



# ***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.

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**



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Vaikunth Mehta National Institute Of Co-operative Management Campus  
Near Pune University , Pune - 411007, Maharashtra, India

# Activities of CICTAB : Training Programmes

## • International Programme on “Agri Value Chain Financing” (CICTAB-MOC-VAMNICOM)

**23-26 June 2025 at At VAMNICOM, Pune**

International Programme on “Agri Value Chain Financing” was organized during 23-26 June 2025 at at VAMNICOM Campus, Pune.

Dr. Suva Kanta Mohanty, Director, VAMNICOM & CICTAB inaugurated the above mentioned programme in the presence of CICTAB team. Programme is scheduled during 23-26 June 2025.

A total of 28 participants have attended the programme from- Indian Member Institution- IFFCO (2), NIBM (1), NCUI (3), NAFCARD (3), NAFED (1), NAFSCOB (2); and Nepal Member Institutions - NRB (6), NCBL (8), SKBBL (2)

The objectives of the programme were: to create awareness on Agri value financing, to improve skills in assessment of risk in lending, to equip bank officers to effectively manage and mitigate risks in agriculture lending, to understand the concept, tools and techniques of value chain analysis.

Three Study visits were organised - to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to know the role of NCDC in AVC Financing; Pune District Central Coop Bank, Pune (PDCC) to know the role of PDCC in AVC Financing and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Baramati for Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development.

Dr. Suva Kanta Mohanty, Director, VAMNICOM & CICTAB 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”



Study visit to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Baramati

## Feedback:

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.

Ms. Pralisha Joshi, Assistant Director, Office of the Governor,  
Nepal Rashtra Bank, Nepal

## **CICTAB 56th Managing Committee and 25th General Council meeting**

**The 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Managing Committee of CICTAB was held at VAMNICOM Campus on 26.05.2025 at 10.00 AM on Hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS, Additional Secretary, MoC, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Chairman, Managing Committee of CICTAB.**

**The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Council of CICTAB was held at VAMNICOM Campus on 26.05.2025 at 11.00 AM in Hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, IAS, Secretary, MoC, Govt. of India, New Delhi and President, General Council of CICTAB.**



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# INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES SCHEDULED IN JULY- SEPTEMBER 2025

- International Programme on “Renewable Energy Management for Cooperatives”  
22 - 25 July 2025 at VAMNICOM, Pune
- International Programme on “Digitalization and Financial Inclusion” (For CEOs and Senior Executives)  
5 - 8 Aug, 2025 at College of Agricultural Banking (CAB), RBI, Pune, Maharashtra
- International Programme on “Women Empowerment through Income Generating Activities”  
18 - 21 Aug, 2025 at NIBM, Pune, Maharashtra, India
- International Programme on “Innovation and Application of Financial Technology in Rural Financial Institutions”  
8 - 11 Sept, 2025 at VAMNICOM, Pune, MaharashtraIndia
- International Programme on “Digitalisation in Rural Banks and Cooperatives”  
22-25 Sept 2025 at NIBM, Pune, Maharashtra, India

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## Academic Team

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