



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
(6 days, 5 nights)**

About PHDCCI

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is one of India's premier industry chambers, committed to promoting Indian industry, trade, and entrepreneurship for over 119 years. As a dynamic and forward-thinking organization, PHDCCI acts as a bridge between the industry and government, facilitating progress through national and global partnerships.

With a robust membership of over 150,000 direct and indirect members across diverse sectors such as Cooperatives, Agriculture, Healthcare, Automobiles, IT, Oil & Gas, and Telecom, PHDCCI is a leading voice in policy advocacy, knowledge sharing, and international business development. In celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is pleased to announce a high-impact business delegation to the Netherlands—a global frontrunner in cooperative development and innovation.

WHY NETHERLANDS?

The Netherlands boasts a robust and transparent cooperative ecosystem spanning agriculture, finance, housing, and renewable energy. Home to iconic cooperatives such as Rabobank and FrieslandCampina, the country offers rich insights into how democratic governance and member-owned enterprises can drive national prosperity, sustainable growth, and global trade integration.

This delegation presents a unique opportunity for Indian cooperative leaders to engage directly with Dutch counterparts, learn from global best practices, and forge meaningful cooperative-to-cooperative (C2C) partnerships. Participants will explore successful models of cooperative governance, access to finance, agri-value chain integration, and housing solutions that are scalable and inclusive.

Aligned with the vision of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, and the national mission of 'Sahkar se Samridhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation), this international engagement is poised to strengthen India's global cooperative footprint and stimulate impactful bilateral cooperation with Europe's most forward-looking cooperative nation.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE DELEGATION:

- Learn from Dutch cooperative best practices
- Explore business and policy-level partnerships
- Understand successful models in agriculture, dairy, finance, energy & housing
- Foster long-term bilateral cooperative linkages

DELEGATE PROFILE

- Senior Government Officials from the Ministry of Cooperation
- National & Regional Cooperative Federation Leaders
- Heads of Agri, Dairy, Finance, Housing, and Energy Cooperatives
- Policy Think Tanks and Research Institutions
- UN Agencies, NGOs, Development Banks
- Women & Youth Cooperative Representatives



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: 20 th July 2025 (Sunday) – Departure & Arrival in Amsterdam

- **Morning:** Departure from New Delhi (Indira Gandhi International Airport)
- **Evening:** Arrival in Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Welcome Dinner & Briefing
- **Hosted by:** National Cooperative Council of the Netherlands
- **Session:** Overview of Dutch Cooperative Ecosystem
- **Networking:** Interaction with Dutch cooperative experts and think tanks

Day 2: 21 st July 2025 (Monday) – Learning from Dutch Agricultural Cooperatives

- **Venue:** FrieslandCampina HQ (one of the world's largest dairy cooperatives)
- **Session 1:** Innovations in Agri-Cooperatives – The Dutch Model
- **Session 2:** Field Visit – FrieslandCampina Dairy Cooperative Facility
- **Discussion:** Best practices in milk procurement, processing, member ownership & governance
- **Evening:** Cultural Immersion or Informal Networking Dinner

Day 3: 22 nd July 2025 (Tuesday) – Cooperative Finance & Housing Models

- **Morning Visit:** Rabobank HQ (Global leader in cooperative banking)
- **Session:** Inclusive Finance for Cooperatives – The Rabobank Experience
- **Interaction:** Dialogue with cooperative banking professionals
- **Focus:** Affordable housing models, participatory member governance, sustainability practices
- **Evening:** Roundtable Discussion – Scalable Cooperative Models for India

Day 4: 23 rd July 2025 (Wednesday) – Travel to Rotterdam & Industrial Cooperatives

- **Morning:** Travel to Rotterdam
- **Visits:** Energy Cooperatives driving Renewable Initiatives
- Agro-Tech & Clean-Tech Innovation Hubs
- Focus on Cooperatives in Circular Economy & Sustainable Tech
- **B2B Networking:** Interactions with Dutch Agri-Tech & Clean-Tech Startups
- **Evening:** Hosted Dinner Reception by Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce

Day 5: 24 th July 2025 (Thursday) – Indo-Dutch Cooperative Business Forum

- **Venue:** Rotterdam Business Centre
- **Plenary Session:** Indo-Dutch Cooperative Synergies – Trade & Technology
- **Panel Discussions:**
- Speakers from IFFCO/Unati/Powergilt/Navankur, Rabobank, FrieslandCampina
- **Topics:** Trade facilitation, digital transformation, inclusive participation (youth & women)
- **B2B Matchmaking:** Curated meetings between Indian & Dutch cooperative enterprises
- **Evening:** Free for informal networking or local exploration

Day 6: 25 th July 2025 (Friday) – Wrap-Up & Departure

- **Morning:** Concluding Session at National Cooperative Council
- Summary of Learnings
- Deliberation on MoUs & Future Collaborations
- Closing Remarks by PHDCCI & Dutch Partners
- **Afternoon:** Departure to New Delhi



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **Knowledge Sharing:** Learnings from globally reputed Dutch cooperatives.
- **Trade Expansion:** New avenues for Indian cooperatives to access European markets.
- **Policy Understanding:** Deeper insights into Dutch cooperative regulations.
- **Collaborative Ventures:** Foundation for future Indo-Dutch cooperative partnerships.

- **Program Fee (Tentative)**

- ₹2,25,000/- + 18% GST per person

- **Fee Includes (Inclusions):**

1. International Economy-Class Airfare (Delhi–Amsterdam–Delhi)
2. 5 Nights Hotel Accommodation (4-star category, twin sharing basis)
3. Daily Breakfast at Hotel
4. Local Transport in the Netherlands:
 - Airport Transfers
 - Transportation for all official visits and local movement
5. Official Meetings & Site Visits including:
 - FrieslandCampina HQ
 - Rabobank HQ
 - Housing & Energy Cooperatives
 - Indo-Dutch Cooperative Forum
 - B2B Matchmaking Sessions
6. Meals as Mentioned:
 - Welcome Dinner on Day 1 (hosted by Dutch cooperative partners/PHDCCI)
 - Dinner on Day 4 (hosted by Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce/PHDCCI)
 - One Special Dinner (courtesy: PHDCCI)
7. Interpretation/Translation Support during key meetings
8. Delegate Kit, Local Briefing Material & Coordination Support
9. PHDCCI Official Facilitation & Ground Handling



✗ Fee Does Not Include (Exclusions):

1. Visa Fee & Documentation Charges (to be paid by the participant separately as per actuals)
2. Meals not listed above (lunches, additional dinners, snacks)
3. Personal expenses (e.g., shopping, tips, laundry, room service)
4. Travel insurance (recommended but not included)
5. Single-room supplement (optional, chargeable separately)
6. Any extra sightseeing/cultural excursions not mentioned in the itinerary
7. Charges due to changes in flight/hotel bookings or unforeseen disruptions

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The fee is calculated based on current airfare and hotel rates; subject to change with exchange rate fluctuations or airline fare revisions.
- Single occupancy room upgrade will be charged additionally upon request.
- Final itinerary and list of confirmed meetings may be subject to minor adjustments based on availability.

CONCLUSION

This strategic delegation is a significant opportunity to position Indian cooperatives on the global stage by learning from one of the most progressive cooperative ecosystems in the world. The Netherlands model of cooperative excellence offers lessons in governance, innovation, and inclusivity—ideal for India's fast-evolving cooperative landscape.

Let us join hands in shaping a new era of global cooperation in the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.