



Profile of Speakers

Prof Tushaar Shah: A leading economist and public policy specialist, he is a Senior Fellow of Colombo based International Water Management Institute. Former Director of Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), he has worked extensively in governance related issues of Co-operatives in India.

Prof KV Raju: A leading academician in the field of Co-operatives, Producer Organizations, Prof. Raju also has considerable experience in organizing and mobilizing producer's organizations. Earlier associated with Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), he is currently Director of Development Management Institute, (DMI) Bihar.

Prof Sukhpal Singh: Chairperson, Centre for Management of Agriculture, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM Ahmedabad), his area of interest includes Agribusiness Management, value chains, small producer organizations and Agribusiness policy.

Shri Sriram Singh: Currently working as Practice Head (Institutional Building), NDDB Dairy Services. He has more than 25 years of experience in co-operative dairy sector.

Shri SV Ramanna: Managing Director of Visakha Milk Producer Company, Andhra Pradesh. Visakha is the first dairy co-operative milk union of Andhra Pradesh, which has converted itself into Milk Producer Company under Companies Act.

Dr N V Belavadi: Former Executive Director of NDDB, Dr Belavadi has been associated with dairy co-operative sector for more than 40 years. He was also involved in framing of Producer Company legislation for creating a more enabling framework for producer organizations.

Professor Bhajan Grewal: Senior Professor of Eco-strategy at Victoria University, Melbourne. He is currently Project Leader of a plan for developing enabling policies for improving the livelihoods of small holders in Pakistan.

Shri R S Sodhi: Managing Director of Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF). GCMMF is India's biggest dairy federation and also largest food product marketing. Shri Sodhi has more than 30 years of rich experience in leading and developing co-operative sector within Indian Dairy Industry.

Shri K Rathnam: Managing Director of Kaira Milk Union popularly known as Amul Dairy. Having more than 20 years of experience in co-operative sector in various capacities.

Shri R K Singh: CEO of Paayas Milk Producer Company Limited. At present, the company has its operations in Rajasthan and daily procures an average 4 LKgPD of milk.

Shri Dhaval Dave: Leading advocate well versed in legal issues related to co-operatives and producer companies.

Shri DV Ghanekar: Managing Director of Kolhapur Milk Union, a leading dairy co-operative of Maharashtra under brand name Gokul. He has more than 30 years of experience in Cooperative dairy sector.



Workshop on 'Governance Issues in Producer Organisations'

Date: 08 October, 2015

National Dairy Development Board, Anand





With enactment of "The Companies (Amendment) Act, 2002" it was envisaged that producer organisations getting registered as producer companies would be able to take advantage of legal and regulatory framework enjoyed by companies and at the same time will remain compliant to basic principles of cooperation. It was thought that, some of the issues which confronted existing co-operatives thereby hampering Good Governance in them, have been adequately addressed by this act.

The enactment of 97th constitutional amendment also seeks to ensure Good Governance in cooperatives while remaining in same legal regulatory framework. Many states have amended respective state cooperative societies act based on the provisions of 97th constitutional amendment.

In the event of this it is felt prudent to understand whether issues of Governance which Producer Organisations have been facing by virtue of their peculiar Governance structure have been addressed. A need is also felt to understand from the international experience of producer organisations who could adopt to changing scenario and ensure sustained business growth.

The workshop seeks to understand the Governance issues persisting in producer organisations, implications of "companies amendment act" and "97th constitutional amendment act" and is expected to provide a platform for co-operators and experts wherein they can arrive at a consensus to work towards ensuring sustained business growth in producer organisations through Good Governance.

Participants : NDDB, Managing Directors of Milk Federations/Unions, Academicians, NDDB-DS Officials & Experts

Venue : Dr. Kurien Auditorium
 Date : 8th October 2015
 Programme Coordinator : Shri Meenesh Shah & Shri Hrishikesh Kumar

Programme Schedule		
Date & Timings	Particulars	Facilitators
0930-0945 hrs	Welcome address	Managing Director, NDDB
0945-1000 hrs	Key note address and agenda setting	Chairman, NDDB
Session 1 Good Governance and Business Growth		
1000-1015 hrs	Design issues in Producer Organizations	Prof Tushaar Shah, IWMI, Colombo/ Prof KV Raju, DMI, Patna

Programme Schedule		
1015-1030 hrs	Overview of Dairy Cooperatives	Executive Director, NDDB
1030-1045 hrs	Overview of Producer Companies	Prof Sukhpal Singh, IIM Ahmedabad
1045-1100 hrs	Deliberations, Q&A Session and summarization by Moderator	
1100-1115 hrs Tea Break		
Session 2 Lessons from Experiences		
1115-1145 hrs	Promotion of Producer Companies- Experience of NDDB-DS	Shri Sriram Singh, NDDB-DS
1145-1205 hrs	Conversion from Cooperative to Producer Company- Experience of Visakha	Shri SV Ramanna, MD, Visakha MPC
1205-1225 hrs	Evolution of Producer Organizations- International experience	Dr. NV Belavadi/Shri Sriram Singh, NDDB-DS
1225-1245 hrs		Prof. Bhajan S. Grewal, Victoria University, Melbourne
1245-1300 hrs	Deliberations, Q&A Session and summarization by Moderator	
1300-1400 hrs Lunch Break		
Session 3 Business Growth and Governance Challenges		
1400-1415 hrs	Federation's Perspective	Shri RS Sodhi, MD, GCMMF
1415-1430 hrs	Union's Perspective	Shri K Rathnam, MD, Kaira Milk Union
1430-1445 hrs	Producer Company Perspective	Shri RK Singh, CEO, Paayas PC
1445-1500 hrs	Deliberations, Q&A Session and summarization by Moderator	
Session 4 Imperatives of 97th Amendment		
1500-1515 hrs	Legal aspects	Shri Dhaval Dave, Legal Expert
1515-1530 hrs	Experience of amended legislation	Shri DV Ghanekar, MD, Kolhapur Milk Union
1530-1545 hrs	Deliberations, Q&A Session and summarization by Moderator	
1545-1600 hrs Tea Break		
Session 5 Plan for Promoting Good Governance and Business Ethics		
1600-1700 hrs	Open Discussion	Prof K V Raju, DMI, Patna
1700-1745 hrs	Way Forward	Chairman/MD/ED, NDDB and MDs of Federations
1745-1800 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Shri Meenesh Shah, NDDB