Prof Sunil Kumar Dutta, the then Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University was intimately involved as coordinator of the Committee of Expert for designing the syllabus for the proposed Department of Social Work at Tezpur University who were drawn from University of Delhi, College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan (Autonomous) Mumbai, Mizoram University and two others from this University's Sociology Department. The syllabus was given the final shape after a number of rigorous stings – all were in the university campus itself. Spreading over a year, Prof. Dutta was made the Head of the Department in its initial years of establishment during 2015-2017.

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