



## DR. AMBEDKAR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

### TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

(A Central University: NAAC A+)

#### ***Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas Celebrated at Tezpur University***

Tezpur University joined the nation in celebrating the *Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas 2023* to be observed during November 15 – 26, 2023, nationwide. On the occasion, the University paid floral tribute to veteran tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birthday, i.e., November 15, 2023. The programme that was held at the Centre for Inclusive Development of the University was attended by a host of faculty members, officials and students to pay rich tribute to Bhagwan Munda and other tribal freedom fighters who laid their lives in fighting for their country's freedom. Registrar of the University Dr. Biren Das, Dean of Students' Welfare Prof. Manabendra Mandal, Head of the Centre for Women Studies Dr. Madhurima Goswami and Director of Centre for Inclusive Development Dr. Rajeev K. Doley spoke on the occasion commemorating the contributions of tribal leaders to India's independence.

While encouraging and recognizing the achievement of tribal scholars, Ms. Beatrice Basumatary, a research scholar at the Department of Food Engineering & Technology, whose research paper was adjudged the Best Research Paper in a national conference held in Mizoram University in May 2023, was felicitated on the occasion.

Coinciding with the *Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas*, an awareness-cum-counseling programme was held on November 18, 2023, at Khelmati High School under Bandarmari Panchayat in the Sonitpur District of Assam which is a tribal-majority area. In the programme, Dr. Biren Das, Registrar, and Dr. Rajeev K. Doley, Director, Centre for Inclusive Development of the University delivered lectures and presented books for benefit of the School students.



The National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers of the University also carried out a series of awareness campaigns in the nearby tribal dominated villages making the villagers aware of the current educational status of the community, identifying challenges, and exploring avenues for improvement. They discussed the importance of literacy, access to quality education, and vocational training to enhance livelihood opportunities within the community. They also interacted with the villagers to identify the needs and challenges faced by them.



\*\*\*\*