

3rd Programme report - IYC - 2025-26

Celebration of International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) - Programme on 20.05.2025, Modasa Block, Arvalli District

As advised by IDD, a Cooperative Literacy Camp was successfully organized on 20th May 2025 in collaboration with the RCS deptt. and DCCB to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC). The event was chaired by the undersigned and brought together various stakeholders from the cooperative ecosystem in Modasa Block.

Participants attended the programme:

- Shri Yuvarajsinhji, DRCS, Arvalli
- Shri H P Nayak, CEO DCCB
- Shri Naresh Patel, Assistant General Manager, DCCB
- Shri Mominbhai, Senior Staff, Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) Office, Arvalli
- Shri Zakir Husen, OA, DCCB
- Branch Manager, DCCB Modasa branch
- Chairman Zila Sangh, Arvalli
- Field-level staff of DCCB
- Secretaries and staff members from PACS of Modasa Block

1. Strengthening Cooperatives with Government and NABARD Support
MOC, GOI is working hard to strengthen the cooperative sector through major initiatives like the PACS Computerisation Project and the formation of new Multi-Purpose PACS (mPACS). These steps aim to make cooperatives more transparent, efficient, and helpful to rural communities. NABARD is fully committed to this mission – not just by providing funds, but also by supporting training, planning, implementation, and monitoring. I encouraged PACS Secretaries, DCCB officials and cooperative leaders to view this moment as a turning point and work together with technology and a positive mindset to modernize our cooperatives.

2. New Roles for PACS and National-Level Membership

Under the new **Model Byelaws**, PACS can now take up **over 25 business activities** such as:

- Short-, medium-, and long-term loans
- Input supply (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides)
- Dairy, poultry, and fisheries
- Custom hiring centers, grain procurement, and warehousing
- Fair price shops, petrol pumps, insurance services, CSCs and Bank Mitra etc.

Additionally, PACS can now become members of **national-level cooperatives** for expanding their business reach:

- **NCEL** - National Cooperative Export Limited
- **NCOL** - National Cooperative Organics Limited
- **BBSSL** - Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (for certified seed production and supply)

These memberships will help PACS connect with bigger markets and new income opportunities.

3. Cooperatives Build a Better World

I reminded everyone that the United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, with the theme: "Cooperatives Build a Better World. Cooperatives are the backbone of the rural economy, especially in agriculture, dairy, and fisheries. They support livelihoods, financial security and social inclusion. With the spirit of 'Sahakar se Samridhi'. We now have a golden opportunity to turn our PACS into modern, multi-purpose, people-centered institutions ready to meet present and future rural needs.





