



***Seven-day Residential Research Capacity-Building Workshop
on
Plantation and Development***

27 October – 2 November, 2025

Organisedby:

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD)
(An Autonomous Institute under ICSSR and Govt. of Assam)

National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD)
Centre for Development Studies, Kerala
(Supported by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India)

Department of Geography, School of Human Sciences, Sikkim University
(A Central University established by Act of Parliament, 2007)

About the Workshop:

The National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD) at the Centre for Development Studies, in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development and the Department of Geography, Sikkim University, announces its third annual, Seven-day residential research capacity-building workshop on the theme 'Plantation and Development'. The capacity-building programme aims to enhance socio-economic research on plantations in India. The plantation economy in India is undergoing vast changes in its production and consumption with value-added production and niche varieties becoming norms. The estate model of production is giving way to small and marginal growers. Technological change in agricultural practices and marketing is promising more efficient production, while climate change and local weather unpredictability are new challenges on the rise. Livelihoods fully dependent on plantations are becoming challenging. The increasing complexities in the plantation sector need a renewed thrust on research in these areas. This programme would cull out approaches and methods to conduct in-depth research on the issues raised above.

This CBP would include, but not be restricted to, the following themes:

- Theoretical and analytical approaches to understanding the plantation economy
- Quantitative methods for plantation studies, including spatial statistical tools
- Economics of production, marketing and sales
- Institutions and innovations
- International trade in plantations
- Ecological and environmental issues
- Small holders and collective formations, labour and livelihood,
- Plantations and land use, and
- Database on plantations.

Pedagogy would include classroom lectures, workshops, and immersive and interactive learning.

The course is targeted primarily at Social Sciences / Agriculture Science research students and young faculty members of India. The ideal participant in the workshop would have explicitly exhibited her interest in plantation studies through dissertations/articles/presentations/ research proposals/ teaching component that intersects with the topics mentioned above.

The total intake in a batch would be **thirty (30)**. Attendance is compulsory throughout the programme.

Course structure:

This is a short-term, full-time residential course for seven days. The course would be conducted from **27 October – 2 November**, 2025. Lectures would be conducted by plantation experts and faculty members from Universities and Research Institutes, other academics and practitioners.

Course Fee (Non-Refundable) for Shortlisted Candidates: ₹500/-

Travel and Accommodation: Boarding and Lodging would be provided, free of cost, to the participants. Travel costs would be reimbursed on producing tickets as per rules (AC 3-tier/ bus) and through the shortest possible route.

How to Apply: A completed application form with a statement of purpose (**not less than 1000 words**) and a latest C.V. should be sent on or before **21 September 2025**.

Selection Procedure: Preference would be given to the scholars in their advanced stage of research and young faculty. Selection would be based on the performance of the scholars in their research, such as publications, presentations, etc. and the suitability of the programme to their ongoing and future research. Only selected candidates will be informed through email by the last week of September.

Certificate: On successful completion of the programme, organizers will issue a course completion certificate.

Venue: Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Tripura Road, Jayanagar, Beltola, Guwahati-781028, Assam

The submission should be made online via the Institute's website at <https://www.okd.in>

About the Institutes

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development: The Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), an autonomous research institute under ICSSR and the Government of Assam, located in Guwahati, conducts and promotes research on social transformation and development issues in Assam and Northeast India, contributing to strategies and programs for accelerated regional development.

National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD): The National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD) at the Centre for Development Studies, funded by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is mandated to conduct research and enhance research capacity in the field of plantation studies.

Department of Geography, Sikkim University: The Department offers MA/MSc in Geography with specialisation in *Geography of Himalayas* and *Geography of Development*. The Ph.D. programme pays attention on agricultural geography, plantation economy and regional development, fluvial geomorphology, economic geography, population geography, social geography, geography of borderlands and urban geography. In keeping with the interdisciplinary focus of the Department, it covers a wide range of issues of development of hilly and mountainous regions of North-East India with a pluralistic viewpoint, social equity and sustainable development.

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