



Cooperative Societies in Rajasthan

Why in News?

The four-member Zambian delegation, during its visit to the **Jaipur Central Cooperative Bank** and other institutions, observed efforts to make various [cooperative schemes](#) accessible to the general public.

Key Points

- Under the [International Cooperative Year, 2025](#), delegations from various countries are visiting other countries and studying their cooperative systems.
- The **delegation** visited **Jaipur Central Cooperative Bank, Apex Bank, Bilwa Gram Seva Cooperative Society and Bad Ka Balaji Primary Milk Producers Cooperative Society** and understood the efforts made to make the **cooperative schemes**
- The delegation was informed about the effectiveness of **cooperative movement** and the **role of cooperative institutions** in the state.
- The **recovery campaign of outstanding loans** of the **non-agricultural sector** being run by the **Primary Cooperative Land Development Bank of Rajasthan** was also discussed.
- On this occasion, **representatives from Zambia** also shared information on their country's **cooperative policies and programmes**, which made possible the **exchange of experiences in the cooperative sector between the two countries**.

Co-operative Societies:

- **Introduction:**
 - [Co-operatives](#) are people-centred enterprises owned, controlled and operated by their members to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations.
 - Co-operatives unite people in a **democratic and equal manner**. Whether members are **customers, employees, users, or residents**, they operate under the **principle of democratic management**, following the '**one member, one vote**' rule.
 - Members have **equal voting rights** regardless of the **capital investment** made in the enterprise.
- **Indian Perspective:**
 - At present, with a network of over **8.5 lakh co-operative societies** covering **90%** of the villages in India, these are important institutions for **socio-economic development** with the aim of **inclusive growth** in both rural and urban areas.
- **Constitutional Provisions:**
 - Cooperative societies were given constitutional status by the [97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011](#).