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On Sunday, July 6, 2025, a Sahakar Seminar, Sahakar Samman, and a Cooperative Run were organized at the Satyagrah Auditorium, Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, Rajghat, Delhi-110002. This event was held on the occasion of International Cooperative Day, celebrating the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The event was jointly organized by the Registrar Cooperative Societies Delhi and the United Thrift and Credit Cooperative Societies Federation of Delhi Limited.

### **Dignitaries and Participants:**

The one-day program was attended by several notable guests, Shri Ravindra Indraj Singh, Delhi Government Cooperative Minister (Chief Guest), Shri Vijender Gupta, Delhi Government Assembly Speaker, Shri Krishna Kumar Singh, Registrar Co-operative Societies Delhi, Shri Lekhraj, Additional Registrar Co-operative Societies, Shri Rohit Gupta, Deputy General Manager, National Cooperative Development Corporation, Shri Laxmi Das, President, National Federation of Urban Co-operative Bank and Credit Societies, Smt. Krishna Yadav, recipient of the Bhartiya Stree Shakti Samman from the President, Shri Vijay Mohan, Secretary, Delhi State Cooperative Union, Shri Sunil Gupta, President, United Thrift and Credit Co-operative Society Federation of Delhi

Additionally, approximately one thousand people participated, including: Shri Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Vice President, Credit Co-operative Federation, Shri Vishnupal Bansal, General Secretary, United Credit Co-operative Federation, Shri Shiv Shankar Gupta, Treasurer, United Credit Co-operative, Shri Sunil Khatri, Director, Delhi State Cooperative Union, Officials and employees from Dwarka Group Housing Federation, Rohini Group Housing Federation, Handloom Co-operative Federation, and the Cooperative Department, Officials and employees from various Credit Co-operative Societies, Students from various schools, Office bearers and workers from Sahakar Bharti Delhi Pradesh.

### **Cooperative Run:**

The Cooperative Run commenced at 7:00 AM, with participants gathering outside the Satyagrah Mandap. The enthusiasm increased with the arrival of Delhi Assembly Speaker Shri Vijender Gupta at 8:00 AM. The program began with a cooperative song by Smt. Sunita Mehra. The chief guests offered floral tributes to the picture of Bharat Mata. The chief guest, Shri Vijender Gupta, was welcomed with garlands and mementos by officials from the Federation and the Cooperative Department. The run was flagged off by the chief guest, Cooperative Department officials, and Federation officials, who displayed the cooperative flag. Hundreds of participants, chanting slogans like "No cooperation without culture, no upliftment without cooperation, development of cooperation is the basis of national economic progress," completed the run through Rajghat, Kisan Ghat, and the main road to Indraprastha Secretariat, aiming to spread awareness and promote cooperation among the public. After the run, medals and certificates were distributed to all participants by the chief guest and officials.

During his address, Chief Guest Shri Vijender Gupta stated that cooperation is the only way to ensure collective responsibility for every individual. He emphasized that cooperation has played a significant role in major economic changes, including capital investment, loan distribution, housing construction, and employment generation. He cited Amul as a prime example. He praised Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for establishing a separate Ministry of Cooperation to ensure its development. He congratulated the organizers for the successful event and the large participation of students and cooperative institution representatives.





## Sehkar Mela:

Shri Krishna Kumar Singh, Registrar of the Cooperative Department, stated that the department would organize many programs till December during the International Year of Cooperation, and all cooperative institutions would play a crucial role in making Delhi's cooperative sector more efficient.

Stalls were set up at the NCUI Haat of the National Cooperative Union of India, showcasing products from self-help groups, including Krishna brand pickles, healthy millets, Ganesh, Himanshi and other self-help group products.

Stage artists presented a mesmerizing Saraswati Vandana, Kathak dance, welcome songs, and tableaux based on Radha-Krishna.

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## Sahakar Seminar:

The Sahakar Seminar session began at 2:30 PM in the Satyagrah Mandap auditorium. Key speakers included Shri Rohit Gupta (Deputy General Manager, National Cooperative Development Corporation), Shri Lekhraj (Additional Registrar, Delhi State Cooperative Department), Smt. Krishna Yadav (Presidential awardee for "Indian Women Power Award"), Shri Laxmi Das (President, National Federation of Urban

Co-operative Bank and Credit Societies), and Shri Sunil Gupta (President, Credit Cooperative Society Federation). The session started with floral tributes to Bharat Mata.

Smt. Krishna Yadav shared her journey of struggle and self-reliance. She recounted how her family faced financial hardship after her husband's business failed. They moved to Delhi with 500 rupees, and her husband worked as a driver. They tried farming vegetables but incurred losses. She then decided to make pickles and received training in Delhi. Her pickles were well-received, but she faced challenges with branding and marketing due to lack of funds. She started selling pickles on the street with the help of her family. Eventually, she established a company, employed other women, and now her company has 5000 employees and an office in Gurgaon. She is recognized nationally and has been honored by the President. The Federation and the Cooperative Department honored her with a bouquet and a memento.

Shri Rohit Gupta, Deputy General Manager of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), explained that NCDC was established in 1963 and was under the Ministry of Agriculture until 2021. After the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, NCDC now operates under it. Financial assistance provided to cooperative institutions has increased from ₹24,700 crore until 2021 to ₹95,000 crore. NCDC runs schemes for animal husbandry, fisheries, PMC, horticulture, and storage. The number of NCDC offices has expanded, with 18 regional offices and 8 satellite offices, including five in the North East, one in Meghalaya, one in Jammu, and one in Sikkim, with plans for Ladakh. A regional office has also opened in Vijayawada. NCDC has formed 1863 FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) under the central government's scheme to create 10,000 FPOs, and 1000 fisheries cooperatives. They provide loans of ₹22 lakh to each fisheries cooperative, and 70 new fisheries have received ₹58 lakh in loans. The government provided a grant of ₹100 crore for the sugar scheme, which NCDC multiplied tenfold for the cooperative sector. The central Cooperative Ministry has provisioned ₹500 crore for NCDC, which will be increased tenfold in the next four years to support fisheries and labor cooperatives. NCDC is also working to strengthen PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies), enabling them to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras and petrol pumps. Shri Rohit Gupta highlighted successful FPOs, including one in Varanasi that exports vegetables globally, a mushroom production unit using zero-waste technology, and efforts to ensure fair prices for tomatoes. Another FPO in Hapur, 60 km from Delhi, focuses on organic farming to control larvae and promotes natural farming with 750 associated farmers, saving 35 hectares from chemical fertilizers. He also mentioned that NCDC can meet the financial needs of credit cooperative societies.

Additional Registrar Shri Lekhraj Singh expressed joy at the event being held at Satyagrah Mandap, a sacred place associated with Mahatma Gandhi, who envisioned India's economic development. He emphasized the immense potential of cooperatives and NCDC's various schemes to benefit people. He noted that the cooperative sector currently contributes only 4% to the economy, which needs to be increased. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Cooperative Minister Shri Amit Shah for their significant efforts in promoting cooperation and stated that the International Year of Cooperation is an opportunity to achieve new milestones.

Shri Laxmi Das, President of NAFCAB, stated that while cooperatives are a daily focus, the UN's declaration of this year as the International Year of Cooperation enhances its significance. He highlighted that cooperation is a story of collective effort, and such programs provide training, knowledge, and new information, leading to positive outcomes. The cooperative movement began before India's independence, with many cooperative banks being over 100 years old. Millions of cooperative institutions are undertaking significant work through their efforts, with over half the country connected to this movement. He mentioned the establishment of the Tribhuvan Cooperative University, named after a cooperative leader from Gujarat, and that 10 SAARC countries are joining Amul, making it an international subject.

During this session, a street play was performed on the stage, illustrating how a poor family, struggling due to the head of the family's addiction to alcohol and drugs, can achieve economic self-reliance through cooperation.



## Sahakar Samman (Cooperative Honors):

In the evening, a program was organized at Satyagrah Mandap to honor outstanding cooperative institutions and individuals who have performed exceptionally in the cooperative sector. The chief guests included Shri Ravindra Indraj Singh (Delhi's Minister of Cooperation and Social Welfare), Shri Charanjeet Singh (Secretary to the Cooperative Minister), Shri Krishna Kumar Singh (Registrar, Cooperative Department), Shri Lekhraj (Additional Registrar), Shri Sunil Gupta (President, Federation), and Shri Shiv Shankar Gupta (General Secretary, Sahakar Bharti Delhi Pradesh). The program commenced with the chief guests and officials lighting a lamp and offering floral tributes to Bharat Mata. The chief guests were then welcomed with bouquets, cooperative stoles, and mementos. Stage artists presented a mesmerizing Saraswati Vandana, Kathak dance, welcome songs, and tableaux based on Radha-Krishna.

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Shri Ravindra Indraj Singh, Delhi's Minister of Social Welfare and Cooperation, addressed the gathering, stating that Indian culture is rooted in cooperation. He mentioned the NCUI's foundation day and the opportunity to meet people from cooperative societies 77-80 years old. He emphasized that success comes with purity and dedication in any work. He recalled a recent meeting of cooperative ministers called by Shri Amit Shah, where he informed him about the 6000 cooperative institutions in Delhi, including 2000 group housing, 1800 credit, and 2000 of other types. He stressed that Cooperative Day, celebrated on the first Saturday of July each year, should be prepared for in advance and celebrated on a larger scale. He highlighted that cooperation can reach every individual and that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Cooperative Minister Shri Amit Shah have a special focus on cooperation. He questioned why Delhi should lag when the cooperative movement is active nationwide. He suggested establishing multi-purpose committees in Delhi and inviting suggestions for opening cooperative doors easily. He envisioned a large-scale cooperative conference in Delhi to showcase that Delhi's cooperative movement is not behind. He stressed that every group housing society should have a small cooperative store and that continuous efforts and resolve are needed to bring Delhi's cooperative movement to the forefront of leading states.

Following the chief guest's address, cooperative institutions in various categories were honored. Three institutions were awarded the Sahakar Samman in each of four categories:

Category 1: Institutions operational for 1 to 5 years

Category 2: Institutions operational for 6 to 10 years

Category 3: Institutions operational for 11 to 15 years

Category 4: Institutions operational for more than 15 years

In addition to cooperative institutions, outstanding cooperative individuals who had worked efficiently and excellently in the cooperative sector for over 10 years were also honored in various categories.

**The cooperative institutions that received the Sahakar Samman included:**

Kashi Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Sarvajan Vikas Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Dhan Samadhan Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

The Sahukar Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

The Sahakar Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Janki Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Janhit Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Mahalaxmi Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Cluster Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Shri Agrasen Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Delhi Co-operative Commercial Thrift and Credit Society Limited

The Jeevan Sanchay Co-operative Urban Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Government Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Rajghat Power House Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Rajasthan Koli Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited

Indraprastha Vistar Sahakari Awas Co-operative Societies Mahasangh Limited

Katyayani Co-operative Group Housing Society Limited

**Individuals honored included:**

Dr. Sudesh Kumar Shukla

Shri Amarendra Kumar Sharma

Shri Ashok Kumar Chhibbar

Shri Rajendra Kumar

This included both old cooperative institutions (70-80 years old) and those that performed exceptionally well in a shorter period. Shri Sunil Gupta, President of the Federation, thanked all invited guests, program managers, and collaborators. The program concluded with a communal meal.





