



Call for Papers



**ICSSR Sponsored
Two-Day National Seminar
On
200 Years of Tea Plantation Economy in Assam
Problems & Prospects
Dates: 20th – 21st June, 2024**



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About the Conference

The tea industry in Assam, with over 1 million permanent employees, stands as the largest formal private-sector employer in the country. Legislative measures ensure various economic and social entitlements for tea workers, including housing, minimum wage, bonus, ration, provident fund, education, and healthcare facilities. However, despite its crucial role in employment generation, the tea industry grapples with exploitative practices, leading to a significant deficit in decent work. Severe competition in both domestic and global markets, coupled with insufficient investments and challenges in producing higher-quality tea, pose significant obstacles to the industry's growth and sustainability.

Addressing these challenges is crucial for ensuring sustainable growth and decent work in the Indian tea industry. Efforts to improve working conditions, enhance productivity, support small tea growers, and promote fair trade practices are essential to mitigate exploitative practices and foster a more equitable and sustainable tea industry in India. Against this backdrop, the seminar aims to bring different stakeholders into one platform and deliberate the issues.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Tea in the Global Value Chain
- Crisis in Plantations: Causes and Consequences
- Decent Work in Tea Plantation
- Emerging Smallholders in the Plantation Economy
- Casual Workers and Farm Labour: New Labour Questions and Legislations
- Women and Child in Plantations

How to Apply

Extended abstracts of original research papers are invited on any of the sub-themes of the conference. The abstract should be a minimum of 1500 words. Only shortlisted participants will be communicated and will be invited to submit full papers. Follow the attached template to prepare your abstract and submit at okdprogramme2022@gmail.com

Important Dates

Last Date of Abstract Submission: **May 25, 2024**

Confirmation of Selection: **May 31, 2024**

Submission of Full Papers: **June 15, 2024**

Date of Conference: **June 20 & 21, 2024**

Funding

Limited funding available for selected participants.

If any query, Email us at: okdprogramme2022@gmail.com

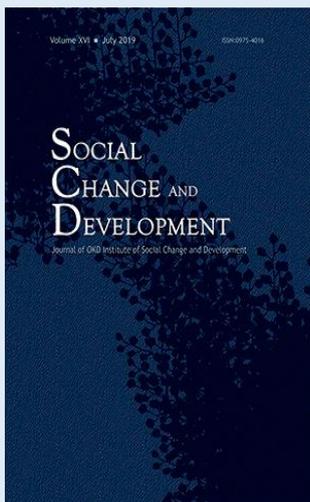
Publication

Selected papers will be published in an edited volume by a reputed publishing house.

About the Institute

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD) is an autonomous 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 science and policy research. Over the last 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 for research and CSR training programmes for mid-level functionaries of corporate houses. It is also the leading Institute in the region in designing and carrying out Evaluation and Monitoring Studies for various programmes of government agencies, corporate houses and international bodies like the UNICEF.



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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.
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 APA 7th Edition as citation style

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