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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.

CICTAB through its member institutions promotes :

Scope & Functions

1. International cooperation in the establishment and expansion of facilities for training in agricultural banking.
2. Facilitates exchange of experience and information on harnessing of National systems of finance and banking for agricultural and rural development.
3. 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 Ashish Kumar Bhutani, IAS, Secretary,
Ministry of Cooperation, Government
of India & President, General Council, CICTAB

Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal ,IAS, Additional 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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Near Pune University , Pune - 411007, Maharashtra, India

Activities of CICTAB : Training Programmes

- **International Programme on "Agri Value Chain Financing" (CICTAB-MOC-VAMNICOM)**

23-26 April 2024 at At VAMNICOM, Pune

International Programme on "Agri Value Chain Financing" was organized at VAMNICOM, Pune. It was four days programme from 23-26 April 2024 having three days sessions and one day study visit.

Dr. D. Ravi, Programme Director, CICTAB inaugurated the programme in presence CICTAB team. Dr. D. Ravi shared the idea behind the conduct of Agri value chain financing programme. He explained in brief about the planning of four days training programme. He also explained the session plan to participants.

A total of Total 17 participants from Nepal- NRB (2), NEFSCUN (5), NCF (3) and Sir Lanka - COOPFED (7) were participated in the programme. were participated in the programme.

To fulfil the objectives of the programme the the sessions were organised on following topics:Supply/value chain management in agriculture; Overview of Rural Financing; Role of NABARD in AVC Financing; Agri Value Chain Financing – Warehouse Receipt & Commodity Market; Agri Value Chain Initiatives of Smart Project; Country paper presentation; Agri Value Chain – Experience of FPO Model; Role of NCDC in AVC Financing; Role of NBHC in AVC Financing; Agri value chain financing – Experiences & Coverage of Risk for AVC Financing.

One day study visit was organised at KVK Baramati to know the different agri related business at one place and know the agri value chain linkages in national and international markets.

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB & VAMNICOM concluded the programme and graced the valediction and Certificate distribution ceremony in the presence of Dr. D. Ravi, Programme Director, CICTAB and CICTAB team.

Group photo of the International programme on "Agri Value Chain Financing"

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB & VAMNICOM graced the valediction and certificate distribution of the programme

Feedback:

As a banker I know very less about the actual meaning of the agri value chain financing. The sessions delivered by the experts from the different sectors cleared the term and the importance of the agri value chain financing. This programme will help us for easy lending to the cooperatives and farmers for agri purposes.

Mr. Raju Raya, Assistant Director, Human Resource Management Department, Nepal Rashtra Bank, Nepal

- **International Exposure visit Programme on "Cooperative Business Model" (CICTAB-MOC-VAMNICOM)**

4 – 7 June , 2024 at At VAMNICOM, Pune

International Exposure visit Programme on "Cooperative Business Model" was organized at VAMNICOM, Pune. It was four days programme from 4 – 7 June , 2024 having six exposure visits in the Maharashtra state.

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB & VAMNICOM inaugurated the programme in presence of Dr. D. Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB and CICTAB team. Participants (total 13) from Member institutions from Katana MPCs, NCC, Sri Lanka (1); Nepal (8) from SKBBL (3), NEFSCUN (1), NRB (4); Ghana (1); Kenya (1); Mauritius (1); Zambia had participated in the programme.

Dr. D. Ravi explained about the four days programme and benefits of the programme to the participants. This exposure visit programme is mainly designed to know about -To learn good governance in the Indian PACs, How to improve sustainability in the rural crops, How to sustain from the economic crises, To learn good practices of PACs, Non conventional policy measures adopted by Indian Coops.

The objectives of the programme were: To sensitize the participants to the concept of Co-operative Business Model, To visit and understand the role and functions of Co-operatives in India, To understand cooperative Governance.

Study visit was organised at (i) Katraj Dairy (Dairy Cooperative), (ii) Grahak Peth (Urban Consumer Cooperative Store), (iii) Sahakar Maharshi Kashti Vividh Karyakari Seva sahakari Society Ltd., Kashti, Daund, (iv) Samruddhi Shetkari Utpadak Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit, Wai, Satara, (v) IFFCO State Office, Pune, (vii) Pune District Central Co-op Bank.

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB & VAMNICOM concluded the programme and graced the valediction and Certificate distribution ceremony in the presence of Dr. D. Ravi, Programme Director, CICTAB and CICTAB team.

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

Group photo of the International exposure visit programme

Study visit to IFFCO State Office, Pune

Study visit to Katraj Dairy, Pune

Feedback:

It was great experience to learn about the Indian cooperatives and the roll of Ministry of cooperation to strengthen the Indian cooperatives with its vision statement of "Sahkar se samriddhi".

Mrs. Soovidama Ponien-Vencatachellum, Cooperative Development Officer, Mauritius

CICTAB SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

As per the discussion taken in the 54th Managing Committee and 24th General Council meeting two sub-committees have been formed to recommend norms for inviting New members in CICTAB and finalize theme for the conduct an International conference.

The meeting of sub-committee on recommending norms for inviting New members in CICTAB was held on 1st June, 2024 at 11.30 AM in the CICTAB Secretariat in VAMNICOM Campus, Pune.

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB; Shri Pradip Parate, GM, NABARD, Pune; Shri. Badri Kumar Guragain, CEO, NCBL, Nepal; Dr. D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB attended meeting at VAMNICOM campus and Shri K K Ravindran, MD, NAFCARD joined online.

The meeting of sub-committee on Conduct of International Conference of CICTAB was held on 1st June, 2024 at 3.00 PM in the CICTAB Secretariat in VAMNICOM Campus, Pune.

Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, CICTAB; Shri. Badri Kumar Guragain, CEO, NCBL, Nepal; Dr. D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB attended meeting at VAMNICOM campus and Mrs. Savitri Singh, Deputy CEO, NCUI joined online.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES SCHEDULED IN JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

- **International Training program on "Management Strategies to develop Consumer Cooperatives"**
  8-11 July, 2024 at National Cooperative Council, Colombo, Sri Lanka

- **International Programme on "Renewable Energy Management for Cooperatives"**
  6-9 August 2024 at VAMNICOM, Pune

- **International Programme on "Dairy Development through Cooperative Business Model"**
  29-31 July 2024 at National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Anand

- **International Programme on "Dairy Development through Cooperative Business Model"**
  12-14 August 2024 at National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Anand

- **International Programme on "Digitalization and Financial Inclusion" (For CEOs and Senior Executives)**
  19 – 23 Aug, 2024 at College of Agricultural Banking (CAB), RBI, Pune, Maharashtra

- **International Programme on "Fishery Development through Cooperative Business Model"**
  23-27 Sept, 2024 at LINAC Institute, Gurgram, Haryana, India

- **International Programme on "Digitalisation in Rural Banks and Cooperatives"**
  24 - 27, September 2024 at National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM), Pune

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