



**VAIKUNTH MEHTA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA**



**International Programme on  
“Governance and Management of Cooperatives- Indian Experiences”  
4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
(VAMNICOM-AARDO)  
At VAMNICOM Pune**

**Programme Report**

Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM) organized an International Training Programme on “Governance and Management of Cooperatives – Indian Experiences” from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 sponsored by African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi. The programme was conducted at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), Pune.

**Schedule of the Programme**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Faculty</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2023 (Sunday)	<b>Arrival of the participants at VAMNICOM &amp; Stay at VAMNICOM Campus</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (Monday) Day 1	9.00 AM – 9.30 AM	Registration & Climate Setting	Dr. D. Ravi Programme Director & Programme Team
	9.30 AM – 10.00 AM	Interaction and Inauguration	H.E Dr Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General, AARDO, New Delhi and Dr. Hema Yadav Director, VAMNICOM
	10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	Group Photo & Tea	
	11.00 AM – 12.00 PM	<b>Cooperative Principles &amp; Governance</b>	<b>Dr. D. Ravi, Faculty, VAMNICOM</b>
	12.00 PM -1.00 PM	Experiences of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in cooperatives and producer organizations	Resource person from FAO
	1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	
	2.00 PM – 3.00 PM	Status of Indian Cooperative Movement	Resource person from NCUI
	3.00 PM- 3.15 PM	Tea Break	
	3.15 PM – 4.15 PM	<b>Experiences of the Global Alliance in cooperatives</b>	<b>Resource person from ICA</b>
	4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	<b>Experience of Mulkanoor Cooperative Rural and Credit Society Ltd.</b>	<b>Resource person from Mulkanoor</b>
5.30 PM – 6.30 PM	Agri input cooperative - Visit to IFFCO State Marketing Office, Pune (4.00 PM)		
5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (Tuesday) Day 2	9.30 AM – 9.45 AM	Recap	
	9.45 AM – 11.15 AM	<b>Cooperative Ecosystem</b>	<b>Shri. S. B. Patil (Retd.) Addl. Comm.&amp; Jt.Secy.Cooperation C.M. &amp; T.Deptt., GoM, Mantralaya, Mumbai.</b>
	11.15 AM- 11.30 AM	Tea Break	
	11.30 AM- 1.00 PM	Urban Cooperative - Visit to Cosmos Bank (11.45 AM)	
	1.00 PM- 2.00 PM	Lunch at VAMNICOM	
	2.00 PM – 3.30 PM	Rural Credit Cooperative – Visit to Pune District Credit Cooperative	

		Bank (PDCC) (2.30 PM)	
	4.00 PM – 5.00 PM	Urban Credit Cooperative – Visit to Yogiraj Nagari Sahakari Patanastha, Baner, Pune (4.30 PM)	
<b>Stay at VAMNICOM Campus</b>			

A total of 12 participants from 12 countries such as Bangladesh, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, ICA-AP, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman & Zambia had been nominated by AARDO for this programme.

AARDO is an autonomous inter-governmental organization comprising country governments of Africa and Asia. The organization was set up with a view to promote coordinated efforts, exchange of experiences and cooperative action for furthering the objectives of development of the rural areas.

His Excellency Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General, AARDO inaugurated the programme in presence of Dr. Tarun Agarwal, Director, National Insurance Academy, Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAMNICOM & CICTAB, Shri. R. K. Menon, Registrar, VAMNICOM, Dr. D. Ravi, Programme Director, Faculty Members and Students at VAMNICOM, Pune on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.



The programme aimed to acquaint the participants with the good practices and Indian experiences of governance in cooperative and rural financing institutions. This ten days training programme was specially designed to sensitize participants to understand the organizational structure and the governance and management aspects of cooperatives.

The objective of the programme was to apprise the participants the value, principles and the mission of credit cooperatives and to equip the participants to develop skill on preparing strategy, decision making, conducting board meeting and relevant management tools and techniques for the effective management of organization.

A pool of experts from International Cooperative Alliance(ICA-AP), Mulkanoor Cooperative Rural and Credit Society Ltd, Shivaji University, Kolhapur and Looms of Ladakh interacted with the Participants and shared their valuable insights.

Mr. Korbinian März,Coordinator, Secretariat General of the International Raiffeisen Union, Bonn, Germany interacted with the participants during the programme. Dr. C. S. Reddy, Founder & CEO, APMAS and Mrs. Ramalakshmi, Consultant APAMAS shared their experiences with the participants.

The Study visits were arranged to cooperatives nearby Pune & Kolhapur to understand the governance and management structure. The participants visited Urban Cooperative Bank (UCBs); District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB); Sugar Cooperatives, Cooperative Consumer Store & Multi Purpose PACS in Kolhapur; Agri Processing Cooperative in Islampur; Dairy cooperative in Rajgurunagar; FPO & Agro-Processing Cooperative in Nashik. The visits were made to give all the participants knowledge of governance and management of cooperatives.

**Dr. D. Ravi, Faculty, VAMNICOM, Cooperative Principles & Governance**



**Mr. Mohit Dave, Head (Partnerships & Resource Mobilisation), ICA, Experiences of the Global Alliance in cooperatives**



**Shri. S. B. Patil, (Retd.) Addl. Comm.& Jt.Secy.Cooperation C.M. & T.Deptt., GoM, Mantralaya, Mumbai**  
**Cooperative Ecosystem**



**Mr. A . Praveen Reddy, Chairman, Mulkanoor Cooperative Rural and Credit Society Ltd., Experience of**  
**Mulkanoor Cooperative Rural and Credit Society Ltd.**



**Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAMNICOM**



**Mr. Korbinian März, Coordinator, Secretariat General of the International Raiffeisen Union, Bonn, Germany**  
**Experience of Secretariat General of the International Raiffeisen Union on cooperative development**



**Dr. C. S. Reddy, Founder & CEO, APMAS**  
**and Mrs. Ramalakshmi, Consultant,**  
**APMAS**

## Study Visits

### Visit to Agri input cooperative - IFFCO State Marketing Office, Pune



### Visit to Maharashtra Cooperative Development Corporation Limited, Pune



**Visit to Pune District Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., Pune**



**Visit to Yogiraj Nagari Sahakari Patsanstha Ltd., Baner, Pune (Credit Cooperative)**



**Visit to Yashwantrao Chavan School of Rural Development, Shivaji University, Kolhapur**



**Visit to Shree Datta Shetkari Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd**





**Visit to Warana Bazar – Consumer Cooperative**



**Visit to Sri Ram Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society**



**Visit to Rajarambapu Patil Sangh Ltd, Islampur- Sugar Factory & Dairy**



**Visit to Cosmos Bank**



**Visit to Amul Satellite Dairy, Village-Chandoli, Ragurunagar, Pune**



**Visit to Sahyadri Farms (FPO), Nashik**



**Visit to Venkateshwara Cooperative Power and Agro Processing limited, Malegoan, Nashik**

