

About Tezpur University

Tezpur University was established on January 21, 1994 through an Act of Parliament of India. A fully residential University, it is nestled on a 262-acre campus at Tezpur in middle Assam with more than 4000 students and 286 faculty members. At present, the male-female ratio of the students of the University is **57:43**. The University also has 19 nos. of international students pursuing various programmes of study and research. The University has come of age in securing recognitions from various government and non-government organizations at the national as well as international levels including the “Visitor’s Award for Best University” (awarded by the President of India) in 2016, 5th and 29th positions (among Universities) in the ranking of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 2016 and 2018 respectively, 20th Position in the *Times Higher Education* World’s Best Small University 2018, Visitor’s Best Research Award for Basic Science 2017 & 2018, 34th position under Generation ‘Y’ category in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Young University Ranking 2017, 99th rank in Times Higher Education Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018, 20th position in THE World’s Best Small University Ranking 2018 and 146th in QS BRICS University Ranking.

Tezpur University is currently offering 73 academic programmes through 22 departments and six centers under four Schools of Studies viz., School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Sciences, School of Management Sciences and School of Engineering. The University also offers 11 programmes through its Centre for Open and Distance Learning. The University admits its students through various national level entrance tests like the JEE (Mains) and GATE for Engineering, CAT and MAT for Management, DBT-CEE for MBBT and the Tezpur University Entrance Examination, conducted at all major cities of the country, for other programmes. The University has adopted Choice Based Credit System in its academic programmes. Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation system has also been adopted for all programmes of studies. To enrich the academic programmes, efforts have been made to engage with different industries and academic institutions in India and abroad by entering into collaborations for teaching and research. The University has very modern state-of-the-art infrastructure. Amongst some of the facilities, the University boasts of 24/7 electricity support system, internet facilities, a health center, a Guest House with 63 tastefully furnished rooms, conference rooms, indoor, outdoor sports facilities, gymnasium and a swimming pool. The University provides a very conducive and enabling environment for teaching, learning and research.

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Round Table of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities

Organized by
Association of Indian Universities(AIU)
&
Tezpur University(TU)

December 28-29, 2018



Venue

**Board Room
Administration Building
Tezpur University**

The Concept

Higher Education (HE) has seen phenomenal expansion with establishment of a large number of Government and Private Universities during past couple of decades. At the same time, HE system has increasingly come under scrutiny of the Govt. and other stakeholders at large. Since HE system is critical to human resource development and economic progress of our country, the Universities are facing ever growing chorus of quality and accountability. Universities, on the one hand, have mandate to produce quality human resource required to meet the needs of our country, they are also expected to contribute new knowledge, development of products and services through research and innovation activities specific to problems of our states and nation.

The ranking system (QS/THE) has also catalyzed efforts of the Universities to enhance academic & research infrastructure, improve teaching/ learning process and resources. In the backdrop of resource crunch and issue of autonomy plaguing the universities across the country, to deliver on this mandate in a cost effective and efficient manner, and to be counted on global platforms, is a huge challenge for Universities.

This *Round Table Conference of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities* would have critical appraisal of present status of higher education in the country and exchange of views on a range of themes concerning higher education system.

Themes of the Round Table Conference :

1. Autonomy in Higher Educational Institutions
2. Internationalization of Higher Educational Institutions
3. Sustainable Campuses
4. Quality Enhancement in Higher Educational Institutions
5. Academia – Industry Interface
6. Skill Development, Innovations and Entrepreneurship

Schedule of the Round Table: 28-29 December 2018

Maximum Number of Participants: 50 (Fifty)



Programme :

28-12-2018 (Friday)

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| 10:00 a.m. | : Inauguration (<i>Welcome Address of VC, Governor's Address</i>) |
| 11:00 a.m. | : Tea Break |
| 11:30 a.m. | : Session I – Autonomy in Higher Education Institutions
(<i>Sub-themes: Expansion of Academic Programmes, Faculty and Staff Selection, Pay Structure, Students Intake etc.</i>) |
| 01:00 p.m. | : Lunch Break |
| 02:00 p.m. | : Session II – Internationalization of Higher Education Institutions.
(<i>Sub-themes: Foreign Research Collaboration, Hiring International Faculty, Students / Teachers Exchange Programmes etc.</i>) |
| 03:30 p.m. | : Tea Break |
| 04:00 p.m. | : Session III – Sustainable Campuses (<i>Sub-themes: Digital Initiatives, Green practices, Infrastructure Expansion and Internal Resource Generation etc.</i>) |

29-12-2018 (Saturday)

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| 09:30 a.m. | : Session IV – Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions.
(<i>Sub-themes: CBCS, Examination reforms, Academic Ethics, Curriculum Upgradation etc.</i>) |
| 11:00 a.m. | : Tea Break |
| 11:30 a.m. | : Session V – Academia – Industry Interface
(<i>Sub-themes: CSR, Industry sponsored Research, Industry Chair, Consultancy, Internships, etc.</i>) |
| 01:00 p.m. | : Lunch Break |
| 02:00 p.m. | : Session VI – Issues of Employability, Skill Development, Innovations and Entrepreneurship. |
| 03:30 p.m. | : Tea Break |
| 04:00 p.m. | : Valedictory |