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## Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel

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### Why in News

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Recently, the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare launched the two initiatives of the **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) - Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel** and **Guidance Videos** on 'Formation and Registration of A Cooperative'.

### Key Points

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- **Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel:**

- The Channel **aims** to facilitate involvement of the youth in the cooperative movement.

Cooperatives lend strength to farmers to minimize risks in agriculture and allied sectors and act as a shield against exploitation.

- The channel will give a boost to **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** under which the government has announced a series of transformative measures and sector specific financial packages to help agriculture.

The initiatives are steps towards **One Nation One Market** with the objective for India to become a food factory of the world.

- **Guidance Videos:**

- These have been produced by the NCDC on '**Formation and Registration of A Cooperative**' for eighteen different states in Hindi and regional languages.
- These would help strengthen and deepen the major initiatives of the government to promote and form 10,000 **Farmer-Producer Organisations (FPOs)**.

One such initiative is the formation of FPOs under the "**One-Product One-District**" approach.

## National Cooperative Development Corporation

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- **Formation:** NCDC was established by an Act of Parliament in 1963 **as a statutory Corporation** under the **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare**.
- **Office:** NCDC functions through its **Head Office at New Delhi** and multiple Regional Offices.
- **Functioning:**
  - The objectives of NCDC are **planning and promoting programmes for agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock** and certain other notified commodities and services on cooperative principles.
  - The NCDC has the **unique distinction of being the sole statutory organisation** functioning as an **apex financial and developmental institution** exclusively devoted to the **cooperative sector**.
- **Recent Initiatives:**
  - **Mission Sahakar 22**, which aims to **double farmers' income by 2022**.
  - **Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP)** named **Sahakar Mitra**.

## Cooperatives

- According to the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, a **cooperative** is an **autonomous association of persons united voluntarily** to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise. E.g. FPOs as cooperatives.
- **An FPO, formed by a group of farm producers, is a registered body with producers** as shareholders in the organisation.
  - It deals with **business activities related to the farm produce** and it works for the benefit of the member producers.
- **Cooperatives in India (Agriculture):**
  - They largely **function as an association of small and marginal farmers and rural poor**. They have a huge network of over 8.50 lakh organizations and 290 million members.
  - According to the government, cooperatives in India have proven their success in improving the condition of farmers and economic development.
- **Provisions of Indian Constitution related to Cooperatives:**
  - The **Constitution (97<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Act, 2011** added a new **Part IXB** right after Part IXA (Municipals) regarding the cooperatives working in India.
  - The word “cooperatives” was added after “unions and associations” in **Article 19(1)(c) under Part III of the Constitution**. This enables all the **citizens to form cooperatives by giving it the status of fundamental right of citizens**.
  - A new **Article 43B** was added in the **Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV)** regarding the “**promotion of cooperative societies**”.

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