

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Industry Academia Conclave organized at Tezpur University

Tezpur University is now focusing on making the homegrown inventions “Market Ready”. Thus, as part of celebration of its silver jubilee, a regional workshop on “Translational Research and Innovation-.....making use of IPR across value chain” was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec (Sunday), 2018. This workshop cum training programme, jointly organised by TUIPR Cell with NRDC, provided solutions to technological demands through deliberations from top technocrats belonging to various industries like Oil India Ltd, Duliajan, M/s Medlis Healthcare Pvt Ltd. , Ahmedabad, Bhogali Food Products Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, Williamson Magor Group etc. and professionals from organisations like LS Davar and Co. (IP attorney), Indian Patent Office, Kolkata and NEIST Jorhat.

Welcoming the participants, Prof. Pritam Deb, Coordinator, TUIPR Cell, shared with the gathering the idea behind organizing such a workshop for the innovators of the University. Inaugurating the workshop, Dr. H.Purushotham, CMD, NRDC stressed “ inventors must focus on Technology Readiness Level (TRLs) and work more aggressively on bridging the gap between technology and market requirement”. Resident Chief Executive, OIL, Shri B.P.Sarma, the Guest of Honour, while discussing the research and development activities of Oil India Limited, stated about the patents that have been applied and granted on various exploration and extraction related activities by the R&D division of their organization. Further, he expressed that technology infusion and collaboration in terms of field trials can be worked upon in certain areas like Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), reducing wastage while exploration etc. The workshop was attended with 30 select participants from various fields of science and technology, who had one or more technologies in hand and are getting ready for translation in the next level. Besides, having dedicated sessions on sectors like Pharmaceuticals, Oil Industry, Food Industry, Tea Industry, Industry-Academic Business Incubation etc., the workshop included presentations from 14 innovators which were showcased to the industry representative and IPR professionals for comments. The daylong programme ended with a vote of thanks from the Research Officer, IPR Cell Dr. Juri B. Saikia.



Photo: The participants with the resource persons and the organisers of the workshop on **Translational Research and Innovation** on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018