BIRAC-SRISTI Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Award 2017 to

Dr. Pabitra Nath's Research Team

Iftak Hussain, research scholar of the Department of Physics, Tezpur University, has been selected for the prestigious **BIRAC-SRISTI Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Award 2017** for the research project "**Low cost and field-portable smartphone platform water testing kit for detection and analysis of contaminants in drinking water**". The work has been carried out under the supervision and guidance of **Dr. Pabitra Nath.** The research team includes **Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahamad** of the Department of Civil Engineering. The whole team will be felicitated in the **Festival of Innovation** on 05 March, 2017, at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, New Delhi.

Iftak Hussain

Dr. K.U. Ahamad

Dr. Pabitra Nath

The award carries a citation and a project grant of INR 15 Lakh from **BIRAC** (**Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council**); a government of India enterprise. BIRAC has created the *BIRAC-SRISTI GYTI Awards* in partnership with SRISTI to select 15 entrepreneurial ideas at the university level from across India which then would be nurtured for 2 years in-situ with a research grant. The objective is to inculcate the sense of entrepreneurship among the young students who can be motivated to take their innovations to commercial level.