UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE

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In Collaboration with

Karnataka State Cooperative Federation Ltd.,

Bengaluru – 560001

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Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion

Humanities Block, Manasagangothri, Mysuru – 570006

Organizes

A Two-Day National Seminar on

Evaluation and Impact of Education, Training, Programmes in Cooperative Institutions

18th and 19th, December, 2026

Venue:

Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, Mysuru – 570006



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Cooperatives are universally accepted as an essential instrument of social and economic policy and have inherent advantages in tackling the problems of poverty alleviation, food security and employment generation. These have immense potential to deliver goods and services at the grassroots level. Cooperatives are people-centric rather than capital central organizations and they bring in cohesiveness, community business sense and enhance social bonding (through collective efforts).

The cooperative sector plays a significant role in the overall economic development of the country with its member-driven inclusive approach. It has the required capability to ensure equitable and concerted efforts towards enhancing the flow of timely, adequate and doorstep support to various agricultural infrastructure input services, irrigation, marketing, processing and community storage etc., and also for other activities such as poultry, fisheries, horticulture, dairy, textiles, consumer, housing, health etc.

This sector enjoys governance patronage in one form or the other in various capacities. Cooperative education and training programmes are considered as the basic inputs for qualitative growth of the movement, central state governments, and cooperative departments are the responsible for arranging such type of training programmes in the country. Government of India is extending financial support under central sector schemes to maintain / strengthen the existing facilities of the cooperative institutions involved in cooperative education and training with the sole objectives of encouraging that they deliver goods. According and such needs periodical evaluation of their performance to ascertain the impact of schemes.

Even though, this is still significant works to be done since there is evidence of continued issues. A major issue remain that there is continued gap between demand and supply which results in poor employment opportunities. There is still now familiar issues of fragmentation of cooperative training programme lack of coordination between center and state, implementing agencies encompassing regional disparities in terms of access to training education gender gaps and obstacles to participation of managing communities in the inclusive of these programmes.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SEMINAR

The global cooperative movement has long stood as a model of democratic ownership, economic participation and community-centered development. In recent years, the challenges posed by climate change, digital divides, socio-economic inequality and global market disparities have enhanced the need for more resilient, inclusive and innovative economic systems. In this context, cooperatives grounded in values of mutual aid, solidarity and collective empowerment are uniquely positioned to lead the transition towards a more sustainable and equitable world.

As the world navigates the fourth industrial revolution, characterized by transformative technologies like artificial intelligence, digitalization, and automation, cooperatives offer a model of economic and social empowerment that can ensure sustainable and inclusive growth. The importance of NEP 2020, which highlights access to vocational skills along with mainstream subjects in education, also creates new challenges in terms of effectively implementing this.

To step further in this changing scenario in cooperative education and training, providing cooperative-oriented experiential learning that develops a fair understanding of the rural economy, cooperative values and principles and working of societies imparting professional education and training in multiple domains such as cooperative history, laws,

auditing and accounting finance governance and operations, artificial intelligence, digitalization and cooperative focused business management. This also includes equipping and enhancing the technical skills of younger generations for meaningful employment in the cooperative sector. The seminar will also provide an important academic platform to examine the role of cooperative institutions in advancing social inclusion, reducing structural inequalities, promoting gender equality and strengthening the economic empowerment of marginalised communities.

In the above context, the Department of Economics and Cooperation, UOM, Manasagangotri, Mysuru in collaboration with Karnataka State Cooperative Federation Bangalore and Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, UOM, Manasagangotri, Mysuru to organizing a two-day National Seminar on "**Evaluation and Impact of Cooperative Education and Training Programme in Cooperative Institutions"** on 18th and 19th December 2026. The seminar aims to convene a diverse range of faculty members, academicians, policy makers, government officials, research scholars, practitioners, industry leaders, and civil society orgnizations to reflect on the current state of cooperative education system in India, assess its socio economic impacts and conceptualize new ways to make the cooperative modes potentially to drive community driven solutions that address the complex challenge of our time.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR:

- To examine the present situation of Cooperative Education and Training Programs offered in various Universities and educational Institutions and their outcomes in promoting employment.
- To assess the National Cooperative policy response at national and state levels that fosters inclusive growth of cooperative training and education in the country.
- To identify the barriers and challenges that marginalized groups face in accessing cooperative development and employment.
- To establish discussion between academia, government and industry towards inclusive sustainable development goals.
- To suggest innovative practices to ensure that demand and supply match.

THE MAIN THEME: Impact of Education, Training, Programs in Cooperative Institutions.

SUB THEMES:

1. Policy frameworks and institutional adopts of subject cooperation
   - National and State level policies
   - UGC, State Universities, Federation and other institutions.
   - Cooperative institutions as instruments of social inclusion and inclusive development.
2. Monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment.
   - Measuring outcomes from the cooperative educational programme
   - Feedback mechanism and improvement/ adoption/ implementation
3. Syllabus adoption
   - Uniforming the syllabus framework in cooperative institution, either central/State concern.
   - Undergraduate and Postgraduates Level

4. Entrepreneurial development/ Skill development on Cooperatives.
    - General Employment Opportunities
    - Role of Federation, JCTs etc.
5. Cooperative education interlia vocational training programme
    - Adoption of cooperative education in schools, Pre-universities, colleges, Under-graduation colleges and Higher Educational Institutions
    - Role of under graduation / PG Universities
6. New Cooperative Policy 2025
    - Establishment of new colleges affiliate with universities
    - Role of Tribhuvan society university
7. Any other related issues related fit.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE

The University of Mysore is a leading institution of its type and is a long-standing symbol of the focus on excellence in higher education in India. It was founded by the then Maharaja of Mysore, His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV, on July 27, 1916. The University of Mysore became the first University outside the sphere of the British administration in India, the sixth University in India as a whole, and the first ever University in Karnataka State. Beginning with just 2 departments in 1916, today it has grown to a strength of 58 postgraduate departments, 98 affiliated colleges, 49 recognised research centres and 38 outreach centres spread over different parts of the country and abroad. The university also offers graduate and postgraduate programs in an online mode. It has been accredited for the 3rd time by NAAC with a score of 3.47 points on a scale and a grade. Current Science has ranked the University of Mysore as one of the top 20 universities in scientific and research activities.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The department was established in the year 1916 with an undergraduate course in Economics; the postgraduate course was started in 1921, and the Department of Economics was shifted from Maharaja College to the Manasagangotri campus in 1960. Hence, it became the Department of Studies in Economics and Cooperation, UOM. The Department hails from eminent economists like Dr. N S Subba Rao, Dr. V L Dsouza, Dr. M H Gopal, Dr. G T Hutchappa, Dr. A P Srinivasamurthy, Dr. S M Veeraragagavachar and Dr. M Madaiah, enabling the department to attain national and international stature. Distinguished Nobel Laureates Prof. J R Hicks, Prof. Kenneth, J Arrow visited the Department. Besides eminent Economist like, Dr. D M Nanjudappa, Dr. K Venkatagiri Gowda, Dr. G T Thimmaiah, Dr. K S Nanjundaiah, Mr. S Rangachar of World Bank, Dr. V K R v Rao, Dr Raja Chellaih Prof. P R Brahmanand, Cyerthia Wyatt, Dr. Rangarajan, Prof. Alok Ghosla, Dr. Shanmuga Sundran, Dr. Sukunar Chakravarthy, Dr. V R Panchamukki are some of the visitors in the past few decades. The department holds the distinction of having Vice Chancellors at various universities in the state like Prof. M Madaiah, (VC, UOM), Prof. Indumathi (VC, Davanagere University), Prof. Manjappa D Hosmani (VC, VSKU), Prof. B K Tulasinala (VC, AMWU), making the department proud and bringing it laurels. The department offers M A in Economics, M.A in Cooperative Management and Ph D programmes both in Economics and Cooperation subjects. The department is also having two prominent chairs i e., State Bank of India and Planning Commission.

ABOUT THE KARNATAKA STATE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION LTD.,

Karnataka State Cooperative Federation Ltd., Bangalore (KSCF) was established in 1924 (initially as the Mysore Provisional Cooperative Society) with the sole objective of providing the necessary cooperative education, training, publicity and propagation for the development of the cooperative movement in particular and the country in general. Besides member education programme under the cooperative education in lines of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) is also carried out and under this programme, the secretaries officials, members executive committee members, staffs women youth and SC, STs, Members of societies are undergoing cooperative training education programme. The KSCF also has 08 Karnataka Institute of Cooperative Management Centres (KICM) through which a Diploma in Cooperative Management Training is conducted for a period of 26 weeks and above introduced correspondence course in Diploma in Cooperative Management Training for 24 weeks. At present, during the year 2025-26, 1088 candidates benefited. Besides, the Federation also publishing "SAHAKARA" news weekly (54th Year of its publications) is providing vital information as the cooperative movement, circulars progress reports, sectors issues, interviews of current personality in the cooperative fields, articles news views of the readers. Recently, KSCF started Diploma in Cooperative Audit (DCA) Programme for the benefit of younger generation.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited on any of the sub-themes of the Seminar. Contributions may take the form of a paper.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER

- The abstract (500 words) and full paper (10 to 12 Pages) should be submitted by email to **coopseminar26@gmail.com.** A Peer Review Committee will short-list the selected papers. Selected full papers will be double blind refereed by the peer experts for their selection for publication in the edited volume (with ISBN).
- The papers should be submitted in soft copy (in MS Word, Times New Roman, A-4 size with one-and-a-half line spacing and one-inch margin all around and a maximum of 10 to 12 pages). Papers without a soft copy will not be accepted.
- The research papers shall be preferably in the standard research format, spelling out the need for the study, objectives of the study, hypothesis, if any, methodology, techniques of data analysis, findings/ results, conclusion, references and statistical tables, in that order.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS:

For Two days, moderate lodging and boarding facilities will be provided (outstation paper presenter) in the university guesthouse on a twin share basis on a first-come, first served basis.

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Faculty, Academicians and Professionals	: Rs. 500/-
Research Scholars	: Rs. 200/-
Students (PG)	: Rs. 100/-

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date for submission of abstract	: 30.11.2026
Submission of Full Paper	: 05.12.2026
Seminar Dates	: 18th and 19th, December, 2026

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