

NAFED Organizes Quiz and Essay Writing Competition at IISWBM to Mark the International Year of Cooperatives 2025

The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) organized a Quiz and Essay Writing Competition for students of the Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM) to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.

Held on April 23, 2025, the event was conducted by NAFED Kolkata and witnessed enthusiastic participation from nearly 60 students enrolled in the MBA–Public Systems (MBA–PS) and Master of Social Welfare (MSW) programs at IISWBM.

NAFED, an apex cooperative institution under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, was established in 1958. The organization plays a vital role in the procurement, marketing, and distribution of agricultural commodities, aiming to support farmers and enhance the strength of India's agricultural economy.

To oversee and facilitate the event, Mr. Debnath Banerjee, LOE for State Head, and Mr. Sashi Kanta Das from NAFED visited the IISWBM campus. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Piyali Sengupta, Assistant Professor at IISWBM, under the guidance and presence of Prof. (Dr.) K. M. Agarwal, Director of IISWBM.



Fig.1. Esteemed guests from NAFED, Mr Debnath Banerjee and Mr. Sashi Kanta Das are being felicitated by Prof. Dr. K.M. Agarwal, IISWBM



Fig 2. Student participants from IISWBM with esteemed guests of NAFED, Mr Debnath Banerjee, LOE For State Head and Mr. Sashi Kanta Das along with Prof Dr K.M. Agarwal, Director IISWBM and Ma. Piyali Sengupta, Assistant Professor, IISWBM

Following the competitions, on April 25, 2025, NAFED Kolkata held a grand prize-giving ceremony at IISWBM to honor the winners. The ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across both the MBA-PS and MSW departments. Winners of both the quiz and essay competitions were awarded cash prizes and certificates of merit for the first, second, and third positions, recognizing their outstanding performances. The event was a vibrant celebration of knowledge and learning, serving as an eye-opener for many students who discovered more about India's agricultural development and the pivotal role of cooperative societies as economic stabilizers.

The prize distribution ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Dr. K.M. Agarwal, Director, IISWBM, and Mr. Souradip Mondal, State Head (W.B) in presence of Mr. Debnath Banerjee, LOE For State Head from NAFED. Mr Mondal also expressed the student placement process at NAFED. The programme was ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Piyali Sengupta, Assistant Professor, IISWBM and the event coordinator.



Fig 3. Mr. Souradip Mondal, West Bengal State Head of NAFED, addressed the prize felicitation program to the students

The winners of the competition are as follows:

Quiz Competition		
First place	Mr Devraj Majumdar, MBA-PS (Energy Management), First Year	Rs3000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit
Second place	Ms Sinjini Guha, MBA-PS (Transportation & Logistics Management)	Rs2000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit
Third place	Ms Aishi Chakraborty, MBA-PS (Energy Management)	Rs1000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit
Essay Writing Competition		
First place	Ms Ankita Gorai, MBA-PS (Health Care & Hospital Management)	Rs3000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit
Second place	Mr Suman Mandal, MBA-PS (Energy Management)	Rs2000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit
Third place	Mr Satyam Jaiswal, MBA-PS (Transportation & Logistics Management)	Rs1000/- cash prize along with certificates of merit



Fig 4 : Students receiving the prize in the Quiz competition



Fig.5. Recipients of awards in the quiz and essay writing competitions, standing with their certificates in front of IISWBM

By promoting academic excellence and emphasizing the importance of collective action, the event underscored the meaningful collaboration between IISWBM and NAFED. Together, they continue to inspire future leaders to drive positive change through cooperation and shared values.

The entire IISWBM family extends its heartfelt gratitude to NAFED Kolkata for organizing such an insightful and inspiring program. The event not only broadened the students' perspectives but also reaffirmed the significance of sustainability in the agricultural and cooperative sectors in shaping India's future.

We look forward to more such initiatives that encourage learning, collaboration, and community engagement.