



B.Com Honours

Semester V

Calicut University

COOPERATIVE THEORY AND PRACTICE

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Module II: Origin of Cooperative Movement in India & ICA

Covers historical evolution in India, 4-stage reformulation of Cooperative Principles up to ICA Manchester Statement 1995, and International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) governance structure.

Unit 4: History of Cooperative Movement in India

Sir Frederick Nicholson report (1895: "Find Raiffeisen in India"). Legislative Milestones: Cooperative Credit Societies Act, 1904 & Cooperative Societies Act, 1912. Post-independence 5-year plans expansion.

Unit 5: 4-Stage Evolution of Cooperative Principles

Stage 1: Rochdale Principles (1844 - Open membership, 1-member 1-vote, cash trading, dividend on purchase).

Stage 2: ICA Reformulated Principles (1937 / 1966).

Stage 3: Karve Committee Recommendations (1960s).

Stage 4: ICA Manchester Statement (1995 - 7 Modern Principles).

Unit 6: International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

Founded 1895 in London (headquartered in Brussels). Non-governmental apex body representing cooperatives worldwide. Governance: General Assembly, Global Board, Regional Offices (ICA Asia-Pacific), Sectoral Organizations (ICBA, ICAO).

Practical Case Framework (ICA 1995 7 Cooperative Principles Matrix): Detail the 7 modern principles of cooperative identity adopted at the ICA Manchester Congress.

ICA 1995 7 Cooperative Principles Reference Table:

Principle No.	ICA 1995 Principle Name	Operational & Governance Core Meaning
1st Principle	Voluntary & Open Membership	Open to all persons without gender, social, racial, or political discrimination
2nd Principle	Democratic Member Control	Democratic governance: 1 Member = 1 Vote regardless of share capital
3rd Principle	Member Economic Participation	Equitable member capital contribution & patronage dividend distribution
4th Principle	Autonomy & Independence	Autonomous self-help organizations controlled exclusively by members
5th Principle	Education, Training, & Info	Provision of continuous training to members, elected reps, and public
6th Principle	Co-operation among Co-operatives	Strengthening local, national, regional, and global co-op networks
7th Principle	Concern for Community	Sustainable community development policies approved by members

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