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Computerization of Primary Agricultural Societies (PACS)



The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for PACS by the Ministry of Cooperation has been successfully implemented across all sanctioned 46 PACS, which are now fully equipped with essential hardware components, including computers, printers, UPS units and scanners, to support digital operations.

Under this Scheme a comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning(ERP) system consisting of 22 Modules has been developed of which the PACS functioning in A & N Islands have operationalised the following 13 ERP Modules:

1. Membership
2. Loans
3. Savings
4. Term Deposit
5. Pigmy Deposit
6. Merchandise
7. Investments
8. Borrowings
9. Assets
10. FAS(Financial Accounting System)
11. Audit
12. Governance
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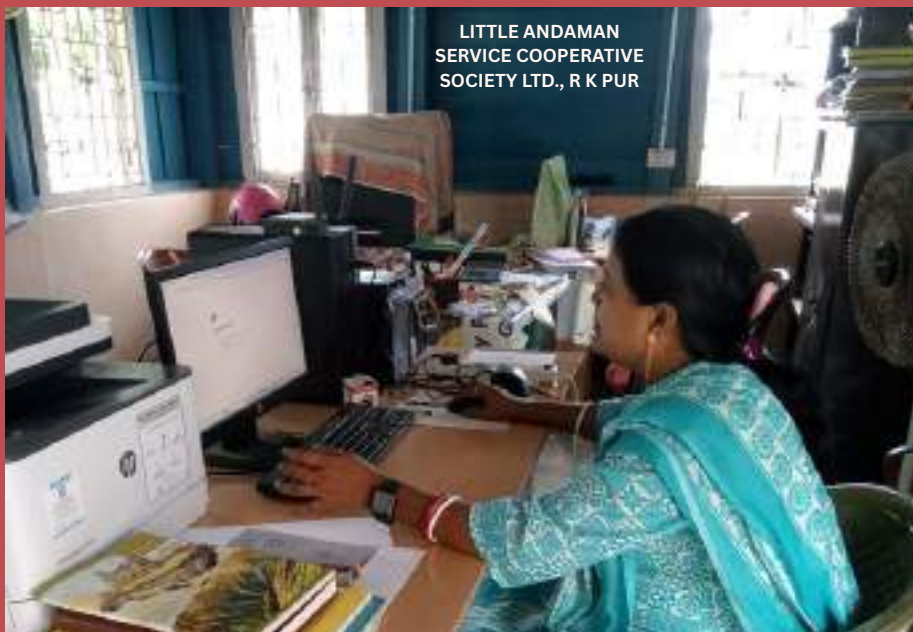


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The implementation of NLPS has brought greater transparency, efficiency and accuracy to the functioning of PACS, marking a significant step towards strengthening the cooperative credit structure in the Islands.

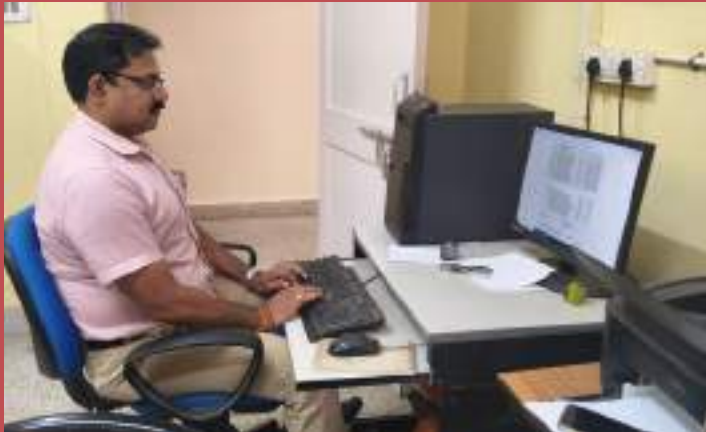
On system Audit of all 46 PACS in the Isles has been completed for the FY 2024-2025.

Total Tickets raised and resolved since 05/12/2024 till date is 3392.



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Computerization of RCS Office



Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Ministry of Cooperation, the functions of RCS Office has been computerized.

Online services are being carried out through the RCS portal:

- (i) Registration of New Cooperative Societies(09 nos),*
- (ii) Amendment of Bye-laws(02 nos),*
- (iii) Inspection of Cooperative Societies,*
- (iv) Audit of Cooperative Societies(591 nos) ,*
- (v) Election of Cooperative Societies(48 nos),*
- (vi) Settlement of Disputes,*
- (vii) Liquidation of Cooperative Societies,*
- (viii) Appeal for facilitate ease of access and ensure timely disposal of proposals received from the public and registered cooperative societies.*

This has streamlined administrative processes, enhanced transparency and improved service delivery and modernized the functioning of the Registrar's Office facilitating better support to cooperative societies.



72ND ALL INDIA COOPERATIVE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Along with rest of India the 72nd All India Cooperative Week was celebrated in various places of the Islands from November 14-20, 2025, in collaboration with the Department of Cooperation, Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union (ANStCU) & Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd (ANStCB) with enthusiastic participation from the Cooperatives of the Isles.



- Core Theme for this edition was: **"Cooperatives as Vehicles for Atmanirbhar Bharat"** with daily themes in support of the core theme:
- Nov 14: Digitalization and Transparency.
- Nov 15: Cooperative Education and Research.
- Nov 16: Rural Development.
- Nov 17: Cooperative Policy and Ecosystem.
- Nov 18: Empowerment of Youth, Women, and Weaker Sections.
- Nov 19: Expanding in Emerging Areas (Tourism, Health, Green Energy).
- Nov 20: Innovation and Global Competitiveness

The Cooperative Week served as a major national event to highlight the role of Cooperatives in economic growth and social inclusion. This celebration also aligned with the United Nations General Assembly's declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives.





The first day (14th Nov) was celebrated at the premises of the A & N State Coop. Union, Teylerabad with theme of the day being “Promoting Digitalisation to enhance Operational Efficiency, Accountability and Transparency”. Shri. Ashish Joon, The Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies (HQ), South Andaman, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.





The second day (15th Nov) was celebrated at the A & N College (ANCOL) with theme of the day being “Promoting Tribhuvan Sahakar University Research, and Training Transforming Cooperative Education”. Dr. Jayakumar, Principal, (ANCOL), graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The third day (16th Nov) was celebrated at the Panchayat Hall, Ferrargunj with the theme of the day being “Strengthening rural development through Cooperatives”. The Pramukh Panchayat Samti, Ferrargunj, was the Chief Guest.





The Fourth day (17th Nov) was celebrated at the A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd(ANStCB), Sri Vijaya Puram with theme of the day being “National Cooperative Policy ecosystem, structured roadmap for India’s Cooperatives”. The DGM (NABARD) was the Chief Guest.”

The Fifth day (18th Nov) was celebrated at the Panchayat Hall, Beodnabad with theme of the day being “Empowering Youth, Women and weaker sectors through Cooperative entrepreneurship”. The Up-Adhyaksh, ZP, was the Chief Guest.





The Sixth day (19th Nov) was celebrated at the Community Hall, Chouldari with theme of the day being “Expanding cooperatives in emerging areas such as Tourism, Health, Green Energy, Platform Crops, Kitchen crops and any other conceivable area”. The DGM (NABARD) graced the occasion as Chief Guest.”

The Seventh and Closing day (20th Nov) was celebrated at the A & N State Coop. Union, Teylerabad (ANStCU) with theme of the day being “Innovative Cooperative Business Models for global competitiveness”. The Secretary(Cooperation), A & N Administration, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.





The Secretary (Cooperation) gave valuable insights on the inherent value the Cooperatives hold in the socio economic growth and development of a community and their importance in forming of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Secretary (Cooperation) distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted during the week long celebrations.

He also presented awards to the best performing cooperatives in various sectors.





**5TH SCDC MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS**



The 5th State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) meeting was convened on January 15, 2026, in the conference hall of Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The proceedings offered a strategic platform for reviewing extant cooperative activities and delineating prospective development imperatives for the Union Territory.

In the discussions key sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, credit, and allied activities were reviewed, with an emphasis on collaboration with NCDC and other national agencies to promote inclusive growth and sustainable cooperative development in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The discussions also focussed on strengthening cooperative institutions, improving governance standards, and expanding access to institutional finance and capacity-building support

With the intervention of the Additional Secretary, MoC, 05 PACS were issued with Principal Certificate ("O" Form) by the Indian Potash Limited and the Dept. of Cooperation facilitated all PACS to obtain Fertilizer License from Dept. of Agriculture/ District Administration. The issuance of License for the same is under process

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THE AUGUST GATHERING WAS GRACED BY THE PRESENCE OF SHRI PANKAJ KUMAR BANSAL, IAS, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COOPERATION, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NCDC); DR. CHANDRA BHUSHAN KUMAR, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION, EXTENDED A FORMAL WELCOME TO SHRI BANSAL AND WAS ACCORDED DUE FELICITATION DURING THE MEETING IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR IN THE PRESENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS; SHRI RAJESH CHOPRA, IAS, SECRETARY (COOPERATION)-CUM-REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES; SMT. PALLAVI SARKAR, IAS, SECRETARY (AGRICULTURE); AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS OF THE UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION.



COOPERATIVE

MOVEMENT IN ANI



Ellon Hinengo Ltd. was registered in the year 1977 as a Tribal Central Cooperative Society with all the 15 Panam Hinengos as its members with Headquarters at Car Nicobar Island.

The primary objectives of Ellon Hinengo Ltd., are generally aligned with the welfare & economic development of its members and the local tribal community. In line with these objectives, EHL is engaged in activities including marketing of copra, operation of ocean going cargo vessels, civil construction works, Fair Price Shops, LPG distribution, Petrol Outlet operations, and other related services.

The primary purpose of the EHL-led cooperative model is to ensure:

- 1) Assured and fair marketing of tribal copra
- 2) Availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices
- 3) Logistical self-reliance in a geographically isolated island
- 4) Economic self-sufficiency of the tribal community

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Car Nicobar is an island in the Nicobar District of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is situated about 270 kms away from Sri Vijaya Puram and about 1,200 kms away from the mainland of India. The island is inhabited by the aboriginal Nicobarese tribes, who live in small family clusters called “Tuhet” and are mainly involved in coconut farming, especially copra production.



The marketing of copra produced by the Nicobarese is facilitated by Village Level Cooperative Societies called Panam Hinengos. There are 15 Panam Hinengos functioning in the 15 villages of Car Nicobar, which market copra through the Central Cooperative Society, Ellon Hinengo Ltd. (EHL).

The beneficiaries covered by EHL include:

- All Nicobarese households in Car Nicobar, reached via 15 Panam Hinengos
- Tribal farmers involved in coconut and copra production
- Local residents using FPS, LPG, fuel outlet, and shipping services

EHL's operations have created sustainable employment opportunities for the tribal population in:

- 1) Copra procurement, transportation and storage
- 2) Cargo vessel operations and logistics
- 3) Fair Price Shops and retail distribution
- 4) LPG distributorship and POL outlet
- 5) Engineering and civil construction works



EHL owns and operates two ocean going cargo vessels each having a Deadweight of above 1500 tonnes, making EHL the only Cooperative in India to own and operate ships of their class.

These ships act as a lifeline for the Islands of Nicobar District hauling cargo mainly rations, fuel and LPG cylinders for the residents and hauling copra and other coconut products back to Sri Vijaya Puram for further transport to the Mainland.



PEMA SERVICE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

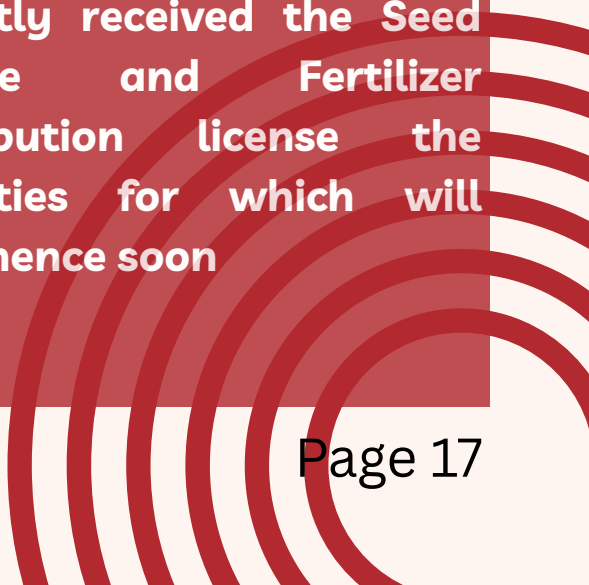


The Cooperative supports almost 300 farmers covered under its area of operations.

The Pema Service Cooperative Society Ltd., one of oldest M-PACS, was registered in the year 1997 to benefit the farmers of the Calicut, New Biblitan and Teylerabad Villages.

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The Cooperative has recently received the Seed license and Fertilizer distribution license the activities for which will commence soon





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The Cooperative has recently acquired a Tractor with a special refinancing done by the NABARD through ANStCB for farming activities by the local farmers at a nominal rent





**YEAR AT A
GLANCE**





Third Zonal National Level Review Meeting and Workshop with States and UTs on various Initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation for Strengthening of Cooperative Sector was held on 10.04.2025 & 11.04.2025 at Shillong, Meghalaya.



The UT of ANI was represented by the Secretary (Cooperation), Andaman & Nicobar Administration and accompanied by the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (HQ)



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The National Level Review Meeting and Workshop with States and UTs was successfully conducted by the Ministry of Cooperation for Strengthening of Cooperative Sector was held on 08.10.2025 & 09.10.2025 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.



As part of the International Year of Cooperatives-2025 celebrations, the Department of Cooperation, in collaboration with the A&N State Cooperative Union and Forest Department, organized a Tree Plantation Drive under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' at Teylerabad on 09.07.2025. The Secretary (Cooperation) graced the occasion as chief guest.



On the occasion, the Secretary (Cooperation) highlighted the importance of tree plantation for ecological balance and community well-being, invoked the PM's vision of "Sahkar Se Samridhi" and Viksit Bharat, and urged cooperatives to embed environmental responsibility in their activities while playing a pivotal role in advancing grassroots social initiatives.



"Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was observed at Mayabunder Tehsil with tree plantation activities led by the District Commissioner, Smti Nandini Maharaj, and the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Mayabunder.





The Chief Secretary Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar IAS and Prof. Unnat P. Pandit, handed over the certificates to Smti. Aysha Majid, Chairperson, Tribal Development cooperative society Ltd, recognising the Prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag registrations for the Islands issued by the Controller General, Intellectual Property Rights & Registrar of Geographical Indication



Established in 1963, Subhashgram Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Diglipur, is one of the active Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the North & Middle Andaman District. With a membership base of 330 individuals, the Society has gradually evolved into a key institution supporting rural communities. Under the leadership of Chairman Shri Naresh Ch. Malo, it has focused on fostering financial inclusion, promoting agriculture, and improving access to basic services in the region



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
COOPERATIVES – 2025**



Tree Plantation Drive “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” was conducted at PM Shri Govt. Senior Secondary School, Garacharma in association with the Samudrika Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd., on 31.10.2025 and Encouraged environmental consciousness through plantation.



Awareness Programme organized by ARCS Circle IV in collaboration with Mahasagar Fisheries Cooperative Society Ltd. for promoting the formation of fisheries cooperatives on 31.10.2025 & Promoted awareness of cooperative benefits and government schemes.



An awareness programme was conducted at Pema Service Cooperative Society on 11.10.2025 to guide the society on starting a fertilizer business aimed at supporting its farmers and members. The session outlined the essential steps for licensing, procurement, and safe handling and distribution of fertilizers. Members and the Board of Directors actively participated in discussions on the operational requirements and the potential benefits of introducing this service through the society And also organize live webcast of PMKisaan

An awareness programme was conducted at Pema Service Cooperative Society on 21.10.2025 to guide the students of ANCOL with regards to the functioning of cooperatives in general, also providing insights into the system of management, structure and the need of M- PACS in these Islands.



Saplings of fruit bearing trees were planted at Bumanallah on 25.10.2025 per EkPedMaaKe Naam & Created awareness about environment protection among students.

In observance of the International Year of Cooperatives, The ARCS Office, Ferrargunj conducted tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek PedMaaKe Naam" on 30.10.2025 at Aniket Coconut Farming Society Ltd., Saplings of Coconut and Arecanut were planted.



A sensitization program under IYC-2025 at Vivekananda Pur, Little Andaman on 30/10/2025 in collaboration with the Dept of Agriculture for the groups engaged in Bee Hive farming and Spice cultivation. Participants were briefed on the benefits of cooperatives such as collective marketing, value addition and access to govt schemes followed by a session on the online registration process for formation of Coop. Societies.



An organisation Meeting with the Captain alongwith the villagers of Pipilow village under Nancowry regarding formation of a new multipurpose cooperative society at Pipilow was conducted at the O/o the Assistant Commissioner, on 15.10.2025 Nancowry regarding formation of a new cooperative society named “Manula Laitarik Multipurpose Cooparative Society Ltd., Pipolow Village, Nancowry



Tree plantation programme under the theme “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” was conducted in the premises of Perka Panam Hinengo Ltd, Perka on 23.10.2025 by the members along with officials of DRCS Office, Car Nicobar. Altogether 05 saplings of Ashoka trees were planted. Members actively participated in the tree plantation programme. Cooperative Flag was also hoisted on the occasion.



An awareness programme was conducted on 26 November 2025 at Hotel ACC as part of the International Year of Cooperatives. The meeting was attended by the Board Members of ACC Cooperative Society Ltd. along with representatives from the Tourism Society.



An awareness meeting was held on 28 November 2025 at the Fisheries Training Centre with the Fisheries Cooperative Societies of Junglighat, Mohanpura, Wandoor, and Corbyn’s Cove areas. The purpose of the meeting was to guide the societies on forming a Marketing Fisheries Cooperative Society to ensure proper and organized marketing of fish and marine products.



An awareness programme was conducted on Poultry and farming societies, around 10-15 members attended the programme. A brief on poultry farming was given by the animal husbandry staffs to the participants.

In observance of the International Year of Cooperatives, The ARCS Office, Ferrargunj conducted tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" on 24.11.2025 at Namunaghar.



An awareness programme was conducted on Poultry and farming societies, around 20-25 members attended the programme and the concerned area inspector elaborately explained the members about the theme and its benefits to the participants.

In observance of the International Year of Cooperatives, The ARCS Office, Ferrargunj conducted tree plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" on 25.11.2025 at Manglutan.

Awareness program conducted at Netaji Subhas PACS under IYC- 2025 at RK Pur Panchayat Hall on 19/11/ 2025 among the members of the PACS to diversify their activities as per the initiatives of the MoC for the upliftment of the PACS and its members.



Brief information on the activities: An awareness programme aimed at reviving fisheries cooperatives was conducted on 13.11.2025 at the DRCS Office, Car Nicobar. A total of seven members participated in the session. During the programme, the participants were informed about the significance of fisheries cooperatives and the various benefits they offer for the sustainable socio-economic development of their members. The attendees were also briefed about the one-time grant proposed to be sanctioned by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, through the Fisheries Department. They were advised to submit the required documents to the Fisheries Department in order to avail the financial assistance.

An awareness programme was organized regarding the inclusion of a membership drive for the upliftment of the society on 22.11.2025. During the programme, discussions were held with the ANSCB Branch Manager on the KYC loan facility to increase membership and enhance the functioning of the society. Further, the possibilities of availing an LPG distributorship and establishing an outlet shop at Laxminagar were also discussed. These matters were placed before and discussed with the Board of Members of the Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., Laxminagar.



An awareness programme-cum-organisation meeting was conducted at Kalasi Village, Teressa Island, Nancowry as Part of IYC 2025 & 72nd All India Cooperative Week Celebration 2025.

As part of the on going celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025 an awareness programme was organised at on 18 November 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Community Hall, Bengli village, Teressa Island under Nancowry. The event was graced by Father Shri Sylvanus Romainchu, founding member of the Andaman and Nicobar Yaich Tarik Cooperative Society Ltd., Bengali Village, Teressa Island, along with other members of the cooperative society and residents of the village.



As part of the ongoing celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025 an Interaction Session-cum-Awareness Programme was conducted on 20th November 2025, at around 9:00 A.M. at the Government Senior Secondary School Bengali village, Teressa Island under Nancowry.



As a part of the International Year of Cooperatives – 2025, the staff of the ARCS Office, Campbell Bay in collaboration with members of Galaxy Construction Coop Society Ltd conducted tree plantation drive on 20.12.2025 under “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign to promote environmental protection and ecological sustainability. A total of 06 saplings were planted.



Conducted business development awareness programme for directors and members of Gaon Vikas Service Coop Society Ltd., on 30.12.2025 at Beodnabad

An awareness programme was conducted for the members of the Little Andaman Service Coop Society Ltd, RK Pur onn 29.12.2025 to diversify their activities as per the initiatives of the MoC.



An awareness programme was conducted at Collinpur on 11.12.2025 for the members Pallimangal Service Coop Society Ltd, Collinpur on CSC and Govt. Schemes.

Sr.No.	Sector Name	Number of Societies	Number of Members
1	Agriculture & Allied Cooperative	25	759
2	Agro Processing / Industrial Cooperative	105	1795
4	Consumer Cooperative	58	4703
5	Credit & Thrift Society	33	2774
6	Dairy Cooperative	48	736
7	Educational & Training Cooperatives	2	33
8	Fishery Cooperative	136	3829
9	Handicraft Cooperative	2	21
12	Housing Cooperative Society	86	3287
13	Labour Cooperative	1252	16644
14	Livestock & Poultry Cooperative	20	204
15	Marketing Cooperative Society	70	4194
16	Miscellaneous Non Credit	80	4284
17	Multipurpose Cooperative	149	3047
18	PACS/LAMPS/FSS	47	14930
19	Social Welfare & Cultural Cooperative	3	31
20	Tourism Cooperative	53	661
21	Transport Cooperative	61	382
22	Tribal-SC/ST Cooperative	5	287
23	Women Welfare Cooperative Society	5	125
24	Bank & Federation	13	
Total		2253	62726





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