

## **68<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day Celebrations**

Sixty Eighth Constitution Day was celebrated to mark our respect towards our constitution and its enshrined principles towards building 'WE- the Nation'. The celebrations in Tezpur University ushered right in the morning with Dr. Biren Das (Registrar) taking lead in aloud reading of Preamble along with Fundamental Duties in the administrative block. This was done in compliance of the directives given by the Government of India to all educational institutions.

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As a part of commemoration, Dr. Ambedkar Chair organized a public lecture which was followed by screening of a movie befitting for the occasion. The program of celebration began at 5.30 p.m. in the screening hall of Mass Communication & Journalism. Anchoring was done by Ms. Gayatri Borah, research scholar from department of Sociology, who at the outset read Preamble and mentioned about Fundamental Duties and Rights of an Indian citizen.



The session of public lecture was welcomed by Prof. K. Kikhi (Ambedkar Chair Professor) who briefly outlined the significance of the day along with acknowledgement and gratitude towards Dr. B.R.Ambedkar (Father of Indian Constitution) and his other team members. He, then introduced the speaker Prof. Virginius Xaxa who is a professor of Eminence and Gopinath Bordoloi chair Professor in the Tezpur University. Professor Xaxa delivered his lecture titled 'Indian Constitution: Dawn of New Social Order', where he highlighted praiseworthy and inclusive features of Indian Constitution apart from making some critical insights into it.



The benefits of this lecture was furthered through inputs emerging from 'Question- Answer Session' where different students/scholars have displayed their inquisitiveness. Henceforth concluding observations were shared by Prof. P.K.Das (Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences) who had chaired the session.

The closure of this session and announcement of successive screening was made by Dr. D.R.Gautam (Research Officer, Dr. Ambedkar Chair). He gave a formal vote of thanks to all who were directly or indirectly involved in the event before inviting all for a high tea. The second part of the program was screening of an internationally acclaimed movie titled as 'Dr. B.R.Ambedkar' directed by Jabbar Patel. The movie centred around life and challenges of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar towards then prevailing (Hindu) social stratification which was hierarchical and rigidly defined on primordial caste/tribe order. And how these challenges were addressed with erudition in the constitution to build a true Indian nation.

