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# VC's Corner



*The Tezpur University newsletter for April-May 2025 showcases a dynamic institution deeply engaged in a wide array of activities, reflecting its commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and social responsibility.*

*Tezpur University's success in securing the prestigious ANRF-PAIR grant showcases the institution's research capabilities. The university's commitment to cutting-edge research is also evident in the launch of its Multidisciplinary Research Journal. The inauguration of the new boys' hostel and the School of Legal Studies signifies the university's dedication to providing a conducive learning environment and expanding its academic offerings.*

*I expect that with the support from all stakeholders; the University shall march towards achieving greater heights.*

## Editorial.....

*The Editorial team is happy to publish the April-May 2025 edition of the Newsletter. The edition paints a vibrant picture of Tezpur University as a leading institution committed to academic excellence, research innovation, cultural enrichment, and social responsibility. The university's diverse initiatives and achievements reflect its unwavering dedication to shaping future generations and contributing to the progress of the nation. We hope readers will enjoy this edition.*

*Editorial Team*



Tezpur University NCC cadets performed a Civil Defence Mock Drill, simulating emergency scenarios. The mock drill was conducted during 'Operation Sindoor' to enhance coordination during emergency situations

## Operation Sindoor showcased country's unity and strength

“The recent Operation Sindoor has illustrated the paramount importance of self-reliance, whether it is in bolstering our defense capabilities through indigenous production or in cultivating a robust ecosystem for Research and Development across all sectors,” this was stated by Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University. Prof. Singh was speaking at Tezpur University's (TU) National Service Scheme (NSS) unit's Annual Day observation held at the KBR auditorium of the University as the Chief Guest on May 12, 2025. The NSS Annual Day provides a platform to reflect on the activities and achievements of the NSS units throughout the year. Volunteers, Programme Officers, and institutional heads come together to review their contributions to society. Prof. Singh further emphasized the pivotal role of youth in nation building, stating that the guiding

principle for the youth should always be "nation first."

Dr. Apurba Saha, the Programme Coordinator of NSS, TU, also attended the event, alongside dedicated Programme Officers of NSS, TU, including Dr. Sarmistha Das, Dr. Srinivasan Gand Dr. Biswajit Das. Chief Proctor, Prof. Papori Baruah, Dean, Students Welfare, Prof. Manabendra Mandal and Registrar, Prof. KC Biswal were also present on the occasion.

A significant part of the event was the awarding of certificates to the dedicated NSS volunteers in recognition of their service and commitment. The volunteers also enriched the celebration with spirited performances of patriotic songs and Dances, adding a cultural dimension to the Annual Day.



# **Tezpur University Secures Prestigious ANRF-PAIR Grant**

Tezpur University has secured a significant grant under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). Under the ANRF, the University has bagged Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) grant.

The ANRF has been established by the Government of India to cultivate a vibrant research and innovation ecosystem across the nation's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories. The PAIR grant specifically aims to bolster the research capabilities of promising institutions through a Hub and Spoke model.

In the inaugural phase of the PAIR program, 3 central universities and 3 state universities have been paired. Tezpur Central University along with the Central University of Punjab has been selected as a "Spoke" institution. Jawaharlal Nehru University has been selected as the Hub institute. Other institutions in this initial cohort include state universities—Berhampur University, Cotton University, and Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University.

Tezpur University's successful proposal showcased cutting - edge research initiatives spanning various disciplines within Science and

Engineering, focused on three thematic research areas—Advanced materials, Molecular and synthetic biology and Environmental sustainability. The development of this comprehensive proposal involved a collaborative effort across 14 Departments of the University, with the active participation of 58 faculty members, signifying great synergy and commitment of the team. The compelling presentation, highlighting the university's research vision and capabilities, was led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Shambhu Nath Singh, and the IPR Chair Professor and lead Professor of the team Dr. Pritam Deb, at the Indian Academy of Sciences in Bangalore, in front of the Chairman of the committee, K. Radhakrishnan, Former chairperson of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

As a recipient of the ANRF-PAIR grant, Tezpur University will receive a substantial research funding. This significant investment will empower the university to further strengthen its research infrastructure, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and drive impactful innovations in strategically important scientific and engineering domains.



## Multidisciplinary Research Journal launched

Tezpur University on April 28, 2025 announced the release of the second issue of the first volume of its Multidisciplinary Research Journal (MRJ), a peer-reviewed quarterly publication. The launch event, held on the university premises, was attended by a distinguished gathering of researchers, academicians, principals of local colleges, and heads of administrative units of Tezpur University.

Professor Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, presided over the release function and highlighted the institution's long-standing commitment to interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary education and research, which has gained significant momentum following the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. He noted that the establishment of the Centre for Multidisciplinary Research in 2020 and the recent School of Multidisciplinary Studies further solidify these efforts.

Launched in January 2025, the Multidisciplinary Research Journal has already achieved indexing by several global databases and has been assigned the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN: 3049-2718).

Professor Debendra Chandra Baruah, Editor-in-Chief of MRJ, acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the editorial team, contributors, and reviewers in ensuring the successful and timely release of the current issue while maintaining high academic standards.

Notably, the Multidisciplinary Research Journal is the first of its kind in the entire North East region, publishing research articles that integrate insights from Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Engineering, and Business and Commerce. The journal showcases research that combines basic and applied approaches across multiple disciplines to address pressing contemporary challenges and inform policy and practice.

The current issue features a total of 24 articles contributed by 74 authors from over 25 national and international affiliated institutions, covering a wide range of multidisciplinary domains including health and well-being, environment protection, food quality diagnostics, natural resource conservation, tradition, and culture-society.



## TU's New Hostel Honours Lachit Borphukan

Tezpur University took a significant step towards honoring the legacy of Ahom general Lachit Borphukan by inaugurating a state-of-the-art 500-capacity Boys' Hostel named after the legendary warrior. The inauguration ceremony, held on March 19, 2025, also marked the opening of the University's School of Legal Studies, a milestone in advancing legal education in the region.

The newly constructed Lachit Borphukan Boys' Hostel is a Ground+3 storey building with a built-up area of 9600 sqm, designed to accommodate students in double-occupancy rooms. Reflecting the University's commitment to inclusivity, the hostel is

disability-friendly, featuring ramps and specially designed toilet facilities for physically challenged individuals. Earlier, the University also constructed a 500-capacity girl's hostel named after freedom fighter Kanaklata Barua.

## School of Legal Studies building inaugurated

The University inaugurated the School of Legal Studies, a dedicated facility for legal education in compliance with Bar Council of India (BCI) regulations, on March 19, 2025. The new building features well-ventilated and spacious classrooms, a library, and a Moot Court Hall to provide practical training in advocacy and courtroom procedures. "The establishment of a separate School of Legal Studies is a significant step forward for our Department of Law, which currently offers LLM and Ph.D. programs. This dedicated space will attract more students during the ongoing admission season in law," Prof. Singh added.

Dr. Madhumita Acharjee, Head of the Department of Law, informed that with the new facility, the Department shall be able to impart quality



education in the field of Law. During the inaugural event, the Deans, Wardens, Proctor, Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations, and the Executive Engineer of the University were present.



## Tezpur University and CSIR-IGIB Ink MoU to Advance Research

Tezpur University on April 25, 2025 formalized a collaborative partnership with the esteemed Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The signing ceremony took place in the Council Hall of Tezpur University, marking a significant step towards fostering joint research and academic exchange in cutting-edge areas of biological sciences.

The MoU aims to explore collaborative opportunities in the fields of genomics, molecular biology, and human genetic disorders, leveraging the complementary strengths of both institutions. This partnership is expected to facilitate joint research projects, exchange of faculty and students, and the organization of joint seminars and workshops.

Professor R. R. Hoque, Dean of Academic Affairs at Tezpur University, signed the MoU on behalf of the University, while Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Chief Scientist at CSIR-IGIB, represented the institute. The signing ceremony was held as part of a One-Day

Symposium on “Emerging Trends in Biotechnology,” organized by the Department of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, coinciding with the celebration of World DNA Day.

Delivering the inaugural address, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor of the University, said that the partnership between Tezpur University and CSIR-IGIB reflects the shared vision of both institutions. He hoped that the collaboration will pave the way for interdisciplinary exploration, capacity building, and create opportunities for young researchers and scholars.

Dr. Rakesh Sharma highlighted CSIR-IGIB’s work in genomics and biotechnology and assured that IGIB will provide all assistance to Tezpur University to engage in high-quality research and to advance technologies and methodologies.

Earlier, Dr. Rupak Mukhopadhyay, Head of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, welcomed all the scientists from IGIB to the University and briefed them on his department's programs and achievements.



# Tezpur University Kicks Off 60-Day Yoga Mahotsav

Tezpur University inaugurated its grand 60-day Yoga Mahotsav with an inaugural ceremony held at the Community Hall on April 23, 2025. The event marked the countdown celebration for the upcoming 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY), 2025, to be celebrated on June 11, 2025.

The programme commenced with a starting note, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and Mantra Yoga recitation. Prof. Papori Baruah, Chief Coordinator of TU Yoga Mahotsav 2025 and Head, Centre for Yoga and Sports Sciences delivered the welcome speech, setting the tone for the evening. Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University graced the event as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Mahotsav.

In his address, Prof. Singh highlighted the rising mental health concerns among young individuals and emphasized the role of yoga in fostering emotional resilience.

Following the address, the audience witnessed a vibrant yoga demonstration by university students. The session concluded with a guided meditation by Yoga Coach Partha Pratim Das and a vote of thanks by R. R. Singh, Convenor of TU Yoga Mahotsav and Assistant Director of Physical Education.

The 60-day Mahotsav included yoga and meditation camps, seminars, outreach programmes, sound healing sessions, release of an e- magazine and book and a dedicated yoga camp for children.

## Interaction Program

Dr. Himanshu Goyal, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at IIT, Madras had an interaction program with M.Tech students & Ph.D Scholars of Department of Energy on March 28, 2025. He delivered a talk on the Role of scientific computing in clean energy applications.

A Career Kickstarter Program Workshop was held in association with Training & Placement Cell of the University. Key highlight of the Workshop was Advance LinkedIn usage with featured applicants, and applicant insights and direct messaging access to recruiters for jobs & internships. PG students & Ph.D scholars of Department of Energy participated in the workshop held on March 12, 2025.

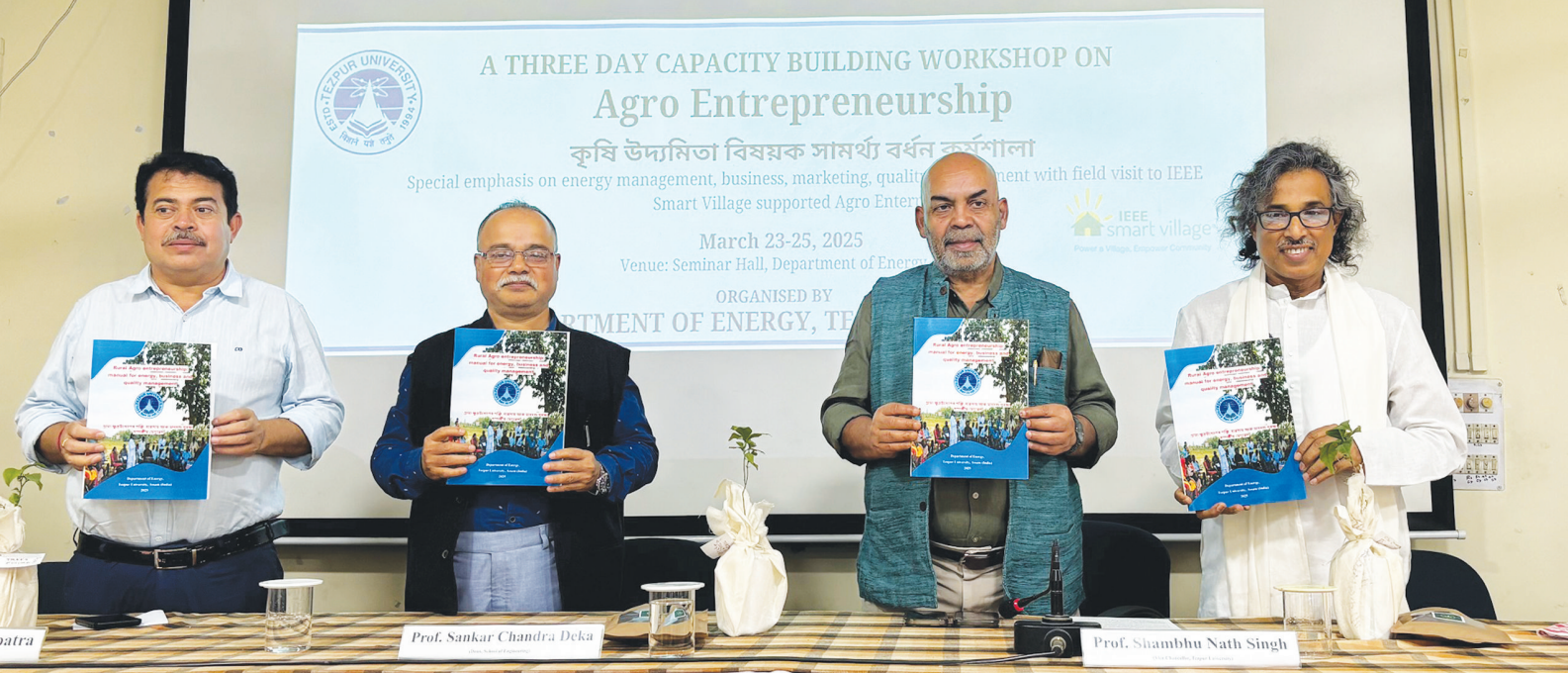
The Department of Commerce organized a five-day online workshop on R Software: An Introduction and Practical Applications from March 17-12, 2025. The resource person for the workshop was Prof. Subir Kumar Sen, a distinguished professor from the Department of Commerce, Tripura University. The workshop aimed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of R software and its practical applications in business and academic research, with a special emphasis on data analysis, business statistics, and operational research.



## Theatre Workshop by Director Rabijita Gogoi

A six-day theatre workshop was organized by the Department of Assamese, Tezpur University from March 5-10, 2025. The workshop featured renowned theatre director Rabijita Gogoi as the resource person. She was joined by Prof. R.R. Hoque, Dean of Academic Affairs at Tezpur University, along with postgraduate students and researchers during the event's opening ceremony. Dr. Subrat Jyoti Neog, Associate Professor, played a key role in coordinating the workshop, while Dr. Juri Dutta, Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address. Prof. Hoque delivered the inaugural address, applauding the Department's

efforts in organizing theatre workshops over the past two years. Following his address, renowned theatre director Rabijita Gogoi presented an insightful and thought-provoking lecture on theatre teaching methodologies in India, with a special focus on the National School of Drama. Her lecture covered a wide range of topics, from Bharatamuni's Natyashastra to modern concepts such as hyperrealism and magical realism. On March 10, 2025 at the conclusion of the six-day workshop, students from the second semester of the Department of Assamese performed a play titled Devipithar Tez, written and directed by Rabijita Gogoi.



## Effective Business model for Agro-Entrepreneurship discussed

Tezpur University's Department of Energy on March 25, 2025 concluded a successful three-day Capacity Building Workshop on Agro Entrepreneurship. The initiative saw enthusiastic participation from farmers, students, engineers and community leaders.

The workshop, a significant step towards empowering local agricultural communities, provided participants with crucial insights into various aspects of establishing and managing successful agro-based businesses.

Speaking at the valedictory session as the Chief Guest, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor of the University, highlighted Gandhi's philosophy on rural economy, which was a self-sufficient and autonomous village communities as the bedrock of a prosperous India. He further said that ambition is good, but greed destroys nature. He urged all to adopt innovation that is nature friendly.

Prof. Sankar Chandra Deka, Dean, School of Engineering, explained the elements of becoming a successful agro-entrepreneur. He said that those who are venturing into the domain of

entrepreneurship should not be afraid of failure. Prof. DC Baruah, Director, Internal Quality Assurances Cell and Coordinator of the workshop said that Tezpur University is actively engaged in providing essential infrastructure and support to encourage value addition to farm products through sustainable business models. "This is being realized in Jhawani Village as part of the ongoing Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Smart Village Project, which aims to transform the village through technological interventions and community empowerment", he said. Jhawani Village has been adopted as one of the five villages by Tezpur University under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

Prof. Sadhan Mahapatra, Head, Department of Energy briefed everyone about the outreach activities undertaken by the Department.

The workshop was organised in collaboration with other departments of the University, namely, Business Administration, Food Engineering and Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Law, and Social Work.



# Vaanigyam Commerce Fest organised

The Department of Commerce, Tezpur University (TU), successfully concluded its four-day annual commerce fest, "Vaanigyam," on March 9, 2025, leaving participants enriched with knowledge and inspiration. The Sanskrit word "Vaanigyam," meaning commerce, aptly captured the essence of the event, which showcased a diverse range of activities and insightful sessions.

During the four-day fest, many luminaries shared their thoughts and experiences. Prof. Chandan Goswami, Dean, School of Management Sciences, emphasized the significance of the annual commerce fest as a platform for students to develop crucial skills in team building and leadership. Prof. R.R. Hoque, Dean, Academic Affairs, told the students that brilliant ideas come from small deeds, encouraging students to celebrate and value their everyday achievements.

Prof. S.S. Sarkar, former founder Head of the Department of Commerce, who shed light on the intricacies of blockchain technology methods. He

also paid tribute to Bholanath Barooah, the pioneering entrepreneur of Assam and a doyen of Assamese business, urging the young students to emulate his path of entrepreneurial spirit and dedication.

The fest was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries of TU, including Dr. Reshma K. Tiwari, Head, Department of Commerce; Prof. K.C Biswal, Registrar; Dr. Biren Das, Controller of Examinations; Chief Proctor; Prof. Papori Baruah; and Prof. Santi Gopal Maji of the Department of Commerce.

"Vaanigyam" featured a plethora of innovative competitions designed to foster creativity and practical skills among students. These included trading, ad making, ideathon etc. providing participants with valuable hands-on experience in the field of commerce. Dr. Dhritabrata Jyoti Bharadwaz, faculty member of the Department of Commerce was the coordinator of the event.



## **Workshop on Digitization and the Assamese Wiki source**

A workshop titled “Digitization and the Assamese Wiki source” was organized by the Department of Assamese in collaboration with the Assamese Wikimedia community on the occasion of International Women's Day (8th March 2025).

The inaugural session was graced by noted journalist and writer Mrinal Talukdar, founder of the “Digitizing Assam” project; Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, Wikimedia activists Ruli Bora and Pranjoyoti Nath and renowned playwright Rabijita Gogoi. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Juri Dutta, Head of the Department of Assamese. In his inaugural speech, Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma noted, “The Assamese Wikipedia has seen considerable growth in recent times. However, there are still challenges

that need to be addressed. Ruli Bora, a volunteer with the Assamese Wikimedia community, spoke about ongoing Wikimedia projects, the importance of increasing women's participation, and the initiatives being taken to ensure broader representation. Chief guest Mrinal Talukdar presented a short documentary on the “Digitizing Assam” project and discussed both the challenges and opportunities of digitization. He highlighted the role of the Nanda Talukdar Foundation in making a wide range of books, journals, newspapers, and magazines easily accessible through digitization. Pranjoyoti Nath, another prominent Wikimedia activist, gave an insightful talk on the potential of digitization and its relevance in preserving Assamese literature and history.



## Design & Entrepreneurship Program organised

Tezpur University's (TU) School of Engineering organised a two-day Capacity Building Program for Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE) Pedagogy Workshop during March 18-19, 2025. CBDE is a key component of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program Scheme under Ministry of Education. Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Kancheepuram is the nodal centre for its implementation throughout India.

Tezpur University is one of the nine Higher Educational Institutions selected to host this prestigious pedagogy workshop, which focuses on promoting design and entrepreneurship in academic curricula.

Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor, TU, delivering the inaugural address, said that with a

mechanism for continuous innovation support, along with the capacity building of faculty, the ambience of the University for entrepreneurial activities is getting strengthened.

Dr. Sudhir Vardarajan, Program Director of the CBDE Program, emphasized the importance of pedagogy in promoting learning and innovation in classrooms. He said that the ideas we generate must be fresh and original, as mere variants of old ideas lack sustainability. Educational institutions possess a robust knowledge ecosystem, and industries are increasingly open to collaborating with academia, he further added.

Prof. Manabendra Bhuyan, Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of TU, underscored the challenges of fostering entrepreneurship in educational institutions. He remarked, "It is easy to produce

engineers but difficult to produce entrepreneurs. Prof. Sankar Chandra Deka, Dean of the School of Engineering, emphasized the importance of design thinking in addressing complex challenges.

Prof. MK Hazarika, the workshop coordinator, urged participants to move beyond conventional classroom teaching and adopt a problem-solving approach.

The workshop witnessed participation from faculty members of esteemed institutions such as NIT Silchar, NIT Meghalaya, NEHU, and Tezpur University. TU has nominated 22 faculty members to participate as CBDE faculty in the first year.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Program held

The Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies (CSCWS) successfully organized a Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Program on March 12, 2025. The event was part of the week-long International Women's Day celebrations.

The program aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer and provide free screening facilities for students, TU employees, hostel caretakers, menial staff, and security guards. More than 200 participants attended the event, which included an awareness session followed by a screening camp conducted at the University Health Centre under the supervision of a five-member medical team.

Dr. Venkata Pradeep Babu Koyyala, Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of Oncology at Shankara Research and Cancer

Institute, along with his team, graced the occasion. In his address, Dr. Venkata emphasized the importance of early detection and awareness in combating breast cancer. He stated, "Women are more prone to breast and ovarian cancer, and as we age, the risk increases. Awareness is the key to early detection and effective treatment." He also highlighted the rising costs of cancer treatment and urged participants to consider health insurance as a vital safeguard.

Dr. Madhurima Goswami, Head of the Centre for Women Studies, delivered the welcome address and spoke on the broader theme of women and health, stressing the need for holistic healthcare approaches and regular health check-ups for women.



## Effective classroom engagement under NEP framework discussed

The Department of Education successfully organised its week-long workshop titled “School Internship in the Context of NEP 2020” held from April 3-9, 2025. The workshop aimed to equip B.Ed. and M.Ed. students with the necessary skills, exposure, and reflective understanding required for effective classroom engagement under the NEP 2020 framework.

The valedictory session held on April 9th was graced by Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the centrality of experiential learning, inclusive pedagogy, and professional development in Teacher Education. Prof. Singh emphasized that the school internship is not merely a requirement but a transformative phase where student-teachers blend theoretical foundations with classroom realities.

The event was also addressed by Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Prof. Sharma said that the workshop brought diverse insights and practical

knowledge required for effective classroom engagement. He hoped that the school internship workshop will be a step forward in the journey of professional growth of pre-service teachers. Dr. Sashapra Chakrawarty, Head, Department of Education, addressed the gathering and emphasised on carrying forward the promise of quality education to make a difference in the education system of the country.

A key highlight of the workshop was the development of more than 100 Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) by B.Ed. and M.Ed. second-semester students. These TLMs, prepared on a variety of topics across disciplines such as Language, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Mathematics were displayed in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences building.

The workshop was jointly co-ordinated by Dr. Pratima Pallai and Dr. Sanghamitra Das, Assistant Professors in the Department of Education.



## Recent trends in Quantum Materials and Devices discussed

Tezpur University organized a successful National Seminar cum Workshop on Quantum Materials and Devices during March 03-04, 2025. The seminar was supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

The seminar featured expert lectures from renowned scientists and researchers in the field of quantum materials and devices, covering a wide range of topics. Prof. H. N. Ghosh, Director, National Institute of Science Education & Research, discussed ultrafast charge carrier dynamics at the interface of p-n semiconductor heterojunctions, while Prof. S. K. Ray, Former Director, S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, explored light-matter interactions in 2D materials for quantum photonics.

Prof. A. Pathak, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, spoke on photonics in the quantum era,

and Prof. Amarendra Kumar Sarma of IIT Guwahati presented insights on hybrid superconducting qubit systems as a platform for quantum technology. Other notable speakers present were Prof. Prabodh Shukla of Northeastern Hill University, Prof. Saurabh Lodha of IIT Bombay, and Prof. Rajendra Singh of IIT Delhi. Prof. P. P. Sahu, Former Dean, School of Engineering, provided insights into different aspects of quantum optical technology. A poster presentation was also organized, allowing participants to showcase their research findings in quantum materials and devices.

The event was aligned with the objectives of India's National Quantum Mission, announced by the Honorable Prime Minister of India, which includes an investment of ₹6000 crore to advance quantum research and technology.



## Seminar on Gender Perspectives in Foreign Language Studies Organized

The Department of Foreign Languages organised a two-day National Seminar titled “Lingua Di Genere: Perspectives on Gender in Foreign Language Studies” during March 6-7, 2025.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Usha Chandran from the Centre for Chinese & Southeast Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Her presentation, titled “Gender in Language and Expression with Chinese Language as a Point of Departure,” provided a thought-provoking analysis of how gender is embedded in linguistic structures and expressions.

Another highlight of the seminar was a lecture by Dr. Rounak Mahtab from the Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University. Dr. Mahtab’s talk on “Teaching Languages from the Perspective of Gender” offered valuable insights into pedagogical strategies that incorporate gender sensitivity in language education.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. R.R. Hoque, Dean of Academic Affairs, Tezpur University, who emphasized the importance of integrating gender perspectives into language studies to foster inclusivity and deeper understanding. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who highlighted the relevance of gender-sensitive approaches in academia. Dr. Hemjyoti Medhi, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the seminar by underlining the need to examine language as a medium that shapes and reflects gender identities.

A contingent of the Indian Army was also present on the occasion. It is worth mentioning that Tezpur University is offering a basic Chinese course for the Indian Army. The team was led by Major Luv Rao of the Indian Army.



## Tezpur University Husari Spreads Bihu Awareness

In a heartwarming initiative to promote the rich cultural heritage of Assam, a husari team of Department of Assamese actively performed Husari, across the university campus, engaging with students, faculty, and staff.

The awareness drive commenced with a special Husari performance at the residence of the Vice

Chancellor of Tezpur University, Professor Shambhu Nath Singh. They also performed husari in the residential quarters of the university employees and several hostels. This initiative aimed to immerse the university community in the Bihu spirit and educate them about the cultural significance of this traditional art form.

### Alumni Talk

Imon K. Goswami, System Performance Engineer, Cummins India and an alumnus of the M. Tech Energy Technology Program (Batch: 2016-18) delivered a talk and interacted with the students of the Department of Energy on March 10, 2025, at the Seminar Hall, Department of Energy, Tezpur University.

The Department of Commerce organized an Alumni Talk on March 10, 2025, focusing on Current Trends, Opportunities and Challenges in Commerce Discipline. Alumni speakers CA Priya Jaiswal and CA Debojit Deb (both 2017 batch) interacted with the students. The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Dhritabrata Jyoti Bharadwaz.



## Youth Parliament held

The National Service Scheme (NSS), Tezpur University (TU), in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan successfully organised a two-day Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 (VBYP 2025) during March 17-18, 2025.

The event saw the participation of 150 enthusiastic students from Sonitpur and Udalguri districts. The participants engaged in vibrant discussions on the topic "One Nation, One Election", exploring its potential benefits and challenges. The session provided a platform for young voices to critically analyze policy issues and propose innovative solutions.

Prof. KC Biswal, Registrar, TU; Dr. Dulumoni Nath,

Principal, Tezpur Law College; Mr. AS Kabir, Resource Person, Nehru Yuva Kendra; and Dr. Tridib R Sarma, Head, Department of Business Administration, TU served as judges for the deliberations.

Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor, TU commended the initiative and emphasized the importance of youth engagement in nation-building. He stated, "Through structured debates and discussions, the youth will gain a deeper understanding of India's robust democratic process and governance."

Dr. Apurba Saha, faculty coordinator, NSS, TU and Dr. Sarmistha Das, Programme Officer, NSS, TU were also present on the occasion.



## Law Department organised Legal Awareness Camp

In a bid to promote legal literacy among marginalised communities, the Department of Law organised a Legal Awareness Camp on April 4, 2025 at Bhasha SwahidSwarani L.P. Schoolin Sonitpur district.

The camp aimed to educate tea garden workers and local residents about their legal rights and entitlements, with a focus on domestic violence, drug abuse, online fraud, access to free legal aid, and constitutional rights.

Speaking at the event, Dr Madhumita Acharjee, head of the Law department, emphasised the importance of community outreach in legal education.

The programme saw active participation from over 150 community members, including school students. Faculty members of the Department of Law, Dr. Gitanjali Ghosh, Dr. Angel Habomam Syiemand guest faculty Lekh Raj were also present at the event.

One of the highlights of the programme was a series of short plays performed by second and fourth-semester law students. These acts aimed to raise awareness of key legal issues that affect the general public.

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## Refresher Course on Assamese Language and Literature in New Media

Department of Assamese and the Teaching Learning Centre (TLC), Tezpur University, successfully organized a two-week Refresher Course titled Technology, Text and Transformation: Assamese Language and Literature in New Media during March 20 to April 3, 2025. The course brought together over 140 faculty members from colleges and universities across India to explore the evolving intersections between Assamese language, literature, and digital technologies. The programme featured lectures and demonstrations by a distinguished panel of experts, including Prof. Shikhar Kumar Sarma (Gauhati University), Debanga Pallav Saikia (Ai4Bharat, IIT Madras), Prof. Ratnottama Das Bikram (Delhi University), Dr. Gunadeep Chetia (Dibrugarh University), Mrinal Talukdar (Digitizing Axom), Biswadeep Gogoi (National Translation Mission), Dr. Mrinal Kumar Sarmah (Lachit.org), Bikram Majinder

Barua (Xobdo.org), Dr. Mridul Sarma (DHSK Kanoi College), Dr. GitarthaBodoloi (Assamese Wikipedia Community), Dr. Sanjib Bora (KKHSOU), Prof. Subasana Mahanta (Dibrugarh University), Ms. Pranjyoti Nath (Assamese Wikisource Community), Prof. Dhruba Kumar Bhattacharya, Prof. Abhijit Bora, Prof. Utpal Sarma, Dr. Arup Kumar Nath, and Dr. Subrat Jyoti Neog from Tezpur University. Sessions addressed a broad range of topics, including digital fonts and Unicode, e-literature and blogging, digital archiving, machine translation, MOOCs, AI-based language tools, digital humanities, digital theatre, new media research, and ethical concerns in digital writing. The course was coordinated by Dr. Jyotishman Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese along with Dr. Swapnarani Bora and Mr. Ikbāl Ahmed from the Teaching Learning Centre.



## Lecture on Philosophy of Language

The Department of Assamese, Tezpur University, hosted a lecture session on the topic of Philosophy of Language on April 29, 2025. Professor Gautam Kumar Borah from the Department of Linguistics and Language Technology, Tezpur University, was the invited speaker of the session.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Juri Dutta, Head of the Assamese Department. Professor Borah, initiating his view on language as a means of communication and elaborating on its function as a channel for thought and creativity. He

explained the role of language as a medium of thought and imagination. The vote of thanks of the programme was delivered by Dr Jyotishman Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese.

The event was attended by several faculty members from the Department of English, Social Work, as well as from the Department of Assamese, researchers and students from the department, along with students from other disciplines as well. The program was moderated by Bikash Sharma, a postgraduate student from the Department of Assamese

## TU Equips Staff with 21st Century Skills



Tezpur University, through its Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), organised a six-day UGC Short-Term Program on 'Essential 21st Century Skills for Non-Teaching Staff' from March 26-31, 2025. The program was designed to equip the non-teaching staff of the University with vital competencies needed in today's evolving academic and professional landscape.

Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor of the University, while inaugurating the program, urged participants to embrace change. Prof. Singh emphasised that developing interpersonal

competency and digital adaptability is not just an option—but a necessity these days.

Speaking on the significance of such training, Prof. Mrinmoy Kumar Sarma, Dean, Research and Development, said that enhancing the skills of employees for bringing more effective contribution is also the university's mission.

Dr. Akhilesh Kumar, Director, MMTTC, highlighted the objectives of the program, emphasizing its focus on design thinking, problem-solving, interpersonal communication, and digital literacy.



## Lecture on Translation and Localization as a Career

On March 5, 2025, the Department of Assamese organized a special lecture featuring Biswadeep Gogoi, Senior Resource Person at the National Translation Mission, as the keynote speaker. Known for his extensive involvement in translation and translation-editing projects, Mr. Gogoi delivered an engaging and informative talk on the topic “Translation and Localization as a Career.” In his lecture, he discussed the growing relevance of localization in the field of translation and explained how translation can be pursued as a professional career.

The event was marked by interactive discussions, as Mr. Gogoi engaged directly with the students, encouraging open dialogue and sharing valuable insights. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Juri Dutta, Head of the Department of Assamese. It was formally inaugurated by Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University.

## Special Classes on Assamese Language



From March 17, 2025, to March 20, 2025, the Department of Assamese organized an academic event titled Special Lectures on Language, in which Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Sarma, Associate Professor at the Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Assam participated as a resource person. Throughout the four-day program, Dr. Sarma

delivered a series of lectures focused on Phonetics and Phonology, tailored to suit the curriculum of the second and fourth semesters of the postgraduate level. His insightful sessions not only greatly benefited the students but also opened up new avenues of thought regarding language studies.



# Celebration of World Heritage Day, 2025

As part of celebration of World Heritage Day, 2025, Department of Cultural Studies organized a lecture on Charaideu World Heritage site by Dr. Nabajit Deuri, Deputy Director, Directorate of Archaeology, Assam on April 25, 2025. The event was started with the welcome address by Dr. Juri Gogoi Konwar, Head, Department of Cultural Studies. Prof. Bolin K. Konwar, former Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, and a descendant of Tungkhungia clan of the Royal Ahomswas present on the occasion as

Guest of Honour. Prof. Konwar enlightened the audience with the living traditions and oral lores associated with the Moidams of Assam. Invited speaker, Dr. Deuri, being an active member in the team dealing with the application process for inscribing of Charaideu Maidams in the UNESCO World Heritage, enlightened the process and shared valuable insights from his practical works related to the site in light of prestigious inscription as UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Adda quiz club of Tezpur University celebrated the 7 days annual "Adda Quiz Fest" from April 27 to May 4, 2025 at the Council hall. The main aim of this festival was to familiarise quizzing among the students so that they can prepare for national and international quizzing competitions and carry forward the Tezpur University rich quizzing legacy. The festival included some stimulative and interactive quiz sessions.



Nrityangan Dance Club hosted a captivating evening in honour of World Dance Day at the KBR Auditorium on April 29, 2025. The event was inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Prof. Sankar Chandra Deka, Dean, School of Engineering, Dr. Biren Das, Controller of Examinations, and Dr. Rosy Sharma, Faculty In-charge of Nrityangan Dance Club.



A five day Bihu and Dhol badan workshop was organised by the TUSC from 22nd to 26th April 2025 for Kids and TU Students. Resource persons of the workshop were from the AIU national gold winning team. All together 27 kids and students from inside and even from adjacent village areas of the TU campus attended the workshop. An appreciation certificate was given to each and every participant by Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University.

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