

**Inauguration of ARCS office at Kumarghat**

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Cooperation Minister**

Cooperatives play an important role in the economic development of rural areas. The government has taken initiatives to make the people and farmers of the poorer sections of the rural areas self-reliant through cooperatives. The long-time dream of the people of this region has been fulfilled after the inauguration of ARCS office of the Cooperation department at Kumarghat. Cooperation Minister Shukla Charan Noatia said this while inaugurating ARCS office of Cooperation Department at Kumarghat on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. For a long time the cooperation office of Kumarghat sub-division was running from Kailasahar. The office has started with a few rooms in the two-storey market shed of Primary Marketing Cooperative Society Limited of Kumarghat. On the occasion, the Cooperation Minister said that considering the problems of the people of Kumarghat sub-division, the government has started this ARCS office. Kumarghat Primary Marketing Cooperative Society Limited has played a significant role in the cooperative movement in the state. He also said that the present government of the state has given importance to increase the income of people in rural areas through cooperatives. As a result, the business of LAMPS and PACS has increased to a great extent.

MLA Bhagaban Chandra Das and Chief Guest of the programme said that the purpose for which LAMPS and PACS were formed has not been successfully implemented. LAMPS and PACS are running smoothly since the present government of the state came to power. Now the board is constituted through election. He said that the huge two-storey market stall of Kumarghat Primary Marketing Cooperative Society Limited has been built due to the sincerity of the present state government. Construction of another market stall is nearing completion. The stalls are creating employment opportunities for the unemployed. Sabhadhipati of Unakoti Zilla Parishad Amalendu Das spoke among others on the occasion. Joint Director of Cooperation Department Subhasish Bhattacharya gave the welcome address. Chairman of Kumarghat Primary Marketing Cooperative Society Limited Shibendu Ghosh presided over the programme. Chairperson of Kumarghat Municipal Council Bishwajit Das, Chairman of Kumarghat Panchayat Samiti Sumati Das, Member of the Zilla Parishad Subhendu Das and Chairman of Kumarghat BAC Tapanjoy Reang were present at the programme.