

## 44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day NABARD Chhattisgarh RO

Chhattisgarh Regional Office celebrated the 44th Foundation Day of NABARD on 17 July 2025. The event was presided by Dr Gyanendra Mani, CGM and it was attended by Smt Renny Ajith, RD, RBI; Shri RRB Singh, VC, Dau Sri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu University; Smt Sumita Dave, Pro VC, Amity University; Shri Vinod Kumar Arora, Chairman, CRGB, Senior Officers, Officers & staff members of NABARD, Officers from DCCBs, NGO partners, and SHG partners.

Shri Ajay Anand Thute extended warm welcome to all the participants, the event began with lighting of the lamp by CGM/OIC and guests.

In his address, Dr Gyanendra Mani, CGM highlighted that NABARD has pioneered various sustainable and inclusive development models for fostering rural prosperity in the country since its inception.

CGM briefed the following during the programme:

- i. NABARD implements and provides successful replicable models focusing farm sector, off farm sector and strengthening flow of micro credit. He also briefed the participants on the diverse range of projects undertaken by NABARD, highlighting successful and replicable models in the farm and off-farm sectors, as well as initiatives aimed at strengthening the flow of microcredit. Further, he provided an overview of the SHG Bank Linkage Programme, which has expanded significantly since its inception—currently linking 1.44 crore SHGs with savings accounts and 77.4 lakh SHGs with credit access, involving ₹65,089.20 crore in deposits and ₹2.59 lakh crore in outstanding loans.
- ii. NABARD's efforts in tackling climate change, including channeling funds towards various mitigation initiatives. He highlighted that NABARD serves as the National Implementing Entity (NIE) for the Adaptation Fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- iii. NABARD's initiatives for livelihood enhancement, including skill development, refresher training, market linkages, and handholding support. He informed that



over 3 lakh SHG members have benefited through 2,449 LEDPs and 20822 MEDPs, with a total grant support of ₹128.41 crore and ₹ 60 crore respectively.

- iv. NABARD's success in fostering grassroots connectivity and collectivization, citing initiatives such as Rural Haats and marts that promote marketing opportunities. He also emphasized the growing participation of artisans and craftspersons in regional and national exhibitions and fairs. Additionally, the CGM informed that NABARD has extended support for the registration of Geographical Indications (GI) and post-registration activities for over 300 products.
- v. NABARD extends support in building competencies and capacities of RFIs and provides diverse opportunities for upskilling and reskilling through the Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD).
- vi. He briefed regarding technological support by NABARD in shape of MPOS, Micro ATMS, Mobile Van, V-SAT, etc to RFIs for upgrading IT infrastructure of RFIs at par with Commercial Banks.
- vii. Informing the participants regarding 7 subsidiaries of NABARD and their roles.

In her address, Smt. Renny Ajith, Regional Director, RBI, commended NABARD for its evolving and vital role over the years. She emphasized NABARD's significant contribution to the development of cooperatives and its proactive efforts in observing the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) through various activities. She also highlighted the importance of PACS computerization being undertaken by NABARD. Furthermore, she appreciated the role of District Development Managers (DDMs) in effective credit planning and acknowledged NABARD's successful initiatives in promoting financial inclusion in remote areas of the State. She also lauded the impact of WADI projects and their tangible benefits to the community.

In observance of 44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day two sessions were organized by RO:

- i. Dr. R. R. B. Singh, Vice Chancellor, DSVCKV, delivered a session on 'Dairy Development Through Cooperatives'. He elaborated on the transformative role of cooperatives in advancing the dairy sector across various States, with a particular focus on the successful Gujarat Cooperative Model. Dr. Singh provided in-depth insights into the dairy industry, emphasizing the need for



nutritionally balanced feed for cattle. He also highlighted the potential of dairy exports as a means to enhance farmers' income.

- ii. Smt. Sumita Dave, Pro Vice Chancellor, Amity University, addressed the participants on the topic of 'Digital Penetration and Financial Literacy'. She discussed key economic aspects and shared strategies to enhance outreach and improve financial literacy, along with promoting digital inclusion.

Shri Vinod Kumar Arora, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank, expressed his deep appreciation for NABARD's comprehensive support in strengthening the bank's governance, business operations, and overall performance. He highlighted that the bank operates through 620 branches across the State, effectively serving communities throughout Chhattisgarh. Shri Arora also appealed to NABARD to continue its steadfast support in the years ahead.

CGM felicitated NGO & FPO partners for their commendable role in collectivizing at grass root level. Further 9 best performing PACS were also felicitated along with 1 DCCB under IYC activities based on criteria such as Audit Rating, Total Business Turnover, Average Net Profit, Dividend distribution, loan facilities and etc.

A Plantation drive to celebrate 'Ek Ped Maa Kay Naam' was held during 44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration.

A few photos of the meeting are appended below:





**44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration**



**CGM with Dignitaries**



**CGM Felicitating FPO member**





**Smt. Renny Ajit, RD, RBI felicitating FPO**



**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam by RD, RBI**

