terrorists, not Pakistan. However, Pakistan interpreted the operation as an attack on itself, thereby exposing the truth to the world—that it has been providing safe haven to terrorists. He clarified that India did not target any military or civilian installation in Pakistan. Instead, the Indian forces, with immense restraint and surgical precision, destroyed only the terror camps that were being actively supported and sheltered by Pakistan. Shri Shah concluded by asserting that India's armed forces and security agencies are fully capable of responding to any act of aggression, and will continue to protect the nation with strength and resolve.

World Condemns Pakistan's Attack on Civilians

Following India's precise strikes on terrorist bases inside Pakistan, a panicked Pakistan retaliated by targeting residential areas in Jammu and Kashmir, with Poonch suffering the most damage. Pakistan indiscriminately shelled civilian zones, including homes, temples, gurdwaras, and madrasahs in and around Poonch. In response to this unprovoked aggression against unarmed civilians and residential areas, the Indian Army launched a strong counterattack, inflicting significant damage on nine Pakistani airbases and their firepower infrastructure. This decisive retaliation compelled Pakistan to step forward and seek a compromise.

Shri Shah stated that the entire international community is strongly condemning Pakistan's attack on civilians, recognizing the grave violation of human rights and



Shri Shah said that soon after taking charge as Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi made a strategic decision to construct bunkers along India's border areas. As a result, over 9,500 bunkers have been built, significantly contributing to the protection and safety of citizens living in these vulnerable regions. He emphasized that the Government of India will continue this initiative by constructing even more bunkers, ensuring that civilians are safeguarded during times of conflict or natural calamities. Shri Shah also reiterated Prime Minister Shri Modi's unequivocal message that terrorism and dialogue cannot coexist, and that terror and trade, like blood and water, cannot flow together.

international norms. He further said that this entire sequence of events stands as a powerful testimony to the Modi government's national security policy. It sends a clear message to the world that India will not tolerate any form of aggression—be it against its armed forces, civilians, or territorial sovereignty. Shri Shah also acknowledged the extensive damage caused to homes and business establishments in Poonch,

emphasizing that the Jammu and Kashmir administration stood by the affected people at every step. He noted that thousands of people were promptly relocated to safer areas, significantly minimizing the potential loss of life. To support recovery efforts, Shri Shah announced that the Government of India will soon introduce a special relief package to help compensate for the losses suffered by the people of Poonch. ♦♦♦

Prime Minister Shri Modi Speaks during inauguration of development projects in Gujarat

140 crore Indians United in Building Viksit Bharat Vision

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India has moved beyond an era of despair and uncertainty, stepping confidently into a new age of optimism and progress. In recent years, the nation has taken bold, transformative decisions that have broken free from decades-old limitations, paving the way for advancement across all sectors.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted these achievements during the inauguration and foundation stone-laying ceremony of development projects worth over ₹24,000 crore in Dahod, Gujarat. While dedicating several key projects to the nation, Shri Modi stated, “140 crore Indians are united in the mission of building a developed India.”

Shri Modi emphasized that India is rapidly gaining momentum in the global manufacturing landscape, with steady growth in both domestic production and exports. The country is now exporting a diverse range of products—including smartphones, automobiles, toys, defense equipment, and pharmaceuticals. He also noted that India is not only producing advanced rail and metro technologies but is also becoming a global exporter in this space. Highlighting Dahod’s contribution to this progress, the Prime Minister pointed to the Electric Locomotive Factory established there. This facility is a major milestone, producing



- ✦ Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth ₹24,000 crore in Dahod
- ✦ Unprecedented efforts made during the last 11 years for the development of tribal society

9,000-horsepower locomotives that will greatly enhance the capacity and efficiency of India’s railways.

Highlighting the rapid growth of India’s railway sector over the past 10–11 years, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that the expansion of metro networks and the introduction of semi-high-speed trains are significantly transforming the nation’s connectivity. He emphasized that the Vande Bharat trains, now operating on nearly 70 routes, are further strengthening India’s transportation infrastructure. Announcing a new Vande Bharat

Express between Ahmedabad and Veraval, the Prime Minister credited the rise of modern trains in India to advancements in domestic technology. Today, train coaches and engines are manufactured within the country, reducing reliance on imports.

“India has emerged as a major exporter of railway equipment,” he said, noting that metro coaches are now exported to Australia, while train coaches are being supplied to England, Saudi Arabia, and France. In addition, countries like Mexico, Spain, Germany, and Italy import various railway components from India.



Shri Modi also highlighted that Indian-made passenger coaches are in use in Mozambique and Sri Lanka, and 'Made in India' locomotives are being exported to several nations. This growth underscores the success of the 'Make in India' initiative and instills a deep sense of national pride. He concluded by saying, "A robust railway network not only improves facilities for people but also boosts industries and agriculture across the country."

India Set to Emerge as an Industrial Superpower

Shri Narendra Modi highlighted Gujarat's impressive progress across various sectors such as education, IT, semiconductors, and tourism, which has positioned the state as a leader in multiple industries. He announced that a major semiconductor plant is being established in Gujarat with an investment of several thousand crores, further boosting India's presence in the global semiconductor market.

Shri Modi noted that regions like Dahod, Vadodara, Godhra, Kalol and Halol have together formed a high-tech engineering and manufacturing corridor in the state. Vadodara, in particular, is advancing rapidly in aircraft manufacturing and is also home to India's first Gati Shakti University.

He stated that in the coming years, this region of Gujarat will be known for producing everything from bicycles and motorcycles to railway engines and aircraft. Such a high-tech engineering and manufacturing corridor is rare even on a global scale and significantly strengthens Gujarat's status as an emerging industrial superpower.

Govt Committed to Upliftment of Tribal Communities

Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that "the development of tribal areas is essential for building a developed India." Over the past 11 years,

India is now exporting a wide range of products including smartphones, automobiles, toys, defence equipment and medicines

India is also manufacturing rail and metro technology and exporting it globally

Exporting metro coaches to Australia and train coaches to England, Saudi Arabia and France

Mexico, Spain, Germany and Italy also import railway-related components from India

'Made in India' engines are being exported to many countries, strengthening national pride

unprecedented efforts have been made to uplift tribal communities across the country.

He noted that, in the past, tribal children in Gujarat struggled to access science education. However, this scenario has changed significantly with the establishment of quality institutions such as good colleges, ITIs, medical colleges, and two tribal universities dedicated to tribal communities across the region. The expansion of Eklavya Model Residential Schools has also played a key role in improving educational opportunities for tribal students. Shri Modi highlighted that Dahod alone has several such schools, which are actively promoting tribal education.

The Prime Minister further underscored the government's strong commitment to the holistic development of tribal communities. For the first time in the history of

independent India, a comprehensive scheme has been launched focusing on the upliftment of tribal villages. He referred to the 'Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' as a historic initiative, backed by a substantial investment of around ₹80,000 crore by the Central Government. Under this scheme, development activities are underway in over 60,000 tribal villages across the country, including those in Gujarat.

These villages are being equipped with essential infrastructure such as pucca (concrete) houses, electricity, clean water, roads, schools, and hospitals—aimed at improving the overall quality of life for tribal communities. Reaffirming his commitment to uplifting the most marginalized tribal communities, Shri Narendra Modi stated that his government prioritizes those who have been neglected for decades. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Speaks at an Event held in Kolkata

Forensic Audit Reveals Financial Scams in 20-year-old Cases



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The government's modern approach has played a crucial role in building a safe, transparent, and evidence-based criminal justice system. To effectively prevent crime, it is essential to employ science and clear laws that stay two steps ahead of criminals, completely eliminating their chances of evading justice. Today, even large financial scams are being uncovered through forensic audits, marking the beginning of a new era in our criminal justice system.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah made these remarks during the inauguration of the new building of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Kolkata, West Bengal. He emphasized that this state-of-the-art laboratory will support the development

- ★ Central government is building a safe, transparent and evidence-based criminal justice system
- ★ Confidence will increase in going to police stations, government is committed to create a just working system

of an evidence-based criminal justice system across West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Sikkim, and the entire Northeast region, enabling a holistic approach to justice.

This Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) will play a pivotal role in explaining, adopting, and promoting the importance of forensic evidence and scientific investigation in every police station, ensuring effective enforcement of the three new criminal laws enacted by the country.

Shri Shah informed that a nationwide network of FSLs will be established, grouping states into clusters of three to four. Through this cluster approach, the government aims to transform the criminal justice system into one that relies firmly on scientific evidence.

Starting January 2026, forensic science will be integrated into police stations and courts across the country, along with campaigns to educate investigating officers on the significance of forensic

evidence. This transition will ensure that the criminal justice system is evidence-based rather than reliant on mere logic or assumptions, preventing culprits from benefiting from doubts and ensuring justice for victims.

Shri Shah emphasized that the success of this transformation depends on police stations, public prosecutors, and courts recognizing the importance of forensic science and actively adopting it in their work. The creation of the FSL network and the cluster approach will enable expert collaboration for swift and accurate decisions in complex cases, bringing a radical change to the entire criminal justice system. Additionally, the Narcotics Version 2.0 and Explosive Version 2.0 systems were formally launched, enhancing the capabilities of forensic labs nationwide to handle a wide range of tasks.

In the 21st century, as transactions, communications, identities, and personal data are increasingly stored digitally, the nature of crime is evolving rapidly. The justice system must adapt accordingly and remain prepared to address these changes effectively.

Shri Shah highlighted that the Indian Judicial Code, Indian Civil Defense Code, and Indian Evidence Act are laws enacted by the Parliament to protect the constitutional rights of Indian citizens. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India has abolished outdated British-era laws that were over 160 years old and introduced new laws suitable for modern India. This revolutionary change in the justice system ensures that the guilty can no longer escape punishment due to lack of evidence. Moreover, these new laws are designed to accommodate technological advancements anticipated over the next 100 years.



Timely Justice Will Be Delivered

Shri Amit Shah stated that the new criminal laws have laid a strong legal foundation for the use of technology in crime scene investigation and judicial proceedings. Under these reforms, it is now mandatory for a forensic science team to visit the scene of crimes carrying a sentence of more than seven years. The new laws prioritize timely justice, with provisions requiring the filing of chargesheets within two months. Impressively, around 60% of cases are already seeing chargesheets filed within this timeframe, an important milestone.

He also noted that the provision for trial in absentia will enable the justice system to proceed against absconding offenders. Sentences will be pronounced even in their absence, and efforts will be made to bring them back to justice through international agreements. All 17,184 police stations across India are now connected through a modern digital network, allowing real-time data generation and enhancing efficiency across the law enforcement system.

The central government has provided assistance for deploying a forensic mobile van in every district. Inspired by this initiative, many states have increased the number of such vans in response to

their FIR volumes. Furthermore, 16 campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) have been approved, with seven already operational. The government aims to establish at least one NFSU campus in every major state. In total, 26 campuses will train 36,000 students annually through degrees, diplomas, and PhD programs—addressing the national requirement of approximately 30,000 forensic experts per year in advance.

Additionally, nine more NFSU campuses will be built at a total cost of ₹1,300 crore. To further strengthen forensic infrastructure, seven new Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) will be established in Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Bihar, at a cost of ₹860 crore. Shri Shah emphasized that the Union Home Ministry is actively supporting the enhancement of forensic science capabilities across the states. He also announced a ₹2,080 crore plan to modernize forensic infrastructure and a separate ₹200 crore project to establish a National Forensic Data Center.

Shri Shah reflected on the vision of India's constitution-makers, stating that while they enshrined the spirit of freedom in the Constitution, the implementation of this spirit has been delayed. ♦♦♦

PM Speaks at the World Health Assembly in Geneva Via Video Conferencing Ayushman Bharat: World's Largest Health Insurance Scheme



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The future of a healthy world depends on inclusion, an integrated

approach, and global collaboration. Inclusion is at the heart of India's healthcare reforms, which offer free treatment to 58 crore citizens through the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shared these views via video conferencing during the 78th session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva.

Referring to the event's theme, "One World for Health," Shri Modi expressed his appreciation, stating that it aligns closely with India's vision for global health. He emphasized that Ayushman Bharat is the world's largest health insurance scheme, providing free healthcare services. The scheme was recently expanded to include all Indian citizens aged 70 and above.

Highlighting India's extensive

✦ Inclusion is at the core of India's health reforms, covering 58 crore people and providing free treatment

✦ The future of a healthy world depends on inclusion, integrated approach and collaboration

healthcare network, Shri Modi spoke about the thousands of Health and Wellness Centres across the country. These centres are not only focused on basic care but also facilitate early diagnosis of major illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. He also acknowledged the role of public pharmacies that deliver high-quality medicines at affordable prices.

Shri Modi underscored the critical role of technology in enhancing healthcare delivery. He cited India's digital health initiatives, including a digital platform that tracks vaccinations for pregnant women and children, and the Unique Digital Health Identity System, which

integrates a patient's information, health benefits, insurance, and medical records.

He noted that telemedicine services have revolutionized access to healthcare, ensuring that no patient is too far from a doctor. Through India's free telemedicine service, over 34 crore people have received medical consultations.

Shri Modi also highlighted the positive outcomes of India's healthcare efforts. With a substantial increase in government health spending, there has been a notable reduction in out-of-pocket expenses for citizens as a share of total health expenditure. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Speaks on Cleaning of Yamuna, Drinking Water and Sewage System in Delhi

There is a Need to Prevent Leakage in Water Pipelines



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Yamuna is not just a river, it is a symbol of our faith. Therefore, its cleanliness is a top priority for the Modi government. These sentiments were reiterated by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah during a high-level meeting held in New Delhi.

Shri Shah directed authorities to adopt a holistic approach for the cleaning of the Yamuna River, along with improving the drinking water and sewage systems in Delhi. He emphasized that any plan formulated for rejuvenating the Yamuna, upgrading the water supply, and enhancing the drainage system must be designed with a 20-year vision, keeping in mind

✦ Yamuna is not just a river for us, but also a symbol of faith

the future needs and development standards of the capital.

Shri Shah underlined the critical role of the Delhi Jal Board in cleaning the Yamuna and stressed the need to strengthen the organization. He also called for the immediate filling of vacant posts in the Delhi Jal Board, stating that it is essential to ensure the department functions with full efficiency.

Focus on Enhancing Water Distribution in Delhi

Shri Shah highlighted the importance of increasing water distribution capacity in Delhi, noting that effective water management is vital to ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply to the entire city. He urged the Delhi Jal Board to prevent

leakage in pipelines and to further strengthen the existing water distribution infrastructure.

To streamline the water purification process and improve efficiency, Shri Shah also stressed the adoption of world-class technology for desilting drains and maintaining a clean water system. Looking at the national level, Shri Shah urged the Ministry of Jal Shakti to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for all sewage treatment plants. This SOP should clearly define norms for quality, maintenance, and discharge. He further suggested that this SOP be shared with all states across the country to ensure uniformity and improved water management nationwide. ♦♦♦

Foodgrain Storage: More PACS to Be Integrated

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The world's largest grain storage scheme is set to significantly boost the income of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and generate rural employment. The implementation of this scheme has been entrusted to the cooperative sector, under which PACS are establishing warehouses, custom hiring centers, and agricultural infrastructure for grain storage. In a review meeting chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, it was decided that state governments should be instructed to involve as many PACS as possible in the scheme at their level. Additionally, state-level marketing federations should be integrated into the initiative to help build a comprehensive cooperative supply chain across the country.

Emphasizing the importance of broad participation by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the food storage scheme, Union Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah stated during the meeting that it is essential to make PACS an integral part of the initiative in order to ensure both its financial viability and social effectiveness.

In the meeting, Shri Shah issued specific guidelines to the Food Corporation of India, NCCF, NAFED, and State Warehousing Corporations to connect PACS with as many warehouses as possible. Shri Amit Shah said that the world's largest food storage scheme is a major step toward fulfilling Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhi'. He noted that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment generation are



- ✦ Decision to instruct states to include more and more PACS in this scheme and also to connect state level marketing federations to it
- ✦ Instructions given to FCI, NCCF, NAFED and State Warehousing Corporation to connect PACS to more and more warehouses

the two key indicators of a nation's economic progress. The food storage scheme directly contributes to both by aiming to increase the income of PACS and create new rural employment opportunities.

Shri Shah also stressed the need for urgent action to strengthen the financial position of PACS by extending the loan repayment period under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. Apart from Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Shri Murlidhar Mohol, the meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food Corporation of India, NABARD, National Cooperative Development Corporation and other related organizations.

Shri Amit Shah urged all participating organizations to implement the scheme in a timely and coordinated manner, ensuring that it

becomes a milestone in achieving the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Prosperity through Cooperation'. Under this ambitious scheme, a total of 70 million tonnes of additional food grain storage capacity will be created over the next five years, with an estimated investment of ₹1 lakh crore. Currently, the country's storage capacity stands at only about 47 percent, which is less than half of the total food grain production.

According to the third advance estimates for the 2024-25 crop year, the government has projected a record food grain production of 354 million tonnes, while the total available storage capacity is only 145 million tonnes. While the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, continues to focus on increasing agricultural productivity to ensure robust food security for the world's largest population, safe and efficient storage of food grains is being given equal priority. ♦♦♦

Governing Board of Tribhuvan Sahkari University Constituted

Sahakar Jagran Team

The Union Ministry of Cooperation is actively working to begin operations of the country's first cooperative university at the earliest. Following the appointment of the Vice Chancellor of the newly established Tribhuvan Sahkari University, based at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in Gujarat, the Ministry has now also constituted the university's first Governing Board. Veterans of the cooperative sector, Shri Dileep Sanghani and Shri Satish Marathe, have been nominated as members of this 19-member board. This marks a significant milestone, as for the first time since independence, a cooperative university is being set up in India to promote and strengthen cooperative education. The initiative gained momentum after Parliament passed legislation enabling the establishment of the university, signaling a new chapter in the advancement of the cooperative movement in the country.

The Governing Board has been constituted under Section 21(2) of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University Act, 2025, and came into effect on May 27, 2025. The board comprises representatives from various central ministries, cooperative institutions, and state governments. The board includes Prof. Dr JM Vyas, Vice Chancellor of the University and Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation. In addition, Secretaries from the Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Food Processing Industries, and Fisheries are part of the board. Other members include the Managing Director of the National Cooperative Development

- ✦ NCUI President Shri Dileep Sanghani also became a member of the 19-member governing board
- ✦ Presidents of IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED and NCCF will work as members on rotation basis



Corporation (NCDC), Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Chairman of NABARD, CEO of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), and Shri Neeraj Nigam, Executive Director (Department of Financial Inclusion and Development), Reserve Bank of India. The Finance Officer and the Registrar (Member Secretary) of the University are also included as members of the Governing Board.

The four nominated members of the Governing Board are Shri Dileep Sanghani, President of NCUI; Shri Satish Marathe, Director of the Central Board, Reserve Bank of India; Smt. Aarti Patil, MD & CEO of Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd.; and Jeena Potsangbam, Vice President of Manipur State Cooperative Union.

The expertise of these seasoned cooperative sector veterans will enhance ground-level experience and financial discipline, while also strengthening women's leadership and representation from the North Eastern region.

Shri Sanghani and Shri Marathe have played significant roles in shaping cooperative policies at the national level. Shri Sanghani has been a long-standing advocate for cooperative empowerment, while Shri Marathe, a founding

member of Sahakar Bharati, brings valuable experience in financial administration from RBI, which will contribute deep ground-level knowledge and regulatory insight to the functioning of the Board.

The appointment of Smt. Aarti Patil, MD and CEO of Saraswat Cooperative Bank, India's largest urban cooperative bank, to the board is intended to highlight the increasing role of women in cooperative leadership. It also aims to leverage her banking expertise and Saraswat Bank's digital transformation initiatives in advancing cooperative education. The inclusion of Jeena Potsangbam reflects the Centre's commitment to ensuring geographical and cultural representation in shaping the cooperative education strategy. Her appointment symbolizes the growing participation of the North-East in the country's cooperative movement, connecting regional aspirations with the broader goal of inclusive growth.

To incorporate regional perspectives into the University's policies, the Principal Secretary or Secretary of Cooperative Departments from Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, and Gujarat have been nominated on a rotational basis. ♦♦♦



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Elevating the Agri Sector Through PACS

The Ministry of Cooperation was established by the Government of India to realize the vision of prosperity through cooperation, a goal that is reaching new heights every day. This initiative will undoubtedly boost agriculture in rural areas and pave the way for new economic ventures. There is a strong emphasis on leveraging technology to advance modern agriculture. Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) are emerging as pioneers in agricultural development. The use of drone technology marks a significant step toward a second green revolution at the grassroots level, with primary agricultural cooperative societies making revolutionary efforts to bring drones to every household. To achieve prosperity through cooperation, cooperative societies are functioning as organized entities that provide multipurpose services, fostering trust among members and communities while promoting their economic progress. In the future, cooperative societies will offer many need-based services, although their economic stability will largely depend on their financial resources.

For advanced agriculture, the drone project was initially launched by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in two South Indian states and is now being adopted by other states as well. The program began with Deva Guptam PACS in the Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh, which produced 21 drones worth ₹1.95 crore. The cooperative society holds a 10 percent stake in this venture, while the remaining

amount was financed by the District Cooperative Central Bank (DCCB) at an interest rate of four percent. If the cooperative society repays the loan on time, it becomes eligible for a discount or subsidy of up to three percent interest under the Agriculture Investment Fund.

Through the use of drones, 40 acres of land can be sprayed daily, with the cost of spraying at ₹300 per acre. One acre can be sprayed within six to eight minutes. This technology is expected to greatly benefit farmers, as mechanization combined with technology in agriculture is likely to bring excellent results and financial stability. A partnership has been established with Vymik Innovation Private Limited to address any technical challenges that arise during the project's operation.

Increasing the financial resources of cooperatives through drone technology is a key focus. It is the responsibility of both central and state governments to fully inform farmers in rural areas about the benefits of using this technology. Information about the PM Kisan Drone Yojana is being shared with farmers through educational programs organized by the NCUI. Additionally, efforts are underway to ensure sufficient availability of drones to farmers through collaboration with companies.

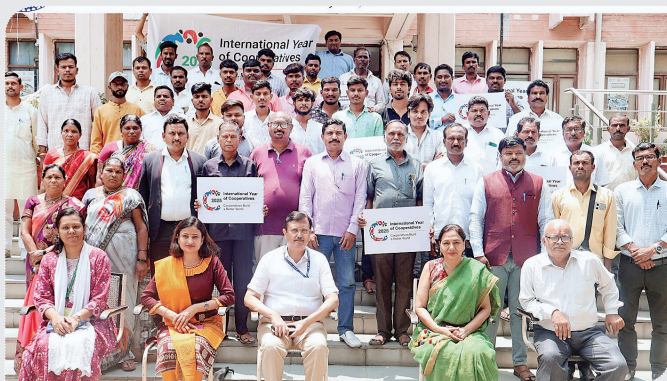
The 21 drones purchased by Devaguptam PACS from Vyomic Innovation Private Limited were priced up to ₹9,75,000 each. PACS has signed a lease agreement with the company to procure drones for the next seven years. Devaguptam PACS is committed to providing

drones to farmers at the regional level and is also managing human resources, such as drone pilots and co-pilots. Overall, a well-organized management system has been developed at all levels to successfully implement this ambitious project.

The NCUI-IFCO team is conducting training workshops to educate farmers on the technical aspects, and spraying demonstrations are being held at the district level. Women drone pilots are being trained to maximize the use of drones in agricultural work. The government has decided that two lakh "Drone Didis" will work as pilots across the country, with preference given to women from voluntary organizations, enabling them to earn up to ₹1 lakh per month.

The government is closely monitoring every aspect of drone management, including the regular supervision of drones provided to PACS. The results of the drone project operated by PACS in Andhra Pradesh have been very promising so far. In addition to drones, other essential equipment such as sprayers and loaders are also being supplied to ensure easy delivery of drones to the fields. Special course modules in cooperative management institutes are proving to be very helpful in the effective implementation of these schemes. NCUI has also launched the Training of Trainers (TOT) program in cooperative institutes across the country, which is strengthening the mission of achieving prosperity through cooperation. ♦♦♦

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The National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) at NCUI, New Delhi, organized a Leadership Development Programme for Presidents and Directors of Indian Fisheries Cooperatives. The programme highlighted various government initiatives, schemes of the National Fisheries Development Board and the role of technology and digitalization in advancing the fisheries business. Smt. Savitri Singh, Deputy Chief Executive of NCUI, also presented certificates to the participants.



The National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) organized a three-day Leadership Development Programme for Presidents and Directors of Women Cooperatives from across India at NCUI. During the event, NCUI President Shri Dileep Sanghani, Chief Executive Dr. Sudhir Mahajan and Deputy Chief Executive Smt. Savitri Singh motivated and encouraged the participants.



NCUI's National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) conducted a Leadership Development Programme for office bearers of Consumer Cooperatives from across India. A total of 49 representatives from various states took part in the programme, gaining valuable insights into key subjects such as cooperative philosophy and the legal provisions related to consumer cooperatives.



NCUI's National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme for Cooperative Education Personnel. The programme saw the participation of 31 individuals, including trainers from District and State Cooperative Unions, as well as other cooperatives from seven states. Participants developed and refined their skills to strengthen cooperative education and training initiatives.



NCCE conducted a Leadership Development Programme in New Delhi for Presidents and Directors of Indian Consumer Cooperatives. The programme focused on key areas such as Human Resource Management, Communication, and the use of Social Media and Technology for Cooperative Business Development. Shri Ved Prakash Setia, Executive Director of NCUI, provided insights into the New Cooperative Policy, the MSCS Act and their implications for the cooperative sector.



As part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 initiative, NCUI organized a two-day training programme on 'Cooperatives and Cooperative Management' for committed technocrats from IFFCO Pulpur Unit. The programme aimed to strengthen cooperative leadership at the grassroots level and enhance managerial skills to foster a resilient cooperative ecosystem.



Over the past decade, our government has made dedicated efforts to uplift people from poverty. Flagship initiatives such as PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana and Ayushman Bharat have significantly improved access to housing, clean cooking fuel, banking services and healthcare for the marginalized. Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), digital inclusion and a strong focus on rural infrastructure, we have ensured transparency and swift delivery of services to the most remote areas. Our approach has centred on empowerment, development of infrastructure and inclusive growth—enabling over 25 crore people to rise above poverty.

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 Samridhhi'.

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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