

National Seminar

On
Revival of Rural Credit Co-operative in India
Theme, Challenge and Opportunities
[March 7 & 8, 2008]

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Seminar Detail

- Title** : Revival of Rural Credit Co-operative in India:
Issue, Challenge and Opportunity
- Date** : March 7 & 8, 2008
- Venue** : The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Vadodara, Gujarat, India.

Paper Submission Detail

Abstract:

To be submitted by February 23, 2008, in 200 words, along with a cover page with the title of the paper, the author's name(s), affiliation(s), biographical note(s), and complete contact information.

Full Paper:

To be submitted by March 1, 2008, in maximum 15 A4 size page.

Papers presented in the seminar carry a strong potential for publication in an edited volume to be published by a publisher of an international repute.

Local Facilities :

The lodging and boarding facility for paper writers would be provided in the University Guest House, subject to availability. There are some limited funds available for reimbursing the traveling allowance.

Mailing Detail :

The abstract and article may be submitted in two hard copies and in a soft copy [either in CD or via email] at the following address :

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Theme of the Seminar

The Government of India (GoI) appointed a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. A. Vaidyanathan in 2004 to analyze the problem faced by rural cooperative credit institutions in India and to suggest an action plan for their revival. Based on the recommendation of the Report of the Task Force, after extensive discussion between GoI and state government, a Revival Package was formulated in January 2006. Implementation of the Package has begun in fifteen states which have executed the MoU with GoI and NABARD.

The Revival Package focuses on introducing legal and institutional reform, which will enable the cooperative to function as an autonomous member-centric and member-governed institution. The reform will enable wider access to financial resources and investment opportunities, remove geographical restrictions in operation as well as mandated affiliation to federal structure, and provide administrative autonomy to cooperative at all levels. Suitable amendments in the Banking Regulation Act and certain provisions in the NABARD Act are also contemplated.

With this, the rural co-operative credit sector in India has entered a new phase of reform and revival and is poised to emerge as a strong and well-knit network of rural credit delivery systems based on sound principles of co-operative. At this juncture, it is very pertinent to discuss and deliberate on various vital issues concerning this changing phase of rural credit co-operative sector in India.

Some of the thrust areas and sub-theme of the seminar concerning the rural co-operative credit sector in India are:

- Legal and Operational Issues under Vaidyanathan Committee Report
- Issues of Governance and Management in Cooperative Credit Institutions
- Adoption of Uniform Accounting Practice
- Financial Discipline, Adequacy and Risk
- Capacity Building Exercise in Cooperative Credit Institutions
- Issues Related with Scalability and Sustainability
- Strategies for Financial Inclusion through Cooperative Credit Institutions
- Techniques for Appraisal of Cooperative Credit Institutions
- Principles of Co-operative, Market Economy and Globalization

There will be a special technical session on the rural co-operative credit societies in the state of Gujarat within the framework of the seminar.

The seminar is intended to deliberate on the issues in order to make this an enriching learning experience for all stakeholders in the Indian co-operative sector.

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Seminar Team

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About the Department of Co-operation

The Department of Co-operation at the Faculty of Commerce, the M. S. University of Baroda is the only university department in the state of Gujarat and perhaps one of the very few in the country, imparting education in the area of co-operative. The department offers Post-Graduate Degree and Diploma courses and also the Ph. D. programme.

The Department of Co-operation, since its inception has been playing a vital role in providing education in the thrust area of co-operation. Impressed by the academic profile of the department as well as recognizing the importance of the co-operative education in India, the UGC, had given a special grant for the construction of an independent building for the Department of Co-operation. The department has recently taken up the initiative to place its student under rigorous training programme in co-operative to get exposure to the practical aspects of the co-operative practice of doing business.

About the RBI Endowment Unit

The Reserve Bank of India Endowment Unit was established at Faculty of Commerce, the M. S. University of Baroda, in 1979 with the objective of undertaking research in Banking, Finance and Economics. This is the only research unit instituted to a university in the state of Gujarat. The activities of the Reserve Bank of India Endowment Unit are supervised and reviewed by the Department of Economic Analysis and Policy, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, India.

The Reserve Bank of India Endowment Unit at the M. S. University of Baroda has so far produced five Ph.D. under its Research Fellowship Programme, published a large number of books and monographs and organized many national level seminars and workshops.

About the National Institute of Co-operative Management

The National Institute of Co-operative Management [NICM] at Gandhinagar has been promoted and developed by The Gujarat State Cooperative Bank Ltd., an apex Cooperative Bank of Gujarat State. It has been functioning as an elite management institute since 1995. The Institute offers its services in five broader streams. They are: Management Education (two year full time MBA), Computer Education (three year full time MCA), Executive Development Programme, Research and Consultancy and Information and Documentation services.

NICM is the only management institute in Gujarat, which is accredited by NABARD, CAPART, Govt. of Gujarat and several leading cooperative organizations for undertaking research, training and consultancy services for them.

Proposed Session Outline

Day 1/ March 7, Friday

- 9.30 am to 10.00 am : Registration
10.00 am to 11.00 am : Inaugural Session
11.00 am to 11.30 am : Break [Tea/Coffee]
11.30 am to 1.30 pm : Technical Session I
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm : Lunch
2.30 pm to 4.30 pm : Technical Session II
4.30 pm to 5.00 pm : High Tea

Day 2/ March 8, Saturday

- 10.00 am to 11.00 am : Special Lecture
11.00 am to 11.30 am : Break [Tea/Coffee]
11.30 am to 1.30 pm : Technical Session III
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm : Lunch
2.30 pm to 4.00 pm : Valedictory Session
4.00 pm to 4.30 pm : High Tea

Registration Form
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Whether Contributing Paper Yes /No

Whether Accommodation Required Yes /No

Accompanying person/co-author of paper required to register separately.
To register for more than one person for the seminar, please use a
photocopy or download the registration form.

Delegates are requested to send their travel/accommodation plan at the
earliest due to limited facility available.

The Registration Form [] duly filled should be sent to:

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