

## NCDC's Sahakar Pragya - Initiative for Development of Cooperative Sector

The 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country along with Laxmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy (Linac).

### What is the Sahakar Pragya Initiative?

Sahakar Pragya initiative mainly aims at strengthening the cooperative sector of our country by imparting knowledge and skills to the rural population of India.

Given below are a few major objectives of this initiative:

- 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of NCDC will be training the cooperative societies in rural India
- Farmers will be trained by the primary cooperatives to educate them about minimizing the risk in agricultural activities
- It will also boost the cooperative sector to act as a shield between the farmers and the unscrupulous traders
- Enhancement of NCDC's training capacity through a network of 18 Regional Training Centres across the country will also be established

This programme is in terms with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's [Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan](#) and aims to educate and impart knowledge to the poor farmers of the country and make them self-aware and independent.

The table given below gives the basic details about the Sahakar Pragya initiative which a competitive exam aspirant must be aware of:

Sahakar Pragya	
Aim	Development of Cooperative Sector in India
Ministry governing the Initiative	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Launch Date	November 24, 2020
Union Minister for Agriculture (as in 2020)	Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar
Other Organisations Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)</li><li>• Laxmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy (Linac)</li></ul>

## Significance of Sahakar Pragya

The cooperative sector has been successful in lending help to the farmers in various ways. This can also be said as almost 94% of India farmers are a part of one or the other cooperative society.

Thus, boosting the cooperative sector to make the rural population of the country aware and reduce risk factors, Sahakar Pragya is of great significance.

Related Links	
<a href="#">Stand Up India Scheme</a>	<a href="#">Skill India Mission</a>
<a href="#">Innovative Techniques of Farming - Government of India Initiative</a>	<a href="#">Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)</a>
<a href="#">Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojanna</a>	<a href="#">Startup India</a>

## Other Sahakar Initiatives by NCDC

Sahakar Pragya is not the only initiative which has been taken up by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), there are a few other programmes and initiatives which were launched.

Discussed below are the same in brief:

### 1. Sahakar-22

- Aims to provide new employment opportunities for farmers through cooperatives
- Another objective of this initiative is to develop cooperatives in the focus 222 districts and other aspirational districts

### 2. Sahakar Mitra

- It is a Summer Internship Programme (SIP)
- Students and young professionals to be hired as interns to gain work experience and give them opportunities to deliver innovative solutions for the cooperative sector
- Visit the [Sahakar Mitra Scheme](#) page to learn more about this NCDC initiative

### 3. Yuva Sahakar

- It aims to attract aspirational youths and their youth friendly schemes for the development of the cooperative sector

### 4. Ayushman Sahakar

- Aims to assist cooperatives in creation of healthcare infrastructure in the country
- Under this scheme, the establishment, development, expansion, renovation, etc. of hospital and healthcare infrastructure to be covered

## About National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

- It was established by an Act of Parliament in 1963 as a statutory Corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- Its main function is planning, promoting and financing the production, processing and marketing of different agricultural activities through cooperatives
- It is also responsible to assist different types of cooperatives and their financial bases

### About Laxmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy (Linac)

- Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) is NCDC's own training institution which was set up in 1985
- Its main aim is Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Cooperative Sector
- The Academy endeavors to develop its programmes and interventions with a strong client-orientation and inter-disciplinary perspective to strengthen institutional capabilities and human resources in cooperatives

Since the rural population and the farming activities are a major source of economic development for India, the Government has set up Sahakar Pragya to train and educate the rural population through the cooperative sector of the country.

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