

# REPORT ON SDG-1 NO POVERTY

A brief description of activities on United Nations SDG-1 undertaken by Tezpur University

## **Report on Financial Aid and Support for Low-Income Students at Tezpur University**

Tezpur University has a longstanding commitment to providing access to quality education for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. The university undertakes various initiatives and policies to support students from low-income households, helping them to overcome financial barriers and complete their education successfully. This report outlines the university's efforts, targets, and programs for low-income students and its engagement with the local community.

### **Student Demographics and Financial Aid**

Total Student Enrolment: 4538 students.

Number of Low-Income Students Receiving Financial Aid: 514 students.

Financial aid is provided to a substantial number of students from low-income households, ensuring they have the necessary resources to pursue their studies. This reflects the university's commitment to inclusive education.

### **University Targets and Policies for Low-Income Students**

#### **Admission Targets for Low-Income Students**

Tezpur University has set targets to admit students who fall into the bottom 20% of the household income group. This approach aligns with the university's broader mission to promote access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students.

#### **Graduation and Completion Targets for Low-Income Students**

The university not only focuses on admitting students from low-income backgrounds but also has set completion targets for them. By aiming to increase the graduation rates among this group, Tezpur University demonstrates a commitment to long-term student success beyond mere enrolment.

#### **Support Services for Low-Income Students**

Tezpur University offers comprehensive support services to help low-income students complete their education successfully. These services include:

**Basic Necessities:** Provision of food, housing, and transportation support to ensure students can meet their daily needs.

**Legal Services:** Access to legal assistance for students who may require it.

**Academic Support:** The University has policies for allowing students from low-income families to engage in:

**Home Tutoring:** Permission for home tutoring services to aid students in challenging subjects.

**Campus Tuition Assistance:** Subsidized or free tuition programs for specific subjects or courses.

**Policy Teaching Residency:** Policies that allow students to gain teaching experience within the university, enabling both financial support and skill development.

**Library-Based Activities:** Paid opportunities for students to engage in library management activities, providing them with both financial and academic support.

### **Initiatives and Programs for Academic Success of Low-Income Students**

Tezpur University has implemented several programs and initiatives specifically designed to help students from low-income backgrounds to complete their studies successfully:

**Financial Aid Programs:** Various scholarships and subsidies are offered to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Mentorship Programs:** Faculty and senior students are encouraged to mentor low-income students, providing guidance on academic and career development.

**Engagement in Remunerated Activities:** To help students manage finances during their studies, the university offers remuneration-based opportunities such as assisting in library activities and participating in research projects.

### **Community Engagement and Poverty Alleviation Initiatives**

Tezpur University extends its support to the broader community by offering training and resources aimed at financial and social sustainability



*Figure 1 Felicitation of a Women Entrepreneur, 2023*

**Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDP):** The university's departments conduct workshops and training sessions for the community. Notably, an EDP was organized for youth from Arunachal Pradesh, with a 3-day training program sponsored by the Rajiv Gandhi **National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)**. This program aims to empower young individuals by providing them with the skills needed to start financially and socially sustainable businesses.

## Tezpur University: Building a Sustainable Future Together

**Local Support for Sustainable Business:** The university offers facilities and educational resources to local communities, fostering entrepreneurship and skill-building that can help alleviate poverty.

### **University's Role in Policymaking to End Poverty**

Tezpur University actively participates in policy-making discussions at the local, regional, and national levels to contribute to poverty eradication efforts. Through collaborations with governmental and non-governmental organizations, the university contributes to developing and implementing programs and policies aimed at addressing poverty and promoting social equity.

Tezpur University's initiatives demonstrate a proactive approach to supporting students from low-income backgrounds and contributing to community upliftment. By setting specific admission and graduation targets, providing financial aid, and offering support services, the university ensures that students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds have the opportunity to complete their education. Furthermore, its engagement in local development programs highlights Tezpur University's commitment to poverty alleviation beyond the campus, reflecting its dedication to social responsibility and community development.