



## **Maharashtra RO: Celebration of 44<sup>th</sup> NABARD Foundation Day and International Year of Co-operatives 2025**

The 44th Foundation Day of NABARD was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Maharashtra Regional Office on 19th July 2025, aligning with the theme of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. Hon'ble Minister of State for Co-operation and Civil Aviation, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the event. Shri Govardhan Singh Rawat, DMD NABARD; Shri Pravin Darade, IAS, Principal Secretary Co-operation, Marketing and Textiles, GoM; Shri Deepak Taware, IAS, CC & RCS, GoM; Ms. Rashmi Darad, CGM NABARD MRO were also present during the celebration. Shri V. Shridhar, Sr. General Manager NDDB, Shri K. Ravinder Rao, Chairman NAFSCOB and Chairman Karimnagar DCCB and Shri Vidhyadhar Anaskar, Administrator Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank also graced the event and guided the participants. The event was also attended by the Chairmen and CEOs of the DCCBs and DDMs from the State. In Commemoration of International year of Co-operatives 2025, best performing M-PACS and the best performing DCCBs from the six divisions of Maharashtra were felicitated at the hands of Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with tree planting at the hands of Hon'ble Minister of State under the aegis of "*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*" at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA) Pune and a brief context setting of the programme by Ms. Rashmi Darad, CGM NABARD MRO. Chief Guest, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Hon'ble Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation, congratulated NABARD on 44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and extended wishes for the International Year of Co-operatives 2025. While extolling the contributions of NABARD in rural infrastructure development through RIDF and establishing time tested models in watersheds, tribal development, SHGs, FPOs etc he reposed confidence in NABARD as the foremost institution in taking the agenda of co-operation forward. Underscoring the foundational role of PACS in the cooperative credit structure, he described them as agents of inclusive and sustainable rural development and the most important institution in realising the vision of "*Sahkaar se Samridhi*". The Hon'ble Minister also emphatically reiterated that the need for covering remaining 7000 Gram Panchayats with new MPACS. While congratulating the winning PACS and DCCBs he highlighted key initiatives such as PACS computerisation, diversification into non-credit services, and the establishment of rural godowns and encouraged PACS officials to embrace diversified activities to ensure their long-term sustainability and relevance in rural economies.

Shri Govardhan Singh Rawat, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD, highlighted the key initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation and elaborated on NABARD's role in implementing these initiatives at the grassroots level. He also drew the attention of the participants to four critical challenges currently affecting the performance of PACS like Non-availability of skilled and efficient human resources at the PACS level, limited adoption of ERP solutions by PACS secretaries for managing day-to-day operations, need for ownership and proactive involvement by DCCBs in the PACS computerisation initiative and need for establishing MPACS at GP level. He also informed the participants about the new HR policy for the PACS which is being formulated at the highest level with the involvement of NABARD.

Shri Pravin Darade, IAS and Principal Secretary, GoM highlighted the role of DCCBs and appraised the august gathering about the services being offered by the Cyber Security Centre set up by Maharashtra State Co-operative Apex Bank. He also stated that Maharashtra has a target of establishing 7000 new MPACS in the uncovered villages.

To emphasize the MoC's agenda for initiation of at least 3 new business activities by PACS and transition the PACS to M-PACS, separate sessions were arranged for the participants. Shri V. Shridhar, Sr. General Manager, NDDB highlighted the importance of dairy activity as an additional income stream for the PACS and in furthering the women empowerment. Shri K. Ravinder Rao, Chairman of NAFSCOB and Karimnagar DCCB, shared insights into the diverse activities being undertaken by PACS in Karimnagar district. He underscored the complementary relationship between the financial strength of DCCBs and PACS and how the synergy contributes to a robust and resilient cooperative credit structure.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks. Some of the photographs are as follows:



*'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' – Tree Plantation during the event*



*CGM MRO welcoming the Chief Guest; Dignitaries during the lighting of the lamp*



*Ms. Rashmi Darad, CGM Maharashtra RO during the welcome address;  
Shri V. Shridhar, Sr. GM NDDDB during his address on Milk Revolution 2.0*



*Felicitating the Best M-PACS and Best DCCBs during the event*



Shri Govardhan Singh Rawat, DMD addressing the participants

Some of the press coverage in print media of the event .....

# राज्यात 'ग्रामपंचायत तेथे विकास सोसायटी अभियान' राबवा

केंद्रीय सहकार राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांच्या सहकार विभागाला सूचना; सोसायटीचा नसलेल्या गावांमधून सात हजार सोसायटीचा स्थापण्याचे उद्दिष्ट

पुणे : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा  
देशात नव्याने तीन लाख विकास सोसायटीचा सुरू करण्याचा निर्णय केंद्रीय सहकार मंत्रालयाने घेतला असून, आगामी ४० हजार सोसायटीचा सुसज्ज झाल्या आहेत. महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, कर्नाटक राज्यात सहकारी संस्था अधिक असून, तुलनेने अन्य राज्यांत अशी स्थिती नाही. त्यामुळे देशाचा सार्वजनिक विकास कार्याचा असेल तर ज्या गावांमध्ये विकास सोसायटी नाही, तेथे सोसायटीचा सुरू कराव्यात. राज्यात 'ग्रामपंचायत तेथे विकास सोसायटी अभियान' राबवून सात हजार सोसायटीच्या नव्याने स्थापन करण्यास प्राधान्य द्यावे. अशी सूचना केंद्रीय सहकार राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांनी सहकार विभागाला केली.



नाबार्डच्या वर्धावन दिवसनिमित्त यशदा येथे केंद्रीय सहकार राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांच्या हस्ते लक्ष्मीदेवा करण्यात आले. या प्रसंगी उपस्थित मान्यवर.

नाबार्डच्या ४४ व्या वर्धावन दिवसनिमित्त यशदा येथे आयोजित कार्यक्रमात ते प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून बोलत होते. या वेळी व्यवस्थापकीय सचिव सहकार विभागाने प्रधान सचिव प्रवीणकुमार दराडे, सहकार आयुक्त दीपक लखरे, नाबार्डचे उपव्यवस्थापकीय

संचालक गोवर्धन सिंह रावत, राष्ट्रीय दुग्धविकास महामंडळाचे (एनडीडीबी) वरिष्ठ सल्लागारव्यवस्थापक डॉ. बी. श्रीधर, नाबार्डच्या मुख्य महाव्यवस्थापक रमणी दत्त यांच्यासह निरंकुशतेने अध्यक्ष के. रवींद्र राव, सहकारी बँकेचे प्रशासक विद्याधर

अनासकर आदी मान्यवर या वेळी उपस्थित होते. देशाच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेत सहकार क्षेत्रामध्ये राष्ट्रीय कृषी आणि ग्रामीण विकास बँक तथा नाबार्डचे मोठे योगदान राहिलेले आहे. देशात आठ लाख सहकारी संस्थांमध्ये सर्वोधिक २.२५ लाख

**'न्या' जिल्ह्यात राज्य बँक थेट विकास सोसायटीस कर्जपुरवठा करणार**  
राज्यात नासिक जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँकेसह राज्यातील काही जिल्हा बँका आर्थिक अडथळात आल्याने तेथे विकास सोसायटींना पीक कर्जपुरवठा करण्यात अडथळ येत आहे. म्हणून महाराष्ट्र राज्य सहकारी बँकेने संघीय विद्युत्तंत्रालीस सहकार विकास सोसायटींना थेट पीक कर्जपुरवठा करण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे. त्यानुसार राज्यातील सहकार अधिक समृद्ध होईल, असा विश्वासही मोहोळ यांनी व्यक्त केला.

**राज्यातील ६ जिल्हा बँकांसह १२ विकास संस्थांचा गौरव**  
नाबार्डमार्फत उल्लेखनीय काम करणाऱ्या १२ विकास सोसायटीचा व ६ जिल्हा बँकांचा गौरव मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांच्या हस्ते स्मृतिचिन्ह देऊन करण्यात आला. संघीयताचे अप्यक्ष, पदाधिकार्यांना हा पुरस्कार देण्यात आला. सर्वोत्कृष्ट कामगिरीबद्दल गौरविल्यात आलेल्या विश्व मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँकेमध्ये पुणे विश्व मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँक (पुणे विभाग), दी. अहिल्याबाय विद्या (नासिक विभाग), दी. ठाणे विश्व (कोकण विभाग), दी. परभणी जिल्हा (उजवती संपादकीय विभाग), दी. गाढगेरीचे विश्व (नागपूर विभाग) आणि दी. अकोला-नासिक जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँक (अमरावती विभाग) यांचा सन्मान आहे. सोबत विकास सोसायटींचे सर्वोत्कृष्ट कामगिरी व इतर सेवा अशा कार्यासाठी पुरस्कार देण्यात आला. पुणे विभागात अंबकाळीय विकास सोसायटी-नासिक, नासिक विभागात बळका विकास-अहिल्याबाय, नागपूर वृहत विकास, उजवती संपादकीय विभागात चूरव विकास, पिरगिरीज विकास, कोकण विभागात भयार्ड पुणे विकास, श्री सातरी प्रासदिक विकास, नागपूर विभागात डेव्हनवाडी आदिवासी विकास-पारदर्शिता, नागपूर विकास-चंद्रपूर, अमरावती विभागात नेमिणवडी विकास यांचा गौरविल्यात आले.

केले असून, सहकार क्षेत्राला प्रशिक्षण १० लाख मनुष्यबळाची गरज पुढील दहा वर्षांत आहे. ते प्रशिक्षण मनुष्यबळ हे सहकार विद्यार्थीदत्त मंत्रालय, देशात ६.८ हजार सोसायटींचे संगणकीकरण पूर्ण झाले असून, महाराष्ट्रातील ११ हजार ५००

सोसायटींचा समावेश आहे. सहकाराला संगणकीकरणबरोबरच विद्यार्थीदत्त आणि पारदर्शकतेची गरज आहे. पारदर्शकतेमुळे सहकारातील विश्वास बांधीस मदत लागणार असल्याचे ते म्हणाले.

## NABARD'S 44TH FOUNDATION DAY

# Mohol: 7k new PACS planned for state as co-operative sector eyes 2047 vision

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UNION MINISTER of State for Co-operation and Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol felicitated the best-performing multi purpose agriculture co-operative societies (MPACS) and district central co-operative banks (DCCBs) at NABARD's 44th foundation day celebration held at YASHADA on Saturday, emphasising Maharashtra's leadership in India's cooperative movement.

Speaking at the event, Mohol highlighted Maharashtra's pioneering role in the cooperative sector, calling it "Sahakar chi Pandhari" with over two lakh co-operative societies out of India's total eight lakh, directly benefiting more than 40 lakh people in the Pune region alone.

The best performance awardees included Dhansai Group and Shri Sateri Prasadik MPACS from Konkan, Aankalkhop PACS from Pune, Jawala and Nampur Bruhat PACS from Nashik, and Delanwadi Adhivasi and Nagbhir MPACS, among others.

The Minister announced plans to establish 7,000 new primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) in Maharashtra on priority, as part of a national initiative to add 2 lakh new PACS across the country. This expansion aims to create uniformity in rural development, with 40,000 already



**Murlidhar Mohol**

operational.

"With 2025 being the UN International Year of Cooperatives and keeping the 2047 target of Viksit Bharat in mind, efforts are taken to strengthen the cooperative sector," Mohol said, outlining the sector's role in India's vision to become a global leader.

The Minister emphasised expanding cooperative services beyond conventional short-term loans to encompass over 25 sectors through PACS, including PM Jan Aushadhalay, Kisan Samruddhi Kendra, petrol pumps, and gas agencies.

"Inter-ministerial collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and others has been sought to empower the rural population to explore different sectors," he said, adding that computerisation of PACS is underway to promote

trust, transparency, and efficiency.

Since its establishment in 1982, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has contributed to rural infrastructure development. In Maharashtra alone, NABARD has facilitated 26 lakh kilometres of rural roads, 1.3 lakh metric tonne capacity warehouses, and irrigation for over 25 lakh hectares.

The bank's schemes have enhanced incomes for more than 6 lakh tribal families since 2004 and supported over 7,000 Agriculture Production Organisations (APOs).

Highlighting the sector's growth, Mohol noted the need for around 17 lakh trained personnel in the cooperative sector over the next decade. The recently inaugurated Tribhuvan Sahkari University in Gujarat, India's first national cooperative university, will play a crucial role in addressing this workforce requirement.

The event was further addressed by Pravin Darade, Principal Secretary for Cooperation, Government of Maharashtra; G S Rawat, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD; Rashmi Darad, Chief General Manager, Maharashtra Regional Office; K Ravindra Rao, Chairman of National Federation of State Cooperative Banks Limited (NAFSCOB); and V Shridhar, Senior General Manager, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

# Mohol sets sights on 7k new primary agri credit societies in Maha in 1 year

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Pune: Minister of state for cooperation and civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol said on Saturday 7,000 new primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) would be established in state with the help of Nabard, covering almost all gram panchayats.

Speaking at the 44th foundation day celebrations of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) in Yashada on Saturday, Mohol said all assistance would be provided to create these PACS and he would speak with chief minister Devendra Fadnavis about it. He said provisions were being made to ensure PACS received funds directly from the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank where district



## Min: Ignore foreign media on AI crash

Minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol told people not to draw conclusions on the Air India (AI171) crash. "We don't need to look at what the foreign media is reporting about the matter. The report is in front of us. AAIB has investigated the matter without bias. This is just a primary report. There is no need to draw conclusions based on this. Till the final report comes, talking about it is wrong," said Mohol. TNN

banks were in financial trouble. Mohol also said it was crucial to strengthen the District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).

The minister said of the 8 lakh PACS in the country, about 2.25 lakh were in Maharashtra and Pune alone had 32,000. "We can strengthen

## 'Leopard's presence won't affect flights'

Murlidhar Mohol, minister of state for civil aviation, on Saturday said, "We had a meeting with the airport authorities, defence personnel, Pune Municipal Corporation and others about the leopard. We have taken many precautions. The forest department has made all provisions to capture it. Moreover, all precautions have been taken to ensure that flying services are in no way affected. TNN

the country's economy only by strengthening PACS at the panchayat-level. Hence, instead of PACS functioning solely as credit societies, we have introduced multipurpose PACS by assigning them businesses such as Jan Aushadhi Kendras, petrol pumps and gas agencies to make

them economically viable. Govt plans to set up two lakh PACS across India, of which 40,000 have been established. Efforts are underway to convert existing dairy and fishery cooperative societies into multipurpose PACS," he said, lauding NABARD's efforts in rural India.

Pravin Darade, the principal secretary of the cooperation, marketing and textile department, Maharashtra, said, "There are around 28,000 gram panchayats and over 21,000 PACS in Maharashtra. Our target is to start PACS in the remaining 7,000 gram panchayats within the next one year. A majority of these would be in Vidarbha and Marathwada. PACS help farmers gain access to loans and other benefits. To make them financially viable, the Govt of India has introduced more than 25 services. Each PAC is expected to provide at least three of these services."



केंद्रीय सहकार राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांच्या हस्ते पुरस्कार स्वीकारताना (डावीकडे) बँकेचे उपाध्यक्ष सुनील चांदेरे, मोहोळ, बँकेचे अध्यक्ष प्रा. डॉ. दिगंबर दुर्गाडे, बँकेचे मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनिरुद्ध देसाई.

## पुणे जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती बँकेस 'उत्कृष्ट जिल्हा बँक' पुरस्कार

पुणे : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

राष्ट्रीय कृषी आणि ग्रामीण विकास बँकेतर्फे (नाबार्ड) सन २०२३-२४ या आर्थिक वर्षामध्ये केलेले कामकाज विचारात घेऊन गुणवत्तेच्या आधारे राज्यातील मबेस्ट परफॉर्मन्स इन डीसीसीफ बँक म्हणून पुणे जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँकेस गौरविण्यात आले.

नाबार्डच्या ४४ व्या स्थापना दिन आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय सहकार वर्ष २०२५ चे औचित्य साधून शनिवारी (दि.१९) येथील यशवंतराव चव्हाण विकास प्रशासन अकादमी (यशदा) येथे केंद्रीय सहकार राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोळ यांच्याहस्ते हा पुरस्कार बँकेचे अध्यक्ष प्रा.डॉ. दिगंबर दुर्गाडे, उपाध्यक्ष सुनील चांदेरे, बँकेचे मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनिरुद्ध देसाई यांनी स्वीकारला. स्मृतिचिन्ह असे पुरस्काराचे स्वरूप आहे.

देशातील जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँकांमध्ये प्रथम क्रमांकाची व्यावसायिक उलाढाल असणारी व पहिल्या पाच क्रमांकांमध्ये असणाऱ्या अर्बन शेड्यूल्ड सहकारी बँकांशी तुलना करता पुणे जिल्हा बँकेने अग्रस्थान मिळविले आहे. बँकेने सन २०२३-२४ या आर्थिक वर्षामध्ये ठेवी, कर्ज, व्यावसायिक

“ पुणे जिल्हा मध्यवर्ती सहकारी बँकेच्या एकूण व्यवसायामध्ये २२.१० टक्क्यांइतकी वाढ झालेली आहे. सन २०२४-२५ या आर्थिक वर्षात बँकेच्या एकूण ठेवी १४ हजार ७६७ कोटी रुपये, कर्ज १२ हजार ५९ कोटी रुपये असून एकूण व्यवसाय उलाढाल २६ हजार ८२६ कोटी रुपयांची आहे. तर बँकेचा निव्वळ एनपीए शुन्य टक्के व सर्व २९४ शाखा नभयामध्ये आहेत. बँकेच्या कामगिरीमध्ये बँकेचे ग्राहक, शेतकरी, सभासद, संचालक मंडळ तसेच बँकेच्या कर्मचाऱ्यांचे योगदान आहे.

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