

Harvesting Hope: Shivani PACS Leads the Way in Cooperative Excellence

Introduction :

Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies (PACS) stand as the cornerstone of India's agricultural landscape. Their pivotal role in supporting the agricultural sector through the provision of short-term and long-term credit to farmers makes them indispensable entities within the agricultural framework of the country. These societies function as fundamental and crucial units, directly contributing to the welfare and sustainability of Indian agriculture.

PACS operate as autonomous bodies, managed by individuals from local communities, positioning them as integral components deeply embedded within the grassroots of rural India. Oversight and monitoring of these societies fall under the purview of District Cooperative Banks, ensuring their adherence to operational guidelines while facilitating their efficient functioning.

The symbiotic relationship between PACS and District Cooperative Banks is marked by collaborative efforts aimed at advancing the interests of the farming community. District Cooperative Banks extend assistance and guidance to PACS, enabling them to better serve the needs of farmers. This cooperation between these entities is not only aimed at benefiting the agricultural community but also holds the potential to positively impact society at large.

The assistance rendered by District Cooperative Banks coupled with the autonomy of PACS underscores their collective mission to uplift farmers by providing essential financial support and guidance. Together, these cooperative entities play a vital role in bolstering the agricultural sector, thus contributing significantly to the overall socio-economic development of the nation.

Village profile .:

This village is a border village of Karnataka and Maharashtra state. Shivani PACS serves the villages of Badsangvi and Tamgyal in Bhalki taluka, Bidar district. The service area has a total population of about 16,000 with 1,577 farmer families.

Farmer Category	Number of Families
Big Farmers	737
Medium Farmers	385
Small Farmers	455

The total area of cultivated land is 4752 hectares out of which 438 acres are irrigated.

Sugarcane is the major cash crop grown in these villages with an annual yield of nearly 24,000 tons. Besides, sugarcane other crops grown are Tur, Soya, Black Gram and Green Gram.

Business Position

The Shivani PACS of Bhalki Taluka was established on 07 September 1956. At the time of formation, it began with 150 members, each contributing Rs. 10 as share capital. Over the decades, the society has grown steadily, both in membership and in financial strength.

As on 31 March 2023, Shivani PACS has 1,577 members, and the total share capital has increased to Rs. 83.18 lakh. The society has also built a strong base of deposits and advances. The total deposits stand at Rs. 4.85 crore across 1,451 accounts, while the loan outstanding is Rs. 10.92 crore across 1,616 accounts.

A significant portion of the loan portfolio is directed towards supporting agriculture and allied activities. The major categories of credit include:

- Kisan Credit Card (KCC) loans of Rs. 6.04 crore
- Medium-Term (MT) loans of Rs. 1.19 crore
- Self-Help Group (SHG) loans of Rs. 3.02 crore

The medium and long-term loans have been used for purposes such as the purchase of tractors, installation of pipeline motors, development of dairy activities, and horticulture. These investments have helped many farmers improve productivity and income levels.

One notable achievement is that the PACS financed 10 tractors in its service area, with 100% recovery of loan instalments from borrowers. This reflects the trust between the society and its members and the effective utilisation of loans.

Table: Key Business Figures of Shivani PACS (as on 31-03-2023)

Particulars	Amount	Accounts	Remarks
Share Capital	Rs. 83.18 lakh	1,577 members	Growth from Rs. 1,500 at inception
Deposits	Rs. 4.85 crore	1,451 accounts	Includes savings and fixed deposits
Loans Outstanding	Rs. 10.92 crore	1,616 accounts	Agriculture and allied sectors
– KCC Loans	Rs. 6.04 crore	–	Seasonal credit to farmers
– Medium-Term Loans	Rs. 1.19 crore	–	For tractors, pipeline motors, dairy, etc.
– SHG Loans	Rs. 3.02 crore	–	102 SHGs linked
Tractors Financed	10 units	–	100% repayment achieved

The last 3 years fig is as follows.

YEAR	DEPOSITS	ADVANCES	REcovery %	NET PROFIT	Audit Ratings
2020 -21	515.27	963.67	91 %	35.03 Lakhs	A
2021-22	456.17	1065.73	94 %	33.89 Lakhs	A
2022-23	485.07	1092.27	95 %	17.95 Lakhs	A

AUDIT RATING FOR ALL THE THREE YEARS - A GRADE

Infrastructure :

The Shivani PACS has its own building comprising of neat and well-furnished office with running counter, a spacious godown and a Board room with comfortable chairs.

Earlier PACS functioning from a single rented room, Shivani PACS now has its own well-maintained building on a 100 x 100 sq. ft. plot. The premises include:

- Spacious office with customer counters
- Large godown for fertilizers and pesticides
- Board room for meetings
- Clean surroundings with greenery and drinking water facilities

The premise is well maintained. It is neat and clean inside and outside. The front entrance has a good look with plants are planted on both the sides of premises. The total area is 100 x 100 sq feet with solid building. The big godown inside is very well maintained to keep fertilizers and pesticides during seasons. The spacious office room with cash counter and running counter gives attractive look for customers. The running counter with chairs is very much comfortable for staff and for customers from business point of view. The space in front of counter can accommodate 15 to 20 customers at one time.

The pure drinking water facility is provided in the premises for the thirsty customers.

The premises were maintained dirt free and neat by keeping cleanliness in the office, Board room as well as floor.

Business offered:

The following new business and services are offered for the benefit of its members

- a. **Sale of Fertilizer** --Fertilizer selling service is offered by Shivani PACS to their members regularly. The members demand was met in time by supplying sufficient amount of fertilizers at their door step. Being faraway from taluka place (20 km), this facility save the time and energy of its member. By doing this business the society earn around Rs 45000 in a year.
- b. **Purchase of Soya and Green gram under support price.** The PACS has offered the facility of purchase of Soya and green gram from their members directly under Governments support price System (MSP) is being paid to them. The tie up is made with the concerned agency for commission. This has been appreciated by the member community and the public at large. Current year PACS has earned a net income of Rs 34500-00 from this business.
- c. **Commission Services** : The PACS has a practice of generating income from commission by enrolling the members under crop insurance PMFBY.

- d. **SHG promotion & Linkage** : The PACS has also played major role in alleviating poverty among women by formation and financing as SHG. Total 102 SHG, s are linked to the PACS with total outstanding of loan 3.02 crores.
- e. **Enrolling Members to Social Security Schemes** : Insurance The PACS has also taken health care of its members by enrolling more than 175 families under Yashaswini health insurance scheme of Govt of Karnataka. More than 475 members are also enrolled for Pradan mantra suraksha Bhima yogana and 110 members in Pradan Mantri Jeevan Jyothi yojana.

Community services:

PACS are not established only with the objective of earning profits or distributing dividends among their members. Their primary purpose is to serve the farming community by understanding and addressing their financial and developmental needs. As cooperative institutions, they are guided by principles that go beyond business, focusing on welfare and service. The 7th principle of cooperatives, "**Concern for Community**," clearly emphasizes the responsibility of cooperatives to contribute towards the overall development of society. In this spirit, PACS play a dual role—providing credit and services to farmers while also engaging in activities that improve education, health, environment, and livelihood opportunities in their villages.

Planting Trees :

To keep the environment clean and green, the staff of Shivani PACS have planted trees around their premises. Every year, on the occasion of Independence Day (15th August), they also organize tree plantation drives in nearby villages. This practice not only improves the greenery and air quality but also creates awareness among the community about the importance of protecting nature.

Distribution of note books to students:

Every year, on the occasion of Independence Day, Shivani PACS distributes notebooks and pens to the poor students of the local primary school. This small initiative encourages education among children and supports families who cannot afford basic learning materials. It also highlights the name of the PACS and create an image in society.

Future plans –

Construction of office room and godown at Ambesangvi . At present for the benefit of Ambesangvi members a one room office is maintained with one staff. The PACS has a plan to construct one office with godown with help of NABARD . The total cost estimated is Rs 21.90 lacks with NABARD assistance of Rs 16.00 lacks.

In conclusion, the success of Shivani PACS reflects the true spirit of the cooperative movement—working for the welfare of farmers while strengthening the rural economy. Over the years, it has expanded its services from providing credit to supporting agriculture, promoting self-help groups, ensuring social security, and contributing to community development. With strong financial performance, transparent operations, and commitment to its members, Shivani PACS has emerged as a reliable institution in Bhalki Taluka. Its continued focus on both economic growth and social responsibility ensures that it remains not just a financial support system, but also a partner in the overall progress of the farming community.

Empowering Rural Lives through Credit From Tractors to Self-Help Groups

Credit facility for tractor

Sri Ashok S/O Kashinath has availed a Mahindra Tractor loan from PKPS Shivani in the year 2021 (26-03-2021). The loan amount was Rs 790000/-. The prospective farmer has a own land of 14 Acres where ploughing and other works are done through this tractor. Besides above the other farmers land also been cultivated through this tractor. The timely repayment is made to the loan account and after deducting all expenses Sri Ashok earns Rs 100000 – 00 every year from this Tractor. He has expressed his gratitude to DCC Bank and PACS of Shivani for sanction of Tractor loan. More over other farmers also expressed their views and appreciated the PACS for sanction of loan to local farmer, where by ploughing of their land and transportation with lesser cost is beneficial to them. This hiring and easy transportation of local tractor save time and money of Shivani farmers.

Credit facility for self help group

Shri Siddeswar Self help group started in the year 11-06-2015 with a total women member of 10 in shivani . The group started savings Rs 50 per week and opened a savings bank account with Shivani PACS. The group members are belongs to agriculture labourers, holding small unit of farm lands in their families. The PACS provided them with hand holding services like SHG Formation Bank Linkage and utilization of loan, Leadership development Training etc.. The group activities are monitored by PACS of Shivani. The group is following PANCHASUTRA guided principles in running their SHG and following all the norms of an SHG.

After formation and functioning of the group for 6 months PACS has has given them a loan of Rs 100000/- which is used by only 5 members of the group by getting Rs 20000/ used to purchase of a buffalo. Within two years they repaid the loan and availed fresh loan of Rs 5 lakh. This also repaid promptly and now the group has availed Rs 100000-00 loan (25-03-23) from PACS. From this loan 5 members again purchased buffalos to scale the dairy activity. The KMF of Karnataka has its milk collection cooperative which purchases the milk with good price. 2 members started tailoring and readymade garment shops by utilizing the loan. The other 3 are used the loan for their goat rearing and agriculture activity. There is regular repayment is being made by the members.

The Shivani PACS helped the SHG members to increase their income and made them to lead respected and meaningful life. The SHG members have expressed their happiness towards DCC Bank and Shivani PACS for extending the credit facility.

Weaving Prosperity: The Success Story of Bomagondeswar SHG, Shivani

The Bomagondeswar Self Help Group (SHG) of Shivani has set an inspiring example of how collective effort, timely credit, and proper training can transform rural livelihoods. Formed by a group of 15 determined women artisans belongs to Kuruba a sheep rearing community, the SHG ventured into the traditional craft of **handwoven sheep wool blankets (locally known as *Kambali*)**, blending age-old skills with modern entrepreneurial spirit. The SHG was formed by the PACS 5 years ago has been availing loans from PACS and repaying them promptly for 3 consecutive cycle. During the fourth loan cycle the intervention of NABARD Training through SAHARDA became the turning point of their traditional production skills. The enhanced production skills, business management abilities, the marketing techniques enabled them to achieve economic independence along with the benefit of preserving the traditional craft for future generation.

The venture started With financial support from **PACS Shivani**, the group availed a **loan of ₹ 5 lakh**, which became the turning point in their journey toward self-reliance. The members utilized the loan judiciously to purchase raw wool, spinning tools, and looms, and to set up a small production unit within the village. Through dedication and teamwork, they began producing high-quality woollen blankets known for their durability, warmth, and traditional design.

The SHG members also underwent **skill and enterprise training under NABARD's Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP)**, conducted by SAHARDA. This exposure helped them improve product quality, learn better marketing techniques, and manage their finances efficiently.

Today, the women of Bomagondeswar SHG proudly market their handmade *Kambalis* in nearby villages and weekly fairs, earning a steady income while ensuring timely repayment of their loan installments. Their initiative not only provides them with financial independence but also revives a traditional village craft that had been fading over time.

The success of Bomagondeswar SHG stands as a testament to the power of women's collectives, cooperative credit, and capacity building. With continued support from **PACS Shivani and NABARD**, these women are weaving not just blankets — but a brighter and more self-sustained future for themselves and their community.