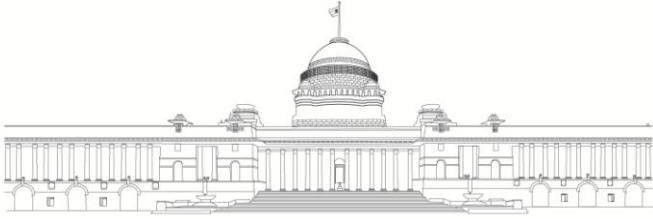




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# **VISITOR'S AWARDS**

**14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**



# **PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

**RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN  
NEW DELHI**

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# **PROGRAMME**

**14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

1930 h	<b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives in Auditorium, RBCC
1932 h	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>
1933 h	<b>Welcome by Shri Suresh Yadav, OSD to the President</b> (Member-Secretary, Selection Committee)
1936 h	<b>Observations by Smt. Omita Paul, Secretary to the President</b> (Chairperson, Selection Committee)
1941 h	<b>Presentation of Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcement of name of awardee for the <b>Visitor's Award for Innovation, 2016</b></li><li>• Short Video film about the Innovation</li><li>• Presentation of Citation and a cheque for cash reward of ₹ 1 lakh to the awardee by <b>THE PRESIDENT</b></li><li>• Announcement of names of awardees for the <b>Visitor's Award for Research, 2016</b></li><li>• Short Video film about the Research</li><li>• Presentation of Citation and a cheque for cash reward of ₹ 5 lakhs to the awardees by <b>THE PRESIDENT</b></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the awardee for the <b>Visitor's Award for the Best University, 2016</b></li> <li>• Short Video film about the University</li> <li>• Presentation of Citation and Trophy to the Vice-Chancellor by <b>THE PRESIDENT</b></li> </ul>
1956 h	<b>Remarks by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development</b>
2003 h	<b>Address by THE PRESIDENT</b>
2013 h	<b>Vote of Thanks by Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development</b>
2016 h	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>
2017 h	<b>THE PRESIDENT</b> leaves
2020 h	<b>Group Photograph of the Awardees and Members of the Selection Committee with THE PRESIDENT in South Lounge, RBCC</b>
2030 h	Dinner in Ceremonial Hall, RBCC

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## **BRIEF BACKGROUND**

The President of India, in his capacity as Visitor of the Central Universities, has been pleased to institute Visitor's Awards in the following categories to promote healthy competition amongst Central Universities and motivate them to adopt best practices from around the world in pursuit of excellence:

- A. Visitor's Award for the Best University;
- B. Visitor's Award for Innovation; and
- C. Visitor's Award for Research.

2. The institution of Visitor's Awards were notified vide Notification No.253 dated 24 October, 2014 and first Visitor's Award were presented on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Subsequently the Cash reward was amended vide Notification No. 87 dated 10 April, 2015, from the next Visitor's Award, i.e., 2<sup>nd</sup> Visitor's Award, as shown in Table below:-

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Title of the Award</b>	<b>Details</b>
1.	Visitor's Award for the Best University	Citation and Trophy
2.	Visitor's Award for Innovation	Citation and Cash reward of Rupees One Lakh to each individual subject to the limitation of total amount of Rupees Five Lakh if the number of individuals in a group exceeds five member, which will be then equally distributed amongst the members of the group

3.	Visitor's Award for Research	Citation and Cash reward of Rupees One Lakh to each individual subject to the limitation of total amount of Rupees Five Lakh if the number of individuals in a group exceeds five member, which will be then equally distributed amongst the members of the group
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3. Online applications were invited from all the Central Universities for each category of the awards. After scrutiny of the online applications received, the Selection Committee recommended conferment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Visitor's Awards, 2016 to the following and the same have been approved by the President:-

<b>Visitor's Award for the Best University, 2016</b>	:	Tezpur University
<b>Visitor's Award for Innovation, 2016</b>	:	Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar of Jawaharlal Nehru University for development of a genetically engineered vaccine and a therapeutic antibody against anthrax.
<b>Visitor's Award for Research, 2016</b>	:	Molecular Parasitology Group of Jawaharlal Nehru University for pioneering work in the area of molecular parasitology, especially anti-malaria, leishmaniasis and amoebiasis.



**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR THE  
BEST UNIVERSITY, 2016**





तेज़पुर विश्वविद्यालय  
TEZPUR UNIVERSITY



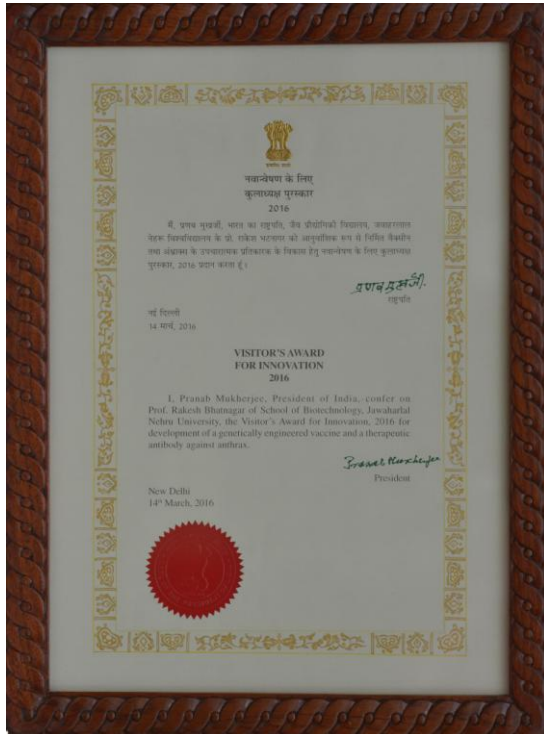
The Tezpur University has been selected for Visitor's Award for the Best University, 2016.


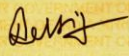
Established under the Tezpur University Act (Act No. 45) in the year 1993, the University has made rapid strides and has come to be recognised as a premier university of the country.

The accomplishment of the university stands out in terms of the research output, publications in the journals of international repute, the citation counts, the citation per publication, the scholarly output through international collaboration, the scholarly output in top percentiles and most importantly the scholarly output per faculty.

This University has taken active interest in implementing the recommendations of Vice Chancellors' Conference and also in setting up Innovation Club, and Inspired Teachers Network.

**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR  
INNOVATION, 2016**



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**Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar**  
School of Biotechnology  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Visitor's Award for Innovation for the year 2016 is awarded to Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar, a senior faculty member at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his pioneering work in the field of immunology, genetic engineering and vaccine development.

His team has developed genetically engineered vaccine against anthrax. The technology of recombinant anthrax vaccine has been transferred to Panacea Biotec Ltd. and the vaccine has successfully undergone Phase I and Phase II Human clinical trials. This vaccine has certain quality advantages over other vaccines in terms of side effects.


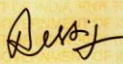
His team has also developed a DNA vaccine against Rabies. His research group has initiated research in other important infectious disease systems like Mycobacterium, Brucella; aiming to open avenues for their control.

Prof. Bhatnagar is the former Dean of School of Bio-technology at JNU and former Vice Chancellor of Kumaon University. His areas of interest are Molecular Biology of Infectious Diseases, Recombinant Vaccine Development, and Programmed Cell Death in Prokaryotes.



**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR  
RESEARCH, 2016**



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The Research Group comprises of Prof. Alok Bhattacharya, Prof. Sudha Bhattacharya, Prof. Rentala Madhubala, Prof. Jaishree Paul, Prof. Chinmay Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Suman Kumar Dhar, Prof. Samudrala Gourinath, Dr. Swati Tiwari and Dr. Deepak Gaur. They all are working as faculty in School of Life Sciences, School of Environmental Sciences, School of Biotechnology and Special Centre for Molecular Medicine in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The Research Group led by Prof Alok Bhattacharya has, to its credit, notable accomplishments in the broad area of molecular parasitology as evidenced by their publications in high impact scientific journals. Their research program and findings have fundamental importance in understanding the biology of some very common parasitic pathogens. This work can have a bearing in the development of new therapeutics.

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