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Co-operation and Contemporary Revolution in Science & Technology

15 August 2023, 10 AM – 1 PM

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Sir / Madam,

Hope you are aware of the Freedom Fest 2023, a forum to congregate experts and activists to explore the questions of inclusivity and access in the formation of a Knowledge Society, happening in Thiruvananthapuram from 12 to 15 August 2023. The 4-day multiple activity event, a gathering of the Academicians, Practitioners, Stakeholders and Students of Kerala, will discuss, develop and share new insights into employment generation and social progress of the State. Renowned experts in each subject, including Nobel laureates from within and outside India, are expected to participate. On the concluding day, one of the major topics of discussion is Cooperation which is gaining momentum in the new development order as a humane alternative for the corporate model development.

The rapid changes in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) and meeting the challenges of the science & technology revolution demand a new vision in the coop sector. Various crises that our most common money lending cooperatives face today due to the user-friendly and anywhere, anytime service delivery of commercial banks with the support of modern technologies is a good example for the present day challenges. Partnerships and working relationships on an international level, especially in the context of the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development, the SDGs and Net Zero Emission also have become the need of the hour. Cultural, Business and Digital Transformations are also to be addressed in formulating Developmental Strategies. Knowledge freedom and open technologies are crucial in such a futuristic plan. In this context we are organising a seminar exploring the potential and possibilities of cooperation in the emerging context of new ideas, experiments and technologies. We cordially invite you to the programme.

Sincerely yours,

M. Vijayakumar

Chairman
Organising Committee, Freedom Fest 2023

V. K. Prasanth

General Convener
Organising Committee, Freedom Fest 2023

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Topic: Co-operation and Contemporary Revolution in Science & Technology

Moderator: **Dr. Saji Gopinath**, Vice Chancellor, Digital University

Introductory address: **Dr. T. M. Thomas Isaac**, Former Finance Minister, Kerala

Theme presentation: **Dr. Saji Gopinath**

Panel Discussion

Co-operative policies in human-centric industrial revolution

Smt. Mini Antony IAS, Secretary, Cooperation, GoK

Diversified co-operatives in Kerala: Present and Future

Sri. Subhash T. V. IAS, Cooperative Registrar, GoK

Co-operatives in Sunrise economy and future development

Dr. K. Ravi Raman, Member, Kerala State Planning Board

Platform Cooperatives & Knowledge Mission

Dr. P. V. Unnikrishnan, Member secretary, K-DISC and Sri. Ganesh Gopal, Member Programme Officer, ICA-AP

Co-operative in human centric, resilient and sustainable economy

Sri. C. Balagopal, Founder MD, Terumo Penpol Ltd.; Former Chairman, Federal Bank Ltd. and Founder & Former President of Tie Kerala



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Youth- technology participation in co-operatives in india

Dr. Simon Thattil, Professor and Dean, Dept. Of Commerce, University of Kerala

Making Cooperatives Member-centric: Strategies

Sri. M. V. Sasikumar, Director, Institute of Cooperative Management, Thiruvananthapuram

Impact of the Technology Advancement on Workers' Opportunities in Construction Industry

Sri. B. Sunil Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction, Thiruvananthapuram

Alternative business opportunities in co-operative movement

Sri. Joby john, President, SAMOOH (Samoohya Samrambhaka Sahakarana Sanghom)

Discussion

Representatives of prominent cooperatives, cooperative leaders and experts