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**“ M. K. Gandhi: The Continuing Relevance ” organized jointly by
Tezpur University and the University of Auckland, New Zealand**

To commemorate two year long 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Tezpur University organised a webinar in collaboration with the University of Auckland, New Zealand on 19th August 2020. A brief report on the webinar is given below:

Prof. Vinod. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University welcomed everyone with his welcome address. Prof. Jain gave a glimpse of the early life of Mahatma Gandhi and the events that went into the making of the Mahatma. He highlighted the values that Mahatma Gandhi represented and the relevance of the same in the contemporary times.

The webinar threw up very timely and thoughtful reflections on the continuing relevance of the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, even more so in a pandemic situation. Dr. Barbara Snook, Dance Studies, Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland highlighted this aspect at the beginning of the webinar.

Dr. Ralph Buck, Associate Professor, Head of Programme, Dance Studies, Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland discussed on the topic “Gandhi, Dance and Inclusion”. One of the takeaways of the webinar was the consensus about the fact that the New Education Policy of the Government of India could be a positive step towards fulfilling the Gandhian vision of holistic education and the value of experiential learning.

Speaking on the topic “The Continuing Relevance of Gandhi”, Dr. Debarshi Prasad Nath, Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University highlighted the importance of Gandhian philosophy in present context.

Prof. Prasanta K. Das, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences moderated the webinar. Dr. Parasmoni Dutta, Head, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University offered the vote of thanks.

MoU on Academic Cooperation between Tezpur University and the University of Auckland



A Department of Cultural Studies initiative

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tezpur University and the University of Auckland, New Zealand, on 18 March 2019. Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dilip Kumar Saikia signed on behalf of Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, Professor Vinod Kumar Jain while Professor Diane Brand, Dean of Creative Arts and Industries and Dr. Ralph Buck, Associate Dean, International Creative Arts and Industries signed on behalf of the University of Auckland. An initiative to foster academic exchange between the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University and the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland, the venture aims to increase co-operation between the two institutions with regard to exchange of students, staff, and research materials and publications. The agreement also envisages cooperative research between research staff at both universities and meetings for curriculum development. The agreement will initially be for a period of five years, and may be extended by another five years subject to review by both institutions.