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**“ M. K. Gandhi: The Continuing Relevance ” organized jointly by  
Tezpur University and the University of Auckland, New Zealand**

To commemorate two year long 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Tezpur University organised a webinar in collaboration with the University of Auckland, New Zealand on 19th August 2020. A brief report on the webinar is given below:

Prof. Vinod. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University welcomed everyone with his welcome address. Prof. Jain gave a glimpse of the early life of Mahatma Gandhi and the events that went into the making of the Mahatma. He highlighted the values that Mahatma Gandhi represented and the relevance of the same in the contemporary times.

The webinar threw up very timely and thoughtful reflections on the continuing relevance of the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, even more so in a pandemic situation. Dr. Barbara Snook, Dance Studies, Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland highlighted this aspect at the beginning of the webinar.

Dr. Ralph Buck, Associate Professor, Head of Programme, Dance Studies, Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland discussed on the topic “Gandhi, Dance and Inclusion”. One of the takeaways of the webinar was the consensus about the fact that the New Education Policy of the Government of India could be a positive step towards fulfilling the Gandhian vision of holistic education and the value of experiential learning.

Speaking on the topic “The Continuing Relevance of Gandhi”, Dr. Debarshi Prasad Nath, Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University highlighted the importance of Gandhian philosophy in present context.

Prof. Prasanta K. Das, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences moderated the webinar. Dr. Parasmoni Dutta, Head, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University offered the vote of thanks.

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