



ENHANCING COOPERATIVE TIES:

A Global Delegation to Explore Trade Opportunities in the Netherlands ▼

**Theme: Cooperative Collaboration for 2025
The International Year of Cooperatives**



**Amsterdam & Rotterdam
The Netherlands**

**20th July 2025 – 25th July 2025
(5 Nights, 6 Days)**

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)

Established in 1905, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is a premier, proactive, and forward-looking apex organization dedicated to fostering Indian industry, trade, and entrepreneurship. Representing over 1,50,000 enterprises across large, medium, and small sectors, PHDCCI serves as a catalyst for economic progress through policy advocacy, trade facilitation, and capacity-building initiatives. With robust national and international linkages, including collaborations with embassies and high commissions, PHDCCI drives inclusive growth and global competitiveness.

The PHDCCI Cooperative Taskforce, established in October 2023, aligns with the Ministry of Cooperation's Sahkar se Samridhi vision to empower India's 854,355 cooperatives. Under the leadership of Shri Vineet Nahata (Chair, Powergilt Group) and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta (CEO & Secretary General), the Taskforce has delivered impactful programs, including the National Conference on "Cooperatives – The Foundation of Viksit Bharat" (2024) and the North-East Cooperative Summit (2025).

Vision: To empower businesses for inclusive growth and global competitiveness.

Mission: To advocate progressive policies, facilitate trade, and enhance capacity through over 200 annual events across sectors such as agriculture, MSMEs, cooperatives, IT, healthcare, and energy.

International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025

Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 19 June 2024 (Resolution A/78/L.71), the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025, themed "Cooperatives Build a Better World," underscores the pivotal role of cooperatives in advancing sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and job creation. Hosted by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), IYC 2025 aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

Globally, cooperatives engage 1 billion members, employ 280 million people, and contribute €2 trillion to the global economy. In India, 854,355 cooperatives serve 290 million members, covering 98% of rural India and accounting for 20% of agricultural GDP. IYC 2025 aims to strengthen cooperative ecosystems through policy reforms, global partnerships, and awareness of cooperative principles, such as democratic governance and member ownership.

DELEGATION OVERVIEW

The PHDCCI Global Delegation to the Netherlands 2025 is a meticulously curated 6-day, 5-night study tour to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Utrecht, designed to celebrate IYC 2025 and advance the Ministry of Cooperation's Sahkar se Samridhi vision. Focused on dairy, agriculture, banking, renewable energy, and housing, the delegation will engage with world-class Dutch cooperative models, including FrieslandCampina, Rabobank, and Windpark Krammer, to drive innovation and collaboration for India's cooperative sector.

DELEGATION OVERVIEW

- 1. Knowledge Exchange: Adopt Dutch best practices in IoT, fintech, and governance to enhance 93,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and 18,000 dairy societies.
- 2. C2C Partnerships: Secure 5 Letters of Intent (LoIs) for trade and technology collaborations, e.g., FrieslandCampina and Rotterdam Food Cluster.
- 3. Policy Development: Inform India's Cooperation Policy 2023 with insights into Dutch digitalization and financing frameworks.
- 4. Global Networking: Foster connections with the Dutch Cooperative Council (NCR), Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce, and 50 Dutch firms.
- 5. International Visibility: Position India as a cooperative leader at the IYC 2025 Concluding Session in Utrecht, attended by 1,000 global delegates.



DETAILED PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The following itinerary outlines a comprehensive, minute-to-minute schedule, ensuring a balance of learning, networking, and cultural engagement. All times are in Central European Summer Time (CEST, UTC+2), with Indian Standard Time (IST, UTC+5:30) for reference.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 0: Pre-Departure (19 July 2025, Delhi, IST)

- 09:00–10:00: Briefing at PHDCCI House (itinerary, objectives, Dutch etiquette).
- 10:00–11:00: Visa and passport verification.
- 11:00–12:00: Networking tea.
- 12:00–13:00: Lunch.
- 13:00–14:00: Travel logistics briefing (flights, forex).
- 14:00–15:00: Cultural training (Dutch business norms).
- 15:00–16:00: Q&A, feedback forms.
- 18:00–20:00: Airport transfer (IGI Terminal 3).
- 21:00–23:55: Flight (KLM KL872, Delhi–Amsterdam, 8h 55m).



Day 1: Arrival & Orientation (20 July 2025, Amsterdam, CEST)

- 05:55–07:30: Arrival at Schiphol Airport, transfer to NH Collection Barbizon Palace.
- 07:30–09:00: Hotel check-in, breakfast.
- 09:00–11:00: Rest (jetlag recovery).
- 11:00–12:00: Orientation session (itinerary review, roles).
- 12:00–13:00: Lunch at hotel.
- 13:00–17:00: Indian Embassy briefing, The Hague (protocol, networking).
- 19:30–22:00: Welcome dinner hosted by NCR (Restaurant De Kas, speeches, networking).
- 22:00–23:59: Return to hotel, rest.

Day 2: Friesland Campina Visit (21 July 2025, Amersfoort/Amsterdam)

- 06:30–07:30: Breakfast.
- 07:30–08:00: Transfer to FrieslandCampina, Amersfoort.
- 08:00–15:30: FrieslandCampina visit (IoT presentation, facility tour, Cooperative partnership discussion).
- 15:30–16:30: Return to Amsterdam.
- 16:30–17:30: Lunch.
- 17:30–19:00: Free time.
- 19:30–22:00: Dinner (Restaurant Moeders).



Day 3: Rabobank & Housing Cooperatives (22 July 2025, Utrecht/Amsterdam)

- 06:30–07:30: Breakfast.
- 07:30–08:00: Transfer to Rabobank, Utrecht.
- 08:00–15:30: Rabobank visit (fintech session, PACS collaboration, digital banking workshop).
- 16:15–20:00: Amsterdam Housing Cooperatives visit (De Warren, tour, governance discussion).
- 20:15–22:00: Dinner (Restaurant De Plantage).

Day 4: Windpark Krammer & Rotterdam Food Cluster (23 July 2025, Zeeland/Rotterdam)

- 05:30–06:30: Breakfast.
- 06:30–15:30: Windpark Krammer visit, Zeeland (renewable energy presentation, turbine tour).
- 17:00–21:30: Rotterdam Food Cluster visit (precision farming, Cooperative collaboration).
- 21:30–23:59: Check-in at Mainport Hotel, Rotterdam.

Day 5: Indo-Dutch Business Forum (24 July 2025, Rotterdam)

- 06:30–07:30: Breakfast.
- 08:00–15:30: Business Forum at Rotterdam Chamber (keynote, B2B meetings, policy roundtable).
- 16:00–19:00: Free time.
- 19:30–22:00: Dinner (Restaurant Zeezout).

Day 6: IYC 2025 Session & Departure (25 July 2025, Utrecht/Amsterdam)

- 06:30–07:30: Breakfast, check-out.
- 08:00–13:30: IYC 2025 Concluding Session, Utrecht (keynote, C2C signings).
- 13:30–16:30: Return to Amsterdam, lunch, debrief session.
- 17:00–20:30: Airport transfer, check-in (KLM KL871, Amsterdam–Delhi).
- 20:30–23:00: Flight departure.

Day 7: Arrival (26 July 2025, Delhi, IST)

- 06:00–09:00: Arrival at IGI Airport, transfers, feedback submission.

PROGRAM FEE

- **Total Fee:** 3,50,000 + GST
- **Funding:** Self-funded or sponsored by the participant's organization.
- **Payment Details: PHD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**
- PHD House, 4/2, Siri Institutional Area,
- August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-110016
- Account Details:
- Bank Name : Bank of India
- Branch : Panchsheel
- Branch Address : 7, Panchsheel Shopping Centre, New Delhi-110017
- Account Type : Current Account
- Account No. : 602220100010035
- Account Name : PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- IFSC Code No. : BKID0006022
- MICR Code No. : 110013023
- Service Tax No. : AAACP1438LST001
- PAN : AAACP1438L

INCLUSIONS

- International economy-class airfare (Delhi–Amsterdam–Delhi)
- 5 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels (single occupancy)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Local transportation (electric coach, airport transfers)
- Official meetings and site visits (FrieslandCampina, Rabobank, etc.)
- English-Dutch interpretation services.
- Delegate kit (itinerary, case studies, branded merchandise)
- PHDCCI facilitation (logistics, documentation)

EXCLUSIONS

- Schengen visa fee
- Personal expenses (e.g., shopping, laundry, tips)
- Travel insurance
- Optional sightseeing
- Additional transport, excess baggage, or medical expenses.



PAYMENT DETAILS

- **Payment Schedule:** Full payment of ₹350000/- + 18% GST due by 31 May 2025 (non-refundable).
- **Payment Method:** Bank transfer/NEFT to:
 - Account Name: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - Bank: Bank of India, Panchsheel Branch, New Delhi
 - Account No.: 602220100010035
 - IFSC Code: BKID0006022
 - MICR Code: 110013023
- **Cancellation Policy:**
 - Before 1 June 2025: 50% refund (₹1,75,000).
 - After 1 June 2025: No refund.
 - Substitutions permitted until 15 July 2025, subject to visa approval.



KEY DATES

- **25 th May 2025:** Submission of passport details and visa documents to PHDCCI.
- **31 May 2025:** Full payment deadline.
- **1–15 June 2025:** VFS Global visa appointment and biometrics.
- **15–30 June 2025:** Visa processing.
- **1 July 2025:** Visa collection.
- **19 July 2025:** Pre-departure briefing, Delhi.
- **20–25 July 2025:** Delegation tour.
- **7 August 2025:** Feedback submission deadline.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- **Schengen Visa (Type C):**
 - Valid passport (6 months validity, 2 blank pages).
 - PHDCCI-issued invitation letter.
 - Flight itinerary and hotel bookings (provided by PHDCCI).
 - Travel insurance (€30,000 medical coverage, ~₹2,500).
 - Bank statements (3 months, minimum ₹5,00,000 balance).
 - Income Tax Returns (last 2 years).
 - Appointment letter or business registration.
 - Visa fee receipt
- **Additional Requirements:**
 - Completed delegate registration form (by 25 th May 2025).
 - Emergency contact information (shared during briefing).
- **PHDCCI Support:** Invitation letters, itinerary, visa coordination (Shri Rupesh K. Pandey).



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT

In alignment with IYC 2025 and SDG 13 (Climate Action), the delegation prioritizes environmental and social responsibility:

- **Eco-Friendly Transport:** Electric coach for all transfers (99% emission-free).
- **Digital Materials:** Delegate kits in PDF format, reducing paper use by 50%.
- **Sustainable Venues:** Green Key-certified hotels and ISO 14001-compliant sites.
- **Waste Reduction:** Reusable water bottles, cloth bags, and 20% food waste reduction through vegetarian/Jain meal planning.

A sustainability report will be included in the white paper, shared with the ICA and Ministry of Cooperation.



VALUE PROPOSITION

This delegation offers unparalleled opportunities to:

- Gain insights from global cooperative leaders, including FrieslandCampina and Rabobank.
- Contribute to India's cooperative policy, impacting 854,355 societies and 290 million members.
- Elevate India's global standing at the IYC 2025 Utrecht Session.
- Enhance your leadership profile and strengthen PHDCCI's role as a premier industry chamber.

Join this transformative journey to celebrate IYC 2025, foster Indo-Dutch collaboration, and advance Sahkar se Samridhi for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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