

About TEZPUR COLLEGE

Tezpur College is a premier higher educational institution located in the historical city of Tezpur near the legendary Agnigarh hillock on the north bank of Brahmaputra river. It was established on 5th August, 1965 and is affiliated to Gauhati University. This College offers under Graduate programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce and Management along with professional and skill-oriented courses like Travel and Tourism Management, Art and Music at large. Tezpur College has recently completed 60 years of its glorious existence.

Over the years, Tezpur College has continuously evolved as a vibrant centre of learning and intellectual growth. Committed to its vision of inclusive and quality education, Tezpur College plays a significant role in knowledge creation, skill development, and social engagement, thereby contributing meaningfully to the advancement of higher education in Assam and beyond.

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HOW TO REACH TEZPUR COLLEGE

Tezpur College is located in the heart of Tezpur town, Sonitpur district, Assam, near Agnigarh and Mahabhairab.

By Road: Tezpur is well connected by road with Guwahati and other major towns of Assam. Regular ASTC and private buses, as well as taxis, are available from Guwahati ISBT / Paltan Bazar

By Rail: The nearest railway station is Rangapara located about 35 km from the college. Taxis and auto-rickshaws are available from the station to reach the campus.

By Air: The nearest major airport is Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati and Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar. From the airport, one can reach Tezpur by bus or taxi. Local Transport: Auto-rickshaws, taxis, and app-based cab services are easily available within Tezpur town to reach the college campus.

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Faculty/Academician	INR 1500/-	INR 1200/-
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**Water Challenges : From Ancient
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and Beyond**

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Tezpur College, Tezpur

Seminar Venue : Tezpur College

27-28th FEBRUARY, 2026

About the Seminar

Water is a fundamental source of sustainable development, socio-economic development, energy, food production and livelihood. From the time immemorial water has been the focal point of numerous progress and problems. Throughout the annals of human history, water has played an indispensable role in shaping civilizations, influencing culture, and sustaining existence. Throughout history, water has held a symbolic, cultural and economic significance for various civilisations. Civilisations have thrived near fresh water sources such as rivers and lakes, as these provided the essential elements for agriculture, drinking water and transportation. Ancient societies revered water as a symbol of life, often attributing divine qualities to rivers, lakes, and oceans. The seminar will delve into the historical importance of water in ancient civilisations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Indus Valley where water was central to agriculture, trade and religious beliefs. It will examine how the management and control of water resources often led to conflicts and the rise and fall of empires. The intricacies of water-related challenges have evolved significantly from ancient to contemporary times, and as we stand on the verge of the future, the world faces an uncertain path regarding the sustainable management of this invaluable resource. In the contemporary era, we find ourselves grappling with an entirely new set of water challenges.

Water scarcity, pollution and access to clean water have become critical issues, affecting billions of people worldwide. Water challenges are inherently intertwined with social and economic dynamics. The uneven distribution of water resources can lead to social disparities and conflicts, a fact that has persisted through time. Domestic and international politics surround water issues because of the confrontation occurred over the inequality of water distribution, weak management of water resources and skilled practices related to water degradation. International organisations like the United Nations, World Water Council, Pacific Institute have been working in the field of water to ensure a world with universal access to clean and available water. Further study and research over this issue will be helpful in finding innovative ways and solutions for the water challenges world is facing today.

This seminar aims to provide a comprehensive examination of the historical, environmental, social and technological aspects of water challenges. The discussion will also delve into the projections for future water challenges in the face of climate change, population growth and urbanisation.

Sub Themes:

- Water challenges of Indus Valley Civilisation
- Conflict of Kingdoms for Doabs during Ancient and Medieval India
- Challenges posed by rivers in shaping the civilisations
- Challenges of Water storage and usages (e.g.– Vijaynagar kingdom, Ahom kingdom)
- Challenges faced by uneven monsoon during Mughal period.
- Challenges of river transportation through ages
- Extinction of river Saraswati

- Water sharing disputes between princely states during British period
- Challenges of Irrigation during British period
- Water Policies of India before Independence and aftermath
- Water crisis
- Safe drinking water issues
- Flood related issues
- Agriculture and Irrigation issues
- Encroachment of Wetland and water bodies
- Conflict related to embankment
- Conflict related to dams and Hydropower projects
- Issues of water among the Nations and involvement of United Nations
- UN and water : The first UN 2023 water conference and its implications
- Water and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Digital water management initiative
- Riverine Culture
- Blue literature and the prospect of sustainable water-use
- Any other relevant topic

Submission Guidelines:

File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc / .docx)

Style Sheet: APA 7th Edition

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12 pt.

Line Spacing: 1.5 throughout

Alignment: Justified

Abstract Requirements:

- * The abstract must clearly mention the title of the paper.
- * The abstract should include the name(s) of the author(s).
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