

COOPERATIVE FOUNDATION DAY ON JULY 6

Panaji, July 5, 2025

The United Nations has declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, with the theme 'Cooperatives Build a Better World'. This initiative aims to highlight the significant contributions of cooperatives to social and economic development, particularly in areas like poverty reduction, employment generation, and social integration. The year will focus on showcasing the power of cooperative enterprises in addressing global challenges and promoting sustainable development.

In India the "International Year of Cooperative" is being celebrated with great enthusiasm. The Central Government is placing significant emphasis on this event, urging all states to organise various programs and initiatives that highlight the values and contributions of cooperative societies towards community development and social well-being.

Fourth Foundation Day of the Ministry is one of the major programme which will be celebrated on 6th July 2025.

The Central Government has decided to give more importance to the Cooperative Sector being a contributor in overall development of the Country. It is considered to be one of the viable modes to increase the economy of the country. Considering this importance and to fulfil the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of Sahakar Se Samridhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation) a dedicated Ministry of Cooperation was established for the first time in India on 6th July 2021 under the able leadership of Union Minister Shri Amit Shah. The Ministry is responsible for providing the necessary administrative, legal, and policy framework to bolster the cooperative movement throughout India. Prior to its formation, cooperative matters were managed as a Division under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

The Department of Cooperation is organising a One Day long Programme on 6th July 2025 at Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir, Ponda Goa, to commemorate the Foundation Day of the Ministry. The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant will be the Chief Guest and Minister for Cooperation Shri Shubash Shirodkar will be the Guest of Honour.

Shri Satish Marathe, Founder member of Sahakar Bharati will be the KeyNote Speaker. The Secretary Cooperation will also be present on the occasion.

Registrar of Cooperative Societies has appealed to all the people to attend the function in a big number and make it a success.

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