



## UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN, TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

*Inauguration and Community Need Assessment Report*



Participating Institute

Five villages viz., Aadabari, Amolapam, Napaam, Harigaon and Jhawani have been inducted under *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-2.0* (UBA-2.0), a flagship programme of MHRD, Govt. of India to carry out community engagement activities by Tezpur University that aims to enrich rural India. Tezpur University is one of the 750 participating higher education institute across the country, selected through a challenge mode, to contribute to economic and social betterment of rural areas.

The Registrar of Tezpur University, Dr. Biren Das, formally inaugurated the *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan* programme of Tezpur University on the 71<sup>st</sup> Republic day of India at Jhawani village (Bihaguri Development Block), Sonitpur district in Assam, India. Prof D.C Baruah, Coordinator UBA-TU and Dr. Amiya Kumar Das, Deputy Coordinator UBA-TU and members of UBA-TU Dr Sangamitra Das and Dr Veda Yumnarn were also present on the occasion. The inaugural programme was attended by the *Gaon-Burha* (Village headman) and villagers.

Tezpur University UBA members interacted and made a preliminary assessment of local needs of the community. The community members shared their immediate concerns and activities that could be taken up as part of the programme. Prof Biren Das addressed the villagers highlighting TU's initiative on community engagement.

The Coordinators of UBATU made a brief presentations about the activities to be carried out under the UBA and shared the mission and vision of the programme implemented by the government of India.

An initial assessment and major concerns of the community were discussed with the community members. The poor road connectivity between *Jhawani-Bihuguri* was shared as an immediate concern by the community members. The issues concerning different Government schemes and programme such as *NREGA*, *Total Sanitation Campaign* etc implemented by the GOI were also discussed in the meeting.

The progress of the multi-purpose community room cum library, the community biogas and organic manure production facilities which are under construction with the support of Tezpur University were also discussed in detail.

Villagers expressed happiness and welcome the initiatives and assured all cooperation to implement the programmes.