



# *CICTAB*

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## About CICTAB

At the instance of FAO, Centre for International Cooperation & Training in Agricultural Banking(CICTAB) was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India as an autonomous institution with its head quarters at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune in January, 1983.

## Scope & Functions

CICTAB through its member institutions promotes :

- International cooperation in the establishment and expansion of facilities for training in agricultural banking.
- Facilitates exchange of experience and information on harnessing of National systems of finance and banking for agricultural and rural development.
- Prominent activity focus of CICTAB is on programmes and practices relating to rural development with special reference to rural poor in developing countries of the SAARC region.

## Management of CICTAB

Management of CICTAB is vested with General Council and Managing Committee consisting of representatives from member institutions in member countries.

**Shri Gyanesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary,  
Ministry of Cooperation, Government  
of India & President, General Council, CICTAB**



**Shri Vijaya Kumar, IAS, Special Secretary,  
Ministry of Cooperation, Government of  
India, & , Chairman, Managing Committee, CICTAB**



**Centre for International Cooperation & Training in Agricultural Banking**  
(Promoted by Government of India and Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations)

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# Activities of CICTAB : Training Programmes

## • International Programme on “Agriculture & Rural Development through Cooperative Business Model” (CICTAB-VAMNICOM-IFFCO-FMDI)

3rd – 6th Oct, 2023 at IFFCO FMDI, Gurgaon, Haryana, India

International programme on “Agriculture and Rural Development through Cooperative Business Model” was conducted from 3rd – 6th October, 2023 at FMDI, Gurgaon, New Delhi.

The program was inaugurated by Santosh Kumar Shukla, Joint GM (CD) in the presence of DP Singal, Dy. GM (Training), FMDI, Smt. Anita Chaudhary, Rajneesh Pandel, Dr D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB.

The theme of the programme was showcasing rural development through cooperative business model. In context of the theme, the topics covered in the programme were Business Development Plan for a cooperative organization; IFFCO Nano Urea & Nano DAP revolutionary products: Application, profitability & its role in increasing the farmer’s income; Importance of IFFCO Bio-Fertilizers & Bio-decomposer in sustainable agriculture; Credit & Banking in Rural Area; Role of Bio-Stimulants (Sagarika & Humifco) and Bio-Pesticides in Productivity; Importance of Integrated Nutrient Management System in sustainable agriculture; Importance of IFFCO’s WSP & Specialty Fertilizers in Modern Agriculture.

The field visit participants were arranged at NAFED and IFFCO headquarters located at Saket to learn about cooperative governance and the successful cooperative model in India. The participants made country paper presentations.

A total 25 participants from Nepal - National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF) (2); National Cooperative Bank Limited (NCBL) (17); Nepal Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperative Unions Ltd. (NEFSCUN) (6) were participated in the programme.



Inauguration of the programme by Sh. D. P. Singal, Dy. GM (Trg.) FMDI in the presence of Sh. Santosh Kumar Shukla, Jt. GM (CD), IFFCO, New Delhi; Dr. D. Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB & Rajneesh Pandey, Marketing Manager, IFFCO



Group Photo of International Programme on “Agriculture & Rural Development through Cooperative Business Model”

## Feedback:

Visit to cooperative business models like IFFCO and NAFED are very informative and got inspiration and information to to develop successful cooperative business model  
Mr. Jay Bahadur Mahatara, Chairman, Kalika Swabalamban Agriculture Cooperative Ltd., Kalikot, NCF, Nepal

# International Programme on “Digitalization and Financial Inclusion” For CEOs and Senior Executives”) At CAB, Pune, India (CICTAB-CAB-RBI)

9th – 13th Oct, 2023 at CAB, Pune, Maharashtra, India

International Programme on “Digitalization and Financial Inclusion” was organized at College of Agricultural Banking, Pune during 9-13 October, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by the Principal, College of Agricultural Banking, Pune and Shri Shubhabrat Agrawal was the Programme Coordinator. The total 24 participants from 13 India and 11 Nepal attended the referred programme.

Shri Shubhabrat Agrawal, MoF, CAB delivered session on Overview of Financial Inclusion to the participants. Dr K Subramanian, MoF, CAB explained on the International Cooperation towards Digital Financial Inclusion and Financial Access. Shri Shubhabrat Agrawal, MoF, CAB detailed about National Strategy for Financial Inclusion 2019-24. Shri Sachin Kamble, MoF, CAB delivered sessions on Financial Inclusion through Group Lending: SHG and JLG Model. Shri Narayan, MoF, CAB has enlightened on Innovations in provision of financial services – Bank led digital financial inclusion and Role of FinTech in inclusive finance. The sessions like Use of Technology and Banking Correspondent in furthering Financial Inclusion, Recent Innovations in payment and settlement system – Various payment products for financial inclusion, Digital lending to MSMEs : Use of tech-driven approaches, Consumer Education & Protection - Recent Initiatives & Guidelines have taught by the faculty of CAB, Pune.



**Smt. Puja Sharma, MoF, CAB delivered session on Recent Innovations in payment and settlement system – Various payment products for financial inclusion**



**A field visit was organised to the Corporate Business Correspondence of SBI functioning, Hinjawadi CSP Center**

## Feedback:

**Digitalisation model of India is different and much advanced than the Nepal. We got knowledge of new techniques about the digitalisation and microfinance. As employee of Nepal Rastra Bank we will try to implement it.**

**Mr. Rajesh Paneru, Assistant Director, Payment Systems Department, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal**

# International Programme on “Innovation and Application of Financial Technology in Rural Financial Institutions” (CICTAB-MoC-VAMNICOM)

6 - 9 November, 2023, at VAMNICOM, Pune, Maharashtra India

The International Programme on “Innovation and Application of Financial Technology in Rural Financial Institutions” was organized during 6th – 9th November, 2023 at VAMNICOM, Pune.

A total number of 13 participants attended the on-line programme from two countries viz., Nepal (05) and India (08).

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAMNICOM & CICTAB inaugurated the programme and gave a brief on how the IT sector has become a necessity in the development of the agricultural cooperatives and rural financing institutions. Dr D Ravi Faculty, VAMNICOM & Consultant, CICTAB also addressed the participants and explained about CICTAB and its activities and how it has been training participants from various SAARC countries over the years.

As the theme of the programme was information technology, the sessions designed included topics such as Introduction on agricultural cooperatives & rural financing institutions, Understanding the need for application of IT in financial & banking sector, Core Banking solution implementation experience of SVC Bank & PDCC Bank, Concept of Fintech, About Electronic National Agricultural Marketing (eNAM), Concept of planning, designing & implementation of a training programme in the theme context and the Concept of Cyber Security.

The experts from industry also shared the experiences of Core Banking Solution implementation Experience of Cosmos Bank and Cyber Security in the cooperatives sector with the participants through lecture, power point presentation and videos of the different developmental activities in the IT sector being carried out. The participants also made country paper presentations, moderated by Dr D Ravi, Faculty, VAMNICOM & Consultant, CICTAB. The programme was well appreciated by the participants in the feedback session.



Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAMNICOM & CICTAB inaugurated the programme



Study visit was organised to PDCC bank, Pune to experience the innovation and application of financial technology in cooperatives

## Feedback:

Classroom sessions and study visit introduced the new innovations in payment and settlement system in India. Programme was very informative and learnigful.

Mr. Rajendra Saud, Manager, Shikhardeep Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd., Kanchanpur  
NEFSCUN Nepal

# International Programme on “Cooperative Governance for the CEOs and Senior Executives of Cooperatives & Rural Financing Institutions” (CICTAB-NCUI-VAMNICOM-WBSCU)

21 - 24 November, 2023) at West Bengal State Cooperative Union, Kolkata.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Pradip Mazumdar, Hon'ble MIC, Cooperation Department, Govt of West Bengal. Other dignitaries present were Shri Swarna Kamal Saha, MLA and Chairman West Bengal State Cooperative Union, Dr Sudhir Mahajan, Chief Executive, NCUI, Smt. Savitri Singh, Deputy Chief Executive of NCUI, Smt. Sangita Sadhu, D.R.C.S and Chief Executive Officer, WBSCU and Smt. Inderpreet Kaur, Assistant Director, NCUI. The total 30 participants, out of which 16 participants were from Nepal and remaining from Karnataka, Puducherry, Assam, Sikkim and West Bengal. The session began with the opening remarks from Smt Sangita Sadhu, DRCS & CEO, West Bengal state cooperative union. The welcome speech was delivered by Smt Savitri Singh, Deputy CE welcomed all participants and briefed about this programme. She also thanked the Chairman, WBSCU for his efforts and cooperation for making this programme happen in Kolkata.

Total 11 sessions were arranged for the participants from resource persons of premier institutions like BIRD, NABARD, ICMARD, VAMNICOM and Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Govt. of West Bengal. A one-day field visit to Mudiali Fishermen's Cooperative Society and Banibon, Jadipur, Dulopur Rajapur S.K.U.S. Ltd. was planned to understand the working of the cooperative societies.

Valedictory Session of the training programme was graced by Smt. Savitri Singh, Deputy Chief Executive, NCUI, Sri Bidyut Kumar Basu, Ex Faculty, BIRD, Lucknow, Dr D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB and Smt. Inderpreet Kaur, Assistant Director, NCUI.

The international programme was lauded by all the participants as well as the resource persons. The participants were quite interactive and shared their own ideas and experiences in agricultural cooperatives & rural financing institutions enhancing the overall learning of all the participants making the programme successful.



Inauguration of the programme by Shri Pradip Mazumdar, Hon'ble MIC, Cooperation Department, Govt of West Bengal in the presence of Shri Swarna Kamal Saha, MLA and Chairman WSCU, Dr Sudhir Mahajan, CEO, NCUI, Smt. Savitri Singh, Deputy CEO NCUI, Smt. Sangita Sadhu, D.R.C.S and Chief Executive Officer, WBSCU



Valediction and Certificate Distribution of the programme by Smt. Savitri Singh, Deputy Chief Executive, NCUI, Sri Bidyut Kumar Basu, Ex Faculty, BIRD, Lucknow, Dr D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB

## Feedback:

It was good knowledge sharing programme about Good practices of Governance, Values, Principles and the Mission of credit Cooperatives, Management Tools for Effective decision making, Conduct of Board Meetings.

Mr. Surendra Prakash KC, Manager, Dhakadam Mahila Sana Kisan Krishi Sahakari Sanstha Ltd., NACCFL, Nepal

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES SCHEDULED IN JANUARY- MARCH 2024**

- **International Programme on "Business Development Plan for Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society (PACS)" at VAMNICOM, Pune**
- **3 – 6 January, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Agri Export Procedure and Documentation for Cooperatives" at VAMNICOM, Pune**
- **8 – 11 January, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Training Techniques for Trainers of Cooperative and Rural Financing Institutions (Focused on Trainers Training)" at VAMNICOM, Pune**
- **15 – 19 January, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Implementation of Quality Assurance and Banding in Savings and Credit Cooperatives" at SANASA Campus-Kegalle, Sri Lanka**
- **5 - 8 Feb, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Integrating Cooperative Institutions for Sustainable Rural Development" at NIRD & PR, Hyderabad, India**
- **13- 16 February, 2024**
- **International Training program on "Dairy Development through Cooperative Business Model" at NDDB, Aanand**
- **26 – 28 February, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Women Empowerment through Income Generating Activities" at NIBM, Pune**
- **26 – 29 February, 2024**
- **International Training Programme on "Special Refinance Facility from NABARD- Transformation of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society (PACS) as Multi Service Centre (MSC) at BIRD, Lucknow**
- **27 – 29 February, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Cooperative Governance for the Women Board of Directors of Cooperative and Rural Financing Institutions" at NCUI, New Delhi**
- **5 – 9 March, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Role of Cooperative Institutions in achieving Financial Inclusion" at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad**
- **11 – 15 March, 2024**
- **International Programme on "Women Empowerment through Micro Finance" at NIBM, Pune**
- **12 – 15 March, 2024**

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES SCHEDULED IN JANUARY- MARCH 2024**

- **International Programme on “Project approach to Cooperative Development : Sharing Experience of NCUI Cooperative Education Field Projects” at Amreli District Cooperative Union at Amreli, Gujarat**
- **18 – 21 March, 2024**
- **International Programme on “Skill Development of Trainers in the Area of Promotion and Financing of SHGs/JLGs for Financial Inclusion of Rural Poor Focused on Trainers Training)” at BIRD, Lucknow**
- **19 – 23 March, 2024**
- **International Training Course on “Sustainable Agriculture And Socially Responsible Rural Financing” at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur-2, Dhaka**
- **24 –29 March, 2024**

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## **CICTAB GENERAL COUNCIL AND MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **24TH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING:**

The 24th meeting of the General Council of CICTAB was held on 14.12.2023 at 11.45 AM in Meeting Room No. 5, Level 1, Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Gyanesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India, and New Delhi.

### **54 TH MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The 54th meeting of the Managing Committee of CICTAB was held on 14.12.2023 at 10.30 AM in Meeting Room No. 5,Level-1,Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Special Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India, and Chairman, Managing Committee of CICTAB.



**The 24th meeting of the General Council under the chairmanship of Shri Gyanesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India, New Delhi and The 54th meeting of the Managing Committee of CICTAB under the chairmanship of Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Special Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India of CICTAB were held on 14.12.2023 in the presence of representatives of member institution of CICTAB from SAARC countries**

### **Academic Team**

**Dr Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB & VAMNICOM**  
**Dr D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB & Faculty, VAMNICOM**  
**Ms Kalyani Sahoo, Programme Officer, CICTAB**  
**Ms Smita Kadam, Research Officer, CICTAB**

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