



Shikshan Mandal, Karad's



Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad

MULTIDISCIPLINARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

YOUTH AND COOPERATION



Organized by

Department of Economics & Commerce

in Collaboration with

Shivaji University, Kolhapur

Indian Institute of Education, Pune

Jankalyan Nagari Sah. Patsanstha Maryadit, Karad

Day : Tuesday August 4, 2026

Time: 9.30 a.m.

Venue

**Sau. Venutai Chavan Smarak
Sanskritik Sabhagruh, Karad**

Warm greetings from Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad. We are immensely pleased to invite you to join us and share your valuable insights at the 'One-Day Multidisciplinary National Conference' on 'Youth and Cooperation' to be conducted on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

About Karad

Karad is situated on 1800 confluence of rivers Krishna and Koyana, a rare geographical phenomenon, in Satara district of Maharashtra. It is a well-known educational hub and is the bastion of the Cooperative movement. Its name features in history as Karhatak, the capital of Pandava king Sahadev. Adding to Karad's ancient heritage are the Agashiv Caves, dating back to around the 3rd century BCE. These rock-cut caves, linked to early Buddhist monastic life, stand as evidence of the region's continuity from ancient spiritual traditions through medieval political history, including its association with the broader legacy of the Maratha Empire.

About the Institution and College

Shikshan Mandal, Karad was established in 1921, in the memory of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak-the legendary freedom fighter, philosopher, and nationalist leader. This educational trust is living tribute to Tilak's profound contributions to India's independence movement.

Founded in 1921, Shikshan Mandal stands as a prestigious educational institution in Karad, dedicated to fostering a blend of academic excellence, scientific mindset, character development, patriotism, and a sense of social belonging among its students. It is the alma mater of Swargiya Yashwantrao Chavan Saheb, the architect of modern Maharashtra; Prithviraj Chavan; Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav; and many other illustrious personalities.

Demonstrating its visionary outlook and commitment to women's education, Shikshan Mandal, Karad established Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad to meet the growing needs for quality higher education for girls in and around Karad. Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad was established on August 7th, 1986, under the auspices of Shikshan Mandal, Karad. It is the first women's college in Satara district affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Since its inception, the college has been committed to empowering girl students by providing access to modern, scientific and value-based higher education along with training in employment-oriented skills and opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship, thereby enabling them to become self-reliant. Affiliated to Shivaji University, the college offers undergraduate programmes in Arts, Commerce and Science, along with a postgraduate programme in Geography. The college also has a Ph.D. Research Centre in Geography recognized by Shivaji University, Kolhapur. In the year 2026, the college started 191 'Skill Development Courses' approved by 'MAHARASHTRA BUSINESS TRAINING BOARD'. In recognition of its sustained commitment to quality education and institutional excellence, the college was reaccredited with CGPA 2.85 by the NAAC in the fourth cycle of accreditation in February 2025. In the current year, the Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad bagged 'A' grade (Excellent) in the stringent evaluation of 'Academic and Administrative Audit' of Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

About the Indian Institute of Education (IIE):

The Indian Institute of Education (IIE), Pune was founded by Prof. J. P. Naik (1907-1981), the humanist, freedom fighter, polymath, encyclopedic thinker, socialist and educationist. He is recognized by the UNESCO alongside Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi as three pioneering educationists in the twentieth century. Prof. J.P. Naik is also known as an institution maker. The mission of the Indian Institute of Education was carried forward by his wife Dr. Chitra Naik (1918-2010)

who continued his philosophy of indigenous knowledge with her praxis of challenging educational orthodoxy. Presently, the institution is working in inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary paradigms of education and the social sciences. Health studies, minority studies, tribal studies and studies in inclusive education are the leitmotifs of teaching, research and pedagogy at the Indian Institute of Education.

Jankalyan Nagari Sahakari Patsanstha Maryadit, Karad.

Jankalyan Nagari Sahakari Patsanstha Maryadit, Karad is a leading urban cooperative credit society dedicated to the overall economic development and financial empowerment of society. Operating through a network of 18 branches, the institution has achieved a remarkable combined business turnover of ₹1,000 crore and CRAR of 19% reflecting its financial strength, stability with a strong commitment to cooperative movement. Jankalyan patsantha is recipient of many state level awards and has been contributing to the social and national cause in a big way.

About the Conference

Youth are the driving force behind a nation's progress, possessing the energy, creativity, innovation, and leadership required to shape a prosperous and inclusive future. At the same time, the cooperative movement has emerged as one of the most effective instruments for promoting economic development, social justice, democratic participation, and community welfare. The conference on 'Youth and Cooperation' aims to explore the powerful synergy between these two transformative forces and underscore their significance in the contemporary world. The conference seeks to highlight the indispensable role of today's youth in strengthening and revitalizing the cooperative sector while demonstrating how cooperatives contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. In India, the cooperative movement has made remarkable contributions to agriculture, banking, dairy development, housing, rural development, and social welfare, significantly improving the quality of life of millions. In an era characterized by rapid technological advancement, globalization, digital transformation, and intense competition, the active participation of youth has become essential for ensuring the continued growth and modernization of the cooperative sector. The conference will provide a vibrant platform for academicians, researchers, students, cooperative leaders, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to deliberate on the emerging opportunities, challenges, and future directions of youth engagement in cooperatives. Special emphasis will be laid on youth leadership, digital cooperatives, entrepreneurship, start-up culture, innovation, financial inclusion, skill development, employment generation, sustainable development, and community empowerment. The deliberations will also reinforce the core principles of cooperation, including self-help, mutual assistance, democratic governance, equality, equity, solidarity, and social responsibility, inspiring young minds to become responsible leaders and change-makers. Research papers, case studies, and success stories from the cooperative sector will provide valuable insights and practical learning experiences, encouraging greater youth participation in cooperative enterprises.

Aligned with the vision of NEP 2020, the conference promotes multidisciplinary learning, experiential education, innovation, and social commitment while fostering critical thinking, leadership, and collaborative problem-solving. Through keynote addresses, technical sessions, research presentations, the conference is expected to generate meaningful academic discourse, innovative research, and practical policy recommendations that will strengthen the cooperative movement and empower the youth to become active partners in building an equitable, sustainable, and prosperous society. This Conference also aims to spread awareness amongst the youth about the excellent career opportunities in the co-operative sector.

The conference invites original, unpublished research papers for publication purpose from academicians, researchers, scholars, and students on the following thematic areas, though submissions are not limited to these themes: (Open for Commerce, Economics other branches of Arts, Science and Commerce).

Sub-themes for the Conference :

1. Youth and Cooperation: Building a Sustainable and Inclusive Future.
युवा आणि सहकार: शाश्वत व सर्वसमावेशक भविष्याची निर्मिती.
2. Role of Youth in Strengthening Cooperative Movements.
सहकार चळवळ बळकट करण्यामध्ये युवकांची भूमिका.
3. Youth Leadership and Cooperative Governance.
युवक नेतृत्व आणि सहकारी प्रशासन.
4. Cooperative Education and Skill Development for Youth.
युवकांसाठी सहकार शिक्षण व कौशल्य विकास.
5. Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Generation through Cooperative Enterprises.
सहकारी संस्थांद्वारे युवक उद्योजकता व रोजगार निर्मिती.
6. Digital Transformation in Cooperatives: Opportunities for Youth.
सहकार क्षेत्रातील डिजिटल परिवर्तन: युवकांसाठी संधी.
7. Women Youth and Cooperative Development.
युवती आणि सहकारी विकास.
8. Rural Youth Empowerment through Cooperatives.
सहकाराद्वारे ग्रामीण युवक सक्षमीकरण.
9. Financial Inclusion and Youth Participation in Cooperatives.
आर्थिक समावेशन आणि सहकार क्षेत्रातील युवकांचा सहभाग.
10. Social Innovation and Youth-led Cooperative Models.
सामाजिक नवकल्पना आणि युवक-नेतृत्वाखालील सहकारी मॉडेल्स.
11. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Youth Cooperation.
शाश्वत विकास उद्दिष्टे (SDGs) आणि युवा सहकार.
12. Agricultural Cooperatives and Young Farmers.
कृषी सहकारी संस्था आणि युवा शेतकरी.
13. Innovation, Startups and Cooperative Ecosystem.
नवकल्पना, स्टार्टअप्स आणि सहकारी परिसंस्था.
14. Challenges and Opportunities for Youth in Cooperative Sector.
सहकार क्षेत्रातील युवकांसमोरील आव्हाने व संधी.
15. Community Development through Youth Participation in Cooperatives.
सहकारातील युवक सहभागातून समुदाय विकास.
16. Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Cooperative Development.
शाश्वत सहकारी विकासासाठी विज्ञान, तंत्रज्ञान आणि नवकल्पना.
17. Climate Change, Environmental Sustainability and Green Cooperatives.
हवामान बदल, पर्यावरणीय शाश्वतता आणि हरित सहकारी संस्था.
18. Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Digital Cooperatives.
कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता, डेटा विश्लेषण आणि डिजिटल सहकारी संस्था.
19. Renewable Energy and Sustainable Cooperative Models.
नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा आणि शाश्वत सहकारी मॉडेल्स.
20. Health, Nutrition and Community Cooperatives.
आरोग्य, पोषण आणि सामुदायिक सहकारी संस्था.

Call for Research Papers and Posters

Interested participants are requested to submit their original work related to the conference theme. The papers and the abstracts should be submitted through E-mail to mck.nationalconference2026@gmail.com in both word and PDF format.

The full Paper of the authores must be submitted along with Plagiarom report by the author.

Selected papers will be published in the special issue of ISBN Journal 'Education and Society' with renowned 'Indian Institute of Education' as a publisher.

The Final Date of Submission shall be on or before July 20, 2026

Submission Guidelines for Research Papers:

Submission Guidelines: English

- **Font Type :** Times New Roman
- **Reference Style :** MLA 9th Edition
- **Abstract :** 250 words along with key words
- **Font Size :** 12
- **Line Spacing :** 1.5
- **Word Limit :** 2500 words

Submission Guidelines: Marathi

- **Font Type :** Unicode
- **Abstract :** 250 words along with key words
- **Font Size :** 14
- **Word Limit :** 2500 words

Submission Guidelines for Poster Presentation:

- **Font Type:** Times New Roman
- **Font Size:**
- **Author/s & Affiliation Font :** 36 to 48 pt
- **Section Header Font:** 40 pt
- **Body Font:** 28 to 32 pt.
- **References:** 18 to 24 pt.
- **Spacing:** A4 size spacing 1.5
- **Email ID :** mck.nationalconference2026@gmail.com

Schedule: 4th August, 2026

Welcome Tea	9.00 am to 9.30 am
Inauguration ceremony 9.30 am to 10.30 am	In presence of Shri Satish Marathe (Director, Central Board of Reserve Bank of India), Dr. Rajanish Kamalakar Kamat (Vice Chancellor, Shivaji University, Kolhapur), Prof. Dr. Udaykumar Shinde (Chairman, IIE, Pune) & other dignitaries.
Plenary Session I 10.45 am to 11.30 am	Shri. Satish Marathe (Director, Central Board of Reserve Bank of India) Title: Youth in Banking & Finance Through Cooperative
Plenary Session II 11.35 am to 12.20 pm	Shri. B.D. Pawar (Rtd. Director, Directorate of Marketing, Government of Maharashtra) Title: Youth and Cooperative
Lunch Time :	12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Plenary Session III 1.30 pm to 2.15 pm	Smt. Chetana Sinha (Social Entrepreneur, Founder and Chairperson, Mann Deshi Mahila Sahkari Bank, Mhaswad) Title: Women Empowerment in Cooperatives
Paper and Poster Presentation Sessions 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm	
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution 4.15 pm to 5.00 pm	Attendance certificates will be issued to delegates who attended all 3 sessions.

Registration Fees for Participation

Participant	Fees	QR Code for Registration
Teachers	1000/-	
Research Scholars/Students	300/-	

Note : Group of 20 candidates (Not more or not less) having recommendation letters from the college Principal will not be charged for registration. It will be free to encourage the academic spirit of students.

Registration Form Link: <https://forms.gle/7zvRCJy8Dda13aUm9>

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