



## Event Report on Roadshow held at Tezpur University, Assam

**Event Topic: Brewing Bio-entrepreneurship in Tezpur**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019      **Time:** 14:30-18:30 h      **Venue:** Tezpur University, Assam

**Participants:** The audience comprised of Deans, Professors, Post-doctorate, Doctorate and Masters Students of Tezpur University and other neighboring institutes. The audience size was 80 in numbers.

### Speakers:

- Dr. Niranjana Karak, Dean R&D, Tezpur University
- Dr. Bula Chaudhury, Sr. Scientists & Coordinator, Guwahati Biotech Hub (GBH)
- Dr. Nivedita Jena, Chief Scientific Officer, KIIT-TBI
- Dr. Manash Deep Dey, Manager-BRTC, KIIT-TBI

### Agenda:

- 1430-1435h Inauguration & Welcome Address**  
Dr. Niranjana Karak, Dean R&D, Tezpur University
- 1435-1520h Talk on ‘Bio-entrepreneurship’**  
Dr. Bula Choudhury, Sr. Scientist and Coordinator, GBP
- 1520-1615h Talk on ‘Innovation: Research to Products and Processes’**  
Dr. Nivedita Jena, Chief scientific Officer, KIIT-TBI
- 1615-1700h Talk on ‘BRTC: Brewing Bio-entrepreneurship in East and Northeast’**  
Dr. Manash Deep Dey, Manager-BRTC, KIIT-TBI
- 1700-1730h Question Answer session**

### Outlines:

- Dr. N. Karak, Dean R&D, Tezpur University welcomed and introduced the dignitaries to the audience and opened the floor for the interaction.
- The first speaker, Dr. N. Karak, talked about the very requirement of entrepreneurship and how is it looked upon as a source of employment generation, innovation marketplace and an opportunity for the innovators to pay back to the society. He talked about the innovation centre already in the campus with the name ‘TUINNOVATION’

and his interest in collaborating with KIIT-TBI for nurturing innovation based ecosystem. He was felicitated by Dr. Jena at the end of his speech on behalf of KIIT-TBI.

- Dr. Bula Chaudhury began her speech with a thank you note to KIIT-TBI for inviting her as a resource person. Her talk touched upon the various aspects of entrepreneurship ecosystem. She also presented a plethora of successful entrepreneurial stories from GBH and other parts of North East and elaborated upon the facilities available, thereby enticing the audience to choose entrepreneurship as a career option. She provided a problem statement for BRTC: Cultured silk moths produce eggs that are sold for silk production. However, the quality of the eggs is not ascertained. Can a technology be developed for separating the healthy eggs from diseased ones? Later she introduced the audience to websites of different funding agencies and implored the students to get updated on opportunities. She was felicitated at the end of her speech by Dr. Jena on behalf of KIIT-TBI.
- Dr. Jena talked about innovation leading to market ventures. She also elaborated on various schemes of BIRAC and the magnitude of funds each scheme provides for the innovators. Introducing the crowd to BIG scheme, she implored the students to apply for the ongoing BIG 15<sup>th</sup> call and partner with KIIT-TBI. She was felicitated by Dr. Niranjan Karak at the end of her speech on behalf of Tezpur University.
- Dr. Dey introduced the crowd to BRTC and its mandates, inviting the audience to take advantage of various programs in BRTC. He also talked about KIIT-TBI, its facilities and its success stories. He emphasized on BIG and asked the audience to apply for the ongoing BIG 15<sup>th</sup> call, partnering with KIIT-TBI.
- The floor was opened for interaction and Dr. Karak, Dr. Chaudhury, Dr. Jena and Dr. Dey answered all questions put forth by the audience. It was an engaging discussion.

### Outcomes:

- Dr. N. Karak, in capacity of Dean R&D, expressed his keen interest of collaborating with KIIT-TBI for establishment of a BioNEST center in Tezpur University
- 5 interested BIRAC-BIG applicants including research scholars, students and faculties to come up in the 15<sup>th</sup> BIG Call

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