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**Tezpur University (TU) organised health camp for Forest Guards of Orang National Park**

The National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and other Protected Areas of the state of Assam has attracted thousands of tourists over the years. One important stakeholder in this vital component of Assam tourism is the forest guards, discharging their selfless service in safeguarding the forest resources and animals. Staying in remote locations, away from their families, these guards are not only prone to mental agonies but also to various health issues/ailments from time to time. Realising these important issue, Tezpur University organised a one-day health camp at the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park on 3rd January, 2018.



Dr. Ramesh Menon, Medical Officer of the University, Dr. Biren Das, Registrar, Dr. Sadhan Mahapatra of Department of Energy and Shri Ramesh Chandra Gogoi, Divisional

Forest Officer, Mangaldai Wildlife Division, were part of the Health Camp. Three students of Masters in Tourism Management Programme of Tezpur University were also participated in the programme.

The Camp was aimed at addressing the health issues of the forest guards as well as preparing themselves for dealing with common health issues, which they are prone to. The forest guards were also apprised of basic “**Do’s and Don’ts**” in facing the health challenges of working in such remote and forest environment.

The team provided valuable counselling to the forest guards, provided medicines and tried to understand the challenging situation which the guards face on day today basis. A total of 78 forest guards took part in the camp. Baptist Christian Hospital, Tezpur also provided its support by deputing two nurses in the camp.

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