

- The Centre of Excellence, North East India Studies (CoE- CNEIS) is established in 2018 with a aim to cater to the principal ambitions of the North East Indian students in improving their expertise and knowledge through scholastic and co-scholastic activities and making Utkal University a favored destination for higher studies. It will be possible through introduction of meaningful courses of study coupled with the creation of ambience for serious research as well as safe social life. Students will be benefited from these by getting scholarship and opportunities to learn in Utkal University.
- Since NER has limited growth in social, agricultural, economic, health, education, technology, cultural sector with unemployment combined with lack of modern facilities and life style, Utkal University has established Centre for Excellence (COE) for North East India Studies (CNEIS) under RUSA Programme to carry out policy oriented research and conduct workshops/seminars and training programme on different issues to bring socio-economic development of NER in general and social protection in particular.

Mission

- To become a centre of excellence in the field of higher education, research, development, training, extension for lively hood, social welfare, human resource development, cultural exchange and skill development with special reference to the North eastern region of India including the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

Vision

- To bridge the socio-economic gaps of North Eastern Region people following accelerated inclusive growth and governance for upgradation of livelihood and social welfare.
- To play a key role in bringing the North Eastern Region to the position of national economic, educational, cultural eminence and to act as the vanguard of the country's Look East Policy.
- To preserve ethnic mosaic with their own languages and socio-cultural identity of North East states and to help capacity building in human resource development, biodiversity conservation, health and sanitization, cultural exchange, tourism, traditional knowledge preservation, skill development etc to minimize the regional geo-political isolation.

Specific goals

- To preserve local-level traditional practices and documentation of Traditional Knowledge to develop their current form.
- Biodiversity conservation and development of community based conservation programme.
- Research on Agricultural and Horticultural Development on spices (Cardamom, ginger, turmeric, pepper, pineapple) flower (*Cymbidium*, *Gladiolus*, *Lilium*, *Dendrobium*, *Anthurium*).
- Management of Forest resource and development of minor forest products and environment protection.
- Documentation of cultural heritages and creation of awareness among the local communities to understand its significance and preservation for succeeding generation.

Specific goals

- Livelihood strategies and extension of social welfare including woman and child education.
- Development of Medicinal Plant Database of NER with their local use for public health.
- Improvement of quality of life by sensitizing health and sanitization programme.
- Skill gap study to develop technical manpower supportive to community action programme.
- Capacity building for e-governance for project formulation, extension, evolution and monitoring.