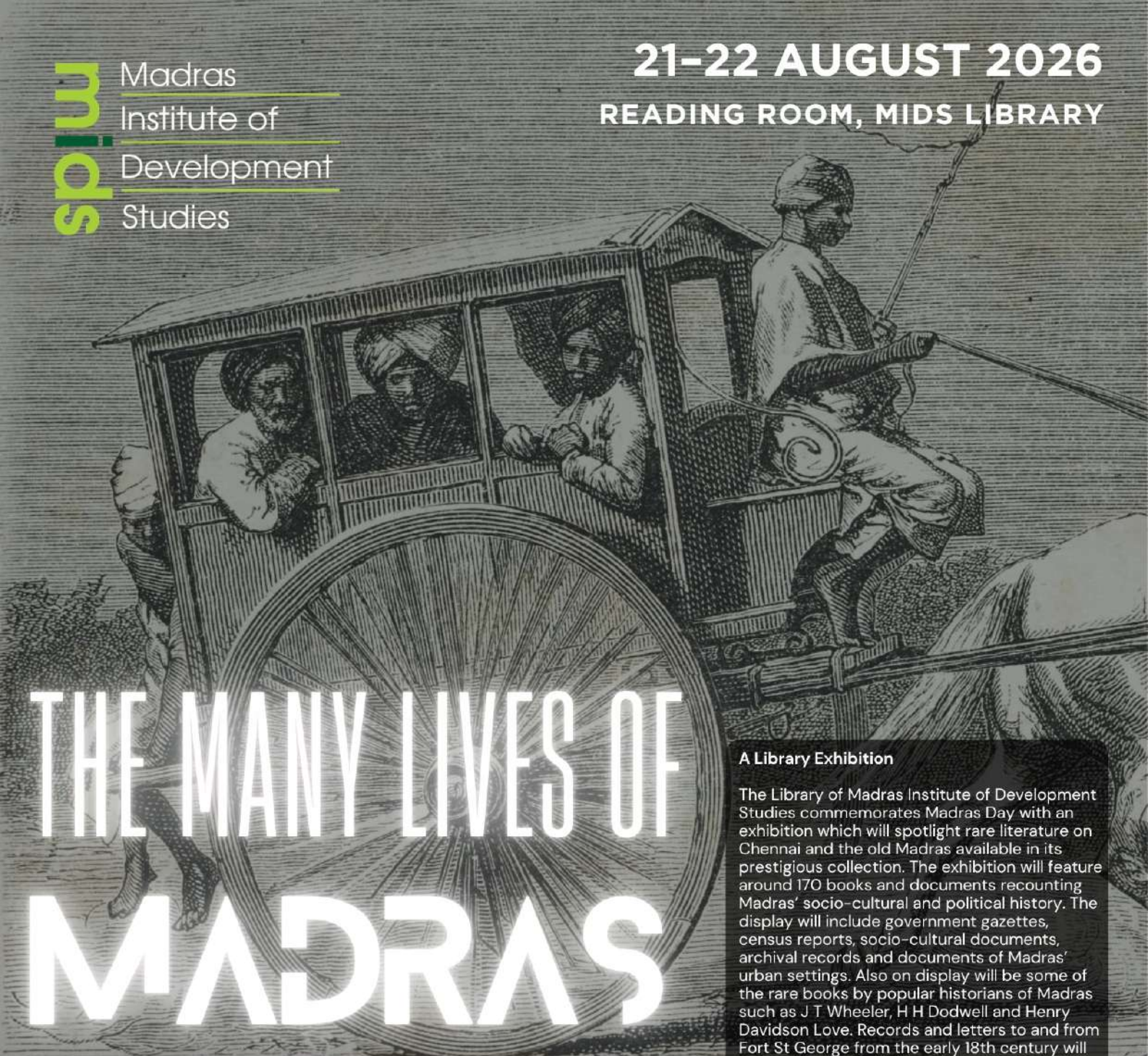


21-22 AUGUST 2026
READING ROOM, MIDS LIBRARY



THE MANY LIVES OF MADRAS

LIBRARY AND PHOTO EXHIBITIONS

21 AUGUST 2026, 10:30 AM

INAUGURATION OF EXHIBITIONS

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PROGRAMME



A Library Exhibition

The Library of Madras Institute of Development Studies commemorates Madras Day with an exhibition which will spotlight rare literature on Chennai and the old Madras available in its prestigious collection. The exhibition will feature around 170 books and documents recounting Madras' socio-cultural and political history. The display will include government gazettes, census reports, socio-cultural documents, archival records and documents of Madras' urban settings. Also on display will be some of the rare books by popular historians of Madras such as J T Wheeler, H H Dodwell and Henry Davidson Love. Records and letters to and from Fort St George from the early 18th century will adorn the shelves.

Landmarks of Madras: Through the Lens of Philo Irudayanath—A Photographic Exhibition

What is a Madras Day celebration without seeing the Madras of yore? Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) and Nilgiri Documentation Centre (NDC) come together to showcase, through a photo exhibition, the antiquity of the city through the lens of the late Philo Irudhayanath (1915–1992), the man who sedulously captured the transition from Madras to Chennai. Philo was a primary school teacher in Chennai and a self-taught photographer, anthropologist and writer. He was one of the earliest travel writers who documented and brought to light the potential tourist spots, ancient temples and the lives of several tribes and indigenous peoples of south India. He had published over five thousand articles in English and Tamil in more than sixty magazines. The photo exhibition is curated by NDC.

Exhibitions open to the public on 21–22 August 2026

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