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MIDS Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah, Doctoral Fellowship

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MIDS was established by Dr. Malcolm S Adiseshiah and Mrs. Elizabeth Adiseshiah in the year 1971. Dr. Malcolm S Adiseshiah was the Director General of UNESCO

The Government of India explored the possibility of elevating MIDS to a national institute of social science research and sent a team of experts from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for organising, an in-depth study of the institute's academic and administrative activities. On receiving a favorable report from the team of experts, the Government of India conferred the status of a national institute on the Madras Institute of Development Studies in March 1977. The Government of India, ICSSR and the Government of Tamil Nadu have become the sponsors of MIDS.

The MIDS aims to:

- To organise studies and research in development related problems with prime focus on the agricultural sector of the villages of the state of Tamil Nadu. It also resolves to evaluate the causes for the backwardness of a large percentage of the population of our country.
- To hold symposiums, seminars and conferences on progress related issues focusing specially on Tamil Nadu.
- To enhance sense of co-operation among the social scientists of the universities of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.
- To promote research activities and propagate details on desired subjects.

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