



**Indian Society for Studies in Cooperation (ISSC)
Pune**

36th Annual National Research Conference

STRENGTHENING COOPERATIVES AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION

December 2021

— In collaboration with —

**Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of
Cooperative Management
Pune**

**Padmashri Dr. VikhePatil Chair
Department of Commerce
SPPU, Pune**

Announcement and Concept Paper

Introduction and the theme:

"Participation and attention to members and a community focus are key points that have guided cooperatives' actions in recent months. These actions could be the pillars for disseminating a business model that embraces the goals promoted by the 2030 Agenda in terms of human rights, fair labour, environmental sustainability, and sustainable growth." -The World Cooperative Monitor.

Cooperatives are found Globally, in every state and in every nation and cover all facets of human life, to name just a few, from agriculture and finance to housing. Cooperatives meet needs that are currently not being met in the marketplace, from quality products and services to better prices and outstanding customer service. A cooperative is a business model that can offer opportunities to people of all ages.

The economic contribution of cooperatives is often undervalued and sometimes ignored. The annual turnover of the 300 top cooperatives throughout the globe is around 2.3 Trillion USD which make it around 6th or 7th largest global economy. Further, the Indian cooperative movement is the largest in the world, representing almost 24 crore members and over 8 lakh cooperatives from village to national level and is functioning through important sectors like credit, fertilizers, dairy, fisheries and practically every aspect of production in the nation.

Globe is emerging out from the Covid19 pandemic issues as well there are underlined issues like Growing Inequality, Environmental Degradation and Increasing Unemployment. It is a time when things that were previously unimaginable are now a reality. The mandatory shutdowns of non-essential businesses and the confinement of billions of people to their homes, are revamping societies and economies. The impact is unevenly distributed for households, workers and businesses, further exacerbating inequalities that already exist. As experienced in past economic and social crises one can expect a new wave of interest in cooperatives due to people will seek a different way to organize the economy and society.

The cooperative movement can be criticised, but there are two facts that are particularly relevant today: Cooperatives are resilient organizations and cooperatives grow in difficult times. Despite various difficulties, cooperatives are demonstrating their ability to reorganize themselves, to reinvent themselves and to grow. Indeed, difficult times await us. Many of our cooperatives are suffering the consequences of an economic slowdown, while others are at risk of closure and uncertainty for their future. The need for a community-based economic model is vital in these moments. A model that serves its people, its communities and finds its strength in the support of those very same people and communities is the need of the hour.

In the words of the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, "The Cooperative movement is such a model which can provide a successful alternative to socialism and capitalism". The village-based economy, internal demand driven growth, local communities coming together as producers – as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi. Today, all these 'theories' are looking back at us as the only viable options for sustainable and meaningful growth and they all lead us to cooperative institutions.

Despite the difficulties, cooperatives are demonstrating their ability to reorganize themselves, to reinvent themselves and to cooperate. But at the same time, the cooperative model of serving the people and its community had gain some strength and opportunity during the covid-19. With the hold

on import of agriculture commodities, Farmers' cooperative society i.e. FPO and FPC can take an advantage of bringing out the local produce to the people door steps. Huge package from the central Government to impose the tag Made- in-India, can strive the opportunities for manufacturing unit along with handicraft society. Keeping in economic condition of middle class family, they try to spend most on the basic necessity needs like cereal, milk, fruits and vegetables, which leads to a surplus demand for the producer cooperatives.

Currently, youth are under distress and confused about their career and future prospects. Youth are involved in the cooperative movement, either as member-owners, as employees or as recipients of cooperative education. When one speaks about youth entrepreneurship, three words are most important such as youth in cooperatives, empowerment and freedom of choice. By combining of all, the virtual cycle of engagement is created. The need for adoption of technology also much important with youth engagement and they are interested in technology.

With the backdrop of structural change in the Cooperatives, new avatar of Credit Cooperatives, youth involvement in cooperatives and the business opportunities for cooperatives the Research Conference is planned. The broad areas of the 36thISSCAnnual Research National Convention are need and impact of structural change in the cooperatives, short term cooperative credit structures, new technological and business model, youth participation in cooperatives and above all the strengthening of Cooperatives.

Keeping the above aspects, the 36th Annual National Research Conference aims to address a wide range of topics for cooperatives. In which, the specific areas for discussion are,

- 1) Policy interventions by State and impact on collectives.
- 2) Strategies for strengthening Cooperatives :
- 3) Credit cooperatives: Farm and Non-farm
- 4) Role of Farmer Producer Organisations to strengthen farmer collectives
- 5) Structural Reforms in Credit Short Term Cooperative Structure: Pros and Cons
- 6) Short Term Cooperative Structure: A Business Diversification and the concept of 'One Stop Shop'
- 7) Cooperatives and Climate Change
- 8) Youth Participation in Cooperatives
- 9) ICT as tool to strengthen Cooperatives
- 10) "Autonomous and free cooperatives" A key to success.

The above thematic topics are NOT exclusive and shall be re-defined based on the received submissions.

Dates of Conference:

2 DAYS, 10th and 11th December 2021.

**Venue: Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune
and**

Padmashri Dr. Vikhe Patil Chair, c/o Department of Commerce, SPPU, Pune

Participants

The conference will be attended by about 250-300 delegates consisting of Research Scholars, Academicians, Policy Makers, Government Officials, Professionals, Representatives of Development Agencies, Private Sector, Donors, Civil Society Organizations, Members of Cooperatives.

Call for Papers

ISSC calls the research papers and case studies from policy makers, policy advisors, government officials, professionals, agricultural scientists, representatives of development agencies, Research Scholars, Academicians and others on the above themes. The details of paper submission and formats are as follows:

1. Abstracts

Researchers interested to present their papers in the Conference need to submit an abstract of not more than 600 words in Times New Roman, single spacing, 12 Fonts, Normal letters. The title should be in Times New Roman, 14 Fonts, and Bold. It should broadly include the research question, methodology, likely contribution to the field of knowledge and relevant literature. The keywords should contain 4-10 words. Send the abstract to ISSC, Pune by email at the following address: **isscpune@yahoo.co.in** The abstracts should be submitted in the following format:

- Title of paper
- Name(s) and affiliations of Authors
- Main theme/ objective of the paper
- Methodological and/or Conceptual approach
- Bibliography, Keywords and Contact details.

Last date for abstract submitting is 05th November 2021

2. Full paper publication

All submissions must be original and may not be under review by another Publication. Selected papers will be published as book chapters in an edited book with ISBN number. The full paper should be limited to 6000 words in Times New Roman, single spacing, 12 Fonts, Normal letters. The title should be in Times New Roman, 14 Fonts, and Bold. The paper should be preferably based on primary data collection/case studies. Length of papers generally of six to eight pages in A-4size. It should be sent in hard and soft copy.

3. Paper Presentation

The mode of presentation, online and offline, need to be intimated after the acceptance of the paper. Best papers will be felicitated in the next (37thANRC) conference. There will be no separate registration for paper presentations.

Last date for submission of full paper/s is 25th November 2021

4. Prof.R.V.Nadkarni Best Paper Award

ISSC is proud to award Best Research Paper submitted and presented in the Conference as "Prof. R.V.Nadkarni Best Research Paper Award". There are two categories for award as well consolation prizes as detailed below:

The eligibility conditions for the award and other details please visit to our website.

Sr.Nos.	Category of Participants	Prize Amount
1.	Non Research Scholar	Rs. 5000/-
2.	PG / UG Students	Rs. 3000/- 1 st Prize
		Rs. 1500/- 2 nd Prize
		Rs. 1000/- each (Eight Consolation Prizes)

Conference Registration

The conference will be non-residential. However, accommodation at coessential rates will be provided as per availability.

- No Registration Fee for ISSC Members, University Research Scholars (SPPU, Pune) and Students of VAMNICOM, RICM's and ICM's.
- Research Scholars & Students of other Universities Rs. 600/- (Non-Residential)
- Non-Members Rs. 1500/-

Please send your remittance by Bank Draft payable to ISSC at Pune or through NEFT along with the Registration Form.

ISSC Bank Details

Name of the Bank	: Saraswat Cooperative Bank, VAMNICOM Branch, Pune
Name of the Account	: Indian Society for Studies in Cooperation
Type of Account	: Savings
Account Number	: 110 2001 0000 1289
IFSC Code of the Bank	: SRCB 0000 110

Important Dates

05 th November 2021	: Deadline for abstracts' submissions
20 th November 2021	: Notification to authors with presentation guidelines
30 th November 2021	: Last date to register for the conference
1 st December 2021	: Last date to send full papers and presentations
10 th & 11 th December 2021	: 36 th ISSC Annual National Research Conference

Study Visit

Study visit to Amrutvahini (Coop. Dairy Union), Pravaranagar Coop. Complex and Shirdi on 11th December 2021: Cost to Cost basis.

Mailing Address and Contact Persons

Direct Telephone Nos.: 020-25701000/205

Email: isscpune@yahoo.co.in

Dr Anil Karanjkar, Hon. Secretary, (M) 8378838327

Dr Manisha Paliwal, Joint Secretary, (M) 9860853579

Dr M.M.Tapkir, Chair Professor, Padmashri Dr.Vikhe-Patil, SPPU (M) 9822020339

Savitribai Phule Pune University
(Formerly University of Pune)

डॉ. मुकुंद म. तापकीर

अध्यासन प्रमुख
पद्मश्री डॉ. विखे पाटील अध्यासन (वाणिज्य विभाग)
गणेशखिंड, पुणे ४११००७
संपर्कध्वनी : ९८२२०२०३३९
ई-मेल : drmmtapkir@gmail.com



Dr. Mukund M. Tapkir

Chair Professor
Padmshri Dr. Vikhe Patil Chair
(Dept. of Commerce)
Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411007
Mob. No. : 9822020339
Mail ID : drmmtapkir@gmail.com

To,
The Principals & Directors
Affiliated Colleges & Institutes under SPPU

Subject:- Invitation for National Level Research Conference on '**Strengthening Cooperative & Youth Participation**'

We are pleased to invite you for the National Level Research Conference on '**Strengthening Cooperative & Youth Participation**' organized by Padmshree Dr Vikhe Patil Chair, SPPU, Indian Societies for Studies in Cooperatives (ISSC), Valkunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM) and Department of Commerce, SPPU.

The Conference will be held on 10th and 11th December 2021 in the Department of Commerce, SPPU

You are requested to motivate and encourage the faculty members and Researchers of your organization/institution/college to participate in the Research Paper competition. The final date of submission of Research papers is 30th November 2021.

Kindly refer to the brochure attached for details.

For more details you can reach:

Advisory Committee:

Dr Mukund Tapkir- Chair Professor, Padmshree Dr. Vikhe Patil Chair, SPPU (9822020339)
Dr Supriya Patil- HOD, Commerce Department, SPPU (9423238479)
Prof. Anil Karanjkar- Secretary, ISSC (8378838327)

Organising Committee:

Dr. G. Syamala - Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, SPPU (8605091384)
Dr. Ganesh Patare- Assistant Professor, Garware College of Commerce, Pune (9923607054)

Regards,

Dr Mukund Tapkir
Chair Professor,
Padmshree Dr Vikhe Patil Chair,
SPPU.