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Her Visiting Report

Being one of the participants of Eighth Winter Course Azmiya successfully utilised the opportunity to finish her research on *The Conditions for Sustainable Return: The Case of Sri Lanka in the Post-conflict Context: A Study from the District of Trincomalee* after completion of the Kolkata workshop. Against the backdrop of Sri Lanka government's plan to provide "durable solution" for the IDPs in post war situation Azmiya in her study focused on the need for the sustainability of returnees. Her research paper was divided into four major sections: i) Geography and historic context of Trincomalee District ii) Theoretical underpinning and the methodology iii) Analysis of the study and iv) conclusion and recommendation.

Fathima Azmiya Badurdeen in her study entitled "Conflict, Displacement and the Conditions for Sustainable Return: A Study from the District of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka" did a thorough local-level study to understand the larger ramifications of the problem of IDPs and finding durable solutions for them. Trincomalee was chosen because most of the returnees settled here in 2007. And her argument was based on this choice. The mere administrative act of hastily resettling displaced people often doesn't mark a return to stable life. It needs a more sensitive overhaul of property relations, infrastructure, education and the condition of political participation. Only then it can be called sustainable return, Badurdeen argued.