



## Call for Papers

### National Conference

## Production, Employment and Marketing of Plantation Crops in India

**November 3-4, 2025**

### *Organized by:*

**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 Conference:**

The conference is a joint collaborative effort of three national institutions to bring plantation research into centre stage and sensitize the research scholars, faculties and professionals working on plantation crops. The event is an attempt by the collaborating Institutes to promote rigorous academic and policy-oriented research, encouraging critical thinking and interdisciplinary dialogue on the issues of plantation studies. The event would also attempt to forge linkages between academia and industry with special reference to North-East India.

The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for researchers of plantation studies to present their original research supported by fresh field data or secondary data and produce a meaningful debate to address the sectoral challenges and knowledge production process. The conference further aims to help participants with critical feedback, intellectual exchanges from senior academicians, subject experts and form a peer group for future interventions. The conference encourages presentations on interdisciplinary perspectives in plantation research in diverse socio-economic and geographic conditions. The conference invites papers on related themes mentioned below from across India, especially from the North-East and its neighbourhood.

### Themes of the Conference:

The National Conference invites original articles for presentation under the following themes. These themes are indicative, researchers may submit an extended abstract on any relevant topics related to plantation studies:

- Plantation Crops: Tea, Coffee, Rubber, Spices, etc.
- Smallholders and Estate Farming
- Collectives, SHGs and FPOs in Plantations
- Land Use, Resources and Plantations
- Pricing, Marketing and Trade Relations
- Mechanization, Technology and Digital Innovations
- Organic Production and Plantations
- Environment, Resources and Sustainable Plantations
- Man-Animal Conflicts and Plantation Crops
- Climate Change, Weather Hazards and Plantations
- Labour Market and Livelihoods
- Bio-Fertilizers and Plantation Crops
- Bilateral trade and Cooperation among SAARC and other nations.
- Research and Development in Plantations
- Commodity Boards and Regulatory Agencies

### Participation and Submission Guidelines:

The Conference is open for PhD scholars and faculty working in the field of Social Sciences on **Plantation Studies in India (with special focus on the North-East)**. Scholars are invited to submit an abstract of 1000-1500 words along with their CV for the Conference. The abstract should clearly outline the research problem, objectives and methodology, and preliminary findings.

**The selection process will be competitive, and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

**The participants have to submit a full paper prior to the Conference.**

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

### Important Dates

The Submission begins:	<b>August 26, 2025</b>
Deadline for Abstract Submission:	<b>September 14, 2025</b>
Intimation to shortlisted candidates:	<b>September 21, 2025</b>
Deadline for Full Paper Submission:	<b>October 18, 2025</b>
Last Date of Registration:	<b>October 22, 2025</b>
Date of the Conference:	<b>November 03-04, 2025</b>

**Venue:**

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

**Travel and Accommodation**

- *Selected participants will be reimbursed **A/C Three Tier train fare/Bus fare** (for the shortest route).*
- *Accommodation will be provided on a **twin-sharing basis** for the duration of the Conference.*
- ***Only candidates who submit their full paper by the designated deadline will be eligible for TA/DA and accommodation during the event.***

**Registration (Non-Refundable) Fee for Shortlisted Candidates:**

**Research Scholars: ₹500/-**

**Faculty/ Researchers in Service: ₹1500/-**

**Coordinators:**

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**TITLE OF YOUR EXTENDED ABSTRACT**  
(Times New Roman Bold 14pt centered)

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Guidelines for extended abstract: (Minimum 1000 to Maximum 1500 words)

1. The extended abstract must contain the following sections: Introduction, Methodology, Findings, Conclusion, Keywords (at least 4-5) and References. Sections can be named differently, and subsections may be included. Full papers shall be limited to 5000-6000 words only.
2. The extended abstract must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. All images (illustrations, charts, photos) must be placed in the text just after the first point of reference.
3. Tables must be created using the Microsoft Word table functions and included as part of the text immediately after the first point of reference. Do not place them at the end of your extended abstract.
4. Use APA7th Edition as citation style.