

Highlights of Performance of BIRD, Lucknow during 2017-18

A Conduct of Training Programmes

I Highlights

- Conducted 260 programmes (129 in-campus and 131 on-location) during 2017-18, far exceeding the target of 230.
- 6500 participants including 140 international participants attended the programmes. The average participation was about 25 per programme.
- The share of Cooperative Banks has increased from 24% in 2016-17 to 35% and of RRBs increased from 19% to 20%.
- Of the total 260 programmes, 86 were paid programmes (including 61 customized programmes under 33 titles including, inter-alia, Climate Change for Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officers, for Indian Economic Service (IES) Officer-Trainees, 05 ODIs in 03 states, Basic Accounting for Officers of SIDBI, Improving Operational Effectiveness of LDMs and Digital Banking for LDMs of Canara Bank).

II International Programmes:

- **Training-cum- exposure visit on Agribusiness, Agro-Processing & Agri-value chains in Malaysia (13-20 May 2017)** organised by BIRD in collaboration with INFRA, Malaysia and CIRDAP, Dhaka.
- **International Programs (2) on Basic Principles of Agricultural Lending organized by BIRD in Tanzania with Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank, Tanzania (12-24 June 2017)** for Tanzanian officers.
- **Training-cum-Exposure Visit to Netherlands on Hi-tech Agriculture, Floriculture, Agro-processing and Dairying (29 October to 5 November 2017)** – conducted by BIRD for officials from Banks, Departments, State Governments, etc.
- **Training-cum-Exposure Visits (2) to Israel on Hi-tech Agriculture, Agro-processing, Dairying & Water Resource Management (6-12th January 2018 & 20-26 January 2018)** - conducted by BIRD for officials from Banks, Departments, State Governments, etc.
- **Training-cum-Exposure visit to Thailand on Micro Finance and Micro Credit (02-10 September 2017)** - conducted by BIRD for officials from Banks, Departments, State Governments, etc.
- **International collaborative programme on “Skill Development of Trainers on SHGs & JLGs” (08 to 11 January 2018)** was conducted in collaboration with CICTAB, NABARD and APRACA for participants from 6 Afro-Asian countries.
- **Feed The Future – India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Programme (06-20 February 2018)** - organized by BIRD in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad for Executives from various 09 Asian and African countries.
- **International Programme on “Financing of Inclusive Agriculture and Rural Development” for ITEC member countries (12 February to 02 March 2018)** - conducted a 03 week programme in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) 34

participants from 16 ITEC member countries. The programme was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Baraka H Luvanda, the High Commissioner of Tanzania to India.

III Collaborative Programmes

- Programme on Rural Immersion: A new programme was designed and conducted in collaboration with Tata-Dhan Academy, Madurai wherein the participants were given field level rural exposure.
- Two Collaborative Training Programmes were conducted in collaboration with Asian Society of Entrepreneurship Education and Development- ASEED-IDMAT (AIDMAT) for the officers of RRBs on “Vigilance Administration and Disciplinary Action”

B. National Level Seminars/Workshops/Programmes

Best Practices under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) was organised by NABARD Head Office at BIRD), Lucknow on 24th February 2018. Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hon’ble Minister of State (MoS) for Finance, Government of India, inaugurated the seminar in the presence of, Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD, Shri H. R. Dave and Shri R. Amalorpavanathan, Deputy Managing Directors, NABARD and other Senior officials from Govt. of India and State Governments.

Best Practices in Short Term Credit Cooperative Structure was held during 5-6 January 2018 on various themes like loan and pricing mechanism, Recovery & NPA Management, CRAR improvement and share capital mobilization, ICT applications, Corporate Governance and PACS as MACS.

High-End Workshop on “Organization Effectiveness through Leveraging Technology” in RRBs was conducted from 15-16 May 2017 to discuss about the organizational effectiveness attained by RRBs in the post implementation scenario of ICT and CBS.

- C. **Short term Certification Course on Management of Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs) for CEOs** being conducted in an innovative manner through 7 partner agencies. 02 such programmes have been launched in Jaipur and Madurai.

D. Other Important Developments during the year

- **E-learning:** BIRD has launched five e-Learning Courses on Self Help Group (SHG), Joint Liability Group (JLG), Financial Literacy (FL), Producers’ Organization (PO) and Reading a Balance Sheet. Three more are in process – Basics of climate change, Emotional Intelligence and Appraisal of Agriculture Projects.
- **Mobile App:** Chairman launched Mobile App of BIRD on 21st March 2018. The App provides easy access to all the major functions like online nominations, access to e-learning, online payment, etc.
- **Papers/ Articles:** Faculty Members of BIRD have been associated with research activities and studies. 12 papers were prepared by them and some of these have already been published in leading journals or presented in National level seminars.
- **Working paper on Organizational Effectiveness through leveraging Technology in banks:** In the 31st working paper of BIRD, Lucknow published during the year, the IT initiatives, innovations and technological developments of 6 RRBs were documented.

- **Consultancy Assignments:** BIRD has taken up following consultancy assignments:
 - Setting up of IVCS in Meghalaya State
 - Roadmap for training strategy for PACS and Vyapar Mandal Officers in Bihar
 - Impact evaluation Study of 20 watersheds in Telangana State
 - Impact evaluation Study of 7 TDF projects in A.P. State
 - Mid-term Evaluation of FPOs for NABARD.
 - Manpower Planning Assessment –Raipur DCCB , Chattisgarh
- **Case Studies:** Following case studies were prepared during the year
 - Study on Share Capital Mobilisation by DCCBs in Kerala State
 - Study of FPOs in Maharashtra and Tamilnadu
 - Best practices on NPA Management in Satara DCCB
 - Manpower Planning Assessment for Raipur DCCB (Chhattisgarh)

E Activities of Centres at BIRD

a. Centre for Professional Excellence in Co-Operatives (C-PEC)

i. Membership of C-PEC increased to 7064 (31.03.2018) from 6657(31.03.2017).

ii. Accreditation: So far, C-PEC has accredited 43 Cooperative Training Institutions.

iii. Certification of Trainers/ Staff of CCS (Cooperative Credit Structure):

- **CTFC (Certified Trainer for Financial Cooperatives):** 9th batch of CTFC Course was successfully completed in 2017-18. A total of 08 candidates passed.
- **Certified Professionals in Cooperative Banking (CPCB) Level-I:** 03rd Batch of CBCB-Level-I course was launched in April 2017. A total of 69 candidates passed the examination in 2017-18 out of 206 appeared.
- **Certified Professionals in Cooperative Banking (CPCB) Level-II:** A total of 26 candidates passed the examination in 2017-18 out of 38 appeared.
- **CPS (Certified PACS Secretary):** 24 candidates passed the examination in 2017-18 out of 87 appeared under CPS course launched in 3 languages viz. Hindi, English and Telugu.

iv. 8th Annual Conference of Principals/Directors of Coop. Training Institutes was organized in Kerala on 23-24 February 2018 in collaboration with NCCT, New Delhi.

v. National Seminar of Best Practices in Short Terms Cooperative Credit Structure was held on 05th & 06th January 2018 at BIRD Lucknow. The seminar discussed best practices adopted by the Cooperatives in different critical operational areas.

vi. Certification Course on Corporate Governance for leaders (Board of Directors of Cooperatives): The working group met on 6 & 7 November 2017 at BIRD, Lucknow and finalized the course contents, modalities for conducting the examination etc.

vii. Study of Deposit taking PACS in Mizoram - C-PEC conducted a study of Deposit Taking PACS in Mizoram to prepare Manual for these PACS and to evolve a system of supervision of such deposit taking societies.

viii. Stakeholders Seminar: C-PEC along with NABARD ROs organized 6 “Seminar of Stakeholders- 2017-18” in the state of Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, West Bengal, Bihar and

Haryana to disseminate information on C-PEC's initiatives and to pursue the objective of excellence in Cooperatives.

F. Centre for Research on Financial Inclusion and Microfinance (CRFIM)

i) **Studies** - Two studies, as assigned by DFIBT and MCID, HO, one on "Study on Provision of CBS plus services in STCCS: Opportunities and Issues from Supply and Demand Sides" and "Study on NPA in SHGs" were conducted. A quick study on usage of KCC in Rampur DCCB was also taken up. With this, more than twenty two studies have been conducted till date. A study on Assessment of income of Farmers in Uttar Pradesh under Student Internship Scheme 2017 was also conducted.

ii) **Journal - THE MICROFINANCE REVIEW**

Two volumes of the Half-yearly Journal were brought out during the year. Online version of the Journal was also made available.

Seminars

A 'Chinthan Baithak' - brainstorming meet of Microfinance Professionals and practitioners was organized by CRFIM, BIRD on 22 September 2017. The meeting was attended by a large number of sector experts and professionals.

G. APRACA Centre of Excellence (ACE)

APRACA Centre of Excellence (ACE) was inaugurated on 08 Jan 2018 by Shri H.R. Dave, DMD, NABARD. Shri Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General, APRACA was also present on the occasion.

Under the aegis of ACE, a programme jointly sponsored by APRACA, CICTAB and NABARD was organized 8-11 January 2018.


