

Annual Report (1997)
CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATIVES & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CCRD)
Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie (INDIA)

The Centre for Co-operatives and Rural Development (CCRD) at the Academy is functioning since September 1995. The CCRD is engaged in conducting the research in co-operative sector, studying the difficulties faced by the rural poor in organising themselves into co-ops & the successful interventions by co-operatives and RD Institutions in the poverty reduction, developing case studies to impart training in the area of co-operatives and rural development to the officers of the IAS and other Class I services, organising In-service Training Programmes, and providing support to the National Society for the promotion of Development Administration, Research and Training (NSDART) and other research units of the Academy.

During the year (1997) following activities and programmes were conducted by the Centre:

PUBLICATIONS OF THE CENTRE

- **Study of Co-operative Legislation:** The Centre has prepared a comparative study of the Jammu and Kashmir Co-operative Societies Act with the 1991 (draft) Model Act prepared by the Planning Commission (GOI) and Andhra Pradesh Mutually Aided Co-operative Societies Act.

RESEARCH PAPERS

- 'Co-operatives and the Poor' by Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Deputy Director and Coordinator, CCRD.
- 'Co-operative Movement in India - A Recap' by Shri Pankaj Naithani, Research Associate, CCRD.
- 'Structured Co-operation System for Co-operatives' by Shri Pankaj Naithani, Research Associate, CCRD published in "Maharashtra Co-operative Quarterly", Oct. - Dec. 1997.
- 'Co-operative Movement in Maharashtra' by Shri D. Sreenivasa Reddy, Research Associate, CCRD

WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

- Training programme - '**Co-operative: Policy Environment and Management**' - Sponsored by DoPT, GOI, New Delhi (16-20 June 1997). This programme was specially designed by the Centre for the members of Indian Administrative Service, who had put in 10-30 years of service. The Inaugural Address was delivered by Shri L.C. Jain, former Member of Planning Commission, and the Valedictory Address by Shri G.K. Sharma, former Chief of ICA (ROAP). Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Deputy Director was the Course Coordinator, and Prof. H.C. Pokhriyal was the Associate Course Coordinator of the Programme.
- '**SAARC Consultation on Co-operative Policy**' - Supported by ILO - COOPNET/COOPREFORM Programme, National Cooperative Union of India and SAARC Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (28 Sep-1 Oct 1997). Dr. V. K. Agnihotri, Joint Director delivered the Welcome Address and Shri Ramakant Khalap, Union Minister of Law Address delivered the Valedictory Address. Representative(s) from SAARC countries, ILO CO-OPNET/COOPREFORM Programme, FAO, SAARC Secretariat (Nepal), International Co-operative Alliance, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, National Cooperative Union of India, Co-operative Development Foundation, NABARD, IFFCO, Academicians, Secretaries (Co-op), Registrar Co-operative Societies and officers from the Academy attended the Consultation. Interim Report of the Consultation may be obtain from the Centre on request.
- Policy Colloquia on '**Financial Disengagement of Government from Cooperatives**' - Supported by CDF, Hyderabad and Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, New Delhi (17-18 November, 1997). Mr. Ramakrishnayya, founder Chairman of NABARD, delivered the Inaugural Address. Representative(s) of ILO CO-OPNET/COOPREFORM Programme, International Co-operative Alliance, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, National Cooperative Union of India, Co-operative Development Foundation, MDs of Co-operative Federation(s), Commissioners / Secretaries (Co-op), Registrar Co-operative Societies and officers from the Academy attended the Policy Colloquia. Interim Report of the Consultation may be obtain from the Centre on request.

- Training programme - '**Development Administration: Emerging Issues**' - This one week Programme was conducted for Indian Forest Service officers at the request of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy at the LBS National Academy of Administration. The highlight of this programme was the visit of officers to different villages in Dehradun district and the preparation of reports on villages using PRA techniques. The Valedictory Address was given by Dr. Anil Berry, Chief, Watershed Development Programme, Dehradun. The course was inaugurated by Shri B.S. Baswan. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Deputy Director was the Course Coordinator, and Prof. H.C. Pokhriyal was the Associate Course Coordinator.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Shri Sanjeev Chopra delivered the Inaugural Address, 'Scaling New Heights: Milk Co-operatives in Uttarakhand Region' (19.03.1997) at ICM, Dehradun on the occasion of a Training Programme, which was attended by Chief Executive Officers of Milk Co-operatives and Dairy Development Officers of Uttarakhand Region.
- Shri Sanjeev Chopra also participated in the ICA's Regional Workshop on Co-operative Identity at Jaipur, The CDF Advocacy Workshop at Hyderabad and the CIP Workshop at IRMA, Anand.
- Shri Pankaj Naithani and Shri D. Sreenivasa Reddy, Research Associates of the Centre attended the 'One Week Refresher Course on Co-operatives' (April, 1997) at National Co-operative Development Corporation, New Delhi.
- Research Study on the '**Impact Analysis of IAY and MWS : A Case Study**' sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, GOI, New Delhi. This study, which was conducted in Tehri Garhwal, Dehradun and Faizabad districts of Uttar Pradesh, is basically focused on the possibilities of developing the dwelling unit models on the basis of the local needs and locally available resources/materials, and the revival of traditional systems of irrigation and drinking water. The study also analyses the impact of IAY and MWS on rural poor and under-employed/unemployed men, women and small & marginal farmers. Draft of the Study is under preparation.

- Centre's self funded project - '**Flayers**' (**Chamar**) **Co-operatives and Upliftment of Flayers : A Case Study of U.P.**' A Discussion Paper, 'The Foot That Lags Behind: A Study of Flayers Cooperatives in Sultanpur (U.P.)', prepared by Shri Sanjeev Chopra and Shri Pankaj Naithani was presented during the 'SAARC Consultation on Co-operative Policy'.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- One Week Training Programme on 'Management System for Rural Employment Programmes' sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, GOI, New Delhi (27 -31 January, 1998).
- CCRD-ILO-SAARC Consultation on Co-operatives (6-8 October, 1998).
- Three Days Seminar of CCRD-ILO-NCDC (April, 1998).
- One Week Training Course (each) on 'Co-ops: Policy Issues' and 'Co-ops and Rural Credit', sponsored by DoPT, GOI, New Delhi (June/July, 1998).
- Three Days Seminar of CCRD-CDF on 'Mutually Aided Co-operatives: Review of Progress' (May, 1998).
- Three Days Training Programme on 'CDFAs and Co-ops Policy' (Nov., 1998)
