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INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY'S 77TH MEETING AT TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA), the premier Science Academy, organized its 77th Anniversary meeting at Tezpur University during 28-30 December 2011. The event was held for the first time in the North East. Distinguished academicians and scientists from all over India as well as abroad attended the meeting. Issues of topical importance, broadly in the field of Science & Technology as well as Humanities, were deliberated upon in the various symposia by some of the eminent scholars who attended

the meeting. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. M K Chaudhuri, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University while Dr. Krisnan Lal, President INSA also welcomed the participants. Dr. Lal was highly appreciative of the University's infrastructure. This is the first time that INSA has held its meeting in the Northeast. On the first day a special lecture was held on Heritage/Culture of the North-east by Prof. Nagen Saikia Sahitya Akademi awardee. A film Leaf and Belief was presented by Tezpur District Mahila Samity.

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Knowledge works need both autonomy and accountability

I am very happy to learn that the next issue of "TU-Newsletter" is now ready for publication. It is gratifying because the appearance of the issue is likely to coincide with the Xth Convocation of our University being held on 10 February 2012. Good Coincidence!

While the University is busy with the preparations for the annual management event "SAMPARK" as well as the Xth Convocation, Institutions of Higher Education are all busy in making the XIIth Plan proposals and roadmaps of activity for the next five years (01 April 2012 to 31 March 2017). These are important exercise especially in view of an anticipated hike in the XIIth Plan budget allocation for the higher education (HE) sector by four or five times compared to the XIth Plan. In addition, the Hon'ble Prime Minister seems to be considering the possibility of allocating 2% of GDP for higher education and research in order to enable us catch up with the expected outcome during the XIIth Plan period. HE institutions (HEIs) have also to work seriously towards enhancement of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)

in line with the national target.

Notwithstanding the above, one of the major responsibilities of HEIs is to produce employable human resource equipped with high level of aptitude, honest and affirmative attitude, and desirable skill. To this end, due attention of the stakeholders is drawn. While targeting excellence, the issue of inclusive development requires priority. A lot is also talked about Capacity Building (CB). This is indeed an important matter to be taken into reckoning. While dealing with the issue of CB one needs to apply due diligence because **a single solution** is not the answer.

Friends, there appears to be a basket full of issues requiring intellectuals involvement in working out real world solutions. The silver lining, however, is that every problem has a solution provided we want to solve.

Wish all readers a **Happy New Year**.



E d i t o r i a l

This issue of the Tezpur University Newsletter does not have one of our (so far) regular features: the publications page. There are two reasons why we have decided to dispense with this feature. First, with the increase in the number of faculty publications, it has become difficult to incorporate all noteworthy publications in the very limited space we have. The other reason for dropping the publication page is that it gives us more space to cover University events. For a comprehensive list of faculty

publications we refer our readers to Tezpur University's Annual Reports.

The most noteworthy event to have occurred in our part of the world during the period covered by this Newsletter was the sad demise of Dr Bhupen Hazarika on 5 November, 2011. Though Dr Hazarika is no longer with us we have his immortal songs, among which should count the Tezpur University anthem which he composed in 1994. Elsewhere in

the Newsletter, we recall the musical legend's connection with our University.

This issue limits itself to the period of the autumn semester (August to December 2011). However, we have also covered events that occurred in January 2012.

Dr Sharvani Biswas of the Dept of English and Foreign Languages has recently joined our editorial team. We welcome Dr Biswas and look forward to working with her.

From The Registrar's Office

Important Nominations

Professor S.S. Mantha, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi has been nominated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as their representative on the Academic Council of Tezpur University.

Bani Kanta Das, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Assam, Guwahati has been nominated as a Member of the Building Committee of Tezpur University.

A.G. West Kharkhongor, Director (Finance), NEEPCO Limited, Shillong and

Dr. Bhupathi Kumar Das, Managing Director, Bharat Oman Refineries Limited, Bhopal have been nominated as Members of the Finance Committee of Tezpur University.

Important Meetings

The 62nd and 63rd meetings of the Board of Management of the University were held on 23 September and 13 December respectively.

The 61st meeting of the Building Committee of the University was held on 30 September.

The 15th Meeting of the Academic Council of the University was held on 24 November.

The Registrar's office informs us that 26 new faculty members were appointed during August-December 2011. Out of these 25 joined their posts. There were three resignations during the period: Dr. Gall V. Karunakar, Assistant Professor, Dept of Chemical Sciences, Bidyut Kr. Patra, Assistant Professor, Dept of Computer Science and Engineering, and Dr. Ranjan Das, Assistant Professor, Dept of Mechanical Engineering. The University also appointed 10 employees. Professor K. C. Majumdar, Professor of Eminence in the Dept of Chemical Sciences left during this period.

Forthcoming

The Tenth Convocation

The Tenth Convocation will be held on 10 February, 2012. Sri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister, Human Resources and Development, Govt. of India will be Chief Guest. Approximately 1070 students of 2010 and 2011 will receive their degrees/diplomas. The T&I Best Graduates of 2010 and 2011 are Piyashi Dutta (MA in Mass Communication and Journalism) and Sandhya Rani Gogoi (M Sc in Applied Chemistry) respectively. The Ninth Convocation of Tezpur University was held on February 12, 2010. A total of 346 students were awarded post graduate degrees and diploma while 17 scholars were awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The Dept of Mathematical Sciences

The Dept of Mathematical Sciences is organizing a workshop on Analysis sponsored by ISI, Kolkata and UGC (SAP), during 3-9 January, 2012. It is also organizing another workshop on Gravitational Wave

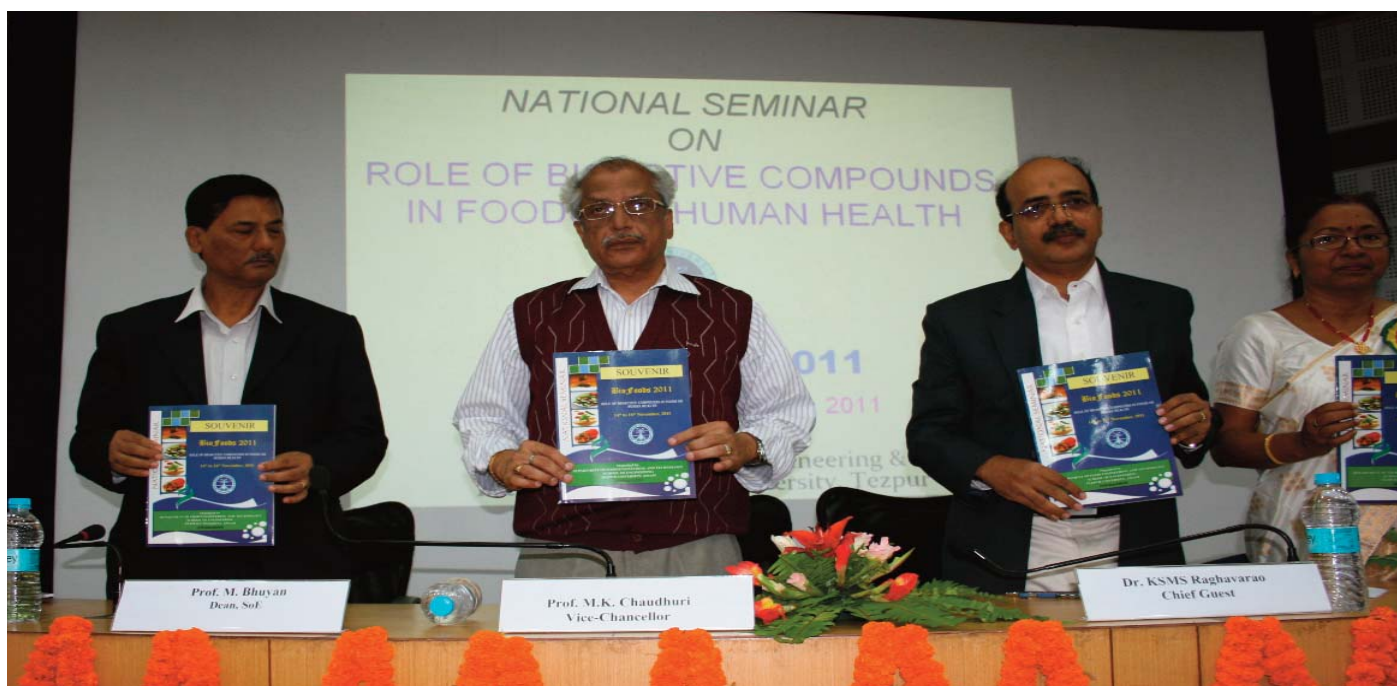
Data Analysis (sponsored by IUCAA) during 23-27 January, 2012.

EFL

The Dept is organizing two SAP-DRS National Conferences. The first, "Lives of Indian Saints and the Claims of Devotion: Comparative Perspectives", will be held during 15-16 February 2012 while the second, "Narratives of Migration and Memory in Assam", will be held on 28 February 2012.

MCJ

Two national-level workshops in science communication is to be conducted by the Department with an award from the National Council for Science & Technology Council (NCSTC), under Deptt. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India. The two workshops have been tentatively scheduled for February and June, 2012.



BIO FOODS 2011 Souvneir released during the Seminar by Prof.M K Chaudhuri

the Department of Food Technology and Processing organised BIO FOODS 2011, a national seminar on the Role of Bio Active Compounds in Food and Human Health. The three day workshop was held from November 14-16. the Chief Guest was Prof K S M S Raghava Roa Head of Food Engineering Department, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore. The seminar attracted participants from North East region as well as from the rest of the country. A souvnir was released on the occassion.

DEPT OF ENERGY

The Dept, together with Solar Energy Society of India, New Delhi, organized an International Congress on Renewable Energy (ICORE) 2011, during 2-4 November 2011. It also held a Workshop on Solar Photovoltaic from 12 December to 22 December in collaboration with IIT, Bombay

DEPT OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

National Conference on Chemistry, Chemical Technology and Society held on 11 and 12 November.

DEPT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Winter School and Conference on Algebra & Number Theory (sponsored by NBHM, DST and UGC-SAP) held 23-29, December.

IQAC organised a workshop on Quality in Higher Education on December 26-27 in the seminar hall of the Department of Business Administration. the Vice Chancellor, Prof M K Chaudhuri, addressed the faculty on the first day while IQAC Director, Prof Chandana Goswami discussed quality parameters. the Controler of Examinations also addressed the worlshop. small groups of faculty members were formed to discuss the quality parameters and presentation of API was held in the two day workshop.

DEPT MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM

The Dept organized a week-long training course in research methodology in Social Sciences with particular focus on Mass Communication during 3-7 December sponsored by the NER Centre (Shillong) of ICSSR, New Delhi. Resource persons from BHU, Varanasi, Assam University, Silchar were supplemented by internal resource persons for the programme. National Press Day lecture on November 16, 2011 was delivered by eminent journalist Mr Subir Bhaumick, Editor of The Seven Sisters Post, published from Guwahati and formerly with BBC, Kolkata. A Industry-academia interface between students of MA MCJ and experts and office-bearers from Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Guwahati (NE Chapter) was organized on 29 October. In addition, a dialogue on food security in collaboration with an NGO was organized in October.



Participants at All India Young Social Scientists' Workshop

ALL INDIA YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST'S WORKSHOP :The Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam organised an All India Young Social Scientists' Workshop on the theme 'Emerging Trends in Social Science Research and Methodological Challenges' on October 10-11, 2011 in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, RGNIYD, Chennai; ICSSR New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Tulsi Patel, Secretary, ISS in a function presided by Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University. Apart from the local participants 76 delegates from across the country participated in the two day deliberations. Prof. Tulsi Patel, Prof.

Chandrasekhar Bhat, Prof. N. Jayaram, Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Dr. V. Sujatha and Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma acted as the major resource persons. Thematic micro group discussions were held on following themes: Developmental Issues; Marginalised Groups; Gender Issues; Health and Wellbeing; State, Citizenship and Civil Society; and Ethnographic studies, Case studies and Textual analysis. The valedictory address was delivered by Mr. Micheal Vetha Siromani I.A.S., Director, RGNIYD, Chennai. The workshop was jointly organised by Dr. Sumesh S.S. (Tezpur University) as the organising secretary with Dr. Rabin Deka (Tezpur University) and Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair (RGNIYD) as the chairpersons.



Participants at the 9th National Tourism Conference of Indian Tourism Congress

UNIFEST 2011(east zone)



S K M University in the inaugural procession

More than 550 participants from nineteen universities from the eastern zone of India, including Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Jadavpur University, Rabindra Bharati, Manipur University, and Visvabharati took part in various competitions. The Literary Art Section included elocution, debate and quiz completions, the Fine Arts Section included on-the spot painting, poster making, clay modelling, cartooning, collage, rangoli and photography competitions while the Music Section included western music, Indian classical, and folk orchestra completions. Competitions in the dance sections covered classical and folk dance. There was a Theatre section as well (skit, one act play and mimicry).

Participants gearing up for the western group singing competition



The 27th East Zone Inter University Youth Festival for the year 2011 (UNIFEST-2011) was held at Tezpur University from 16 December to 20 December under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India. The inaugural function was held in the Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha Auditorium. UNIFEST-2011 was declared open by the



Champions of

Renowned film maker Shri Jahnu Baruah was the chief guest in the valedictory function held in the Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha Auditorium. His inspiring speech was appreciated by the youths present. Professor Amarjyoti Chaudhuri, Pro-VC, Tezpur University, Professor A K Buragohain, Registrar, Tezpur University, and officials of AIU also addressed the

held in Tezpur University

Vice-Chancellor, Professor M K Chaudhuri. The inaugural programme included a colourful procession. A cultural programme was held in the evening of the first day, the festival brought together a brigade of enthusiastic and energetic youths from different parts of the eastern region. The idea of bringing together all the universities on a common platform is one of the objectives of the Association of Indian Universities.



Participants from Nagaland University

List of the participating universities: Bastar University, Jagdalpur. Rabindra Bharati University, West Bengal. Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar. A P S University, Rewa. Viswa Bharati, Shanti Niketan. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Vinoba Bhava University, Hazaribag. S K M university, Dumka. Tezpur University, Assam. Vidya Sagar University, West Bengal. Kalyani University, Kalyani. L N Mithila University, Darbhanga. Dibrugarh University, Assam. Manipur University, Manipur. Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Nagaland University, Nagaland. Sikkim University, Sikkim. Pt. Ravishankar University, Chattishgarh.



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gathering. Tezpur University won the Championship of UNIFEST-2011 while BHU, last year's champion of the east zone, was runners-up. The university teams with the best performance in UNIFEST-2011 shall now present their institutions at the National Inter University Youth Festival scheduled at RTM Nagpur University during 22-26 January, 2012.

Cultural Troupe from BHU



TECHXETRA 2011: A MEMORABLE EXTRAVAGANZA

Techxetra 2011 held during Oct 20-23 was one of the best technical festivals organized by Tezpur University. Be it the technical events or the cultural shows, the fest wonderfully succeeded in achieving all its goals. The 45 plus events, presence of many eminent personalities, the extremely rocking event of Metanoia and the cultural attractions featuring Bhayaanak Maut and Anushka Manchanda impressed and entertained the audience like never before. The modules this year mainly included Robotics, creation, D Colosseum, D Podium, impulse, management, leisure and workshops. Throughout the three days all the events (prelims and finals) went on full swing. Most of the participants were from institutes like NIT Silchar, Assam Engineering College, Jorhat Engineering college, Jorhat Institute Of Science and Technology,

Don Bosco School Of Engineering And Technology and Guwahati University. They were also accompanied by their faculties who as well enjoyed a lot the technical atmosphere of the University.

The participants designed and build robots, manual or automatic. The prizes were won mainly by Assam Engineering College and Don Bosco School of Engineering and Technology. The Creation module included events like thru the lense, digisketch, be a reporter etc. Here Tezpur University took away many prizes. D colosseum consisted of Counter strike, Fifa, Need for speed etc. where NIT Silchar took away the cash prizes. Impulse with its events like Constrolrix, Nirmaan, Nail D Byte etc had the highest number of participants.

Remembrance Day

The Department of Business Administration observed November 16, 2011 as the "Remembrance Day" in fond memory of (Late) Prof. Madhab Chandra Bora, the founder Dean of School of Management Sciences, Tezpur University. The third bi-annual alumni meet of TUMBA was held for the first time in the Tezpur University campus on 8 October.

organized the Paramesh Dutta Memorial Lecture in the Seminar-cum-Audio-Visual Room of the Dept. Shri Moji Riba, distinguished filmmaker and a faculty in the Dept of Mass Communication, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar delivered the Lecture.

The Department of Energy observed January 18, 2012 as "Remembrance Day" in memory of (Late) Prof. Dulon Konwar.

On August 19 the Department of Cultural Studies

NCC Cadets at National Integration Camp



World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day was observed in Department of Business Administration on 27 September. The has been observing World Tourism Day since 2002. To promote tourism worldwide, UNWTO (UN World Tourism Organization) started to observe the 27th September as World Tourism Day in 1980. The Organization fixes a theme for this occasion every year. "Tourism Linking Cultures" was the theme for this year. On this occasion, the Department organized a day long Programme. The programme started with a welcome address by the Head of the Department Professor S.S. Sarkar. The programme was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University Professor M.K. Choudhuri. During his inaugural address, Professor Choudhuri emphasized

on generating skilled manpower in the field of tourism through tourism education.

The programme was attended by Mr. Surajit Dutta, Director, Kaziranga National Park as the Guest of Honour and Dr. Paragmoni Sarma of Tezpur University as the invited speaker. Mr. Dutta highlighted the existing cultural resources in the fringe villages of Kaziranga National Park for developing alternate form of tourism in the area. On the other hand, Dr. Sarma highlighted the negative social impacts of tourism on host cultures.

The students of the PG Diploma in Tourism Management organized an exhibition on the different cultures of the North Eastern Region.

FOUNDATION DAY OF TEZPUR UNIVERSITY: The 19th Foundation Day of Tezpur University was observed on January 21, 2012 with a day-long programme. Delivering the Foundation Day Oration, Prof. Asis Datta, former Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal University who is presently serving as Professor of Eminence



Prof. Asis Datta, former Vice Chancellor of JNU

at the Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi dwelled upon bringing science to society and employing scientific discoveries and inventions to meet social needs. A colloquium on the topic "Contemporary issues in science" was organized in the Council Hall of the University in the afternoon. Prof. Samir Bhattacharyya, Prof. Kasturi Datta and Dr. Kaustuv Datta, among others, spoke in the colloquium. Giving an account of the University's developmental activities during the last four and half years Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University Prof. Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri stressed upon imparting of quality education with quality facilities in order to achieve the expected results. A cultural function was also held in the evening on the occasion.

The Centre for Open and Distance Learning

The Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) was established in 2011 with the aim of disseminating knowledge and quality education through open and distance learning mode. The Centre offers various post-graduate, undergraduate, diploma and certificate programmes in emerging areas of science, technology & engineering, social sciences, management and humanities with flexible system to cater to the need of the learners who otherwise cannot avail the regular mode of education. The basic focus of the Centre is to prepare human resources of the region and the country by making them skilled and employable. The following programmes are offered by CODL at present: M.

A. in Mass Communication, PG Diploma in Electronic Media, PG Diploma in Governance and Development, PG Diploma in Functional Hindi, PG Diploma in Retail Management, PG Diploma in Investment Management, PG Diploma in Human Resource Management, PG Diploma in Environmental Management, M. A. /M. Sc in Mathematics, PG Diploma in Renewable Energy and Energy Management and PG Diploma in System Management. Study Centres are proposed at Tezpur, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Silchar, Agartala, Shillong, and Nalbari. The faculty involved in the running of CODL are Professor Madan M Sarma (Director), Dr Santanu Sharma (Joint Director), Dr Bhim Prasad Sarmah, and Bashabi Gogoi (Assistant Professor). There is, in addition, a 12 member core committee



Professor Bolin Kr Konwar of the Dept of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (MBBT) was inducted as the new Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University in August.



of Technology (NIT), Meghalaya in November.

Professors Saikia and Konwar joined Tezpur University in 1997 and 2002 respectively and held senior positions (Head of Dept and Dean) in the University. Their administrative

Professor Dilip Kr Saikia of the Dept of Computer Science and Engineering was appointed as Director of the recently established National Institute

experience should be useful to them in facing the challenges of their new jobs.

Partha Pratim Dutta, Assistant Professor in the Dept of Mechanical Engineering has been awarded the prestigious Fast Track Scheme for Young Scientists by the Department of Science and Technology (Science and Engineering Research Council), Govt of India.

Professor A K Mukherjee of the Department of Molecular Biology and Bio Technology was awarded a DBT CREST Fellowship. He is currently at the University of Northern Colorado, USA. He is expected to return in september 2012.

The Indian Science Congress Association has selected S Paul of the Solar and Energy Material Laboratory of the Dept of Energy as one of the awardees of the ISCA Young Scientist Award Programme in the section of Engineering Sciences for 2011-12. The award carries a certificate and prize amount of Rs 25,000 which will be presented to Paul during the 99th session of the Indian Science Congress to be held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from January 3 to 7, 2012. He has been invited to make a presentation of his award winning paper during the session.

Mahindra in association with NDTV. The East Zone finals were aired on NDTV 24X7 on 26 November while the national finals were aired by the same channel on 17 December. Arunabh and Ashutosh were awarded a trip to the Geneva Motor Show and a cash prize.

Bijoy Chand Chatterjee, PhD scholar in the Dept of Computer Science and Engineering has been awarded an IETE research fellowship in the area of Optical Network.



Arunabh Choudhury and Ashutosh Das

Arunabh Choudhury and Ashutosh Das, students of the Dept of Mechanical Engineering, won the prestigious Mahindra Auto Quotient, a national level quiz competition organized by Mahindra and

Chandrani Nath and Nibedita Paul, Research scholars in the Dept of Physics, have been selected for DST-INSPIRE fellowship for the year 2011. Junaid Laskar, also of the Dept of Physics, has been selected as post-doctoral fellow at Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz, Germany.

Somnath Paul and Gautam Kalita, research scholars in the Dept of Mathematical Sciences have been awarded DST-INSPIRE fellowships.

Bhriugu Talukdar and Manas Parasar, students of the Dept of Mass Communication and Journalism emerged the champions of the MC Bora Memorial Quiz contest held on 16 November.

Equal Opportunity Cell

The Equal Opportunity Cell carried out a number of programmes during the semester. Some of the programmes are: Personality Development and Training on CV writing for B. Tech students (July-August); Inclusive Social Development, organized in collaboration with the Departments of Sociology and Cultural Studies, sponsored by U.S Consulate (7 and 8 Sept); CSIR/UGC NET coaching programme (12 October to 12 November); Workshop on Human Rights Awareness (12 November); and a Workshop on Many Faces of Gender Inequality in collaboration with the University's Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Womens' Studies (18 and 19 November); In addition, there is an ongoing Communicative English Enhancement programme for students of the University.

Computer Center

Since October Tezpur University has been connected to National Knowledge Networks (NKN) through 1Gbps (100Mbps downlink and 55 Mbps uplink Internet speeds) under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Tech-

nology (NMEICT) scheme of MHRD, Govt of India. Use of NKN will help enhance both teaching learning processes and research collaborations with peer institutions within India. Wi-Fi based Internet connectivity is going to be provided to the newly constructed Mens' and Womens' Hostels with Optical Fibre as the backbone. The Computer Centre has developed an online leave application processing system for the newly offered Distance Education programmes of the University. The Centre has already developed an Employee Information system for employees of the university.

Health Centre

The Health Centre conducted its annual health check-up programme for University faculty and staff from 2 September. In August it carried out a health check-up programme for students of the Kendriya Vidyalaya School in the University campus. It carried out a measles vaccination programme for children in November and offered a first-aid training programme for students of Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism (PGDTM) on 17 and 18 November.

Training & Placements

This year, the placement exercise began with a bang. Completing their accrediting processes on the University, IT Giants Tata Consultancy Services and Sony India Software Centre made their maiden visit to the University campus and recruited 18 and 7 respectively of our B.Tech. and M.C.A. students. These two visits gave a boost to the morale not only of the recruitee-students, but also that of the placement coordinators. Among the other organizations that have already recruited from the University through on-campus as well as pool-campus events, include Capgemini (07), Software AG (03), Reverie Language Technologies (04), Zaloni Technologies India (04). A couple of companies, viz., Syntel India and United Nano Technologies, Kolkata have held their recruitment events and the results are awaited.

Over 400 organizations in the Private, Public and Government sectors have been contacted for participating in this year's placement exercise. While organizations looking at the engineering disciplines have already started recruiting, others interested in other disciplines are yet to confirm their participation

barring a few. The Training & Placement Cell is in touch with these companies.

In order to boost the preparedness of the students, the Training & Placement Cell in association with the Equal Opportunity Cell has also organized three pre-placement grooming-cum-practice sessions.



First BoM Meeting: 14 Sept 1994



Members (front row, from left): Shri D C Bhattacharya (Registrar), Prof M K Chaudhuri, Prof Prabhakar Jha, Dr Bhupen Hazarika, Prof Jamini Choudhury, Shri Mahendra Bora, Prof K M Pathak (first Vice-Chancellor) Officials (back row, from left): Shri Babul Talukdar (AFO), Shri Satyendra Nath Sarma (OSD), Dr Biren Das (Asst Registrar), Shri Pulin Das (Citizen, Tezpur)

Photo courtesy: Dr. B Saharia & Shri Arun Sarma

Dr Bhupen Hazarika, who passed away on 5 November, was associated with Tezpur University from its first days. He was a member of the first Board of

Management (BoM). Our photo (above) shows him with the other members at the first BoM meeting which was held in Hotel Luit in Tezpur on 14 September, 1994. It was on this day that “the Bard of the Brahmaputra” composed the Tezpur University anthem. Incidentally, as the photo shows, the present Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mihir K Chaudhuri was also a member of the first BoM

Tezpur University conferred an honorary doctoral degree (Honoris Causa) on Bhupenda (as he was widely and affectionately called) at its Third Convocation held on 1 November, 2001. It was at the same Convocation that Tezpur University conferred honorary doctoral degrees on Dr A.P. J. Abdul Kalam and Professor Jyotiprasad Medhi, eminent statistician and mathematician.



Photo courtesy: Mr. Sadhan Mahapatra

The Tezpur University community mourned Dr Hazarika's demise at a condolence meeting held on 11 November. An interesting and well appreciated personal tribute came from Professor Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro-VC, who dedicated a CD to Dr Hazarika. Released in Guwahati, the CD entitled Mitryu Jinaar Gaan contains poems penned and recited by Professor Choudhury.

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