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Professor D. R. Gadgil
on Co-operation**

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The present volume includes the writings and speeches by late Professor D. R. Gadgil on Co-operation during the period 1952-70. Prof. Brij Narain Memorial Lectures delivered at Chandigarh in 1960 which form Part I of the volume present an overview of the co-operative movement in the developed and the underdeveloped world and discuss the role of co-operation in the transformation of economic society.

For Prof. Gadgil, Co-operative Commonwealth appears to be the only path for development under Indian condition. In his words, "...Where resources and opportunities as related to numbers of persons are extremely limited and there exists a great deal of stratification and privilege with mutual suspicion and distrust, it is highly dangerous to encourage the spirit of competition and rivalry. In a crowded society with highly restricted opportunities, the development of society as a whole requires the most careful mutual adjustment, constant reiteration of the need for co-operation.... For this, if for no other reason, the philosophy of co-operation alone appears appropriate to present day India".

The writings on the development of co-operative institutions in India, particularly in the field of agricultural credit and marketing, the issue of Government participation and assistance, the question of training and education for co-operators, the role of co-operation in development planning etc. brought together in Part II, provide a deep insight into the operative problems in the development of a co-operative social order. The sugar co-operatives, a dynamic element in the transformation of rural society, is the subject of discourse of Part III. The exposition of the development of the sugar co-operatives in Maharashtra, the analysis of the problems faced by the co-operatives during the formative stage, the discussion on long-term national sugar policy have gained an additional dimension because of the active association that Prof. Gadgil had with the movement for over two decades. The potential of co-operation as a pragmatic tool for economic transformation of Indian society runs as the central theme through Prof. Gadgil's writings on co-operation. Students of planning and co-operation will find these writings by an eminent academician and an ardent co-operator of special relevance.

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FOREWORD

WE are publishing the writings and speeches of Professor D. R. Gadgil brought together in suitable volumes. In 1961, the Institute published a collection of his writings entitled *Planning and Economic Policy in India*. In 1972, we brought out a revised and enlarged edition of the same which includes his important writings and speeches on the subject upto the time of his joining the Planning Commission. Last year we published another volume entitled *Writings and Speeches of Professor D. R. Gadgil on Planning and Development (1967-1971)* which includes his writings and speeches on the subject during the period he was the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission. The present volume brings together his writings and speeches on Co-operation, a field in which he made major contribution to policy and practice both.

The volume is divided into three parts : The first part consists of Prof. Brij Narain Memorial Lectures which Professor Gadgil delivered in 1960 at the Punjab University. The lectures are available in a separate publication of the Punjab University. Nevertheless, we thought it would be appropriate and useful to include them in this volume. We are grateful to the Punjab University for giving us permission to do so.

Professor Gadgil made pioneering efforts in the field of sugar co-operatives. He was instrumental in setting up the first sugar co-operative in the country and he guided the movement in its initial stages until it was established on a firm and sound footing. The third part of this volume includes his writings and speeches on this subject. The remaining speeches and writings on co-operation make the second part of this volume.

With the publication of this volume, there remain now to be brought together only some miscellaneous writings and speeches of Professor Gadgil. We shall include these in another volume which will be the last in the series.

His writings and speeches in Marathi are already published in two volumes.

The publication of this volume was held up because of non-availability of paper for some time and later because of its prohibitive cost. We are grateful to the Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, Bombay, for supplying at a special price the paper for this volume.

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