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## TU marches ahead amidst COVID19

With the country going through unusual times because of the COVID19 pandemic, it is heartening to see that the Tezpur University (TU) Community has contributed towards fighting this problem. The biggest challenge of going completely online in the teaching-learning process was handled with ease for the benefit of the students' community. This could be achieved with relentless support of all the members of the extended TU family and the pedagogical activities remained intact within the prescribed online parameters. Another high point of the initiative was the support to the medical fraternity in the form of developing new and convenient devices for various laboratory purposes of diagnosis as well as treatment of the disease. One prime example is the 'face shield' the medical professionals can use while attending COVID19 patients. Also, the portable ventilator – an instrument for helping patients, especially in these trying times has been a major contribution. Further, some of our research scholars have been deputed for training the medical staff in collection, testing and analysis of the samples of suspected COVID patients. Our premises were also allowed for setting up of screening camps for people returning from other states when lock down was declared.

Several other developments were also going on even during this period. A special cricket pitch is being developed in the main sports field of the university, with sponsorship of Assam Cricket Association. Also, two brand new basketball courts are being constructed. These activities are expected to definitely enhance the sports enthusiasm of the TU fraternity in the coming days to the optimum possible level. Further, in the month of January, the Mass Communication and Journalism Department organized three youth-related workshops consecutively with support of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) in 'offline' mode with a high degree of participation.

One important event of the year is the convocation in January addressed by the Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi in online mode. The PM inspired and encouraged the students' community to dedicate themselves towards an all-round development of the nation.

In short, it can be said that the period was satisfactory to the optimum level for the university community within the overall pandemic situation. Thus, the TU fraternity deserves strong encouragement for the efforts.

The Editorial team for the Newsletter has left no stones unturned to include each and every important development for the university during this timeframe. However, one or two events may be left only by omission. We hope that this version is adequately reflecting all the happenings and activities of the university properly for the given period.

# From the Vice Chancellor



Tezpur University has progressed resolutely at a steady pace during 2021 even as our state of Assam and the rest of the country continued to battle the Covid 19 pandemic. The University community has not only engaged in research and academic activities but has also sincerely invested in improving the life conditions of the community residing in its vicinity.

The faculty have brought laurels to the university through research, project grants innovations leading to technologies with social impact. The faculty of the University have developed two uniquely designed face shields for medical staff to fight against Covid 19 with the help of 3D printing technology. The University also developed low-cost aerosol boxes and a Centrifuge Machine for medical staff. These were distributed to the Tezpur Medical College and Hospital (TMCH) in Assam and Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) in Arunachal Pradesh. The students of the Department of Electrical Engineering have also collaborated with their faculty to develop a low-cost portable ventilator which has become an essential instrument for life support during the pandemic. The faculty of the University contributed generously, including at least their one-day salary to the Chief Minister relief fund.

In the academic arena, Tezpur University is taking incremental steps to realize the objectives of quality education by implementing various suggestions put forth by the National Education Policy 2020. The flexibility, inclusion and diversity in the curriculum and pedagogy at Tezpur University will be further enhanced in line with provisions of NEP 2020.

I look forward to greater academic excellence for the University in the coming days and extend my best wishes to the students, faculty and staff.

Professor Vinod Kumar Jain  
Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University



# Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Tezpur University

**P** RIME Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Tezpur University, Assam held on January 22, 2021 through video conferencing. Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Union Education Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and the then Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister addressed over 1200 students. He believed that what the students learnt at Tezpur University will accelerate the progress of Assam and progress of the



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country. He said the sentiment contained in the university anthem which was written by Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika resonates with the great history of Tezpur. The Prime Minister quoted a few lines from the University Anthem, which reads—

‘अग्निगड्ढर स्थापत्य, कलियाभोमोरार सेतु निर्माण,

ज्ञान ज्योतिर्मय,

सेहि स्थानते बिराजिसे तेजपुरवि श्वविद्यालय’

That is, Tezpur University is situated in a place where there is architecture like Agnigarh, where there is a Kalia-Bhomora bridge, where there is a light of knowledge. Eminent personalities like Bhupen Da, Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha are identified with Tezpur.

Addressing the students, he urged them to spread the glory of Tezpur across India and all over the world, take Assam and North East to new heights of development and asked the students to take full advantage of the possibilities created by the Government’s efforts at development of the North East especially in sectors like connectivity, education and health.

The Prime Minister remarked that Tezpur University is also known for its Innovation Centre. These grassroots innovations are giving momentum to Vocal for Local and are being used to solve local problems, opening new doors of development. He lauded the innovations of Tezpur University like low-cost technology to provide clean drinking water, pledge taken to convert Waste into Energy in every village, inexpensive and effective technology related to biogas and organic fertilizers, campaign to preserve the Biodiversity and Rich Heritage of North East, documentation of the languages of the North East tribal society which are in danger of extinction, preservation of centuries-old wood-carved art at Batadrava Than,





Nagaon, digitization of Assam's books and papers written during colonial times.

The Prime Minister also elaborated on the concept of Atma Nirbhar Abhiyan. He explained that while this movement is about change in resources, physical infrastructure, technology and economic and strategic might, the biggest transformation is in the realm of instinct, action and reaction which is in sync with the mood of today's youth.

The Prime Minister said today's young India has a distinctive way of taking on challenges. He used the recent performance of the young Indian cricket team in Australia to illustrate his point. The Indian cricket team faced so many challenges. However, they overpowered a better team with their talent and temperament. The Prime Minister stressed that this stellar performance of our players is important not just from the point of view of the sports field but gave important life lessons from the performance. First, we should have faith and confidence in our ability; second, a positive mindset begets positive results. Third and most important lesson is – if one is facing two options, one safe and the other is an option

of a difficult victory, one must surely explore the option of victory. There is no harm in occasional failure and one should not refrain from taking the risks. We need to be proactive and fearless. If we overcome the fear of failure and unnecessary pressure, we will emerge fearless. This new India, confident and dedicated to goals, is evident not only in the cricket field but everyone is a part of this picture.

The self-confidence and absence of fear in trading the uncharted path and young energy has strengthened the country in its fight against Corona. India overcame the initial apprehensions and showed that with resolve and resilience, resources are not far behind. India took fast, proactive decisions instead of compromising with the situation and effectively fought with the virus.

The Prime Minister also listed digital infrastructure enabling direct benefit transfer, fintech digital inclusion, world's largest banking inclusion, world's largest toilet construction movement, largest movement of providing tap water in every household, world's largest health insurance scheme and world's largest vaccination drive as testimony to today's India's attitude, unafraid of experimentation for solution and not averse to undertake large-scale projects. These projects are benefitting Assam and the Northeast.

Speaking of the possibility of future universities which might be fully virtual, providing students and faculty to be part of any university of the world, the Prime Minister emphasized the need for a regulatory framework for such transformation. He pointed out that the new National Education Policy is a step in this direction which encourages maximum use of technology, multi-disciplinary education and flexibility.

The Prime Minister called upon the students of Tezpur University to help in fulfilling these goals. He said that, after finishing their formal education, they not only work for their future but for the future of the country. He advised them to keep their ideals high which will protect them from the vicissitudes of life. He said the next 25-26 years are important for them as well as their country and expressed the hope that the students will take the country to new heights.





## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Tezpur University students design special 'portable ventilator' to fight COVID-19

The nation fights the coronavirus pandemic; thanks to the doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, laboratory technicians, etc. Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Tezpur University students have come up with an innovation that comes as a ray of hope!

The Department of Electrical Engineering, Tezpur University has undertaken an initiative to design a portable ventilator, an essential instrument for patients who are unable to sustain the level of ventilation necessary to maintain the gas exchange functions. This is in response to the prevailing situation of Covid-19 and subsequent shortage of ventilators.





The initiative was part of a project, awarded as the ‘Best Innovative Engineering Idea’ under the banner of Prof. Aparna Kumar Padmapati Annual Scholarship from Assam Engineering College (AEC) Class 88 Foundation for year 2020-21, an initiative of the alumni of Assam Engineering College who passed out in 1988, popularly known as AEC Class 88 Foundation.

The team comprised of a group of Electrical Engineering students, with Mr. Bihung Muchahary, Mr. Aniket Raj, Mr. Manish Kumar and Ms. Ankita Das who are working in the project under the guidance of Mr. Chiranjit Adhikary, Ex-Guest Faculty, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Ms. Firdausia Ahmed, Guest Faculty member of Dept. of Electrical Engineering and the project is supervised by Prof. Soumik Roy, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering.

“The purpose of the project is to design a portable mechanical

ventilator by automating the operation of ‘Ambu Bag’ with volume control ventilation which can be used in respiratory failure”, explained Prof. Soumik Roy.

An “Ambu Bag” is a hand-held device which is commonly used to provide positive pressure ventilation to patients who are not breathing adequately or have severe problem in breathing. “Another important objective of the project is to implement Internet of things (IoT) based features like monitoring of patient activity and controlling parameters of ventilator through an App”.

It further adds, the prototype designed is sufficiently economic and by using IoT as a remote controlling feature, one can control and monitor the ventilatory parameters through devices like mobile phones, tabs and computers. Besides, it will prevent both the clinicians and the doctors from getting infected from airborne transmission,” Prof. Roy further added.

It may be mentioned that the machine is cost effective and would be available at an affordable price costing between Rs. 8,000- Rs.15,000 depending on the features of the machine.

## AWARDS

- ★ **Dr. Vikas Verma has been conferred with Best Paper in International Conference on Materials & System Engineering-ICMSE-2021 by Department of Mechanical Engineering, SJB Institute of Technology, Bengaluru. (May 2021)**
- ★ **Dr. M K Hazarika, Dr. SC Deka and Mr. A B Das from the Department of Food Engineering Technology have been awarded the Best Poster Award at International Conference on Sustainable Approaches in Food Engineering and Technology (SAFETy-2021) organised in June 2021.**
- ★ **Prof. Niranjan Karak of the Department of Chemical Sciences received the Professor M. Santappa Award in Polymer Science of the year 2020 by the Polymer Society of India during January 2021.**

# Seminars & Workshops



## Department of Business Administration organizes talk on Sustainable Tourism

A talk on Sustainable Tourism was organized by the Department of Business Administration of Tezpur University under UGC- SAP (DRS-II) as a part of celebration of 25 years of the department.

It was a registration free webinar organized on 29 January 2021 (Friday) with limited seats featuring founders of Surwahi Social, Kanha. Mr. Ankit Rastogi Senior Vice President, MakeMyTrip and Mr. Pradeep Vijayan Associate Director, Cleartrip.com elucidated the concept of sustainable tourism with anecdotes to make the session more interesting.

## Special talk organized on the significance of International Mother Language Day

A Special Talk on the Significance of International Mother Language Day was organized on 21 February, 2021 by the Department of Assamese, Tezpur University, on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. The program was inaugurated by Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University. Eminent Litterateur, Dr. Lakshmi Nandan Bora, delivered the talk which was attended by the students and teachers of the University. Padma Shri awardee, Dr. Bora, who is widely known for his novels and immense contribution towards Assamese literature, spoke on the importance of language, culture and society. The significance of mother language stems from the fact that it is essential for enhancing critical thinking skills, second language learning, and developing other literary abilities. Celebrated to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism around the world, the theme for the International Mother Language Day, 2021 was “fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society.”

## Tezpur University Teaching Learning Centre organizes Online Training on Basic Use of ICT Tools in Teaching Screencasting software

An online Training on Basic Use of ICT Tools in Teaching Screencasting software was organized by the Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University from 27 January to 02 February 2021 under PMMMMNMTT Scheme, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

The programme was an attempt to introduce basic ICT tools in teaching to the teachers of higher education who use Assamese and English bilingual methods of teaching. All technical sessions were pre-recorded video lectures by TLC faculties; participant teachers were able to watch and practice the tools according to their pace of learning along with the medium of instruction being Assamese.

The contents included preparation and design of presentation, cloud based storage and sharing, e-content preparation, screencasting software and tutorial on LMS. Moreover, resource persons for the online training were Dr. Bipul K. Sarmah, Dr. Swapna Bora and Mr. Iqbal H. Ahmed.



## Online Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on Curriculum and Pedagogy organized

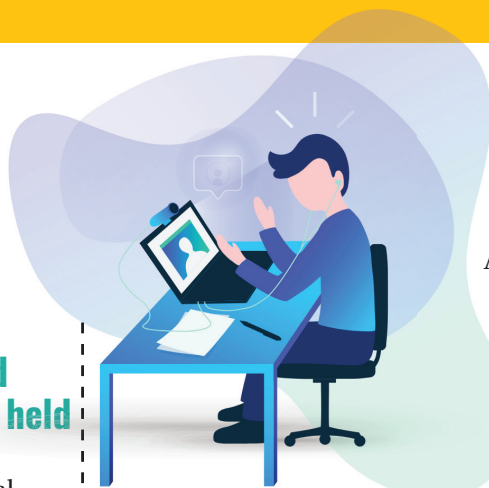
Tezpur University Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) organized an online Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on Curriculum and Pedagogy under PMMMNMTT Scheme, Ministry of Education from 15 February to 01 March 2021.

Teaching Learning Centre has been conducting Refresher Courses and other training Programs for teachers of higher education as per PMMMNMTT mandate since 2016. Keeping in view the norms regarding COVID19 Pandemic, the proposed Refresher Course was conducted in online mode. Major areas covered in the workshop were - Programme Objectives and Learning Outcomes, Curriculum Design and Implementation, Assessment and Evaluation, Core Teaching Strategies, Online Pedagogical Tools, National Education Policy 2020 and Impact on Higher Education, Sustainable Development and Pedagogical Goals, Mental Health etc. The program had a reasonable emphasis on online pedagogy, but traditional pedagogical issues like core teaching strategies were also included. The refresher course included both live sessions and pre-recorded video sessions disseminated in online mode. Each session carried assignments. The entire program was managed through Google Classroom and Google Meet.

The Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University invited faculty members of Universities, Colleges and Institutes of higher education for participation in the workshop. The applicants were shortlisted as per UGC and GoI norms, due to the restriction of limited 100 seats. The shortlisted candidates had to pay a token amount of Rs. 700.00(non-refundable) within stipulated time. E-certificates were awarded to the participants after attending all the sessions and proper submission of all assignments.

## Virtual lecture series on Chemistry Education for Undergraduate and Graduate students held

Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University organized over 50 lectures by eminent teachers and scientists from different elite institutes and universities from all over India as a part of the Virtual Lecture series on Chemistry Education for undergraduates and graduates. The program started from 28 January 2021 where Convenor Dr Bipul Sarma facilitated the entire lecture series.



## Webinar on Micro/Nano Electronic Devices And Sensors held

A webinar on Micro/Nano Electronic Devices and Sensors [MiNaDS 2021] was organized by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Tezpur University, on 27 February, 2021. The invited speakers of the webinar were Prof. Samar Saha of Santa Clara University, Prof. Pranab Goswami of IIT Guwahati, Prof. Yogesh S. Chauhan of IIT Kanpur and Prof. Santanu Mahapatra of IISc Bangalore.

It was organized with an aim to familiarize students, scholars and faculty on latest reports and advancements in micro/nano electronic devices and sensors as well as to initiate possible research on emerging areas. The webinar created an opportunity for the interested faculty and students to interact with prominent researchers in the country. Prof Samar Saha delivered a talk on Planar CMOS Device Technology for Advanced VLSI Circuits and Systems and Prof. Pranab Goswami gave his lecture on Bioelectronics of Bioelectrodes Involved in Amperometric and Biofuel Cell Biosensors. Meanwhile, Prof. Santanu Mahapatra enriched the attendees on Atom-to-Circuit modeling methodology for two-dimensional transistors. The conveners for the session were Dr. Rupam Goswami, Dr. Ratul Kr. Baruah and Prof. Santanu Sharma of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

# TU Hindi Cell organizes a webinar on National Education Policy



A webinar on “National Education Policy and role of the Universities” was organized by Tezpur University Hindi Cell on 26 February 2021.

Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University Prof. V.K. Jain chaired the webinar while senior journalist and renowned language scholar Mr. Rahul Dev was invited as the chief speaker.

Mr. Dev has over four decades of experience in print and television as a Hindi journalist. He had served as editors of Hindi dailies like Jansatta and AajSamaj. In television media, he has worked with AajTak, Zee News, CNEB news channel and DD News. He also works on developmental, public health and media issues with national and multi-lateral organisations. He also does social work and runs Samyak Foundation.

## Two-day international conference on Materials Chemistry and Catalysis

The Department of Chemical Sciences organised a two-day international conference on Materials Chemistry and Catalysis in virtual mode on 4th and 5th March 2021. The inaugural speech was delivered by Dr. Raksh V. Jasra, President of the Catalysis Society of India; and the opening lecture was extended by Prof. Dipankar D. Sarma of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. The event was attended by a host of other dignitaries and witnessed the active participation of students from the department.

More than twenty national and international speakers delivered lectures during the virtual event. The distinguished list of international resource persons included - Prof. Adam Lee, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia; Prof. Yusuke Yamada, Osaka City University, Japan; Prof. Andrew Beale, University College, London, UK; Prof. Matthias Beller Leibniz, Institute for Catalysis, Germany; Dr. Ilyas Z. Ismagilov Boreskov, Institute of Catalysis, Russia; Prof. Marcos Fernández, García Institute of Catalysis and Petrochemistry, Spain; Prof. Yusuke Yamauchi, The University of Queensland, Australia; Prof. Young-Bin Park, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, South Korea; Prof. Shashank Mishra, Claude Bernard University, Lyon, France;

The eminent scholars from India who graced the event included Prof. Chinnakonda S. Gopinath, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune; Prof. Debdatta Ratna, Naval Materials Research Laboratory, DRDO, Maharashtra; Dr. Vandana Bhalla, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Dr. Nageswara Rao Peela, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati; Prof. Debabrata Maiti, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; Prof. Joyanta Choudhury, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal; Prof. Sayan Bhattacharyya, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata; Dr. Vijay Narkhede Sud-Chemie, Gujrat; Dr. Sanjay K. Singh, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore; Dr. Suman L Jain, CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun.



## Online talk on Women Entrepreneurs: Confronting Future Challenges organized

On the occasion of the Women's week celebration, an online talk on 'Women Entrepreneurs: Confronting Future Challenges' was conducted by Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies on March 8, 2021. The resource person for the discussion was Ms. Nisha Bora who is the CEO of Elrhino Eco Industries Pvt. Ltd, Guwahati. During the session she inspired the attendees by sharing the story of her journey to overcome hurdles in life through hard work and how she took up the task to empower other women. She spoke about all the difficulties she faced as a working woman and also as a mother.

## Online lecture series on Identity Discourse organized by Department of Hindi

Department of Hindi organized an online lecture series on अस्मितामूलकविमर्श: विविधधाराएं (AsmitaamulakVimarsh: VividhDhaaraen) during 10 March 2021 to 24 March 2021. A total of five lectures by various renowned litterateur and academicians were delivered during the event.

## Webinars on job opportunities and competitive exams conducted

In a bid to familiarize the students of Tezpur University with various job opportunities and competitive exams, Equal Opportunities Cell, Centre for Inclusive Development, Tezpur University organized a series of webinars from 22 March 2021 to 24 March 2021.

The first webinar on “Job opportunities in public sector” was conducted on 22 March 2021 by resource persons Mr. Pravin Kumar Singh and Dr. Saleem. Mr. Singh highlighted the opportunities for social sciences and humanities graduates while Dr. Saleem spoke on the opportunities for engineering graduates.

The second webinar on “How to prepare for various competitive exams” was conducted on 23 March 2021 by resources persons Mr. Amit Singh, Faculty, Dhyeya IAS Academy, Lucknow and Dr. Farah, an expert in Organizational Psychology.

The third webinar on “Job opportunities in private sector: scopes and avenues” was conducted on 24 March 2021 by Mr. Raghavendra Agnihotri, Network Administrator, Master Trainer –Tech Mahindra and Faculty, Mahindra’s Educational Private Limited.

Eminent Tribal Poet Nirmala Putul spoke on आदिवासीविमर्श और हिंदी कविता (Adivasi vimarshaur Hindi kavita) on 10 March 2021. Dr. Sheetanshu Kumar, Associate Professor, Assam University spoke on भूमंडलीकरण और अस्मिता (Bhumandalikaran aurasmita) on 11 March 2021 while on 12 March 2021 Dr. Vibhavari, Research Associate, Gautam Buddha University, Delhi spoke on साहित्य, सिनेमा और स्त्री (Saahitya, cinema aur stree). Dr. Ashish Kandharva, Editor, Gagananchal, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Delhi on 13 March 2021 spoke on स्त्रीविमर्श: वैचारिक परिप्रेक्ष्य (StreeVimarsh: Vaichaarik Pariprekshy) while Dr. Amish Verma, Assistant Professor, Mizoram University concluded the lecture series on 14 March 2021 with his lecture on पूर्वोत्तर का आदिवासी समाज और हिन्दी उपन्यास (Poorvottar ka Adivasi samaj aur Hindi Upanyas).

## Memorial lecture on Birth and Death anniversary of Chandraprabha Saikiani held

To mark the end of the week long Women’s Week celebration, Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies Tezpur University organized a memorial lecture on the Birth and Death anniversary of Chandraprabha Saikiani on 16 March. The resource person on the occasion was Jennifer Liang, Founder of ANT, an NGO based in western Assam which works for women empowerment, children’s protection and development, and has also initiated the project MITA (Mental illness treatment in Assam) and IDEa (The institute of development action).

Liang spoke on the topic ‘Women and Leadership in Contemporary Times’. She told a series of stories and her first story revolved around an Indo-Chinese dance called Lion dancing which is performed by the Chinese people but had to face a lot of problems, but they challenged it until it became acceptable in the whole world. Her next story revolves around Chirang district and the challenges faced by the women there. She also spoke women kabaddi which is a part of women empowerment in the village, and another story revolving around Sifung girls giving training to boys on how to play traditional musical instruments and on the various works done by the organization to develop women-leadership in the grassroots level.

## Interactive session on LGBTQ movement in Assam organized

On the occasion of Women's Week celebration, an interactive session on LGBTQ movement in Assam was organized by the Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies, Tezpur University on 15 March, 2021. Milin Dutta, LGBTQ activist, was the resource person for this session who shared his journey and how he overcame all the hurdles and fought with the norms of the society to make his mark. Milin Dutta was also the producer of the movie 'Jonaki Porua' ( Fireflies) on LGBTQ theme that has been honoured with Jury's special mention in the feature films category at the 67th National Film Awards. He was also one of the torch-bearers of the first-ever queer collective in the North-East known as the XUKIA, which works towards LGBTQ+ issues, especially in the North-East.

## Webinar on 'Communist Party of China's Foreign Policy: Of Regime Survival, Status and Power' held

The Department of Foreign Language organized a webinar on The Communist Party of China's Foreign Policy : Of Regime Survival, Status and Power on 22 March 2021 to enhance the understanding of Chinese foreign policy. The speaker for the occasion was Dr.Jabin T. Jacob who is Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations and Governance Studies at the Shiv Nadar University, India and Adjunct Research Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. He was formerly Fellow and Assistant Director at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Associate Editor of the journal China Report.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jacob emphasized that what is generally understood as Chinese foreign policy is primarily the foreign policy of the Communist Party of China (CPC). China runs its foreign policy somewhat differently from most other nations leading to subordination of national interests to regime interests. Thus, consolidating and strengthening itself in power are the foremost priorities of the CPC and foreign policy is one tool among many for this purpose. Related to regime survival are the quest for international status and the deployment of power abroad. Dr. Jacob's presentation discussed these aspects while offering examples from Chinese foreign policy to put forward some implications for bilateral and multilateral engagement with China.

## National Seminar On 'Current Literary Trends, Practices And Status Of Assamese Literature' Organised

A national seminar on 'Current Literary Trends, Practices and Status of Assamese Literature' was organized during 22-23 March, 2021 at Tezpur University. Sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, the seminar was organised by Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the Department of Assamese, Tezpur University. In the inaugural function, the welcome address was delivered by K. Sreenivaasan Rao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi and the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University. Invited guests of the seminar were eminent critic Mr. Pradip Acharya and Prof. P.K. Das, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University who were present and delivered their speeches. The opening session was chaired by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Borah, Convener, Assamese Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr.Subrat Jyoti Neog, HoD, Department of Assamese, Tezpur University.

The two-day long deliberation saw papers presented by noted scholars and professors across disciplines including Prof. M. Kamaluddin Ahmed, Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Dr. Garima Kalita and Arupa Patangia Kalita on 'Contemporary Literary Trends in World and Status of Assamese Literature', 'Subaltern and other issues in Contemporary Assamese Literature', 'Reconstruction and Representation of History in Assamese Literature', 'Ecocriticism and Assamese Literature', 'Gender and Assamese Literature', and 'Translation Studies and Assamese Literature'. The valedictory session of the seminar was graced by Prof. Dilip Kr. Saikia, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University, as the guest of honour.



## International webinar on ‘Dance and community: Sense of belonging through performance’ held

An International webinar on Dance and Community: Sense of belonging through Performance funded by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong was organized by the department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University on 06 March 2021.

The keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Barbara Snook who is a research fellow in Dance Studies Programme, Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at Auckland University, New Zealand.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. V.K Jain inaugurated the webinar and Prof. Prasanta K.Das, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Tezpur University graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The resource person for the webinar was Dr.Urmimala Sarkar *Munchi*, Associate Professor, Department of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Dr. Urmimala Sarkar *Munchi* has been serving as the Vice President of the World Dance Alliance- Asia Pacific since 2001.

Dr.Bimbhavati Devi, Guest faculty in Manipuri Dance at Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata was present as the other resource person for the webinar. Dr. Devi is an empaneled artiste of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and a recipient of various awards including Nandita Kripalini Award from West Bengal State Academy of Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts and National Scholarship in Manipuri Dance from the Department of Culture. She has performed in various prestigious dance programmes and festivals in India and abroad.

## Dept. of Foreign Languages conducts webinar on INDO-CHINA RELATIONS

The Department of Foreign Languages, Tezpur University conducted a webinar on “India-China Border Clash and Future of Bilateral Engagement” on 12 April 2021.

The speaker of the webinar was Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Institute of Global Studies, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China. Dr. Ranjan is trained in the Chinese language and teaches courses in international politics. He is also an adjunct fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. His research focuses on India-China relations, World Order, Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy, Chinese Society and Culture, and Environmental and Climate Change Politics.

The webinar was aimed to discuss future India – China engagement, given the rising mutual distrust, power dilemma, and changing global politics. The webinar was conducted in the backdrop of disengagement between India and China after the deadly Ladakh standoff, which witnessed the killing of soldiers from both sides, violating all the border agreements signed to maintain peace and tranquillity along the border.



## Online lecture on the occasion of World Heritage Day organized

The department of Cultural Studies organized an online lecture on the occasion of World Heritage Day on 18 April 2021. Titled as Heritage, Laws and Public Participation, the lecture was moderated by Dr.Parasmoni Dutta, Head, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University.

The speaker *on the occasion* was Prof Alok Tripathi, ADG, Archaeological Survey of India. Prof Alok Tripathi has been serving as a professor and the former head of Department of History, Assam University, Silchar. He is also the director of the Centre of Archaeology and Museology, Assam University.

# Lecture on Covid-19 impact on Chinese language, culture, and society

The Department of Foreign Languages, Tezpur University conducted a lecture on “Salient Features of how Covid-19 has impacted language, culture, and society in China” on 19 April 2021 as a part of the China Studies series lecture.

The lecture was graced by Hemant Adlakha, Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is also an Honorary Fellow with the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. His areas of research include political discourse in China and modern Chinese Literature and Culture.

## Webinar on “Eco-Environmental Consciousness in South Asian Anglophone Literature” held

A webinar on Eco-Environmental Consciousness in South Asian Anglophone Literature was organized by The Department of English, Tezpur University on 21 – 22 April 2021.

The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Bijay. K. Danta, Head, Department of English, Tezpur University, while Prof. Himadri Lahiri, NS Open University, West Bengal was the Keynote Speaker who spoke on the topic ‘Eco collapse and South Asian Anglophone Literature: A Turn towards Environmental Humanities’.

The concluding remarks was made by the Chair; while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Esther Daimari, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Webinar, Department of English, Tezpur University.

## Webinar held on Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships

An important webinar for researchers and faculty members was held on April 19, to celebrate the 75 Years of Fulbright Program around the world. It was jointly presented by United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) and Tezpur University.

The “Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships” webinar highlighted various categories of Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships and shared some tips on how to write an effective application. A good number of research scholars and faculty members of the University attended the webinar.

Also a Q&A session was also held at the end.

The United States – India Educational Foundation

(USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the nationals of India and the U.S. through the educational exchange of outstanding scholars, professionals and students; according to the official website of USIEF. Since its inception, USIEF has awarded approximately 20,000 Fulbright, Fulbright-Nehru, and other prestigious grants and scholarships in almost every academic discipline.

Tapping the talent of Fulbright students and scholars, USIEF holds dozens of academic or professional workshops each year, adds the website. In addition to fellowship support, USIEF services include advising Indian citizens on higher education opportunities in the U.S. USIEF also consults with Indian and U.S. universities interested in developing linkages and exchanges.

## Workshop Organized On ‘SCC Online Legal Research Database - My Folder And Case Compilation’

In an effort to familiarize students with legal research databases, an online workshop on ‘SCC Online Legal Research Database - My folder and Case Compilation’ was organized on 27 April, 2021 by the Department of Law, Tezpur University. Mr. Rajesh Raina, Deputy Manager, Learning Centre SCC Online was invited as the speaker for the workshop. The workshop was aimed to empower the participants with in-depth legislative, regulatory and procedural information critical for decision making. E-certificates were provided to the participants at the end of the session.

## Webinar on Status of Urban Governance in India organised

A webinar on Status of Urban Governance in India was organised by the Department of Education of Tezpur University on 10 May, in association with Pragya Foundation. Aviral Narayan Dubey was the speaker of the webinar who is the project officer of Pragya Foundation.

The seminar which threw light on the present status of urban governance in India and its importance was directed by Prof. Nil Ratan Roy, Head, Department of Education, Tezpur University. Dr. Sanghamitra Das, Assistant Professor was the convener.

## Online National Seminar on 'Ecosystem Restoration'

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University organized an online National Seminar on 'Ecosystem Restoration' on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University Prof. V.K. Jain was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

An invited talk was held as part of the seminar. The winners of the Online poster Competition/ poster display were announced during the programme. The theme of the Poster Design Competition was "Let us restore our ecosystems". The sub-themes of the competition were 'Eco Restoration planning', 'Eco Restoration technologies', 'Case study on Eco Restoration'. Certificates were awarded to the three best posters and participation certificates were provided to all participants. All the posters of the competition were presented in the seminar. The seminar was organised maintaining all Covid safety protocols and regulations.

## Webinar on Changing Nature of works: How to travel from Passion to Profession

Tezpur University Alumni Association (TUAA) organized a webinar on Changing Nature of works: How to travel from Passion to Profession on 3 May 2021.

The Keynote Speaker for the webinar was *Dr. K. M. Baharul Islam*, Professor and Chair, Centre of Excellence in Public Policy and Government, Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur. E-certificates were provided to all the active participants.

## National Conference on Emerging Trends in Physics organized

The Department of Physics, Tezpur University organized a National Conference on Emerging Trends in Physics on June 16, with an aim to attract researchers, academicians and students working in all areas of theoretical and experimental physics across India into a common scientific forum to discuss and disseminate the latest research findings in physics. The scientific programme covered a wide range of lectures with focus on recent developments in theoretical and experimental findings. It was a great opportunity for all to learn about current advancements in contemporary physics.

The conference was organised with the aim to focus on the following topics (not limited to): High energy physics, Neutrino physics, Astrophysics and astronomy, Astroparticle Physics, Cosmology, General theory or relativity, Plasma physics, Nuclear physics, Non-linear physics, Laser physics, Photonics, Optics, Electronics, Computational Physics, Condensed matter physics, Materials Science, Nanoscience, Nanoelectronics.

Prof Amol Dighe, world renowned figure in the area of particle physics/ high energy physics with focus on neutrinos and collider physics gave the keynote speech. He is a recipient of the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, the highest science award in India, for the year 2013 in physical science category.

Other invited speakers of the conference were Dr. Tapan Chandra Adhyapak, IISER, Tirupati, Dr. Digbijoy N. Nath, IISc, Bangalore, Dr. Namrata Shukla, Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Debanjan Bose, SNBNCBS Kolkata, Dr. Hemen Kumar Kalita, Gauhati University, Dr. Prabwal Phukan, Dibrugarh University.

**Virtual  
International  
Conference on  
“Sustainable  
Approaches  
in Food  
Engineering  
and  
Technology”  
(SAFETy-2021)  
organized**



The Department of Food Engineering & Technology, Tezpur University, and Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Georgia, Georgia (US) organized a virtual International Conference on “Sustainable Approaches in Food Engineering and Technology” (SAFETy-2021) on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The SAFETy-2021 International Conference was primarily focused on sustainable approaches in food engineering and technology to cater to the needs of the current situation. The sustainable approaches in the food system help to deliver food security and nutrition in an equitable manner for all in such a way that the economic, social, and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generations are not compromised. The conference *helped* address the limitations of many traditional approaches to improving food security and nutrition.

During the conference, the sustainable approaches in food engineering and technology were covered with the following subthemes- ‘Innovative approaches in food processing’, ‘Quality, safety and hygiene in food processing’, ‘Functional, nutraceutical and health foods’, ‘Functional, nutraceutical and health foods’, ‘Modeling and simulation approaches in food processing’, ‘Engineering aspects in food processing’, ‘Food biotechnology and bioprocessing’, ‘Food packaging and shelf life’, ‘Food microbiology’, ‘Biochemical engineering’, ‘Waste utilization and management in food processing’.

The objective of the conference was to provide an opportunity to disseminate information among the stakeholders on wider aspects of food processing with a view to integrate industries-academia for best practices. Moreover, to highlight and analyze new technological and engineering developments in post-harvest handling and processing operations of agricultural products is another significant objective of the conference. This international conference has strengthened the linkage of the university with international organizations related to food engineering and technology.

## **Tezpur University Alumni Association (TUAA) organizes Alumni Meet of the first batch of B. Tech. graduates**

An alumni meet of the first batch of B. Tech. graduates of Electronics and Communication Engg. (ECE), Computer Science and Engg. (CSE) and Mechanical Enggg. (ME) was organized on 23rd May 2021 and keeping in mind the precautionary Covid-19 protocols, the meet was held online.

The program began with a welcome speech by the working president of TUAA, Prof. Tapan Kumar Gogoi. It was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Prof VK Jain followed by a meet and greet event exclusively for all alumni. It also included a Games Session, which concluded with a vote of thanks.

In the later part of the meet, there was an interaction between alumni and faculty along with interaction between alumni and current students. The meet ended with a discussion session on existing curriculum and educational objectives and live experience sharing cum feedback session.



## Department of MCJ, Tezpur University hosts three-day event on mental and emotional wellness for youth

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University in collaboration with the Youth Wellness Hub, LGB Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur is hosted a three-day workshop on the promotion of emotional and mental health of youth from 6th-8th January, 2021. The workshop titled 'Pursuit of Wellness', which was supported by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu was aimed at fostering discussions around youth mental health issues relevant to the north-eastern region of India, building awareness about youth mental health problems and facilitating destigmatisation through dialogues.

The inaugural session was attended by Prof. S.K. Deuri, Director, LGBRIMH, Prof. Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD, Prof. P.K Das, Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, Prof. Sonia P. Deuri, Head, Department of Psychiatric Social Work, LGBRIMH and other dignitaries. 35 students from 13 different institutions across the state participated in the workshop.

While appreciating the initiative undertaken by the Department of MCJ, Tezpur University, the speakers underscored the importance of creating awareness and sensitization around mental health issues promoting wellness and happiness for individual, social and community well-being. They also emphasized upon the role of young people in this regard and how educational institutions can play a part in creating an enabling environment for the same.

The keynote addresses were delivered by Dr. Nanda Kishore Kannuri, Additional Professor, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad and

well-known Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram. Dr.Kannuri in his address highlighted upon the SDGs and deliberated on the intersectionality between mental health, SDGs and the social determinants of health. Dr. Ram presented a roadmap for prevention of mental illness and promotion of mental health with reference to the Indian context. A host of ten other eminent resource persons conducted sessions on different aspects of mental and emotional wellness during the three-day workshop.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr.Anjuman Borah, Assistant Professor, Department of MCJ, Tezpur University.

# Workshop on Covid-19 Promotion of Health and Well-being of Students of NE region.



A Two-day workshop program (blended mode) on COVID-19: Promotion of Health and Well-being of students of North East region, sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) was held on 4-5 January 2021 at Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University. A total of 30 workshop participants were physically present with 8 resource persons (online and offline) for the workshop. Dr. Junali Deka, Assistant Professor, organised the event.

## Workshop on Career Opportunities in Mass Communication

Career Evolve – a Two-day workshop on “Career opportunities in Mass Communication” was organized on January 9 to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Department sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperambudur. The main objective of the programme was to make the upcoming students aware of the various avenues of scope for getting a professional engagement in this sector – both as individual entrepreneurs or in salaried jobs. With more than 50 participants, the students were imparted a good amount of awareness by close interaction between veteran industry practitioners from varied fields like cinema, Public Relations and Corporate Communication, sound, digital journalism etc. The workshop went off to a good start with the Inaugural ceremony graced by the Prof. Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD and Prof. PK Das, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences School, TU, Prof. Vasanti Rajendran, Head of training at RGNIYD, Prof. Joya Chakraborty, HoD of Mass Communication & Journalism Dept., TU. A few of the resource persons include – Mr Bhaskar Hazarika, eminent film director, Mr Amrit Pritam Dutta, renowned sound recording expert, Mr Sushanta Talukdar, editor of www.NEZINE.com among others. Participants represented different institutions in the state including established colleges of the region. The valedictory function was addressed by Prof. VK Jain, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University who expressed satisfaction over the successful completion of the programme and distributed the certificates to the participants. It was also addressed Prof. V Rajendran, Head of Training, RGNIYD. The participants expressed satisfaction over the programme and requested for more such programmes in future whenever possible. Prof. Abhijit Bora was the Coordinator of the programme.





## Faculty members of MCJ Department conduct workshop for Army personnel

Dr. Perosh Jimmy Daimary and Dr. Manoj Deori, Assistant Professors in the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Tezpur University, interacted with the members of the defence media units as resource persons in the workshop organised by the PR unit, Tezpur at HQ 4 Corps during 4-6 February 2021.

## Webinar on Media Reporting on CHILDREN WITH VULNERABILITIES

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University organised a webinar titled '**Media reporting on children with vulnerabilities: Perspectives from the JJ Act and POCSO Act including reporting of cases under The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017**' in collaboration with the Judicial Academy, Assam and Gauhati Press Club on 10th March, 2021.

Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, honourable judge, Gauhati High Court delivered the inaugural speech. The resource persons for the webinar were- Mr Satya Prakash, legal editor of The Tribune and Mr Sushanta Talukdar, the Editor of NeZine. Over 300 participants including media and law students and faculty, media professionals and legal professionals from across the country participated in the webinar.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Anjuman Borah, Assistant Professor, Department of MCJ, Tezpur University.

### WEBINAR

organised by

Department of Mass Communication and Journalism,  
Tezpur University

in collaboration with

Gauhati Press Club

### TOPIC

#### Media reporting on children with vulnerabilities:

Perspectives from the JJ Act and POCSO Act including reporting of cases under The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017

10th MARCH, 2021

1:30-3:00 pm

#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

Media professionals, legal professionals, Media and Communication students

#### SPEAKERS

Mr Satya Prakash  
Legal Editor, The Tribune

Mr Sushanta Talukdar  
Editor, NEZine

Certificates of participation will be awarded to all participants

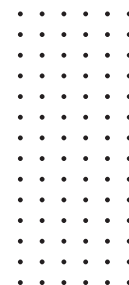
## 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture held



As part of the Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture Series, the sixth lecture was organised on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The theme of the lecture was 'Ambedkar's view of Nationalism' which was delivered by Prof. Bhikhu Parekh (University of Hull, United Kingdom), a renowned academician, social scientist, and parliamentarian from United Kingdom. The program was organized through Google Meet platform and began at 04:00 p.m. Introductory remarks for the program were given by Prof. V.K. Jain (Vice Chancellor, TU), and Dr. D.P. Majhi (Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, MSJ&E, GoI). Prior to this, Prof. Kedilezo Kikhi, Chair Professor, welcomed everyone to the sixth lecture of Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture Series. The distinguished speaker highlighted the socio-economic conditions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his idea for Indian nationalism which were largely shaped by the pragmatic philosophy with a bias towards Liberty, Equality and Fraternity among the citizens of India. The lecture was followed through discussion by the participants and responses from the resource person. The program came to an end by the formal vote of thanks by Dr. D.R. Gautam, Research Officer, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU.

## 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar observed

The 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in Tezpur University campus. Amid the ongoing Covid-19 situation, day was observed with a short program of offering floral tributes and distribution of sweets as per the prevailing Covid protocol, by the office of Dr. Ambedkar Chair. The program began in the august presence of Dr. Biren Das, Registrar of the university, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, as well as several other dignitaries from different departments/ sections and those working in different capacities in the university. In this way, due to the prevailing situation, the celebration was restricted to TU fraternity though the intent and message was transcendental. Prof. Kedilezo Kikhi, the Chair Professor welcomed everyone and mentioned the relevance of the day by highlighting few contributions of Babasaheb in a lucid manner. Taking this further, Dr. Biren Das, summed up about Babasaheb by shedding light on the Indian Constitution a gift of erudite scholarship given by Dr. Ambedkar to the nation. The document, he mentioned, holds the wisdom to ensure social, political as well as economic democracy in India. Therefore, he urged all the present to uphold the spirit of the constitution by reading and becoming aware about it whose copy was available in the library of the university apart from several other sources. Immediately after the deliberation on Babasaheb, floral tributes were offered by the Registrar and followed by all others present to mark their joy and gratitude on the occasion. To mark the prevailing gaiety among those present, distribution of sweets was done to eighty-one persons who were physically present at the programme held to mark the 130<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Babasaheb.



## Tribute to eminent litterateur Homen Borgohain (1932-2021)

### Department of Assamese organizes online seminar on 'Homen Borgohain's Literature'



The Department of Assamese, Tezpur University organized an online seminar on 'Homen Borgohain's Literature' on 25th May, 2021 to pay tribute to eminent litterateur Homen Borgohain. The session was moderated by Dr. Subrat Jyoti Neog, Head of Department of Assamese, Tezpur University.

Pro- Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, Prof. Dhruva Kumar Bhattacharyya inaugurated the session. In his inauguration speech, Prof. Bhattacharyya highlighting Borgohain's literary and journalist life said that the literary works of Homen Borgohain should be digitized.

Eminent Indian filmmaker and Padma Bhushan Awardee, Jahnu Barua, the guest speaker of the session delivered the lecture on 'The Cinematization of Homen Borgohain's Novel'. He discussed the challenges faced during the making of his National Award-winning film 'Halodhia Choraye Baodhan Khai' which was a cinematization of Homen Borgohain's novel. During the interaction session, Mr. Barua also mentioned that in today's society, the path of self-criticism has been blocked by the consumerist mentality.

Another guest speaker of the session, Prof. Nigamananda Das, Department of English, Nagaland University, delivered the lecture on 'Homen Borgohain and Humanism'. Prof. Das analyzed the humanistic approach of Borgohain's famous novel 'Pita-Putra'. Prof. Das said that the humanistic approach which was embodied in Borgohain's novels, also carried on in his personal life. He said that the return of the Sahitya Academy Award, to quit his job and become a journalist was proof of this.

### Two-week online Capacity Building Program for social science faculty members organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi

An online two-week capacity building program for social science faculty members belonging to the disadvantaged sections was organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University, Assam in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi from 5th May to 19th May, 2021. Dr. Ambedkar Chair is a newly established chair in Tezpur University and is primarily involved in furthering ideas and philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar

through different mechanisms. The focus-area of the workshop was Research Methodology and Publication. The workshop was held to strengthen academics by capacity building of the faculty members, especially the young faculty members belonging to the disadvantaged sections who are working in social sciences discipline at different academic institutions of higher education located in the country.

Capacity building program is crucial for the real contribution in academics, it has become desirable to make this also an exercise to strengthen our affirmative action policies in the system of higher education by organising such training with a priority to those belonging to the disadvantaged sections such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, women, and minorities. Amid the present situation of pandemic, the training program was organised in virtual/online mode which provided

a conducive environment to the learners as well as resource persons to become part of this academic exercise without compromising safety measures that might arise in travelling apart from economising the entire exercise. It was a truly gainful program, and assignments were shared to the participants that might strengthen the process to check their progress on learning. Also, at the end of the program each participant developed and contributed a paper on select themes which was submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.



## Yoga workshop held for international students under ICCR, Guwahati



A yoga workshop was organized for the international students of Tezpur University on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June from 7:00 am to 8:30 am on both days; in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Guwahati. Registration for the event was done through Google Form, and interested students volunteered for the same.

According to the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Yoga is “a discipline based on an extremely subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body.”

“It is an art and science of healthy living. Yoga leads to a perfect harmony between mind and body, man and nature, individual consciousness and universal consciousness. Yoga helps to build up psycho-physiological health, emotional harmony; and manage daily stress and its consequences. Yoga is also useful in conditions where stress is believed to play a role.”, mentions the official website of AYUSH; adding, various yogic practices such as Yogasanas, Pranayama, Dhyana (meditation), cleansing and relaxation practices etc. are known to help modulate the physiological response to stressors.

It further adds that yoga has also been shown to be useful in vulnerable population such as elderly, children. “The function of the immune system is critical in the human response to infectious disease. A growing body of evidence identifies stress as a cofactor in infectious disease susceptibility and outcomes.”



## International Yoga Day celebrated in Tezpur University; event lauded by Assam Governor

The concept of “Health is wealth” is otherwise taught to students at an early stage of life. Schools and colleges extend active support to the overall growth and well-being of children, courtesy non-curricular activities. Yoga plays a significant role in the physical, emotional and emotional growth of all.

In a bid to promote physical fitness and the added benefits of the same; the Yoga Centre of Tezpur University organized several activities. This is also to promote the theme of 7th International Day of Yoga - ‘Yoga For Wellness’.

In collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Guwahati; Tezpur University (TU) organized a two - day yoga workshop for international students studying in northeast India during 19 and 20 June, 2021. It was an online workshop; and was attended by students and research scholars from several South Asian and African countries, such as Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Namibia, Egypt etc.

Yoga coach of the University, ParthaPratim Das demonstrated the participants various yoga asanas and postures; further explained the usefulness of the asanas. Ms. Madhurkankana Roy, Regional Director, ICCR was also present during the session.

According to a Press Release by the Media Cell of TU; On June 21, the University for its Employees organized demonstration of Common Yoga Protocols through online mode. The University also organized a video blogging contest on the topic on “Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family” amongst TU Employees and students.

It added that the University also organised a national level Yoga Workshop ‘Be With Yoga Be At Home’, on May 26 for creating awareness on yoga. The initiatives of Tezpur University in promoting Yoga for physical and mental well-being of all was lauded by Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon’ble Governor of Assam & Chancellor of the University, who in a video message appreciated the University for popularizing Yoga amongst all.

“Tezpur University is an acclaimed name in the academic landscape of the country with its lush green milieu presents a perfect podium to practice Yoga. My appeal to the university fraternity on this occasion is- don’t make Yoga simply an annual event. Practice it on a daily basis to attain healthy body, mind and soul”, Prof. Mukhi said in the video message.

Prof. V.K.Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University urged all to practice yoga for the benefit of Physical and spiritual wellbeing; adds the press release. He quoted Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India who advocated for “one earth, one health” approach and explained that practice of Yoga is aligned with this maxim.

It may be mentioned that, Prof. Paporu Baruah, Dean, School of Management Sciences & Coordinator, Yoga Centre and Mr. RR Singh, Assistant Director of Physical Education coordinated the entire Yoga-day activities.

# “Be with yoga, be at home” Online yoga workshop held; e-certificates to all participants



An online yoga workshop was initiated by Tezpur University on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 am; the inaugural address to which was extended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain. The theme of the event was, “Be with yoga, Be at home.”

Prof. Manabendra Mandal of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology extended the welcome address, and Yoga Coach Mr. ParthaPratim Das was the resource person on the occasion.

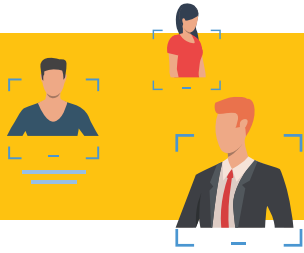
Mr. R. R. Singh, Assistant Director of Physical Education, Sports Office and TU Mental Health Task Force of Tezpur University also extended active cooperation on the occasion. E-certificates were given to all participants, after submission of their respective feedback.

While the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge over the last couple of years; the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) continues to out in efforts towards the greater good of the society. The official website of Ministry of AYUSH reads, “COVID-19 has emerged as the global health crisis that poses as the biggest challenge in front of the entire world.

It adds, “The virus is spreading its wings at an alarming rate and morbidity and mortality are also a matter of concern globally. Apart from the health sector, the pandemic has also impacted us socially and economically. Ministry’s advisories have suggested measures which may help the public to remain healthy in pandemic times. The Ministry also published guidelines for practitioners for the management of this pandemic.”

## OUTREACH/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- ★ Dr.Madhurima Goswami gave a talk on “Women and Leadership Roles” on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at Balipara, Sonitpur district, organized by Assam State Livelihood Mission, Cluster level federation in collaboration with MatriSangha, Suryamukhi Samiti, Panchami Samiti, Navarun Samiti.
- ★ Dr. Madhurima Goswami gave a talk on “Women and Leadership Roles” organized by EiXomoi (Audio visual magazine) on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.



# Placements (January - June, 2021)

## Placement Record Engineering Jan-June 2021

Name of student	Program	Employer
Ratnadeep Malakar	B-Tech ME	Oil India Limited
Sukrit Jyoti Baruah	B-Tech ECE	Ziroh Labs
Ashutosh Tiwari	B-Tech EE	Innovaccer Analytics Pvt. Ltd.
Bidon Saha	B-Tech CSE	Betsol, Gurpreet.
Sneha Deb Roy	B-Tech ECE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Mitali Das	B-Tech ECE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Ananya Deka	B-Tech CSE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Sumit Kumar Thakur	B-Tech CSE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Raju Kumar Singh	B-Tech CSE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Manisha Rajak	B-Tech ECE	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Prakash Bhusal	B-Tech CSE	LG Soft India
Adarsh Kumar	B-Tech CSE	LG Soft India
Priyotush Paul	B-Tech FET	Gujarat Cooperative
Rishabh Trivedi	B-Tech CSE	Betsol, Gurpreet.
Jitul Rajbonshi	B-Tech CSE	Accenture
Sonia Kumari	B-Tech ECE	Accenture
Rajneesh Kumar	B-Tech CSE	Accenture
Nishiraj Nath	B-Tech ECE	Tata Consultancy Services
Bhargav Jyoti Mahanta	B-Tech ME	Tata Consultancy Services
Akashdeep Bora	B-Tech ME	Tata Consultancy Services
Deepankar Acharyya	B-Tech CSE	Tata Consultancy Services
Bishal Deb	B-Tech CSE	Tata Consultancy Services
Sahitya Sikhar Ghosh	B-Tech ME	Cognizant Technologies
Abhisekh Barah	B-Tech Civil	Cognizant Technologies
Mritunjay Kumar	B-Tech CSE	Cognizant Technologies
Abhilash Kumar	B-Tech EE	Cognizant Technologies
Prajwal Singh	B-Tech CSE	Cognizant Technologies
Sumit Kumar Thakur	B-Tech CSE	Cognizant Technologies
Pankaj Upadhaya	B-Tech ME	Cognizant Technologies

Himsikhar Deka	B-Tech ECE	Cognizant Technologies
Raju Kumar Singh	B-Tech CSE	Cognizant Technologies
Jugmita Patgiri	B-Tech ME	Cognizant Technologies
Partha Pratim Bora	B-Tech EE	Cognizant Technologies
Chiranjib Kashyap	B-Tech ECE	Cognizant Technologies
Mandeep Kumar Singh	B-Tech CSE	Modak
Monika Sharma Giri	B-Tech ECE	Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd
Molin Almin	B-Tech CSE	Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd
Pushpak Jalan	B-Tech CSE	Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd
Ankita Bora	B-Tech Civil	Infosys Ltd
Pravin Kumar	B-Tech Civil	Infosys Ltd
Himan kalita	B-Tech CSE	Infosys Ltd
Saurabh Kannaujia	B-Tech CSE	Infosys Ltd
Manish Kumar Gupta	B-Tech CSE	Infosys Ltd
Amarjeet Kumar	B-Tech CSE	Infosys Ltd
Rajdeep Das	B-Tech ECE	Infosys Ltd
Vikash Kumar Singh	B-Tech ECE	Wipro Limited
Randeep Dutta	B-Tech ME	Jubilant Foodworkes
Bishal Kumar Bhardwaj	B-Tech ME	Jubilant Foodworkes
Debasish Bhuyan	B-Tech Civil	KEC International
Snigdha Shourya	B-Tech CSE	Antares Technologies
Jennifer Mehjebin	M-Tech Civil	P.W.D. Roads
Tapasi Misra	M-Tech ELDT	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Pooja Nath	M-Tech ELDT	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Sangeeta Singha	M-Tech Bio	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Lakhyajit Gohain	M-Tech Bio	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
Piyush Thakur	M-Tech ELDT	Cognizant Technologies
S Shahnawaj Sahil Imani	M-Tech IT	Zaloni Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
Mohamad Adil	M-Tech ELDT	Tata Consultancy Services
Punam Sarmah	M-Tech IT	Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas
Bigrai Basumatary	M-Tech IT	Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas

Angkit Sarma	M-Tech IT	Antares Technologies
Jay Debnath	MCA	BIAS Info Tech Pvt. Ltd.
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Nabajjal Nath	MCA	Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd

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### Prof. Dhruba Kumar Bhattacharyya appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor

- ★ Prof. Dhruba Kumar Bhattacharyya, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Tezpur University was appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University on 01 April 2021.
- ★ A distinguished academician, Prof. Bhattacharyya joined Tezpur University in March 1995 as a Lecturer in the then Department of Computer Science. He has over 29 years of teaching and research experience.
- ★ In past, he has also served as Dean, Academic Affairs and Dean, School of Engineering. He is the first recipient of a PhD in Tezpur University, which was awarded to him in 1999.

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