



Tezpur University achieves new milestones in 2018

20th

THE World's Best Small Universities

100th

THE Asia University Rankings

Scaling new heights, Tezpur University now ranks 100th in the Times Higher Education (THE) *Asia University Rankings 2018* improving its position from the 131-140 band last year. In fact, TU topped the list of universities in India and ranked 7th in the country among Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). In "Research" category TU ranked 4th in India just behind IISc, Bangalore, IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur. In another significant achievement, TU ranked 20th in the Times Higher Education *World's Best Small Universities 2018* that ranked the top universities of the globe with under 5000 students.

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VC's Desk

I feel truly privileged to have joined the Tezpur University family at a time when the University is celebrating its silver jubilee year. In the recent years, the University has to its credit got prestigious national as well as international recognitions. In the long list of achievements, the recent attainment of the 20th rank in the Times Higher Education's Best Small Universities 2018 World Young University Ranking 2018 is the latest feather in the University's cap. The achievement as a whole is the culmination of the consistent and tireless dedications of faculty, students and staff of the University spreading over the 25 years.

On reflections, these recognitions have in fact vested in us a greater responsibility to do well and succeed in future too. I personally feel that an achievement is meaningful if it spurs us for more goal-oriented hard work, dedication and perseverance in realizing our immediate potential. We need to put in place a short-term and a long-term action plan for the next five years and twenty-five years respectively. In order to prepare these action plans, the feedback and input from all stakeholders are crucially essential. I take this opportunity to appeal to all such stakeholders including students, alumni, faculty, non-teaching staff, recruiters, parents and the general public to forward their suggestions and views in enabling the University to fulfil its mandate through research, innovation and capacity building of human resource capable of making meaningful contributions to the process of nation building.

I solicit your cooperation in making Tezpur University an academically most sought after destination in the country.

With best wishes,

(V. K. Jain)

Editorial

One of the important events of the year was the change of guard in the Vice Chancellor's office. On his appointment as the fifth Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the University, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain took over charge on February 22, 2018, from Prof. Madan Mohan Sarma, Acting Vice Chancellor. An eminent environmental scientist and the former Vice Chancellor of Doon University, Uttarakhand, Prof. Jain expressed his dream of building Tezpur University as a knowledge hub in his address to the students, faculty and staff during the inauguration of the University's 21st Annual Sports the following day.

Continuing its legacy, Tezpur University earned yet another couple of recognitions in international rankings during the year: the 100th position in the Times Higher Education's Asia University Rankings 2018 and the 20th rank in the World's Best Small Universities 2018 (under 5000 students) by the same magazine. In fact, in the Asia rankings, Tezpur University stood 7th among all higher educational institutions in India and 4th in "Research" category in the country. At home, the University fared slightly better than last year by being placed at the 29th position in the NIRF's

India Rankings 2018. But, again in the "Research" category, the University bagged the Visitor's award for 2017 as well as 2018. Among the other feats, a number of faculty members have been recognized with national as well as international honours, while the students have fared well in the national and regional literary and other co-curricular competitions.

Another significant move for Tezpur University is its inclusion in the list of ten public institutions recommended by the UGC's Empowered Expert Committee for the "Institution of Eminence" status. This will open up new opportunities for the University as well as new challenges embedded in it.

While feeling great on the above feats, the University community cannot afford to be complacent as many miles are ahead to go overcoming newer challenges. In order to reach the Vision-Mission of the University, i.e., "To be in the top 50 universities of the world", the students, faculty and staff of the University have to put together their greater concerted efforts with a renewed energy.

...Editorial Team

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



President of India honours Prof. Ashis K. Mukherjee with Visitor's Award 2018

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious Visitor's Award for Research in the field of Basic and Applied Science to Prof. Ashis K. Mukherjee, Dean, Research & Development, and a senior faculty member at the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, TU, at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on May 2, 2018. Prof. Mukherjee was honored with the award for his research leading to clarity on the molecular complexity and toxicity of the components of the snake venom from different locales of India.

It is worth mentioning that Prof. Mukherjee has also been selected for the prestigious Tata Innovation fellowship of the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. for the year 201718.

He has also been honoured with "INSA Teachers Award 2018" and "ICMR Prize for Biomedical Research Conducted in Underdeveloped Areas 2017" for his significant contribution in "Biochemical and pharmacological characterization of snake venom and cardiovascular drug discovery".

25th Foundation Day & Inauguration of Silver Jubilee Celebration



Amidst fervour and enthusiasm, Tezpur University observed its 25th foundation Day on 21 January 2018, and on the same day, inaugurated the year-long Silver Jubilee celebrations. Prof. Kishori Mohan Pathak, founder Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the event while Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, former Pro Vice-Chancellor delivered the Silver Jubilee Oration. Mr. Utpal Bora, CMD, OIL, participated as the Chief Guest and released the Silver Jubilee Celebrations Calendar.

FRSC Awarded to Tezpur University Faculty

Prof. Ramesh Ch. Deka, Professor, Department of Chemical Sciences and Dean, School of Sciences, has been awarded the prestigious Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC) in recognition of his contribution to the field of Chemistry. Prof. Deka is internationally known for his seminal work on the development of methods that can potentially remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere using metal nanoclusters. His area of expertise encompasses the applied and fundamental aspects of catalysis, metal nanoparticles, drug design and atmospheric chemistry.

Prof. Nirajan Karak of the Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University has been awarded with the prestigious Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC) in recognition of his contribution to the field of Chemistry. Prof. Karak has been consistently working to develop advanced polymers, nanomaterials and their nanocomposites at the Centre for Polymer Science and Technology, dept. of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University.

Annual Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

GYTI AWARD TO TU RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Ms. Pallabi Das, Dept. of Environmental Science, and Ms. Kasturi Sarmah, Dept. of Chemical Sciences, were awarded the prestigious GYTI Award 2018 for their innovative work on large-scale synthetic routes to manufacture iron (oxalate) capped metal oxide [Fe(ox)-Fe₃O₄ (OCIO), Fe(ox) Fe-MnOx (OCIMn), and Fe(ox) Fe-CuOx (OCICu)] nanomaterials that

are wonderful soil conditioners for increasing micronutrient availability to plants with least toxicity.

Ms. Das and Ms. Sarmah were conducting the research work under the guidance of Dr. Satya Sundar Bhattacharya, Dept. of Environmental Science and Dr. Sanjay Pratihar, Dept. of Chemical Sciences.



Dr. Bhabesh Deka joins the elite grade of Senior Member of the IEEE

Dr. Bhabesh Deka of Department of ECE was elevated to the grade of senior member of IEEE, the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. Senior member is the highest professional grade of the IEEE for which a member may apply. It requires extensive experience and reflects professional accomplishment and maturity. It is worth mentioning that out of almost 400,000 members of IEEE only 10% have achieved this level.

Patent Awarded to TU faculty

Prof. Ashok Kumar and Dr. Somik Banerjee of Department of Physics have been granted an Indian patent for their invention entitled "A SINGLE STEP PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIS OF POLYANILINE NANOFIBER REINFORCED POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITES". Their allotted Patent No is.: 297449.



TU improves position in QS BRICS Rankings

TU now ranks 146th among the universities of BRICS nations (out of 400 institutions), which comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The ranking was declared on October 15, 2018. In India, TU ranks 36th among the 75 Higher Learning Institutions listed.

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Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain assumes office as the Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University



Prof Vinod Kumar Jain, Ex-Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi and former Vice-Chancellor Doon University assumed office as the Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University on 22/02/2018. The President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor of Tezpur University had appointed Prof Vinod Kumar Jain as the Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University on 15 February, 2018. A distinguished academician, Prof Jain has been actively involved in research activities for the past 36 years. He has been member of many academic & statutory bodies, such as, panel of experts of University Grants Commission (UGC), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Public Service Commission of Himachal Pradesh and Public Service Commission of Uttar Pradesh etc.



Meet with Students

The University as part of the yearlong Silver Jubilee Celebrations has undertaken a number of outreach activities. "Meet with students" program is one such activity where the University community reached out to interact with the students of nearby colleges of Tezpur University to discuss various contemporary issues. The University interacted with the students of Tyagbir Hem Baruah College, Jamugurihat, Madhabdev College, Narayanpur, Behali Degree College, Behali, Rangapara College, Rangapara, LOKD College, Dhekiajuli and Biswanath College, Biswanath Chariali.

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Rabha Diwas observed at TU

On the occasion of death anniversary of Kalaguru Bishnuprasad Rabha, Tezpur University organised a glittering event on 20th June, 2018 at the Council Hall of the University. Renowned singer Dr Sangita Kakati gave enthralling performances of Rabha Sangeet. A short video exhibiting some rare photographs of Bishnu Rabha (prepared by Mr. Parikshit Sarma, Research Scholar Dept. of Cultural Studies) was shown to the audience.



TU released rare digitized historic documents of Assam



rare digitized historic documents of Assam. In a programme held at the Council Hall of the University, Prof. M.M. Sarma, Vice-Chancellor (Acting) of the University released the historic documents, which now can be accessed through the University's website.

The Centre under the leadership of Prof. Dev Goswami, Dr. Juri Dutta and research associate Dr. Sanjib Deka undertook a massive project of digitizing about four thousand old Assamese manuscripts and printed books.

Centre for Assamese Studies under the inspiring leadership of Prof. Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Professor, Srimanta Sankardeva Chair on January 30, 2018 released

Dept. of Business Administration signed MoU with FINER

In order to enhance industry-academia experience, research activity and to promote first generation entrepreneurs in the Northeastern region, Dept. of Business Administration on 19th February, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Federation of Industries & Commerce of North Eastern Region, popularly known

as FINER.

The MoU was signed by Mr. R. K. More, Director, FINER and Dr. Biren Das, Registrar, Tezpur University in the seminar hall of the Department in front of an august gathering of students, faculty members and various administrative officers of the University.

The signed MoU expected to promote micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)/Large industries in particular and development of entrepreneurship of MBA students through combined activities.

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Brainstorming session on Climate Change held

In a bid to combat climate change and its impact on various ecosystems particularly in the Himalayan ecosystem of Northeastern region, Vice-Chancellors of (public) universities of all Northeastern states held a brainstorming session at Tezpur University on June 01, 2018.

Initiated by Tezpur University, the brainstorming session was headed by Dr Akhilesh Gupta, Adviser/ Scientist-G and Head, Strategic Programmes, Large Initiatives and Coordinated Action Enabler (SPLICE) and Climate Change Programme, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and was attended by representatives of all central/ state universities of NE region including Prof. Alak Kr. Buragohain, VC, Dibrugarh University, Prof. A.K.Ghosh, VC, Tripura University, Dr. Mridul Hazarika, VC, Gauhati University and Prof. V.K. Jain, VC, Tezpur University.

The session provided useful inputs for the DST's proposed programme "Human and Institutional Capacity Building (HICAB)" in Climate Change and Himalayan ecosystem for Indian Himalayan Region as a part of Govt. of India's National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NM-SHE).

TUSC organised Arnaswat, an art and literary festival



Tezpur University students' council as a part of the University's glorious 25 years celebration, organised its first ever art and literary festival Arnaswat 2018. TUSC organised this festival from 4th to 6th May, 2018. Dr. Birubala Rabha graced the inaugural ceremony of Arnaswat as the chief guest.

Arnaswat featured various events, such as, quiz, spell bee, extempore speech, film making, photography, essay writing, poetry etc. Major events included Hu-

man Library which was a new idea where human acted as books, talked and interacted with readers. Another event called changing the wheels that was a live interaction with two lady bikers who have travelled all over India to propagate the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" concept. Dr. Chowdhury and Ms Mitra Phukan, noted author, columnist and translator attended the festival and interacted with the students and shared their experience and literary journey. The fest concluded with a drama "Ekhonei Nila Sador" by Mukti- maan Hazarika.

Industry-Academia conclave organized at Tezpur University



A national symposium was organized on 26th April, 2018 at Tezpur University, coinciding with celebration of 10th year of establishment of the TU-IPR Cell, and Silver Jubilee Celebration of the University's establishment. This symposium on "Role of Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development : Integrating Transformation with Sustainability (RITES-2018)" was a maiden attempt in this region to bring together top management professionals from industries, academicians, researchers & students of diverse fields together to discuss various dimensions of academia-industry partnership and exchange ideas, practice and experiences on different aspects of industry-academia integration. Invited experts from industries like Hindustan Unilever, IBM, Permacel Ltd., ONGC, etc. deliberated upon the latest innovations in their respective sectors. The symposium was attended by 145 researchers, students and faculty members of Tezpur University and nearby institutions.

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18th edition of Sampark held

Department of Business Administration on March 10, 2018 organised 18th edition of Sampark, the annual industry-academia summit with a presentation of Business-Idea Challenge, lectures by noted guests, varied sessions on industry talks by business heads. The theme of the event for 2018 was 'Bridging the Skill Divide'.

Shri Ashok Dutta, Chief General Manager, Oil India Ltd (Duliajan) attended the inaugural session as the chief guest. Shri Rajkumar More, Director, FINER, Dr. Shalini Lal, Founder, Infinity OD, Mr. Satyarth Priyedarshi, Head of Prod-

uct Marketing, JioChat, Mr. Piyush Bhartiya, Co-Founder, Admitkard and LifePad were the other notable guests present on the occasion.

Various informative sessions/panel discussions such as, Skill Based Economy and Startup Economy to Leveraging Technology in meeting the Skill Gap were organised throughout day. A special session on start-up by FINER was also organised alongwith a video conferencing session. These sessions were attended by noted entrepreneurs and prominent business heads.

NRDC and TU sign MoA

In a landmark initiative for commercializing the homegrown technologies, Tezpur University has come in agreement with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), an enterprise of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, to develop fruitful collaborations with suitable industry partners and commercialize promising technologies developed in the campus. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed in the University on 02 June, 2018 in this regard between TU and NRDC.



Resonance: the Festival of Ideas

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University as part of the year long Silver Jubilee Celebrations (21 January, 2018- 21 January, 2019) organized Resonance: The Festival of Ideas on the 24th of January, 2018. Renowned actors Seema Biswas and Boloram Das, widely-read novelists Dhruba Hazarika and Ankush Saikia were invited on the occasion. The four celebrated persons participated in a lively panel discussion on the topic- "Literature, Theatre and Culture: the connections". The panel discussion was held at Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha Auditorium and was moderated by Tanya Brooks, a Research Scholar from the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

World Press Freedom Day observed

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University on May 03, 2018 observed the 25th World Press Freedom Day with host of activities. The event started with a poster exhibition made by the students followed by the welcome speech by Prof. Abhijit Bora, HoD, Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism. The students of the department actively participated in the events through presentations and panel discussion, the topics of which were aligned with the current theme of this year's celebration "Keeping Power in Check: Media Justice and the Rule of Law".

7th Foundation Day of CAS held



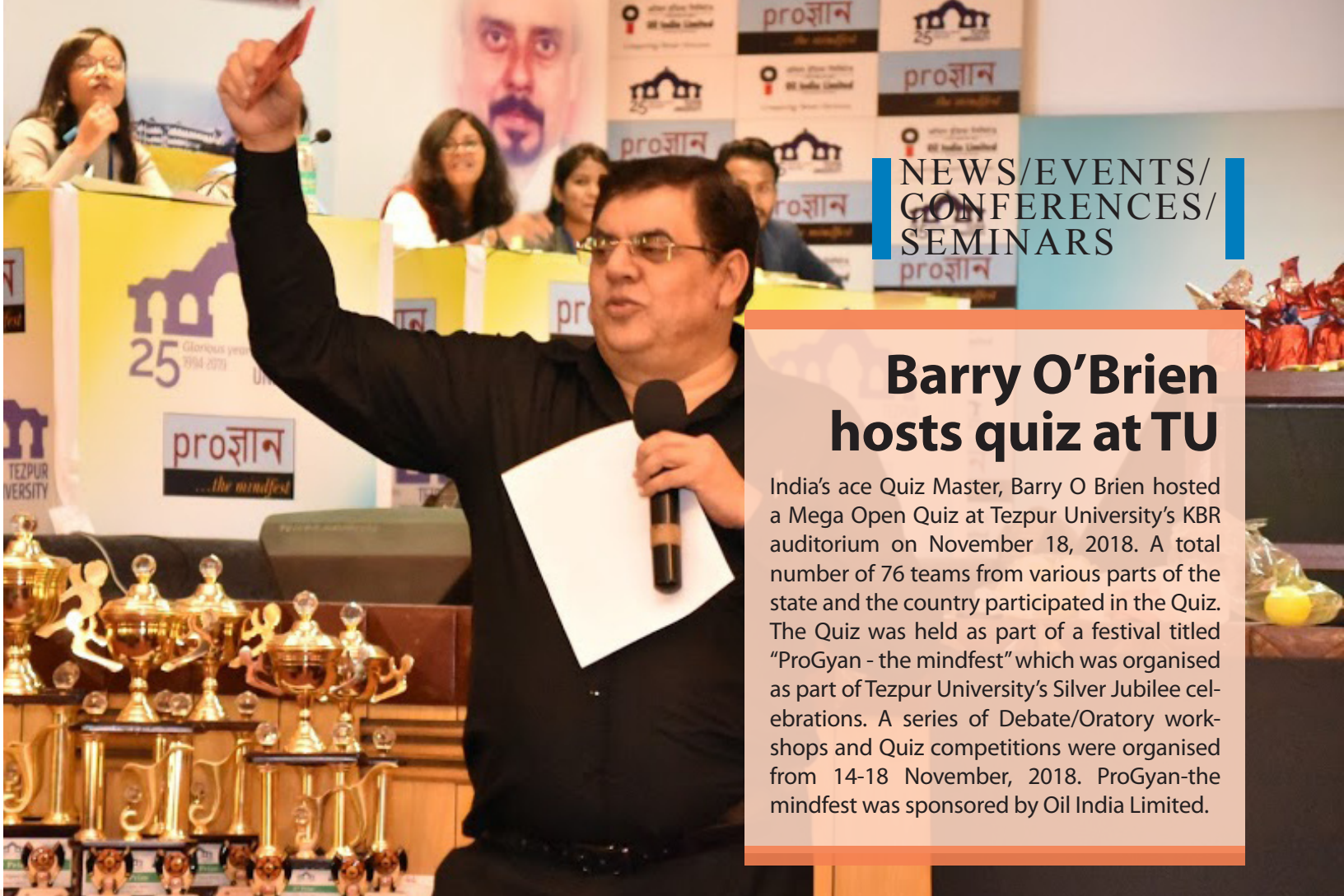
Seventh foundation day of the Centre for Assamese Studies (CAS), Tezpur University was organised on June 07, 2018 at the screening hall of the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism. The programme started with an invocation of 'Byas gowa Ojapali' performed by Dr. Lopa Das, Research Scholar of the department and her group. "A century of Assamese Studies" A talk was organised on the occasion. Prof. Ranjit Kr. Dev Goswami, noted academician and former Srimanta Sankardeva Chair professor & Head, CAS delivered a lecture on the subject. A Creative Writing Workshop and an Art Exhibition was also organised on the occasion.

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World IP Day 2018 Celebrated

IPR cell of the University celebrated World Intellectual Property Day in the campus with much enthusiasm and creative engagements. An IP Quiz, was conducted by Mr. Ashutosh Das, a TU alumnus, based on issues related to intellectual property and its associated rights. 26 teams participated in the event and two teams were adjudged winner and runners up respectively. An Innovative Idea Competition and slogan writing competition was also organised on the occasion.



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Barry O'Brien hosts quiz at TU

India's ace Quiz Master, Barry O'Brien hosted a Mega Open Quiz at Tezpur University's KBR auditorium on November 18, 2018. A total number of 76 teams from various parts of the state and the country participated in the Quiz. The Quiz was held as part of a festival titled "ProGyan - the mindfest" which was organised as part of Tezpur University's Silver Jubilee celebrations. A series of Debate/Oratory workshops and Quiz competitions were organised from 14-18 November, 2018. ProGyan-the mindfest was sponsored by Oil India Limited.

Seminar on Corporate Governance and Companies Act

Under the aegis of National Foundation for Corporate Governance, New Delhi, Department of Business Administration & Department of Commerce organized a seminar on "Corporate Governance and Companies Act" on 27th October 2018.

International Conference

International Conference on Technological Innovations for Integration of Food and Health (TiiFH2019): A focus on North-Eastern India was organized on February 14-16, 2019.

Power Purchase Agreement signed

Pursuant to the approval of Solar Energy Corporation of India, New Delhi, Tezpur University has signed a Power Purchase Agreement with M/s Arunachal Pradesh Power Corporation Pvt. Ltd. for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning including Warranty, Operation & Maintenance of 1MW rooftop solar photovoltaic system at Tezpur University Campus.

Prof. Madhab Chandra Bora Memorial Oration

Department of Business Administration organised Prof. Madhab Chandra Bora (MCB) Memorial Oration on 19th of November. Mr. Mayur Bora, an eminent scholar and social activist of Assam delivered the memorial oration.

Seminar on Boosting Rural Economy

Tezpur University and CSIR-CIMAP organized a one-day seminar on Aroma Crops for Boosting Rural Economy of North East India on 15 October 2018.

Agreement to preserve artwork signed

Tezpur University signed an agreement between noted artiste Neelpawan Baruah and the University to preserve some of the artworks of Shri Baruah which he had donated to the university. The initiative has been taken under the aegis of the UGC-sponsored Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area granted to the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University.

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TU signed MoU with VMMU

Tezpur University signed MoU with Vietnam Medical Military University (VMMU), Hanoi, Vietnam to improve the understanding between the respective academic institutions and to establish mutually beneficial collaborations benefiting their students, teachers, researchers, and staff.

Book Release Ceremony organised



Korkat Rogar Adhunik Chikitsa aru Pratyahban; Asomor Udbhid aru Sarai: Parisayatmak Biwaran, 2nd revised edition and Biometric Promaneekoron were released on September 03, 2018 at the Council Hall. The books were published by the TU Publication with the financial assistance from the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, MHRD, New Delhi. One more book titled Lipase: an Industrial Enzyme through Metagenomics, published by CRC Press was also released on the occasion.

Faculty Development Program held

In order to orient teachers and faculty members on New Skills (NaiTalim), Work Education, Experiential Learning and Community Engagement component in their curriculum, Department of Education, Tezpur University jointly with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education organised a five day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) from 29th October to 2nd November, 2018 at Tezpur University.



Department of Cultural Studies signed MoU

Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Mission for Manuscripts. This memorandum intends to set up a Manuscript Conservation Centre in the Department of Cultural Studies which will work towards the preservation and conservation of manuscripts for National Mission for Manuscripts.

National Education Day celebrated

Department of Education observed National Education Day on 11th November, 2018 by organizing a host of activities such as cycle rally, student seminar, essay writing, poster making competition and debate etc.

Nobel Laureate lecture series organised

A series of lectures on Frontier knowledge, Imagination and Initiatives based on the works of Nobel Laureates of the year 2018 was organised during 15 & 16th November, 2018 at KBR auditorium of the University. The lectures were delivered by faculty members of various departments of the University.

Awareness program on cleanliness organized



The students of Communication for Development (C4D) Programme under the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University, organised a cleanliness awareness program on 27th November at Fakharuddin Ali Ahmed High School, Borghat.

TU collaborates with NCHU, Taiwan



A four-member delegation comprising Prof. D.K. Bhattacharyya, Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof. Chandana Goswami, Dean, Management Sciences, Prof. Ramesh Deka, Dean, Sciences, and Prof. P K Das, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences visited National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taichung, Taiwan, during December 17-18. NCHU and TU signed an MoU in February this year when an NCHU delegation led by Prof. Mu-Min Chen, Vice-President for International Affairs, NCHU visit-

ed TU. The purpose of the TU visit to NCHU, which was jointly funded by the two universities, was to concretize collaboration between the two universities. It was proposed that Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things should be the immediate priority areas. NCHU also agreed to facilitate student internship in Taiwanese companies. Some joint conferences and seminars are expected to take place in 2019. The possibility of sending students to NCHU to learn Chinese was also explored.

Observation of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)

Tezpur University observed the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) - 2018 from 15th September to 2nd October 2018. NSS volunteers organised many programmes such as cleanliness campaign, door to door awareness campaign in the nearby villages, blood donation camp, essay and quiz competitions in the university during this period.

- Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018 ranked TU in 99th position. In India, TU ranked 4th in research category, just behind Indian Institute of Science (1st) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (2nd) and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (3rd). Overall (In India) TU ranked 8th and amongst the universities TU topped the ranking.

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- MHRD-NIRF India Rankings 2018 ranked Tezpur University 46th (overall) and 29th amongst the Universities.
- TU ranked 101-150 in THE Young University Rankings 2018. THE Young University Rankings 2018 includes 250 world's best universities that are aged 50 years or under.
- The Assam State Biodiversity Board acknowledges the expert made by Dr. Ashalata Devi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Environmental Science by providing valuable technical inputs to the data on floral and faunal diversity of Assam on the Assam Biodiversity Portal. Dr. Devi was felicitated for the same by Assam Forest Minister Shri Parimal Suklabaidya on 28 May, 2018.
- One-Day Training Programme on Human Rights in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, was organized by the Centre for Inclusive Development on March 26, 2018.
- One-Day Orientation Programme on Child Rights & Governance was organized jointly by the Centre for Inclusive Development and the Centre for Open and Distance Learning with financial support from UNICEF-Assam on October 26, 2018.
- One-Day Orientation Workshop on Child Budget was organized by the Centre for Inclusive Development in collaboration with UNICEF-Assam for the students of Napaam High School and PGD-CRG students at Tezpur University on March 28, 2018.



Distinguished Lecture Series

As a part of the Distinguished Lecture Series, Shri H.S.S Viswanathan, Ambassador (Retd) and Distinguished Fellow in the Observer Research Foundation delivered a talk on "India's Foreign Policy : Challenges and Issues in a Changing Global Scenario" at Tezpur University on November 01, 2019.

International Girl Child Day

Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies celebrated International Girl Child Day at Napaam M.V. School, Napaam on October 11, 2018. An introductory speech on skilled girl child force was given followed by a film screening on gender discrimination in the family.

Awareness Programme

Directorate of Archaeology, Assam in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University on 18th September 2018 organised an "Awareness Programme on Heritage Preservation".

International Conference on Food and Health

International Conference on Technological Innovations for Integration of Food and Health (TiiFH2019): A focus on North-Eastern India was organized on February 14-16, 2019

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Workshop on development of self-learning materials for open and distance mode of learning

A two-day workshop on development of self-learning materials for open and distance mode of learning was organized by the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) on March 6 & 7, 2018 in the University premise. The workshop aimed to train the authors of Self Learning Materials (SLM) that are prepared for the learners pursuing various academic programmes under CODL. The emphasis was to prepare learner friendly materials using upgraded technological devices, minimize the absence of teacher centric mode facilitated by the face-to-face learning and enhance the possibility of reaching the learners with maximum output. A total number of 46 participants attended the two-day workshop of which 90% were contributors of SLM.

Celebration of World Environment Day

Department of Environmental Science celebrated World Environment Day with a three-day event in the University. The event included a workshop - "Smart use of plastics" where participants were taught to make different items using used plastics. Different competitions, such as, painting, photography, debate, quiz, science exhibition were also conducted during the celebration. Children from the orphanage Nava Prabhat were also invited to take part in various competitions. The celebration ended with a street play "Beat plastic Pollution" performed by the students of the Environmental Science department.

Workshop on Gender & Sexuality organized in TU

A two day Workshop on Gender and Sexuality was organized in the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism on 9th & 10th of May 2018 in collaboration with Foundation for Social Transformation, Guwahati. Students across different disciplines participated to discuss and deliberate upon gender issues, sexuality, social sensitivity, sexual harassment and LGBT issues.

Three day workshop on Mentor Graphics ASIC design flow organised

E&ICT Academy, IIT Guwahati and Tezpur University with support from CoreEL Technologies organized three day workshop on Mentor Graphics ASIC design flow at Tezpur University during 26-28 April, 2018.

127th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

On the occasion of 127th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, elaborate celebration was organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair. A Public Lecture was organized on 27th April in the council hall. The lecture was delivered by Sh. Swapan Kumar Biswas (ex-bureaucrat, and a social activist) on the theme 'Relevance of Ambedkar: Then and Now.

Book release ceremony held

Book release ceremony of the 6 Learner's book, published by the Centre for Endangered Languages, held on 2nd February, 2018. The books were released by Guests of Honour, Prof. Anvita Abbi, Former Director, Centre for Oral and Tribal Literature, Sahitya Akademi and Retired Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Prof Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya, Former Director, Language Development Cell, Government of India.

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat organized

To promote the spirit of national integration, the University organized various activities under *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat* program. "Padharo Mharo Quiz" - an Open House Quiz on the theme of 'Rajasthan' as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' initiative was organised on March 9, 2018 at the Council Hall of the University. A blog competition on EBSB was also organised on the occasion.

Two-day National Seminar on Equity emphasizing on NE Region organized

Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi & ICSSR NERC, Shillong organized a two Days National Seminar on Equity with Special Emphasis on North Eastern Region during June 21st- 22nd, 2018. The keynote address of the seminar was delivered by Prof. Narender Kumar of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

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TU organized InSCIgnis, the annual mega science fest

'InSCIgnis', the annual mega science fest of Tezpur University was organized on the occasion of National Science Day by the members of Students' Science Council, Tezpur University. The event showcased an array of activities ranging from Astronomy Workshop, Movie Screening, Science exhibition to online Quizzes. Santanoo Tamuly, writer, publisher and editor of Mouchak was the invited speaker.



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International Museum Day celebrated

Department of Cultural Studies celebrated International Museum Day on 18th May, 2018 with an illustrated talk on "Rajasthani Miniature Painting Tradition" and a film show. A curated walk (duration 40 minutes) in the Museum Gallery was also organized on the occasion.

Workshop on Field Linguistics held

Centre for Endangered Languages organised a workshop on "Field Linguistics" from 2nd to 5th February, 2018 at the centre. Prof. Anvita Abbi, Former Director, Centre for Oral and Tribal Literature, Sahitya Akademi and Retired Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Prof Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya, Former Director, Language Development Cell, Government of India were the resource persons.

Sky viewing by Astronomy Club

Astronomy Club of Tezpur University under the leadership of Dr. Kishore Boruah organized various sky viewing activities throughout the year. On 31st January, 2018, the club extended all the facilities to the employees of the University to observe the magnificent Lunar eclipse from the Astronomical observatory of the Department of physics (Rooftop of the SAIC building) during 6 PM to 8 PM.

Students' Meet on Entrepreneurship organized

Department of commerce on March 23-24, 2018 organised "Students' meet on entrepreneurship". Shri C R Patnaik from Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Bhubaneswar and Shri Vijay Kapur, Former Director, Board of Studies, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Zaveer Zaman, Manager, North East Venture Fund attended various sessions. The sessions included various games and exercises to identify entrepreneurial traits from participants.

National Resource Centre to MCJ Department

National Resource Centre (NRC) of MHRD has been set in the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism to conduct Annual Orientation Programme for the teachers of higher education institutions through SWAYAM.

A talk on Woman Studies in Higher Education organised



On the account of birth and death anniversary of Chandraprabha Saikiani, Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies organised a talk on 'Women Studies in Higher Education'. Retired Prof. Susheela Kaushik, one of the prominent political scientist of the India was invited for the talk.

NEWS/EVENTS/ CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

Celebration of Matribhasha Diwas

Tezpur University celebrated the Matribhasha Diwas (International Mother Language Day) on 21/02/2018 at the Centre for Assamese Studies with great enthusiasm. The University organised an elocution competition in two languages, Hindi and Assamese amongst its students. The topic of the competition was "Importance of Mother Tongue for Mental and Intellectual Development".

Top 3 position holders in each category were awarded with cash prizes and certificates. The celebrations were also marked by a chorus performance and a one-act play by the non-Assamese speaking students.

Sensitization Programme on Sexual Harassment organized

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), Tezpur University organized a Sensitizing Programme on Sexual Harassment at Workplace for the employees of Tezpur University on June 12 & 13, 2018.

A talk on life and work of Stephen Hawking organised

Department of Physics organized a talk on life and work of Stephen Hawking titled "Stephen Hawking and his universe of ideas: a tribute delivered by Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, Assam down town University on April 6, 2018.

Visit to Securities Exchange Board of India

26 students of the department of Commerce visited Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) office at Guwahati on 12 March 2018 as a part of syllabus-oriented visits.



Death anniversary of Bhupen Hazarika

The University paid fitting tribute to the legend Bhupen Hazarika on his 7th death anniversary by organizing a cultural program at KBR auditorium of the University.



Placement Activities

With an objective of making focused efforts to improve the placement scenario, a separate Training & Placement Cell has been set up for the School of Engineering while the other Cell takes care of the Schools of Humanities & Social Sciences, Management Sciences, and Sciences.

From the 2018-passed out batch, 106 (engg.) and 105 (non-engg.) students received campus placement with reputed companies including PSUs, MNCs, govt. departments, NGOs, etc. with salary packages ranging from Rs. 3.0 lakh to Rs. 10.5 per annum. The placement activities for the students who are to pass out in 2019 are going on and, so far, 15 recruiting organizations have visited and recruited more than 50 students from various disciplines.



Shilpi Divas 2017

January 17, 2018 is observed as Shilpi Divas commemorating Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala on his Birth and Death anniversary. Mr Hemanta Baruah, President Tezpur Sahitya Sabha graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Spring Fest Basantar Lahare Lahare

Spring Fest is celebrated every year in the campus with free spirit and enthusiasm. This year also students actively participated in the Spring Fest by performing various dance, music, and ethnic wear show.

SPICMACAY Evening

Grammy award winner Pt. Viswa Mohan Bhatt enthralled the audience with his Mohan Veena Performance on April 27, 2018.

Republic Day Celebration 2018

TU celebrated 70th Republic Day with great fervour and joy with a day long programme. Various cultural and sports activity were organised on the occasion.

Annual Meet 2018

TU organised 21st Annual Meet with lots of enthusiasm and with a large number of participation of the student. A host of sporting/cultural activities were organised during the Annual meet.

Rabindra Jayanti, May 9, 2018

The birth anniversary of Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore was organized on 09 May 2018 in a befitting manner. Tezpur University fraternity actively participated in the celebration.



Cultural and Sports Activities

Inter University East-Zone Youth Festival 2018

Gauhati University, Guwahati January 5-9, 2018

Best Music Team

Western Vocal Solo	: Gold
Folk Orchestra	: Silver
Indian Group Song	: Silver
Western Group Song	: Bronze
Classical Instrumental (Non-Percussion)	: 4th position

Quiz	: Silver
Debate	: 4th Position
One Act Play	: Bronze
Classical Dance	: Bronze

Inter University National Youth Festival 2018

Ranchi University, February 16-20, 2018

Classical Dance	: Gold
Western Solo Song	: Silver
Group Song Indian	: Silver
Folk Orchestra	: Silver
Western Group Song	: Bronze

Best Cultural Procession Award



OUTREACH

TU undertakes efforts to restore Sankaradeva's legacy

As a mark of social responsibility, Prof. Robin Kumar Dutta, an expert in traditional dyes and pigments along with Prof. Swapan Kumar Dolui, an expert in adhesives and polymers, both from the Department of Chemical Sciences of Tezpur University along with Prof. Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, former Sankardev chair professor, TU and with the active support from TU administration engaged themselves to restore the centuries old priceless life-size wood carvings of Kirtan Ghar of Batadrava Than to their original look with Hengul-Haital(vermillion & yellow arsenic, used traditionally in Assam for colouring of wooden instruments, walls, mukhasilpa) and other traditional pigments in the traditional way.

A talk on "Gender discrimination and women empowerment" was delivered by Sonali Boro at International Women's Day Celebration by Nari Mancha, Action Aid, Missamari on 9th March 2018.

TU organised a one-day health camp at the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park on 3rd January, 2018. Dr. Ramesh Menon, Medical Officer of the University, Dr. Biren Das, Registrar, Dr. Sadhan Mahapatra of Department of Energy and Shri Ramesh Chandra Gogoi, Divisional Forest Officer, Mangaldai Wildlife Division, were part of the Health Camp.

The University jointly with Kaliabor Sub-Divisional Administration organised a three-day summer camp for the students belonging to rural background schools of Kaliabor sub-division during the month of July.



The University inaugurated a state of the art 50mx21m swimming pool for students and employees.

New Faculty/Staff members

Name	Designation	Date of Joining
Dr. Pranjal Kumar Saharia	Medical Officer	23 July, 18
Ms. Alakananda Baishya	Junior Accountant	26 July, 18
Ms. Prohelika Hazarika	Lower Division Clerk	26 July, 18
Mr. Khagen Gogoi	Technical Assistant	27 July, 18
Ms. Bandana Basumatary	Lower Division Clerk	27 July, 18
Mr. Jamil Ahmed	Junior Programmer	31 July, 18
Mr. Bitopan Mazumdar	Lower Division Clerk	01 Aug, 18
Mr. Sourav Kumar Mohanta	Library Assistant	03 Aug, 18
Ms. Polly Rajbongshi	Lower Division Clerk	06 Aug, 18
Mr. Utpal Pal	Junior Accountant	13 Aug, 18
Dr. Ritumoni Das	Assistant Professor	03 Sep, 18
Mr. Arup Kumar Sarkar	Laboratory Assistant	07 Sep, 18
Mr. Rabindra Dhar	Junior Accountant	20 Sep, 18



Walk to Library

The University organized a walk of all students, research scholars and faculty members to the Central Library on August 01, 2018 in order to inculcate the habit of reading books and visiting the library amongst the new students and research scholars.