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ABOUT ACSTI



Established

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Coop. Bank Ltd., has sponsored the Agricultural Coop. Staff Training Institute (ACSTI) primarily for imparting training to the personnel working in primary agricultural coop. Societies (PACS) in Tamil Nadu. The National Coop. Development Corporation (NCDC), as part of its overall objective of integrated development of cooperatives, had extended financial assistance under World Bank project III for acquiring land and building to establish the training Institute. The ACSTI was established on 15.11.1989 at Adyar in a rented building and it had started extending training facilities to the personnel working in PACS.

NABARD Assistance

As a part of its institutional development program, NABARD has been providing financial and technical assistance to ACSTI. Active participation from NABARD in matters of training in the form of financial assistance and technical support has enabled ACSTI's effective functioning.

ACSTI

15 November, 1989

NCDC Grant

With the NCDC grant of Rs.1.10 crore extended for infrastructural development, Apex Bank – The Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-op Bank Ltd., (TNSC Bank) – from its General funds had spent its share of Rs.1.25 crore and constructed the Training Institute at a total cost of Rs.2.35 crore at Madhavarm Milk Colony in 4.83 acres of land. ACSTI moved to its own premises on 18.11.1992 with all infrastructural facilities and became a full-fledged training centre.

Our affiliates

Although ACSTI had been started with the objective of training the personnel of PACS, the Institute in due course broadened its objectives and started imparting training to the personnel working in co-op. Banks, viz., CUBs, CCBs, and SCBs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Classrooms

There are four classrooms available for the course presentations. The most modern furnishings and air conditioning are in every classroom. A 75-inch QLED television was placed as part of the digitalization push for enhanced audio and video presentation. These classroom televisions are linked to a Polycom video conference system for video calls, creating a conducive environment for both the participants and the faculty members.



Library

The library serves as a vital resource for participants and is a doorway to knowledge. The trainees can definitely get new ideas from the resources at their disposal. There are around 4000 books in our library covering wide range of subjects. As a part of the training curriculum for accessing the library, we are offering a separate session in the programme schedule.



Auditorium

An auditorium within the campus is a state-of-the-art facility built with excellent acoustic facilities and audio control room and having a seating capacity of above 250 participants.



Hostel

Since the programmes are residential in nature, ACSTI offers hostel services to trainees for their stay. ACSTI hostel has 50 rooms with a sophisticated canteen as well as a recreation room. A house away from home. It ensures that the participants live in a safe and healthy environment.



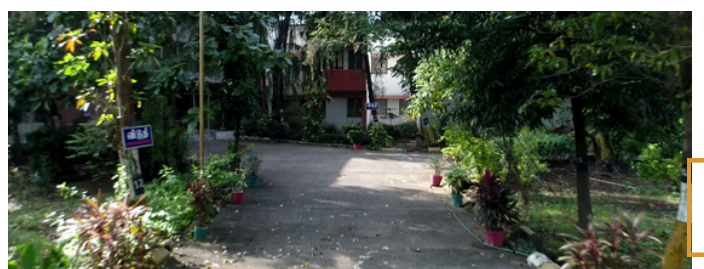
Canteen

The Institute provides canteen facility in the hostel Campus. ACSTI has engaged M/s Lakshmi catering services for catering needs who also provides catering services to prestigious establishments such as NIT Trichy, Airport Authority, State Bank of India, and others. We offer vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals, as well as breakfast, snacks, and dinner to participants.

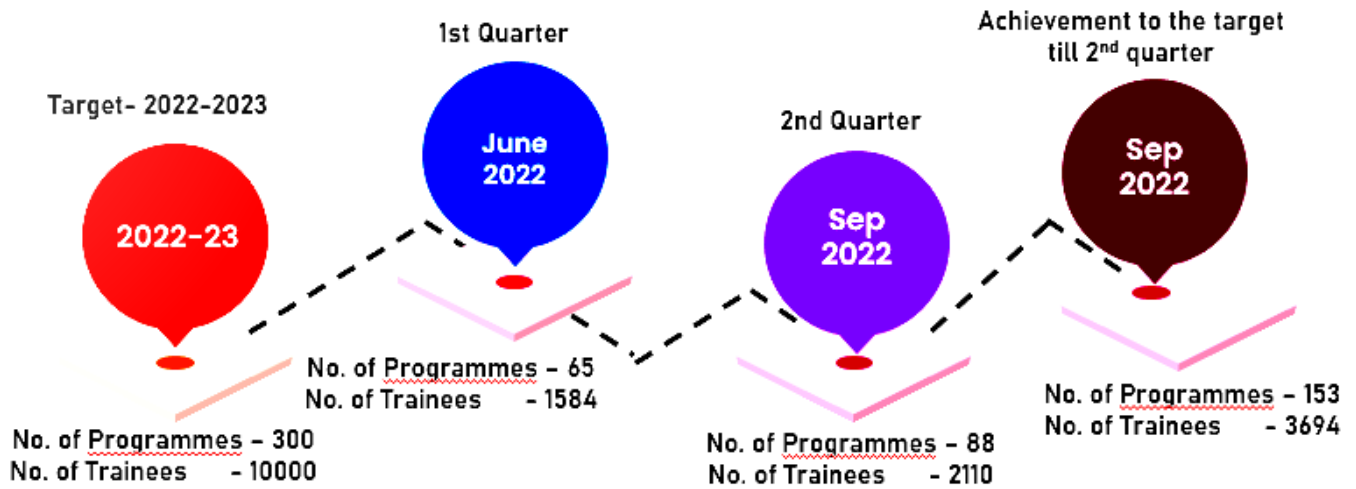


Campus

Global environmental issues that threaten life on Earth include global warming, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution in the ocean. Already, these challenges have a negative impact on agriculture due to the loss of pollinating bees, water safety due to droughts, and human health due to microplastics in food. We played an important role in developing the ACSTI campus with the go green concept as an institution. The entire campus is surrounded by trees and plants, providing participants with a beautiful natural environment.



Institute Journey 2022-2023



Calender schedule

The syllabus committee, which met in March 2022, finalized the programme calendar for the academic year 2022-2023. NABARD has given us permission to conduct 300 programmes. Therefore, the ACSTI was given a target of 300 programmes covering 10,000 trainees for the year 2022- 2023. On comparison to the target for the quarter that ended in September 2022, ACSTI has succeeded in finishing 153 programmes more than the proportionate target for the quarter that ended in September 2022, which involved 3694 trainees.

PACCS	-	95	Programmes
SCB /DCCBs	-	38	Programmes
Special Programme	-	10	Programmes
Onsite	-	9	Programmes

Regionwise participation statistics - PACS :

Top 5 Regions :

S.no.	Region	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	TOTAL
1	Dharmapuri	20	16	17	5	19	36	113
2	Kanchi	16	19	19	18	18	23	113
3	Virudunagar	10	21	18	26	15	18	108
4	Vellore	7	19	18	20	28	12	104
5	Cuddalore	19	17	15	10	16	21	98

Bottom 5 Regions :

S.no	Region	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	TOTAL
1	Tiruppur	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
2	Thanjavur	5	7	7	5	4	0	28
3	Nagapatinam	8	8	2	7	5	4	34
4	Kanyakumari	5	7	10	0	9	4	35
5	Thiruvarur	6	10	9	6	6	1	38

Diploma in Cooperative Management



Inauguration of DCM & ACSTI website

During the accreditation process in 2020, NABARD has suggested that ACSTI may look into the possibility of introducing a Diploma in Cooperative Management (DCM). In response to the suggestion, our Managing Director directed ACSTI to investigate the feasibility of introducing Diploma in Cooperative Management. We investigated all options and partnered with the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Union, the pioneer in conducting the Diploma in Cooperative Management course throughout Tamil Nadu. Our institute, ACSTI, began the course by initiating and completing the entire process within a week.

Fifty students were admitted into the Diploma in Cooperative Management programme.. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies Thiru A. Shanmugasundaram I.A.S. inaugurated the DCM course on 22.09.2022. Thiru M. Antonysamy John Peter, Managing Director of our TNSC Bank, presided over the event. Thiru M. Kulandaivelu, General Manager of our Bank, greeted the dignitaries.

There has long been a need for ACSTI to have a website. Finally, a dedicated website with the URL <https://acstitnsc.in> was developed. One of our faculty member Thiru D.Velayutham designed and built the website. On September 22,2022, the website was officially inaugurated by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Thiru A. Shanmugasundaram I.A.S. The website is set up to provide all information about ACSTI. The time table and the classes scheduled in all four classrooms are available to trainees and faculty. Along with continuing classes, there is also the option to access the monthly schedule of programmes. The gallery menu offers a peek of both the efforts we've taken and the training programmes we've undertaken.

We have a dedicated feedback and testimonials section where guests and participants can leave their feedback and share their experiences with our ACSTI in order to raise our standards.

Onsite Programmes



Onsite Programmes

The standing / Training Advisory committee recommended for conducting Onsite Programmes for DCCB staff members at their workplace. The standing committee has authorised 15 onsite programmes for the academic year 2022-2023. It is encouraging to note that ten DCCBs proactively requested ACSTI to conduct Onsite programmes at their location. Each onsite training programmes will be conducted by two faculties from ACSTI on rotation basis. This year's topic for Onsite Programs is "Digital Banking and Cyber Security." ACSTI successfully completed onsite programmes to the following DCCBs: Chennai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Kancheepuram, Erode, Madurai, Nilgiris, Sivagangai, and Vellore.

Special Programmes



The standing committee also advised ACSTI to conduct special programmes as and when necessary. As a result, the ACSTI doors are always open to accommodate any unique programme requests from SCBs/DCCBs/PACCS according to their needs. As a result, we have organised a special programme for medical camps for PDS personnel in the Chennai Region. The event was opened by Dr. J. Radhakrishnan IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Thiru A. Shanmugasundaram I.A.S. and our Managing Director Thiru M. Antonysamy John Peter, facilitated the camp. The medical camp benefited around 543 employees.

Our Managing Director instructed ACSTI to organize a workshop and sensitization programme for the Managing Directors of DCCBs at the TNSC Bank Head Office. The programme was handled by the Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) special guest lecturers. The programme was a huge success, and the responses from the participants, who are Managing Directors from DCCBs, have been very positive.

NABARD had requested ACSTI to delegate one of our faculty members to handle a session for Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Art and Science College, Coimbatore at NABARD R.O, Chennai on cooperative institutions working details such as Bye-laws, Annual Report, Books maintained, General Working, Business development of SCB, DCCBs, and PACCS" on September 29, 2022. ACSTI has assigned one among our faculty members Thiru J. Arullalan to conduct the session. It's a honour for our institute to be invited to handled a session at NABARD, R.O, Chennai.

In order to lower the NPA, the Chennai Central Cooperative Bank has asked our ACSTI to conduct a special programme on "Loan Products and Recovery Procedures." According to their schedule, the course was conducted as a one day programme at the premises of Chennai Central Cooperative Bank. ACSTI has already conducted two batches and is currently pursuing more.

FIELD VISITS

Field trips are organized for participants in various programmes as part of the curriculum. The third day of the four-day programme is reserved for a field visit, as recommended by the standing committee. ACSTI has prepared a field trip related to the programme topic. The participants were taken to specific PACCS and the Weavers Society, and discussions with SHG members were arranged, as well as an opportunity to look at the records kept by them and the activities. Similarly, field trips are organized for programmes such as Micro Finance, Mudra Schemes, and so on.

So far, we have scheduled a field trip to Kancheepuram, Mahabalipuram, Ponneri, Devadanam PACCS, TNCSC Warehouse, AAVIN, and TNSC Head Office.

The participants' feedback on the field trip was promising, and they want more of these visits to broaden their understanding of subjects that are unknown to them.



SUCCESS STORIES

During on-site programmes, Thiru. R. Sathiasayee and Thiru. J. Arullalan, faculties of ACSTI, have been assigned to conduct field visits of the best-performing societies. On October 13, 2022, they made a visit to the Thiruvengadam Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society and studied the organization and its history of achievement and submitted a report.

Thiruvengadam Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society was registered as a Cooperative Society on 06.11.1958 under TNCS Act and commenced its functioning on 12.12.1958. The society serves for public in 13 villages within the Thiruvengadam, Sangupatti, Vellakulam and Varaganur Revenue villages. The population of the area is 15297. The area of land for cultivation is 1900 Hectare.

The Society has collected Rs. 72.26 lakhs from the “A” class members. It has a total outstanding of Rs. 1761.77 lakhs in deposits. The society is not getting financial assistance from the District Central Cooperative Bank except for Crop Loan. The Society has been classified as “A” Class Society as per Government Order.

In the year 2021-22, the society has disbursed loans for various categories of public to the tune of Rs. 1504.26. The society is also undertaking the schemes of the Government. It has a mini tractor which is rented with nominal rent to the farmers. An agri clinic has been set up with an expense of Rs. 6 lakhs. Soil testing, Water testing are being done in the clinic for the benefit of farmers. Fertilizers for a value of Rs. 56.80 lakhs have been sold for the farmers in the area.

Go down business:

A go down with a capacity of 100 Metric ton has been built utilizing the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) of NABARD and it has obtained Accreditation Certificate from Warehouse Development & Regulatory Authority of India (WDRA). The go down is being used with 100 % utilization by accommodating the produce of the farmers in the go down for nominal rent.

Computerization :

The society has been fully computerized and all the transactions are recorded in the Common Application Software in online mode and quick service is being offered to the customers.

Profit of the Society :

The Society is functioning with continuous profit for the past 25 years. The society also declaring 14% dividend to the members.

The society is functioning efficiently without any complaint from the customers. The faculties have also visited Rayagiri PACS in Tenkasi District and visited the Jaggery unit financed by the society under TABCEDCO.



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