The sugar co-operative is essentially a success story of Maharashtra. The co-operative sugar factories in Maharashtra have become a catalyst for all-round development in the rural area. Many of them have made greater contribution to the economic and social development of their areas according to the regional requirements. Some have been especially innovative in this respect. These factories are instrumental in establishing educational institutions, hospitals, dairy and poultry units, co-operative banks, consumer stores, libraries, laboratories, recreation centers etc.

In fact, it would be no exaggeration to say that these sugar factories have undertaken virtually all the welfare functions of the state in their area of operation. Without their initiative, these areas would have remained deprived of these facilities for many years. Hence, a study of sugar co-operatives in Maharashtra cannot be merely an extension of sugar industry but is a micro dimensional socio-economic phenomenon. There are number of success stories to explain the potentialities of co-operative sugar factories in solving the problems of rural economy.

In the present study, Management of successful sugar co-operatives in Pune district-A case study of Vighnahar co-operative sugar factory Ltd. Junnar, situated in Junnar Taluka of Pune district has been selected as a representative sample for analyzing its successful management. The factory is quite innovative in understanding various welfare activities in rural area. It may be regarded as a glaring example
of what poor farmers can achieve by adopting the principals of co-operation. Hope that, this case study can give fairly good idea of all round development brought out in the long run by a co-operative sugar factory in its command area.

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