

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar Distt–Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)

Three-Day Leadership Training Programme for Around 90 PACS Presidents/Office-Bearers of Kumaon Division Concludes at Pantnagar

Pantnagar, September 22, 2026. A three-day residential leadership training programme for around 90 Presidents and office-bearers of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) from six districts of Kumaon Division—Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Almora, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh and Champawat—concluded successfully at Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar, under the aegis of Sahakar Bharati, Uttarakhand was successfully completed.

The programme was virtually inaugurated on September 21 on the birth anniversary of revered Laxmanrao Inamdar (Vakil Saheb) by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami. Cooperation Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat also joined the inaugural programme virtually. RSS Uttarakhand Prant Karyavah Shri Dinesh Kumar Semwal, GBPUAT Vice-Chancellor Dr. Shivendra Kumar Kashyap, Sahakar Bharati National General Secretary Shri Deepak Chaurasia, Uttarakhand State President Dr. Vinod Kumar Gaud and Cooperation Secretary Dr. Ahmad Iqbal were physically present. The programme was successfully conducted by Sahakar Bharati Department Head Shri Prashant Anuj Kaushik. During the inaugural session, the Chief Minister virtually launched four new initiatives including the 'Sahakar Grantham' souvenir, 'Devbhoomi Sarathi' under which Sahakar Bharati will collaborate with Bharat Taxi, 'Cooperative Awareness Reels' for Youth along with the training programme. Cooperation Minister Shri Dhan Singh Rawat also conveyed his best wishes to Sahakar Bharati through virtual mode and added 'New National Cooperative Policy 2026' on this occasion.

In the concluding session, Hon'ble Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Uttarakhand, Shri Ganesh Joshi addressed the participants virtually and expressed hope that Sahakar Bharati would achieve its objectives through its programmes and extend their benefits to every section of society. Uttarakhand State Minister Dr. Bhuvan Vikram Dabral also addressed the participants.

During the training, participants were educated on seven important themes, including the New National Cooperative Policy 2026 and the role of PACS as multipurpose business centres; the three-tier cooperative system and the role of PACS at district, state and national levels; election and operational procedures in cooperative societies, with emphasis on transparent management; leadership development and the leadership capabilities of Presidents and Secretaries; new business opportunities in areas such as millets, apple-kiwi cultivation, seed production, FPOs and the ITBP dairy model; NABARD financial support and schemes for strengthening PACS; and career opportunities for youth in the cooperative sector. The youth career session was conducted by State President Dr. Vinod Kumar Gaud. All participants were presented with certificates and mementoes upon completion of the training.

Sahakar Bharati State President Dr. Vinod Kumar Gaud, officers and employees of the Cooperation Department and staff members of Pantnagar University were present on the occasion. The successful organisation of the programme was made possible through the special contribution of Programme Coordinator Shri Maniram Nautiyal, Shri Ravindra Kashyap, Shri Sudhir Kumar Joshi, Shri Rakesh Dangwal, Shri Harish Rawat, Shri Braj Mohan Madhwal, Shri Ravindra Dhabal, Shri Hari Saklani and other dedicated workers and from University Dr. Dinesh Kumar Singh, Incharge, Khanna Farm and officer from other section of the Pantnagar University.



