



TU bags the GYTI award for the third consecutive year

Tezpur University bagged the prestigious Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards for the third consecutive year.

The award was presented to the student trio comprising Saurav Jyoti Sarma, Abhijit Nath and Chanddeep S. Gogoi of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for developing a *Panipuri* Vending Machine that produces *Panipuri* in a faster and more hygienic manner.

This was a part of their B.Tech project under the supervision of Dr. Polash Pratim Dutta, Assistant Professor of the Department. The students, with the help of Tezpur University Intellectual Property Rights Cell (TUIPR), have also applied for a patent.



TU to start 3 new departments

In addition to the existing 22 departments, UGC has sanctioned 3 new departments viz, Department of Foreign Languages, Department of Assamese and Department of Design, to the University. Academic programmes under these departments will be offered from Academic Session 2020-21.

From the Vice Chancellor



The year 2019 has been a milestone for Tezpur University as it has completed 25 years of existence in January. The University celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a year-long programme comprising academic as well as co-curricular activities including Silver Jubilee lecture series by eminent academicians, industry-academia conclave, outreach programmes, etc. that culminated in the 26th Foundation Day celebration on January 21, 2019. The year also marked the achievement of our students and faculty. While our faculty members brought accolades like FRSC fellowship, STRIDE project and patents granted, our students shone in winning the Gandhian Young Technological Innovation awards for the third consecutive year. The *h-index* of the University having gone up to 74 (Scopus) continues to manifest the quality of research carried out by our faculty and scholars. In the NIRF rankings, the University has remained at the same position (29th) while it has made a slight gain in the QS Indian University Rankings 2020 being at the 35th rank from last year's 36th.

I hope, all this achievement will pave the way to greater heights of excellence. My best wishes are with the students, faculty and staff.

V.K. Jain
Vice Chancellor

From the Editorial Desk

The year 2019 has been significant for us as the University completed 25 glorious years on January 20, 2019. Established 25 years ago as a result of the historic Assam Accord, the University has evolved as an institution of high-quality teaching-learning and outstanding research and innovation. However, we must guard against complacency and continue to strive towards becoming a world class university.

Recently, the University has been sanctioned three new departments, viz, Department of Foreign Languages, Department of Assamese and Department of Design, by the University Grants Commission. Academic programmes (PG/UG) under these departments will commence from the academic session 2020-21.

Keeping the flame of excellence, the faculty members of the University have brought fresh laurels to the University including two more FRSCs, one STRIDE project, two patents, to name a few. Our students have bagged the prestigious Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards for the third consecutive year (2017-19). Besides, they have successfully displayed their talents at various zonal, state and national level tournaments/competitions.

We, the editorial team, have tried to report all the important events of the year. However, there may be some omissions that may have inadvertently occurred. We hope this edition of TU Newsletter will serve as an important medium for the dissemination of information about different activities carried out in the University.

...Editorial Team



Awards and achievement

TU improves position in QS Rankings

Tezpur University (TU) brings another good news to the State by improving its position in QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) India University Rankings 2020. TU now ranks in 35th position out of 100 of India's best universities in the ranking. Last year, the University ranked in 36th position.



Govt. of Assam's Young Scientist Award-2019 to Dr. Manashita Borah

Dr. Manashita Borah, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Tezpur University, was conferred the prestigious Young Scientist Award-2019, by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of Assam. It consists of a trophy, citation and cash prize of Rupees one lakh only. The award ceremony was held in the Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati, on 5th March, 2019. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding achievements/contributions made by young scientists in research, excellence in technology development, achievements and social contributions.

S. Ramachandran National Bioscience Award to Prof. P. Deb

Prof. P. Deb, Coordinator TUIPR Cell and Professor at the Dept. of Physics was conferred with S. Ramachandran National Bioscience Award for career development for 2017-18 by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India in March 2019 in recognition to his research contributions in pioneering a new class of secondary magnetic nanosystems and development of smart nanoprobe for molecular imaging.



TU faculty elected as Council Member of IUIS

Prof. Shashi Baruah of the Dept. of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology has been elected as a Council Member of the prestigious International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS). The election of the 2019-2022 Council of IUIS was held in a meeting of the General Assembly of IUIS during the 17th International Congress of Immunology (IUIS 2019) held in Beijing, China. As a Council Member, Dr. Baruah will be focusing on the area of Gender and Advancement of Immunology Teaching and Research in developing countries. Currently, Dr. Baruah is serving as the Vice President (East) for Indian Immunology Society (IIS).

FRSC Awarded to TU faculty member

Prof. Ashok Kumar of the Department of Physics has been admitted to the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC) as a fellow. A noted academician in the field of Physics and materials science, Prof. Kumar obtained M. Tech and Ph.D. degrees from IIT, Kanpur, in Material Science and had done master's in Physics with Electronics as specialization from Meerut University.

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TU student selected for Asia Pacific Higher Education Network

Mr. Uddipan Sharma, an MA student of Department of Cultural Studies was selected as a participant in the 2019 Asia Pacific Higher Education Network for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (APHEN-ICH) Field School which was held during 16- 23rd August, 2019 in the Republic of Korea. He was one of the two students selected from all over the country to participate in the school.

TU Research Scholar bagged best presentation award

Mr. Sritam Biswas, a research scholar of Department of Physics has bagged the best presentation award (in poster presentation category) in the National Conference on Light Matter Interaction at Nanoscale (LMIN 2019) held at Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research, Kalpakam, Tami Nadu, India on July 15-17, 2019. He presented the paper titled "Extremely low-cost paper-based SERS substrate for the detection and analysis of arsenic level in the water". The research work was jointly

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Workshop on photography and video production for social change



A workshop on "Photography and Video Production for Social Change" was organized by the Department of Mass communication and Journalism, Tezpur University during 29th

January to 16 February 2019.

The primary objective of the workshop was to shape the ability of students of MA C4D in using Photography/video for social change initia-

tives. The workshop was facilitated by well known wildlife filmmaker and Green Oscar awardee Ms. Rita Banerji, Director of Green Hub and Dusty Foot Productions.

TU hosted Northeast India's biggest science fest

The 2nd Assam Science Festival – from March 23 to March 25 at the university premises. The Assam Science Festival was organized by Assam Science Technology and Environment Council, popularly known as ASTEC, under the aegis of the Department of Science and Technology, Govern-

ment of Assam.

This time the science fest was being organized by the council with the active support of Tezpur University.

The three day Science Festival saw enthusiastic participation of various institutions like CSIR-NEIST, Assam Science Society, Institution

of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), North Eastern Space Applications Centre, Kaziranga University etc. Aryabhatta Science Centres from different districts of the state also participated in the fest, besides many schools of Sonitpur district.

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TU completes 25 glorious years



Curtains came down on the year-long silver jubilee celebrations of Tezpur University (TU) on January 21, 2019. The yearlong Silver Jubilee celebrations started from January 21, 2018 to January 21, 2019.

The University fittingly organised a three-day event from January 19-21, 2019, where the University hosted an

alumni meet, industry-academia interaction on research and development, felicitation of the retired employees of the central university and an array of cultural programmes on the university campus.

The event was inaugurated by DN Buragohain, former director of IIT Guwahati. Prof. V.S. Chauhan, noted sci-

entist and Executive Chairman of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Mr. S. K. Barua, Managing Director of Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Dr. N. C. Borah, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, GNRC Guwahati, Dr. Tushar Rane, Head, UNICEF, Assam were some of the prominent dignitaries graced the occasion.

Industry-Academia Conclave held



As per Silver Jubilee Celebration, the University under the aegis of IQAC organised an Industry-Academia Conclave on January 20, 2019 in order to discuss various academic and industry aspects for mutual collaboration.

A host of dignitaries from Industry and Academia spoke on the occasion.

Various dignitaries from the industry highlighted the need of special focus on the areas that TU can contribute which would fa-

cilitate mutual benefit for both the parties.

They also explored the possibility of collaboration in relevance areas where TU is working.

Industry expert from various fields were present at the meeting.

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Workshop on Management of University Administration held

A National Workshop on Management of University Administration was jointly organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Tezpur University (TU) during 06-08 February, 2019.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof Mihir K. Chaudhuri, Adviser, Education (Cabinet Rank), Govt. of Assam & Former Vice Chancellor of Tezpur Univer-



sity. The three-day workshop featured noted academicians and administrators from their domain sharing their knowledge with the participants.

Dr. Amarendra Pani, Director (Research), AIU, Prof. M.A. Kalam, Dean, Administrative & Regulatory Affairs, KREA

University, Mr. Syed Nazibur Rahman ACS (Retd.), Prof. Alok Buragohain, former Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Dr. Kamal Narayan Kalita, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health etc. attended the workshop.

Fine Print published

"Fine Print", the April and May issue of the laboratory journal of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department was published during the year 2019.

As a part of their course curriculum, the second semester students of the department brought out the two issues of the second volume successfully under the guidance of the course instructor Mr. Manoj Deori, Assistant professor in the Department. The newsletters which is being brought out every year aims to acquaint the student journalists with the techniques of news gathering, processing, designing and print production.

National Workshop

Department of Computer Science & Engineering organised a five Day National Workshop on Machine Learning in R & Python (MLRP) during 28th January to 1st February, 2019. The Computer Science & Engineering department organised a lecture on Text Analysis for event Detection, by Prof. Jugal Kalita, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA on 18th January, 2019.

Seminar on Marginalization and Marginality

Dr. Ambedkar Chair organised a National Seminar on Marginalization and Marginality in India with a Focus on NER: Multiple Contexts for State Intervention. Sponsored by RGNIYD & Organized in collaboration with OKDISCD, Guwahati on March 15-16, 2019.



Annual Photography Exhibition organised by the MCJ Department

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism organised the Annual Photography Exhibition from 16-18 May 2019. The exhibition- cum- sale of the photographs was displayed by the second semester students of MA, Mass Communication and Journalism. Prof. P. K. Das, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, inaugurated the program. This year the theme of the exhibition was 'CHROMA'- celebrating colours.

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UNICEF-Tezpur University sign agreement facilitating Paid Internship for MAC4D students

Tezpur University has signed an agreement with UNICEF which will make it possible for MA C4D students to undergo paid internship at the UNICEF India country office and state offices during 2019 – 2022.

The first batch of five interns – Ankita Dutta, Anamika Mazumdar, Bhaswati Saharia, Shaheed Ahmed Alomgir and Sujit Bhattacharya - passouts of the 2019

batch have joined state offices in five different locations across the country as interns from the second week of June 2019.

The next three batches of C4D students beginning with the one enrolled in July 2018 will be able to avail this opportunity as part of the semester long internship during the fourth semester of the MA(C4D) programme.

UNICEF Country Representative at Tezpur University



Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque, UNICEF Representative in India, visited Tezpur University on August 21, 2019. During her visit, Dr. Haque held meetings with the Vice Chancellor Prof. V.K. Jain and

other senior officials of the University on various prospects of collaboration between Tezpur University and UNICEF. Dr. Haque who was accompanied by Dr. Tushar Rane, Chief of UNICEF-

Assam and other officials, also visited the Centre for Inclusive Development, the Department of Chemical Sciences and the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.

The University bid Farewell to

Prof Madan M. Sarma

One of the noted academicians of the state, Prof. Madan M. Sarma superannuated from the University service on 31/03/19. Prof. Sarma, who had joined Dept. of English & Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, on 18/01/95 and served in many capacities. Most notably, he headed the University as acting Vice Chancellor from 21/05/17 to 21/02/18. He had served as Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences for three terms. He was also Head of the Department of English & Foreign Languages for three terms. With teaching experience of more than 42 years, Prof Sarma had published several books, research papers on World Literature and Folk Literature. He was a prolific writer in English as well as Assamese.

Prof Alak Kumar Buragohain

One of the finest academicians cum administrator, Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, who had joined the University on 01/07/04, superannuated from the University service on 11/02/19. Prof. Buragohain, who was the founder Head of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at Tezpur University, had extensive experience of over four decades in research and teaching. Prof. Buragohain had stints in academic governance- first as the Registrar of Tezpur University (16/06/08 to 06/06/13) and later as the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University from 10/06/13 to 18/07/18.

Prof. Ananta Kumar Nath, who had served the University as the Head of Hindi Dept. from Feb. 2010 to Feb. 2013 superannuated from the University service on 31/12/18.

Mr. Babul Talukdar, who had joined the University as Assistant Finance Officer on 13/04/94 superannuated from the University service as Joint Registrar (A) on 31/08/19.

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Gandhi Jayanti observed

On the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 02, 2019, Tezpur University celebrated the momentous occasion with a host of activities. The celebration started with "Swachhta Hi Sewa" followed by other programmes. The students and the University community performed Swachhta Abhiyan. Later a Talk on "Full Effort is Full Victory" was organised where the invited guest, Mr. Om Prakash Bagaria, a former IITian and a noted entrepreneur of Tezpur deliberated the virtues of Gandhism.

- A National Seminar on Book History in North-East India was organized by The Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas, Department of Cultural Studies during 11 - 12 February 2019.
- Department of Physics organized a UGC-SAP (DRS II) Sponsored Second National Conference on Hard and Soft Condensed Matter Physics (Nch-scmp-2019) during March 4-6, 2019.
- The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized a national seminar on English in India: Curricular, Cultural and Critical Shifts during 28-29 March, 2019.
- An interactive session cum lecture with all the students of Business Administration was taken by Prof. Ch. Ibohah Meitei, Manipur University on 30 April, 2019
- The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism observed National Public Relations Day on 21 April, 2019.
- 3rd Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Uma Chakravarti on November 06, 2019. The lecture was on the theme 'Buddhism, Secular Humanism and Another Way of Being'.
- Department of Cultural Studies organised a Workshop on Videography and Editing during 19 – 25 March 2019. Mr Tarun Bharatiya, a national award winning film-maker was the resource person present on the workshop.
- On the occasion of birth and death anniversary of Chandra Prabha Saikiani on 19 March, 2019, the Centre for Women Studies organised a lecture delivered by a noted environmental activist, Vandana Shiva.
- 63rd Mahaparinirvana Diwas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar – The University observed 63rd Mahaparinirvana Diwas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by offering Floral Tribute. During the occasion gloves & half jackets were distributed to Sulabh workers.
- Academic excursion for the 3rd Semester MTTM Students of the Department of Business Administration to Bhutan was organised during 22-28 December 2018.
- The Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University organised an Induction Training of Faculty during June 11 – July 10, 2019. The training program provided the teachers new skills and discussed the latest development in the academic world.

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Collection of Rare Musical Instruments

The Department of Cultural Studies has collected some rare folk instruments of Assam (including Raamtaal, Ektara, Tokari, Dagar, Chilkhol, Baagdheni, Jengtong, Ghunkong, Garo Kham, Juria Pepa, Badulichunga and others) for display in the Cultural Interpretation Centre developed under the aegis of the UGC's Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area. These instruments were collected from Mr. Dwijen Gogoi.

"Research Integrity Awareness Workshop"

In order to distinguish between standard and predatory, dubious, deceptive journals and to ensure that Indian academic work appears only in standard journals, Tezpur University along with University Grants Commission (UGC) co-hosted a "Research Integrity Awareness Workshop" on August 26, 2019 at the Council Hall of the University.

The workshop introduced UGC initiatives in academic integrity and quality improvement programmes along with a roundtable and a workshop component. About 200 participants from the East Zone states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal took part in the workshop. The participants included key university officials, head of institutions, especially from the IQAC, academicians, researchers, editors and publishers.



Workshop on Manuscript

Manuscript Conservation Centre, TU in collaboration with National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi organised a National Workshop on Preventive Conservation of Documentary Heritage during 21-25th October, 2019 at Department of Cultural Studies. The workshop aimed at preaching awareness and develop preliminary knowledge among the participants from various institutes across north-east India working or having interest for manuscript conservation.

3rd International Day of Yoga held

Tezpur University in collaboration with Yoga Centre and NSS (National Service Scheme) wing of the University joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 5th International Day of Yoga.

Various Yoga related activities, such as, demonstration and exhibition of various yoga asanas and postures, online essay competition on

the theme "Health Development and Nation Building through Yoga" quiz competition on Yoga were held during the day.

A week-long yoga camp for different age groups was also organised under the guidance of Yoga coach Shri Partha Pratim Das and Yoga coordinator of the University, Prof Papori Baruah from 15 - 20 June 2019.

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Colloquium on IP Day 2019

Intellectual Property Day was celebrated in Tezpur University on April 26 under the flagship of TUIPR Cell with an array of programmes that were meant to focus on encouraging innovation and creativity. This year the theme of the celebrations was centred around "Reach for Gold: IP and Sports".

National seminar on differently-abled organised

The Centre for Inclusive Development in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Research and Development for Differently-Abled (IIRDDA), Guwahati, organized a day-long seminar on "Emancipation of Students with Disabilities in Science & Technology" on September 13.

The Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University Prof. V.K. Jain inaugurated the seminar while Prof. D. C. Deha, Vice Chancellor of Madhavdev University, Narayanpur, and Dr. J. N. Nayak, Registrar, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, participated as guests of honour.

The seminar saw a number of participants including PWDs from various states of the country.

Among other dignitaries, Dr. Ramani Barman, Chairman of IIRDDA, Dr. Rajeev K. Doley, Director, CID-TU, and Dr. Jintu Sarmah of TU addressed the participants.



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One Week Faculty Enrichment Programme

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism in collaboration with Teaching and Learning Centre, Tezpur University organised a One Week Faculty Enrichment Programme on Decoding Social Media: Dynamics, Uses and Abuses from 11 to 17 February, 2019.

During the programme, the resource persons and participants made deliberations on the evolutions of social media and its boon and banes.

Some of the resource persons who took part in the weeklong deliberations were Prof. G. Ravindran from Madras University, Prof. T. T. Sreekumar from EFLU, Hyderabad, Dr. M. Shuaib Mohamed Haneef, HoD i/c, Pondicherry University and Ms. Arnika Singh, Programme Manager, Social Media Matters.

North East Youth Conclave held

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University in association with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Delhi organised a three-day North East Youth Conclave from 06-08 September.

The theme of the conclave was Role of youth in contributing towards a culture of Peace and Non-Violence.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Senior Journalist and noted author Samudra Gupta Kashyap as the Chief Guest. Prominent social activist Dibyajyoti Saikia and Gulshan Gupta, the North East Coordinator of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti also spoke on the occasion.

150 youth representatives from 18 different universities across north-east India including Assam University, Silchar, Tripura University, Sikkim Manipal University and Manipur University of Culture participated in the conclave.

Second Industry Academia Conclave

As part of celebration of its silver jubilee, a regional workshop on "Translational Research and Innovation-.....making use of IPR across value chain" was organized on 30th of Dec (Sunday), 2018.

The workshop was attended with 30 select participants from various fields of science and technology, who had one or more technologies in hand and are getting ready for translation in the next level.

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IPR awareness workshop held

IPR awareness workshop on Effective use of Geographical Indication and Trademark in the market for handloom industry: Tezpur University Intellectual Property Rights Cell along with Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai, Government of India and MSME Development Institute, Guwahati, Ministry of MSME, Government of India on 24th October, 2019 organised an IPR awareness workshop on Effective use of Geographical Indication and Trademark in the market for handloom industry on October 24, 2019.



- Mr. Debasis Sarkar, a pioneer in Observational Astronomy and its popularization and the Secretary of the Sky Watchers Association of North Bengal (SWAN) delivered a talk on India's Lunar Mission 'Chandrayaan' at the Tezpur University Observatory premises (rooftop of the SAIC building) on 5th September.
- Tezpur University along with the Nation celebrated Jal Diwas on 22nd July, 2019 as a part of Jal Shakti Abhiyan by Government of India. The celebration of the Jal Diwas was initiated by the AICTE Cell, Tezpur University. An essay writing competition on "Water Conservation, Flood and Assam: A perspective solution" was held among the University students on the occasion.
- The University organized an orientation programme for newly admitted students on July 26, 2019 to welcome its new batch of students. The orientation programme included lectures on "Academics and Evaluation System" of the University, General Conduct, Student Support Systems among others.
- Dr. Amit Rahul Baishya from the Department of English, University of Oklahoma, US delivered a talk on "Alien Motion: Encounters with Otherness in 'The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating'" in the Seminar Hall, Department of Cultural Studies on 25th July 2019.
- "Walk to the Library" programme was organised at the new academic session in order to inculcate the habit of reading books and visiting the library amongst the new students and research scholars. The event was organised on 30th July, 2019 under the guidance of Prof D.K. Bhattacharrya, Dean of Academic Affairs.
- Tezpur University organised Town Official Language Implementation Committees (TOLIC) meeting on July 05, 2019 amongst its member at Tezpur University.

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Department of Social Work organised a Consultative workshop on 'Optimal Models of Course on Nutrition on 22 December.



- Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture Series (Second Lecture) on the theme "Philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar in the Context of North-eastern Region" was delivered by Dr. C.J. Thomas (ICSSR-NERC) on 10 May, 2019.
- Department of Energy organized "National Symposium on Sustainable Waste Management (SWM 2019)" under the aegis of ISWMAW on 3 August 2019.
- Academic excursion for the 3rd Semester MTTM Students of the Department of Business Administration to Bhutan was organised during 22-28 December, 2019.
- Tezpur University celebrated 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 14 April, 2019.
- TU celebrated Hindi Fortnight during 01-14 September, 2019 with participation from students, research scholars, staff and faculty members of the University.
- Arnab Borah, an alumnus of Tezpur University from the department of Computer Science and Engineering delivered a talk on "Creating an effective personalized strategy to have a successful career in Engineering" on 7 November, 2019.
- Department of Sociology organised an International Seminar on Locating Neighbourhood in the Global South on 25 -26 September 2019. This seminar was conceptualised to focus on neighbourhoods, their particularities and their role in shaping our understanding of the urban in the global South.

Flood Relief Activities by Tezpur University Community

Tezpur University community offered their sincere help towards the flood victims of Assam by contributing to the Chief Minister Relief Fund, Assam. Additionally, a team of Prof. D.C.Baruah, Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Choudhury, Dept. of Energy and Mr. Samresh Barman, Public Relations & Informa-

tion Officer visited flood affected jhawani village (one of the adopted villages of the University) and distributed medicines and essential dry foods.

Tezpur University Teachers Association also distributed relief materials in the greater Gutlong area(K).

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Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed

The University on October 31, 2019 observed the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrated as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" in collaboration with the Sashastra Seema Bal(SSB).

To mark the celebration of the National Unity Day, a pledge taking ceremony was organised.

Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor,

Tezpur University administered the Ekta Diwas pledge and flagged off the Unity Run. SSB jawans, led by their commandant, Shri Madhukar Amitabh also participated in the unity run.

Apart from hundreds of University students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers of the University, Biren Das, Registrar, Prof. Dhanapati Deka,

Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Amiya Kumar Das, programme coordinator NSS, Dr. Hitesh Sharma, faculty Incharge, NCC, Dr. Bhupali Kashyap, Cultural Officer participated in the Run-for-Unity.

In the evening, an essay competition was organised by NSS, Tezpur University on Sardar Patel's life and work.

- T&P Cell organized a session on "How to start your UPSC journey" for interested UPSC aspirants on 30th October, 2019 at Dean's Gallery, School of Engineering, Shri Padmanabh Baruah, IPS was the distinguished Speaker on the occasion.
- Department of Computer Science & Engineering is offering New Masters Programme M. Tech in Computer Science & Engineering approved by AICTE.
- Tezpur University launched alumni web portal: The University for the greater interest of TU alumni community launched an alumni web portal <https://tuaa.tezu.ernet.in/>. Through the portal all TU alumni can register and access to various information and facilities of the University.
- As part of the Ministry of External Affairs' Distinguished Lecture, where experts share their views/opinions on contemporary foreign policy themes, Ambassador Dilip Sinha IFS (Retd.) delivered a talk on the topic "India's Contribution to the United Nations" on October 17, 2019 at the KBR auditorium of the University.
- Under the guidance of Dr. Kishor Baruah of Dept. of Physics, a special sky watching (Moon viewing through telescope) along with astronomy video show was organised on 3rd October, 2019 by the Astronomy Club of the University for the children (from little kid to 12 years of age) at the roof top of the SAIC building.
- Department of Cultural Studies organised a workshop on 'Drama, Scripting, Designing, Acting and Music' as a part of "Kartik Hazarika National Theatre Festival 2019", in the Chandraprabha Saikiani Bhawan, Tezpur University during 6-8 January 2019.

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XVI Convocation of Tezpur University held

Tezpur University organised its XVI Convocation on December 27, 2018 at Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha auditorium of the University with a total of 1132 students been conferred upon Degrees and Diplomas.

Amongst them, 51 were awarded PhDs, 674 were Masters, 352 were Under Graduates (B.Tech/B.Sc/BA), 25 were PG Diplomas and 30 were Degrees and Diplomas under the Open and Distance Learning programmes.

Professor (Dr.) Ramesh C. Deka, Professor Emeritus & Advisor to Director Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna and Former Director, AIIMS, New Delhi was the Chief Guest, while Hon'ble Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi presided over the Convocation as the Chancellor of the University.



Fit India Movement celebrated

The University celebrated Fit India Movement on the occasion of National Sports Day on August 29, 2019. Led by Prof. Dilip Kumar Saikia, Pro Vice Chancellor of the University, faculty, staff and students of the University wholeheartedly attempted to walk 10,000 steps. As part of the fitness pledge, the walk was organised at 6 AM from the Community hall of the University and all members present on the occasion accomplished the task of walking minimum 10,000 steps. Internal Complaints Committee of the University organised a Sensitization Programme on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace" on August 28, 2019 for all employees of Non-Academic Centres/Cells/Offices of the University.

- The "OrganiX-2018", an International Conference in Chemistry was organized by Department of Chemical Sciences during 20-21 Dec. 2018, Convenor, Dr. Bipul Sarma welcomed over 250 participants from across the globe with 30 eminent speakers. Chairman, Prof. Ashim Jyoti Thakur addressed the gathering with a glimpse of department profile.
- Teaching Learning Centre, TU organized a One Day Workshop on Pedagogical Action Research on 18/06/19.
- International exposure trip was organised by the Department for the MBA students to Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai during 1st week to 3rd week of January 2019.
- The Department of Cultural Studies has incorporated the installation of 'Wall of Heroes' - A 'Wall of Heroes' on freedom fighters who fought against the British and lesser known in our history was inaugurated by Professor Vinod Kumar Jain, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University on 30th of January 2019.



As a part of the Women Studies lecture initiatives Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies organized a talk on 22nd February, 2019. Ms. Kamla Bhasin, noted social activist delivered the talk.

- Sampark an industry-academia interaction was organised by the Department of Business Administration on the theme of Sampark... the interface: Act East: Unveiling the Opportunities held on 14-16 February 2019.
- Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology organized a National Workshop on Whole Genome Data Analysis using Computational Framework and Tools During 24-25 January 2019.
- Special alumni meet was organized on 19th January, 2019 at TU's KBR auditorium on the occasion of the closing ceremony of silver jubilee celebrations of TU. The meet was attended by most of the senior professors, faculty and other employees who are TU alumni. The TU Alumni chapter of Bengaluru participated in the meet through Skype.
- The Department of Cultural Studies under the aegis of UGC's SAP DRS-II organized a National Seminar on 'Understanding the Sacred' during on 25 - 26 February 2019.
- Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the University carried out Department/ hostel Level Sensitization programme on Prevention of sexual harassment at work place for students on 20-21st February 2019. ICC also organised Sensitization programme on Prevention of sexual harassment at campus for all the security staff and local vendors on 19th & 26th March 2019.
- The first edition of the silver jubilee alumni meet was organised by the department of Business Administration on 25th May 2019 at the department premises.

Training & Placement

Training & Placement Cell (T&P) of Tezpur University witnessed another fruitful placement season for the batch of 2019.

More than 50 organisations conducted recruitment for our students with an annual CTC ranging from Rs. 2 lakh to 11.5 lakhs. T&P invited companies from various fields in order to make opportunities available to all streams of students and many leading corporates recruited students from our campus.

This year also we placed more than 90% of our Management students on campus. Some of our alumni have also taken initiative to bring their organisations for campus placement. All the activities of the Cell are led by the team of Training and Placement office along with the faculty coordinators at department level and student Coordinators from different programmes.

We have also started the campus recruitment process for 2020 passing out students and the Cell maintains a constant contact with its students through Emails and WhatsApp groups and notify them about the companies that would be visiting.

As a part of Industry interaction & collaboration the cell ar-

ranges preparatory and motivational talks by various industry experts from different fields for the benefit of students. The cell also regularly organizes appropriately designed grooming sessions before the actual placement activities take place. The grooming sessions comprises both soft skill training and technical trainings.

Organization like Oil India, BCPL, Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Wipro, Britannia Industries, Cognizant, Concept Education, SBI Life, AMUL, DHL, RBL Finserve, Cummins India, ICICI Bank, Mahindra Finance, Axis Bank, Cholamandalam Finance & Investment, Bandhan Bank, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas, Qua Qua Experiences, Zaloni, LOADSHARE, UTI AMC Ltd, Gandhi Fellowship-Piramal Foundation, Svantra Microfin Pvt. Ltd., Federal Bank, MRF Tyres, Apollo Tyres, Berger Paints, GlaxoSmithKline, Blueberry Digital Labs, Schoogle, Crompton Greave Electrical Pvt Ltd, Azim Premji Foundation, Greenwood, Ramoji Film City, Sesta, ASOMI FINANCE, Montex Glass Fibre Industries, Arohan Finance, Uflex, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC AMC, UNICEF, Vintta Labs, Teach for India, E TV and many more conducted recruitment process for our university students.



Important international/national collaborations



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tezpur University and the University of Auckland, New Zealand on 18 March 2019. Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dilip Kumar Saikia signed on behalf of Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, Professor Vinod Kumar Jain while Professor Diane Brand, Dean of Creative Arts and Industries and Dr. Ralph Buck, Associate Dean, International Creative Arts and Industries signed on behalf of the University of Auckland. The MoU would facilitate academic exchange between the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University and the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland.

Tezpur University signed MoU with Queen's University Belfast: In a significant initiative to tap mutually beneficial opportunities for collaborative research and building capacities of human resource, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University (TU) and Prof. Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast (QUB) in the presence of key functionaries from both the universities on 02.05.2019. The MoU has a number of provisions for the benefit of students and faculty members of both the universities.

The University signed an MoU

with Issar Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad on 18/07/2019 to carry out studies involving pre-clinical and clinical assessment of peptide-based anticoagulant and antithrombotic drug(s) for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

- An MoU is signed between Tezpur University and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) at New Delhi on 21 November 2019. Prof V K Jain, VC, Tezpur University and Prof Manoj Pant, Director, IIFT signed the MoU for furtherance of mutual research and academic collaborations between these two institutions.
- The University signed an MoU for academic collaboration with Defence Research Laboratory (DRL) on October 03, 2019.
- The University signed an MoU with Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on November 18, 2019.
- The University entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI) on August 22, 2019.
- Tezpur University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden: The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with KTH Royal

Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden to work together in the fields of Education and Research. A team from KTH led by Prof Rajeev Thottappillil visited Tezpur University during 10-12 May, 2018 as per the invitation of Prof D C Baruah, Department of Energy, TU.

- A formal ceremony for exchange of MoU between TU and Advanced Materials Processes Research Institute (AMPRI) was organised on October 24, 2019. Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director, AMPRI Bhopal was present on the occasion. The formal ceremony of exchange of MoU was followed by interaction/discussion. TU and AMPRI signed the MoU last year.

Celebration of 125 years of Miri Jiyori (one of the first novels of Assamese) On the occasion of 125 years of Miri Jiyori, Centre for Assamese Studies on 10th May, 2019 organised a Panel Discussion on the theme "Assamese Novel, Emergence and Growth". The University students also performed the play Miri Jiyori (an adaptation of the original novel) in the evening during the occasion.



Republic Day:

The University celebrated the 70th Republic Day with great fervor and joy with a daylong programme.

The day started with a cycle rally by the students followed by hoisting of the National Flag in the playground of the University by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V.K.Jain. It was followed by a program of patriotic songs/chorus/group dance by the students of the University, Takshashila Vidyapeeth and Kendriya Vidyalaya.

A friendly cricket match by the employees of the University was also played along with various other sporting activities.

Independence Day:

The University community celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with a daylong programme. Prof. V.K.Jain, Vice Chancellor hoisted the National Tricolour in the playground of the University. The unfurling of the flag was followed by a program of patriotic songs, dances presented by the University students and students of Taxashila Vidyapith and Kendriya Vidyalaya, CUT.



- "InSCIgnis" organised on the occasion of National Science Day: On the occasion of National Science Day observed every year throughout the country to commemorate the invention of the Raman Effect by the noted Indian physicist, Sir C.V. Raman, the University too celebrated the day with great enthusiasm and joy. Tezpur University's annual science fest showcased an array of activities ranging from experimentation and designing, astronomy exhibition, quizzes, workshops, fun events and lecture series from eminent scientists from around the globe. Apart from the lecture series, workshops and other mentioned activities, a book fair was also organized during the event.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



- On the occasion of death anniversary of Kalaguru Bishnuprasad Rabha, the University remembered the great cultural icon of the state by organizing a cultural program. Renowned singer and scholar Shri Pulak Banerjee graced the occasion as Invited Guest.
- The death anniversary of Srimanta Sankaradev, the great social reformer, Vaishnava saint and doyen of Assamese culture and literature was observed in a be-

fitting manner at the University. Prof. Malinee Goswami, a noted scholar in Sankaradeva Studies delivered a talk on the occasion.

- The University paid rich tributes to Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore on his Birth Anniversary by observing Rabindra Jayanti at the screening hall of the Dept of Mass Communication and Journalism.
- The University organized "Shilpi Divas" on January 17, 2019 to remember Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad

Agarwala at the Council Hall. Dr Charu Saharia, noted scholar graced the occasion as the invited speaker.

- The University offered rich tributes to Dr Bhupen Hazarika on his 8th Death Anniversary. Dr Mausumi Saharia, noted scholar on Dr Bhupen Hazarika studies and a renowned singer graced the occasion as Special Guest to deliver a talk and sang a few renditions of Dr Bhupen Hazarika on the occasion.





National Festival

The 34th Inter University National Youth Festival Organized by Chandigarh University, Gharuan, during February 01-05, 2019.

Quiz	: 1st Position
Folk Orchestra	: 4th Position
Western Instrumental	: 4th Position

Zonal Festival

The 34th Inter University Zonal Youth festival organised by Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar, during January 03-07, 2019.

Quiz	: 1st Position
Folk Orchestra	: 1st Position
Cultural Procession	: 2nd Position
Elocution	: 2nd Position
Western Vocal Solo	: 2nd Position
Western Instrumental Solo	: 2nd Position
Clay Modelling	: 3rd Position

35th East Zone Inter University Youth Festival

Tezpur University participated in the 35th Inter University East Zone Youth Festival christened as 'KARMOTSAV 2019' organized by The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India during November 11-15, 2019.

A total of 23 universities across the East Zone participated in the festival.

Tezpur University adjudged the **BEST MUSIC TEAM.**

1. Quiz	- 1st
2. Western Vocal Solo	- 1st
3. Classical Vocal Solo	- 2nd
4. Folk Orchestra	- 2nd
5. Western Group Song	- 2nd
6. One Act Play	- 3rd
7. Mehendi	- 3rd
8. Group Song Indian	- 4th
9. Light Vocal	- 4th
10. Debate	- 5th



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