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Shah to launch conclave on strengthening PACS

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long mega conclave in the national Capital next week, aimed at spurring the cooperative movement in the country. The conclave, titled “Strengthening PACS through FPOs,” will focus on ways to enhance the strength of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to fulfill Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of “Sahakar se Samridhi.”

The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will host the conclave in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cooperation on July 14, 2023. The event will witness the participation of a panel of experts from the sector and members from FPOs

across the country. Recognizing FPOs as a significant driver of agricultural transformation, the Modi Government has undertaken various initiatives in recent years to tap into their potential. These collective entities formed by farmers are viewed as crucial for achieving the goal of a USD 5 trillion economy.

Under the “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs” scheme, spearheaded by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, and with the support of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, the NCDC has been entrusted with the task of establishing 1100 new FPOs in the cooperative sector.

The scheme aims to strengthen such entities to enable small and marginal farmers/producers to access better prices, reduce transportation costs, and enhance

overall productivity. Each FPO receives financial assistance of Rs. 33 lakh under the FPOs Scheme. Additionally, Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) receive Rs. 25 lakh per FPO to promote and provide guidance to the FPOs.

The government has been actively promoting the integration of PACS into the FPO scheme, allowing farmers to expand their range of activities, including the supply of production inputs, agricultural equipment, and processing and value addition services such as cleaning, sorting, grading, packaging, storage, and transportation.

With a massive membership base of around 13 crore farmers, PACS primarily engage in short-term credit and the distribution of seeds, fertilizers, and other agricultural necessities. Currently, more than 86% of farmers in country are classified as small and marginal.



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Shah to Kick Off Event on Farm Credit Societies on Friday

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New Delhi: Union Home and Cooperation minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long conclave to discuss ways to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in the national capital on Friday.

Currently, there are more than 95,000 PACS, of which only about 63,000 PACS are functional. PACS have a member base of around 13 crore farmers, of which more than 86% are small and marginal farmers. There is a need to facilitate these farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and markets, it was felt.

"The conclave is aimed at discussing ways to strengthen PACS through FPOs," the ministry said in a statement.

The conclave will witness participation of experts from the sector as well as members from FPOs across the country. The conclave is being organised by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cooperation, it said.

FPOs are one of the major vehicles for agricultural transformation as they are collective entities formed by farmers, enabling them to pool resources and enhance their bargaining power. The cooperation ministry has recently decided to form 1,100 new FPOs in the cooperative sector. The government has been pushing for the integration of PACS in the FPO scheme to enable farmers to expand their range of business activities.





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नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह 14 जुलाई को नई दिल्ली में 'एफपीओ के माध्यम से पैक्स को मजबूत करने' के विषय पर एक दिवसीय सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करेंगे। इसका उद्देश्य किसान उत्पादक संगठनों के माध्यम से प्राथमिक कृषि ऋण समितियों (पैक्स) को मजबूत करने के तरीकों पर चर्चा करना है। इस दौरान सहकारिता के क्षेत्र में 1100 नए किसान उत्पादक संगठनों का गठन होना है। ब्यूरो



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पैक्स को मजबूत बनाने के लिए 14 को मेगा कान्क्लेव

नई दिल्ली : प्राथमिक कृषि ऋण समितियों (पैक्स) को किसान उत्पादक संगठनों (एफपीओ) के माध्यम से मजबूत करने की तैयारी है। इसके लिए दिल्ली में 14 जुलाई को मेगा सम्मेलन का आयोजन होगा। इसमें विशेषज्ञों के साथ ही देशभर के एफपीओ सदस्य शामिल होंगे। उद्घाटन गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह करेंगे। देश के करीब 13 करोड़ किसान पैक्सों से जुड़े हैं। इनमें अधिकतर छोटे एवं सीमांत हैं। (जाब्यू)
