



BIRD Mangaluru conducts 14th Stakeholders Consultation Committee Meeting on 30 January 2026



BIRD Mangaluru conducted the 14th Stakeholders Consultation Committee (SCC) Meeting on 30 January 2026 under the chairmanship of Shri Dinesh P., CGM HRMD, NABARD, Head Office.

The meeting was attended by members from various stakeholder institutions including Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Coop. Bank Ltd. (APCOB), Managing Director, Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank, senior officers from CAB, RBI, Pune, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Karnataka Bank, Kerala Grameena Bank, Karnataka Grameena Bank, Karnataka State Co-Op Apex Bank Ltd., and Kerala State Co-Op Bank Ltd. Senior officials from Baroda Apex Academy, Canara Institute of Bank Management, Manipal, SAHRDA, the South Canara District Central Co-op Bank Ltd., ACSTIs, Karnataka SRLM, NAARM, Hyderabad, Sa-Dhan, National Institute of Technology-Karnataka, Centre for Research and Development (CRD), YIASCM, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, SKDRDP, Bangady PACS, Kota PACS, Alankar PACS and Mandarthi PACS also participated. Smt Sheela M Bhandarkar, DGM/Faculty Member welcomed the dignitaries and all invitees to the meeting.

The programme commenced with the lighting of lamp by CGM, HRMD, JD and the stakeholders. In his inaugural address, CGM, HRMD HO welcomed the members and stated that training and capacity building of Rural Financial Institutions have been integral to NABARD's mandate since its inception. He mentioned that NABARD's development interventions reach the grassroots primarily through partner institutions, and therefore strengthening institutional capacities continues to remain a critical priority.

He observed that the financial and cooperative sectors have undergone rapid transformation in recent years due to regulatory changes, technological advancements, evolving customer expectations and emerging areas such as risk management, cybersecurity, climate-related financial risks and ESG considerations.

In this context, he highlighted that continuous learning is essential for ensuring operational excellence and professional relevance.

He informed the members that BIRD, through its centres at Lucknow, Mangaluru and Kolkata, has been delivering need-based training through general programmes, customised offerings and thematic workshops. He noted that the success of these programmes is evident from the active participation of institutions and the cross-learning among officers from diverse organisations.

He emphasised that as the training calendar for the ensuing Academic year 2027 is being prepared, feedback from stakeholders would be invaluable in refining the programmes, incorporating sectoral needs and aligning programmes with ground realities. He also stressed the importance of training impact assessment, stating that the true value of any programme lies in its contribution to individual performance and institutional effectiveness and requested all members to actively participate in the deliberations so that a more responsive and future-ready training ecosystem can be developed.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Shri. V S Balasubramanian, Joint Director BIRD(M), thanked all the stakeholders for extending support to BIRD-M during the year in conducting impactful training programmes. He informed the members that the training establishment focusses on three core areas viz; (i) Enhancing participants' understanding of regulatory expectations and RBI Directions, thereby reducing supervisory concerns (ii) Equipping bankers and civil society organisations in designing and implementing effective developmental interventions, supporting livelihoods and (iii) Rural transformation through digital adoption by building the capacity of institutions to leverage technology and emerging innovations for improved efficiency and service delivery. He concluded that these three pillars collectively form the foundation of a forward-looking and responsive training framework.

Smt. Sheela M Bhandarkar, DGM/FM in her presentation on performance of BIRD-M, apprised the stakeholders on the activities and achievements of BIRD-M, and gave an overview of the Training Programs conducted during FY26 and Calendar of Training Programs proposed for FY27. A total of 87 training programmes were conducted upto 30 January 2026, as against a target of 85, with an average participation of over 30 per programme. BIRD-M proposes to conduct 85 (65 sponsored and 20 customized) programmes covering 36 titles, including 5 existing titles and 31 new titles, during FY27.

Shri Yogesh S L, DGM/FM proposed vote of thanks.

A few photographs of the event are appended.



Shri V.S. Balasubramanian, JD, BIRD-M welcoming Shri Dinesh P., CGM, HRMD



Inauguration by CGM, HRMD



CGM, HRMD delivering inaugural address



An overview of the participants



Group photograph