

# **Inauguration of Teaching Learning Centre**

## **Department of Education Tezpur University**

Tezpur University, Department of Education has established a Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) under the Centres of Excellence of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) Scheme, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. Thus, this special day, January 28, 2016 is the auspicious day for the inauguration of this TLC along with Workshop on Instructional Skills.

Prof. Mihir K. Chaudhuri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University, Prof. Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, Prof. Dhaneswar Harichandan, Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning, Mumbai University as a Chief guest, Prof Swarnalata Das, Former professor, Department of Education, Guwhati University as a guest of honour and Prof. J.C. Soni, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Dr. Asheesh Srivastava, Associate professor, Viswa-Bharti University as a key resource person were the gracious guests in the Inaugural ceremony of Teaching Learning Centre. It was more cordial being accompanied by all Deans and Heads of different Schools and Departments of Tezpur University, Participants from different part of North-East Region and students of the Department of Education.

Prof. Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University has delivered welcome address to honour the gracious guests. He has explained the importance of the Teaching Learning Centre as well as achievements of Department of Education being new department.

Dr Pratima Pallai, Assistant professor, Department of education, Tezpur University highlighted the core areas and objectives Teaching Learning Centre and concept paper. She has also shared the contribution of different partners in due process of securing the project under the scheme of PMMMNMTT

Prof. Mihir K. Cahudhuri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University has emphasized that education and health are the frontier fields and top urgent for our current needs, even education comes at the top of all in terms of its decisiveness. Thus, the government of India has done its part and it is up to us to reciprocate its results. He emphasized that we as teachers are worried more about completing syllabus, giving exams and grading. Are we engaging our students or fooling big talk. He emphasized the need for creating

synergy on subject mastery and skills development among our graduates where we are missing in our system. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has again raised a big question of, what is the position of higher education beyond 2015 especially in India. He reminded the need for understanding the situation and acting accordingly. He formally inaugurated Teaching Learning Centre and Workshop on Instructional Skills that proceeded from January 28-30, 2016.

The chief guest, Prof. Dhaneswar Harichandan, Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning, Mumbai University empathized the need for addressing professional issues and the need for having e-books which in general focus on character building of teachers. Likewise, Guest of Honour, Prof Swaranalata Das, Former professor, Department of Education, Guwahati University, accentuated the important of education as a discipline, especially part of it pedagogy as a science, an art and skills as well since it needs to update ourselves with the current approaches. Prof. J.C. Soni, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh also highlighted the importance of teachers in the process of nation Building. Dr. Asheesh Srivastava. According to him, 'sincerity' is at the top of the quality of teachers where others will come if the teacher is sincere. He recommended all audiences to be sincere to their profession. Dr. Asheesh Srivastava Associate professor, Viswa-Bharti University has mentioned the crises of the Education System of India where the National Education Policy came to the system after 20 years of independence with a key reminder on the challenges, India is facing.

Dr. Anjali Sharma, Head. Department of Education extended her expression of gratitude to all partners who contributed for the realization of the Teaching learning Centre. This gave an adjournment to the inauguration of TLC and left the podium for the Workshop on Instructional Skills at 11:35 am.