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Dhruba Kr Bhattacharyya received his PhD in Computer Science and Engineering from Tezpur University in 1999 in the field of Cryptography and Error Control Coding. Currently, he is a *Senior Professor* in the Department of CSE, Tezpur University and also, the *Dean* of *Academic Affairs*. The three major fields of research that excite Prof Bhattacharyya are Machine Learning, Cyber Security, and Bioinformatics, and in all these three fields his contributions are significant. Till date, Prof Bhattacharyya has published more than 260 research articles in various peer-reviewed international journals and selected conference proceedings. Prof Bhattacharyya has authored/edited 18 reference books in the field of machine learning and its applications. Under the supervision of Prof Bhattacharyya, 19 students have successfully completed their PhD in Computer Science. It will be worthwhile to mention that Dr Bhattacharyya has successfully completed 11 major research projects and 04 are ongoing. He is also on the review panel of most major research grants for DST and several other Int'nl funding agencies.

Machine learning research at TU, led by Prof Bhattacharyya, has already been recognized by Ministry of HRD as a Centre of Excellence, one among twenty others in the country. Research in ML and its applications in various domains carried out by Prof Bhattacharyya's group have also been recognized by the UGC, with special financial assistance. Prof Bhattacharyya is a fellow of IETE (Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers), IE (Institution of Engineers) and Sr Member, IEEE, and also on the Editorial/Advisory Boards of several international journals, conferences and workshops.