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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (T.E.L.C) was born in 1919 to serve the cause of the poor, downtrodden and the marginalized sections of the Tamil Society. Realising the need for the establishment of a centre for higher education, the T.E.L.C. chose Porayar, a rural hamlet in the erstwhile Thanjavur District for starting its first higher education institution. The vision was brought into reality with the rise of Tranquebar Bishop Manikam Lutheran College which was named after Late Rt. Rev. Dr. R. B. Manikam, the first Indian Bishop of the church. It became an important landmark in the annals of the T.E.L.C on 19th June 1972. The Government of Tamil Nadu approved the establishment of the college vide its Government Order No. 1888, Education Department dated 29.11.1972. The college now offers fourteen undergraduate, twelve postgraduate courses and eight research programmes leading to M.Phil., and Ph.D.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Cooperation as an academic discipline was introduced in India and spread out in Tamil Nadu at few places. The Cooperation Department a pioneer Department in T.B.M.L. College traces its origin in 1973 when the first degree course of B.A., Cooperation was introduced. The Department was upgraded to a Post-Graduate Department in 1977. The Department of Cooperation has grown gradually and entered with new visions in the field of research by introducing M.Phil., [Full-Time & Part-Time] and Ph.D., [Full-Time & Part-Time] in 1984 and 1988 respectively. By the meritorious, meticulous and devoted service rendered by the Legendary Professors, the 'Two Pillars' of Cooperation Department -

Dr. S. Nakkiran and Dr. V. Frank Ratnakumar, the T.B.M.L. College, Porayar is now identified in the Map of India. The Department of Cooperation is a premier Research Centre in India & Abroad and one of the leading Research Departments in the field of Cooperation.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Cooperatives have emerged as a vital segment of the Indian economy, with the potential to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs represent a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere. Cooperatives embody multiple economic and social objectives. They stabilize village economies by reducing inequality and ensuring equitable sharing of the benefits of sustainable development. Additionally, they promote economic democracy and empower marginalized groups through democratic management, which is crucial for sustainable development. Sustainability across environmental, social, and governance dimensions is no longer a compliance exercise. It is now proven that by focusing on sustainability, Cooperatives can expand their impact, boost their competitiveness, and help build a better future for humanity.

This seminar aims at offering a platform to promote discussions on the relevance and significance of these well-conceived themes of social concern inviting broad, interdisciplinary and national level participation.

