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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 15th October 2020

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 (37th ANRC) conference. There will be no separate registration for paper presentations.

Last date for submission of full paper/s is 10th November 2020

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1.	Non Research Scholar	Rs. 5000/-
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference Registration:

- No Registration Fee for ISSC Members, University Research Scholars and Students of VAMNICOM, RICM's and ICM's.
- Non Members Rs. 300/-

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IMPORTANT DATES

15th October 2020	Deadline for abstracts' submissions
20th October 2020	Notification to authors with presentation guidelines
30th October 2020	Last date to register for the conference
10th November 2020	Last date to send full papers and presentations
26th & 27th November 2020	36th ISSC Annual National Research Conference

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36th Annual National Research Conference

"Post COVID-19: Business Opportunities for Cooperatives and Youth Participation"

26th & 27th November 2020



In collaboration with

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

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**Padmashri Dr Vikhe Patil Chair,
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“Post COVID-19: Business Opportunities for Cooperatives and Youth Participation”

Cooperatives are found Globally, in every state and in every nation and cover all facets of human life, 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.

Now, Globe is facing the Covid19 pandemic issues apart from that there are underlined issues like Growing Inequality, Environmental Degradation and Increasing Unemployment are exists. With the spread of the Covid-19 and its economic and social impacts, the world is facing a time of unprecedented uncertainty. 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 **Honorable PM Shri Narendra Modi ji**, "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.

There is no need to highlight challenges emerged due to the pandemic. Specially, 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 we talk 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 participate in cooperatives and the business opportunities for cooperatives during the Pandemic Covid-19, the Research Conference is planned. The broad areas of the 36th ISSC Annual Research National Concept 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 opportunities for Cooperatives during and post Covid-19.

Keeping the above aspects, the 36th Annual National Research Conference aims to address a wide range of topics of the opportunities for cooperatives during the pandemic Covid-19. In which, the specific areas for discussion are,

1. Policy interventions and impact on collectives in COVID-19
2. Opportunities for Cooperatives during the Pandemic Covid19 and Post Covid19 period for
 - ii. Credit cooperatives: Farm and Non-farm
 - iii. Dairy Cooperatives
 - iiii. Consumer Cooperatives
 - iv. Fisheries cooperative and other types of cooperatives
3. Role of Farmer Producer Organisations during and post Covid19.
4. Structural Reforms in Credit Short Term Cooperative Structure: Pros and Cons
5. Short Term Cooperative Structure: A Business Diversification and the concept of 'One Stop Shop'
6. Cooperatives and Climate Change
7. Youth Participation in Cooperatives.

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

DATES OF CONFERENCE

26th & 27th November 2020

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.