



BIRD Mangaluru conducts Customised Orientation Programme for the Board of Directors of Meghalaya StCB

BIRD Mangaluru conducted a customised Orientation Programme for the Board of Directors of Meghalaya StCB from 16-18 February 2026 at its campus in Mangaluru. Seven Board members led by Smt Farida Warjri, Vice-Chairperson participated in the programme. The programme was organised at the behest of Meghalaya State Cooperative Bank, with the objective of providing an orientation to the newly elected Board Members on Corporate Governance, roles and responsibilities of the Board etc as well as for cross learning through exposure to good working cooperatives in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka.

During the 3-day programme, sessions on (i) issues confronting Cooperatives in India, with specific reference to Meghalaya, (ii) important provisions of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS) in the light of 2020 amendments, which have impact on the functioning of the cooperatives, (iii) Corporate Governance, (iv) Code of conduct/ Do's and Don'ts for Board of Directors (v) important Board Level Committees, etc., were handled and the participants were happy to get several inputs / insights on various issues being faced by their bank.

The Program also included exposure visits to the South Canara DCCB HO and its branch where they had interaction with its President, CEO and Senior Officials of the Bank to know about the bank's functioning and understand the best practices followed by the SCDCC Bank. The participants were also taken on an exposure visit to Kota PACS in Udupi district, followed by visit to the Corporation Bank Heritage Museum, Udupi.

Ms. Joan Blah, OIC, NABARD, Meghalaya RO and Shri VS Balasubramanian, Joint Director, BIRD, Mangaluru interacted with the participants on 17.02.2026. The participants were highly appreciative of the design of the program. Ms Joan Blah thanked BIRD Mangaluru for conducting this very useful programme and urged the

participants to make best use of the learnings during their discussions in the Board Meetings.

The programme was coordinated by Smt. Swati Bhallamudi, DGM/FM and Smt. Sheela Bhandarkar, DGM/ FM.

A few photographs taken during training programmes are appended:



Inauguration of the programme by lighting of the lamp



Visit to South Canara DCCB



Participants with the President and CEO of South Canara





Participants interacting with the CEO of Kota PACS, Udupi district inside the supermarket managed by the PACS



Shri VS Balasubramnian, JD, BIRD, Mangaluru interacting with the participants



Ms Joan Blah, OIC, NABARD Meghalaya RO interacting with the participants



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Orientation Programme for the Board of Directors of The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.
16 to 18 February 2026 at BIRD Mangaluru





Sitting (L to R): Shri. Yogesh SL DGM/FM, Smt. Sheela M Bhandarkar DGM/FM, Smt. Swati Bhallamudi DGM/FM, Shri. Shakti P Mohapatra AGM/FM, Shri. Baidya Nath Singh DGM/FM,

First Row (L to R): Shri. Lemon Khongliar, Shri Manbha Slong, Shri H. Attlee Singh Syih, Smt Farida Warjri, Smt. Redolency Thongni, Shri Deling Snaitang, Shri Mainpillar Passah