



Chairman's Message

Dear Shareholders,

I am pleased to present the Annual report of your bank for the Financial Year 2019-20.

The year under reporting was a highly challenging year for the entire banking industry in general and for Co-operative banks in particular.

Your bank started the Financial Year 2019-20 with reasonable growth in conformity with the envisioned strategy. However, the restrictions, imposed by the regulator on a Mumbai based Co-operative Bank, created anxiety in the minds of customers and affected the overall growth of deposits of your Bank. After the situation stabilised to some extent, your bank could mobilize a good amount of deposits in the last quarter of the financial year, with the support of loyal customers of the Bank.

The credit demand was very low owing to overall slowdown in economy. Furthermore, considering the downtrend in many sectors, the bank was extra cautious while making appraisal of credit proposals to minimize the credit risk. During the financial year most of the borrowers continued to pay their instalments and with sustained & vigorous recovery measures bank could contain the stressed assets. Your bank will continue to take measures to ensure healthy growth and further improve the asset quality.

However, the sluggish economy further decelerated due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic towards end of the financial year with unabated increase in cases all over the world. The measures taken by governments to contain the spread had cascading effect on many industries & other segments of the economy. All these factors affected profitability of the bank.

With the impact of COVID-19, the global economy is likely to be moving towards a situation of uncertainty in coming days. However, the bank will take necessary measures to emerge strong from this adversity & will post a good performance for the year ending March 2021.

I am thankful to the depositors who have been a pillar of strength for the bank in these difficult times.

I sincerely thank shareholders, customers, employees and well-wishers for their sustained support and look forward to their continued patronage in the coming days also.

With warm wishes,

JAYA C SUVARNA