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Research Capacity Building Programme on

Plantation and Development

7 - 13 August 2023

Organised by

National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD)

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The National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD) at the Centre for Development Studies funded by the Ministry of Commerce is mandated to conduct research and enhance research capacity in the field of plantation studies. NRPPD announces a one-week residential research capacity-building workshop on the theme 'Plantations 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. Export markets have dwindled, and domestic markets have expanded. Value-added production and niche varieties are 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 flush 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 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, and plantations and land use.

The course is targeted primarily at Social Science, especially Economics 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 proposal/ teaching component that intersects with the topics mentioned above.

CDS students are welcome. The total intake in a batch would be twenty five. Attendance is compulsory throughout the programme.

Important Dates

Date of Notification	: 27th June 2023
Last date for receiving applications	: July 10th 2023
Selection announcement	: Second week of July 2023.
Commencement of the programme	: August 7th – 13th, 2023.

Course structure:

This is a short term full-time residential course for one week. The course would be conducted from August 7th -13th, 2023. Lectures would be conducted mainly by CDS faculty members.

Course Fee:

There would be no course fee.

Travel and Accommodation:

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

How to Apply:

A completed application form with a statement of purpose and latest C.V. should be sent on or before July 10th 2023.

Link: <https://forms.gle/C1UKJg2Qev752VCeA>

Selection Procedure:

Explicit interest in plantation studies as exhibited through dissertations/articles/presentations/ research proposal/ teaching component that intersects with the topics mentioned above. Preference would be given to research scholars 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. The selected candidates will be informed through email by the second week of July and the selection list will be published on the CDS website (www.cds.edu)

Certificate:

On successful completion of the programme CDS would be issuing a course completion certificate.

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