

**Leadership Development Programme for
Chairmen/Directors of Fisheries Cooperatives of India
(28 - 30 May, 2019)**

Programme Report

“Fisheries Cooperatives, 20,000 in number around the country spear-headed the Blue Revolution in India. They are now providing livelihood to about 6 lakhs fishermen in all the 29 states & union territories. Their presence is not only restricted to the coastal regions - goes on to show that one’s determination can open avenues irrespective of the geographical and climatic restrictions”, declared Sh.B.K. Mishra, Managing Director, National Federation of Fishers Cooperative Ltd. while inaugurating the 3-days Leadership Development Programme conducted by the National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE of NCUI) from 28-30 May, 2019 at New Delhi.

42 fishermen representing their cooperatives from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Telangana attended this training programme. The Governing Body member of the National Fisheries Development Board Mr. Janardhan Gangaputra was also one of the participants. The main objective of the programme was to orient the participants with basic features of cooperative ideology, management, various schemes for benefit of fishermen along with upgrading their leadership skills.

Speaking during the valedictory function of the programme Sh. N. Satyanarayana, Chief Executive, NCCE emphasised on the important role being played by fishery cooperatives in context of food security in India. He further appreciated the self-employment opportunities being provided by these cooperatives for a large number of the rural populace and hailed the efforts of FISHCOPFED in guiding and developing fisheries cooperatives.

Subject experts from NCCE, NCUI, FISHCOPFED in addition with guest faculty took various sessions on topics like cooperative principles & values, cooperative management, methods of cashless transactions, insurance and innovations in fishing. As most of them had come to Delhi for the first time, they were also given a tour of a few of the tourist spots of Delhi.

At the end of the programme the participants felt that though they have been associated with cooperatives for a long period but were unaware of the concept of cooperatives and were thankful to NCCE and FISHCOPFED for conducting such programmes which will push them towards the right path to take their fishery cooperatives to the heights of success and in the process empower their members. Mrs. Sandhya Kapoor, Dy. Director coordinated this programme.