



Invitation



!!!Greetings from Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad!!!

We at the Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, cordially invite you to the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav lecture series. This lecture series is our modest effort to pay homage to the unknown and unsung heroes, who inspired the struggle for self-determination, ensured nutritional self-sufficiency, sustainable growth and development of villages through SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas, SabkaViswas, SabkaPrayas.

As a primer to this we look at the cooperatives of Gujarat, which were an integral part of the freedom struggle and in the present are revered for their success. We begin the lecture series by looking at how the storm in the milk pot (Kheda Milk federation Cooperative) became a social movement. We invite **Prof. Shyam Singh** (Associate Professor at Institute of Rural Management) for shedding light on the aspect of

***“How social networks kept Dairy Cooperatives
in Gujarat***

relevant for the last seventy-five years,’

on

4th January 2022 at 12:00 pm.

Due to the prevailing pandemic condition, the lecture would be held online. We request you to join the meeting by clicking on the following zoom link.

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Meeting ID: 999 8680 5692

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About the speaker:

Prof. Shyam Singh holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. He was the Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, in 2018. He has been engaged in various evaluation and research assignments with UNICEF, the World Bank, NABARD, and state and central governments. Dr. Singh was also an expert committee member, constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, for the National CSR Award 2018 and 2020. He was part of the Second National Common Review Mission, constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. He is currently an advisor to the Rural Development Department, Government of Jharkhand. His research interests include community development and governance, monitoring and evaluation, CSR, and social networks. He teaches Rural Society and Polity, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Social Network Analysis at IRMA.

About the lecture:

Cooperatives are not merely economic institutions with a motive to earn profit for their members. Instead, cooperatives are social (enterprise) institutions based on ethical codes and democratic values and principles. One of the expected outcomes of such institutions is that they would work as catalysts for initiating social change in the communities by forging strong collective ties. This essentially means that cooperatives would drive the process of social change. This outcome is based on a critical assumption that cooperatives can promote democratic values and inclusion among their members, who are also part of the fragmented and exclusionary social order. I explore this assumption in this talk and see if cooperative identity supersedes social identities.