

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **State Level Tree Plantation Drive Organized to Mark International Year of Cooperatives-2025**

As part of the celebrations of the **International Year of Cooperatives-2025**, the Department of Cooperation in collaboration with the Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union and the Forest Department organized a Tree Plantation Drive under the theme of **“Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam”** in the premises of the A&N State Cooperative Union, Teylerabad on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 10:30 AM.

The event was graced by Secretary (Cooperation)-cum-RCS as the Chief Guest. The officials from the Department of Cooperation, Forest Department, Board of Directors, faculty and trainees of the A&N State Cooperative Union participated in the event.

Over 700 saplings of fruit bearing trees were planted with the support of Forest Department during the Van Mahotsav two day drive carried out by the Union, marking a meaningful contribution to environmental conservation.

While addressing the gathering, Secretary (Coop) highlighted the importance of tree plantation in enhancing ecological balance and community well-being. He also invoked the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of **“Sahkar Se Samriddhi”** and **Viksit Bharat**, urging cooperative societies to embed environmental responsibility into their core activities for a greener and prosperous future. He underlined the significant role of cooperative societies in promoting social responsibility, stressing how these institutions are instrumental in taking forward grassroot level initiatives.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Shri K.P. Aboo Backer, General Secretary of the A&N State Cooperative Union, who expressed gratitude to all participants, departments and dignitaries for their support and commitment to cooperative and environmental development.

