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ble in the open market.

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The conclave, organised by the Ministry of Cooperation in collaboration with National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) at Vigyan Bhawan, will see participation of central and state officials from the cooperation ministry; registrars of cooperative societies of all states; chairpersons, secretaries and pharmacists of those PACS, which have



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obtained drug licences for operating Jan Aushadi Kendras, an official statement said.

PACS were recently allowed to operate Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadi Kendras. Within a few

months, more than 4,400 PACS/cooperative societies from 34 states/UTs have submitted their online applications on the Government of India's Department of Pharmaceuticals portal for this initiative.

"Out of which, more than 2,300 cooperative societies have already received initial approval and 149 of them are ready to function as Jan Aushadi Kendras," according to an official statement.

Diversification scope

This initiative will provide new opportunities to PACS for diversification and ex-

pansion of their economic activities, thus leading to an increase in the incomes of millions of small and marginal farmers associated with them, it said.

'More rural jobs'

It will also help create employment opportunities in rural areas, it said.

At present, there are about 63,000 functional PACS in the country.

The government has taken several steps to strengthen the PACS including their computerisation, diversify their business activities, and put in place model bye-laws.



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The Government's decision to allow Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to function as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PM-BJAK) is finding huge takers.

More than 4400 such entities from across the country have submitted online applications showing their keenness to take up the initiative which was approved last year.

In fact, more than 2300 cooperative societies have already received initial approval and 146 of them are ready to function as Jan Aushadhi Kendras, said an official from the National Cooperative

Development Corporation (NCDC).

Encouraged at the response, the Union Ministry of Cooperation in collaboration with the NCDC is organizing a mega conclave here on Monday to deliberate threadbare about the potentials and challenges likely to be faced by the PACS who have taken such an initiative. The conclave will be chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah. The decision to permit PACS to open PM-BJAKs was taken in a meeting between Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh S Mandaviya last year with an aim to increase the income of PACS, creating job opportuni-

ties, and providing affordable medicines, especially in rural areas. Mandaviya, along with Minister of State for Cooperation and Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) BL Verma, are also likely to address the conclave. The Jan Aushadhi Kendras are already operational across the country, offering a variety of medicines and medical devices at significantly lower prices (50 to 90 per cent cheaper) compared to branded alternatives. More than 2000 types of generic medicines and around 300 surgical items are made available through these Kendras to common citizens at affordable prices.

However, allowing PACS as PMBJAKS will provide new

opportunities to PACS for diversification and expansion of their economic activities, thus leading to increase in the incomes of millions of small and marginal farmers associated with them.

Moreover, the network of the PMBJAKS will also expand.

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PEX Mega Conclave tomorrow in Delhi under the chairmanship of Shah

शाह की अध्यक्षता में दिल्ली में कल पैक्स मेगा कॉन्क्लेव

नई दिल्ली। गृह मंत्री अमित शाह 8 जनवरी को नई दिल्ली के विज्ञान भवन में राष्ट्रीय पैक्स मेगा कॉन्क्लेव की अध्यक्षता करेंगे। मेगा कॉन्क्लेव का आयोजन सहकारिता मंत्रालय की ओर से राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम (एनसीडीसी) के सहयोग से किया जाएगा। मेगा कॉन्क्लेव में सहकारिता विभाग के अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव (एसीएस), प्रधान सचिव, सचिव और सभी राज्यों एवं केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की पैक्स के रजिस्ट्रार और अध्यक्ष, सचिव एवं फार्मासिस्ट एवं जन औषधि केंद्र हिस्सा लेंगे। ब्यूरो



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Cheap medicines will be available from Pax operated medicine centers

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नई दिल्ली. केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह सोमवार को विज्ञान भवन में पैक्स की ओर से प्रधानमंत्री जन औषधि केन्द्रों के संचालन की महत्त्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित 'राष्ट्रीय पैक्स महासंगोष्ठी की अध्यक्षता करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के नेतृत्व और गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह के मार्गदर्शन में हाल ही में पैक्स को प्रधानमंत्री भारतीय जन

औषधि केन्द्रों के संचालन के लिए पात्र संस्था बनाया गया है। पिछले कुछ महीनों में ही 34 राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की 4400 से भी अधिक पैक्स और सहकारी समितियों की इस पहल के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन किया जा चुका है।

2300 से अधिक समितियों को प्राथमिक अनुमोदन प्राप्त हो चुका है और 146 पैक्स सहकारी समितियां जन औषधि केन्द्रों के रूप में कार्य करने के लिए पूर्ण रूप से तैयार भी हो चुकी हैं। प्रधानमंत्री जन औषधि

केन्द्रों के माध्यम से आम नागरिकों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण जेनेरिक दवाइयां खुले बाजार की ब्रांडेड दवाइयों के मुकाबले 50-90% तक कम मूल्य पर उपलब्ध होती हैं।

यह पहल पैक्स को अपने आर्थिक कार्यों के विविधिकरण और विस्तार के नए अवसर प्रदान करेगी, जिससे पैक्स से जुड़े करोड़ों छोटे और सीमान्त किसानों की आय में वृद्धि होगी। इसके साथ साथ यह पहल ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में आय के नए अवसर पैदा करने में भी अत्यंत सहायक सिद्ध होगी