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BANKERS INSTITUTE OF
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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

18 TOTAL PROGRAMMES

17 In-campus Programmes

01 On-line Programmes



KEY PROGRAMME THEMES

- one-day National Workshop on "Cyber Threat Intelligence" in collaboration with CERT-In
- Digital Marketing – Hands-on Training
- Investment and Treasury Management
- Operational Risk Management for Senior Officers
- Leadership Development Programme for Deputy Regional Managers of Uttar Pradesh Gramin Bank
- Gender Concerns and POSH Act
- Orientation Programme for Lead District Managers
- Emerging Technologies for Prevention and Management of Cyber Threats in RFI
- Microfinance Accelerator Programme (MAP) for Sa-Dhan

EMPOWERING TRAINERS, STRENGTHENING BOARDS: ADVANCING GOVERNANCE IN RURAL COOPERATIVE BANKS

BIRD Lucknow organized a five-day Faculty Development Programme on Governance of Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs) from 29 June to 03 July 2026 for faculty members of NABARD's Training Establishments, anchored by banking expert Dr. R. Bhaskaran, Retd., CGM, NABARD & Former CEO, IIBF.

The programme focused on strengthening board-level governance capabilities through sessions on governance frameworks, RBI regulations, risk management, credit governance, investments, treasury operations, ALM and compliance.

Interactive discussions, case studies and group presentations equipped participants with practical insights and pedagogical tools to design effective capacity-building programmes for Directors and senior management of RCBs.

During the valedictory session, Dr. Nirupam Mehrotra, Director, BIRD, emphasized the role of well-trained Boards in promoting transparency, informed decision-making and sustainable growth of cooperative banking institutions.



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BIRD–CERT-In Workshop on Cyber Threat Intelligence: Strengthening Cyber Resilience in Rural Financial Institutions

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

- BIRD Lucknow, in association with CERT-In, organized a one-day national workshop on “Cyber Threat Intelligence” aimed at promoting a proactive, intelligence-driven approach towards cybersecurity preparedness among financial institutions.
- The workshop witnessed participation from 57 officials representing 21 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and 20 State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) across the country, highlighting the sector’s commitment towards strengthening cyber resilience.
- The programme featured expert sessions by senior officials from CERT-In, CDAC Mohali and IIM Lucknow covering threat intelligence platforms, deployment techniques, emerging cyber threats, live demonstrations and LLM-based technologies.
- Dr. Sriram Appulingam, Joint Director, BIRD Lucknow, highlighted the evolving cyber threat landscape and the need for robust, proactive defence mechanisms to safeguard banking IT infrastructure.
- The workshop was coordinated by Shri Ravi Chandra Yadav, DGM/FM and Dr. Karunendra Verma, Subject Matter Specialist (IT), BIRD Lucknow, and marked an important step towards enhancing cyber security capabilities across NABARD-supervised entities.



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