



## **Training Programme for PACS Accelerator Programme (PAP) 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan**

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NABARD, under the Unnati Phase II initiative, has launched a pilot on PACS Accelerator Programme (PAP) to enable Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to diversify into multi-purpose activities and strengthen their role as the last-mile institutions driving rural development. The pilot program is being implemented across three states- Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana focusing on 30 PACS across six districts.

For effective implementation of this pilot, Institutional Development Department (IDD), HO, in collaboration with CPEC-BIRD, Lucknow, Conducted a training programme at Jodhpur, Rajasthan between 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The programme brought together participants, experts, and practitioners to explore innovative non-credit business avenues for PACS and strengthen their role as vibrant rural business hubs.

The training was jointly inaugurated by Shri. Subrat Kumar Nanda, CGM IDD, HO and Dr. Ravi Babu, CGM, Rajasthan RO, through online mode. In his inaugural address Shri. Nanda highlighted the significant progress of PACS Accelerator Programme, as part of initiative to strengthen the PACS ecosystem. He thanked all participants, DDM Jodhpur and CPEC-BIRD, Lucknow for organizing the programme. Dr. Ravi Babu, CGM, Rajasthan RO highlighted the importance of PACS Accelerator Programme for diversification of business. He also interacted with the participants and provided insights about improving the income through non-credit activities.

A total of 10 PACS from 3 district i.e. Karimnagar of Telangana and Jodhpur & Jaipur of Rajasthan along with respective DDMs/StCBs/DCCBs participated in the training programme.

The training contents included sessions by sector experts, field visits to ICAR-CAZRI Jodhpur, Bilara MPACS, Spices Board of India, Solar power plant, RSETI and Library for experiential learning and internalisation of learning through group presentations. Various success stories of PACS on non-credit activities were also presented with the participants by Shri. K. Balamurugan, DGM, IDD HO, along with key challenges faced by PACS in implementing non-credit initiatives and discussed potential solutions to address these issues.

Dr. Gyanendra Rout, Faculty Member and Dr. Udit Agarwal, SMS from BIRD Lucknow were the Programme Director.

Few photos of the training programme are appended below:



**Inaugural address by Shri. Subrat Kumar Nanda, CGM IDD, HO Dr. Ravi Babu, CGM, Rajasthan RO**



**Visit to Solar Power Plant**



**Demo of the working of Drone at ICAR - CAZRI**



**Visit to ICAR-CAZRI**



**Group Photograph**