

## **Report of Webinar for East Zone States**

National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) the apex body of Indian Cooperative movement organized a Webinar for East Zone States comprising of the states of Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand & Sikkim on the theme **“Problems/Challenges and Achievements of the Cooperatives”** on 21.12.2021 .

The webinar was inaugurated by Hon'ble President NCUI Sh. Dileep Sanghani in the virtual presence of eminent co-operators, senior govt. Officials, officials from NABARD, NCDC, RCS offices, Banks, State Cooperative Unions, Federations and staff and officers of NCUI Coop. Education Field Projects.

In his presidential speech Sh. Sanghani said that the motto of organising such meetings is to know the problems faced by the grass root of the Cooperatives which are plagued by a number of multiple natural and other co-related issues. He hoped that the formation of new Ministry under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Shri Amit Shah Ji shall prove a milestone and help in achieving the heights long aspired by the co-operators of this world's largest cooperative nation.

Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, IAS Retd. Chief Executive, NCUI in his opening remark said that the delay in organising this meeting was due to COVID restrictions and is now being held virtually. He praised the noteworthy achievements of a number of Cooperatives in the Eastern region and stressed that these successful models need to be replicated for balance growth of cooperatives across the country and hoped that the adoption of professionalism and technology with special focus on youth and women shall prove a vital factor for the working culture of cooperatives in the country and further said that the deliberations of this Webinar will be analysed and a comprehensive report shall be formed for remedial measures through the concerned agencies.

A number of eminent panellists comprising MD's of concerned State Cooperative Unions, representatives of RCS's offices, NABARD and NCDC took part in the deliberations and shared their views. The programme was moderated by Shri Ramesh Kaul, Dy. Director, GCP and vote of thanks was presented by Dr. K.N. Sinha, Executive Director, GCP.