

“Sahkaar Se Samriddhi”

Best practices in the Cooperative Sector of Bihar

State Cooperation Ministers' Conference

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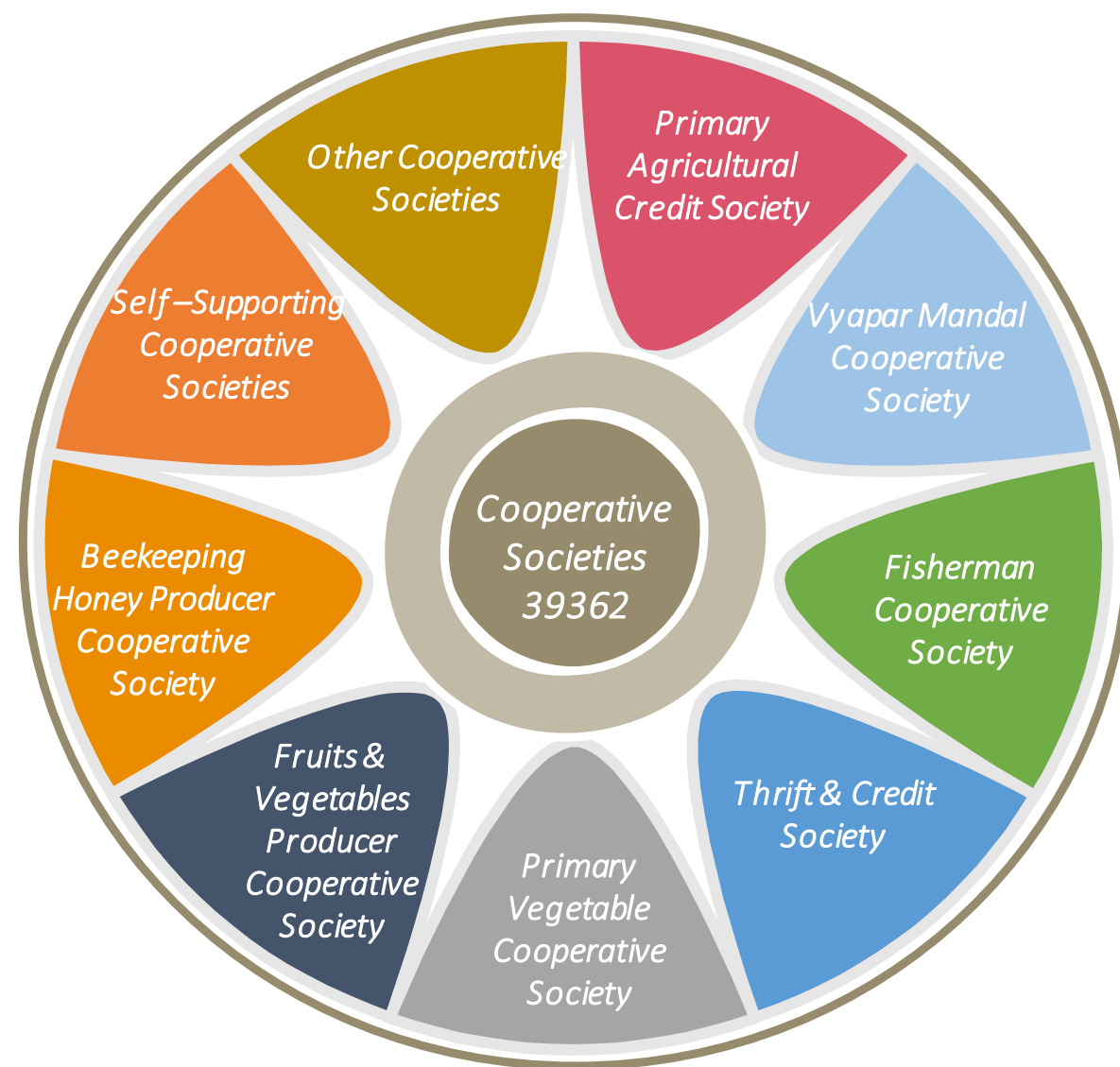
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1. Cooperative Societies in Bihar - Introductory Profile

<i>Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)</i>	8463
<i>Vyapar Mandal cooperative Societies (VMCS)</i>	521
<i>Fisherman Cooperative Societies (FCS)</i>	473
<i>Thrift & Credit Societies</i>	327
<i>Primary Vegetable Cooperative Societies (PVCS)</i>	276
<i>Primary Vegetables Producer Cooperative Societies</i>	342
<i>Beekeeping Honey Producer Cooperative Societies</i>	109
<i>All Self - supporting Cooperative Societies</i>	7887
<i>All other cooperative Societies</i>	20964
<i>Total PACS Membership</i>	1.24 Cr.
<i>Total Women Membership in PACS</i>	34 Lakh



2. Best Practices adopted in Cooperative sector, Bihar



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2 A. Regulatory initiatives

Reorganization of **PACS as co-terminus with Panchayats** for better administrative coordination

Independent election authority “**Bihar State Election Authority - 2008**” for timely, free and fair election of Cooperative Societies

Digital platform for online membership in PACS and Primary Vegetable Cooperative Societies

50% reservation for women in the Managing Committee of Cooperative Societies to make their functioning gender sensitive

Digital Platform for **online registration of Cooperative Societies**

More than 80% of PACS and Primary Marketing Societies equipped with **Godown - cum – office** constructed with State Grant.

8463 PACS organized Annual General Meeting on 14th August 2022

**Collaborative decision making by all
Stakeholders**

**Dividend distributed by PACS among
members and given to Government of
Bihar**

**Powerful democratic experience at the
grassroots level with energetic
participation of members especially
women**



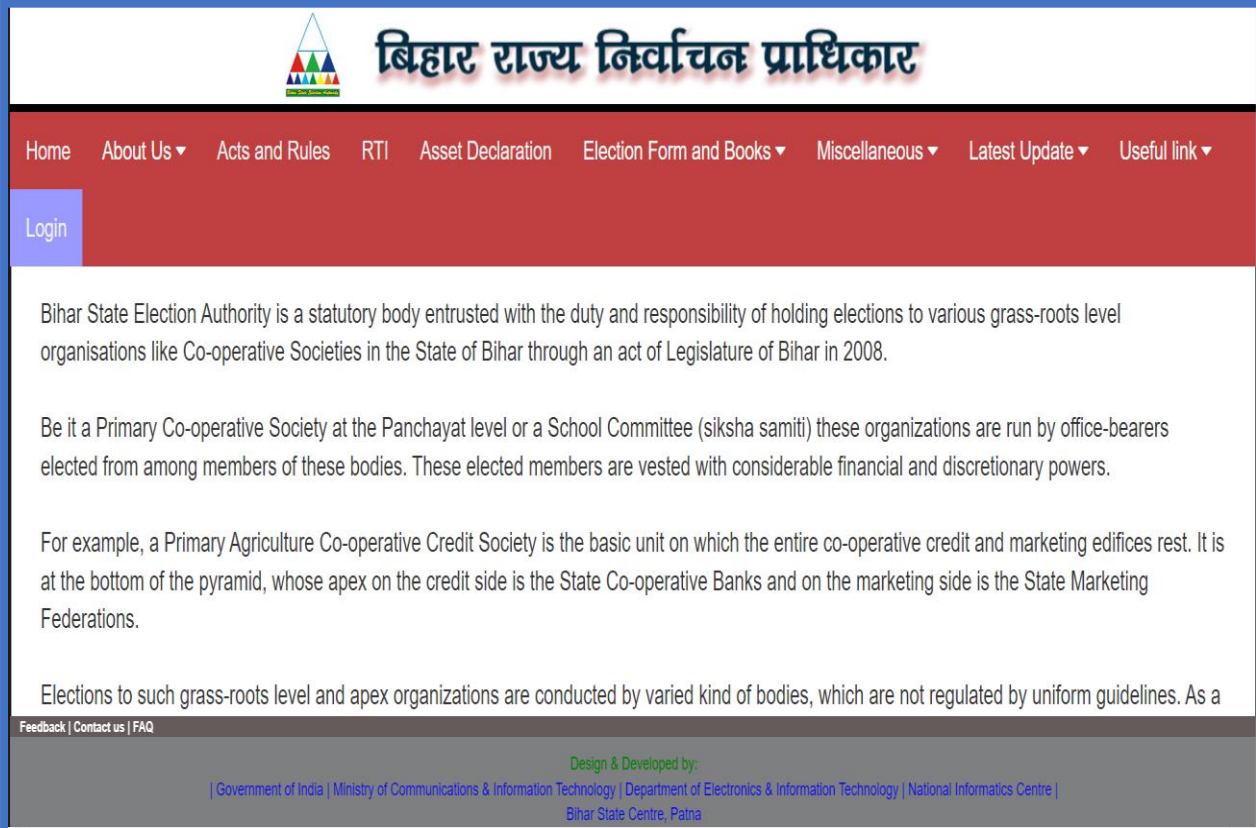
Bihar Rajya Nirvachan Pradhikar

Dedicated independent electoral body for conducting elections for free, fair and timely elections to Cooperative Societies

Seamless election planning and monitoring of the elections with active participation of District Administration

So far, BSEA has conducted free and fair elections to more than 35,000 Cooperative Societies over last 14 years

Real time access to complete records of electoral data and schedule for upcoming elections



The screenshot shows the official website of the Bihar State Election Authority (BSEA). The header features the BSEA logo and the name in Hindi: बिहार राज्य निर्वाचन प्राधिकार. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Acts and Rules, RTI, Asset Declaration, Election Form and Books, Miscellaneous, Latest Update, and Useful link. A 'Login' button is also present. The main content area contains a paragraph about the BSEA's role in conducting elections for various grass-roots level organizations like Co-operative Societies. It also mentions that these organizations are run by office-bearers elected from among members. An example is given of a Primary Agriculture Co-operative Credit Society. The footer includes a 'Feedback | Contact us | FAQ' link and credits the design and development to the Government of India, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, National Informatics Centre, Bihar State Centre, Patna.

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Bihar State Election Authority is a statutory body entrusted with the duty and responsibility of holding elections to various grass-roots level organisations like Co-operative Societies in the State of Bihar through an act of Legislature of Bihar in 2008.

Be it a Primary Co-operative Society at the Panchayat level or a School Committee (siksha samiti) these organizations are run by office-bearers elected from among members of these bodies. These elected members are vested with considerable financial and discretionary powers.

For example, a Primary Agriculture Co-operative Credit Society is the basic unit on which the entire co-operative credit and marketing edifices rest. It is at the bottom of the pyramid, whose apex on the credit side is the State Co-operative Banks and on the marketing side is the State Marketing Federations.

Elections to such grass-roots level and apex organizations are conducted by varied kind of bodies, which are not regulated by uniform guidelines. As a

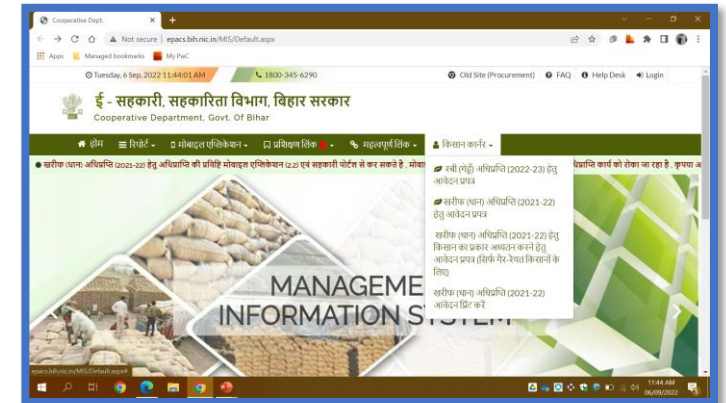
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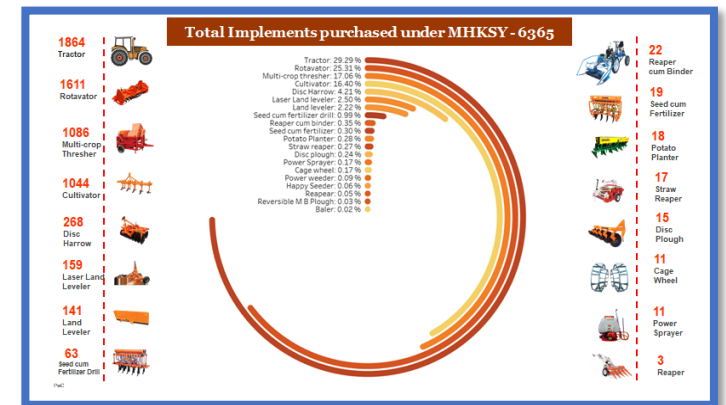
1. Procurement Scheme

- ❑ **PACS and Primary Marketing Cooperative Societies (Vyapar Mandal)** being the sole agency for food procurement
- ❑ **Procurement Portability System** introduced whereby a farmer has freedom and flexibility to sell his/her produce to any of the PACS / Vyapar Mandal
- ❑ **24x7 Interactive Voice Response System (Sugam)** support to provide relevant information, address queries, lodge grievances and communicate resolution of grievances to complainants



2. Mukhyamantri Krishi Sanyantra Yojna

- ❑ **Agri implements Banks Set up in 2927 PACS** to provide small and marginal farmers access to modern agri-implements at PACS level
- ❑ **Procurement of a range of agri - implements through GeM portal** leading to cost optimization; Public procurement through GeM portal done on an unprecedented scale
- ❑ **A pay for rental services – mobile based hiring application** has been developed for farmers



2 B. Developmental initiatives (2/3)

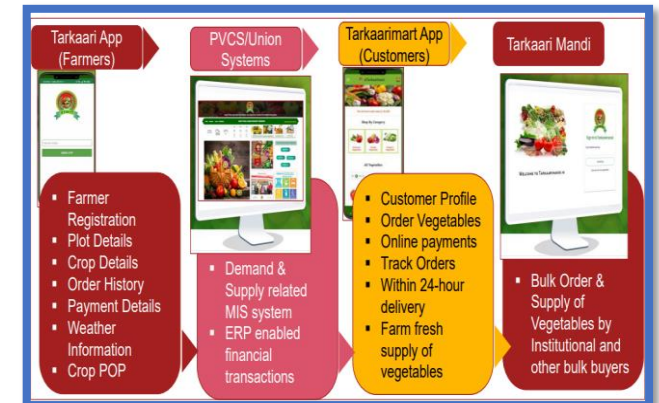
3. Bihar Rajya Fasal Sahayata Yojana

- ❑ **Broad based and inclusive** crop assistance scheme covering Raiyat, Non-Raiyat and part (Raiyat + Non- Raiyat) farmers
- ❑ **No premium** from farmers and **timely payment** according to payment calendar leading to considerably high applications and beneficiaries when compared to previous insurance scheme
- ❑ **24x7 Interactive Voice Response System (SUGAM)** support for scheme information, assistance and grievance redressal



4. Tarkaari (Bihar State Vegetable Processing and Marketing Scheme)

- ❑ **Unique** - Primary vegetable growers society at Block level for marketing of vegetables to ensure remunerative prices to vegetable growers and supply of quality vegetables to consumers at competitive prices; PVCS – 280 Blocks and more than 23,000 members
- ❑ **Introduced ERP** (Enterprise Resource Planning) in Tarkaari Scheme to integrate backward and forward linkages and tracking financial transactions
- ❑ **Mobile application** (TARKAARI Mart) for placing online order and delivery of farm fresh vegetables to consumers



2 B. Developmental initiatives (3/3)

5. Sahkar Bhawan

- ❑ A unique initiative to bring all the offices of the Cooperative Department under one roof at District / Divisional level
- ❑ Accessible and convenient for all the stakeholders
- ❑ Meant to ensure administrative coordination and functional efficiency



6. e – Stamp

- ❑ Cooperative banks in Bihar are leading the way through sale of e-stamps from their respective branches
- ❑ A unique step to support public and generate revenue
- ❑ Outlet of DCCBs functional in all Registry offices



2 C. Technology Interventions



Development of dynamic dashboard for monitoring the implementation of different schemes



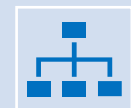
Introduced 24x7 IVRS Call center (SUGAM) – 1800 1800 110



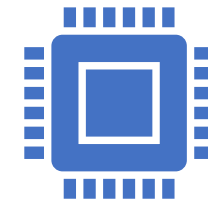
Introduction of audit information system for Cooperative societies wherein empanelment of auditors / chartered accountants, Audit Calendar, Audit status and real time audit compliances are undertaken



Introduction of online membership portal and online registration portal for Cooperative Societies



Introduction of HR management information system



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Cooperative Department,
Government of Bihar

