

Monthly Activities Report of the State of Goa

Criteria	Details
Sector	All Cooperative Societies / Banks / Federations / Institutions / Schools / Colleges / Women Cooperatives / General Public
Location	State Level
Event/ Activity Name	Celebration of Foundation Day of Ministry of Cooperation
Brief Information on the Activity	Foundation Day of Ministry of Cooperation was celebrated on 06/07/2025 by organizing various activities such as blood donation camp, Sahakar Galleries, talks by eminent cooperators and experts in various fields.
Objective	To strengthen the cooperative movement in the State of Goa by reaching out to every sector thereby by demonstrate the achievement of various cooperative societies / institutions by way of Sahakar Galleries and their contribution for development of cooperative sector in the State of Goa. The objective was also to get the youth and women involved in the cooperative sector and provide them valuable guidance of eminent personalities in cooperative sector. Amongst other objectives, the objective was also to contribute to the social cause by organizing blood donation camp.
No. of Participants	More than 1300 participants attended the programme.
Achievements & Outcomes	Celebration of Foundation Day of Ministry of Cooperation was a grand success with active participation of the societies, cooperators, staff of the Department, youths, women and general public. The participants gained the valuable knowledge about the cooperative sector so as to be self-reliant thereby to contribute to socio-economic development and the Nation's economy.

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Additional Remarks

The Fourth Foundation Day of the Cooperation Ministry was celebrated on 6th July 2025, at the Rajiv Kala Mandir in Ponda. The event was a remarkable success, attracting over 1,300 attendees from various sectors, all united in the spirit of cooperation and community.

We were privileged to have Shri Subhash Shirodkar, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation, as our Chief Guest. His inspiring address emphasized the crucial role of self-help groups and the empowerment of women within the cooperative sector. He passionately encouraged women to participate actively, showcasing their talents, to achieve self-sustainability and independence.

Our keynote speaker, Shri Satish Marathe, a founder member of Sahakar Bharati, shed light on the importance of educational policies tailored for the cooperative sector. He referenced the Tribhuvan Sahkari University, of which foundation stone was laid by Shri Amitji Shah, Hon'ble Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, in Anand, Gujarat, which is poised to play a pivotal role in fostering cooperative education and inspiring youth engagement in this field. Additionally, he informed attendees about the forthcoming implementation of the Model Cooperative Act, which will assist states in drafting their own cooperative legislation.

The event also provided a platform for various institutions and cooperative societies to exhibit their products and share information about the numerous schemes available to them. Notable participants included NABARD, NDDB,

ICAR, the Goa State Biodiversity Board, Shri Mahila Gruhodyog Lijjat Papad Ltd., the Goa Bagayatdar Sahakari Kharedi Vikri Saunsta Maryadit, and the New Goa Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., all of whom attracted significant interest from attendees.

A unique highlight of the day was the presence of "Shwet-Kapila," a local breed calf, at the entrance, symbolizing the virtues of discipline, hard work, love, and dedication. The celebration coincided with Ashadi Ekadashi, and an idol of Lord Vithoba adorned the stage, enhancing the festive atmosphere. The food served was a tribute to the day's significance, further enriching the experience for all present.

In alignment with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's initiative "Ek ped maa ke naam," we commenced the function by watering a plant placed on the stage, emphasizing our commitment to nurturing Mother Nature. The stage was beautifully decorated with saplings, reinforcing this message. Additionally, a blood donation camp was organized, which saw an overwhelming response with 50 volunteers stepping forward to donate blood.

The post-lunch session was dedicated for the well being of the people and cooperative earning. It featured esteemed Homeopathic and Ayurvedic doctors who delivered insightful talks. Notably, Dr. Nandan S. Halarnkar addressed the distinctions between Homoeopathy and Ayurveda, elaborating on the scientific foundations of homeopathy and its effectiveness in treating various ailments. Dr. Dinesh Priolkar's presentation on Naturopathy and Ayurvedic practices further emphasized the medicinal properties of commonly available plants, contributing greatly to our understanding of alternative medicine.

Additionally, Shri Rahul Kulkarni, from ICAR, provided practical guidance on natural farming, including methods for preparing pesticides and manure affordably. His expertise demonstrated the potential for dairy cooperative societies to utilize cow waste for profitably creating marketable products.

Lastly, Shri Monojit Samanta shared valuable insights into handicraft business schemes, significantly benefiting the cooperative societies in attendance. Shri Monojit Samanta, Handicraft Promotion Officer from the Handicraft Service Centre in Panjim, focused on various schemes available for starting a handicraft business, providing valuable insights to attendees. His talk was very informative and beneficial to the cooperative societies.

Overall, the celebration of Fourth Foundation Day of Ministry was a grand success, receiving heartfelt appreciation from all who attended.