

## **Professor Pritam Deb**

Professor Pritam Deb is a nationally recognized scholar and teacher in the fields of IPR, Patent, PCT and Trade secrets. He has been constantly providing technical supports guiding the innovators and creators from the Tezpur University and nearby areas for creating and securing an IPR conscious ecosystem. He is the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry Chair on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) at Tezpur University (Central University). Prior to becoming the Chair Professor, Professor Deb, who has graduate training in physics, worked as Coordinator of IPR Cell that was patenting University innovations. He became the liaison between the scientists and patent



lawyers, an experience that piqued his interest in the links among the scientific, legal, and regulatory communities. His work takes him from TU's classrooms, where he's taught IPR since 2012, to conferences and other campuses throughout the region. He wrote and filed number of patents and software copyrights to the Patent and Copyright Office. He has instituted many innovative IPR activities in the campus – Best Innovative Idea competition, IPR quiz, IP Day talks etc. He has been working for initiating many industry-academia collaborations as part of the effort initiated for creating a Pro-Industry translational research platform in the University. Professor Deb has provided effective and inspiring leadership by preparing and implementing strategies of IPR Policy objectives (Creating IPR Awareness, Administration and Management of IPR, Human Capital Development) of Tezpur University. Professor Deb has been spearheading the initiative of Tezpur University to empower the rural Muga Weavers to use the GI Tag by registering as Authorised User. Under his mentorship, the number of Authorised Users in Assam for GI Muga has become one of the highest in the country. He is also advising the initiative that has been working to revive the heritage of the Gamosa in Assam. Professor Deb has received many international and national awards and recognitions in his career. Recently, in recognition to significant contribution in innovation and technology development, he has been adjudged for the prestigious Visitor's Award conferred by the President of Inida for Technology Development for the year 2020 for developing two-dimensional heterostructure based biodegradable film for food packaging. Professor Deb also held a number of visiting or honorary positions, including the Max Planck Fellow of Max-Planck-Institut für Eisenforschung, Germany, APS-IUSSTF Professor at Rice University, USA etc.