



India International Cooperatives Trade Fair

First ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) to be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

- IICTF is a unique initiative for taking **farmers, artisans** & other members of **cooperatives** directly to the global trade platform.
- Trade Fair is being conducted by [National Cooperative Development Corporation \(NCDC\)](#) with the support of **Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives (NEDAC)**, Ministries, State Governments and several apex level Indian cooperative organizations.
- Focus sectors of India International Cooperatives Trade Fair are:
 - **Textile:** ginning spinning, power loom, textile processing.
 - **Agribusiness and food processing:** cold chain, packaging, climate-smart agriculture.
 - **Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)**, Health and hospitality
 - **Trade and marketing:** agriculture produce marketing, transport and marketing infrastructure.
 - **Credit service and finance:** insurance, cooperative banking.

Significance

- The Cooperative sector has a big role to play in **doubling agriculture exports** (from present US \$ 30 billion to US\$ 60 billion) by **2022** as envisaged in the [Agriculture Export Policy 2018](#).
 - 94% of the Indian farmers are members of at least one cooperative institution.
- IICTF would be a major platform to promote exports by cooperatives with direct benefits to their members who are mainly farmers, artisans, women, SC /ST etc.
- Promotion of exports of **key commodities**/value chain products that have **high potential**, and are backed by specific promotional initiatives (including the involvement of stakeholder entities) would definitely actualize the target of [Doubling the Farmers Income](#) and will achieve the goals set under the Agri-Exports Policy 2018.

NEDAC

- The Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in **Asia and the Pacific** is a unique regional forum linking **21** apex cooperative organizations in 12 countries.
- It was set up in **1991** by the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization** (FAO)'s Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the **International Cooperative Alliance** (ICA) and the **International Labour Organization** (ILO).
- The NEDAC member organizations in Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand represent **three million agricultural cooperatives** which play a crucial role in improving the livelihoods of 150 million rural households.
- NEDAC sensitizes governments in the region to the need for a key role for **agricultural cooperatives** in promoting agricultural and rural development to ensure **rural food and livelihood security** for hundreds of millions of people in Asia and the Pacific.

