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Tezpur University Convocation

Tezpur University organised its XVII Convocation on December 23, 2019, at Kalaguru Bishnuprasad Rabha auditorium of the University. A total of 1275 students had been conferred upon Degrees and Diplomas amongst which, 82 were awarded PhDs, 749 Masters, 402 Under Graduates (B.Tech/B.Sc/BA), and 42 Diplomas and PG Diplomas.

Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), and Former Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest, while Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi presided over the Convocation as the Chancellor of the University.

27th Foundation Day of Tezpur University Observed



Amidst ecstatic fervor and enthusiasm, Tezpur University observed its 27th Foundation Day on January 21, 2020, with a host of activities.

Prof. Ved Prakash, noted academician and former Chairperson, University Grants Commission, participated as Distinguished Guest on the occasion and delivered the Foundation Day Oration 1.

Following the above, the Chief Guest, Dr. Kuladhar Saikia, former Director General of Police (DGP), Assam and the President-elect of Assam Sahitya Sabha delivered the Foundation Day Oration 2.



From the Vice Chancellor

While the University was agog with academic activities during the Spring Semester 2020, the novel Corona Virus pandemic erupted bringing about a total disruption in the University's academic environment just as the case with other educational institutions around the world. As a result, the University was compelled to close down from March 19, 2020, in order to ensure safety of students. It is to the credit of the faculty, students and staff of our University that despite the unprecedented pandemic, the teaching-learning processes of all batches could be continued in the online mode. This has also enabled the University to conduct the Semester-end Examination of the Spring Semester and declare the results in time.

Tezpur University has extended all possible cooperation to the government administration by hosting a quarantine centre on the campus in this hour of national crisis. I must also appreciate on record the exemplary restraint and conduct displayed by the TU community in observing the guidelines issued by the central and state governments. The University will be following the guidelines and advisories issued from time to time by the MHRD/UGC with regard to academic activities including the admission process. In these testing times, some of our developmental works on the campus have been affected significantly. We are trying to carry out our infrastructural development works in the best possible way. The University is trying its best to complete the ongoing projects in a reasonable time frame. I hope, the current situation would improve and we would be able to get back to our normal way of functioning soon. It is only then the students will get back to the campus. But in the interim, the entire teaching-learning process is going to be in the online mode only.

I wish each member of the University community safe and healthy days ahead.

Jai Hind.

V. K. Jain

Vice Chancellor

News, Events, Conferences, Seminars & Workshops

Workshop on Hengul-Haital Painting Tradition of Early Assam

A workshop on Hengul-Haital Painting Tradition of Early Assam was organized from 16 to 21 February 2020. The workshop was an outreach activity to help the society in a much-needed restoration of worn out valuable traditional woodcarvings and revival of a dying art form - paintings of woodcarvings with Hengul-Haital and other traditional pigments of early and medieval Assam. This is the third in a series of workshops started with the support of Tezpur University.

The restoration of some worn-out woodcarvings following the traditional painting style has been rigorously practiced in the workshop. A team of 28 people have been trained in the tradition. Moreover, a team of 13 expert artists have been prepared through the workshop, who now can take up similar restoration works or artworks independently.

National Conclave on Children, Youth and Women

The Centre for Inclusive Development, Tezpur University, in collaboration with UNICEF, organized a national conclave on “Synergizing Knowledge, Policy and Practice for Vulnerable Children, Youth and Women” during January 27 – 28, 2020.



Workshop on “Analytical Techniques in Chemical Sciences”

The Department of Chemical Sciences in association with Teaching Learning Centre (TLC), Tezpur University, organized a week-long workshop on “Analytical Techniques in Chemical Sciences” from January 20 to 25, 2020. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness among the young researchers and faculty members about the recent developments and importance of modern Analytical Techniques.

Remembering Prof Dolon Konwer

The 9th Prof Dolon Konwer Memorial Lecture was organized by the Department of Energy, on January 20, 2020.

Dr Pranjali Kumar Gogoi, JSPS fellow & Assistant Professor, Tezpur University, delivered a lecture on the topic “Understanding the Atomic World Using Electrons and Photons” on the occasion.

National Seminar on Reading and Writing about the Lives in Northeast India

The Department of Sociology organized a National Seminar on “Reading and Writing about the Lives in Northeast India” during February 3 - 4, 2020. The Seminar provided a platform for the researchers to discuss, develop, and present their works before an engaged audience. There were interactive sessions between young and experienced researchers to improve articulation of ideas, writing style, and the political- ethical concerns

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ProGyan 2.0 Organized

Tezpur University organized “ProGyan 2.0, the mindfest”, the second edition of Debate and Quiz festival during February 29 - March 1, 2020. Supported by the petroleum exploration giant of Assam, Oil India Limited, the event featured Swachh Bharat as its core theme coinciding with the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



Ace Quizmaster Barry O'Brien conducted an Open Quiz on March 1, 2020 that saw keen contest amongst 106 teams registering from across the region, and beyond. An inter-institutional debate on the topic “Gandhiji’s Ramrajya can be accomplished through Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” was also organized as a part of the event.

World Environment Day 2020 Celebrated

The celebration comprised four events namely, tree plantation, webinar, online photography competition and online painting competition. The first event of the programme was ‘tree plantation’ led by Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, on the University premises on June 5, 2020. Prof. Jain delivered a webinar on “Environmental concerns and overview” on the same day. Online photography and painting competitions were also organized on the theme “Biodiversity during pandemic Covid-19 or Post Covid-19”.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Tezpur University under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (a flagship programme under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, aimed at bringing about rural transformation by engaging the knowledge, skill and expertise of higher educational institutions across the country) has adopted five villages, viz., Amolapam, Napaam, Adabari, No.3 Jhawani and Harigaon. A team of faculty members from Tezpur University conducted several awareness and development activities such as Gaon Sabhas at these villages.

Training on conducting the inquiries of sexual harassment

A training on conducting the inquiries of sexual harassment and standard operating procedure for conducting enquiries for ICC Members was held on February 21, 2020. Ms. Anurita Hazarika, State Director - North East Network (NEN), Guwahati, was invited to conduct the training programme. She explained the inquiry process with the help of certain cases she handled as an external member in a few ICCs. She also provided resource materials to help make the policy for TU. At the end of the session there was a detailed discussion with the resource person on a real-life scenario of sexual harassment that could happen in any educational institution and the measures to be followed by the ICC.

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Faculty Development Programs

- The Department of Commerce organized an online five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Emerging Business Issues” during May 11-15, 2020. As many as 186 faculty members, teaching in the domain of commerce and management from different states of the country as well as abroad participated in the FDP.
- The Teaching Learning Centre and IQAC, Tezpur University, jointly conduct a “Hands-on Workshop on Integration of Basic ICT Tools in Teaching Pedagogy” during June 8-9, 2020, for the teaching fraternity of Tezpur University. The primary objective of the Workshop was to enable the teachers to use household ICT tools for creation and dissemination of e-resources. Altogether 91 faculty members from the University participated in the workshop.
- The Department of Education organized a one-day webinar on “Reorienting Academic Leadership, Pedagogy and Research in the Time of Crisis” on May 30, 2020. A total of 1985 members registered for the webinar from 27 states of India and over 9500 people watched the session on Facebook live.
- The Department of Assamese organized a national webinar on “Contemporary Assamese Literature” on June 12, 2020. The panelists discussed the ways in which twenty-first century has brought about revolutionary social, economic, and political changes with extensive impacts on Assamese literature. The webinar also threw lights on the new experimental techniques of writing in contemporary Assamese literature.
- The Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women’s Studies organized a webinar on “Women and Health Inequalities: An Action Approach during Covid 19 Crisis” on June 24, 2020. The panelists discussed how the COVID- 19 crisis has affected women’s health amidst a situation in which women are not getting the required medical attention.
- The Centre also organized a webinar on “Mental Health crisis during Covid-19 Pandemic: A Gender Dimension” on June 30, 2020. The panelists discussed how the pandemic has widened the inequalities between men and women in terms of economy, labour and employment. Issues of increased domestic violence and intimate partner violence in times of COVID-19 were also discussed during the webinar.

64th Mahaparinirvana Diwas of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

On December 6, 2019, the 64th Mahaparinirvana Diwas was observed in the office of Dr. Ambedkar Chair at the School of HSS Building, TU. The observation was led by Prof. P. K. Das, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences and honorary member of Local Advisory Committee, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, who paid his floral tribute to one of the greatest Indians of all times. This was followed by a deliberation by Prof. K. Kikhi, Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair about the day and achievements of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar. Thereafter, a floral tribute was offered by faculty members, scholars, students, and staff members of TU fraternity, and a two-minute silence was observed in the honour of the great man.

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Webinars Organized

- Dr. Ashalata Devi acted as an 'Expert Speaker' in a webinar organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board during the celebration of International Day of Biological Diversity, 2020. She delivered a talk on “People, Culture and Biodiversity: an emphasis on sacred groves of Assam” on May 21, 2020.
- Dr. Ashalata Devi was a resource person in the national webinar on “Environment concerns: problems and prospective solutions” organized by Barnagar College, Sorbhog, Assam, in collaboration with Assam Science Society, Barnagar Branch, June 29 and 30, 2020. She delivered a keynote talk on “Understanding environment and biodiversity: problems and concerns of deforestation in North-East India” on June 29.
- Central Library organized a webinar on “Strategies for searching IEEE Explore” on July 2, 2020, under the User Awareness Programme. The main objective of the webinar was to explore new features of IEEE Open Access, Code Ocean, and IEEE data port. The webinar also discussed the strategies for searching IEEE for Practicing Engineers & Scientists. A total of 300 participants attended the webinar.
- Central Library organized a webinar on "Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) - ShodhShuddhi" in association with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on June 27 2020. Shri Manoj Kumar K., Scientist E (CS) of the INFLIBNET Centre was the resource person of the webinar. More than 1500 participants took part in the webinar from different parts of the country.
- Central Library organized a webinar on “Academic & Research Support Services with ProQuest” on June 17, 2020.
- Central Library organized a Live EBSCO's webinar on June 9, 2020, on “Evolution of Discovery” by Mike Mackinnon.
- Central Library organized an online workshop on “Academic Integrity with Turnitin” on June 3, 2020, for research scholars and faculty members of the University.
- The Society for Advancement of Librarianship (SAL) in collaboration with the Central Library, TU, organized a webinar on “BIBLIOMETRIX-BIBLIOSHINY: An Open-Source Software for Bibliometrics and Scientometrics Data Analysis” on May 23, 2020. A total 1300 LIS professionals registered for this webinar.
- Central Library organized a webinar on "Increase your research productivity by using EBSCO Academic and Research Ultimate" in collaboration with EBSCO on May 5, 2020.
- A half-day workshop was organized by Central Library on “Manupatra, a legal database” for Department of Law, TU, on 24 January 2020 at Conference Room, Central Library, TU.
- Central Library organized a half-day workshop on “Use and Awareness Program on Supreme Court Cases Online (SSC Online)” for the Department of Law under the Information Literacy Programme of the Library. The programme was held on February 25, 2020.

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Research Methodology Workshop

A ten-day research methodology workshop was organized by the Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, during Nov. 27 - Dec. 6, 2019. The theme of the workshop was "Researching Disadvantaged Status in India". The workshop was an attempt to orient/hone research aptitude among the scholars working in the areas of disadvantaged status. Moreover, considering the importance of interdisciplinarity in the comprehension of the dynamic nature of social reality, the workshop attempted to provide orientation to different relevant disciplines.

Skill Development for the Socially Disadvantaged

As per the mandate and commitment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair towards betterment of disadvantaged lives, the Chair in collaboration with Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies and Department of Social Work made an attempt to impart skills for individual development to the residents of the Harijan colony of Tezpur town in March 2020. The skills selected for this training were related to stitching and fungiculture (Mushroom). Ms. Maya Rani Borah and Mr. Ganga Ram Dahal, resource persons for the programme, conducted practical sessions for the benefit of around 35 individuals.

Events of the Department of Chemical Sciences

The 'Arsiron Nilogon' and 'Fluoride Nilogon' methods developed by a team of scientists led by Prof. Robin Kumar Dutta to remove arsenic and fluoride from contaminated drinking water respectively, received a new dimension with the involvement of agencies like UNICEF, Jal Sakti Ministry, WaterAid India and Art of Living. Ten big and small workshops have been organized for the popularization of the methods during the year. Various organizations have been associated with the work through three MoUs signed with the Department.

129th Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

On the 129th Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, a formal tribute was paid by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU, on April 14, 2020. In the face of the lockdown situation on the campus and beyond, the Chair conveyed wishes for 'social parity and harmonious existence' through emails and highlighted messages on the webpage of Dr. Ambedkar Chair.

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Events Organized by the MCJ Department

Department of Mass Communication & Journalism organized a series of events at the Department. They include:

- An Invited lecture by Kuladhar Saikia, IPS (Retd), President, Assam Sahitya Sabha and Ex-DGP, Assam, on January 21, 2020.
- An Invited lecture by Leena Sharma, Senior Indian Railway Service Officer, NF Railways Guwahati and former Chief Public Relations Officer of NFR on January 21, 2020.
- The first Tezpur Queer Film Festival organized on March 12, 2020.
- A 'Hall of Fame' in the field of Communication Studies was inaugurated by eminent communication scholars Prof. Jan Serveas, Prof. Patchanee Malikhao and Prof. B. P Sanjay on December 11, 2019.
- A five-day workshop on "Participatory Audio Video Production" conducted by Mr. Debarun Dutta, Drishti, Ahmedabad during January 22-26, 2020. The workshop was attended by students of the Department along with 30 school children from three different schools in the vicinity of Tezpur University. Three PV productions emerged out of the workshop.
- Third semester students of the MA C4D programme of the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism engaged with children in three schools in the vicinity of Tezpur University - Naapam MV School, Borghat HS School, and Panchmile HS School, and worked towards building their skills for communication and social mobilization. They assisted the children generating communication material on a specific issue in local language and then become agents of social change within their community. The three groups facilitated a group of children from class 7 and 8 to carry out communication campaigns on three issues - promoting better nutrition among students (Naapaam MV school), facilitating enhanced participation of the child cabinet for the better management of the school (F.A Ali Ahmed School, Barghat) and promoting clean classrooms and inculcating good habits among students (Panchmile HS School).
- The department worked as media campaign consultant for road safety programme for the District of Sonitpur, Assam. As part of consultancy initiative, the Department drafted the media campaign to be circulated in the district to involve youth. The campaign also contributed to generate new message design and ideas about road safety.



Awards and Achievements

Tezpur University starts Centre for Public Policy

Tezpur University has started a first of its kind, policy think tank 'Centre for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG)' that aims to be a pioneer in the field of evidence-based research and advocacy to inform and influence public policy in India with special emphasis on North East India. UNICEF would be the technical support partner to Tezpur University in establishing the centre and facilitating implementation of its roadmap for the next few years.

This centre has been modeled to be an interdisciplinary organization with faculty members from various departments associated as experts in their domains of research. Tezpur University has been closely working in collaboration with UNICEF and many other agencies for the past few years through field research, workshops, seminars, etc. to inform the Government for achieving improved delivery of social sector services and influence proactive policies.

Centre of Excellence status awarded to Dept. of Environmental Science

Department of Environmental Science has been awarded Centre of Excellence (CoE) under National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.

FRSC Awarded to TU Faculty

Prof. Sankar Chandra Deka of Department of Food Engineering & Technology has been awarded the prestigious Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC). Prof. Deka is currently working as a Professor at the Department of Food Engineering & Technology, Tezpur University.

Alumnus of TU joins IMA

Mr. Pritam Borah, an alumnus of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT), joined the prestigious post of Lieutenant in the Indian Army on June 13, 2020, at IMA, Dehradun, after qualifying the Combined Defence Services Exam. He was a student of Integrated MBBT (during 2013-16).

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Achievement	Department	Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Pradyumna Kr. Choudhury was granted a patent for his invention titled "Digital Occupancy Meter for Commercial Passenger Vehicles". 	Energy	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Niranjana Karak (jointly with Dr. Bibekananda De) was granted a patent for their invention titled 'A tough synthetic low dielectric hyperbranched epoxy thermoset and a process of preparation thereof'. 	Chemical Sciences	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Shashi Baruah of the Dept. of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology was elected as a Council Member of the prestigious International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS). 	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Pankaj Bharali, Assistant Professor and Mr. Biraj Jyoti Borah, Senior Technical Assistant of the Department of Chemical Sciences visited Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Novosibirsk, Russia under ongoing DST-RFBR (Indo-Russian) collaborative project. 	Chemical Sciences	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. P. Deb, Coordinator TUIPR Cell and Professor at the Department of Physics was conferred with S. Ramachandran National BIO-Science Award for career development for 2017-18 by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. 	Physics	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	Cultural Studies	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Pabitra Nath, Associate Professor, Department of Physics was selected for INSA-bilateral exchange program 2019 under which he had visited the University of Hebrew, Jerusalem Israel for a period of two weeks. 	Physics	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. S.K. Dolui was awarded National Technology Innovation Award, 2019 by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. 	Chemical Sciences	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. N. S. Islam was awarded Professor D. P. Chakraborty Commemoration Award by Indian Chemical Society 	Chemical Sciences	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. N. Karak was appointed as Associate Editor for Journal of Renewable Materials-2019-20 	Chemical Sciences	2019

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. R.C.Deka was appointed as Council member of CRSI for the period of 2020-2023 	Chemical Sciences	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. ArnabJyoti Arya, a former student of MA in C4D programme, published his first Assamese origin storybook from Pratham Books "ডাৰৰআৰুনাই" and its translation "Anuradha Dances the Bihu". 	MCJ	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dina Abu Zara, student of MCJ (second semester), was awarded prize in Insight Plus contest for writing on a local issue in The Assam Tribune. 	MCJ	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Social Work participated in the regional level Social Work meet 'Ekayan' organized by Dibrugarh University. The following are the details of the awards received by the team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Play competition: First Position Project proposal presentation: Second position 	Social Work	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Niharika Kashyap won the Best poster award at ETCS 2020, an international conference organized by Gauhati University on 13-15th February 2020. 	Chemical Sciences	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Rituparna Duarah was awarded a Postdoctoral research fellowship at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. 	Chemical Sciences	2020

Activities carried out by Tezpur University to combat COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to the entire world. India had to impose a nation-wide lockdown to contain the virus. Tezpur University, in accordance with advisories issued by the Govt. of India has taken several steps to prevent the outbreak in the campus.

1. Postponement of Mid Term Examinations and vacating the hostels: The Mid Semester Examinations, scheduled from 14.03.2020, were postponed midway w.e.f 17.03.2020. The students, Ph.D. scholars and project staff residing in hostels vacated their hostels by 18.03.2020. However, the foreign students were allowed to stay in the hostels.

2. Online classes for students/work from home: The faculty members were advised to conduct online classes. Accordingly, most teachers including contractual and guest teachers conducted online lectures through different digital platforms such as Zoom, WebEx, Goto, Google Classroom, YouTube, etc. All employees worked from home during the first lockdown period.

3. Constitution of COVID-19 Task Force: A COVID-19 Task Force was constituted in the University to carry out various activities related to protecting the University community from the virus. The Task Force maintained a strict vigil on the situation and offered valuable inputs taking into consideration advisories issued by the World Health Organization, Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam from time to time.

4. Postponement/Cancellation of Tezpur University Entrance Examination (TUEE): TUEE, which was scheduled to be held during the period of May 29-31, 2020, was postponed and subsequently cancelled in view of the Covid19 pandemic.

5. Constitution of Mental Health Task Force: As per advisory of MHRD, a Mental Health Task Force was constituted in the University. The Task Force has been monitoring the mental health of the students, especially those who are on the campus during lockdown period. In addition to this, faculty members also maintained regular conversations with their respective mentees, through emails, WhatsApp, telephone calls, etc., during this period.

6. Face shields for medical staff to fight COVID-19: The University made two uniquely designed face shields for medical staff to fight against COVID-19. One face shield is 3D printed and the other is made manually in the central workshop of the University.

a. 3D printed face shield: The 3D printed face shields were jointly developed at Embedded Systems and Robotics Lab and Applied Photonics and Nanophotonics Lab at the University, which are supported under the funding of The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and eYantra Project (IIT Bombay) and Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, respectively.

b. Manually prepared face shields: The manually prepared face shields were designed in such a way that the front visor can be adjusted to cover the complete face along with the ears and down to the chest. The face shield also has a better air circulation from the top to the bottom giving comfort to the user while inhaling and exhaling.

The University shared the face shields with Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Gauhati Medical College, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Borgang Catholic Hospital, and Civil Hospital, Tezpur,

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7. Aerosol box for medical staff: Prof. Pabitra Nath of the Dept. of Physics made some Aerosol boxes aimed at reducing risk of exposure to aerosol for medical personnel. These were distributed among hospitals in Tezpur.

8. Centrifuge Machine for medical staff: The Department of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology has shared with Tezpur Medical College & Hospital (TMCH) a centrifuge machine and some other resources to aid testing of COVID-19 samples at TMCH lab.



9. UVC germicidal chambers developed at Tezpur University:

In another move towards tackling COVID-19 pandemic, Tezpur University has developed UVC-germicidal chambers to ensure better safety for the employees of the University. The chamber is useful to sanitize mobile phones, car keys, wallets, etc. which are otherwise difficult to sanitize with chemical solutions. So far, seven UVC germicidal chambers have been developed and installed at different places within the campus. The locations are - Administrative Building, Dean's Building of SoE, Academic Building II, HSS Building, Energy Department, SBITezpur University Branch, and SAIC. The members involved in developing the chambers are Naba Gogoi, Dhruba Deka, Pankaj Bharali, Tridip R. Nath, Mohandra Das and Pulin Kalita. The team has been mentored by Prof. Pabitra Nath of the Dept of Physics.

MoUs signed

Tezpur University signs MoA with SITA

The Department of Energy, TU, on June 12, 2020, inked a Memorandum of Association (MoA) with State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA), Govt. of Assam.

The Department intends to develop a smart platforms for the promotion of renewable energy in Assam with ensured benefits for the local communities.

MoU(s) with Different Organizations

Tezpur University signed Memorandums of Understanding to facilitate collaboration with concerned parties on various issues and projects of importance.

• Issar Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd	18/07/2019
• Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	21/11/19
• B. Borooah Cancer Institute	22/8/2019
• DRL	10/3/2019
• ICAR Ranchi	28/1/2020
• Cotton University	27/1/2020
• Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)	18/11/2019
• Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	27/06/2020



In remembrance of those who had left us

- Prof. Pradipeswar Bhattacharyya who served as the second Vice Chancellor of the University from June 14, 1999 to June 29, 2004 passed away on April 12, 2020 in Bengaluru. A noted academician in the field of Mathematics, Prof Bhattacharyya had served IIT Guwahati as Head, Dept. of Mathematics, prior to joining Tezpur University. He was an alumnus of Cotton College (now Cotton University) and also had taught at IIT Madras. Prof. Bhattacharyya had played a pivotal role in guiding a young University towards progress and development.
- Tezpur University has lost a serving senior faculty member Prof. Ashok Kumar of the Department of Physics. Prof. Kumar passed away on April 7, 2020, during the Covid19 lockdown period. A fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, Prof. Kumar joined Tezpur University on September 23, 1999 as a Reader. A noted physicist and materials scientist, Prof. Kumar obtained his M.Tech and Ph.D. degrees from IIT, Kanpur, in Material Science.
- The University has lost another young and promising faculty member Dr. Tapas Medhi, Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT), who passed away on June 5, 2020. A committed teacher, Dr. Medhi joined Tezpur University on September 27, 2006. He obtained his M.Sc (Agri) from Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, and Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
- In the death of Mr. Eknath Upadhyay, Tezpur University has lost another family member. Mr. Upadhyay who joined the University on October 1, 2000, as “Group D” employee (re-designated as Multi-Tasking Staff) passed away on January 7, 2020.

The Tezpur University community prays to the Almighty for the eternal peace of their souls.

December 2019 to June 2020

1. News and Events

Training & Placement of Students

- The following organizations have conducted campus/virtual hiring events for the students of Tezpur University: Kent RO Systems Limited, VKV Arunachal Pradesh Trust, Bajaj Allianz, Berger Paints India Ltd., Bandhan Bank, PRADAN, Asian Paints, Pratyaksha Agrotech Ltd., Ajmal Foundation, DHL, Kotak Life, UTI Assets Management Co. Ltd., Buyer Foresight, and Oil India Ltd.
- In a highly challenging situation triggered by the Covid19 pandemic, the Training and Placement Cells of the University have been making all out efforts to place students in various organizations. So far, 163 students have been placed and the process is going on mostly in the online mode.

2. Seminars/Workshops/Conferences/Webinars, etc.

- A Career Counseling Workshop “Career opportunities after education” – especially for science background students was organized by the Training & Placement Cell (Non Engineering) on January 21, 2020, with Prof. B. Viswanathan, Professor of Chemistry, IIT Madras as the resource person.
- A webinar on the topic “Job opportunities for MBA in development / public service sector at a time of crisis created by Global Pandemic (Covid19)” was organized by the Training & Placement Cell (Non Engineering) on May 2, 2020, with Mr. Indranath Chatterjee, Senior Consultant, Program Management, North East India GIZ, as the resource person.
- A webinar on the topic “How to crack APSC/UPSC” was conducted by Mr. Rajdeep Lekharu, Director, CSAP, and was organized by the Training & Placement Cell (Non Engineering) in Collaboration with Tezpur University Students’ Council on May 27, 2020.
- A Webinar on “How to create an impressive LinkedIn profile?” by Mr. Tanmay Ranjan Patgiri, Talent Acquisition Analyst, Thomson Reuters, was organized by Training & Placement Cell (Non Engineering) on June 6, 2020.
- A webinar on “The Prospects of Career in Public Policy and Leadership” by Mr. Ankit Bhatia, a political economist and an IIT Kharagpur alumnus, was organized by the Training & Placement Cell (Non Engineering) on June 22, 2020.

Training & Placement Cell (Engineering)

1. News and Events

During the Spring Semester 2020, the Training & Placement Cell (Engineering) conducted the following recruitment events:

1. ITC recruited five from B.Tech Food Engineering & Technology; one from B.Tech Mechanical Engineering by Oil India Limited; one deferred placement in Amalgamated Plantations Pvt. Ltd (A Tata Enterprise) from B.Tech Electrical Engineering, two selected in Wipro Technologies from B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering.

One of the major activities of the Cell is to groom the students to make them industry ready and increase their chances of employability. The Cell also had organized during the period several industry oriented Technical Trainings imparted by resources having substantial industry experience, for the students of the School of Engineering and other Schools of Tezpur University.

Training & Placement Cell (Engineering), Tezpur University, participated in the three-days exhibition “27th Indian Convention of Food Scientists and Technologists (ICFoST) from January 30 February 1, 2020, at Tezpur University.

2. Technical Training & Session by Industry Experts

1. The “Etabs & Staadpro” training was organized by T&P Cell (Engg.) from Jan. to Feb. 2, 2020, where in total 48 students participated

2. “Ansys structure and Ansys CFD” trainings were held from Jan. 18 to Feb. 2, 2020, and a total of 48 students participated.

3. The “MATLAB” Phase-1 Technical Training was conducted from Jan. 24 to 26, 2020 wherein 30 students participated.

4. In the “Java” Technical training held from Feb. 13 to 20, 2020, where a total 30 number of students participated.

5. A two weeks online technical training was held on “Advanced Digital Design Verilog HDL” during the period from Jan. 17 to 25, 2020, and 40 students participated both from UG & PG level.

6. A total of 40 students participated in the “Machine Learning with Python & R” training which was organized from Feb. 17 to March 8, 2020.

7. In the “MATLAB” Phase-2 training which was held from Feb. 28 to March 1, 2020, a total of 30 students participated from UG, PG & PhD programmes.

8. An interactive ninety minutes session by Mr. Sudipta Kr Chakravarty, General Manager, Oil India Ltd., was conducted on the topic “A challenging career & future prospects of the oil sector for an engineering graduate with respect to Technical Learning” on Feb. 24, 2020, where in 45 students participated.

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Sports report

E -Chess Blitz Arena 2020

An online chess tournament was held from June 8 to 10, 2020. A total of 43 participants took part in the tournament. All the matches were played on the 'lichess' platform and were held under the supervision of Mr. Bidyut Bikash Handique, a state level chess judge. The winners of the tournament were awarded with cash prizes of Rs.3000/, 2000/ and 1000/- respectively for the first, second and third position.

Result of the tournament:

• Abdul Suleman	Chemical Sciences	7 points	1 st
• Akhil Mishra	CSE	6 points	2 nd
• Kapil Hazarika	Mechanical Engineering	5 points	3 rd

TU Online Quiz on the topic of Sports, Fitness and Nutrition

An online quiz competition on the Google Forms platform for the current students of Tezpur University was organized to create more awareness about the topics related to sports, fitness and nutrition under the aegis of Tezpur University Mental Task Force and Sports Office on June 14, 2020. The Quiz Master of the quiz programme was Mr. Ashutosh Das, a national level quiz champion and a quiz master. A total of 58 students took part in the quiz and the winners were awarded with cash prizes.

Position	Name	Department
1 st	Abhinav Das	Commerce
2 nd	Munindra Nath Hazarika	CSE
3 rd	Abhinab Boruah	FET
4 th	Rajibul Awal	Civil Engg.
5 th	Mridul Sarmah	Mathematical Sciences
6 th	Debayan Chakravorty	CSE
7 th	Pritom Kumar Nath	Physics
8 th	Surajit Chakraborty	CSE
9 th	Hirakjyoti Borah	CSE
10 th	Dipjyoti Dutta	Civil Engg

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VI International Day of Yoga

Tezpur University observed the 6th International Day of Yoga 2020 by organizing activities such as video blogging contest on the topic “My Life, My Yoga” (Jeevan Yoga) from June 12 to 20, 2020. Prof. V.K Jain, Vice Chancellor of the University through his video address appealed to all to observe the day by practicing Yoga at home with family members. The University uploaded Common Yoga Protocol video and Yoga Day pledge in the YouTube channel of the University as well in the website for the benefit of the TU community. The Prime Minister’s schedule was also shared with the TU employees.

6th International Day of Yoga Video Blogging Contest Results

TU Students Category (Boys & Girls)

Position	Name	Department
1 st	Mr. Shanku Ghosh	Civil engineering
2 nd	Mr. Dhrubajyoti Das	Mechanical Engineering
3 rd	Mr. Priyom Palit	Mechanical Engineering
3 rd	Miss Shabnam Richa Sonowal	English
3 rd	Mr. Rakesh Vishwakarma	Computer Engineering

TU Campus kids category (8 to 15 yrs. For both girls and boys)

Position	Name	age
1 st	Nancy Rajkumari	12
2 nd	Meeraya Manik	09
3 rd	Punsang Pegu	09

TU Faculty and Staff category:

Judges’ choice award: Mrs. Mandakini Baruah (from the Department of Cultural Studies)

Online Fitness Challenge 2020

In order to promote physical fitness and awareness for personal health, the Tezpur University Mental Task Force and Sports Office organized an online Fitness Challenge from May 25 to June 23, 2020. TU students participated through Google Classroom and uploaded their videos of physical challenge exercises on the Classroom page. A large number of participants took part in the programme with winners in each category.

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Girls' Category

Event	Position	Name	Department
Bent knee sit- ups	1 st	Juri Chetia	EVS
	2 nd	Anjali Singh	MBBT
	3 rd	Bhoirabi Bhuyan	Maths Sc.
Free hand squatting	1 st	Bhoirabi Bhuyan	Maths Sc.
	2 nd	Juri Chetia	EVS
	3 rd	Michelle Mili	ECE
Bent knee push -ups	1 st	Preetrishree Gogoi	Maths Sc.
	2 nd	Bhoirabi Bhuyan	Maths Sc.
	3 rd	Anjali Singh	MBBT
Circuit Training (5 station)	1 st	Michelle Mili	ECE

Boys' Category

Event	Position	Name	Department
Sit- up	1 st	Abhilash Das	MATHS. SC.
	2 nd	Nayn Bharali	ME
	3 rd	Sanku Ghose	CE
Squat	1 st	Bharat Singh Irom	FET
	2 nd	Dhanraj Purkayastha	FET
	3 rd	Sanku Ghose	CE
Circuit	1 st	Mrinal Jyoti Baruah	MATH. SC.
	2 nd	Niyar Bharali	ME
	3 rd	Bharat Singh Irom	FET
Push-up	1 st	Sanku Ghose	CE
	2 nd	Jyotirmoy Das	FET
	3 rd	Dhanraj Purkayastha	FET

Overall Champion (Both)

Bhoirabi Bhuyan

MATH. SC.

Sports and Cultural activities

Republic Day Celebrations

Tezpur University joined the nation in celebrating the 71st Republic Day of India on January 26, 2020 with usual fervour. Children from the campus Kindergarten and the University students presented a cultural programme of patriotic songs and dance recitals to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of India.

'Shilpi Divas' observed

'Shilpi Divas' was observed on January 17, 2020, at Tezpur University. Dr. Shailaja Padamapati, Ex-Principal, Tezpur College, was the Guest of Honour at the event.



Inter University National Youth Festival 2020

Tezpur University students participated in the Inter University National Youth Festival 2020 during February 3-7, 2020, held at Amity University, Noida, under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities and brought accolades for the University.

Quiz: 2nd Position

Folk Orchestra: 2nd Position

Second Best Literary Team

Annual Meet 2020

The Annual Meet 2020 of the University was held during February 21-23, 2020. This was an opportunity for the students to showcase their talents in sports, literary and cultural activities. The event came to a conclusion with a DJ Night performance by Progressive Brothers.



Retired and newly joined Teaching/Non-Teaching Staff during the period from 01.12.2019 to 05.06.2020

A) Retired Employees:

1. Mr. Lankeshwar Boro, Assistant Registrar – 31.03.2020
2. Dr. Kali Prasad Sarma, Professor, Dept. of Environmental Science – 30.04.2020

B) Newly Joined Employees:

1. Ms. Shipra Shukla, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Hindi – 02.12.2019
2. Dr. Mohammad Shaeer Siddiqui, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education – 09.12.2019
3. Dr. Biswajit Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce – 10.12.2019
4. Dr. Jayanta Bora, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences – 11.12.2019
5. Dr. Priya Ranjan Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Law – 12.12.2019
6. Dr. Santi Gopal Maji, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce – 16.12.2019
7. Dr. Somnath Paul, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Science – 16.12.2019
8. Dr. S. Ramesh Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce – 17.12.2019
9. Dr. Saona Seth, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Science – 30.12.2019
10. Dr. Pranjal Kumar Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Science – 06.01.2020
11. Dr. Anish Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering – 20.01.2020
12. Dr. Biplob Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Science – 30.01.2020
13. Dr. Subrat Jyoti Neog, Associate Professor, Dept. of Assamese – 13.02.2020
14. Dr. Sanjib Deka, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese – 20.02.2020
15. Mr. Jyotishman Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese – 24.02.2020
16. Dr. Rupam Goswami, Assistant Professor, Dept. of E.C.E. – 26.02.2020
17. Ms. Simimoyee Devi, Hindi Typist, Administration – 02.03.2020
18. Mr. Chandan Nath, Library Attendant, Dept. of Education – 04.03.2020
19. Mr. Anupam Saikia, Laboratory Attendant, Dept. of Education – 12.03.2020
20. Mr. Durlav Pegu, Upper Divisional Clerk, Administration – 23.03.2020
21. Mr. Shiv Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Design – 10.06.2020



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