

Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune

Scaling Up Programme Report

Programme Title	Awareness Program as a Part of Scaling Up Activities at Mirajgaon, Dist. Ahmednagar.
Programme Date & Duration	10 th January, 2024
Mode of Programme	Offline
No. of Participants	70
States Covered in Programme	Maharashtra
Need and Importance of Programme (2-3 Lines)	<p>The Programme provided a platform to spread awareness about initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation and its importance for the individuals associated with the cooperatives.</p> <p>The sessions included-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview of Initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation2. Overview of Warehousing Concept and Prospects3. Factors Affecting Grain Quality in Storage and Principles of Scientific Storage4. MSWC Role in Scientific Storage of Agricultural Commodities5. World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme through Cooperatives
Session Details (Inclusive of No. of Session with 7-8 lines Brief About Each)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Sonal Kadam, Research Officer, VAMNICOM, Pune briefed about the programme and its purpose to participants. She also gave overview of initiatives taken by Ministry of Cooperation to strengthen the PACS.2. There is a proper system in place to ensure procurement of good quality foodgrains, its safe storage, transportation and distribution which contributes in preventing wastage of foodgrains across supply chain. Pertaining to this topic, Shri. Kiran Patil, Founder of Sarvodaya Producer Company talked about the importance of warehousing/ scientific storage/ cold storage for food security, concept of e-NERL etc.3. Shri. Dhanesh Wagh shared his experience with the participants with respect to maintaining grain quality in storage

	<p>and scientific storage. He explained to the participants about the complex ecosystem of grain storage, importance of cleaning, sampling and proper evaluation of the quality status of food grains just after harvesting, drying of grains before storage, FIFO etc.</p> <p>4. Shri. Parshuram R. Jadhav, Storage Superintendent talked about crucial role played by Maharashtra State Warehousing Corporation (MSWC) in providing economical services to the farmers, cooperative societies, and other institutions for storage of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements and notified commodities, promoting farmers to avail the facilities of scientific storage etc. Moreover, he talked about the procedure to get the loan of 70% value of the stock stored in MSWC godowns by pledging the Warehouse Receipts in the Bank.</p> <p>5. Shri. Shivaji Walke, Research Officer, VAMNICOM focused on the scheme- ‘World’s Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector’ which was launched by Govt. of India in order to address the shortage of food grain storage capacity in the country. He explained in his session about this project of setting up decentralised godowns, custom hiring centres, processing units, Fair Price Shops etc. wherein the focus is on strengthening the PACS across the country by diversifying their business activities and equip them for additional income sources.</p>
Suggestion and Feedback	Response from the participants was positive and they shown enthusiasm by asking doubts in each session. They were actively listening about the information related to initiatives of Ministry of Cooperation. The training programme was interactive.
Photo of each session speaker name	

