



# INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDIES IN COOPERATION (ISSC), PUNE



38th Annual National Research Conference

## Transforming Cooperatives

with Sustainable Development Goals: Retrospective and Prospective

6th and 7th October 2023



In collaboration with



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(Deemed to be University)**

## Announcement and Concept Paper

### Introduction and the theme

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries, both developed and developing, in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

SDGs mainly focused on economic, social, cultural, and environmental aspects; these are dimensional aspects of marginalized and weaker sections of the community. It has been proven that grassroots organisations play a vital role in any developmental activity. Cooperatives are profoundly appropriate and important in the realization of the proposed sustainable development goals. Being one of the world's oldest and largest business networks, the cooperative movement was the first group of enterprises worldwide to endorse the SDGs and be recognized as a partner in achieving these goals. It is thus a real critical moment to demonstrate the contributions of cooperatives to sustainable development. Fortunately, the cooperative movement and its one billion members have been engaged in sustainable development work even before the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. It is inherent among them to safeguard community relations, enhance local resources, advocate social responsibility, and adopt sustainable and long-term business practices. Millions of cooperative enterprises and their members are contributing every day from within their communities toward achieving the SDGs. And in a way that is sustainable, inclusive, and people-focused.

"At the mid-point of the 2030 Agenda, efforts need to be deepened, and this can only be done with more cooperation. Enterprises, which are responsible for organising the production and distribution of goods and services, must focus on people and the planet. Cooperatives have a model for doing this, and have been demonstrating it for almost 200 years", says the President of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), Ariel Guarco."

The lack of SDG progress is universal, but it is abundantly clear that developing countries and the world's poorest and most vulnerable people are bearing the brunt of collective failure. Compounding climate, COVID and economic injustices are leaving many developing countries with fewer options and even fewer resources to make the SDGs a reality. A fundamental shift is needed in commitment, solidarity, financing and action, to put the world on a better path. And it is needed now. Tepid responses will not do for the millions living in poverty and hunger, the women and girls with unequal opportunities, the communities facing climate disaster, or the families fleeing conflict. We need a fully-

fledged Rescue Plan for People and Planet. It's time to sound the alarm. At the mid-way point on the way to 2030, the SDGs are in deep trouble or in peril. A preliminary assessment of the roughly 140 targets with data shows only about 12% are on track; close to half, though showing progress, are moderately or severely off track and some 30% have either seen no movement or regressed below the 2015 baseline.

At this 'Cooperatives and SDG' Conference', we must fix the responsibility with cooperatives to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Keeping the above aspects, the 38th Annual National Research Conference aims to address a wide range of topics for cooperatives. Which, the specific areas for discussion are,

## Cooperatives and SDGs, its contribution to 17 Goals:

Poverty reduction, Gender equality, Quality education and lifelong learning, Health, Food security and good nutrition, Access to water and sanitation-Access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene, Sustainable energy, Create jobs, sustainable livelihoods, and equitable growth, Manage natural resource assets sustainably, Ensure good governance and effective institutions, Ensure stable and peaceful societies, Create a global enabling environment and catalyse long-term finance, etc.

- Social and Solidarity Economy and Cooperatives
- Role of Farmer Producers Organisations
- Reforms are needed in the various sectors of Cooperatives: structural, legal etc.
- National Cooperation Policy
- Innovation and best practices in cooperatives
- Role of Cooperatives in the Economy

***These thematic topics are NOT exclusive and shall be re-defined based on the received submissions from the participants/members of the Society.***

## Participants:

The conference will be attended by about 200-250 delegates consisting of Research Scholars, Academicians, Policy Makers, Government Officials, Professionals, Representatives of Development Agencies, Private Sector, Donors, Civil Society Organizations, and Members of Cooperatives/ staff of cooperatives.

## Call for Papers:

Research papers and case studies are invited from policymakers, 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 at the Conference need to submit an abstract of not more than 600 words. The papers should contain 4-10 keywords. Send the abstract to ISSC, Pune & GRI, Gandhigram by email at the following addresses: gricooperation@gmail.com, 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.

**DATES OF CONFERENCE:**

**2 DAYS**

**6th and 7th  
October 2023.**

**38th**  
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**VENUE**

**The Gandhigram  
Rural Institute**

(Deemed to be University),  
Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu

**The last date  
for abstract  
submission is  
28th August 2023**

## 2. Full paper publication:

All submissions must be original and may not be under review by another Publication. Selected papers will be published as books; chapters in an edited book with ISBN number. The full paper should be limited to 6000 words. The paper should be preferably based on the primary data /case studies. Length of papers generally of six to eight pages in A-4size. It should be sent in hard and soft copies.

### General Instruction for Abstract and Full Paper Submission:

The text shall be in Times New Roman, single spacing, 12 Fonts, and Normal letters. The title should be 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.

## 3. Paper Presentation:

The mode of presentation, online and offline, needs to be intimated after the acceptance of the paper. Best papers will be felicitated at the next (39th ANRC) conference. There will be no separate registration for paper presentations.

**The last date for submission of the full paper/s is 18th September 2023**

## 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".

The eligibility conditions for the award and other details please visit to our website i.e. [www.isscpune.in](http://www.isscpune.in)

### Categories for award

There are three categories for award as well consolation prizes as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Category of Participants	Prize Amount
1.	Non-Research Scholar	Ist Rs. 5000/- IIInd Rs. 3000/-
2.	Research Scholar	Ist Rs. 7000/- IIInd Rs. 3000/-
3.	PG / UG Students	Ist Rs. 3000/- IIInd Rs.2000/-
<b>Rs. 1000/- each (Nine Consolation Prizes, 3 in each category)</b>		

## 5. Conference Registration:

**CONFERENCE IS NON-RESIDENTIAL.**

**HOW EVER ISSC/HOST WILL ASSIST TO GET SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION.**

1. Registration Fee for ISSC Members: Rs. 1000/- per member
2. Accompanying spouse: Rs. 1500/-pp. Separate Registration is must for spouse
3. Non-Members: Rs. 2000/- pp
4. University Research Scholars and Students of colleges and universities: Rs. 500/-pp
5. Registration form is available on ISSC website: [www.isscpune.in](http://www.isscpune.in)
6. Please send your remittance by Bank Draft payable to ISSC at Pune or through NEFT along with the Registration Form.

### ISSC Bank Details:

	<b>Name of the</b>	Saraswat Cooperative Bank, VAMNICOM Branch, Pune	
	<b>Name of the Account</b>	Indian Society for Studies in Cooperation	
	<b>Type of Account</b>	Savings	
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>28th August 2023</b>	Deadline for abstracts submissions
<b>4th September 2023</b>	Notification to authors with presentation guidelines
<b>14th September 2023</b>	Last date to register for the conference
<b>18th September 2023</b>	Last date to send full papers and presentations
<b>6th and 7th October 2023</b>	38th ISSC Annual National Research Conference

**Distance & Accommodation :**

**Airport, Madurai:**

70 kilometers from Gandhigram Railway Junction,

**Dindigul:**

14 kilometers from Gandhigram

**Accommodation:**

A moderate accommodation is arranged in the Guest House of the GRI, Gandhigram on a cost basis. Limited rooms are available and the accommodation will be provided on a first come first registration basis.

The Hotels may be booked by the participants at the following places:

**Dindigul | (14 kilometres from Gandhigram):**

**Parsons Court,**

Mengles Road, Nagal Nagar, Mendonsa Colony, Dindigul - 624003  
Mobile: +91 96777 02007

**Hotel Vivera Grande,**

No. 19, New Agraharam, Palani Road, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, India - 624 001.  
Phone: 0451 - 2423236 & 0451 - 2423237  
Mobile: +91 96590 00001

**Hotel Vales Park**

49-A, Mengles Road, Dindigul – 624003. Tamil Nadu.  
Mobile: +91 84891 11011, 84892 11011

**Hotel PVK Grand**

80, Thadicombu Rd, Ashok Nagar, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu 624001  
Mobile: +91 80983 40099

**Madurai (65 kilometers from Gandhigram):**

**GRT Hotels**

38, Madakulam Main Rd, Next to SARVA CENTER, Vinayai Nagar, Palanganatham, Signal Junction, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625003  
Mobile: +91-9840048068 or +91 8069250515

**Madurai Residency,**

14-15, West Marret Street, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.  
Mobile: +91 98421 23437

**Hotel Prem Nivas,**

102, West Perumal Maistry Street Madurai – Tamil Nadu, India - 625001  
Phone: +91 452 4378787

**Hotel Kavery Mahal**

Plot No. 15, Perumal Thepakulam South, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625001  
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**Study Visit:**

Study visit to Madurai Medical College Staff & Students Cooperative Stores and Meenakshi Amman Temple at Madurai on 8th October 2023: Cost to Cost basis.



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