



Research Capacity Building Programme on Plantation and Development

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Venue: Indian Institute of Enterprises, Guwahati

October 27- November 2, 2025

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27th November, Monday: 8.30 AM to 9.30 AM, participants to assemble; self-introduction

Workshop Introduction: Prof. Vinoj Abraham, Dr. Rajdeep Singha, Dr. Abdul Hannan

Programme Inauguration: Prof. Veeramani C, Director, CDS & Prof. Saswati Choudhury, Acting Director, OKDISCD

Day	9.30 to 11 AM		11.30 to 1.00 PM		2.00- 3.30 PM		3.45- 5 PM
27th Oct Monday	Inaugural address Plantations and Development: Past, Present and a Way Forward. Prof. Virginius Xaxa	TEA BREAK	International Trade and Plantations Prof. Veeramani C	LUNCH BREAK	Gender And Plantation Prof. Polly Vauqueline	TEA BREAK	Participant interaction
28th Oct Tuesday	Political Economy of Plantations Prof. Chandan Kr. Sarma		Women's Work & Health -- Drawing on Experiences of Tea Plantation in Assam Prof. Rajshree Bedamatta		Database on plantations (Interactions)		Free time
29th Oct Wednesday	Collectives and Sustainability: Challenges to Small Growers Dr. Abdul Hannan		Labour and Employment in Plantations Prof. Vinoj Abraham		Plantation and Challenges Prof. Gautam Kumar Saikia		Participant interaction
30th Oct Thursday	Climate, Environmental Risks and Plantations Prof. Saswati Choudhury		Panel Discussion: Vulnerabilities in Plantations Ms. Anjali Tirkey, Mr. Stephen Ekka, Ms. Sangeeta Tele		Success Stories in Plantations of NE India Dr. J. John		Participant interaction

31st Oct Friday	Barriers beyond tariff: NTMs in India's Spice trade.		Precarious Work in Assam's Tea Plantations		Environmental Challenges to Sustainable Plantation Economy		Qualitative analytical methods
	Dr. Sachu Sara		Dr. Rajdeep Singha & Dr. Krishna Surjya Das		Prof. Balbir Singh Butola		Dr. Arunima Deka & Mr. Nitish Gagoi
1st Nov Saturday	The Agrarian Questions in Plantation Economies: Theoretical and Empirical Questions for Researchers		Human Development in Plantations		Research Methods in Plantation Studies		Economics of Rubber Farms- Some Insights
	Prof. Deepak k Mishra		Prof. Kalyan das		Prof. Balbir Singh Butola		Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik
2nd Nov Sunday	Negotiated Identity and Contested Resources: A Study of Tea Tribes in Assam		Sustainable Plantation Economics		Feedback and Certificate distribution		National Conference Inauguration
	Dr. Sohel Firdos		Prof. P K Vishawathan				

Resource Persons

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