



Annual Report on Academic Activities
(2023 – 2024)



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1. ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD) is an autonomous research institute situated in Guwahati that undertakes, promotes and coordinates research on problems and processes of social transformation and development of Assam and other states of the North Eastern region of India and contributes to the formulation of strategies and programmes for speedier regional development. As envisaged by the founders of the Institute, it acts as a “clearinghouse of ideas and information on research in social sciences with special emphasis on the problems of Assam and other States of the North- Eastern region”.

Established in 1989 under the joint initiative of Government of Assam and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi, OKDISCD is recognized as a leader in the field of social science research in Northeast India. It is reputed for the quality of its research and various programmes for promoting social sciences and policy research. Over the last more than two and half decades, a large number of studies have been completed by the Institute which has contributed towards the corpus of knowledge on various aspects of social concerns and research priorities in the region. It is noted for its strong research thrust in varied areas of democracy and governance, regional development, health and education, environment, gender, human development that are making substantial contributions to regional and national level. Over the years, the Institute has also created a niche for its innovative courses in capacity development of young scholars of social sciences. It is also the leading Institute in the region in designing and carrying out evaluation and monitoring of various programmes of government agencies, corporate houses and international bodies. The Institute has also emerged as a well-built centre of teaching especially research-oriented courses.

With continuous attempt to achieve new heights in social science research and teaching, the Institute has conducted and initiated several academic activities during the year 2023 – 24.

2. Research Projects (Completed)

(a) *Impact Assessment and Analytical Study for the Pilot Phase of Skill Development Training Programme Under ABOCWWB*

Sponsoring Agency – Assam Building and other Construction Workers’ Welfare Board.

Coordinator: Saswati Choudhury (OKDISCD)

Co-coordinator: Krishna Surjya Das (OKDISCD)

Date of Starting: 28.11.2022

Date of Completion: June 2024

Amount: ₹ 36,26,700/-

About the Project:

The Government of Assam constituted the Assam Building and Other Construction Workers’ Welfare Board in 2008. Under this Board, the Government of Assam initiated the Skill Training Programme (STP) since the year 2018-19 in two phases covering the districts of Barpeta, Nalbari, Baksa, Bongaigaon, Darrang, Kamrup, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Sivasagar and, Jorhat. Three agencies were engaged for the purpose. A total of 30 districts are covered under the Programme with 99 centres utilised by 13 Training Partners selected for the purpose. The Assam Building and Other Construction Workers’ Welfare Board requested the responsibility on OKD Institute of Social Change & Development, Guwahati to assess the learning outcome of STP for the trained construction workers. The Institute, has taken up an impact assessment study on the outcomes of STP in eleven districts of Assam. This study mainly focuses on identification of exclusion or wrong inclusion in the beneficiary selection; assess the beneficiary satisfaction, effectiveness of Training partners, impact of STP upon the overall growth of the beneficiaries.

(b) *Gross Fixed Capital Formation in Assam*

Sponsoring Agency: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Assam.

Coordinator: Saswati Choudhury (OKDISCD)

Co-coordinators: Prof. Ratul Mahanta, (Professor, Department of Economics, Gauhati University), and Anshuman Barua (Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Gauhati University)

Date of Starting: 19.03.2021

Date of Completion: 30.06.2023

Amount: ₹ 17,69,111/-

About the Project:

Estimation of capital formation is an important exercise in preparing national income accounts. The changes and expansion of the economy and economic activities requires fresh estimation of national income statistics taking note of the changes occurring as well as issues related to international comparability. This calls for updating definitions and base year, recognising changing activities, identifying new trends and initiatives. Over the years, several significant changes have taken place in the nature and functioning of the economy. This makes it imperative to examine the existing procedures and practices of estimating national income statistics at the state and district level. The study, therefore, contributed to the preparation of national income statistics by carefully looking at the pertinent issues, particularly, identifying data gaps in estimating Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in Assam and developing the methodology for estimation of GFCF for private and household sector for the State of Assam.

(c) Preparation of a Pictorial Presentation of the History of Settlement in Assam

Sponsored Agency: Director of Land Record & Service.

Coordinator: Bhupen Sarma (OKDISCD)

Date of Starting: 29/03/22

Amount: ₹ 35,05,000/-

Date of Completion: 30.12.2023.

About the Project:

The objective of this pictorial is to depict the changes in the nature of settlements. This process aims to facilitate the digital mapping of both colonial and contemporary settlement patterns within Assam. The digitized maps, encompassing colonial and contemporary data, will prove valuable in delineating the trends and alterations within the settlements that have unfolded over time.

3. Research Projects (Ongoing)

(a) *Social Impact Assessment of Jal Jeevan Mission*

Sponsored Agency: Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Assam.

Coordinator: Saswati Choudhury (OKDISCD)

Co-coordinator: Krishna Surjya Das (OKDISCD).

Date of Starting: July 2023

Expected date of completion: *(Draft report of the project has been submitted to the funding agency and waiting for the feedback)*

Amount: ₹ 32,88,230

About the Project:

The study aims to evaluate the impact of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) on rural communities in Assam by focusing on three primary objectives. First, it assesses whether JJM has significantly reduced the incidence of waterborne illnesses, which are prevalent due to the lack of safe drinking water. Second, the study evaluates out-of-pocket healthcare expenses, determining if access to clean water has lessened the financial burden on households. Third, it explores how JJM is improving rural livelihoods by enhancing daily life, economic opportunities, and overall well-being. Using a three-stage sampling method, the study surveys households in fully covered and not-covered villages under JJM in Assam. This comprehensive evaluation aims to provide insights into the effectiveness of JJM and inform future policy interventions for better water accessibility and public health.

(b) *Life and Livelihood of Slum Dwellers in Guwahati*

Sponsoring Agency: Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development.

Coordinators: Arunima Deka and Nitish Gogoi, (OKDISCD)

Date of Starting: November 2023

Expected date of completion: August 2024

Amount: ₹ 3,50,000/-

About the Project:

The objectives of this project is to study the access to healthcare facilities, education, and sanitation conditions among the slum dwellers in Guwahati city and to examine the co-

relation between income, education and standard of living among the slum dwellers in Guwahati city. This project also assesses the coverage of slum dwellers in various government-initiated schemes and their vulnerabilities the slum dwellers in Guwahati faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(c) *Survey of Tea Tribes and Adivasi Community of Assam*

Sponsored Agency: Tea Tribes and Adivasi Welfare Department, Government of Assam.

Coordinators: Rajdeep Singha and Krishna Surjya Das (OKDISCD).

Co-coordinators : Akshay Jyoti Sarma, Arunima Deka, Nitish Gogoi, and Saswati Choudhury (OKDISCD).

Date of Starting: July 5, 2024

Expected date of completion: February, 2025

Amount: ₹45,00,000

About the Project:

The study aims to conduct a comprehensive socio-economic profiling of Assam's Tea Tribes and Adivasis focusing on housing, access to basic amenities, education, occupation, health, and the efficacy of welfare policies. Understanding living conditions and access to safe drinking water and sanitation is crucial, as these factors significantly affect health and well-being. Assessing educational facilities and attainment is essential for breaking the cycle of poverty and ensuring long-term socio-economic development. Profiling the occupational structure and mobility helps design targeted interventions to enhance employment opportunities. Examining health facilities and morbidity issues is vital due to prevalent health problems like tuberculosis, respiratory issues, and malnutrition. Focusing on maternal and child health and nutrition addresses high maternal mortality rates and child malnutrition. Evaluating the efficacy of welfare policies in terms of awareness, access, and outcomes is crucial to identify gaps and areas for improvement. This study aims to provide a detailed analysis to facilitate more effective policy interventions and improve the socio-economic conditions of the Tea Tribe community in Assam.

(d) *Social Audit for Assam Transport Workers Social Security Scheme, 2022.*

Sponsored Agency: Labour Commissioner, Government of Assam.

Coordinators: Rajdeep Singha and Krishna Surjya Das (OKDISCD).

Date of Starting: March 2024

Expected date of completion: August 2024

Amount: ₹14,09,540/-

About the Project:

The "Assam Transport Worker's Social Security Scheme, 2022" was introduced by the Government of Assam on February 13, 2023, to mitigate the deprivation and vulnerability of transport workers. This social security scheme targets workers aged 18 to 60, including those employed in commercial and private vehicles, mechanised boats, and various roles within the transport sector. The scheme aims to provide death benefits, disability benefits, and assistance for critical disease treatment. This proposed study evaluates the scheme's effectiveness through a comprehensive survey of the targeted beneficiaries. The primary objectives are to assess the scheme's anticipated impact on transport workers' well-being and explore opportunities for integrating it with existing central and state welfare programs to optimise social benefits. The study will use a mixed-method approach, incorporating quantitative and qualitative tools. Data will be collected from six representative districts across Assam, supplemented by Focused Group Discussions (FGDs) and semi-structured interviews. Additionally, a detailed review of similar policies in other Indian states will be conducted to identify best practices and potential integration opportunities. This research aims to provide actionable insights to enhance the effectiveness of the "Assam Transport Worker's Social Security Scheme, 2022" and improve the overall welfare of transport workers in Assam.

(e) *Oneness among the Tribes of Assam: A Study on the Aspects of Culture and Hinduism in Assam.*

Sponsored Agency: Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi through OKDISCD.

Coordinator: Jogesha Kakati (Registrar, Pragjyotishpur University, Guwahati)

Date of Starting: 20.12.2023

Expected date of completion: 31.12.25

Amount: ₹7,50,000 /-

About the Project:

Despite an immense diversity of language, culture, social and religious customs and rituals, there is a unity, not uniformity among intra-tribal communities and between the tribal and non-tribal people of Assam. Against the natural principle of Oneness in the tribes of

Assam, the British provoked an Isolationist disposition in the north-east India. Given these contexts, this project aims to express Oneness in the diversity in every kind like language, flora and fauna, human appearances and dresses, foods and seasons or like God and Goddesses, festivals, dresses, customs and rituals etc. This study also aims to understand the underlying deeper unity and “Indian-ness” in the tribes along with all people of the northeast India. Moreover, this study will explore the truth between the national identity nurtured by the Indian culture and regional identity promoted by the separatist and secessionists and to investigate the cause of the attitude of self-denial of some of the people in the northeast India.

(f) *Understanding the Problems of Ethnic Minority Communities in Northeast India for Working out the Possible Solutions.*

Sponsoring Agency: North Eastern Council, Govt. of India.

Coordinator: Akshay Jyoti Sarma (OKDISCD)

Co-coordinators: Saswati Choudhury and Arunima Deka (OKDISCD)

Date of Starting: 27.10.2020

Expected date of completion: 30.11.2023.

Amount: ₹ 32,80,000/-

About the Project:

Northeast India is the home to hundreds of ethnic communities existing with myriad diversities of race, culture, language, religious beliefs, and others. The co-existence of 7 numerous ethnic groups provides significant impetus to the identity and the ethno-cultural milieu of the region. However, ethnic communities and particularly the minority groups confront with variety of problems and challenges in the context of their development and quality of life. Therefore, the North Eastern Council, Govt. of India has assigned to the institute a study to provide an in-depth mapping of the minority ethnic communities in the region and identify certain key socio economic issues which might require certain development interventions. The study, therefore, intends to comprehend the problems and development deficits of the minority ethnic groups in the Northeast. The study therefore will make an attempt to map the minority ethnic communities in each state of the Northeast and create a socio-economic profile of the identified communities. In addition, the study will seek to understand the status of development/development deficits of the select/identified minority ethnic groups in the Northeast and identify the causes responsible for their

deprivation, if any. Finally, the study envisaged to development/policy intervention in addressing the identified problems of the minority ethnic groups in each state of the Northeast. The study intends to come up with some broad policy options for the minority ethnic groups in the region.

(g) *Documenting, Monitoring and Evaluation of CSR Interventions of NEEPCO Ltd, 2021 – 22.*

Sponsoring Agency: North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd, Shillong.

Coordinator: Akshay Jyoti Sarma (OKDISCD)

Date of Starting: September 2022

Expected date of completion: July 2024

Amount: ₹24,20,000/-

About the Project:

The Institute has pioneered the evaluation of CSR interventions implemented by many of the public sector enterprises operating in the region. The Institute prepared the baseline survey and formulation of CSR projects for North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited during 2012-13. Since then, the Institute has been undertaking the responsibility of documentation, monitoring and evaluation of CSR interventions implemented by the NEEPCO Limited. The present evaluation is being done for the initiatives undertaken during the year 2021-22. There are 85 CSR initiatives under five different thrust areas i.e. Promoting Education, Preventive Healthcare, Entrepreneurship Development, Social Development and Swatch Bharat Abhiyan. An amount of Rs. 5,45,98,219.00 (Rupees five crore forty-five lakh ninety-eight thousand two hundred and nineteen) only was earmarked for expenditure on CSR initiatives for the year. The field work has been completed and the report is under preparation. The report is expected to be completed by July, 2024.

OKD Lecture Series

- (a) *Political Economy and Questions of Employment and Employability in India*, delivered by Dr. Surbhi Kesar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, SOAS University of London, on July 17, 2023.

- (b) *Vernacular Nationalism: The Politics and Poetics of Mizo Nationalism*, delivered by Dr. Roluahpuia, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, on August 4, 2023.
- (c) *Capturing Women's Paid and Unpaid Work through Time Use Surveys*, delivered by Dr. Ellina Samantroy Jena, Faculty, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute on February 12, 2024.
- (d) *Wage Stagnation and Wage Productivity Decoupling: Evidence from India*, delivered by Professor Vinoj Abraham, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum on February 20, 2024.
- (e) *Migration in Megacities of India: (Un)wavering Job Tale of Northeast Migrants*, delivered by Dr. Marchang Reimeingam, Assistant Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, on March 6, 2024.

OKD Dialogue

- (a) An interaction session was held with select academia and eminent citizens on issues related to ***Right to Information Act, 2005*** on May 10, 2023 at the Institute. The session was presided by Shri Y. K. Sinha, IFS (Retd), Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission.
- (b) A dialogue was organized titled ***Ongoing Conflict in Manipur*** on July 31, 2023 at the Institute. The dialogue was presided by senior journalists Shri Sushanta Talukdar and Shri Rajeev Bhattacharyya.

Seminars/Conferences: National & International

- (a) A National Seminar was organized on the theme *Space, Identity and the Idea of North East* in association with Dikhowmukh College, Sibsagar on August 26, 2023.
- (b) 44th *Institute of Indian Geographers' Meet and International Conference* was organized in collaboration with Cotton University during January 22 – 24, 2024.
- (c) 7th *Young Social Scientists' Conference* was organized between February 26 – 28, 2024.
- (d) 24th *Annual Conference of North East Economic Association (NEEA)* was organized in collaboration with S. B. Deorah College during February 9 – 10, 2024.

Workshops

- (a) A Workshop on ***Advance Qualitative Research Methodology*** was organized in association with Handique Girls College, Guwahati during April 25 – 29, 2023.

Brief Report: The Advance Qualitative Research Methodology Workshop, organized by OKDISCD from April 25-29, 2023, aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of qualitative research methodology. The five-day workshop was designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to design, conduct, and analyse qualitative research studies.

- (b) Three-Day workshop on **Writing Academic Papers** was organized between September 13 – 15, 2023.

Brief Report: A three-day workshop titled "Writing Academic Paper" was organized from September 12th to 14th, 2023, at the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development in Guwahati, Assam. The primary aim of this workshop was to provide young scholars with an opportunity to delve into the philosophical and theoretical aspects of interdisciplinarity in Social Sciences, with a particular emphasis on critical evaluation and analytical rigor in presenting their ideas. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including various writing styles, conventions, protocols, and techniques to enhance proficiency in academic writing. The Institute had initially received 45 nos. of applications, and after careful evaluation, a total of 36 participants were shortlisted for the workshop. However, 28 participants (19 females and 9 males) joined in the workshop, hailing from various State and Central Universities across the country. Notably, an international scholar from Bangladesh also participated in the workshop.

- (c) Three-Day workshop on **Writing Academic Papers** was organized between January 29 – 31, 2024.

Brief Report: A three-day workshop titled "Writing Academic Papers" was organized from January 29th to 31st, 2024, at the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development in Guwahati, Assam. The primary aim of this workshop was to provide young scholars with an opportunity to delve into the philosophical and theoretical aspects of interdisciplinarity in the social sciences, with a particular emphasis on critical evaluation and analytical rigor in presenting their ideas. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including various writing styles, conventions, protocols, and techniques to enhance proficiency in academic writing. The Institute had initially received 119 applications. Various criteria were applied while shortlisting the participants, which included age, sex, geographical representations, disciplinary backgrounds, and the current status of their works. After careful evaluation, a total of 47 participants were shortlisted for the workshop.

However, 32 participants joined the workshop, hailing from various states and central universities across the country.

Publication of the Institute

Social Change and Development, Journal of OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Volume XXI, No. 1, January 2024 with 6 research papers and 1 book review.

Library

The library has a collection of 17,957 reference books and 4,705 back volumes of journals/periodicals till date. It has also subscribed to 50 numbers of national and international journals from different publishers and 7 numbers of national and regional daily newspapers. Moreover, the library has also SOUL 2.0 Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS) for managing the library housekeeping operations. The library services include reference service, CAS, SDI, Referral Service, Reprographic facility, Reading Room facility, Preservation of Institutional Reports, and Access to Online databases namely J-STOR and Indiatat.com. During the year 2023-2024, a total of 237 books have been newly added to the library.

Celebration of Events

Independence Day, 2023

This year India celebrated its 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav on 15th August, 2023. OKD Institute of Social Change and Development also celebrated Independence Day, 2022 with great pomp and show with the rest of the nation. All employees and project staffs took part in the celebration.

International Yoga Day, 2023

International Yoga Day, 2023 was observed by the Institute on 21st June, 2023. The employees of the Institute came together and practices Yoga Asanas on this day for better health and well-being under the guidance of Shri Rustom Ali, who has been a regular Yoga practitioner. This was also followed by a discussion session on the benefits of Yoga as way towards a healthy living.

Republic Day, 2024

Republic Day was celebrated on campus with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by singing the national anthem. A discussion on India's Constitutional Legacy was organized, and all employees of the Institute took part in the event.

Academic Contribution of Faculty Members

Prof. Bhupen Sarma

- a) Delivered two lectures on 'Qualitative Research Methodology Workshop' organized at Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development on 13th March 2023.

Dr. Saswati Choudhury

- a) Presented a paper on *Northeast India and National 16th Finance Commission: Priorities* organized by EGROW Foundation New Delhi on the theme 16th Finance Commission on 26th January, 2024.
- b) Delivered the 14th Bhabananda Deka Memorial Lecture on the theme *Public Policy & Interface of Politics and Economics* organized by the Economic Planning Forum, Department of Economics, Pragiyotish College, Guwahati on 10th October, 2023.
- c) Chaired the inaugural session of a National Seminar on the theme *Ecological Futures: Communities, Conflicts and Contestations in Northeast India* organized by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC) during 2nd and 3rd November, 2023.
- d) Participated as a speaker in a panel discussion on *'Education, Power, and Knowledge in Northeast India'* at the 13th International Conference of the Comparative Education Society of India (CESI), themed 'Changing Dynamics of Education: Perspectives and New Directions from Global South.' The conference was organized by Tezpur University and held from December 1-3, 2023.
- e) Chaired a technical session on the theme *Urban Issues and Problems* at the 44th HG Meet and International Conference organized by Cotton University during 22 – 24 January, 2024.
- f) Chaired the Dr. Gopal Bordoloi Memorial Lecture at the 24th Annual Conference of North Eastern Economic Association (NEEA) & National Seminar organized by S.B.Deorali College, Guwahati during February 9 – 10, 2024.

- g) Participated as a speaker in a panel discussion on *Designing Safe and Affordable Childcare Institution* in a Seminar on Formulating a Care Economy Strategy for the Government of India: Unlocking Opportunities in India's Care Economy organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in association with Nikore Associates, Karmannaya Counsel, and Confederation of Indian Industry during 8th February, 2024 in Guwahati.
- h) Delivered two lectures on the theme *Work, Employment and Critical Challenges* at the Short-term Course in Gender Sensitization organized by the HRDC-NEHU, Shillong during 14- 20 February, 2024.

Dr. Rajdeep Singha

- a) Published an article on *Rural Employment, Public Policy and COVID-19 Pandemic: A Study of Least Developed Districts of India* in *Social Change and Development* in January 2024.
- b) Published a chapter on *Economics of Borderland and Lives: Empirical Understanding from Northeast India, in Indigeneity, Development and Sustainability Perspectives from Northeast India*, edited by Anjan Chakrabarti, Gorky Chakraborty, Anup Shekhar Chakraborty, published by Springer Nature, Singapore.
- c) Delivered a lecture on *Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Quantitative Data Analysis* in the workshop on Data Analysis and Academic Writing organized by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Off-Campus on 19th March, 2024.
- d) Participated as Discussant on the theme *Child Labor in the Tea Gardens of Assam*, a part of the Workshop on Child Labor in the Tea Gardens of Assam: Past, Present and Future organized by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC) during 23rd and 24th January 2024.
- e) Delivered a lecture on *Digital Under representation, Internet Shutdowns, Sustainability of Access in North East India* at the 8th e Northeast and 7th CNX organized by the Council for Social and Digital Development during 24th and 25th November, 2023.

Dr. Akshay Jyoti Sarma

- a) Presented a paper titled *India's Regional Framework in the Indo-Pacific and Act East Policy: A Critical Appraisal* at a National Seminar on Assessing India's Act East Policy in

Strategic Framework of Indo-Pacific organized by KBV Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari.

- b) Delivered three lectures on Advanced Qualitative Research Methodology Workshop organized by Handique Girls', Guwahati during 25th – 29th April, 2023.
- c) Subject Expert for different selection committees under Assam Public Service Commission.
- d) External Evaluator of MA dissertations under Department of Political Science, Cotton University, Guwahati.

Dr. Arunima Deka

- a) Participated in a Workshop on "Access to FOGSI and National Gynaecological Services and Prayas Surgery in Assam with focus on how to prevent unindicated hysterectomies" held on 11th October, 2023.
- b) Delivered three lectures on Advanced Qualitative Research Methodology Workshop organized by Handique Girls', Guwahati during 25th – 29th April, 2023.

Dr. Krisha Sujya Das

- a) Participated as a speaker in a panel discussion on *Foundations of Learning: Skill Training for Care Workers* in a Seminar on Formulating a Care Economy Strategy for the Government of India: Unlocking Opportunities in India's Care Economy organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in association with Nikore Associates, Karmannaya Counsel, and Confederation of Indian Industry during 8th February, 2024 in Guwahati.

Nitish Gogoi

- a) Published a paper on "Environmental injustice and public health in India: Towards a 'decolonial intersectional environmental justice' framework", in *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(30), 1-15, with S. S. Sumesh in 2023.
- b) Published a paper on "We are just mazdoors! A decolonial ethnographic account of health inequalities, and inequities among tea-garden labourers in Assam, India", in *New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy*, 32(4), 252–264, with S. S. Sumesh in 2023.
- c) Presented a paper on Gender Performances and Power in the Field: Experiences of Interviewing Former Bodo Men Rebels in Assam, India at the 10th Roots & Bridges

Ethnography Workshop organized by Roots & Bridges Collectives during November 4th and 5th, 2023.

- d) Participated as Discussant on the theme *Child Labor in the Tea Gardens of Assam*, a part of the Workshop on Child Labor in the Tea Gardens of Assam: Past, Present and Future organized by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC) during 23rd and 24th January 2024.
- e) Published a book review article on “Gendering peace in violent peripheries: Marginality, masculinity, and feminist agency” (2023), in *Asian Ethnicity*, 25(1), 172-173.
- f) Published a book review article on ‘Nationalism in the Vernacular: States, Tribes, and the Politics of Peace in Northeast India (2023), in *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 29(3), 371-73.

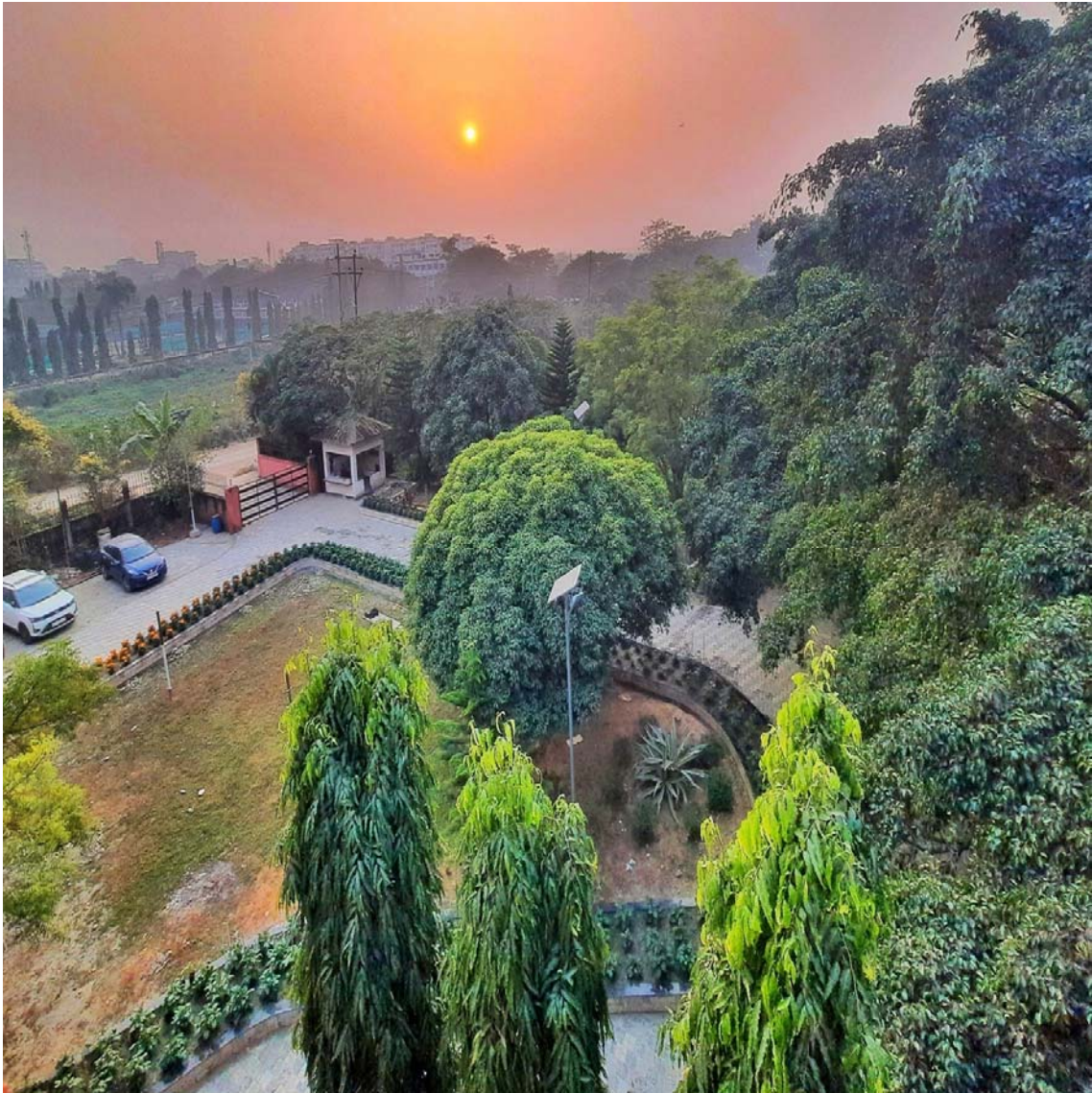
Snapshots from Select Academic Activities at the Institute

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