Amit Shah releases Arunachal Pradesh's 'Cooperative Vision 2047'

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News

Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah released the 'Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Vision 2047' at a cooperative conference at the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar, on Sunday, 22 November 2026. The document is described as a long-term roadmap for the State's cooperative sector, focusing on rural livelihoods, agriculture, dairy, fisheries, women's entrepreneurship and financial inclusion. At the same event he launched four development initiatives worth about ₹5,610.95 crore: Mission Shikshit Arunachal Phase II (₹1,500 crore), the CM's Comprehensive State Power Development Programme and Rural Road Development Programme (₹2,000 crore each) and 199 Vibrant Villages Programme works (₹110.95 crore, in 11 border districts); Mission SURAKSHA was launched separately. He opened a SARAS Mela, remotely inaugurated a foodgrain warehouse at Raga LAMPS, and cooperation awards went to Namsai Dairy Cooperative Society, Lower Subansiri Fish Farmers Cooperative Society, Kemli LAMPS and Jang LAMPS. Shah said the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Amul would support milk procurement and a milk-processing plant would be set up in the State.

Key facts for the exam

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Document	Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Vision 2047
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Date, venue	22.11.2026; Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar
Focus	Rural livelihoods, farming, dairy, fisheries, women's enterprise
Projects	4 initiatives – ₹5,610.95 crore; Mission SURAKSHA launched
Co-op infrastructure	Foodgrain warehouse at Raga LAMPS
Best PACS/LAMPS award	Jang LAMPS
Dairy support	NDDB, Amul – milk procurement; processing plant

Background

- Union Ministry of Cooperation: carved out of the Agriculture Ministry in 2021 as a separate ministry, with Amit Shah as its first minister; its motto is 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' (prosperity through cooperation). LAMPS (Large Area Multipurpose Societies) are primary agricultural cooperatives working in tribal areas.
- Constitution: the 97th Amendment (2011) added the right to form cooperative societies to Article 19(1)(c), and inserted Article 43B (a Directive Principle) and Part IX-B. In 2021 the Supreme Court struck down the Part IX-B provisions on State cooperatives; those on multi-State cooperatives remain.
- National cooperatives: in 2023 three national societies were set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 – NCEL for exports, NCOL for organic produce and BBSSL for seeds. The 'world's largest grain storage plan in the cooperative sector', approved on 31 May 2023, builds godowns at selected Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).
- Global: the UN declared 2025 the International Year of Cooperatives (theme: 'Cooperatives Build a Better World'); 2012 was the first such year. It was officially launched at the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) Global Conference in New Delhi in November 2024.
- Geography: Arunachal Pradesh (formerly NEFA) became a Union Territory in 1972 and a State on 20 February 1987; its capital is Itanagar. It shares international borders with Bhutan, China and Myanmar. In this hilly State with scattered settlements, cooperatives are a key route to markets and credit. The Vibrant Villages Programme (Cabinet approval 15 Feb 2023; ₹4,800 crore) covers 46 border blocks in 19 districts of 4 States and 1 UT along the northern land border.

Tamil Nadu link: On 29 June 2026, Tamil Nadu Cooperation Minister V. Gandhiraj launched 'Cooperative Week-2026' (29 June – 6 July) at the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chetpet, Chennai, marking five years of the Union Ministry of Cooperation. India's first cooperative credit society after the 1904 Act was started at Tirur in Tiruvallur district (TN Cooperation Department Policy Note 2025–26); the country's first urban cooperative credit society was registered at Kanchipuram in the Madras Presidency in October 1904.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. The first phase of the Vibrant Villages Programme (Cabinet approval, February 2023) covers villages along India's northern land border with which country?

A) Pakistan

B) Bangladesh

C) Myanmar

D) China

Answer: D – Explanation: China – the northern land border: 46 border blocks in Arunachal, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal and Ladakh; ₹4,800 crore.

2. Among the national multi-State cooperatives set up in 2023, which one deals with quality seeds?

A) NCEL

B) NCOL

C) BBSSL

D) NAFED

Answer: C – Explanation: BBSSL – Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd. NCEL handles exports and NCOL organic produce; all three come under the MSCS Act, 2002.

3. Under the 'world's largest grain storage plan in the cooperative sector' (2023), godowns are built at which level?

A) District co-op banks

B) PACS

C) State co-op banks

D) FCI depots

Answer: B – Explanation: Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), by pooling existing schemes (approved 31.05.2023). Arunachal's Raga LAMPS warehouse comes under this.

4. The UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025 was officially launched in November 2024 at the ICA global conference in which city?

A) Geneva

B) New Delhi

C) Brussels

D) New York

Answer: B – Explanation: New Delhi – ICA Global Cooperative Conference (25–30 Nov 2024). Theme: 'Cooperatives Build a Better World'. The first such year was 2012.

5. India's cooperative credit movement, begun in Madras and elsewhere under the 1904 Cooperative Credit Societies Act, was modelled on which country?

A) Germany

B) England

C) France

D) Denmark

Answer: A – Explanation: Germany's cooperative credit movement. Sir Frederick Nicholson's study in the Madras Presidency paved the way; the first society began at Tirur.