

Greetings from NEAT Cell, AICTE, Ministry of Education!!

We are happy to inform you that the Ministry of Cooperation using AICTE Internship portal to engage 5000+ Students (6 Students per district) for a period of 2- 6 months for the following tasks: National Cooperative Database, Training Program, PACS Computerization and Model Bylaws

Ministry of Cooperation internships can be found here:

<https://internship.aicte-india.org/ibyministryofcoop.php>

Cooperatives in the country have a grass-root presence and are deeply rooted in regional specialized trade and are characterized by their democratic functioning. The Cooperative movement holds the key for scaling up of rural livelihood opportunities and catapulting rural economic growth. Cooperative details are currently contained in data silos at the district level, under the jurisdiction of Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies (DRCS). Aggregation of the status and health of cooperatives at a national level is not available owing to which the effectiveness of policy initiatives at the center are constrained.

The **National Cooperatives Data Repository Internship** opportunity offered by the Ministry of Cooperation and implemented via AICTE collaboration and technology support invites local students' participation in addressing this gap in identification of cooperatives across **all 766 districts** in the country and thereby providing the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of their district & the country.

The Internship is to be implemented in two phases; wherein **Phase 1** shall involve local student participation for collecting data pertaining to identification of basic details, kind of activities undertaken and geotagging of all cooperatives within a specific district. Subsequently, **Phase 2** of the Internship shall look to engage the participating students in an in-depth study of all active cooperatives within the district, in order to collect details with regards to their functioning including balance sheet and financials with

the ultimate aim of identifying potential improvement areas in the functioning of cooperatives in the country.

### **Basic Eligibility**

- Students from all academic disciplines may be eligible, although diploma, undergraduate or graduate interns from a social science (sociology/economics) or management background may be preferred
- Trainees should be residents of that area, which gives them knowledge of the area, knowledge of the local language and their transportation cost is also low.
- Good understanding of working with computer/mobile and basic knowledge of MS Office/Excel
- Be able to quickly adopt the prescribed data collection procedures, quality standards of data entry and functioning of cooperatives in the country
- Interns must be self-motivated and ready to commit to uncovering the potential of the cooperative movement

Therefore, It is requested to avail the benefit of this opportunities and share this information with your students and ask them to register on the portal and avail the benefits.

We hope that our internship portal, which is entirely free of cost, will be helpful to you in adapting to a transparent internship process and abundant access to real, credible and the most genuine opportunities.

For any clarifications, feel free to contact us.