

## Chinese New Year Celebration

春节 (Chūnjié)

1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Lunar New Year or the Chinese New Year is one of the most significant traditional festivals for Chinese as well as many Asian cultures. The festival marks the beginning of a new year and is accompanied by various customs and traditions.



Welcoming the advent of the year of the Water Tiger, the Department of Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, organised an event to celebrate the festival on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at the department. The event began with a welcome address from Prof. Prasanta Kr. Das, Head, Department of Foreign Languages. It was followed by a Chinese song performed by 1<sup>st</sup> semester students of Certificate in Chinese.



Thereafter, Mr. Rathijit Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, gave a short lecture on the origin, customs, and traditions, as well as the evolution of Chinese New Year celebration. In the lecture, he also mentioned the necessity of understanding various cultures to fully appreciate a language.



With the assistance of Ms. Daveirou Lanamai, Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, the event proceeded with variety of activities such as calligraphy, games and *Chūnlián* (Spring Festival Couplet) through which the students learnt more about how the festival is celebrated. The event concluded by greeting each other in Chinese wishing for a healthy, prosperous, productive, and progressive year with the luck of the tiger.

