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Cooperative Week Concludes in North Garo Hills

Resubelpara, July 6, 2026: The week-long celebration of Cooperative Week culminated on Monday at the Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society Hall in North Garo Hills. The programme was organised by the Office of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (ARCS), East Garo Hills, under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All."



The celebration, held from June 29 to July 6, commemorated the fifth Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. Organised as a nationwide mission campaign, the initiative aims to take the Ministry's achievements, initiatives, and vision to people across the country while promoting the cooperative movement.



Chief Guest, Shri Donald Sangma, District Development Manager, NABARD, spoke on the role of NABARD in strengthening the cooperative sector through financial assistance to State Cooperative Banks, Rural Cooperative Banks, self-help groups, and cooperative societies. He informed that India has over 8.5 lakh registered cooperative societies and stressed the importance of effectively implementing cooperative initiatives to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat.

He also highlighted the introduction of the new Model Bye-laws for the formation of Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (MPACS) and informed that Multipurpose Dairy Cooperative Societies and Multipurpose Fisheries Cooperative Societies would soon become operational in North Garo Hills. He also encouraged members of the registered cooperative societies to actively strengthen and expand their societies



Welcoming the gathering, Smt. R.M. Mawlong, Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, East Garo Hills, highlighted the various activities conducted throughout the week across East and North Garo Hills. These included programmes on cooperative transformation, digital cooperatives, financial literacy, farmer welfare, dairy and fishery cooperatives, grain storage, technology-enabled services, cooperative dialogues, public awareness, green growth, youth and women participation, and the dissemination of cooperative success stories.

Shri J.N. Sangma, Senior Registrar of Cooperative Societies, East Garo Hills, highlighted the significance of the Cooperative Department and the observance of Cooperative Week. He called for greater public participation and unity in promoting registered cooperative societies and elaborated on the importance of maintaining proper records, books of accounts, financial statements, statutory audits, and other essential governance practices for the effective functioning of cooperatives.

Branch Manager of the Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank (MCAB), Mendipathar Branch, Shri B.Ch. Momin, briefed participants on the bank's initiatives, including the implementation of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) programme, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) services, and financial support for storage infrastructure, while reaffirming the bank's commitment to strengthening cooperative institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Chingme Momin, District Programme Manager, Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA), North Garo Hills, congratulated the Cooperative Department on the successful observance of the fifth Foundation Day celebrations. She appreciated the Government's efforts to promote cooperative societies and encouraged members to work together in strengthening their respective organisations.



Sister Rose Kayathinkara, Founder of the Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society, shared the society's transformative journey and highlighted its various livelihood and community development initiatives.

Among others who addressed the gathering were Shri T.G. Momin, Senior Cooperative Officer, Williamnagar, and Shri J.T.R. Sangma, Junior Cooperative Officer.