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Best Graduates of 2007 & 2008

Dorodi Sharma, Best Graduate 2007, is now with NDTV, New Delhi. "I feel extremely honoured at the award that has been conferred on me," she said. "I take this opportunity to thank my teachers and friends who made my stay at the University a true learning experience." Her feelings

were echoed by Bharati Munda, Best Graduate 2008.

They will be receiving their degrees at the 8th Convocation on 24 December 2008. A total of 567 students will be receiving their Masters degrees, 27 students will receive Diplomas, and 29 students will be awarded PhD degrees.

VC's Interview

As the Vice-Chancellor of a rapidly developing University, Professor M K Chaudhuri is a very busy man. *TU Newsletter* met him recently in the midst of his hectic schedule to ask him a few questions. Excerpts from the interview:

TU Newsletter: In the last issue of Tezpur University Newsletter you spoke of having a definite vision for Tezpur University. Can you spell this out a little?

Vice-Chancellor: To render the University a highly sought after seat of higher learning with the graduates being placed well for service with dedication, and the faculty making real world contributions in their chosen areas of expertise.

What are the some of things you feel you have been able to achieve in your tenure so far?

I feel I have been able to convincingly motivate our students, research scholars, faculty and staff to discharge duties with utmost sincerity and due accountability.

The Eighth Convocation will be your first convocation as Vice - Chancellor of Tezpur University. What are your feeling and views?

My gut feeling is that the Eighth Convocation of our University will be a grand success because every one on the campus has been highly enthusiastic and extending all support for all that is required for the successful conduct of the ceremony.

This Convocation is also expected to be special



"Feel proud of your alma mater"

*Professor M K Chaudhuri
Vice-Chancellor*

one in the sense that the University would be showcasing several new features and unique facilities of the institution. The students, I believe, would feel proud of their *alma mater*.

Your message to the students who will be receiving their degrees and medals.

To be a good citizen with real love for the country. I wish them real success in life.

Editorial

Each issue of the *Tezpur University Newsletter* attempts to cover all the newsworthy events of a semester. Ordinarily this issue of the Tezpur University Newsletter would have been dated 30 December 2008. However, we thought it would be right to bring out this issue prior to the Eighth Convocation which will be held on 24 December 2008. Now guests, visitors, and students arriving for the Convocation will now be able to get a glimpse of some of the interesting events of the current Autumn Semester (August to December 2008).

The highlight of this semester will undoubtedly be the Eight Convocation. At an editorial meeting recently, we looked back fondly at the Convocations we attended as students. But since most of us studied

at large universities we also remembered them as huge and somewhat confusing affairs. Convocations at Tezpur University are small in comparison. But they also turn out to be well managed and very meaningful – as Convocations should be. All our past Convocations have been impressive affairs. On 24 December 2008, it will no doubt be the same. We look forward to covering the Eighth Convocation in a suitable manner in our next issue.

While we have made an attempt to cover all the more significant events of this semester, they may be some aspects that we have inadvertently overlooked. Limited space was a constraint, too. We sincerely (and not just ritualistically) apologise for our lapses.

New Chancellor of Tezpur University



His Excellency, Shri Shiv Charan Mathur, who assumed office as the Governor of Assam on 4 July 2008, will preside over the Eighth Convocation. He is the third Chancellor of Tezpur University. A well-known statesman, he has been prominent in Indian public life for several decades. He was Chief Minister of Rajasthan twice, from 1981 to 1985 and from 1988 to 1989. He has also been a Member of Parliament. The new Chancellor was preceded by former Governors of Assam, Lieutenant General (retd) S K Sinha and Lieutenant Gen. (retd) Ajai Singh.

Eighth Convocation

GUEST OF HONOUR: SHRI TARUN GOGOI

Shri Tarun Gogoi, the Guest of Honour at the Eighth Convocation, was Chief Minister of Assam from 2001 to 2006 and is currently serving his second consecutive term as Chief Minister. He has had a long and distinguished career and has vast political and administrative experience. He was elected to the Lok Sabha six times. He became the General Secretary of All India Congress Committee in 1985. During 1986-90, he served as the President of Assam Pradesh Congress (I) Committee. During 1991-93, he was the Union Minister of Food (Independent Charge). From 1993 to 1995, he held the portfolio of Food Processing Industry as the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge).



SPECIAL GUEST: DR HIMANTA BISWA SARMA

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Special Guest at the Convocation, is Cabinet Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Government of Assam. In his former term he was Minister of State, Agriculture and Planning & Development. An important young leader since his college days, he was General Secretary, Cotton College Union Society for three terms and also General Secretary, Assam Pradesh Youth Congress. He has been Secretary, Assam Pradesh Congress Committee. Apart from his ministerial responsibilities, Dr Sarma has also been actively involved in social development activities.



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Students' Achievements



Winners of the Madhab Bora Memorial quiz competition

A new Students' Council for the academic year 2008-2009 was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

Kalpita Sonowal, Research Scholar in the Department of Environmental Science received UGC's Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST.

Pallavi Baruah, a third semester student of Mass Communication & Journalism, recently received a National Journalism Student Award of Excellence, 2008 from Press Institute of India (PII). The competition was organized by UNICEF in collaboration with the PII.

Sashwata Barua first semester and Subhi Baishya third semester

students of Department of Chemical Sciences attended meeting with Nobel Laureates at IIIT Allahabad during 15-16 Dec 2008.

Madhulekha Gogoi of Department of Physics received "Satgur Prasad-Prag Parameswari Devi Memorial Award" of Optical Society of India for best presentation of a research paper at XXXIII OSI symposium.

Mr. Ankur Gogoi, research scholar in the Department of Physics presented a paper at the prestigious eleventh Electromagnetic and Light Scattering Conference which was held at the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK from 7 to 12 September 2008.

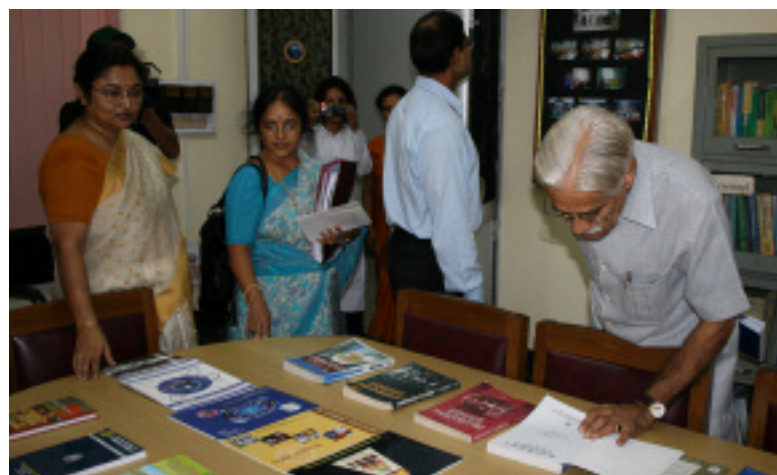
National Education Day

The University celebrated the first-ever National Education Day on 11 November 2008, the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, freedom fighter, thinker, and independent India's first education minister. There was overwhelming response to the essay competition organized by the University to mark the occasion. More than 500 students wrote on the topic "The India of My Dreams".

The first prize went to Ms Dhirumoni Rabha, a B Tech student. In a special meeting convened for the purpose, Professor Amarjyoti Choudhury spoke to an impressive gathering of students and teachers on the current scenario of education in the country, keeping the evolution of Tezpur University in the backdrop.

UGC Team Visit

A UGC team visited Tezpur University from 4 to 7 August 2008 in connection with the Eleventh Plan assessment and allocation of funds. The team consisted of Professor G K Mehta (Convener), former Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University, Professor Xavier Alphonse, Member UGC and Director, Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education, Chennai, Professor P P Yadav, Director, GHSIMR, Kanpur, Professor A B Pandit, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Mumbai, Professor K. Chowdhirao, Department of Polymer Science and Technology, Shri Krishna Deveraya University, Andhra Pradesh, Professor K K Bajaj, former Dean (CDC) HPO, Professor S Indumati, Department of Economics, Mysore University, and Dr. C S Meena (Member Secretary) Joint Secretary, UGC, Delhi. The team visited all the Departments and sections of the University and interacted with the faculty, staff and students. The team expressed its satisfaction at the progress made by Tezpur University and appreciated the plans envisaged for the further development of the University.



From top: Members of UGC visiting team, team visiting the Department of Business Administration, and the team with the Vice-Chancellor.

Seminars & Workshops

“Expanding Frontiers of Technology”



TechXETRA 08 was held on October 17 and 18 2008. Inspired by Tezpur University's erstwhile Techno-stride, a technical festival organized annually by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, TechXETRA 08 had “Expanding frontiers of technology” as its motto. The new technical festival (to be an annual event) was a huge success thanks to the synergy of diversified events like *Nail d byte*, a computer coding contest, *Haywire*, an electronic circuit design model making contest, *Nirmaan*, an engineering structure and mechanical contest, and the self-explanatory *Robotics*. A technical paper presentation, a quiz contest and Science exhibition were among the many other events organized. The faculty co-ordinator was Partha P Dutta, Lecturer, Dept of Mechanical Engineering while Shubhajit Das, also of Dept of Mechanical Engineering was the student co-coordinator. We look forward to TechXETRA 09!

Energy

The Department celebrated Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Divas (RGAUD) on 20 August, 2008. It also organized a one-day workshop on Assessment of Renewable Energy Resources in Assam on October 16 2008

Dr. P.V.Satheesh the founder member of the Decan Development Society, Andhra Pradesh, was chief guest of the workshop. Sajan Venniyoor from Prasar Bharati, Delhi, and Ashish Kumar from Hofstra University were the resource persons for the workshop.

Mass Communication & Journalism

Community Media Workshop: The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Tezpur University organized a two day workshop on “Social Empowerment through Community Media” on the 21 and 22 September 2008. Workshop was supported by NEC, ICSSR and Tezpur University.

Seminar on Conflict and Peace Processes in Assam: A daylong seminar on Role of History and Media in Conflict and Peace Processes in Assam was organized by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism on 18 August 2008 in collaboration with the North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati.

Radio Training Workshop: The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism in collaboration with the Panos Southasia – a multilateral development agency based in Kathmandu – organized a week long workshop on radio production for developmental workers and young journalists. The programme was conducted from 24 to 29, November.

Business Administration

The Department celebrated World Tourism Day on 27 September 2008. It also organized an Intercollege Memorial Quiz and M C Bora Oration in memory of late Professor M C Bora on November 17 2008.

Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Dr. (Mrs). S. Baruah , PI along with Mr. Kabi, Co-Investigator have organized “Training Workshop in Street Play and Puppetry” , under the project “Application of Traditional communication methods to influence awareness and health seeking behavior”, 12 - 19 November, 2008.

Centre for Disaster Management



During August to December, 2008 the Centre for Disaster Management, Tezpur University organized five training courses on different aspects of Disaster Management mainly for Engineers, College and School Teachers, Govt. Executives, Members of NGOs and CBOs. More than 120 participants participated in these training courses.

Forthcoming

Cultural Studies

The Department will organize a three-day seminar with the collaboration of NECOL Shillong on the *Oral Literatures of the Northeast in English Translation: From the field to the print* on the 9 to 11 February 2009.

Eminent scholar Kapila Vatsyayan is scheduled to deliver the first *Sankardeva Endowment Lecture* in February 2009.

Physics

Department of Physics will organize an intensive workshop on *Understanding Earth System* sponsored by Ministry of Earth Sciences on 22 and 23 December 2008.

Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Short term training course on *Bioinformatics and Its implication* from 15 to 28 December, 2008. The course is sponsored by Bioinformatics Cell of Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India.

Business Administration

The Department will host *Sampark*, its annual industry-academia interface on 23 January 2009.

English and Foreign Languages

Workshop-cum-Seminar on Minor Languages of the Northeast India in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi from 3 to 12 January 2009. The workshop will be on descriptions of 32 languages of the northeast. The seminar (on 11 and 12 January) will be on *The Process of Nominalization in Minor Languages of India*.

The Department will also organize a National Seminar on *Representation of Nature in Literature* on 8 and 9 April 2009.

Food Processing

The Bureau of Indian Standards, Guwahati Branch will conduct a programme on *Standardization in Food Industry and Food Safety* for the students of the Department on 24 January 2009.

Assam Science Society, Tezpur University Branch

Tezpur University branch will host the *Technical Session* of Assam Science Society on 4 February 2009.

Faculty Publications

The following non-exhaustive list of publications by Tezpur University faculty is relevant to the period of August to December 2008. For reasons of space, it is necessarily highly selective. A comprehensive , annual listing of research publications by the University's faculty will appear in Tezpur University's forthcoming annual report.

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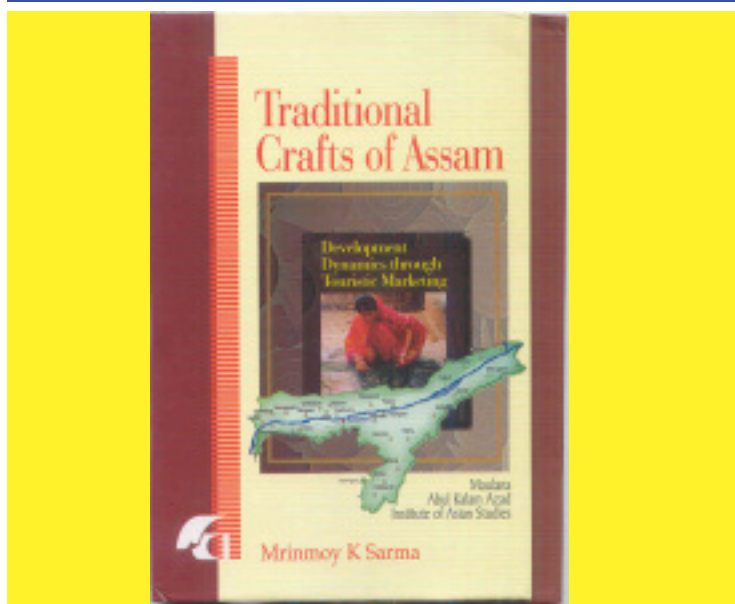
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Book Publications



FACULTY TRAVEL LOG

Some recent visits of our faculty:

Professor K.K.Baruah, Dean, School of Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, was as a Visiting Scientist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences Beijing, in November 2008. He was working on climate change related issues primarily green house gas emissions from terrestrial ecosystem.

Professor N.S. Islam, Dean, Research & Development, presented a paper, "Peroxovanadium complexes anchored to soluble polymers: synthesis, reactivity, antibacterial behaviour and effect on alkaline phosphatase activity", at the 4th Asian Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference" held at Jeju, South Korea during 10-14 November 2008.

Professor Sunil Kumar Dutta, Head, Department of Cultural Studies visited the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University (a central university), Wardha, Maharashtra, as a member of the UGC visiting team to assess the eleventh plan proposals from 4 - 6 December 2008.



Auditorium and Buildings

The newly constructed Auditorium in which the Eighth Convocation will be held is just one of the many well designed and competently executed buildings that are rapidly coming up all over the University campus in the present phase of construction. There are more than twenty building projects on which work is going on day and night. The new Guesthouse and the new Library building are nearing completion. Additional buildings are at various stages of planning. The main gate of the University was recently given a successful face-lift by young local sculptor Alokesh Parashar.

Projects undertaken by AAEO

Tezpur University is keen on developing a cult of education that would prepare the students to take on life with all its vagaries. The Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity (AAEO) Cell aims at improving the lot of the student community in general and in particular those belonging to disadvantaged sections of society. The projects undertaken by the AAEO cell this semester (August to December 2008) include a national seminar on “Peace in the North East Region through Assimilation & Integration’ on 18 and 19 September, 2008. It also organized a two day advanced training programme in Human Rights Awareness on 14 and 15 November 2008. In addition, the AAEO cell organized a NET Coaching programme from 20 October to 25 November 2008 in which 211 students participated.

COMPUTER CENTRE

The official website of Tezpur University has been re-designed and the portal further developed by the Computer Centre Software Team. The Computer Centre has also launched an automated Helpdesk to assist IT users within the University in addressing various computer related difficulties. The 2 Mbps ERNET Leased Line has been commissioned. The Centre now provides Internet facility to its users through a 2 Mbps ERNET Leased Line, a 512 Kbps BSNL Leased Line and a 512 Kbps ERNET VSAT. The second Computer Cluster has been set up in the Department of Energy Building to reduce congestion in the main cluster.

The Tezpur University Entrance Examination 09 prospectus will be available through branches of Axis Bank instead of post offices. This move is expected to make the prospectus more accessible.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Tezpur University has tied up with United India Insurance Company to provide its students with an innovative Health Insurance scheme. The comprehensive health scheme, introduced at the beginning of this semester, is open to all students (except PhD) under the age of 35. Under this scheme, students pay their premia along with their institutional fees. Tezpur University has scrutinized and negotiated the terms and conditions to ensure that the insurance scheme meets student needs and is hassle-free.

OBC QUOTA IMPLEMENTED

Tezpur University, which is committed to the amelioration of disadvantaged sections of society, has successfully implemented the 27 per cent Other Backward Caste (OBC) quota from this Semester (August to December 08) in keeping with the recent Supreme Court judgement and Government of India directives.

RAGGING

Ragging has always been treated as a serious menace by Tezpur University. This Semester the University turned itself into a complete “no ragging zone”, much to the relief of new students. An alert and vigilant committee consisting of the Dean, Students’ Welfare and other faculty members ensured the implementation of the Supreme Court’s directive against ragging.



One of the treats of the Autumn Semester (July to December) at Tezpur University is the occasional glimpse we get of the eastern Himalayas. This photograph was taken one morning in the first week of December 2008.

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