

## **Inaugural Public Lecture**

Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University organised an inaugural Public Lecture on August 17, 2017. The lecture with the theme "Ideals of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Indian Democracy" was delivered by Professor Anand Teltumbde, Goa Institute of Management.



The session was chaired by Professor Virginius Xaxa, Professor of Eminence, Tezpur University, and welcome address was given by Professor Kedilezo Kikhi (Ambedkar Chair Professor) who spelled out the thrust areas allocated by DAF. He also presented the future action plan, its challenges particularly in interpreting the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar and their relevance in the context of northeast marginalised communities. Further, he introduced speakers to the audience.



Professor Madan. M. Sarma, Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University inaugurated the programme and also highlighted the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, particularly his contributions in drafting the final version of Indian Constitution.



Through his lecture Professor Anand Teltumbde outlined the life, works, ideals and philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and cited reasons for his commemoration. He further enumerated facts pertaining to challenges being faced by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar towards drafting the constitution in the wake of non-availability of other team members of the drafting committee. In the lecture, he also made a critical appraisal of the ideas and philosophy of Babasaheb Ambedkar to make him equally relevant as had been hitherto.



In consequence an enlightening discussion ensued with several inquisitive queries raised by the participants which received humble reply from the speaker. The sheer interest about the lecture could be gauged from the total number of attendants which totalled around two hundred fifty, i.e. to the full capacity of the Council Hall, Tezpur University.



Interactions were moderated by Prof. V. Xaxa who also chaired the entire session and shared some of his concluding remarks. The entire anchoring for the program was done by Ms. Gayatri Borah, Research Scholar from the department of Sociology.

