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## *Tezpur University receives major boost in terms of tech, innovation support*

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TEZPUR, May 13: Tezpur University (TU) has received a major boost in terms of technology and innovation support from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, which has accorded approval for establishing World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) supported Technology Innovation and Support Center (TISC) at Tezpur University.

The TISC shall be established under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)'s TISC programme that provides innovators in developing countries with access to locally based high-quality technology

information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect and manage their intellectual property (IP) rights.

Tezpur University is among very few institutes in the country to whom this prestigious recognition has been conferred to. The university shall work with the Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM), DPIIT, Government of India in carrying out various activities on intellectual property and innovation. CIPAM is the national focal point for the TISC national network in India.

"Tezpur University is a nodal centre in the northeastern region, constantly working in the field of intellectual property rights with numer-

ous awareness and promotional activities through its Intellectual Property Rights Cell. The establishment of the Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) at Tezpur University will boost the ongoing IPR activities with the available services offered under this programme," Professor Pritam Deb, IPR Chair Professor at Tezpur University, said.

"Over 500 TISCs are operating worldwide and establishing the same here at Tezpur University will give the host institution access to the global network. TISC at TU will also give an impetus to knowledge sharing, sharing of best practices among the TISCs, capacity building, generation and commercialization of intellectual properties," Professor Deb further elaborated.

It may be mentioned here that the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India instituted the prestigious DPIIT IPR Chair at Tezpur University in 2020 with the vision of facilitating intellectual property education and research at the university.

In addition to the IP management by the university, the Tezpur University IPR Cell offers IP courses in the curriculum for undergraduate, graduate and PhD students.

The Tezpur University IPR Cell also takes up activities like hands-on training programmes, industry-academia meets, innovations exhibitions, etc. regularly to enlighten the IP creators of the region.