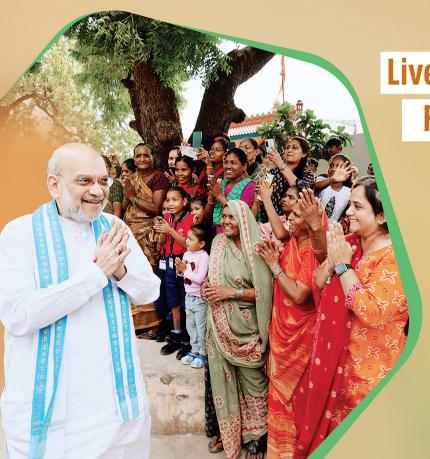


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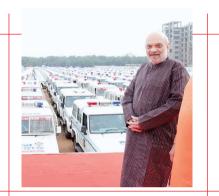
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NCDC Strengthens Cooperative Societies

The role of NCDC has become crucial in contributing to India's journey toward becoming a developed nation through a strong cooperative movement. To realize the vision of Narendra Modi — "Prosperity through Cooperation" — NCDC has been making extensive efforts to support cooperatives across the country.

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Gujarat has not only strengthened border and internal security but has also effectively curbed terrorism, narcotics, and cybercrime.



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Modi Govt Stands Firmly with People of Jammu and Kashmir



NCDC Empowering **Cooperative Societies**



ooperative societies are the backbone of India's cooperative movement. Spread across the remotest parts of rural India, these societies play a vital role in empowering small and marginal farmers through mutual support, enabling them to move towards self-reliance and progress. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) plays a crucial role in

making these societies economically strong, commercially viable, and multi-functional. By providing financial assistance to over 8 lakh cooperative societies across the country, NCDC is contributing to improving the lives of nearly 29 crore members, about 94 % of whom are farmers. With NCDC's financial support, cooperative institutions are expanding their operations, paving the way for greater prosperity for the farmers associated with them.

NCDC works towards improving the socio-economic status of cooperative members by providing loans, grants, and financial assistance to all types of cooperative societies, including Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), dairy cooperatives, and other rural development organizations for various developmental activities. It is strengthening the cooperative sector by promoting cooperative production, processing, marketing, storage, and export of agricultural produce, food products, industrial goods, livestock, and other recognized commodities and services. The primary objective of NCDC is to assist and develop farmers' cooperative societies to enhance agricultural production and productivity. In addition, it provides post-harvest facilities to these societies. NCDC's continuous efforts are contributing significantly to realizing the vision of "prosperity through cooperation" and building a developed India.

NCDC plays a vital role in promoting agricultural development in India by financing cooperative societies engaged in the agricultural sector. It provides funds for developing infrastructure related to the purchase, storage, marketing, and processing of agricultural inputs, as well as for the establishment of agro-based industries. Through its financial assistance, NCDC helps farmers' cooperative societies modernize their operations, enhance production capacity, and gain better access to markets for their produce. It also supports sustainable agricultural practices and empowers farmers by promoting cooperative models that reduce dependence on intermediaries.

In the non-agricultural sector, NCDC focuses on providing facilities to cooperative societies to promote income-generating activities, with special emphasis on supporting vulnerable sections such as dairy, livestock, handloom, sericulture, beekeeping, fisheries, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and women cooperatives. The Corporation implements programmes not only for agricultural products but also for specific items like pesticides, fertilizers, agricultural machinery, soap, textiles, and rubber. Through cooperatives, NCDC also facilitates the collection, processing, storage, trade, and export of minor forest produce. In addition to its work in dairy, poultry, sericulture, fisheries, and handloom, NCDC is also engaged in various income-generating enterprises. It extends loans and grants to State Governments as well as to national-level and other cooperative organizations for multi-state programmes. •••

Jai Sahakar





This Independence Day gift for our young friends is the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana. This will create new employment opportunities for them in many sectors. Over the past 11 years, entrepreneurship has become a major strength for us. Today, lakhs of youth from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are also engaged in driving the country's economy forward. From start-ups and the space sector to sports, our daughters are playing a vital role in the country's development journey. This has given a strong recognition to women's power.

> Shri Narendra Modi Prime Minister of India



Eleven years ago, Modi Ji launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, the largest banking initiative in world history. to ensure financial inclusion for the poor. women, farmers, and the underprivileged. This historic achievement connected a large section of the country, deprived of banking services for decades. Today, more than 56 crore Jan Dhan beneficiaries, of whom approximately 56% are women, are directly benefiting from various government schemes such as banking, insurance, and pensions, and are working towards achieving the goal of a developed and self-reliant India.

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





Taking a major step towards self-reliant agriculture, the Modi government approved the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. The scheme will be implemented for six years from 2025, with an annual expenditure of ₹24,000 crore, and will benefit over 1.7 crore farmers in 100 districts.

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



Panchayats and cooperative societies operating at the village level are the powerhouses of rural development. By working in coordination, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's pledge of prosperity through cooperation will be realized as soon as possible. This work has been initiated through the Agriculture and Village Development Council.

Shri Dileep Sanghani President, NCUI & IFFCO

The cooperative-led "White Revolution 2.0" is moving forward with a strong and visionary vision, aiming to increase milk collection by 50% by 2028-29. This initiative will expand cooperative coverage to remote and underserved areas, while also ensuring environmentally sound and sustainable development by adopting sustainable and circular processes.

Ministry of Cooperation Government of India



125th Episode of Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi **Promotes Swadeshi & Self-reliance**

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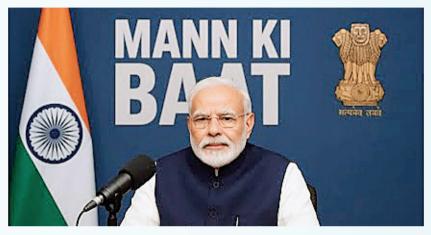


av proudly—"This Swadeshi!" One mantra -'Vocal for Local', one path

'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', and one goal - 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). With this spirit, we must move forward — these were the words of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the 125th episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. Referring to the celebrations of Ganesh Utsav across the country, the Prime Minister said that the coming days will be filled with the joy of many festivals. During these festivities, we must never forget the importance of Swadeshi. Let the gifts we give be made in India, the clothes we wear be woven in India, the decorations in our homes be crafted in India, and the lights that brighten our celebrations be produced in India. In every aspect of life — let everything be Swadeshi.

Emphasizing Swadeshi and self-reliance as key paths, the Prime Minister urged domestic manufacturers to focus on improving the quality of their products and reducing costs. He said, "I appeal to all producers — enhance the quality of your goods, lower their prices, and you will see that Indians will no longer look abroad for anything. Let us awaken this spirit and set an example before the world."

Expressing grief over the loss of lives and property caused by natural calamities during the monsoon, the Prime Minister said that personnel from NDRF, SDRF, and other security forces worked tirelessly day



- Swadeshi and self-reliance are the foundation for Viksit Bharat
- +Solar energy is not just a source of electricity, but a new power bringing light and transformation to villages across the nation

and night to rescue those affected. They also made extensive use of technology and modern resources to accelerate relief operations. Relief materials were delivered by helicopters, and the injured were airlifted to safety. The Prime Minister acknowledged the crucial role of the armed forces, local residents, social workers, doctors, and all those who placed humanity above everything else during this crisis, expressing heartfelt gratitude to them.

Referring to the creation of a digital platform named 'Pratibha Setu' for candidates who could not make it to the final list of the Civil Services Examination, the Prime Minister said that details of more than ten thousand such talented individuals have been

made available on the portal. Private companies can access this information and offer them employment opportunities. noted that this initiative has already started yielding positive results.

Speaking about solar energy, Shri Modi highlighted how solar power is transforming the lives of farmers, enabling them to earn better returns for their hard work. Citing the example of Devki Ji from Ratanpura village in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar, he said she has changed the destiny of her village using solar pumps. People now fondly call her "Solar Didi." Her hard work and foresight have shown that solar energy is not merely a means of generating electricity, but a new force bringing light, empowerment, and progress to villages across the nation. •••



Shri Amit Shah Addresses Annual Meeting of Cooperative Societies in Gujarat

Bolstering the Cooperative Base



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cooperatives are becoming a strong medium to bring prosperity to every village, and the cooperative sector is advancing rapidly. Initiatives such as the new Cooperative Policy, Model Tribhuvan Cooperative Bylaws, University, and White Revolution aligning cooperatives with the needs of the new era. Simultaneously, the Food Storage Scheme and the establishment of three national-level cooperative societies are helping farmers' produce reach global markets.

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah shared these achievements during the

- ◆Crores of farmers, livestock rearers, and fishermen are receiving their profits directly into their bank accounts
- ◆The decades-old weak cooperative system has now strengthened with a 12% growth

annual meeting of seven districtlevel cooperative societies, including the District Cooperative Bank Limited, in Rajkot, Gujarat. He highlighted that new cooperative societies, new milk unions, and farmer-focused processing cooperatives are now established across the country. Through these, a computerized system has been implemented in Gujarat and throughout India to ensure farmers receive their profits directly. Shri Shah stated that in

Gujarat, all cooperative institutions under the cooperative sector are provided loans through district and state cooperative banks. Following successful implementation Banaskantha and Panchmahal districts, this system is now being extended across the entire state of Gujarat.

Rajkot's Cooperative **Sector: A Model of Success**

Shri Shah stated that Rajkot's cooperative sector is not only an example of success for Gujarat but





for the entire country. Emphasizing further strengthening of the cooperative sector, he encouraged establishment of unions, service cooperatives, and warehouse-equipped cooperative societies in every village across India. Shri Shah noted that the true identity of any cooperative institution lies in the utilization of its profits for the welfare of farmers. Rajkot District Cooperative Bank has received the NABARD Best Performance Award five times and the Overall Best Performance Award four times. This achievement reflects the hard work of the district's farmers and the skilled leadership of all directors and the chairman of the Rajkot District Cooperative Bank. He highlighted that over 53 consecutive years of audits, the bank maintained a net NPA of less than one percent, generated profits of hundreds of crores, and even provided loans at zero interest, all while successfully sustaining its robust system.

Farmers Benefiting from New Initiatives in the Cooperative Sector

Shri Shah stated that several new initiatives have been launched in the cooperative sector. To ensure that farmers receive the full profit from their organic produce, a cooperative named "Bharat Organic" has been established, which purchases organic

products directly from farmers and returns the entire profit to them. Additionally, new cooperative institutions have been created to promote cooperative exports through the National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL) and to support seed development through the Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL).

Appealing to farmers to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and to adopt organic farming, Shri Shah noted that this would not only improve public health but also increase farmers' profits. He urged all farmers in Saurashtra to move toward organic farming and contribute to increasing India's share in the global organic products market. Shri Shah emphasized that the Government of India has established systems to ensure that farmers practicing organic agriculture receive significant benefits from their produce.

Formation of the Ministry of **Cooperation Transformed** the Landscape

Shri Shah stated that ever since India's independence, those working in the cooperative sector had been demanding the establishment of a dedicated Ministry of Cooperation at the central level. Earlier, the vast cooperative system of the country was managed by a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, which did not provide the required support for the sector's development. In this context, Prime Minister Shri Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, opening the doors to cooperative development. Shri Shah highlighted that this decision enabled millions of farmers, livestock rearers, and fishers across India—from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Dwarka to Kamakhya-to directly receive the profits of their hard work into their bank accounts.

Shri Shah also inaugurated statues of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Vithalbhai Radadiya in Rajkot. He noted that Vallabhbhai Patel had always fought for the welfare of farmers not only in Rajkot but across the country, establishing and strengthening the Rajkot District Cooperative Bank. Vithalbhai Radadiya served the bank for many years and transformed it into an award-winning institution recognized by NABARD. Under the bank's accident insurance scheme, Shri Shah distributed benefits to 22 individuals and awarded motorcycles and compensation to nine cooperative societies under the Agricultural Society Awards. Additionally, benefits were provided through the RDC Bank Accident Scheme, Insurance Medical Assistance Scheme, and Agricultural Society Awards Scheme. •••





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Strengthens Cooperative **Societies**

The National Cooperative **Development Corporation (NCDC)** has provided financial assistance of more than ₹95,000 crore to cooperative societies during the financial year 2024-25

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- he role of NCDC has become crucial in contributing to India's journey toward becoming a developed nation through a strong cooperative movement. To realize the vision of Narendra Modi "Prosperity through Cooperation" — NCDC has been making extensive efforts to support cooperatives across the country. It extends financial assistance from the grassroots level-Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)—to
- +An amount of ₹77,942.72 crore was provided to eight marketing cooperatives for the procurement of farmers' produce at Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- → This initiative has strengthened states and cooperative institutions, enabling them to expand investment in agriculture, cooperation, and rural development

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NCDC is serving as the implementing agency for the government's ambitious scheme to promote the formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs. It registers and supports new cooperatives. NCDC is also the implementing agency for the formation and promotion of **Fish Farmers Producers** Organizations under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya** Sampada Yojana.

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

apex-level cooperative institutions. In 2023, Amit Shah, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, had set a target for NCDC to provide ₹1 lakh crore annually to the cooperative sector within three years. The corporation has nearly achieved this target ahead of schedule.

In response to a question in the Lok Sabha, Shri Amit Shah informed that the NCDC disbursed loans worth ₹95,182.84 crore to cooperative institutions during the financial year 2024-25. Of this, the largest share—₹77,942.72 crore extended to cooperative societies active in the marketing sector. In the first three months of the current financial year 2025-26 (up to June 30), NCDC has already disbursed ₹26,425.75 crore in loans. This financial assistance is helping cooperatives not only expand their business activities but also



Full Support for Procurement of Agricultural Produce

To improve the financial condition of rural areas and increase farmers' incomes, the Ministry of Cooperation arranges special capital for the government procurement of agricultural produce at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and to ensure better market prices for their crops. The Government of India announces MSP for 24 Rabi and Kharif crops, along with Fair and Remunerative Prices (FRP) for sugarcane and MSP for three other commercial crops. When crop prices in agricultural markets of various states fall below MSP, government procurement begins. In addition to various government agencies, cooperative marketing agencies also undertake purchases in the market. Working capital for these cooperative agencies is arranged by the NCDC. To address farmers' challenges, NCDC provided cooperative marketing societies across various states with ₹77,942.72 crore in FY 2024-25 for procurement at MSP, while in the current financial year 2025-26, ₹25,984.83 crore has already been allocated to them for crop procurement up to June 30.

strengthen their economic resilience.

Having successfully achieved its earlier target, NCDC has now set an ambitious new goal of increasing its financial assistance to ₹2 lakh crore over the next five years. At the core of this strategy are cooperative societies that have so far remained on the margins—such as those involved in fisheries, hill-based Scheduled Caste and Scheduled cooperatives, handloom, dairy, poultry, and women's labor cooperatives. This move aims to promote inclusive and sustainable growth within the cooperative sector, significantly contributing to India's \$5 trillion economy vision. Since assuming charge of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, Shri Amit Shah has made concerted efforts to strengthen this sector. Over the past four financial years, NCDC has approved a total of 1,621 loan applications amounting to approximately ₹2,31,053.79 crore. To improve farmers' financial conditions, the Ministry of Cooperation accords high priority to agricultural credit cooperatives. More than 8 lakh Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks, District Central Cooperative Banks, State Cooperative Banks, and

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State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks across the country receive concessional loans from NCDC, playing a crucial role in boosting rural credit and cooperative development.

This initiative by the NCDC has strengthened the capacity of states and cooperative institutions to invest in and expand agriculture, cooperation, and rural development sectors. The development taking place in rural areas is continuously boosting the country's economy, creating employment opportunities, ensuring stable food supply, and helping to control inflation. The role of cooperative societies in the procurement, storage, and distribution of farmers' produce is steadily increasing. Urban Cooperative Banks have also benefited from enhanced support, leading to growth in their business operations.

Under the leadership of Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister, significant efforts are being made to financially strengthen cooperative institutions—both large and small. His focus is on the 60-crore people who continue to struggle due to lack of capital. Through NCDC, the government is playing a crucial role in providing financial assistance to these sections, particularly the poor and low-income groups. The Minister of Cooperation has emphasized that the central government is committed to empowering the poor, deprived, and backward sections of society by strengthening cooperative institutions. Under the visionary leadership of Narendra Modi, the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021 has played a pivotal role in strengthening the cooperative movement in India. Special emphasis is being given to empowering Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), which form the foundation of the cooperative credit structure.

Expanding Reach of NCDC

The NCDC plays a crucial role in the development of the cooperative sector. It serves as the implementing agency for various Central Government schemes and provides financial assistance to benefit cooperative societies. Keeping societal needs in mind, NCDC has expanded its scope. By taking meaningful steps to support agricultural marketing and investment, processing and storage sectors, and promote income opportunities for youth across the country, NCDC's reach has grown significantly. Currently, there are over 8 lakh cooperative societies in India, comprising 29 crore farmer members. Since its establishment in 1963, NCDC has been providing financial assistance to agricultural and horticultural cooperatives, among other cooperative societies. Recognizing its capacity, NCDC has been designated as the project implementing agency under the world's largest food storage scheme in the cooperative sector. It supports the formation and development of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), registers new cooperatives as FPOs, and provides them with support. NCDC is also focusing on promoting three nationallevel cooperatives established for export, organic farming, and seed production.

Chhattisgarh receives the highest number of 535 loan allocations

Cooperative institutions from Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Punjab have emerged as top recipients of loans from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). In the financial year 2024-25, NCDC approved 535 loan applications and disbursed a total amount of ₹95,182.84 crore. Among the major beneficiary states, Chhattisgarh ranked first, with its cooperative institutions receiving ₹28,080 crore. Telangana stood second with ₹20,980.07 crore, followed by Andhra Pradesh with ₹16,330 crore and Punjab with ₹5,702 crore in financial assistance to their cooperative societies. In addition to these states, top nationallevel cooperative institutions such as NAFED and NCCF also received financial support. During this financial year, NAFED was granted a loan of ₹97 crore, while NCCF received ₹1,119.36 crore.

Cooperative banks receive ₹42,000 crore

During the Monsoon Session of Parliament, the Ministry of Finance informed that in the financial year 2024-25, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) together provided more than ₹42,000 crore to cooperative banks. Among the states, cooperative banks in Andhra Pradesh received the highest financial support from NCDC amounting to ₹3,730 crore, followed by Telangana with ₹2,000 crore. Cooperative banks in Madhya Pradesh (₹291 crore) and Rajasthan (₹77 crore) also received financial assistance.

On the other hand, NABARD allocated the highest amount to Madhya Pradesh at ₹4,430 crore, followed by Odisha with ₹4,113 crore and Karnataka with ₹3,655.52 crore. Other major allocations by NABARD included Tamil Nadu (₹2,946.49 crore), Rajasthan (₹2,760.75 crore), Andhra Pradesh (₹2,716.55 crore), Maharashtra (₹2,696.26 crore), and Gujarat (₹1,691.31 crore). Smaller states also benefited from allocations, with Sikkim receiving ₹3.10 crore, Goa ₹23.97 crore, Nagaland ₹33 crore, Mizoram ₹12.60 crore, and Manipur ₹7.81 crore for **₹2,31,053.79**

crore provided to cooperative societies in four financial years

New target of ₹2,00,000

crore annual financial incentives

their cooperative banks.

As of 31 March 2025, India had 34 State Cooperative Banks, 352 District Central Cooperative Banks, and 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks in operation. With enhanced financial flows and digital integration, the cooperative banking sector is set to play an increasingly vital role in rural development and financial inclusion in the coming years.

Central Grant Assistance

To establish new projects for cooperative societies, expand their plants, and meet their working capital requirements, the Central

The goal of providing

₹1,00,000 crore annually achieved ahead of schedule

Government has made a provision of ₹2,000 crore in subsidy to the NCDC under the Central Grant Assistance Scheme. Under this scheme, covering the financial years 2025-26 to 2028-29, NCDC will receive budgetary support of ₹500 crore every year.

Based on this grant assistance, NCDC will be able to raise ₹20,000 crore from the open market over the four-year period, which will be used as financial assistance for cooperative societies. Through this initiative, a total of 13,288 cooperative societies across various sectors — including dairy,

Food Storage and Grain Processing

Since the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation, more than 100 initiatives have been undertaken for the development of cooperative societies. The Central Government, through the cooperative sector, has launched the world's largest food grain storage scheme, with an estimated cost of ₹1 lakh crore. The responsibility of constructing warehouses, storing, marketing, and processing food grains has been assigned to the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). Under this scheme, an additional storage capacity of 7 crore tonnes is being developed. This scheme operates under the supervision of an inter-ministerial committee chaired by the Union Minister of Cooperation, with a major role assigned to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). NCDC provides the financial support for II this scheme. Similarly, in the food processing sector, cooperative rice, pulses, wheat, and II maize flour mills, as well as animal feed units, receive both financial allocation and grants from NCDC. The capital requirements of processing units for horticultural crops, including fruits, flowers, spices, and II other commercial produce, are also met through NCDC. Given the significant role of these crops in exports, the Ministry of Cooperation places special emphasis on this sector.

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livestock, fisheries, sugar, textiles, food processing, warehousing, and cold storage — along with nearly 2.90 crore members of worker-led and women-led cooperatives, will benefit.

These cooperatives make significant socio-economic contribution to the rural economy. Long-term and working capital loan support is essential for their growth. Beyond driving social and economic upliftment in rural areas, cooperative societies also play a vital role in developing infrastructure and generating employment.

The grant assistance of ₹2,000 crore will help cooperative institutions launch new projects, expand their plants, and provide support. This initiative will benefit millions of members associated with the cooperative women sector, empower become self-reliant, and create new employment opportunities for youth.

Under the Grant Assistance the NCDC Scheme, will responsible for disbursing project funds. undertaking follow-up actions, monitoring projects, and recovering loans distributed from the fund. NCDC will provide loans to cooperative societies either directly or through state governments.

The funds extended by NCDC will help create income-generating capital assets and provide the necessary working capital liquidity to cooperative societies. This will enable them to enhance their capacity, modernize operations, diversify activities, increase productivity and profitability, and generate more employment opportunities. It will also improve the economic condition of member farmers. In addition, term loans for infrastructure development will open up broader avenues for employment across various skilled workforces.



The cooperative sector will play a significant role in the development of villages and farmers during this Amrit Kaal. Together, the government and cooperatives will double the potential for a developed India. Through the Digital India campaign, the government has increased transparency and ensured benefits for beneficiaries. The cooperative sector today must become a model of transparent and corruptionfree governance. To achieve this, digital systems must be promoted within the cooperative sector.

> -Shri Narendra Modi **Prime Minister**



A Big Package for Cooperative Sugar Mills

The Ministry of Cooperation, through the NCDC, provides special incentives to the food processing sector. Financial assistance is extended for the establishment, modernization, expansion, diversification of sugar industries and allied industries, including cogeneration units, spinning mills, cotton ginning, pressing, power looms, oil mills, rice and pulse mills, as well as coffee, tea, rubber, fruit and vegetable processing units and other agriculture-based processing units. In 1950, there were only two sugar mills in the cooperative sector, which has now increased to 312. Cooperative sugar mills currently contribute 36 percent of

the country's total sugar production. Assistance is provided for setting up new sugar mills, modernization of old mills, and expansion of crushing capacity. The share of cooperative sugar mills in sugar exports has also crossed 31 percent.

At present, the Ministry of Cooperation is laying special emphasis on ethanol production along with sugar production. To support cooperative sugar mills for setting up ethanol plants, cogeneration units, and working capital requirements, the NCDC has sanctioned 87 loans amounting to ₹9,893.12 crore to 48 mills during the financial years 2021-22 to 2024-25. In 2024-25 alone, assistance of ₹7,975.54 crore has been provided.

Support for Setting Up Marketing Complexes and **Custom Hiring Centers**

The government provides substantial financial assistance to primary cooperative societies of states to make agricultural machinery and equipment accessible to small and marginal farmers. Cooperative societies active in the marketing sector are supported in establishing marketing complexes and opening custom hiring centers. In line with the guidelines of the Ministry of Cooperation, the NCDC allocates financial resources to PACS as well as block- and district-level cooperative societies based on their requirements.

Service Cooperatives

Ministry of Agriculture places strong emphasis on the service cooperative sector to create employment opportunities youth through the procurement of agricultural products at MSP and the food processing industry. This sector also provides rural youth with opportunities to start new enterprises. Special priority is given within cooperatives to activities such as water conservation services, microirrigation in irrigation resources, livestock development, healthcare, and disease prevention. Cooperatives that launch startups in this sector receive particular attention. Through cooperatives, the priority areas of Prime Minister, such as rural sanitation, drainage, and rural sewage systems, are actively supported.

Textiles Cooperatives

In the textiles cooperative sector, the (NCDC) allocates funds to support weaker sections based on the requirements of spinning mills, weaving, embroidery, and garmenting. Cooperative spinning mills currently operate with an installed capacity of 3.8 million spindles and 10,670 rotors. Financial assistance is provided according

Total Financial Incentives and Major Beneficiary States

Financial Year	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Total Loan (in ₹crore)	95,182 .84	60,618.47	41,031.40	34,221.08
Chhattisgarh	28,080	18,990	8,500	12,400
Andhra Pradesh	20,980.07	13,269.90	9,686 .19	
Telangana	16,330	11,930 .99	9,091.26	9,906.57
Punjab	5,702			
Haryana				12,824.83

Expanded Role in Dairy and Fisheries Development

Small, marginal, and landless farmers are a key focus area for the Ministry of Cooperation. Accordingly, cooperative societies working in livestock, dairy, and fisheries receive financial assistance from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) on a priority basis. To strengthen dairy cooperatives and promote economic empowerment in rural areas, NCDC runs a dedicated scheme called Dairy Sahakar. The scheme aims to support the development, modernization, and expansion of the infrastructure of cooperative societies. Under this initiative, cooperatives are provided long-term loans, loan guarantees, and financial incentives. In response to a question in the Lok Sabha, Union Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah stated that from the financial year 2019-20 to 2024-25, NCDC has provided ₹1,765.11 crore in financial assistance to dairy and livestock cooperatives. During the same period, fisheries cooperatives received ₹818.24 crore in financial support.

The NCDC assists fisheries cooperatives in initiating activities related to production, processing, storage, and marketing. These activities include purchasing operational inputs such as fishing boats, nets, and engines, as well as constructing infrastructure for marketing, transportation vehicles, ice plants, cold storage facilities, retail outlets, and processing units. Additionally, NCDC provides financial support for inland fisheries, waterbody enhancement, seed farms, hatcheries, preparation of feasibility reports, integrated fisheries projects (marine, inland, and brackish water), and the purchase of deep-sea fishing vessels. Among the schemes implemented by NCDC in the fisheries sector, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is the most significant, offering subsidies of 40-60%. Similarly, under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund, cooperatives receive up to 3% interest support, and under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samriddhi Yojana (PMMKSSY), up to 35% project execution subsidy is provided.

to the demands of various states. Cooperative power loom units are also being run alongside weavers' cooperative societies. •••



Shri Shah Inaugurates Jan Rakshak Project Under Dial 112 in Ahmedabad

Boosting Security Keeps Terrorism, Narcotics and Cybercrime in Check



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security but has also effectively curbed terrorism, narcotics, and cybercrime. Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, while highlighting robust border and internal security, said that transformational change is possible when governance is guided by visionary leadership. Addressing a public event in Ahmedabad, he described the launch of the '112 Jan Rakshak' project by the State Home Department as a historic step. He emphasized that this project represents the visionary initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi strengthen internal security,

- → Dial 112: A visionary initiative for internal security, protection of citizens' rights, law and order, and quick emergency response
- →A fleet of PCR vans deployed across Gujarat to ensure immediate access to security services

safeguard citizens' rights, maintain law and order, and ensure timely delivery of all emergency services.

Shri Shah said that the path laid down by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat has been successfully carried forward by the state government, achieving remarkable success in making Gujarat the safest state in the country and rendering its borders impenetrable to adversaries. He emphasized that Gujarat is one of the most sensitive border states in India. The entire stretch of the border - from the northern frontier to Gujarat — holds strategic significance, where security remains of paramount importance.

Project Janrakshak for **Swift Security Response**

Along with launching the '112 Janrakshak' Project, Shri Shah also inaugurated newly constructed residential and office buildings built at a cost of ₹217 crore by the **Gujarat Police Housing Corporation** and flagged off a fleet of 1,000

police vehicles. He expressed happiness that Gujarat has now marked its place on the map of the 'Dial 112 Janrakshak' initiative. Shri Shah noted that previously, a network of various toll-free numbers — 100 for police, 108 for ambulance, 101 for fire service, 181 for the women's helpline, 1098 for the child helpline, and 1070 and 1077 for disaster response often created confusion for citizens. He emphasized that now, with just one number - 112 citizens will be able to access all security-related services including disaster management, child and women's helplines, fire services, ambulance, and police assistance in the shortest possible time. He added that through a state-ofthe-art control room powered by advanced software, all services will be coordinated efficiently, and GPS-enabled vehicles will operate under a scientific system. These vehicles — including a large fleet of 108 ambulances — will locate the caller's position and promptly relay the information to the nearest police, ambulance, or fire brigade vehicle.

A Major Step Towards **New-Age Smart Policing**

Shri Shah said that the vision of SMART policing outlined by Prime Minister Shri Modi has been effectively implemented in Gujarat through the adoption of modern technology. He described this initiative as a significant step toward establishing a new-age smart policing system in the state. The government will allocate ₹92 crore annually to sustain the project. It will be operated through the State Emergency Response Center in Ahmedabad, functioning central management 24x7. The call center, with a capacity of 150 seats, will remain alert round the clock and be linked to all emergency services



Mansa Police Station Receives BIS Certification

Shri Shah expressed that the BIS certification awarded to Mansa Police Station holds special significance for him. Having been born and raised in Mansa, where his journey of contributing to Gujarat and the nation's politics began, he said it brings him immense happiness to see the Mansa Police Station receive this prestigious certification.

through an integrated system. A fleet of 1,000 Dial 112 Janrakshak PCR vans, equipped with modern features such as light bars, public address systems, MDT wireless sets, and location trackers, will be deployed for immediate public service. Trained personnel have also been strategically positioned to ensure efficient operations.

Shri Shah further informed that the Gujarat Police Housing Board has undertaken various construction projects worth ₹217 crore to provide enhanced facilities for police, home guard, and prison staff. With improved infrastructure and modern amenities in these buildings, personnel will be able to

serve the public more effectively and efficiently.

Policy of 'Zero Tolerance' **Against Terrorism**

Shri Shah stated that Prime Minister and the proud son of Gujarat, Shri Modi, has transformed the policy of 'Zero Tolerance' against terrorism from a mere principle into a ground reality over the past 11 years. Whether in the North-Eastern region, Naxal-affected areas, or Jammu and Kashmir, the government has dealt firmly with terrorists and armed groups. In the Northeast alone, more than 10,000 insurgents have surrendered, marking a decisive step towards peace and stability. •••



Inauguration of Girls' Hostel in Phase II of Sardar Dham Trust in Ahmedabad

Self-Reliant Daughters Will Play Key Role in Nation-Building

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the safety and empowerment of women. The nationwide campaign Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao has become a people's movement, inspiring society actively contribute towards educating girls, enhancing their dignity, and building grand hostels and facilities for them. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conveyed these thoughts through a video message at an educational event of Sardar Dham Trust in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He emphasized that the primary purpose of education is to nurture individuals who make a positive contribution to society and enhance their capabilities.

Dedicating the newly constructed hostel, built at a cost of ₹200 crore, to the service and education of young women, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that the girls residing in this hostel will become self-reliant and capable, playing a significant role in nation-building. He strongly condemned the sin of female foeticide, calling it a grave stigma. He stated that Gujarat reveres feminine power — whether it is Umia Mata, Khodiyar Mata, Kali Mata, Amba Mata, or Bahuchar Mata - and must not bear the shame of female foeticide. The Prime Minister



- ◆Infrastructure development is progressing at record speed across the country: Prime Minister
- → Sardar Dham Trust to launch new projects in Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, and Mehsana: Shri Amit Shah
- ◆Indian talent and hard work are highly respected. worldwide, creating countless opportunities abroad
- →India must become self-reliant; society should embrace indigenous products with firm conviction



noted that the gender gap in the child sex ratio in Gujarat has started to narrow successfully.

On this occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the growing global demand for India's skilled workforce, noting that the world is facing a major challenge of an aging population, which has created a significant need for young talent across nations. He criticized the outdated education system that had been in place for decades under previous governments and emphasized that the New National Education Policy focuses strongly on skill development. Under the Skill India Mission, the Government of India is preparing millions of youth as a skilled workforce in various sectors.

The Prime Minister said that in the current volatile global environment, the best path for India's progress is to become self-reliant. He explained that self-reliance means giving priority to indigenous products and boosting enthusiasm for the 'Make in India' initiative. Stressing that the Swadeshi movement is not a relic of the past but a campaign that strengthens the future, he reaffirmed that infrastructure development is taking place at record speed across the country. He also mentioned that under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, largescale solar energy systems are being installed, and India's drone and defense industries are witnessing continuous growth.

Sardar Dham Trust has made excellent arrangements for girls

On this occasion, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the gathering through video conferencing and praised the remarkable work of the Sardar Dham Trust. He said the Trust has not only guided thousands of young women in their educational and professional journeys but has also

Economic Strength Brings Upliftment to Citizens' Lives

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah stated that a strong economy brings facilities and prosperity to the lives of every citizen. He highlighted that the Gujarat Model has played a significant role not only in transforming the state but also in positioning India as a "global gateway" on the world stage. Shri Shah emphasized that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, initiatives ranging from small-scale schemes to large-scale events like Vibrant Gujarat have contributed immensely to Gujarat's present achievements. He noted that while the youth of Gujarat are excelling in various fields, their representation in prestigious services such as IPS, IAS, IRS, and Customs remains limited. With a well-structured training approach, their numbers can increase significantly. The hostel at Sardar Dham has been developed as a comprehensive campus, featuring facilities such as a library, e-library, and reading rooms. Shri Shah mentioned that in the near future, Sardar Dham will initiate several projects across Vadodara, Central Gujarat, Surat in South Gujarat, Rajkot in Saurashtra, and Mehsana in North Gujarat.

Shri Shah further stated that Sardar Dham has already trained approximately 52,000 candidates, with plans to train around 10,000 more for UPSC, GPSC, defense services, and judicial examinations. He assured that both the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat would extend full support to Sardar Dham in this initiative. Shri Shah also lauded the Patidar community, noting that those who have achieved success have become benefactors, actively supporting the upliftment of others. Through numerous institutions and welfare initiatives, the community has made remarkable contributions to social development. He affirmed that Sardar Dham would continue to receive complete cooperation from the central and state governments in realizing its mission and conveyed his best wishes for its continued success.

outstanding arrangements for their accommodation. He added that this noble initiative in his parliamentary constituency will play a significant role in enabling thousands of girls to pursue education and build bright careers. Shri Shah further announced that the Sardar Dham Trust will launch several projects in Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, and Mehsana. He highlighted that since the formation of Gujarat in 1960, both the state and the Patidar community have developed together, with the community contributing significantly

to the progress of Gujarat and the nation in fields such as girls' education, trade and industry and agriculture.

Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Modi has laid the foundation for holistic development across rural, urban, tribal, and coastal regions. The Gujarat Model envisioned and implemented by Shri Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister not only transformed the state but also played a pivotal role in positioning India as a "global gateway" on the world stage. ◆◆◆



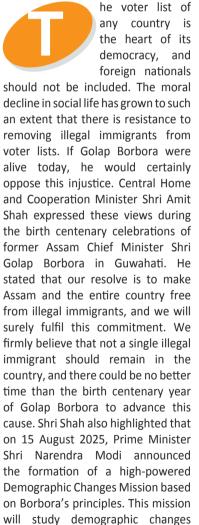
Shri Amit Shah Speaks at the Birth Centenary Celebrations of Golap Borbora

A Resolve to Make India Free from All Illegal Immigrants



- ◆The country's voter list is the heart of democracy; foreign nationals have no place in it
- → High-powered Demographic Mission will play a key role in making India free from illegal immigrants

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Shri Shah said that in Assam, Golap Borbora was the first to raise

across the country, identify illegal immigrants, and serve as a significant

step toward making India free from

illegal immigration.

awareness against illegal immigration through the purification of voter lists. During his tenure as Chief Minister, voter lists were thoroughly verified. Despite limited resources and the absence of computerized voter lists at that time, Borbora succeeded in removing 36,780 illegal immigrants from the voter rolls. Shri Shah emphasized that anyone looking to trace the roots of the Assam Movement will find its foundation in this effort to cleanse the voter lists.

Commendable Action Against Illegal Immigrants

Shri Shah said that the Assam government's actions against illegal immigrants are highly commendable. The government has reclaimed 1,26,001 acres of land that had been occupied by immigrants. In the state, 49,500 bighas in Sonitpur, 17,095 bighas in Darrang, 13,438 bighas in Lakhimpur, 10,749 bighas in Hojai, and 8,280 bighas in Gwalpara have been freed from illegal occupation. He added that not only were the forests and protected areas of Kaziranga cleared of encroachers, but thousands of acres of land belonging to the satras of Shankardev and Madhavdev were also reclaimed, restoring the sanctity and respect of these revered institutions. Shri Shah further stated that while the Election Commission is working on purifying the voter lists and conducting the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), some political parties are still undertaking campaigns to defend the illegal immigrants.

Shri Shah said that the Assam government has named an important rural development institution after Golap Borbora. Promoting the life, work, and ideas of Golap Borbora in every tehsil and district throughout the year will undoubtedly brighten Assam's future. He added that the Assam government has launched a major scheme to ensure the education of girls. Under this



program, approximately 9,72,940 female students have received financial support. Graduate students receive ₹1,000 per month, double graduates receive ₹1,250 per month, and postgraduate students receive ₹2,500 per month under this scheme.

Shri Shah said that when Golap Borbora became the Chief Minister of Assam in 1978, it marked the beginning of a major transformation in the state's political history. He brought the values of the freedom movement, the efforts to safeguard democracy after independence, and the best aspects of socialist ideology to the ground in Assam. During his brief tenure of just 17 months as Chief Minister, he left an indelible mark. Quoting the renowned Assam singer and Bharat Ratna awardee Bhupen Hazarika's words, "Man is for man, and life is for life," Shri Shah said that Golap Borbora embodied this principle and remained the voice of the oppressed and marginalized throughout his life. He upheld the dignity of the Constitution, ignited awareness against authoritarianism and corruption, and worked to awaken both Assam's unique identity and the spirit of the nation within the state.

Shri Shah said that Golap Borbora rose above personal and partisan politics to serve the public with distinction. His qualities of patriotism, socialism, and sensitivity toward the poor were not accidental; he dedicated his entire life to advancing the cause of Assam and the nation's workers, the underprivileged, and marginalized communities, firmly asserting that Northeast India is not outside the country, but an inseparable part of India's heart. As Chief Minister, Borbora made decisions during his brief tenure that would be remembered by the people of Assam for years. He ensured free education up to the 10th grade and established over 200 educational institutions in a single year. He permanently waived land taxes for farmers owning up to 10 bighas and introduced policies to open tea plantation farming to smallholders. For the first time in Assam, he set up the Banking Service Recruitment Board and Railway Recruitment Board, pioneering skill development in the state. Shri Shah added that the Assam government has commendably taken steps to make Borbora's contributions to the state and the youth widely known. ◆◆◆



Shri Modi Inaugurates Projects Worth ₹12,000 crore in Bihar

Bihar Youth to Get Employment Opportunities Within State: PM

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rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assured the unemployed youth of Bihar

that they will find employment opportunities within the state, as several major development projects are currently underway across the region. Bihar's largest industrial area is being established in Dobhi, Gaya district. A technology centre is also being established in Gaya. Referring to the Buxar Thermal Power Plant and the Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project in Aurangabad, the Prime Minister stated that a new thermal power plant will be built in Pirpainti, Bhagalpur. These power plants will increase Bihar's electricity supply. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, while laying the foundation stone and inaugurating projects worth ₹12,000 crore in Gaya, Bihar, stated that the expansion of energy infrastructure will not only enhance electricity availability for households and industries but also generate new employment opportunities.

Describing Bihar as the land of Chandragupta Maurya and Chanakya, Shri Modi said that whenever India has faced challenges from its enemies, Bihar has stood as a shield for the nation. No resolution taken on Bihar's soil remains unfulfilled.

Referring to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, where innocent civilians were targeted after being asked about their religion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra



- Major projects are being established in the state, creating jobs
- →Pucca houses have been built for 3.8 million marginalized people in Bihar alone

Modi recalled his earlier pledge to eliminate terrorism from the soil of Bihar. He said that the world is now witnessing the fulfillment of that promise made in Bihar. Speaking on India's defense response, he noted that while Pakistan was launching drone and missile attacks, India intercepted and neutralized them effortlessly—none of their missiles were able to inflict any damage. Highlighting Operation Sindoor as a significant milestone in India's defense strategy, Shri Modi declared that those who attempt to send terrorists or carry out attacks on Indian soil can no longer escape. Even if they try to hide in the underworld, he asserted, India's missiles will reach them and eliminate them there.

Laying the foundation stone for the Aunta-Simaria Bridge and

inaugurating it himself, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that the bridge will serve as a vital link between North and South Bihar. Heavy vehicles, which previously had to travel 150 km via the Gandhi Setu, will now have a direct route. This will boost trade, strengthen industries, and ease travel for pilgrims.

Referring to the development of railways in the state, Shri Modi said that under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Gaya Railway Station is being modernized to provide airport-like facilities to passengers. Gaya is now a city with access to Rajdhani, Jan Shatabdi and Vande Bharat trains. Direct rail connectivity from Gaya to Delhi via Sasaram, Prayagraj, and Kanpur is creating new opportunities for Bihar's youth and entrepreneurs.



Shri Shah Inaugurates Brahmaputra Wing of the Raj Bhavan in Guwahati

Rapid Progress for Northeastern States Under Modi Government

- →Police personnel from all eight NE states will work to protect the borders, curb narcotics and illegal smuggling
- ◆Shri Shah performs the e-foundation stone laying and inauguration of eight projects in the Northeast



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numerous challenges, including violent conflicts, the region is now advancing steadily towards peace and comprehensive development. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, expressed these sentiments during his visit to Guwahati, Assam. Shri Shah highlighted that the Northeast is home to the world's oldest and most diverse cultures. Its rich heritage, encompassing art, languages, cuisine, attire, music and natural beauty, makes the entire region uniquely remarkable.

Assam's history is deeply rooted in sacrifices made for Mother India, from Maharaja Prithu to Lachit Borphukan, Chilarai and the brave youth who joined the armed forces. Many young individuals also laid down their lives during the Save Assam Movement. Shri Shah emphasized that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa

Sarma have fulfilled the aspirations of the students who initiated that movement. Today, Assam has surpassed the vision that was originally imagined during the Assam Movement, and this momentum of development is set to continue.

Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the Northeast has witnessed unprecedented progress over the past 11 years. Shri Shah stated that when the history of the Northeast is chronicled, these years under PM Modi's governance will be inscribed in golden letters.

During his visit, Shri Shah inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for eight projects worth over ₹322 crore. Inaugurating several facilities for Central Armed Police Force personnel guarding the borders, Shri Shah stated that through the NCFL established at the Lachit Borphukan Police Academy, police personnel from the eight northeastern states will be able to secure the country's borders 24 hours a day, help fight narcotics and illegal smuggling, and protect citizens' earnings. He stated that the Brahmaputra Wing of the Raj Bhavan, built at a cost of over ₹40

crore and covering an area of over 3,300 square meters, will provide facilities for the smooth functioning of various constitutional functions.

Shri Shah further noted that PM Shri Modi has not only devised development policies across multiple sectors but has also ensured their implementation, leading to remarkable progress nationwide—a vision that has garnered global admiration. Under his leadership, the Digital India dream is steadily becoming a reality. Cybersecurity is of paramount importance for citizens, which led to the establishment of the first National Cyber Forensic Laboratory in Delhi in 2019 under the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). This facility helps protect citizens' finances from cybercriminals. Following Delhi, the second NCFL has now been set up in Guwahati, Assam, safeguarding the earnings of people across all eight northeastern states.

The NCFL will also bolster national security by countering those who exploit the dark net for smuggling narcotics and weapons and thwarting attempts to breach India's borders by identifying vulnerabilities. •••



PM Shri Narendra Modi Speaks at the Economic Times World Leaders Forum

Self-reliance is Key for Viksit Bharat, Says Prime Minister

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ndia is firmly committed

becoming developed nation by 2047.

At the heart of this vision lies a self-reliant India. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized this while addressing the Economic Times World Leaders Forum. He explained that a self-reliant India can be measured by three key factors: speed, scale, and scope. India showcased all three during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the crisis, when there was an unprecedented surge in demand for essential goods and global supply chains were disrupted, India acted decisively to manufacture these critical items domestically. The country swiftly produced large quantities of testing kits and ventilators and established oxygen plants in hospitals nationwide.

Over 2.2 billion vaccines, made in India, were administered free of cost to citizens across the country. The Co-WIN platform was developed to efficiently vaccinate millions of people in a short span of time. Moreover, India reached its goal of generating 50 percent of its total power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2025—achieving this milestone five years ahead of schedule.

The Prime Minister stated that a self-reliant India is breaking new records in exports. Last year, India exported agricultural products worth ₹4 lakh crore. Out of the 800 crore



- ◆India is moving towards becoming the third largest economy in the world
- → Research is being promoted to meet India's aspirations
- ◆Today India is in a position to rescue the world from slowing development

vaccine doses produced globally, 400 crore were manufactured in India. Electronics exports have reached nearly ₹3.25 lakh crore. Currently, India's automobile exports stand at ₹1.2 lakh crore annually. Additionally, India has started exporting metro coaches, rail coaches, and locomotives. The country is on the verge of achieving another milestone by exporting electric vehicles to 100 countries.

Highlighting research fundamental pillar of national progress, Shri Modi asserted that imported research alone cannot fulfill India's ambitions. Stressing the importance of urgency and a focused approach in research, he pointed out that the government has acted swiftly to encourage innovation, consistently developing policies and platforms to support it. Over the past 11 years, spending on research and development has more than doubled, and the number of patents granted has increased 17 times since 2014.

Informing about the establishment of research and development cells in nearly 6,000 higher education institutions, Shri Modi said that the 'One Nation, One Subscription' initiative has



made global research journals more accessible to students. A National Research Foundation has been created with a budget of ₹50,000 crore, and a Research, Development, and Innovation Scheme worth ₹1 lakh crore has also been approved.

Shri Modi said that the current times demand active participation from industry and the private sector. He particularly emphasized the need to increase research and investment in areas such as clean energy, quantum technology, battery storage, advanced materials, and biotechnology.

Asserting that India is now in a position to help the world break free from the grip of slow growth, Shri Modi said that India is not a country that throws pebbles into stagnant waters, but rather one that has the ability to divert fast-flowing currents. It now has the potential to reshape the course of time.

Describing India as the world's fastest-growing major economy, the Prime Minister said that India is poised to soon become the thirdlargest economy globally. Indian companies are raising record funds from capital markets, Indian banks are stronger than ever, inflation is very low, and interest rates are also low. India's current account deficit is under control, and foreign exchange reserves are healthy. Every month,

millions of domestic investors are investing thousands of crores of rupees in the market.

The Prime Minister pointed out that over the past 11 years, India's solar PV module manufacturing capacity has grown from approximately 2.5 gigawatts to 100 gigawatts, a historic achievement.

Describing India as a beacon of global confidence through its strength and resilience, the Prime Minister highlighted that the country has developed its entire 5G technology stack domestically. India not only created a Made-in-India 5G system but also deployed it nationwide at an unprecedented speed. The nation is now rapidly advancing towards the development of Made-in-India 6G technology. Semiconductor manufacturing units are being set up within the country, with the first Made-in-India chip expected to hit the market by the end of this year.

On the development of India's space sector, the Prime Minister emphasized that in the 21st century, as major countries explore space opportunities, India must not fall behind. The space sector has undergone significant reforms and has been opened up to private sector participation. This year, India successfully achieved space docking capability. Preparations

are underway to send astronauts into space through the Gaganyaan mission, with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's expertise playing a vital role in this effort. Spectrum allocation has been made transparent for the first time, and foreign investment in the space sector has been liberalized for the first time as well. As a result of these reforms, India's space sector is flourishing, with over 300 startups now operating in this field.

Describing the Jan Vishwas 2.0 initiative as a major reform linked to trust-based and people-friendly governance, he said that under the first version of Jan Vishwas, approximately 200 minor offenses were decriminalized. In the second version, over 300 minor offenses have now been decriminalized. The Income Tax Act has also been significantly simplified.

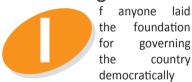
Referring to major steps such as repealing unnecessary laws and simplifying rules and procedures, the Prime Minister said that processes and approvals are being digitized, while several provisions are being decriminalized. Shri Modi said that a major reform of the GST system is underway, and this process will be completed by Diwali. This will simplify the GST system and reduce prices. •••





Open Dialogues Most Effective to Address Public Concerns: Shri Shah

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based on Indian values, it was undoubtedly the great freedom fighter Vitthalbhai Patel. He played a pivotal role in strengthening democracy by establishing the foundations of India's legislative traditions. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, shared these remarks at the All India Assembly Speakers' Conference, held at the Delhi Assembly to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Vitthalbhai Patel becoming the first elected Indian Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly. Shri Shah said that the election of Vitthalbhai as Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly marked the beginning of

- → Vitthalbhai Patel laid the foundation for democratic governance of the country based on Indian ideals
- → His established traditions serve as a guide for legislative work and the Speaker's responsibilities

our legislative history by Indians. This is an important opportunity for all of us to work towards enhancing the dignity of the Speaker's position our respective Legislative Assemblies.

Shri Amit Shah highlighted that many towering figures of India's freedom movement, such as Gopal Krishna Gokhale, the mentor of Mahatma Gandhi, Lala Lajpat Rai and Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, voiced the nation's longing for freedom and the aspirations of its people through powerful speeches delivered in this very House. Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya, who served as a member of the House for nearly 20

years, was another such inspirational leader. Shri Shah encouraged the Speaker of the Delhi Assembly to compile these historic speeches and make them available in the libraries of all Legislative Assemblies across the country. He said this would allow both young citizens and MLAs to understand how the spirit of independence was ignited within the walls of these institutions.

Shri Shah also praised the Delhi Assembly for organizing an excellent exhibition on the life of Vitthalbhai Patel. Shri Shah suggested that similar exhibitions be held in all State Legislative Assemblies, so that MLAs, Legislative Council members, and the



youth across India can learn not only about the life and contributions of Vitthalbhai Patel but also about the broader history of India's struggle for independence.

Discussion on national interests strengthens Democracy

Shri Shah said that in the Legislative Assemblies, extensive discussions take place on every topic, from the lush crops of farmers to the dreams of youth, from women's empowerment to the welfare of every marginalized section of society, from the unity and integrity of the country to national security. Legislation is the primary function of the Legislative Assembly, and the ultimate objective of any law should be public welfare. Its goal should be a model of all-encompassing and inclusive development. Shri Shah said that when discretion, thought, and legislation are fully respected by the Speaker, the Legislative Assemblies rise above party interests and consider the interests of the state and the country, and the Lok Sabha considers the interests of the country. Rising above party interests and considering national interest is the only path to elevate us to the highest, most dignified heights of democracy.

Brainstorming is the Best Way to Address Public Issues

Shri Amit Shah emphasized that in a democracy, brainstorming and open dialogues are the most effective means of addressing public concerns. He stated that it is the responsibility of every Assembly Speaker today to encourage fair, constructive, and meaningful debate to ensure the protection of the interests of all sections of society. He stressed the importance of creating an impartial platform where the voices of people from every state can be heard. It is essential, he said, to ensure that both ruling and opposition parties engage in balanced debate and



that all proceedings are conducted in accordance with the established rules of the Assembly, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha. Shri Shah warned that whenever legislative bodies have lost their dignity, the consequences for the country have been severe. He highlighted that the role of the Speaker is particularly challenging, though elected from a political party, the Speaker is expected to rise above party lines and serve as a neutral umpire. The Speaker is not merely an individual, but an institution whose dignity rests on two pillars: impartiality and justice. Over the past 75 years of constitutional governance, Speakers in both the Lok Sabha and various State Assemblies have consistently worked to uphold and elevate the dignity of the House. In essence, the Speaker is seen as both the guardian and servant of the House. Shri Shah said that over the last 80 years, India has strengthened the roots of its democracy, demonstrating that democratic values are deeply embedded in the character and ethos of the Indian people.

The House is the Engine of Democracy

Emphasizing the dignity and importance of legislative institutions, Shri Amit Shah called on public representatives to serve as the voice of the people in the national interest. He underscored that every piece of legislation must stem from public trust and align with the aspirations of the citizens. The House, he said, is the engine that drives democracy. When it upholds healthy parliamentary traditions, it naturally leads to the formulation of national policies and laws that serve the country's greater good, thereby setting the nation's course. Shri Shah cautioned that without meaningful debate within Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies, these institutions risk becoming lifeless structures. It is the collective responsibility of all elected members, under the guidance of the Speaker, to express their views and concerns within these halls. Only then can the legislature remain a vibrant and effective body, working in the interest of the nation and the states. He also criticized the practice of disrupting parliamentary proceedings for personal or political gain, stating that such actions do not qualify as genuine debate. While symbolic protests have their place in a democracy, Shri Shah urged both the public and their elected representatives to reflect on the emerging trend of repeated and prolonged disruptions parliamentary sessions under the guise of protest. ◆◆◆



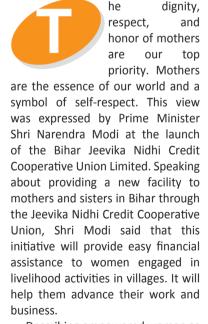
Bihar Jeevika Nidhi Credit Cooperative Union Launched

Dignity, Pride and Respect for Mothers Top Priorities, Says PM Shri Modi

- → Empowered women are the foundation of a developed India
- +Government committed to eliminating difficulties in women's lives



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Describing empowered women as the key foundation of a developed India, Shri Modi said that reducing the hardships in women's lives is essential for their empowerment. The government is taking several initiatives to make the lives of mothers, sisters, and daughters easier. Crore of toilets have been constructed for women to eliminate open defecation. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, crore of pucca houses have been built, with a focus on providing ownership rights to women.

Referring to the government's "Har Ghar Jal" initiative to address the problem of clean drinking water, the Prime Minister said that the Ayushman Bharat scheme has been launched to alleviate the healthcare difficulties faced by mothers and sisters. This scheme provides free treatment up to ₹5 lakh. The government also operates a free ration scheme, freeing every mother from the worry of feeding her children. Referring to initiatives like Lakhpati Didi, Drone Didi and Bank Sakhi to increase women's income, the Prime Minister said that these schemes are empowering women.

Highlighting the deep-rooted reverence for divine feminine power in Bihar, Shri Modi said that goddesses such as Ganga Maiya, Kosi Maiya, Gandaki Maiya and Punpun Maiya

are worshipped with great devotion in the state. He also emphasized that Mata Janaki, a revered figure in Indian tradition, was the daughter of Bihar. Worshiping Chhathi Maiya is considered a blessing for all. The holy festival of Navratri is approaching, in which nine forms of Goddess Durga are worshipped. Bihar and the Purvanchal region also have the tradition of Satbahini Puja, in which seven sisters are worshipped as the divine mother. Deep faith and devotion towards the mother is a unique identity of Bihar.

The Prime Minister said that he has been serving society and the nation for nearly 55 years. Acknowledging the important role his mother played in this journey, he said that every mother makes immense sacrifices in raising her children, and nothing is more important to her than her children. Even a poor mother makes lifelong sacrifices to educate and instill good values in her children. That is why a mother's place is considered higher than even the gods. •••



Shri Amit Shah Assesses Damage Caused by Landslides in Jammu

Modi Govt Stands Firmly with People of Jammu and Kashmir

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Government stands firmly with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, providing timely relief, financial aid, and technical support to ensure effective rehabilitation and reconstruction while prioritizing the safety and well-being of the residents. During his visit to Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of recent natural disasters, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah reaffirmed the central government's commitment to the region.

He toured landslide-affected areas in the Jammu division. personally assessing the damage and interacting with flood-affected residents in Chak Mangu village. Shri Shah inspected several impacted sites, including the Tawi Bridge, the Shiva Temple, and flood-damaged houses in Jammu. Expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives, he stated that the government, under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, has been fully engaged in rescue and relief efforts since the very first day of the crisis. He emphasized that the Union Territory administration, along with all relevant agencies, worked in close coordination to significantly mitigate the damage and successfully save many lives.

Recognizing that Jammu and Kashmir is prone to natural disasters, the central government has allocated





₹209 crore to the Union Territory from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Relief operations are already underway, and assistance for loss of personal property and damaged homes will be distributed shortly. Several key infrastructure sectors have been affected, and temporary restoration work is being carried out on a war footing. The administration will conduct a thorough assessment of the damage and extend all possible support to the affected people

Shri Shah stated that only systemic improvements through review can lead us towards a "zerocasualty approach." He suggested that all our early warning apps should undergo a critical analysis of their methodology, accuracy, and ground reach. The Meteorological Department and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) should study the causes of cloudbursts using data analytics and artificial intelligence. The Food Corporation of India should ensure adequate rations during natural disasters. Alerting the Health and Water Departments to ensure water supply and health services, Shri Shah suggested enlisting the help of medical teams from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces, and Air Force. •••



Union Minister of State for Cooperation Krishan Pal Gurjar Visits Meghalaya

Transforming PACS into Multipurpose Institutions

- ◆Interacts with beneficiaries of various central government schemes in the Fast Khasi Hills district
- →Praises Meghalaya's progress and called for transforming the Khasi Hills into a model of development



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Union government is making cooperatives the foundation of economic self-reliance for rural people and a developed India. The vision of a developed India can only be achieved when all regions, including remote and hilly areas like Meghalaya, grow in step with the rest of the country. Union Minister of State for Cooperation, Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, expressed these views during his visit to the state of Meghalaya in Northeast India. As part of the government's ongoing efforts to accelerate development in the Northeast, Shri Gurjar visited the Khasi Hills region and reviewed the implementation of key flagship schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), the Lakhpati Didi Initiative, the Jal Jeevan Mission and the strengthening of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), along with other centrally sponsored programs. He praised the effective execution of these schemes and emphasized that feedback from grassroots communities is vital for evaluating policies and making timely improvements. Shri Gurjar expressed satisfaction with the overall progress of cooperatives across the country. He noted that while PACS were earlier confined to roles such as providing agricultural credit and distributing fertilizers, they have now evolved into multipurpose institutions that support agriculture, dairy, fisheries, and rural entrepreneurship. He added that the Union Ministry of Cooperation has set a target of creating 200,000 new multipurpose PACS within two years, which will promote economic self-reliance through community-driven models.

Referring to the establishment of Tribhuvan Sahkari University (TSU) under the guidance of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, he said, "This is India's first university dedicated to cooperative will education. provide specialized training in cooperative management, finance, law, and rural development. Its aim is to create professionals who will lead the cooperative movement across the country." TSU will be affiliated with universities across India and will integrate cooperative education into mainstream academics, especially targeting tribal and rural youth.

He emphasized the importance of effective center-state coordination, digital monitoring and efficient use of funds, and called for timely and transparent implementation of projects. Shri Gurjar reviewed the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes with senior officials, district administrators, and departments in Meghalaya, with special emphasis on infrastructure, social empowerment, and livelihood-based programs.

Shri Gurjar acknowledged the challenges faced in acquiring land for critical infrastructure projects like airports and railways in Meghalaya due to mountainous terrain, forests and community ownership, saying, "In a democracy, we must listen to people's concerns. Environmental sensitivity and local participation must go hand in hand with development." Praising the efforts of the Meghalaya administration and civil society for grassroots progress. He said that under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership, violence and insurgency in the Northeast have significantly decreased and the region gets robust financial support from the Union Government. He called for transforming the Khasi Hills into a model of development. ◆◆◆

Empowering Rural Communities



◆In line with the government's commitment to cooperative-led sustainable development, there is an emphasis on strengthening cooperative institutions, advancing White Revolution 2.0 and helping innovation

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steps



empower farmers, women, rural communities through the cooperative model, aiming strengthen the rural economy of India. The focus remains on reinforcing cooperative institutions, driving White Revolution 2.0, and encouraging innovation in the sector. Reaffirming the Government of India's commitment to inclusive, cooperative-led growth, Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, along with Shri Shankar Chaudhary, Chairman of Banas Dairy and senior officials from the Ministry, visited Banas Dairy, Asia's largest dairy, and its cutting-edge facilities located in Banaskantha, a desert district in Gujarat. This visit highlights the Ministry's dedication to propelling White Revolution 2.0 in Gujarat under the visionary leadership of Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah, in alignment with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of prosperity through cooperation.

Banas Vision

"We will strive to be the best dairy cooperative by strengthening our values, the cooperative movement, women empowerment, regenerative agriculture, innovation, productive and sustainable dairy farming and products that meet global needs; enriching lives through technology and expanding 'beyond dairy' for the happiness of all stakeholders, becoming a quality organization, a great place to work, and helping India become 'Dairy to the World'."

The delegation visited several facilities, including the Banas Dairy Plant, established in 1969, the Potato and Ice Cream Plant, the Banas Save Soil Lab in Tharad, the Umang Mall Store, the Cattle Feed Plant in Katarwa, the Agathal Bio-CNG Plant, the Semen Station and Bio-CNG Plant in Dama. During the visit, cooperative representatives also conducted on-site inspections of the Satsan (pond) and Jaigol (tree plantation) initiatives, the Banas Medical College, the Banas Food Complex in Badarpura, which includes a honey, edible oil, and Amul flour plant, and the Paneer, Whey Powder, and UHT plant in Palanpur. During the two-day

program, an official delegation from the Ministry of Cooperation met with key stakeholders, including representatives of milk guilds and women milk producers to discuss innovations and develop a strategic roadmap for sustainable development. The delegation also strengthened cooperatives through women's dialogue programs.

Reinforcing the transformative potential of cooperatives as engines of rural development, social equity and environmental protection, the visit vividly reflected how Banas Dairy and its associate units are driving White Revolution 2.0 and setting a benchmark for cooperative-led prosperity across the country. •••





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Policy-2025 with the vision of transforming the cooperative movement into a key pillar of the country's socio-economic progress. The new policy seeks to reposition cooperatives as a base of inclusive sustainable development. embedding them at the core of the national development agenda. Envisioned as a bold and futureoriented framework, the policy is designed to guide cooperative growth over the next two decades. Rooted in the philosophy of "Sahkar se Samridhi", it aims to enhance the cooperative sector's contribution to the GDP, promote self-employment, and ensure the delivery of essential services to the remotest corners of society. Aligned with national priorities, the policy focuses on modernizing and professionalizing the cooperative sector, empowering it to operate as an efficient, transparent, and people-centric engine of economic growth. A central goal is to ensure that no village in India remains without access to cooperative services. To achieve this, the government aims to establish two lakh multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (AMPACS). These cooperatives will act as rural service centres, offering credit, fertilizers, seeds, marketing support and other vital servicesthereby driving rural economic empowerment. Complementing this effort is the development of model cooperative villages, which will showcase best practices

National Cooperative Policy-2025

Cooperatives as Modern, Inclusive and Future-Ready Economic Force

cooperative governance, sustainable livelihoods and active youth engagement. Through these initiatives, cooperatives will evolve into vehicles of dignity, equality and grassroots leadership.

The new Cooperative Policy places inclusivity at its heart, offering a strategic roadmap to realize the aspirations of women, youth, small farmers, marginalized tribal communities and other underserved groups through the cooperative movement. With an ambitious goal of integrating 50 crore people into the cooperative sector, the policy champions economic democracy, social justice and human dignity. A key highlight of the policy is the renewed emphasis on the timeless principle of "cooperation cooperatives", among helping collaboration, shared infrastructure and collective progress among institutions. cooperative approach seeks to build synergy and strengthen mutual development across the cooperative ecosystem. The policy reimagines cooperatives not merely as economic entities but as instruments of comprehensive development-prioritizing

environmental sustainability, ethical business practices, and communitydriven management. Furthermore, the National Cooperative Database, which captures data from over eight lakh cooperatives, is set to enhance planning, monitoring and the effective implementation of cooperative programs nationwide.

Acknowledging the evolving landscape of rural and semiurban economies in India, the new Cooperative Policy encourages the growth of cooperatives in

high-potential sectors such as healthcare and digital services. This strategic expansion is supported streamlined registration procedures, targeted sector-specific training, and enhanced market access through initiatives like the Bharat Brand and cooperative e-commerce platforms. To foster healthy competition in agriculture, organic products, and added commodity sectors, the policy strengthens key institutions including the Seed Cooperative Society of India (BBSSL), National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), and National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL). Additionally, the proposed National Cooperative Bank is envisioned to provide long-term financing solutions to cooperatives. Meanwhile, MPAX will be empowered to function as Bank Mitras, facilitating greater financial access and services at the grassroots level.

The new policy strengthens the cooperative framework and makes it more participatory, reinforcing the spirit of cooperative federalism. Inspired by India's rich heritage, the policy revives traditional models of cooperation, such as communitymanaged water systems, collective farming and village associations. It envisions a cooperative movement based on inclusiveness, ethics and shared prosperity. By embracing indigenous cooperative practices, the policy will create sustainable development models that balance economic growth with environmental and social responsibility. •••

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NCUI held a key meeting in New Delhi to finalize the plans for the 72nd All India Cooperative Week, scheduled from November 14 to 20, 2025. The meeting was chaired by Dr Sudhir Mahajan, Chief Executive Officer of NCUI and attended by Managing Directors senior officials of NCHF, NLCF, NAFCAC and senior officials of IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NCDC, NCOL, NCEL, BBSSL, NAFED, NFCSF, NAFCUB, NCCF and NCCT & efficiently coordinated by Sharad Prakash Setia Executive Director.



NCCE, New Delhi, organized a Leadership Development Programme for presidents and directors of multi-state cooperatives from across India. Participants came from states like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Delhi. NCUI President Shri Dileep Sanghani also met and interacted with the participants.



National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) conducted a three-day Leadership Development Programme (LDP) in New Delhi for 52 participants from Amreli District Cooperative Union, Gujarat. The program focused on training participants in cooperative values and principles, digital transformation, new business ideas, business management and the effective use of social media for cooperative marketing and branding.



NCCE organized a three-day Leadership Development Programme for Chairmen and Directors of Sugar Cooperatives with an aim to enhance leadership capabilities and promote sustainable development in the sugar cooperative sector. The participants received knowledge from senior faculty members and experts focused on the new cooperative policy, various schemes for sugar cooperatives and scientific techniques of sugarcane cultivation, improvement of sugar quantity, crop quality and pest protection.



The Government of Tripura held a training program in Agartala to highlight the role of PACS in strengthening the cooperative sector and expanding its reach to every Panchayat for rural development. NCUI Executive Director Shri Ritesh Dey addressed and guided over 600 Panchayat representatives, rural development workers and officials from the State Rural Development Department during the session.



The delegation of Amreli District Cooperative Union, which came for the training program of NCCE, New Delhi, visited IFFCO House and had a meaningful discussion on IFFCO's cooperative model, 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi' as well as agriculture and use of IFFCO's nano fertilizers.



We pledged to make three crore women Lakhpati Didis and I am satisfied that we are working at a rapid pace. We will surpass the target of three crore ahead of schedule and I want to happily tell the country to see the strength of women power. In no time, two crore women have become Lakhpati Didis. This is my strength and I am confident that their participation in India's development journey is going to increase.

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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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