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*Report on WEBINAR on the eve of International day of co-operatives*

The United Nations International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July. The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness on cooperatives, highlight the complementary goals and objectives of the United Nations and the international cooperative movement, underscore the contributions of the movement to the resolution of the major problems addressed by the United Nations, and strengthen and extend partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors. The theme of the International Day of Cooperatives 2020 was **COOPERATIVES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**. The global cooperative community are invited to continue pushing for actions that will address climate change as the current environmental situation is putting lives and livelihoods at risk, disrupting vital ecosystems for people and the planet.

Referring to the above act, College of Co-operation, Banking and Management, a constituent college of Kerala Agricultural University has celebrated International Co-operative Day on July 04, 2020. The celebration started with a flag hoisting at the roof top of the college by the Head of Department of Co-operative Management, Dr. G. Veerakumaran. Following this, a webinar was organised by the Department of Co-operative Management in the afternoon on google meet platform. The webinar was inaugurated by Dr. K. N. Ushadevi, Associate Dean of the college. One session was handled by Prof. Yashwantha Dongre, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore on the topic “Co-operatives for Climate Action” and the other session was carried out by Dr. T. Paranjothi, Director, Agricultural Co-operative Staff Training Institute, Trivandrum on the topic “Challenges for Co-operative Banks”. Prof. Dongre was introduced by Dr. G. Veerakumaran, Professor and Head of the department of co-operative management and Dr. T. Paranjothi was introduced by Dr. E. G. Ranjit Kumar, Professor (Dept. of Co-operative Management) and Director, MBA (ABM). The session of Prof. Dongre highlighted the importance of actions which have to be taken by the co-operatives in enduring climate change. On the other hand, Dr. T. Paranjothi elaborated the existing challenges confronting by the co-operative banks regarding the RBI guidelines and amendments. The informative and fruitful

sessions remained interactive with the vigorous and lively performance of 130 participants including senior professors and students. At 4:30 pm the webinar was ended with the official vote of thanks extended by Dr. Arul Arasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Co-operative Management.