

# National Conference on Cooperatives

*Building Prosperity Together*

September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: IIPA, New Delhi



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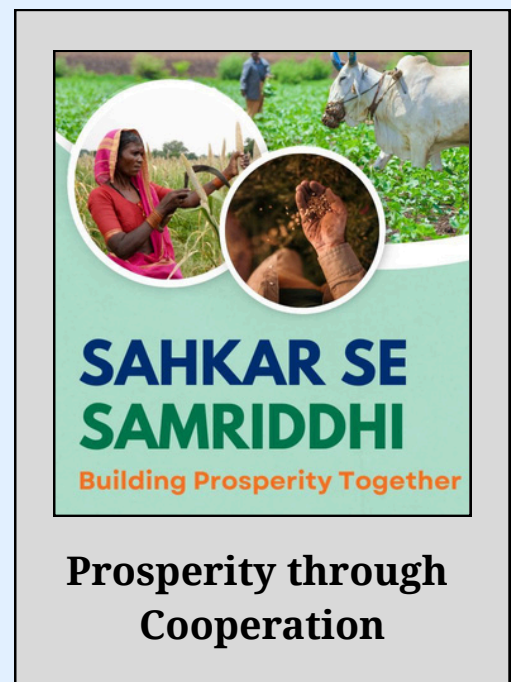


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# Prelude

Cooperatives, essential instrument of social and economic policy, are people-centric rather than capital-centered organizations and they bring in cohesiveness, community business sense and enhance social bonding through collective efforts. These have immense potential to deliver goods and services at the grass-root level. With its member driven inclusive approach, the cooperative sector has power of constructive ‘termite’ in building prosperity together in the country. It has the required capability to ensure equitable and concerted efforts towards enhancing the flow of timely, adequate and door-step

support to various critical infrastructure, input services, irrigation, marketing, processing and community storages. There are around 8 lakh cooperative units in India, out of which 1.90 lakh units are credit cooperatives. Over 6 lakhs non-credit cooperatives carry out activities such as marketing, tourism, hospital, housing, transportation, farming including livestock and dairying to name just a few.



## Background

A huge untapped potential of community owned and members driven economic entities does exist. A need is, therefore, felt to identify and suitably address the issues faced by sectoral cooperatives in ensuring and accelerating momentum in the cooperative movement in the country.



# Objectives

“Sahkar se Samriddhi” To achieve overall prosperity through Cooperation in the country.

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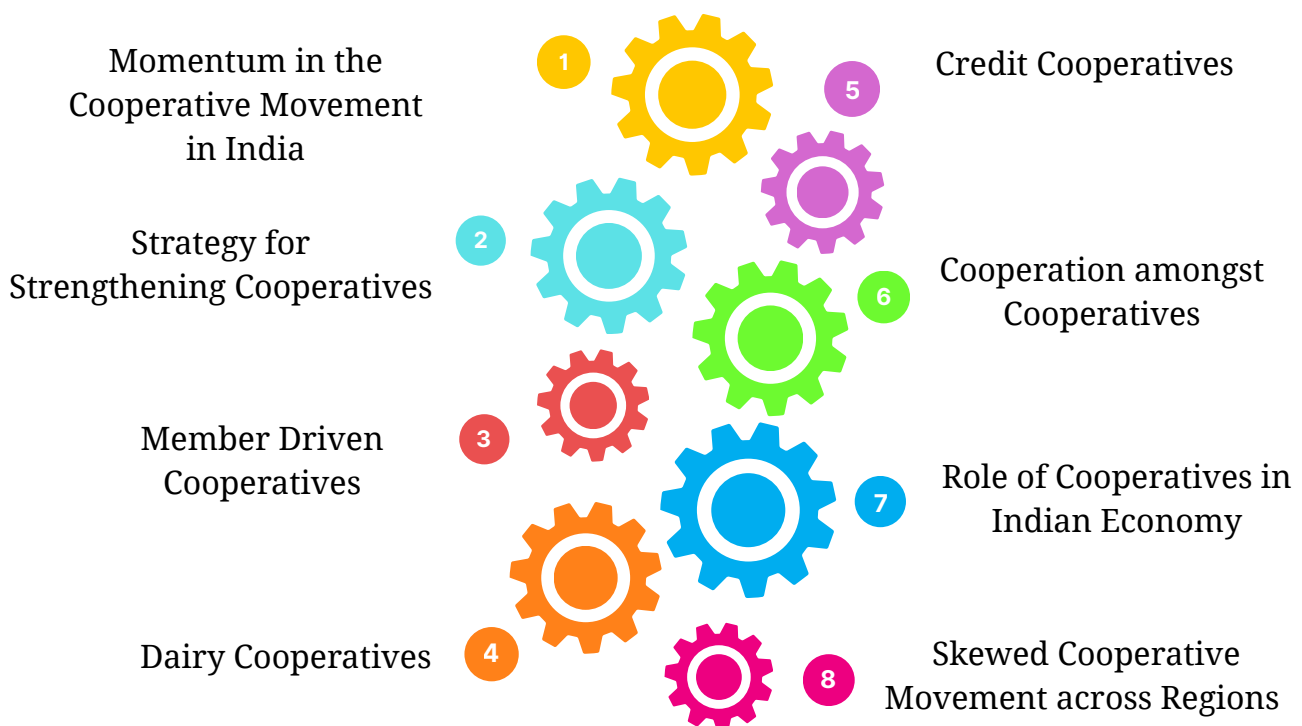
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Strengthen cooperatives by bringing transparency, modernization, and creating competitiveness.

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Deepen cooperatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the grassroots and develop a cooperative based economic model where each member works with spirit of responsibility

## Themes



### Resource Persons

The Conference invitees includes Practitioners, Academicians, representatives from RRBs, NGOs, Civil Societies and Technocrats having interest in Cooperative sector.

### Date and Venue

The Conference will be held at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, in Sarthak Conference hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor) on **September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

## Time Schedule

| Time  | Session  | Description/Speakers   |
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| <b>Day 1: 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>     |  |  |
| <b>9:30 am - 10:15 am</b>                   | Registration & Tea/Coffee  |  |
| <b>10:15 am - 11:00 am</b>                  | Inaugural Session  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the Programme and Welcome address by IIPA</li> <li>2. Key Note Address by <b>Shri. Dileep Sanghani</b>, Hon'ble President NCUI, New Delhi</li> <li>3. Vote of Thanks by IIPA</li> </ol>  |
| <b>11:00 am - 11:30 am</b>                  | Group photo followed by Tea/Coffee   |  |
| <b>Session - I:<br/>11:30 am - 12:30 pm</b> | <b>Theme: Momentum in the Cooperative Movement in India</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Policy and Institutional Support for Fostering Cooperative Networks</li> <li>ii. Strategies for Strengthening Inter-Cooperative Trade and Resource Sharing</li> <li>iii. Technology and Digital Platforms as Enablers of Cooperative Integration</li> <li>iv. Building Social Capital and Trust Among Cooperatives at Local, National, and International Levels</li> </ol> | <b>Chair: Shri Ashish Bhutani</b> , Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Gol.<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Shri Binod Anand</b>, Secretary General, CNRI, New Delhi</li> <li>ii. <b>Dr. Rakesh Arrawatia</b>, Professor, IRMA, Anand</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Session - II:<br/>12:30 pm - 1:30 pm</b> | <b>Theme: Strategy for Strengthening Cooperatives</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Policy and Regulatory Reforms for Cooperatives</li> <li>ii. Capacity Building and Professionalization of Cooperative Leadership</li> <li>iii. Digital Transformation and Technology Integration in Cooperatives</li> </ol>   | <b>Chair: Shri Sanjeev Chopra</b> , Former MD, NAFED; ex-Director, LBSNAA<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Shri Siddhartha Jain</b>, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Gol</li> <li>ii. <b>Shri Mashar Velapurath</b>, Managing Director, Agricultural Finance Corporation, India</li> </ol> |



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|   | iv. Access to Finance and Market Linkages for Cooperatives   | iii. <b>Shri Manoranjan Sharma</b> , Economist, Advisory Board Member, BIRD, Lucknow  |
| <b>1:30 pm - 2:15 pm</b>                    | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |
| <b>Session - III:<br/>2:15 pm – 3:15 pm</b> | <b>Theme: Member Driven Cooperatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Governance and Accountability in Member-Driven Cooperatives</li> <li>ii. Sustaining Member Engagement and Participation</li> <li>iii. Balancing Economic Viability with Member Welfare</li> <li>iv. Capacity Building and Leadership Development Among Members</li> </ul>   | <i>Chair:</i> <b>Shri D. K. Singh</b> , Chairman, Cooperation Election Authority, M/o Cooperation<br><br><i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Shri Shaji K. V.</b>, Chairman, NABARD</li> <li>ii. <b>Dr. KK Tripathy</b>, JS (PMEAC)</li> <li>iii. <b>Prof. Harekrishna Mishra</b>, IRMA, Anand</li> </ul> |
| <b>3:15 pm – 3:45 pm</b>                    | <b>Tea/Coffee</b>  |   |
| <b>Session - IV:<br/>3:45 pm – 4:45 pm</b>  | <b>Theme: Dairy Cooperatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Green Dairy Practices and Carbon Footprint Reduction, Methane management, renewable energy use</li> <li>ii. Market Access, Value Addition, and Global Competitiveness</li> <li>iii. Technological Innovation and Sustainability</li> <li>iv. Role of Dairy Cooperatives in Strengthening Rural Livelihoods and Women Empowerment</li> </ul> | <i>Chair:</i> <b>Shri Sangram Chaudhary</b> , MD, Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd.<br><br><i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Dr. Amit Vyas</b>, MD, Amul, Anand</li> <li>ii. <b>Dr. Meenesh Shah</b>, Chairman NDDB</li> </ul>  |
| <b>4:45 pm - 5:15 pm</b>                    | Presentation of summary reports by session representatives (I-IV)  |   |

**Day 2: 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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| <b>Session - V:</b><br><b>10:00 am – 11:15 am</b> | <b>Theme- Credit Cooperatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Role of Credit Cooperatives in Financial Inclusion in Rural India</li><li>ii. Digital Transformation in Credit Cooperatives: Opportunities and Risks</li><li>iii. Credit Cooperatives and Agricultural Credit: Trends, Gaps, and Policy Implications</li><li>iv. Governance and Regulatory Challenges in Credit Cooperatives</li></ul>  | <i>Chair:</i> <b>Dr. Umakant Dash</b> , Vice Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, and Ex-Director, IRMA, Anand<br><br><i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <b>Shri Rajvir Sharma</b>, Chairman, IIPA, Delhi Regional Branch</li><li>ii. <b>Dr. Hema Yadav</b>, Director, CCS NIAM, Jaipur</li></ul> |
| <b>11:15 am - 11:45 am</b>                        | <b>Tea/Coffee</b>  |  |
| <b>Session - VI:</b><br><b>11:45 am - 1:00 pm</b> | <b>Theme- Cooperation amongst Cooperatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Policy and Institutional Support for Fostering Cooperative Networks</li><li>ii. Strategies for Strengthening Inter-Cooperative Trade and Resource Sharing</li><li>iii. Technology and Digital Platforms as Enablers of Cooperative Integration</li><li>iv. Building Social Capital and Trust Among Cooperatives at Local, National, and International Levels</li></ul> | <i>Chair:</i> <b>Dr. Nirupam Mehrotra</b> , Director, BIRD, Lucknow<br><br><i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <b>Preeti Anand</b>, Senior Vice President, World Co-operation Economic Forum (Wcoo-EF)</li><li>ii. <b>Pankaj Bansal</b>, NCDC, New Delhi</li></ul>   |
| <b>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</b>                          | <b>Lunch</b>   |  |
| <b>Session - VII:</b><br><b>2:00 pm - 3:00 pm</b> | <b>Theme- Role of Cooperatives in Indian Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Strengthening Rural Livelihoods through Agricultural and Credit Cooperatives</li><li>ii. Cooperatives as Drivers of</li></ul>  | <i>Chair:</i> <b>Shri Rabindra Kumar Agarwal</b> , Addl. Secretary, M/O Cooperation<br><br><i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <b>Shri. Binod Anand</b>, Secretary General, CNRI, New Delhi</li></ul>  |

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|  | <p>Inclusive Growth and Women Empowerment</p> <p>iii. Challenges and Reforms in the Cooperative Sector: Governance, Digitization, and Market Linkages</p> <p>iv. Role of Cooperatives in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p>  | <p>ii. CGM, NABARD</p>   |
| <b>3:00 pm - 3:30 pm</b>                         | <b>Tea</b>   |  |
| <b>Session- VIII:<br/>3:30 pm – 4:30 pm</b>      | <p><b>Theme- Skewed Cooperative Movement across Regions</b></p> <p>i. Historical and Institutional Factors Behind Regional Imbalances in Cooperative Development</p> <p>ii. Credit vs. Non-Credit Cooperatives: Regional Disparities in Sectoral Penetration</p> <p>iii. Impact of Political Patronage and State Support on Regional Growth of Cooperatives</p> <p>iv. Policy Interventions for Balanced Cooperative Development Across States</p> | <p><i>Chair: Mr. K Patel, MD, IFFCO</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>i. <b>Dr. Sangeeta Shroff</b>, Independent Director, AFC India Ltd.</p> <p>ii. <b>Shri Jintender Sharma</b>, Director Wcoopef,</p> <p>iii. <b>Dr. Manisha Paliwal</b>, Professor, SBUP, PUNE</p> <p>iv. <b>Dr Shashi Bhushan</b>, Institute of Environmental Research and Rural Development, Patna (in Delhi Office)</p> |
| <b>Valedictory Session<br/>4:30 pm - 5:15 pm</b> | <p>i. Presentation of Summary Reports by session representatives (V-VIII)</p> <p>ii. Valedictory Remarks by IIPA</p> <p>iii. Vote of Thanks</p>  |  |

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