



Cooperatives and Viksit Bharat 2047

21–22 December 2026 • CESS, Hyderabad

Full papers by 28 November 2026

About the Seminar

Cooperatives have a vital role to play in realising Viksit Bharat 2047 by promoting inclusive, participatory and sustainable development. Through collective ownership and shared decision-making, they strengthen farmers, artisans, workers and small entrepreneurs, particularly in rural and underserved areas, improving access to finance, technology, markets and inputs while creating employment. Combining collective strength with modern technology, professional management and market-oriented approaches, the cooperative movement can help build a prosperous, resilient and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The seminar brings together farmers, cooperators, academicians, policymakers, researchers, practitioners and students, with special emphasis on cooperative models that help small and marginal farmers gain bargaining power, lower input costs and reach wider markets. It will identify gaps in cooperative frameworks and agricultural policies and generate evidence-based recommendations for central and state governments.

Objectives

- Promote cooperative-based development** through collective action and community ownership.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange** on best practices and modern farming technologies.
- Strengthen small and marginal farmers** through aggregation, value addition and marketing.
- Improve access to inputs and finance**, from quality seeds to affordable credit.
- Explore rural industrialisation** through agro-processing and rural value chains.
- Identify gaps in cooperative frameworks** and ways to improve implementation.
- Explore new sectors for cooperativisation** and state-level institutions.
- Make policy recommendations** on organic agriculture, subsidies and market development.

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Sub-themes

Original, unpublished papers are invited on

-  Cooperatives, Inclusivity and Social Justice
-  Cooperatives and Rural Transformation
-  Cooperatives and Inclusive Growth
-  Cooperatives: Reflections from the Field
-  Cooperatives, Organic Farming and Dryland Farming
-  Cooperatives and Agro-Processing
-  Tribal and Scheduled Caste Communities and Cooperatives
-  *Any other theme relevant to cooperatives in India*

Important Dates



28 November 2026

Full paper with abstract



30 November 2026

Acceptance of paper



1 December 2026

Registration opens



10 December 2026

Registration deadline



21–22 December 2026

The Seminar at CESS, Hyderabad

Paper Guidelines

Full papers of **4,000–7,000 words**, including the abstract.

References in **APA style (7th edition)**.

Co-authored papers are welcome.

Selected papers will be published after peer review.

Registration Fee

Faculty / Professionals **₹1,000**

Research Scholars / Students **₹500**

Please register only after your full paper is accepted. Selected presenters will receive details of the registration process.

Non-Presenting Attendees **₹3,000**

(Includes boarding and lodging; travel self-arranged)

Travel & Accommodation

Outstation participants will be reimbursed 3rd AC train or bus fare by the shortest route, as per CESS/ICSSR rules.

Simple boarding and lodging will be provided free from the evening of 20 December to the morning of 23 December.

Support covers one presenter per accepted paper; co-authors must arrange their own travel and stay.

Expected Outcomes

-  Better understanding of cooperative development
-  Empowerment of small and marginal farmers
-  Sustainable and organic agriculture promoted
-  Scholar–policymaker–practitioner dialogue
-  Collaborative research and networking
-  Policy gaps and new sectors identified
-  Evidence-based policy recommendations
-  Edited volume or journal with ISBN/ISSN

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