

Two- Day National Seminar organized by Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University, Assam

The Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), organized a Two-Day National Seminar on “*GST Reforms and Impact on Rural and Urban Livelihood and Employment*” on 20th and 21st August 2026 at Dibrugarh University, Assam.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, and was attended by distinguished academicians, administrators, faculty members, researchers, and students from across the North-Eastern region.

Dr. Bipasha Chetiya, Head, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University delivered the welcome address to the audience. Prof. Jutimala Bora, Convenor, National Seminar and Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University, gave a brief overview of the seminar. Prof. Pankaj Das, Dean, Research and Development, Dibrugarh University also addressed the august audience with his remarkable words.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri Vinay Kumar Thammi, IRS, Joint Commissioner of Customs, GST and Indirect Taxes, Dibrugarh. He highlighted the evolution of India’s tax structure and discussed the transformative reforms brought about by the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). He also elaborated on the role of GST in promoting the ease of doing business and contributing towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

A panel discussion was organized on the central theme of the seminar, featuring eminent experts including Shri Vinay Kumar Thammi, IRS, Joint Commissioner of Customs, GST and Indirect Taxes, Dibrugarh; CA Vijay Kumar Deorah, Managing Partner, V. K. Deorah & Co.; Prof. Subhrangshu Sekhar Sarkar, Dean, School of Management Sciences and Director, Directorate of International Affairs, Tezpur University; Prof. Kumud Chandra Goswami, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University; and Dr. Jayanta Gogoi, Principal, JDSG College, Bokakhat.

Three technical sessions were conducted focusing on key dimensions of GST reforms in the North-Eastern region:

1. “GST Reforms and Regional Economic Resilience in North-East India”, chaired by Prof. Subhrangshu Sekhar Sarkar, Dean, School of Management Sciences and Director, Directorate of International Affairs, Tezpur University.
2. “GST Impact on North-East India’s Rural and Urban Livelihood and Employment Dynamics”, chaired by Prof. Rajkumar Giridhari Singh, Head, Department of Commerce, North-Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya.
3. “Digitalisation, Compliance and Administrative Prospects and Challenges in GST Implementation in North-East India”, chaired by Prof. Joy Das, Head, Department of Commerce, Nagaland University.

The technical sessions witnessed active participation from researchers, faculty members, and scholars from across the North-Eastern region. Research papers presented during the sessions examined the impact of GST reforms across Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya,

Sikkim, Manipur, and Mizoram, with particular emphasis on changes in livelihood and employment patterns across the primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors.

The successful conclusion of the two-day seminar was marked by the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Rajneet Bhatia, Co-Convenor and Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University. She expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, distinguished speakers, session chairs, panellists, participants, faculty members, researchers, students, organizing team, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for their valuable support and contribution towards the successful conduct of the seminar.

The seminar served as a significant academic platform for deliberating upon the evolving GST framework and its implications for livelihood, employment, regional economic resilience, digitalisation, compliance, and inclusive economic development in North-East India.









