

IYC – NABARD- Promotional Events through Cooperatives - Bio-Village/ Natural farming/ Organic Farming /Climate Smart Agriculture/Solar ”at Sangrur DCCB Dhanaula Branch,Punjab

Name of District and DDM	Gurpreet Singh, Barnala
Date of event	05 June 2025
Place of event	Sangrur DCCB Dhanaula Branch
Purpose / Objective of Event	Cooperative Literacy Camp
Names & Designation of participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gurpreet Singh, DDM NABARD 2. Sh. Maninder Walia, Sr. Manager, Sangrur DCCB 3. Sh. Gurperminder Singh, LDM Barnala 4. Sh. Gurinder Singh, Dhanuala BM Progressive farmers from Dhanaula, and PACS secretaries
Important points discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics of cooperative movement, the background of the International Year of Cooperatives and the importance of Cooperation among Cooperatives was discussed. • PACS role in rural economy was duly highlighted and need for strengthening such grassroot level organizations was emphasized. • Importance of Natural and Organic Farming in the district to achieve the goal of sustainable agriculture especially with declining groundwater and soil health. • Discussions were held with the participants regarding the significance and role of cooperatives in financial inclusion and equitable growth. How the short-term and long-term cooperative structure ie PACS and PADBs can play a very important role in this aspect. It was shared that PADBs have already written to the state government to allow them financing for solar projects in rural households and farms. • LDM Barnala also prompted them to take up diversified business activities to enhance the viability of PACS and also achieve the goal of sustainable agriculture. • We need to make a promise on the World Environment Day to move towards sustainable farming practices. • It was also discussed that with climate change being a reality as we have seen heat waves in March and floods recently in the state, it is pertinent to adopt Climate Smart Agriculture. • Some PACS members shared the issue of fraud in one of the PACS associated with the branch and possibility of recovery.



