

# **COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES AT GRASS-ROOT LEVEL BUILD A BETTER FUTURE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Cooperative enterprises are not new and even at grass root level a lot of cooperatives are functioning in most of the countries. How do the local cooperatives contribute to a better life? Why is it so necessary? How to make grass root cooperatives function better for future? When the union of workers legally allowed with Repeal of Combination Acts in 1824, they mutually associated for another important cause to save themselves along with the trade unions. They were Cooperatives. The work place suppression led to trade unions and the economic exploitation led to Cooperatives. The Rochdale Pioneers a small group of the working class in 1844 started a “Equitable Pioneer society”. A self-help or mutual help society that aimed for production, distribution, consumption etc., by the members themselves. The then journey successfully paved the way for alternate economy around the world. In India the Gandhian thoughts of “bee economy” correlated with cooperative concept and certainly made the life a little better in villages. In the era of Globalisation too cooperatives are improving in villages even though lacunae at policy, legal and social frameworks. The latest addition as a member in International Cooperative Alliance ICA “URULANGAL LABOUR CONTRACT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY (ULCCS LTD) from India clearly depicts not only building a better life at grass-root but also globally represented the ideology. This article would substantiate it with success stories of some of the Cooperatives at grass root level in India .

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