

## **Introducing Tezpur**

Tezpur, the headquarter of Sonitpur district in Assam, is known for the diverse and vibrant culture of Assam. Located on the northern bank of the river Brahmaputra, 180 kms north-east of Guwahati, Tezpur overlooks the beautiful snow peaks of the Himalayas throughout the winter. Several ancient sites such as Bamuni hills, Hazara tank, Da-Parbatia Gate, Mahabhairab temple, Bhairabi temple, Agnigarh etc. in and around Tezpur are worth visiting. The Chitralekha Udyan, the 3.02 kms long Kalia Bhomora Bridge over the Brahmaputra are two spots which attract many visitors. Other important tourist spots around Tezpur include Bhalukpung (64 kms), Tippi (68 kms) which are famous for the largest orchid garden in Asia, the Nameri National Park (60 km), the Orang Sanctuary (40 km) etc. The Kaziranga National Park, which is the habitat of the great Indian one-horned rhinoceros, is just 75 kms away from Tezpur.

## **Connectivity to Tezpur**

**By Road:** Bus services to Tezpur are available from all major places in Assam. Frequent buses from Guwahati are available from the Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Guwahati. Shared cabs also operate from Paltan Bazar, near the Guwahati railway station. Normally, Guwahati to Tezpur is four hours' drive by rental car.

**By Rail:** Tezpur is connected to Kamakhya Railway Junction, Guwahati by a broad-gauge line from the new Dekargaon Railway Station via Rangapara and Rangia Railway Junctions.

**By Air:** Guwahati is well connected by air with all major places in India. Other nearby airport is Hollongi Airport (Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh) which is 110 km away from Tezpur University campus.

## **Reaching Tezpur University**

Tezpur University is situated near National Highway 715 (700 metres). University Bus Services are available from Tezpur ASTC Bus Station, Tezpur via Dolabari to the University Campus in scheduled time. Besides the University Bus Services, taxis/auto rickshaws are available from Tezpur Town (near ASTC Bus Station and Idgah Maidan) or Mission Chariali to reach the University.

## **Introducing Tezpur University**

Tezpur University was established on January 21, 1994, by an Act of Parliament of India, The Tezpur University Act, 1993 (Act No. 45), as a non-affiliating and residential Central University. The University is located at Napaam, about 15 km east of Tezpur town in the Sonitpur District of

Assam. The serene and green University campus of about 262 acres provides the best of the ambience including modern infrastructure conducive for teaching-learning and dedicated research. The academic programmes offered in the University have a distinct focus on science, technology, management, humanities, and social sciences, reflecting the objective of the University. At present, the University offers several programmes on under-graduate degree/diploma/certificate levels, integrated programmes, post-graduate degree/diploma programmes and Doctor of Philosophy degree in various disciplines. The University offers add-on courses on yoga and violin too. During the last thirty-one years of its existence, the University has engaged itself in the process of capacity building, both in terms of infrastructure and human resource development. The University has mounted tremendous efforts in developing it into a modern University incorporating all elements from the contemporary scientific and socio-cultural milieu.

The University has already developed several state-of-the-art laboratories, computing facilities, internet connectivity, a dedicated power supply system with DG backup and a rich library having connectivity to several digital libraries. Other basic amenities like central water supply, campus security, guest house, auditorium equipped with modern audio-visual technologies, canteen, gymnasium, outdoor and indoor sports facilities, swimming pool, post office, banks with ATMs, schools, etc. are also available to cater to the needs of the University community. The University promotes industry-academy alliance. Being a Central University, it is privileged to receive funds from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, through the University Grants Commission. The University is availing benefits of HEFA funding for its infrastructure development as per GoI policy.

### **Safe and Sustainable Campus**

The 262-Acre campus of the University is in a safe and quiet environment. The campus is gender friendly and offers all its stakeholders' equal opportunity to excel in their domain. The University maintains a 24x7 security arrangement. There is a single point entry under the round the clock watch of security personnel. CCTV cameras are installed at the vital locations of the campus.

The eco-friendly campus encourages its students and employees to ride bicycles. Further, the University has installed 1000 kW rooftop grid-connected solar photovoltaic power plant on its campus. The university is also equipped with solar water heaters, a food waste-based bio-gas generation facility, and street lights powered by solar photovoltaic cells. It is a matter of pride that

Tezpur University is the first academic institution to install an MW-scale solar power plant in the entire Northeastern region.

#### Major Awards and Accolades

1. NAAC Accreditation: A+ Grade.
2. THE Asia University Rankings 2024: 401-500
3. NIRF Ranking 2024: 69 (Amongst Universities)
4. Visitor's Award in "Research" category: 2017, 2018 & 2021 in Technology Development
5. QS Asia University Rankings (Southern Asia) 2025: 168
6. THE World's top 20 Best Small Universities 2018: 20
7. Visitor's Best University Award in 2016
8. Sahitya Akademi Translation Award, 2022
9. In 2023-24 six faculty members of the University have been featured in the Stanford list of world's top 2% Scientists
10. Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC): 5
11. INSA Teachers Award: 2017, 2018 & 2019
12. Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards five times (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 & 2023)
13. National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) for the year 2024: 1
14. Devkota-Lu Xun Pragya International Award 2024: 1

#### **University Campus Life**

##### **Campus Facilities**

Following are the campus facilities available in the University.

##### Student Accommodation

The University provides separate accommodation for men and women students and research scholars, having more than 3700 capacities. As a result, barring a few, all students reside in the 17 hostels (08 for boys and 09 for girls). The seats are allotted at the time of admission as per the hostel and University rules. The University ensures that all foreign students get hostel facilities inside.

the University. Hostels are equipped with modern facilities. The University also has a Scholars' Home with a capacity of more than thirty-six 2BHK apartments to accommodate married scholars

with family and visiting faculty members. Hostel seats are allotted on merit basis as per availability.

### **Hostel Admission**

As per Act, Tezpur University is a residential university. However, at the moment, the University has 09 girls hostel and 08 boys hostel which are insufficient to accommodate all students admitted. Admission to the hostel is subject to the availability of seats though efforts are made to accommodate all the students in the hostels. At the time of admission, students are given options to stay in the hostel or arrange their private accommodation. If opted to stay in the hostel, a duly filled in application form as well as a declaration signed by the parent(s)/guardian must be mandatorily submitted at the time of admission/registration for a semester.

The hostel messes are run by the boarders of the hostels. Regular maintenance work of the hostels is done for proper upkeep of the hostels. Each hostel is administered by a group of designated people. Senior warden, warden(s), prefect, and assistant prefect(s) are responsible for hostel level administration.

### **Health Centre**

Health Centre of Tezpur University has been functioning since 1995. It provides health care services mainly to the students, faculty members, staff along with their families and others who are involved with the University. Health Centre offers OPD services and ten beds are available to provide initial care to the indoor patients including emergency cases. Besides OPD services, doctors are available 24x7 in case of an emergency.

#### **Visit by Specialists**

The University has engaged specialists of different disciplines (paediatrics, obstetrics, gynaecology and physiotherapy) who visit the Health Centre on different days of the week on regular basis for the benefit of the University community. Two clinical psychologists are regularly available on working days to provide counselling on stress and mental-health related issues. A physiotherapist visits the Health Centre twice a week for offering physiotherapy to the students and other residents of the university.

### **Students' Health Insurance**

In addition to Tezpur University Health Centre which caters to OPD consultation/treatment, for well being of students and promoting a healthier campus environment the University facilitates a well-structured health insurance that cover hospitalization, diagnostic tests, and emergency

medical expenses with minimum premium payment to ensure that students have access to quality medical services while reducing their financial burden.

At present Tezpur University has a Mediclaim Policy (Health Insurance) for the eligible students of the university with ICICI Lombard Health Care. Student patients, if admitted for a minimum period of 24 hours, the expenditure will be cashless upto the insured amount i.e. Rs. 1.00 lakh in the empanelled list of hospitals of the ICICI Lombard Health Care. If the patient is admitted in the hospital, which is not empanelled, then the expenditure will be reimbursed by the ICICI Lombard Health Care. For details please visit

<http://www.tezu.ernet.in/notice/2024/November/Mediclaimnoticeupdate2024.pdf>

Services /Facilities available

### **Transport Facility**

The University provides shuttle bus services that connect Tezpur town to the University via major routes. The services are for students and staff who need to travel between town and the University campus.

### **Shopping Complex and Eateries**

To provide and supply day-to-day essentials for the students and residents of the University, a shopping complex is located inside the University. A wide variety of small eateries that provide delicious food, including Indian, Chinese, bakery items, fresh fruit juice, etc. are located inside the Campus.

### **Pre-Primary School**

Takshashila Vidyapeeth is a pre-primary school located within the University campus to promote pre-primary education for the campus residents as well as for the people staying around the University. The school functions as a playgroup, nursery, lower K.G, and upper K.G. classes.

### **Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tezpur University**

It is a co-education, English medium school, affiliated with CBSE and located within Tezpur University having classes from preparatory to XII level. It comes under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and aims at providing a conducive environment to stimulate intellectual growth of each child, thereby ensuring that their energy is properly channelized in the right direction.

Banks

There are two banks and several ATMs inside and within close proximity to the campus. State Bank of India Tezpur University Branch is located inside the University campus. Punjab National Bank (PNB) also has its branch inside the University campus.

### **Post-Office**

A post office is situated inside the University and is located near the main entrance of the University where all postal services including savings bank facilities etc. Speed post, Registered post can be availed on all working days.

### **Auditorium**

Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha (KBR) Auditorium, named after Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha (1909-1969), is the main auditorium of Tezpur University, equipped with state-of-the-art PA system. The auditorium has a capacity of 850 seats. Cultural programmes and other events of the University are organized in this auditorium. The auditorium has a well-maintained garden and a spacious area for any pre/post event gathering.

### **Community Hall**

The community hall serves as an open auditorium for events that need large gatherings. The hall has an open seating space and does not have a fixed seating arrangement so that chairs can be arranged and removed as per the requirement of the event. The hall is equipped with lighting facilities and an open area where the audience can sit and view plays, concerts, and other events. Since the hall is situated next to the large sports ground of the University, one can create more side space so that it becomes bigger and broader depending on the need of the event.

### **Seminar Rooms**

Almost all the departments in the University have dedicated seminar rooms and multi-purpose halls to host seminars, symposia, and workshops.

### **Gardens**

All the departments, hostels, and the administrative building have well-maintained gardens. The University has a collection of trees that are planted all over the University campus. The trees are catalogued and labelled across for visitors to learn and enjoy. The University maintains citrus gardens inside the campus. Assam has a wide range of citrus varieties and the garden inside the University boasts of growing all varieties on the campus.

### **Staff Quarters**

The University provides residential facilities to its teaching and non-teaching employees in the campus. The residential quarters are RCC multi-storied buildings and Assam type buildings.

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### **Niribili Guest House**

Sited on a two-acre green campus, the University Guest House has 63 well-furnished rooms, a 30-seater conference room, a 40-seater dining hall, lounges, perfectly matching upholsteries, and a catering service that carefully prepares and serves vegetarian, non-vegetarian and continental cuisines. It also facilitates 24-hour accessibility to the internet.

### **Central Library**

The Central Library of Tezpur University was founded in 1994, coinciding with the commencement of the University. The library has set its sights on being the ideal University Library not just in the region but also in the country. The Central Library is a very significant asset for students, researchers, and faculty members of the University. The Central Library is located in the heart of the University campus, within a visually appealing three-story structure spanning an area of 4,734 square metres.

This University is a beneficiary of One Nation One Subscription of Government of India. The Central Library possesses a varied collection of over one lakh books, journals, and other study materials, available in both physical and digital formats. It is a fully automated library using Koha Open source ILMS - an integrated multi-user library management system that supports all its in-house operations. Additionally, the library has been completely modernised with the implementation of a Radio Frequency Identifier (RFID) system. Furthermore, it has a digital-repository developed using open-source software 'DSpace' to store, disseminate and preserve the research publications, thesis/dissertations and other materials produced by the stakeholders of our university.

The library's collection encompasses the most up-to-date information resources in the fields of Science, Engineering, Management, Social Science, and Humanities which can easily be retrieved from Web-OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). Along with that, to meet the academic requirements of its users, the library has subscribed to various e-books, e-journals, e-resources/databases, and other online materials which can be accessed from any devices within the University campus.

In addition to subscribed e-collections, the library offers access to various online databases and e-resources from eShodhSindhu (eSS) & DeLCON consortium. These online resources and databases are also available for access remotely 24X7 through INDIAN Access Management Federation (INFED) using Shibboleth.

To support academic and research activities, the library is one of the significant distributors of theses and dissertations in Shodhganga Repository – an initiative by the Ministry of Education (formally MHRD), GoI. Additionally, the library has signed MoUs with INFLIBET's ShodhShuddi and ShodhChakra initiatives for the prevention of plagiarism and to help the research scholars in their research activities. Also, being a member of the NDLI Club and DELNET, the library has access to a substantial number of e-resources and databases, as well as the ability to facilitate Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

### **Library Opening Hours**

The Central Library is open from 9.00 AM (Morning) – 3.00AM (night) throughout the year except government/public holidays.

### **Common Facilities**

**Following are the common facilities available in the University.**

### **Computing Facility**

The University started using computers from its very inception both in its academic and administrative activities. The University has state-of-the-art central computing facilities, in addition to departmental computer laboratories. Apart from a large number of PCs and servers, the University also has a High-Performance Computing Centre (PARAM-TEZ) consisting of 12 TF HPC system with 50TB storage

capacity and 3 C-DAC's indigenously built PARAM Shavak having computing capacity of around 3 TF each. All computing facilities are in a high-speed campus LAN, which is connected to the internet through 1-Gbps National Knowledge Network (NKN) optical fiber link.

### **Advanced Experimental Facilities**

The University established the Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Centre (SAIC) to cater to the need of various sophisticated equipment for advanced research. Several sophisticated instruments, like TEM, SEM, Single Crystal XRD, NMR etc., are installed in SAIC. The Centre also extends these facilities to other educational institutions and industries within the northeastern region of India and beyond to improve and promote research in different disciplines.



## **Museums**

The Department of Cultural Studies has a departmental museum of ethnographic materials collected from different parts of the state of Assam, and a few from outside the state. Items such as domestic articles, agarbark manuscripts, musical instruments, toys etc. representative of relevant cultural traditions of the region are added in the collection. An archive of various relevant cultural resources in the forms of photographs, slides, cassettes, CDs and DVDs has also been set up.

### **Neelpawan Baruah Museum of Modern Art**

Artist Neelpawan Baruah (1936-2022) was one of the most significant artists of North-East India, who made immense contributions to the modern art discourse of the entire region. With a formal degree in Fine Arts from Santiniketan in 1968, Neelpawan Baruah ushered a new direction in the art scene with his artistic experimentations as well as organisational leadership by establishing the Assam Fine Arts & Crafts Society in 1971. The Neelpawan Baruah Museum of Modern Art in Tezpur University is an archive and permanent display of some of his most significant artworks. Handed over to Tezpur University by the artist himself for educational and conservational purposes, the museum has a collection of 55 artworks in different artistic media from oil painting on canvas to sketches in ink and acrylic.

## **Campus Landscaping**

The Horticulture Section of Tezpur University is entrusted to carry out landscaping and beautification activities on the University campus. The Assistant Horticulturist looks after the whole horticultural/landscaping activities under the supervision of a Campus Horticultural Committee with a teacher as coordinator. Essential maintenance of all existing planted trees is carried out annually. A Vermicompost Unit is running successfully and has fulfilled the need of organic manure to some extent in the University. The University has a nursery of its own, which has been the source of seedlings of ornamental and other trees including fruit bearing trees. This section is also a treasure of shrubs, indoor plants and seasonal flowers on the campus.

## **Biodiversity**

Tezpur University inhibits wide varieties of flora and fauna. There is a Botanical garden of about 13,125 sq. m (9.8 bigha) of land within the campus. The Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate change, Govt. of India had granted financial assistance for the development of this garden. Different plant species like Medicinal plants, Palm, Bamboo, Economically Important plant, Fruit,

Beverage and spices, Tarul, Ferns, Orchid, Gymnosperm, RET, and other species are available in the garden. Migratory birds are a common scene in the two water bodies of the campus.

### **Diversed Students' Community**

At present more than five thousand students are on the campus. Almost equitable composition of male and female students provides a healthy gender ratio. There are students' groups from all corners of India particularly from the northeastern states, Bihar, Maharashtra, J&K, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Odisha, and West Bengal. Maximum number of students are from the northeastern states. Approximately 20% of students belong to states other than the northeastern states. The University also attracts students from different countries such as Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Botswana, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, South Korea, Lithuania, Uganda, Turkmenistan, Sudan, Turkmenistan, and Zambia amongst others. Different students from diversified social and cultural backgrounds make the campus a vibrant multicultural society.

### **Important Rules**

During studentship at the University, students are governed by the disciplinary rules of the University, on and off the campus.

1. Use of motorized vehicles by students is not allowed on the campus. Students are encouraged to use bicycles.
2. Consumption or possession of any kind of intoxicating substances like alcoholic beverages/items like ganja, etc. is strictly prohibited. Also, entering/staying in the campus in an inebriated state will be considered as an offence.
3. There may be penalty for violation of discipline including maintenance of cleanliness, late payment of hostel dues, etc.
4. Participation of the students/boarders in common events of the University/hostel, like celebrations, competitions, is desirable, but subject to their willingness and is not mandatory. Use of motorized vehicles by students are not allowed in the campus. Students are rather advised to use bicycles.
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#### Students' Campus Life

Apart from classroom teaching, the University takes special care to cultivate the talented minds of the students through various curricular and co-curricular activities. The University has an in-built section to deal with the welfare of the students headed by the Dean of Students Welfare. The section comprises various clubs and centers like the TEDx, Movie Club, Astronomy Club, Philately Club, Drama Club, Nrityangan Dance Club, Adventure Sports, Biodiversity Club, Adda-The Quizzing Club, Sports Complex, Gymnasium etc. In the field of sports and cultural events, students participate in several AIU national and zonal meets.