

Shah to launch global conference 'Co-op Kumbh 2025' on November 10

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NEW DELHI: Union Home and Cooperation minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the International Conference on Urban Co-operative Credit Sector – Co-op Kumbh 2025 – on November 10 here. The two-day global event, organised by the National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB) with support from the Ministry of Cooperation, will run from November 10–11.

Themed “Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities,” the conference coincides with the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. It will bring



together policymakers, regulators, cooperative leaders, technology experts, international partners and academics to chart a roadmap for a digitally driven and inclusive cooperative credit ecosystem.

Addressing the media on Thursday, NAFCUB president Laxmi Dass said: “Co-op Kumbh 2025 is not just a conference; it’s a coming together for the common cause of recreating cooperative finance in the

digital era through dialogue, innovation, and shared vision to empower communities and strengthen the foundation of cooperative-based financial inclusion in India.”

Policy reform, governance standards, technological upgrades and global partnerships will be central to the discussions. Panels will explore ways to make urban cooperative banks and credit societies more professional, transparent and digitally agile, in line with the government’s Sahkar Se Samriddhi mission.

The Valedictory Session will be presided over by Suresh Prabhu, Chairman of the National Cooperation Policy Committee and former Union minister.



Amit Shah to Inaugurate NAFCUB's International Conference "Co-op Kumbh 2025" on Digital Cooperative Finance

Themed "Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities," the event will unite 1,500 Urban Cooperative Banks and 60,000 Credit Societies to chart a roadmap for a digitally empowered cooperative sector.

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NEW DELHI: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the International Conference on Urban Cooperative Credit Sector – "Co-op Kumbh 2025", being hosted by the National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on November 10–11, 2025.

The announcement was made during a press conference held at

the Constitution Club of India in the national capital.

The two-day global event, organised with the support of the Ministry of Cooperation, carries the theme "Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities," symbolising a major step forward in India's journey towards a digitally enabled cooperative ecosystem.

NAFCUB, the apex organisation representing over 1,500 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and nearly 60,000 Credit Societies across the country,



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aims through this conference to unite policymakers, regulators, cooperative leaders, technology experts, and international partners on one platform. The

objective is to chart a roadmap for digital inclusion and innovation within the cooperative credit sector, in line with the Government of India's "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" vision.

Addressing the media, Laxmi Dass, President of NAFCUB, described Co-op Kumbh 2025 as more than just a conference, calling it "a collective movement to reimagine cooperative finance in the digital era."

He said the event would promote dialogue, innovation, and shared vision to strengthen the

cooperative foundation of financial inclusion in India.

The conference will see deliberations on policy reforms, governance, professionalism, technology adoption, and international collaboration to modernise the functioning of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies. One of the key outcomes will be the adoption of the "Delhi Declaration 2025 – Roadmap to 2030," a forward-looking policy document that will outline strategies for governance reform, capital adequacy, risk manage-

ment, and digital transformation of cooperative institutions.

With participation from over 1,500 Urban Cooperative Banks, 60,000 Credit Societies, and global representatives from WOCCU, ICA, ICBA, and ACCU, Co-op Kumbh 2025 is poised to become a landmark event in India's cooperative history. It will reaffirm the role of cooperatives as vital engines of inclusive growth, ethical finance, and community resilience in the country's evolving economic landscape.