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Three new aesthetically designed buildings have been added to the Tezpur University campus. The office of the Vice-Chancellor has recently shifted to one of the buildings (photo above). The Departments of Chemical Sciences and Energy have moved into the building allotted to them.

Other offices which have shifted include those of the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, the Finance Officer, and the Deputy Director, Training and Placement.

Construction work is going on in full swing at Tezpur University.

Building projects include a four hundred seat boys' hostel, a hundred and fifty seat girls' hostel, a state-of-the-art auditorium, a new library building, and an additional guest house as well as Academic Buildings V and VI. The internal roads of the university have been further developed.

Expansion plans include the construction of an Academic Council Hall, a Students' Activity Centre, a married scholars' hostel, more residential units for faculty and staff, a Central Sophisticated Instrument Facility, and a Women's Centre.

# VC's Column



I am delighted to greet the students, faculty and staff of Tezpur University through the Vice-Chancellor's column of the new *Tezpur University Newsletter*.

I assumed office as Vice-Chancellor on 21

May 2007. But I had earlier been associated with Tezpur University in advisory and other capacities. My active involvement in setting up new Departments at NEHU, Shillong and IIT Guwahati has given me an insider's view of the many problems and challenges of founding and nurturing educational institutes in the Northeast region. I therefore have a very definite vision for Tezpur University which I hope to implement with the total commitment of the teachers and non-teaching staff of the University. Let us never forget that our students are our *raison d'être*. Our goal is to see that

Tezpur University shines in all areas of academic excellence. Administrative efficiency is another very important goal. It is vital that we get our priorities right in order to make Tezpur University one of the best in the Northeast region, and, eventually, in the entire country.

## 'I HAVE A VERY DEFINITE VISION FOR TEZPUR UNIVERSITY'

This newsletter will provide you with some glimpses of the all round developmental activities of Tezpur University in the last few months. We have initiated the present newsletter as an attempt to bring out in new format information regarding different activities and achievements of Tezpur University, at a six monthly interval. Future issues will keep you posted of our progress as we move towards excellence.

Professor Mihir K Chaudhuri  
Vice-Chancellor

## Editorial

Soon after assuming charge, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mihir K Chaudhuri, entrusted the present editorial team with the responsibility of bringing out the *Tezpur University Newsletter* in a new format. As editors, one of the first decisions we had to take was regarding the periodicity of the newsletter. It was felt that it should be a six monthly affair coinciding with the length of the two semesters in our academic calendar. We also decided to bring out the newsletter in a more up-to-date and more (hopefully) attractive format. The Editors sincerely apologise for any errors in omission or commission that

are bound to be there in this first attempt on our part to bring out the newsletter. We welcome constructive criticism from our readers.

One of the hallmarks of a developing university such as ours is the sense of constant change. For example, once an exclusively postgraduate seat of learning, we have recently opened our doors to a younger, vital batch of students with the starting of our B Tech. programmes. It is the goal and the function of *Tezpur University Newsletter* to reflect and communicate, in howsoever small a way, all the exciting and newsworthy events and happenings on our campus.

### NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Mihir K Chaudhuri, who joined Tezpur University as its fourth Vice-Chancellor on 21 May 2007, is a well-known academic and scientist with wide and varied experience. Earlier in his career, Professor Chaudhuri was instrumental in setting up the Department of Chemistry at NEHU, Shillong. Afterwards Professor Chaudhuri played an important role in the growth and development of IIT Guwahati. He has contributed significantly to Chemical Sciences, especially Inorganic Chemistry, and is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Santi Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, India's highest scientific award. He is also a fellow of Indian National Science Academy and Indian Academy of Sciences.

# Eleventh Annual Meet

The 11th Annual Meet of Tezpur University began on February 28 and ended on March 2. The Annual Meet also marked the culmination of various interdepartmental competitions in such sports as football, volleyball, basketball, and table tennis that began in September 2007.

The inaugural function began with the lighting and carrying of the Olympic torch by the captains of the various sports teams and by the faculty in-charge, Mr Bhabesh Nath, as well as by the Sports Officer, Mr Pankaj Borah. A highlight of the function was the march past competition in which the four University hostels participated. Bordoichila Chatra Niwas came first while Brahmaputra Chatra Niwas was adjudged runners-up. Mr S K Alam, Vice-President, Tezpur District Sports Association, a noted sports commentator and administrator, was felicitated on the occasion by Professor M M Sarma, Head, Dept of English and Foreign Languages, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor. Professor Sarma also hoisted the flag. The oath was administered to the various participants by Dr Mrimoy Sarma, Dean, Students' Welfare.

The Annual Meet provided students of Tezpur University with an opportunity to display their skills and talents in sports and athletics, and in literary and cultural activities. The sports competitions and events organized were, among others, weightlifting, body building, marathon race, arm wrestling, kabbadi, 100, 200, 800 and 1500 metres race, relay race, shot-put, javelin, and discuss throw, carrom board, lawn tennis, chess and long jump. The best male athlete award went to Aniket Chakraborty, a student of the B.Tech. (Mech) programme. Bharati Munda of the Dept of Cultural Studies was adjudged the best female athlete. Ranjan Das (B. Tech), Jayanta Dutta (MBA), Nayan Maity (Mathematical Sciences) were Best Player in basketball, volleyball, and football respectively. The Man of the Match prize in the cricket final went to Durlav Taye (MBA) while the Man of the Series prize went to Nitish Kumar (M.Tech). Moushin Muataq (MBBT) was adjudged the Best Bowler. In arm wrestling Mohendra Mohan Rajiunj and Irina Pegu were

declared Champion of Champions in the men and women's groups respectively. The Marathon champion was Safiqur Rahman (Chemical Sciences), the Strongman of Tezpur University was Prince Goswami (Mathematical Sciences). Dipranjal Keot (MBA, Part-time) was declared Mr Tezpur University.

Recitation, short story writing, caption writing were some of the literary competitions that were held. Gunjana Dey (EFL) was given the Best Competitor prize in the Literary Events. The Dept of Business Administration and the Dept of Physics won the wall magazine and the collage making competitions respectively. In the singing competition the best singer was Ananya Bonjoystna (Chemical Sciences) while Moussumi Bhattacharya (MCA) emerged as the best dancer. The meet ended on March 2 with a cultural programme in which well-known Assamese singer Jitul Sonowal and Native Rules, a rock band from Shillong, performed. Dr Mrimoy Sarma, Dean, Students' Welfare, and Mr Pankaj Borah, Sports Officer coordinated the Annual Meet.







The Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Project (AAEO Project) was started by the Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, Professor M.K Chaudhuri, in August 2007 to improve the lot of the student community in general and especially those students belonging to reserved, minority, economically weak and geographically isolated (including rural) sections. Amongst the various activities it has undertaken, the AAEO Project also conducted a forty five day Civil Services Coaching programme under a UGC scheme for students belonging to SC, ST and minority communities. Rau's Study Circle, New Delhi was enlisted for its expertise in the field of civil services coaching. A galaxy of young IAS and IPS officers acted as resource persons and as role models for the civil servant aspirants of Tezpur University. Some of the resource persons were: Ms. Kavita Padmanavan, IAS, Mr Prabeen Bagchi, IAS, Dr B D Tiwari, IAS, Dr Om Prakash, IAS, Mr Diganta Bora, IPS, and Ms Sanjukta Parashar, IPS.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor M.K Chaudhuri, inaugurated the programme on January 28. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. P K Borthakur, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, General Administration. The Guest of Honour was the recent Padma Shri awardee, Dr. (Ms.) Sheela Barthakur, founder President of the Assam Women

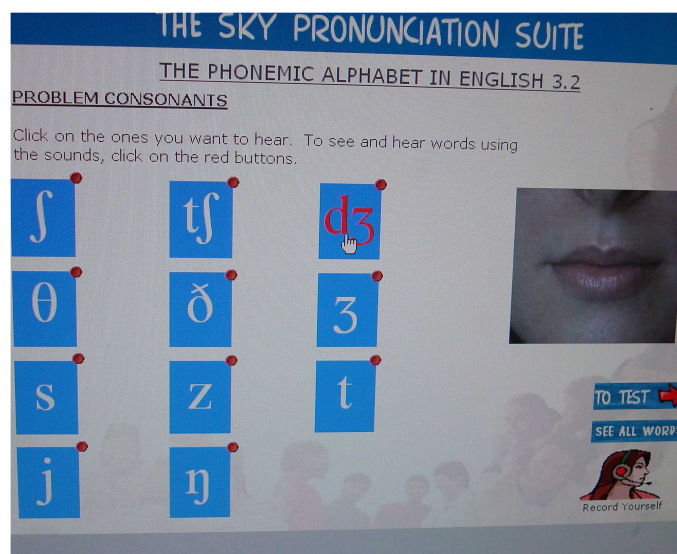
Writers' Association. Dr A K Khan and Dr P K Singh, resource persons from Rau's Study Circle were also present at the function.

During the month and half long programme, a number of in house resource persons as well as experts from other universities coached the participants in various aspects of civil services training.

The programme ended on March 14. Mr Jishnu Baruah, IAS, Commissioner, Administrative Reforms, was the Chief Guest and Ms. Sanjukta Parashar, IPS was the Guest of Honour at the concluding function. The participants reported in their speeches that they had benefited greatly from the training programme. Dr Alak K Buragohain, Reader, Dept of MBBT, meticulously coordinated the coaching programme with Ms Nandarani Chaudhuri, Education Officer, AAEO Project and Ms. Bhanu Pangging Gogoi, Assistant Education Officer, AAEO Project. Dr Raza R Hoque, Lecturer, Department of Environmental Science, and Mr. Eeshan Kalita, Lecturer, Department of MBBT also actively assisted in the running of the programme. Dr Buragohain expressed his belief that a core group of forty promising students had been identified during the course of training programme.

# News & Events

## Digital Language Laboratory



A digital multimedia language laboratory set up in the Department of English and Foreign Languages became functional on 1 April 2008. Teacher-student and student-student interactions are possible in the lab. Apart from imported software, teachers can produce and use their own text, audio and video materials for teaching languages. Self-learning and group learning activities can be fruitfully initiated in the lab. Students of English, French and Chinese have started utilizing the facilities in the lab.

## Faculty Achievements

### Chemical Sciences

Dr N Karak, Reader, visited IPF, Dresden as guest researcher during January - March 2008.

Dr R C Deka, Reader, went to Tohoku University, Japan as a Visiting Associate Professor during January - March 2008.

### Physics

Dr D Mohanta, Lecturer, recipient of a BOYCAST fellowship, returned to Tezpur University on 21 February 2008 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

### Mathematical Sciences

Mr Rupam Barman, Lecturer, attended the National Conference on Arithmetic Geometry organized by Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai at NCBS Bangalore from March 24 to 29, 2008.

### Sociology

Dr Chandan Kumar Sarma, Reader and Head, is presently (April to June 2008) at Queen's University Belfast on a Charles Wales fellowship.

### Electronics

Prof M Bhuyan, Head, obtained Indian Patent No 203816 for developing a three level temperature indicator for tea dryer.

### Cultural Studies

Professor Ashok Kumar Goswami, eminent Sanskrit scholar and recipient of the President's award, has joined the Department of Cultural Studies as a Visiting Fellow.

### English & Foreign Languages

Mr Debasish Mohapatra, Lecturer, presented a paper, "Centre for Information Technology and Information", at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference in Las Vegas, US, March 3-7, 2008.



# Seminars & Workshops



The workshop was sponsored by Tezpur University and ICSSR.

Workshop on Empowerment of Women through Media, organized by Tezpur University's Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Project, the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, and Network of Women in Media, India on 24 and 25 March, 2008.

The Dept of Computer Science and Engineering organized a short term "Course on Embedded Systems" from 7 to 12 January 2008. Participants were from institutes in Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim and UP.

The Dept of Computer Science and Engineering also organized *Compublast 2008* on April 4 and 5, 2008. *Compublast* is an annual regional event of the Tezpur University Computer Society, consisting of IT quiz, essay, coding, and gaming competitions, and academia-industry interaction sessions.

The Department of Business Administration organized its annual academia-industry event, *Sampark*, which aims at establishing a synergistic relationship between the corporate and academic world. *Sampark 2008* was held on 1 February 2008. This year's theme was "Attrition and Retention in the Knowledge Economy". The students of the Department organized the event with the support of faculty coordinator, Dr Papori Barua. Mrinal Jyoti was the student coordinator.

The Department of English and Foreign Languages held a national seminar, "Life Writing and Self-Fashioning in India: Forms of Revision and Recovery", on 21 and 22 February 2008. Professor Udaya Kumar of the Department of English, Delhi University delivered the keynote address. Professor Supriya Chauhuri, Department of English, Jadavapur University, was another important resource person who attended the seminar. The Department also organized a workshop the development of a manual to bridge the gap between home language (Sadri) and school language (Assamese/Bengali/Hindi). The workshop was held during 10-13 March in

collaboration with NERIE, Shillong and CIIL, Mysore. Professor K S Rajyashree, CIIL Mysore, Professor A K Misra, NERIE, Shillong, and Mr G D P Shastri, CIIL Mysore served as resource persons. Dr Madhumita Barbora, Reader, Department of English and Foreign Languages was the local coordinator.

The Department of Mathematical Sciences celebrated Pi Day for the first time on 14 March. The programmes were coordinated by Dr Nayandeep Deka Baruah, Reader in the Department, and included a Pi value recitation competition, which was won by Utjall Gogoi, a student of the Department of Chemical Sciences, who recited up to 229 places, and a pie making and pie eating competition.

The Department of Cultural Studies held a seminar on "The Dilapidated Satras of Assam" on 13 and 14 March 2008. Professor Birendranath Dutta, Professor Rabin Dev Chaudhury and Sri Sri Narayan Chandra Goswami, Satradhikar of Natun Kamalabari Satra were Guests of Honour in the inaugural function. Scholars from various parts of Assam attended the seminar.

The Department of Physics organized daylong programmes including science quiz and poster presentation on National Science Day on February 28, 2008. The theme of this year's National Science Day was "Understanding Planet Earth". Dr Ashok Kumar, Head of the Department, delivered a popular talk on "Planet Earth: Internal Structure and Plate Tectonics". Dr P Deb was the coordinator of the programme, which was sponsored by Assam Science, Technology and Environmental Council.



# Student Achievements

Nitul Kakati, M Sc (Nanoscience and Technology) student of the Department of Physics received a PhD fellowship from the Department of Advanced Technology Fusion, KU Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea.

The students of the Department of Business Administration received the first prize in Business Quiz Competition in AIMQUEST 2008, Guwahati, a management meet of the students of the Northeast. They also received the third prize in 'Presentation' and in 'Picture Speak' competition.

Parna Chakraborty and Suranjeeta Bora, fourth semester students of the Department of Sociology, underwent their winter internship from 17 December 2007 to 16 January 2008 with the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. Parna Chakraborty received the best project report award for her project "Farmer's Suicide" from the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, Justice Rajendra Babu.

Dr. Papori Baruah (Senior Lecturer, Dept. of MBA) and Antara P.P. Bhattacharjee (Student, 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, Dept. of EFL) represented Tezpur University in a National Seminar on "Value Based Education and Sustainable Human Development: Role of Universities" organized by World University Service (WUS) in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University on 1 and 2 March 2008 at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park in Kolkata. Dr. Papori Baruah and Antara P.P. Bhattacharjee presented a paper 'Study on Sustainable Development and Value Education Efforts of Tezpur University'. Professor Mool Chand Sharma, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi delivered the inaugural address of the seminar while the key-note address was given by Professor Asish Kumar Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University. Dr. Baruah and Ms Bhattacharjee have been appointed as the Associate Secretaries of the faculty and student members of WUS respectively.

Three students of Tezpur University, Chandana Bhuyan (Department of EFL), Mampi Chakraborty (Chemical Sciences) and Shahnaz Hazarika (EFL) have been awarded Mahatma Gandhi fellowships of Rs. 3000 each per month by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi.

Swakkhyar Deka of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department bagged the first prize for his film, *Abarodh*, in the documentary film category of Assam University's annual communication festival, *Com Fest*.

One of the success stories of the PG Diploma in Tourism Management programme offered by the Department of Business Administration is Dipu Saikia. Dipu, who took his diploma in 2004, runs *Globe Forex*, Guwahati along with two other partners. *Globe Forex*, Guwahati's turnover last year was 6 crores. Dipu also runs a sister concern, AMPM Travels, which last year had a turnover of around 2.5 crores.

*TU Newsletter* estimates that at least 15 students have successfully cleared the December 2007 examination of NET. Of these 5 were from the Department of Cultural Studies, 2 from the Department of Environmental Studies, 4 from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism and 4 from the Department of MBBT.

A Farewell Meeting was held in the Community Hall on 14 May to bid adieu to the outgoing students of Tezpur University. The students were addressed by the Deans of the University, who exhorted them to be good citizens. Students who spoke at the meeting expressed their appreciation at the quality of education in the University as well as the facilities that were provided. The meeting was organized by the Dean, Student's Welfare on behalf of the University. This Farewell Meeting was the culmination of a round of farewell meets held in the various Departments and Hostels of the University.

# Faculty Publications

The following non-exhaustive list of publications by Tezpur University faculty is relevant to the period January to May 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.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Papori Barua presented a paper in the National Assembly and National Seminar on Value Education and Sustainable Human Development organized by World University Services during March 1 and 2.

Arup Roy presented a paper entitled "Psychological Biases of Retail Investors" at the Eighth International Conference on Emerging Issues in Accounting, Information Technology, Business and Management held on January 5 and 6, and organized by the Research development Association, Jaipur in collaboration with the Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jaipur.

## ENGLISH & FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Madhumita Barbora "Quest for a Script" in *North East Indian Linguistics* (eds.) Stephen Morey and Mark Post. New Delhi: Foundation Books, 2008.

M M Sarma "Translating Shakespeare: Universals and Intervention in Translation". *TRANSKOM* (refereed online journal) Germany (forthcoming)

Gautam K Borah "Macbeth, the Birnam Wood, and the Meaning of [s]". *CIEFL Bulletin*, vol 6, no 2 February 2008.

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Gohain, B. and Dutta, Robin K. "Premicellar and micelle formation behavior of dye surfactant ion pairs in aqueous solutions: Deprotonation of dye in ion pair micelles" *J Colloid Interface Science*, 2008 (in press).

Kakoti, N. Mahapatra S. S. and Karak N. "Silver nanacompositye in polyesteramide and hyperbranched matrix", *Journal of Macromolecular Science, Part A, Chemistry*, 2008.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

B Bora and D K Bhattacharyya, "CatSUB: A technique for Clustering Categorical Data Based on Subspace", the *Ic/fac Journal of Computer Sciences*, Vol II, No. 2, pp. 7-20, 2008.

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Utpal Sharma, Jugal K Kalita, Rajib K Das. "Acquisition of Morphology in an Indic Language from Text Corpus", accepted for publication in *ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing (TALIP)*.

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D C Baruah and G C Bora, "Energy Demand Forecast for Mechanized Agriculture in Rural India". *Journal of Energy Policy* (in Press)





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P. P. Sahu, "Thermally tunable EDFA gain equalizer using point symmetric cascaded Mach-Zehnder Filter"--*Optics Communications*, 281(4), 573-579, 2008 .

P. P. Sahu, "Tunable Optical Add/Drop Multiplexers using Cascaded Mach Zehnder Coupler"- *Fiber and integrated optics* (Taylor and Francis), Vol-27(1), 24-34, 2008.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

K K Baruah, Department of Environmental Sciences, jointly authored a paper, "Indoflux: A Biogeochemical monitoring network for India", which has been published in *Science* 316: 204-205.

Raza R Hoque, Department of Environmental Sciences, jointly authored a paper "Road Deposited Sediment Characteristics of Middle Brahmaputra Plain", in *Current Science* 93(9) 1221-1223. Reviews of the paper have appeared in *The Deccan Herald*, *Nagaland Post*, etc.

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Nayandeep Deka Baruah (with Bruce C Brendt) "Ramanujan's Eisenstein series and new hypergeometric-like series for  $1/\pi^2$ ", *Journal of Approximation Theory* (in press)

Nayandeep Deka Baruah (with Shaun Cooper and Michael Hirschhorn) "Sums of squares and sums of triangular numbers induced by partitions of 8". *International Journal of Number Theory* (in press).

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Ranjan, A, Sinha, A. Y., Dubey, B., Saikia, A.. Buragohain, A. K. and Ray S. K., 2008, "Analysis of in-frame dinucleotides, encoded amino acids

and synonymous codon choice in bacterial genomes reveals a common pattern." *Current Science* 94:225-232.

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N. Misra, M. Roy, D.Mohanta, K. Baruah, A. Choudhury, "Photochromism and magnetooptic properties of ZnO: M semiconductor quantum dots prepared by microemulsion reaction route, cent." *Euro J.Phys* 6 (2008, in press).

Prof. M K Chaudhuri's book *Green Chemistry Experiments* was released at a function in New Delhi on 15 January 2008 by John Warner.

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# Placements

Tezpur University's Training & Placement Cell is manned by its Deputy Director, Mr Rajeev K. Doley. The placement exercise for the current year began in January 2008 and is still continuing. Twenty two companies have responded with their willingness to participate in the placement activity.

While some companies desired to visit the University campus for recruitment of students, a number of others expressed their inability to come up to Tezpur. Therefore, for them the tests/interviews were/are to be held in Guwahati.

The students of the University also participated in the common placement events organized by the North-East Professional Institutes' Forum (NEPIF) in Guwahati.

The companies/organizations that have already

visited the University campus for recruiting students since January 2008 are Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Aircell, Wipro and PRADAN.

The organizations who recruited Tezpur University students off-campus mainly during the placements events held in Guwahati including those organized by the North-East Professional Institutes' Forum (NEPIF) are ICICI Bank, SBI Life, Colgate-Palmolive, Reliance Life, ICICI Lombard, GIMT, Silicon Graphics Inc., and Channel Look-East.

The organizations that will be coming during this placement session (as per their intimation) include Zaloni Technology, Tata Consultancy Services, Asian Paints, Reliance Telecom, Airtel, Vodaphone, TVS Motors, ITC Limited, ABITA, Britannia, HDFC Bank, News Live, NERAMAC and ETV.



Department / Discipline	Total No. of FS* Student	No. of Job Offers	Package
Master of Business Administration (MBA) (all students placed)	29	40	1.9 Lakh – 3.7 Lakh PA**
Mass Communication & Journalism (MA)	19	13	1.7 PA
English & Foreign Languages (MA-Eng.)	27	08	1.4 Lakh – 1.7 Lakh PA
Mathematics (MA/MSc)	25	01	1.7 Lakh
MTech (Seismology)	10	01	
Computer Science & Engg. (MTech-IT)	16	08	1.8 Lakh – 5.4 PA

\* Fourth Semester \*\* Per Annum





# University News

## **Tezpur University Entrance Examination 2008**

Some of the busiest people on campus this semester have been the Tezpur University Entrance Examination Committee 2008 (TUEE 2008) members consisting of Dr R C Deka (Chairperson), Dr D C Baruah (Vice Chairperson), Mr M Mandal (Member Secretary), Mr S I Singh (Member) and Dr S K Ray (Member). They deserve appreciation for the meticulous planning and the sustained hard work they have put in to make the entrance examinations a smooth affair. Conducting the TU Entrance Examinations involves a number of tasks. It begins with designing the prospectus and posters and arranging the various examination centers. Then there is the all-important job of coordinating the setting of question papers and evaluation of answer scripts within a tight time frame. In conducting the examinations with the help of Tezpur University faculty, support staff and recruited local help, there are a number of logistics challenges as well.

The Tezpur University Entrance Examinations (TUEE 2008) were held on 30, 31 May and 1 June. This year 2788 candidates appeared in entrance examinations to the 19 programmes offered by Tezpur University. The entrance examinations were held in 14 separate centres located in the Northeast region and other parts of India. This year the University has made an effort to cast its net more widely. New examinations centres were introduced at Hyderabad, Delhi and Kolkata. The initial response has been gratifying. The results of the entrance examinations will be declared on June 20.

## **Health Centre news**

Health Centre of Tezpur University has been functioning since 1995. It provides health care services to students, faculty and staff of Tezpur University. The Health Centre at present operates under the supervision of run by Tezpur University's own experienced Medical Officer, Dr D K Goswami, and recent recruit, Dr (Mrs.) Jonali Sarma Goswami, who joined in January 2008. The medical staff consists of a pharmacist, a laboratory technician and a nurse. The Health Centre offers OPD services but four indoor beds are also available for initial care in emergency cases. A Medical Officer is available round the clock for emergency cases.

The facilities available in the Health Centre have been further increased. While the Health Centre has its own ECG machine and autoanalyser, an Ultrasound scanner was recently purchased. Specialists in disciplines like Radiology, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology have been engaged to make weekly visits for the benefit of the University community. From 28 March 2008 onwards the Health Centre conducted its Annual Health Checkup programme for the employees of the University.

## **NSS organizes Health Camp**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) cell of Tezpur University organized a Health Camp at Panchmile L P School on 16 February. Dr Motiur Rahman, child specialist, conducted a free health check-up. Professor Mihir K. Chaudhuri, Vice-Chancellor, visited the camp. Professor B K Danta, Dean, Social Sciences and Humanities, Mr Rajiv Doley, Officer on Special Duty and Deputy Placement Officer, Mr Rabin Deka, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Mr Pankaj Borah, Sports Officer, Mr Uttam Pegu Lecturer, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, and Mr Amiya Das, guest lecturer, Department of Sociology accompanied the students. Dr Shankar Deka, Reader, Department of Food Processing and faculty-in charge coordinated the NSS programme.

# University News

## Additions to the TU Library

Jerry Sinfield, the American comedian, once said that a bookstore is one of the very few physical evidences we have that people are still thinking. It is also probably true to say that a good library is evidence that a University community is thinking – or not.

A special drive was undertaken recently to enhance the holdings of the Tezpur University Library. 6632 books worth Rs. 64,69,250 were added to the library collection. 268 new print journals, 17,97,676 online IEEE documents (journals, online conference proceedings etc), 90

online ASME journals, 252 e-journals (Elsevier Science, Emerald Management Xtra, etc), and two online data bases (Scifinder Scholar, ACM Digital Library) altogether costing Rs 1,36,11,736 have been subscribed for the year 2008. 5287 back volumes of journals worth Rs 80,00,125 were also added.

UGC-Infonet has provided access to 4893 online and e-journals and two databases. The library has book bank facilities for students and Web OPAC (Online Pubic Access Catalogue) for online search of library resources. The Tezpur University Library will be housed in a smart new library building which is being constructed.

## Debate on Human Development Report

An inter institutional debate contest of graduate level was held on 7 April 2008 at Tezpur University under the aegis of the Office of the Dean, Student's Welfare. This competition was organized as part of the Government of India-United Nations Development Programme sponsored project 'Strengthening State Plans for Human Development' undertaken by the Planning and Development Department, Government of Assam. The prize money contest was open to colleges and institutions of Sonitpur district and primarily focused on disseminating the outcomes of the GOI-UNDP sponsored project as statistical figures and summary analysis in the Human Development Report '03.

The topic of the debate was "In the opinion of the house, statistical figures of the Human Development Report are a true reflection of Grass-root reality of North-East India". The debate saw active participation of teachers, officers and students as audience. Chaiduar College won the Best Team prize while the host, Tezpur University, was declared the Runner Up team. Jayanta Vishnu Das of Tezpur

University was declared the Best Debater (for the motion). Tridiv Nayan Basistha of Chaiduar College was adjudged Best Debater (against the motion).

Eminent lawyer, Professor Jibon Bora, ex-MLA and former Principal of Tezpur Law College was Speaker of the House. The Jury panel included Dr Meghali Senapati, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Mr Jamini Baishya, Secretary, Tezpur Lawyers Association, and Dr Chandana Goswami, Reader and Head, Department of Business Administration. The debate was organized with meticulous attention to detail by Mr Tridip Sarma, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Administration.





# New Appointments

## NEW FACULTY

As can be expected of a developing institution, the Tezpur University community is an ever expanding one. This semester saw the following members being added to our community: Professor M N Karna joined the Department of Sociology while Dr Parag Moni Sarma joined as Reader in the Department of Cultural Studies. Dr Bhupen Deka, Mr Polash Pratim Dutta, Mr Nandan Sit and Ms Kakoli Mahanta have joined as Lecturers in the Departments of Mathematical Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Food Processing Technology and Business Administration respectively. A few lecturers have been appointed on a temporary basis: Mr Achanyta Kr Sarmah (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Mr L Basantakumar Singh (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Mr Arup Baruah (Department of Computer Science and Engineering) and Ms Minakshi Gogoi (Department of Computer Science and Engineering).

## ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

There have been a number of important changes on the administrative front in Tezpur University. Dr Alak Kumar Buragohain, Reader in the Department of MBBT, has been appointed as Registrar of Tezpur University for a period of five years. Dr Biren Das and Dr Lakhi Boral, who were earlier Assistant Registrars, are now Deputy Registrars in offices of the Registrar and Controller of Examinations respectively. Mr Shreeniba Chandra Prusty has joined recently as Deputy Registrar (Finance) and Mr Bani Pathak has been appointed Internal Audit Officer (on deputation).



Spring semester ended with the final examinations.

## OBC QUOTA INTRODUCED

In keeping with the recent Supreme Court judgement and Government of India directives, Tezpur University has committed itself to implementing 27 per cent Other Backward Caste (OBC) quota from this academic year itself (in two phases).

## STOP PRESS!

The 8th Convocation of Tezpur University will be held sometime between 16th October to 10th November 2008.

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