Tribhuvan Cooperative University

Prelims: Current events of National and International Importance

Why in the news?

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation lay the foundation for first national level cooperative university "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University at Anand, Gujarat.

- **Aim** - To prepare ***professional and trained manpower*** to meet the growing needs of the cooperative sector.
- **Focus** - To provide education, training and research opportunities in management, finance, law and rural development to meet growing needs of the cooperatives.
- This university will prove to be an important step towards realizing the ***Triveni of cooperation, innovation and employment***.
- **Multidisciplinary programmes** - University will offer a various flexible programme, including PhD,
    - Degrees at the managerial level,
    - Diplomas at the supervisory level,
    - Certificates at the operational level.
- **Organized networking** – It will set up national network to standardise the quality of cooperative education, training and establish *subject specific schools in its campus.*
- It will coordinate with national and international reputed institutions to establish the world's best practices in India.
    - University will try to connect more than 200 existing cooperative institutions in the next four years.
- **Significance** - It will help India meet skill development and capacity building needs, estimated about 40 lakh cooperative personnel and 80 lakh board members.
    - University will train about 20 lakh personnel of cooperative societies like Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy, Fisheries, etc. in the next five years.
- University will *develop a strong teacher base* through PhD programmes based on cooperative studies, which will address gap in qualified teachers.

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