



Developmental Groups in India

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Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

- ↳ Self-governed peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds and interests
 - Members allowed: 5-20 | Registration not required
 - SHGs use savings amounts for giving loans to members
- ↳ **NABARD's SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (1992)** - To connect SHGs with formal banking institutions
- ↳ ~88% of SHGs in India have all-women members
- ↳ **Success Stories:**
 - Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) since 1972
 - Kudumbashree (1998) in Kerala

Cooperative Societies

- ↳ **People-centred** enterprises, owned, controlled, and run by and for their members.
 - Capital raised through shared contributions from members.
- ↳ **Regulating Acts:**
 - Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002
 - State Cooperative Societies Acts
- ↳ **97th Constitutional Amendment (2011):**
 - Right to form cooperatives - a fundamental right (Article 19(1)(c))
 - Article 43B (DPSP) - Promotion of Cooperatives
 - Part IX-B titled "The Co-operative Societies" (Articles 243-ZH to 243-ZT).
- ↳ **Examples:** AMUL, IFFCO and PACS

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

- ↳ Pursue activities to relieve suffering, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development
- ↳ **Registered as:**
 - **Societies:** Societies Registration Act, 1860
 - **Trusts:** Indian Trusts Act, 1882
 - **Companies:** Section 8 Companies Act, 2013
- ↳ **Constitutional Provisions:**
 - **Article 19(1)(c)**
 - **Article 43**
 - **Concurrent List mentions** Charities and charitable institutions
- ↳ **FCRA mandates registration for all NGOs intending to receive foreign donations.**
- ↳ **Prominent NGOs:**
 - **NGO Pratham:** Pioneered the **ASER report** to assess the learning levels of children in rural India.
 - **Akshaya Patra Foundation:** Provided nutritious mid-day meals to school children.
- ↳ **NGO-DARPAN Platform - An interface between NGOs and Government Bodies.**



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Read More: [SBI's Study on Empowering Women Through SHGs](#), [Cancellation of FCRA Registration of NGOs](#), [India's Cooperative Sector](#).

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