



# SUMMIT ON HARNESSING THE POWER OF COOPERATIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHEAST REGION

**22 MARCH 2025**

**Maniram Dewan Trade Center, Guwahati, Assam**

## Overview

In the Northeast region of India, cooperatives have been instrumental in promoting regional strengths such as organic farming, tea production, and handicrafts. They have empowered local communities, preserved indigenous traditions, and provided sustainable livelihoods. Cooperatives in the region have also played a significant role in advancing tribal welfare and improving market access for local producers.

The Ministry of Cooperation, established under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, aims to strengthen the cooperative framework in India, with a focus on harnessing the unique strengths of North East India.

Emphasis is placed on digital inclusion, driving social, livelihood, and financial inclusion, and integrating the North East's cooperative ecosystem into the national mainstream. The mission is to create a prosperous, self-reliant cooperative movement that supports sustainable economic growth and positions India—including its North Eastern states—as a global leader in cooperative enterprises.



## Objectives

The objective of this Summit is to empower and promote cooperative models in **North East India** as key drivers of sustainable economic growth. By focusing on the region's unique strengths and challenges, the event will:

- Showcase the Role of Cooperatives
- Strengthen FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) and Agricultural Cooperatives
- Promote the Dairy Sector
- Boost Local Handicrafts and Organic Products
- Support the Tea Industry
- Engage Stakeholders for Collaboration
- Foster Policy Advocacy

## Delegate Profile

- Cooperative leaders and members
- Government officials and policymakers
- Representatives from cooperative banks and financial institutions
- Industry leaders and entrepreneurs from agriculture, dairy, sugar, and other sectors
- Academicians and researchers specializing in cooperatives, governance, and sustainable development
- International stakeholders and trade experts
- NGOs and civil society organizations working in the fields of rural development, social welfare, and financial inclusion

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## Program Structure

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM – Registration**

**10:30 AM-11:30 AM – Keynote Session**

**Harnessing the Power of Cooperatives for Sustainable and Economic Development of NER**

- The role of cooperatives in driving inclusive growth in North East India
- Integrating traditional knowledge with modern cooperative practices
- Promoting cooperatives for women's empowerment and youth engagement
- Government initiatives and policies for cooperative growth in the region

**11:30 AM - 12:45 PM – Technical Session 1:**

**Advancing Growth in Dairy, Organic Products, and Tea through Agricultural Cooperatives and FPOs**

- Exploring market linkages for agricultural cooperatives
- Addressing credit and financing challenges for FPOs
- Government support schemes for rural and agricultural cooperatives
- Exploring global export opportunities for organic products via cooperatives

**12:45 PM – 2 PM – Technical Session 2:**

**Enhancing Cooperative Empowerment: Driving Innovation, Technology, Financial Inclusion, and Strengthening Banking Access**

- Role of banking institutions in strengthening cooperative financial systems
- Digital transformation and financial literacy for cooperatives
- Collaborations between banks and cooperatives for credit accessibility
- Promoting microfinance and credit unions in the cooperative ecosystem

**2 PM – 2.30 PM– Networking Lunch**

**2.30 PM – 4PM– B2B Meetings**

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