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**REPORT**  
**of**  
**One Day State Level Conference in wake of IYC2025 Celebrations on**  
**Promotion and Development of Cooperatives in Tripura**  
**State**

Organised by  
**National Cooperative Union of India**  
*In Collaboration with*  
**Cooperative Dept & State Cooperative Union, Tripura State**

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Venue

**Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, Agartala**



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## One Day State Level Conference on Promotion and Development of Cooperatives in Tripura State

### Brief details of the Programme

United Nations has declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025) with the theme “Cooperatives Builds a Better World.” In line with this, the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), with the support of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, is organizing a series of events across India throughout the year to highlight the contribution of cooperatives to social and economic development. NCUI has started IYC2025 celebrations from the north eastern state and successfully organized a transformative one-day state level conference on the "Promotion and Development of Cooperatives in Tripura" on 04th Feb, 2025 at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, Agartala. The primary objective of the conference was to explore innovative strategies and best practices that can enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of cooperatives worldwide as part of IYC2025 celebrations.

The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura, Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha which was presided over by Shri Dileep Sanghani, President of NCUI. Shri Sukla Charan Noatia, Minister of Cooperation, Government of Tripura, Shri Mailafu Mog, MLA and Chairman of the Tripura State Cooperative Union, Shri Dipak Majumder, MLA and Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation, Shri Tapas Ray, IAS, Secretary (Cooperation), Government of Tripura, and Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Chief Executive of NCUI, are among other dignitaries who attended the event.



*Chief Guest Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, President of NCUI Shri Dileep Sanghani, Shri Sukla Charan Noatia, Minister of Cooperation, Government of Tripura lit the lamp*

There are 3142 cooperative societies with about 62% cooperative societies operational in rural area and 48% in urban areas of Tripura state and 5 lakh members associated with these societies. More than 1,400 representatives from state, district, and primary-level cooperative organizations, officials of the Cooperative Department, and other stakeholders associated with the cooperative movement in Tripura participated in the conference. By bringing together key stakeholders, including cooperators, government officials, and experts, this initiative sets the stage for a transformative cooperative movement in Tripura, ensuring sustainable development and prosperity for the region.



## Organization of Cooperative Olympiad

As part of IYC2025 celebrations, NCUI also organized a State-Level youth workshop on cooperation (Cooperative Olympiad) at Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) College, Agartala, Tripura on 31st Jan, 2025 which witnessed participation of over 150 students and 30 faculty members representing various colleges across Tripura.



### *Glimpses of cooperative Olympiad at Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) College, Agartala*

This programme was inaugurated by Mr. Animesh Debbarna, Director of Higher Education, Tripura and presided over by Dr. Nirmal Bhadra, Principal of MBB College. Sh. Anant Dubey, Deputy Director and Sh. Anurag Deputy Director, from, NCUI delivered expert sessions on cooperative ideology, values & principles, formation and functioning of cooperatives, Role of the Ministry of Cooperation, NCUI & ICA as well as Role of social media in Cooperatives.

This insightful session gave students a deeper understanding of the cooperative movement and its significance in contemporary socio-economic landscape. This event followed by cooperative Olympiad, which comprised two competitive rounds viz. Written quiz competition and extempore. After engaging and intellectually stimulating competition, the winners were announced as follows: -

- Souravi Sarkar (Tripura Govt. Law College) - First prize
- Tanmay Devnath (MBB College) - Second prize
- Fardin Poddar (Tripura Govt. Law College) - Third prize
- Joynil Saha & Athukri Jamatia (MBB College)- Consolation prizes

**Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Chief Executive, NCUI** delivered the introductory address highlighting the NCUI's commitment to strengthening the cooperative movement across the country; realigning its approach to better serve the cooperative sector through innovative programs, policy advocacy, and strategic interventions. He underscored transformative role of cooperative in shaping rural economies, empowering communities, and fostering inclusive growth. In Tripura, the potential of cooperatives is immense—be it in agriculture, dairy, fisheries, handloom, handicrafts, bamboo, or tourism. These sectors hold the key to sustainable livelihoods and economic prosperity for thousands of families across the state and to unlock this potential, he urged all stakeholders to focus on capacity building, modernization, market linkages, and digital integration.



*Dr. Sudhir Mahajan (IAS, Retd.), Chief Executive, NCUI delivering the welcome address*

Dr. Mahajan highlighted the proactive steps taken by the NCUI to strengthen cooperative enterprises and enhance their contribution to the national economy and thereby establishment of three specialized centers aimed at fostering entrepreneurship, building cooperative capacity, and providing research-based policy support viz. Centre for Entrepreneurship Development & Cooperation (CEDC), National Cooperative Resource Centre (NCRC) & Cooperative Extension and Advisory Services (CEAS). Recognizing the importance of cross-sectoral collaborations, he informed the initiatives of NCUI for strategic alliances with national and global organizations like Schneider Electric, Hitachi India, and HCL Foundation to strengthen cooperative enterprises for integrated cooperative development, NCUI also signed an MoU with the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), which has initiated multiple projects in the renewable energy sector and currently underway in eight border villages of West Tripura.

Discussing on the importance of Cooperative Unions, Dr. Mahajan said that these unions are an extended arm of Cooperative Department of State Governments and apt institutions to implement and monitor the government schemes from grassroot levels. He urged the state government to guide and provide financial assistance to Tripura State Cooperative Union to strengthen its infrastructure and support in organizing education and training and other activities for development of the cooperatives in the state of Tripura.



Citing the successful modal of NCUI Haat, Dr. Mahajan suggested and requested the state government to set up the similar exhibition-cum-sales counters at prominent places like Airport in Tripura to boost the production of rural artisans and local craftsman associated with cooperatives. He also discussed the need of marketing and value addition to regional resources and widely available fruits in the area to develop the economy and increase in farmers income. As objective of conference, he said that programme will serve as a catalyst for cooperative growth in Tripura with fruitful discussions and collaborations.



*The NCUI President, Shri Dileep Sanghani, giving the presidential address*

Sh. Dileep Sanghani, President, NCUI welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha and Cooperation Minister Shri Sukla Charan Noatia and said that their presence reflects commitment to strengthening the cooperative movement in Tripura. He also welcomed all other dignitaries and delegates present on the occasion.

He said that it is a privilege to see such enthusiastic participation from cooperatives which play a crucial role in Tripura's economy, with over 3,142 cooperative societies and more than 5 lakh members actively contributing to various sectors such as PACS, fisheries, handloom, dairy, and consumer cooperatives.

The Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India has taken historic initiatives to empower cooperatives under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and also launched more than 54 initiatives to strengthen the cooperatives, such as New Model Bye-laws to make PACS multi-purpose, Computerization of PACS, Formation of new cooperative societies in uncovered areas, etc.

Shri Sanghani said that International Year of Cooperatives 2025 (IYC 2025), themed "Cooperatives Build a Better World," is a landmark opportunity to showcase the impact of cooperatives globally. With the support of the government and all stakeholders, we can take this movement forward and contribute to a developed and prosperous India.

He told that the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), which is an apex institution of cooperatives in the country continues to work towards strengthening the cooperative movement through educations, training. He further said that NCUI also launched several innovative initiatives like NCUI-Haat for promoting cooperative products and the Learning Management System (LMS) for online cooperative education. These initiatives bridge information & knowledge gaps, fostering a more informed and connected Cooperative community.

Let us continue to work together to promote a cooperative ecosystem that not only build a better world but also ensure sustainable & inclusive growth.

At the end he concluded his address by quoting the line of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore:

**“जो कुछ हमारा है वह हम तक तभी पहुंचता है  
जब हम उसे ग्रहण करने की क्षमता विकसित करते हैं।”**



*Shri Sukla Charan Noatia, Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Tripura addressing the delegates*



**Shri Sukla Charan Noatia, Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Tripura** highlighted the progressive initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation for strengthening of PACS to enhance the infrastructure, financial stability, and governance of cooperative societies across the country. Sh Noetia asserted that with collective efforts, Tripura is actively working to implement these initiatives successfully. The computerization of 268 LAMPS-PACS in Tripura is in its final stage, and every PACS in the state is being converted into a 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendra'. The establishment of at least one PACS, dairy cooperative, and fisheries cooperative in every Gram Panchayat and ADC Village is progressing smoothly, and assured to achieve this goal within the stipulated timeline.

The success of cooperative societies largely depends on the efficiency, honesty, dedication, and accountability of the board members. Shri Sukla Charan Noatia stated that cooperative department is playing a proactive role in forming new cooperative management boards. The primary objective is to involve people from all sectors in the cooperative movement, fostering economic, social, and cultural development in both urban and rural areas. Expanding rural industries and creating self-employment opportunities are also key goals.

He extended his sincere appreciation to all cooperative members for their relentless efforts and hoped for continues working together for a prosperous India through cooperatives and ensure the overall development of Tripura state.



*The Chief Guest Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura speaking during the inaugural function*

**Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the state government's commitment to supporting cooperative initiatives. He announced new policy measures and financial incentives aimed at strengthening the cooperative sector in Tripura. He set a target to bring more than 20 lakh people into cooperative folds to boost the socio-economic conditions for the northeastern states.

The Chief Minister said a substantial number of people of the state are not involved in the cooperatives and desired cooperative department to set a target of bringing more than 20 lakh people under the ambit of cooperatives. He appreciated the role of cooperative in creation of job opportunities and reduction in the race for government jobs. The Chief Minister praised the relentless efforts of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah for setting up of new ministry for cooperatives to make cooperative movement vibrant.

He also encouraged youth participation in cooperative movement and underscored the importance of self-sufficiency through cooperative enterprises.

The winners of the Cooperative Olympiad were facilitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The topper Ms. Souravi Sarkar also shared her views during the facilitation ceremony before the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



*Ms. Souravi Sarkar, topper of Cooperative Olympiad sharing her views during Facilitation Ceremony*







*Shri Tapas Ray, IAS, Secretary, Dept of Cooperation, Govt of Tripura delivering the vote of thanks*

**Shri Tapas Ray, IAS, Secretary, Dept of Cooperation, Govt of Tripura** concluded with a formal vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister of Tripura for his invaluable presence and support for the cooperative sector. Special thanks were extended to the Hon'ble Minister for cooperation, Govt of Tripura, President NCUI, keynote speakers, and participants for their insightful contributions. Appreciation was also given to the organizers, officials from Cooperative department and volunteers for their efforts in ensuring the event's success. He emphasized that the collective efforts and insights shared during the conference will significantly contribute to the region's socio-economic development through cooperation. The session ended on a note of commitment to continued collaboration and the advancement of cooperative enterprises.

## TECHNICAL SESSIONS

**Shri Ved Prakash Setia, Executive Director of NCUI** commenced the proceedings of Technical Session formally introducing the objectives and subject matter of technical sessions.



*Shri Ved Prakash Setia, Executive Director, NCUI conducting the Technical Sessions*

**Shri Sandip Shankar Pawar, Deputy Director from NCDC (Regional Office- Guwahati)** presented the role and function of NCDC in cooperatives and discussed its initiatives for taking the government schemes to grassroot level in cooperative sector and presented the detail of projects under process in the Tripura state. He also briefed on the new initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation and historical steps taken by the government for new possibilities for economic development and expansions in the cooperative sector.



*Shri Sandip Shankar Pawar, Deputy Director, NCDC (RO-Guwahati) speaking during the Technical Session*





*Shri Ritesh Dey, Executive Director, NCUI speaking on IYC2025 and on other subject in the Technical Session*

**Dr. Siddhratha Singha, Asst. Professor, School of Agro and Rural Technology (SART), IIT Guwahati spoke about** their Institutional experts, outreach partners and under CSR support are conducting various holistic rural development activities in Tripura (West Tripura) and their strategy to prevail in the community for next 4 years. Dr. Singha presented their plan to nurture the village development committees as the nourished cooperatives in a multi-sectoral approach, ensuring sustainable development and long-term economic stability. He highlighted his work to rejuvenate the spirits of cooperatives for aggressive industry alignment.



*Dr. Siddhratha Singha, Asst. Professor, SART, IIT Guwahati delivering his lecture during the Technical Session*



*Sh. Anurag, Deputy Director of NCUI speaking in the Technical Session*

The presentation on very important subject of Role & Functions of Primary Multi-Purpose Coop Society viz. AGM, Auditing, Marketing etc was conducted by **Sh. Anurag, Deputy Director of NCUI**. He briefed the participants about these activities taking into account various issues of concern, from minor to major level for better understanding and functioning of cooperatives.

**Dr. Sagar Kisan Wadkar, Adviser (Research & Study), NCUI** presented the pivotal role of cooperatives in food security. He explained the new initiatives of central government for cooperative societies functioning at village levels, various services being rendered by PACS in credit and non-credit sector. Dr. Wadkar presented the successful business modals of Devnadi Valley Agricultural FPC, Lonarwadi, Sinnar Nashik, Savitribai Phule Goat Farming FPO. Sinnar, Nashik and Jay Sardar Krushi Vikas FPC, Buldhana for better understanding of cooperative business modal and its socio-economic effect on people associated with them. These Case studies from successful cooperatives were shared, offering valuable lessons and strategies.



*Dr. Sagar Kisan Wadkar, Adviser (Research & Study), NCUI speaking in the Technical Session*

Further, Dr. Wadkar explained the objectives of newly formed multistate cooperative societies viz. National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL), National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) & Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) for improving and strengthening the economic conditions of the farmers and members of the PACS.



*Shri Jayanta Jamatia, TCS Gr-II, DRCS speaking on Oversees of Cooperative Movement in Tripura in the Technical Session*

established with adequate storage facilities with the support of NABARD. Online Data of LAMPS / PACS as well as Fisheries and dairies, marketing, housing, credit & thrift, consumers etc has been completed in all districts.

Sh Jamatia applauded the functioning of cooperative department in the state and informed about adoption of modern bye-laws framed by the Central Govt by more than 260 LAMPS/PACS. He presented the successful business activities of Tripura State Consumers Cooperative Consumers federation (TLCCS) dealing with consumer goods, LPS cylinder, Kerosine oil, office stationery etc. and engaged in supplying items to government offices too.

### **Shri Jayanta Jamatia, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies**

highlighted the status of cooperatives societies functioning in Tripura State. He said that in Tripura cooperatives are working in number of sectors performing business in thrift and credit, Milk, Fisheries, consumer & marketing services etc. He also highlighted the significant role in farmer-oriented services and government support through cooperatives. He also asserted that Registration process in state is very fast and applications are settled within 30 days to encourage people to form the cooperatives and involve in socio-economic activities. Multi service centre as a pilot project



Shri. Jayanta Jamatia apprised about recent amendment in State Cooperative Act which provided reservations of women in elected board. Under digital India programme, LAMPS / PACS have been issued CSC registration on priority by the state govt.

**Sh. Mailafu Mog (MLA), Chairman OF Tripura State Cooperative Union** who also participated in various programmes on cooperatives in New Delhi, appreciated the devotion of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Union Home & Cooperative Minister and now seen very optimistic to celebrate the IYC in the state with full zeal.

Sh. Mog called for economic revolution at grassroot level to empower farmers through cooperatives and to save them from the clutches of landlords. He showed the concern to further modify the bye-laws of



cooperatives so as to explore and expand the income generation activities and further development of villages. He suggested to encourage entrepreneurship among youths to perform business activities, become self-reliant, self-sufficient and be the job creators and not job seekers. There are still lots of opportunities in the cooperative sector, especially in the backward areas of the state, to further engage more people and diversify the activities He thanked NCUI for organising the programme in Tripura.

*Sh. Mailafu Mog (MLA), Chairman of Tripura State Cooperative Union speaking in Tripura in the Technical Session*

## Conclusion

This Conference in Tripura on Cooperatives successfully brought together diverse stakeholders to share knowledge and strategies for fostering cooperative development in the state. Cooperatives stand at the threshold of a transformative era and NCUI is leaving no stones unturned to ensure cooperatives in all states benefit from national and global initiatives like IYC2025. The discussions and deliberations during the conference underscored the importance of training programmes, collaboration, innovation, formation of new cooperatives, technology-driver solutions and policy support in ensuring the long-term sustainability of cooperatives and to create pathways for youth and women entrepreneurs to actively participate in the cooperative movement. The insights gained from this conference is set to contribute significantly for strengthening the cooperative sector and enhancing its role in social and economic development.

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## Delegates & Organisers

