



# REPORT ON SDG-16

## Peace, Justice and strong Institutions



A brief description of activities on United Nations SDG-16 undertaken by Tezpur University

## University Governance measures

### Elected Representative

Tezpur University has elected representation on its highest governing body, ensuring inclusive and diverse perspectives in decision-making. This board includes members from various universities across Assam, bringing together a wide range of expertise and viewpoints from the academic community within the state. This structure promotes a collaborative approach to governance, enriching the university's strategic direction and alignment with regional academic priorities.

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/statutory\\_bodies/Board\\_of\\_Management.pdf](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/statutory_bodies/Board_of_Management.pdf)

### Student Union

Tezpur University recognizes an independent Students' Council, structured under Ordinance No. 25 and guided by Statute 39 of the Tezpur University Act. The Council, constituted annually, is composed of elected representatives, including a President, Vice President, General Secretary, and additional secretaries for areas such as sports, culture, and social service. Each department elects representatives, ensuring broad student representation across disciplines. The Council operates independently, with office bearers elected through direct voting by students, adhering to guidelines set by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and in compliance with Supreme Court recommendations. This structure ensures the council's focus remains on student welfare and university interests, free from affiliations to external political parties or organizations.

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/students\\_affairs/pdf/tusc/TUSC-for-2022-23.jpg](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/students_affairs/pdf/tusc/TUSC-for-2022-23.jpg)

### Local Stakeholders' Engagement

Tezpur University has established mechanisms to identify and engage local stakeholders external to the university, ensuring meaningful collaboration and community involvement. The university's highest governing bodies include distinguished external members such as Ms. Gita Upadhyay, Member of the Board of Management; Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Hazarika, Principal of Tezpur Medical College & Hospital; Dr. Pankaj Baruah, Director of NERIWALM; Shri Vijay Bagaria, CMD of T&I Pvt. Ltd.; and Dr. Sanjai K. Dwivedi, Director of DRL, Tezpur. These members bring diverse perspectives and expertise, strengthening the university's commitment to local engagement and regional development.

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/IQAC/IQAC\\_Committee\\_20-22.pdf](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/IQAC/IQAC_Committee_20-22.pdf)

### University Principles on Corruption and Bribery

Tezpur University has clearly articulated its principles and commitments against organized crime, corruption, and bribery through its *Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, 2024*. Ratified by the Board of Management on June 26, 2024, this policy reinforces the university's dedication to ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability. It strictly prohibits all forms

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of bribery and corruption, establishing a zero-tolerance approach and outlining responsibilities for everyone associated with the university. The policy includes clear mechanisms for reporting and addressing any incidents, ensuring compliance with legal standards such as the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Source-

[https://www.tezu.ernet.in/sustainable/doc/Anti\\_Bribery\\_and\\_Anti\\_Corruption\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/sustainable/doc/Anti_Bribery_and_Anti_Corruption_Policy.pdf)

Every year Tezpur University observes Vigilance Awareness Week, in the year 2023 also the same was followed. During the week along with pledge taken by all the TU fraternity events like poster making, seminars organisations , workshops, and discussions are held to promote transparency and fight corruption.



Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 at Tezpur University

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/notice/2023/December/vigilance\\_awareness\\_2023.pdf](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/notice/2023/December/vigilance_awareness_2023.pdf)

### Academic Freedom Policy

Tezpur University has policies that support academic freedom, which includes the freedom to choose areas of research and the ability to speak and teach publicly about those areas. These are addressed in several documents, including the UGC Regulation on Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism and the Regulations on Academic Matters (UG/PG) - 2019. These regulations promote a culture of intellectual openness and ensure that faculty and students can pursue their research interests freely, while also adhering to ethical standards and proper conduct within the academic community.

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/rnd/upload/Research\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/rnd/upload/Research_Policy.pdf)

### **Publish Financial Data**

For smooth functioning of the departments and administrations Tezpur University publishes its financial data, which is available on its official website. You can access this information at Tezpur University Financial Reports

Source- <https://www.tezu.ernet.in/notice/reports.html>

### **Working with Government**

#### **Advice to Government**

Tezpur University provides expert advice and training to regional government bodies, as demonstrated by the Residential Training of 1200 Science Teachers of Assam in July 2023, conducted in collaboration with Samagra Siksha, Assam. This program, held in two batches, aimed to enhance science education in provincialized schools by equipping teachers with practical and theoretical skills in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Communicative English, and Education pedagogy. The training included 20 sessions per batch, featuring low-cost experiment demonstrations, which served to foster scientific curiosity and effective teaching methods among teachers from eight districts in Assam.



Source- <https://www.tezu.ernet.in/press/2023/July/sciteachertrain.pdf>



## Policy and Lawmaker Outreach and Education

Tezpur University actively engages in outreach, general education, upskilling, and capacity-building initiatives on relevant topics. Through programs like Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Fluoride Nilogon (for safe drinking water), and Empowering Muga Weaver with GI, the university provides resources and expertise to local communities, policymakers, and stakeholders. Additionally, the university's Clean Energy Initiatives Beyond Campus and other extension activities promote sustainable development, technology, and environmental awareness, supporting broader societal capacity-building and informed decision-making on critical issues like public health, technology, and climate resilience.

Source- <https://www.tezu.ernet.in/outreach.html>

- Departments like Social Work, Law, Sociology also actively engages in outreach activities.
- Tezpur University organizes legal awareness event on child marriage where Over 200 villagers participated in Tezpur University's awareness programme on child marriage, which was organised in collaboration with the Puniani village gram panchayat office.



Source- <https://www.eastmojo.com/assam/2023/03/29/tezpur-university-organises-legal-awareness-event-on-child-marriage/>

### **Natural Platform to discuss**

Tezpur University provides a neutral platform for open discussions on key challenges, hosting visits from various political stakeholders. During a recent visit on June 30, 2023, Assam's Chief Minister, Hon'ble Himanta Biswa Sarma, met with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, along with deans and department heads. Their discussions focused on enhancing educational opportunities, expanding research, and elevating the university's national standing.

Source- <https://www.tezu.ernet.in/press/2023/July/cmvisit.pdf>

### **Proportion of law Graduates**

Tezpur University has a vibrant academic community, with 16 graduates from law i.e. having master's programme in Law (LL.M.) , along with specialization in Human rights. The department also offers an open elective course LW415: Human Rights Issues and Laws open for all students across the university.

Source- [https://www.tezu.ernet.in/dlaw/open\\_elective.php](https://www.tezu.ernet.in/dlaw/open_elective.php)