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Greetings

As we march towards a New Year, we leave behind our memories and achievements in the year that passed by. Last year was quite eventful and we bid adieu to it on an upbeat note. We had some success last year and we hope to have many more in this year. To achieve this, we promise to improve upon our endeavours. We have taken a vow to rededicate ourselves to take KIIT to new heights through excellence. May this New Year bring peace and happiness to all our friends, well wishers, students, staff, all stakeholders and their families.

Wishing you & your family a
Very Happy & Prosperous New Year
2015

Achyuta Samanta
Founder, KIIT & KISS

On behalf of KIIT & KISS
Bhubaneswar

2015 Milestones

Important Happenings in KIIT & KISS (October to December, 2014)

Engineering programme of KIIT University got accreditation from National Board of Accreditation (NBA) in Tier 1 Format, recognized by Washington Accord.

KIIT & KISS Founder, Achyuta Samanta received the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize International 2014 in Manila on November 26, 2014.

Seven other prestigious national and international awards and recognitions were presented to Achyuta Samanta: Gold Medal by authoritative knowledge organization of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), 'ZNANIE'; President's Gold Medal (Russia); D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) by Moscow State Humanitarian University; D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) by Chosun University, South Korea; Dr. Pinnamaneni and Seethadevi Foundation Award (Vijayawada); CSI Fellowship Award (Hyderabad); and Think India Awards 2014 (New Delhi).

10th Annual Convocation of KIIT University was held on November 8, 2014. **Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine delivered the convocation address.**

KIIT University conferred Honoris Causa Degrees on following eminent personalities: **Prof. Ferid Murad**, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine; **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh**, Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist; **Ms. Angela Gomes**, Eminent Social Activist and Founder & Executive Director, *Banchte Shekha*, Bangladesh; **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra**, Eminent Poet and Literary Critic; **Mr. Ranjib Biswal**, Chairman, Indian Premier League; **Prof. M. S. Swaminathan**, eminent geneticist & 'Father of Green Revolution in India'; and **Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari**, Judge, International Court of Justice, The Hague.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and **Shri Upendra Kushwaha**, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water and Sanitation visited KIIT & KISS on November 6, 2014.

A **Czech Education Fair** was held at KIIT University on November 1, 2014. A high-level delegation of academicians from Czech Republic led by **His Excellency Mr. Miloslav Stasek, Embassy of Czech Republic, New Delhi** attended.

Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group visited KIIT & KISS on October 28, 2014.

Indian Biotech Industry Conclave was organized by KIIT School of Biotechnology and KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) on October 31 – November 1, 2014.

KIIT University organized **International Model United Nations (IMUN) of KIIT University** from October 17 -18, 2014. It was one of the largest of its kind in Asia.

Diplomats and delegates from 27 countries attended International Conference on Tribal Issues organized by Center for American Studies, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences on November 22, 2014.

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram, Vice Chairperson, MYRADA delivered 8th Varghese Kurien Foundation Day Lecture at KIIT School of Rural Management on November 21, 2014.

A KiiT International School girl received National Child Award from Shri Pranab Mukherjee, His Excellency the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 14, 2014.

The **2nd KIIT Centre for International Arbitration (KCIA) International Arbitration Workshop and International Law Week** was organized by KIIT School of Law from November 14 – 16, 2014.

The **5th Marketing Conclave** was organized by KIIT School of Management on September 27, 2014.

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(This University has no other campus / off campus anywhere in the country (including Delhi & Gurgaon). It has only one permanent campus in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.)

Editorial

It is a matter of pride that KIIT University continued to march towards excellence in the year 2014. In this eventful year, excellence of KIIT and its protégé, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), attracted hundreds of dignitaries from all parts of the world. Notably, Nobel Laureate Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn delivered the 10th Foundation Day Lecture at the University on February 16. More recently, another Nobel Laureate Prof. Ferid Murad delivered the 10th convocation address. He also agreed to honour our University by receiving the Honoris Causa Degree. This year, KIIT conferred Honoris Causa Degrees on seven more eminent personalities from different walks of life: Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Ms. Angela Gomes, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, Mr. Ranjib Biswal, Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari and Prof. (Dr.) Asylbek Aidaraliev. Similarly, top diplomats from 13 countries, including seven ambassadors, attended an international conference on indigenous people, organized by KISS.

Many people wonder how the two institutions are able to move forward at such a fast pace. While it is indeed incredible, KIIT and KISS draw from creative energy of its dynamic founder Achyuta Samanta. The two institutions have been trying to match his pace. Perhaps, they have been able to achieve some success in 2014. His contribution in the fields of education and social service was recognized by many more national and international bodies in 2014. On November 26, Samanta was honoured with Gusi Peace Prize International 2014, which is considered Asian equivalent of Nobel Peace Prize. He was also conferred 'Znanie' Gold Medal of Commonwealth of Independent States and President's Gold Medal of Russia, besides numerous national-level awards and Honoris Causa Degrees from several reputed Indian and international universities.

In its march towards excellence, KIIT was conferred 'A' Category status by Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, placing it in the bracket of most elite universities of the country. It was also accredited in 'Tier 1' under Washington Accord by NBA of AICTE. Many academic conferences were held in KIIT during the year. Some of these are AIU All India Vice Chancellors' Conference, International Conference on Distributed Computing and Internet Technology, 38th Annual Conference of Odisha Orthopedic Association, Indo-Korean Education and Culture Forum, 7th National Management Convention, and Second International Conference on Angiogenesis – Theragnostics in Cancer & Cardiovascular Diseases. This year has been very eventful for KIIT and KISS. We hope, the coming year 2015 will be even more eventful.

Future looks brighter and the Editorial Team of KIIT Review wishes all its readers and well wishers of KIIT and KISS and their families a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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SAMANTA RECEIVES 2014 GUSI PEACE PRIZE INTERNATIONAL

Noted social entrepreneur and Founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT Group of Institutions Achyuta Samanta received the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize International for 2014 amidst a galaxy of luminaries, comprising of presidents, prime ministers, distinguished scientists, philanthropists and three thousand invited guests from all over the world, in Manila on November 26, 2014.

Samanta is the lone Indian among 15 laureates of this prestigious award this year, conferred by the Philippines-based awarding body Gusi Peace Prize International. He is only the third Indian ever and first from Odisha to be conferred the award, considered as 'Asia's Nobel Peace Prize'.

He was given the prize for "poverty alleviation through education and humanitarianism". The citation recognizes his outstanding contribution in the field of education and for his humanitarian efforts to uplift the socially and economically marginalized children through education.

Samanta has been relentlessly working for the uplift of poorest of the poor indigenous community in Odisha for the last two and a half decades. His passion to provide a level playing field to this most neglected section of the society led him to establish Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a free residential institute for 22,500 tribal children. He also founded KIIT, a group of professional institutes, to support this social enterprise. KISS has received worldwide recognition as an effective model of empowerment of indigenous people through education. His model is now being replicated in many states of India as well as abroad. "KISS is plans to educate 2,00,000 underprivileged indigenous children within next 10 years", said Samanta in his acceptance speech, while expressing gratitude to the awarding body for the honour. This year's nominees, besides Samanta, who received the prize are: Dr. Hans Koechler from AUSTRIA, Dr. Atiur Rahman from BANGLADESH, Dr. Manson Fok from CHINA, Prof. Virima Mudogo from CONGO, Hon. Dominique Hoppe from FRANCE, Prof. Gerhard Bringmann from GERMANY, Hon. Parviz Pargari from IRAN, Dr. Luigi Pellegrini from ITALY, Prof. Yoshinory Asakawa from JAPAN, Former President Vytautas Landsbergis from LITHUANIA, Hon. Bhojraj Pokharel from NEPAL, Sen. Cynthia a. Villar from PHILIPPINES, Dr. Kazimierz Glowniak from POLAND and Hon. Saad Nahar Al-Baddah Almutairi from KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

Gusi Peace Prize International is an international award given annually to some great individuals who have distinguished themselves as brilliant exemplars of society. The selection process for Gusi is both complex and rigorous. After a scrutiny and a process that continues for over a year, the jury members consisting of distinguished persons from all over the world agree on few members and the final decision is then taken by the Award committee having its annual session in USA. The list of awardees is duly approved by the Philippines Senate.

Earlier the day, the laureates laid wreaths at the Manila Memorials with the National Flags of the countries of the recipients fluttering high. In the glittering presentation ceremony, credentials were presented as the national anthem of the recipients' countries played.

Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS receiving Gusi Peace Prize International 2014 in Manila, Philippines on November 26, 2014.

Achyuta Samanta with other Gusi laureates after laying wreath on the national monument in Manila, Philippines.

Giving quality education to the deprived is like giving sight to the blind.

Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS

Achyuta Samanta receiving Gold Medals from Efim Malitikov, President, 'Znanie' in Moscow on December 8, 2014.

Knowledge Body of CIS Honours Samanta

In a unique gesture, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) comprising of erstwhile U.S.S.R. nominated Achyuta Samnata to receive two Gold Medals from their authoritative knowledge organization 'ZNANIE'. The 'ZNANIE' medal and the 'President's Medal' were presented by Efim Malitikov, President, Znanie to Samanta on December 8, 2014 at a glittering function held in Moscow. Samanta's contribution in the field of education and his creation of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) impressed the organization so much that member countries unanimously selected him to get the coveted honours. This award is given to eminent personalities every year after getting approval of the Russian President. 'ZNANIE' is an important body founded in 1947. After the fall of Soviet Union, it was recognized in 1991 through a resolution with the signature of the heads of states of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic of Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia. It has affiliated centers in various member courtiers, which include Italy, Mongolia, Czech Republic, Japan, Rumania, Latvia, Estonia, China, Vietnam, Slovakia and Bulgaria.

This unique body has the General Consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (UNESCOSOC) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Award of two prestigious medal to one individual from outside the member countries make Samanta the clear choice by countries participating in 'dissemination of knowledge'. Being the most authoritative organization in the field of knowledge dissemination in the CIS Countries, IA Znanie has been making huge impact in today's society. Considering the role Samanta is playing in disseminating knowledge through KISS, members of the Executive body of IA Znanie unanimously resolved to award him the coveted Gold Medals.

Immediately after IA- Znanie announced Samanta's name, the Moscow State Humanitarian University decided to confer D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) on him, which Samanta received on December 9 in the University Senate.

Think India Awards 2014

Achyuta Samanta was presented with Think India Awards 2014 by Think Media at its Transforming India Conclave 2014 in New Delhi on December 18, 2014. The presentation ceremony was attended by people from all walks of live, including ministers, top political leaders, bureaucrats, celebrities, corporate leaders, academicians, representatives from civil society and media. He was conferred the award for creating world-class institutions like KIIT University and Kalinga institute of Social Sciences (KISS), for 22,500 neglected and underprivileged tribal children living beyond the civilized world. The Conclave Board, consisting of 11 eminent personalities from various sectors, strongly recommended Samanta's name for the award following a stringent scrutiny.

Achyuta Samanta Awarded in Andhra Pradesh

Achyuta Samanta receiving the Dr. Pinnamaneni and Seethadevi Foundation Award in Vijayawada on December 16, 2014.

Dr. Pinnamaneni and Seethadevi Foundation has awarded Achyuta Samanta, educationist and social entrepreneur, at its 24 Annual Awards. The award was presented to him at a function held at Siddhartha Academy on December 16, 2014. Dr. Samanta has dedicated his life for the uplift of tribal children by providing free education in Odisha, the Foundation observed. It honoured him with a citation and Rs 5 lakh cash prize in presence of more than fifteen hundred eminent personalities from all parts of India and abroad. All were astonished to know about noble work done by Dr. Samanta, as a single person, in Odisha.

Dr. C. Nageswara Rao, Managing Trustee of the Foundation said, no other recipient of the award given by the Foundation till now deserved it more than Dr. Samanta. After receiving the award, Dr. Samanta spoke on the topic, 'Service with Human Touch' on the occasion. Dr. Pinnamaneni Trust, a prominent foundation established in 1989, has presented the awards every year to many eminent persons in literacy, tradition and arts, social service, health, science and other fields in the last two decades. **Past recipients of the award include Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Dr. Verghese Kurien, Prof C. N. R. Rao, Sri Ramanand Sagar, Lata Mangeshkar, S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, Ustad Zakir Hussain and Prof. M. S. Swaminathan.**

CSI Fellowship Award

Achyuta Samanta receiving the Honorary Fellowship Award by Computer Society of India (CSI) in the presence of Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Ind.) for Labour and Employment, Shri K. Taraka Rama Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Panchayatiraj and IT, Govt. of Telengana and other dignitaries, in Hyderabad on December 13, 2014.

Achyuta Samanta was conferred Honorary Fellowship Award by Computer Society of India (CSI) in Hyderabad on December 13, 2014. It is among the highest national-level awards of the Society, instituted in the year 1979, with an intention to honour distinguished personalities who have served the society with dedication, devotion and faith or those who have excelled in fields related to the society. The award recognizes Samanta's contribution in making a difference to the society through education. **It was conferred upon Samanta in the presence of Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Ind.) for Labour and Employment, Shri K. Taraka Rama Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Panchayatiraj and IT, Govt. of Telengana and many other dignitaries.** Nomination of awardees follows a stringent process. A search committee was made under the guidance of the Chairman of the Education and Awards Committee. The search committee proposes the names of suitable persons of the award of fellowship. **Earlier, recipients of this prestigious award include eminent personalities like, Mr. Ratan Tata in 1993, Prof. Yash Pal in 1994 and Mr. Chandrababu Naidu in 1998.**

10th Annual Convocation
November 8, 2014

Nobel Laureate Delivers Convocation Address

Total 3452 students of 2013 – 14 graduating batch of KIIT University received their degrees at its 10th Annual Convocation in the presence of Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA and other distinguished personalities on November 8, 2014. The University also conferred Honoris Causa Degree of D.Sc. on Prof. Murad.

KIIT University honoured three other eminent personalities from different walks of life with Honoris Causa degrees –Ms. Angela Gomes, Eminent Social Activist and Founder & Executive Director, *Banchte Shekha*, Bangladesh; Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, Eminent Poet and Literary Critic; and Mr. Ranjib Biswal, Chairman, Indian Premier League.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist received the Honoris Causa D.Litt. degree announced by KIIT University last year. On that occasion, she could not come personally to receive the honour due to unavoidable reasons.

In his convocation address, Prof. Murad advised the graduates to set-long term career goals and work very hard to achieve them. "You are living in a challenging time when the world, specially with respect to science and technology, is changing incredibly fast and you have to be prepared for it", he stated. Stressing on the supreme importance education, he said, quality of life is a function of education. He asked students to have patience in the face of hurdles and keep their knowledge and skills updated through training. Congratulating the graduates, the Nobel Laureate advised them not to forget those - their parents, family and society - who supported them.

Accepting the honorary D.Sc. degree, Prof. Murad said, KIIT is remarkable in supporting free education for thousands of poor students. The honour was conferred to him in recognition of his great contribution to the world in the field of medical research and use of Nitric Oxide to cure pulmonary hypertension in premature babies, wound healing and endothelial dysfunction with atherosclerosis. **Prof. Ferid Murad, along with two other scientists, won Nobel Prize in 1998 for their work with nitric oxide signaling.** His key research demonstrated that nitroglycerin and related drugs worked by releasing nitric oxide into the body, which relaxed smooth muscle by elevating intracellular cyclic GMP.

"The honour will encourage me to work for oppressed women and children with new strength and energy", said Ms. Angela Gomes in her acceptance remarks. **A Ramon Magsaysay laureate from Bangladesh, Ms. Gomes was conferred honorary D.Litt. her "indomitable spirit, courage and mental strength to change the perspective of the society towards women".** Expressing gratitude to KIIT University for the honour, Dr. Mahapatra stressed, education and culture should be centerpiece of all developmental efforts. His honorary D.Litt. citation admires his persona as a literary genius and a humanist.

Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT University leading the convocation procession.

(From L) Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT University, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist, Ms. Angela Gomes, Eminent Social Activist and Founder & Executive Director, *Banchte Shekha*, Bangladesh, Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, Eminent Poet & Literary Critic, Mr. Ranjib Biswal, Chairman, Indian Premier League (IPL) and Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor at the 10th Convocation of KIIT University.

KIIT stands out as a university because of its infrastructure, students and "happy faces", said Mr. Biswal, while accepting the honorary D.Litt. award, which commends his leadership qualities in cricket administration. In her acceptance speech, Dr. Sonal Mansingh said, "I have visited 90 countries and hundreds of institutions, but have never come across a university like KIIT." KIIT and its sister concern, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), are bright examples of what dreams and perseverance of a selfless man can do, she remarked, referring to its Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta.

In his congratulatory message to the graduates, Dr. Samanta urged them to use their knowledge to give back to the society. He expressed gratitude to the Nobel Laureate and other distinguished personalities for honoring KIIT by accepting the Honoris Causa degree.

Expressing best wishes to the graduates, **Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, KIIT University, in his presidential address, said that KIIT University is getting ready for its position in the realm of research institutions of the country.** He thanked the recipients of Honoris Causa degrees for making the university proud by accepting the honour. In his report, **Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. P. Mathur said that the University has taken initiative to give impetus to research on the campus. This year the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India conferred category 'A' status to KIIT, he informed, adding that it has also recently received accreditation for its five engineering undergraduate programmes from the National Board of Accreditation, Govt. of India under Washington Accord.**

KIIT University conferred Pradyumna Bal Memorial Gold Medal, PPL Gold Medal, Nanibala Memorial Gold Medal, Founder's Gold Medals, Chancellor's Gold Medals and VC Silver Medals on its most meritorious students. As many as 35 scholars were conferred Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar proposed the vote of thanks.

Recipients of Honoris Causa Degrees

Prof. Ferid Murad
Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998)

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh
Indian Classical Dancer & Social Activist
(She receives Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) given to her, in absentia, in the 9th Annual Convocation, November 16, 2013)

Ms. Angela Gomes
Eminent Social Activist and Founder & Executive Director, *Banchte Shekha*, Bangladesh

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra
Eminent Poet and Literary Critic

Mr. Ranjib Biswal
Chairman, Indian Premier League (IPL)

Convocation Address by

Prof. Ferid Murad

Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA

Founder, Chancellor, President, faculty, families, friends, and the graduating class of 2014. I want to thank you for the opportunity to participate in this graduation ceremony. **Congratulations to the graduating class. This represents an important milestone for you and your families.** By graduating, you have very significantly increased your parents' pride. This is a challenging time today in this world and in science and medicine.

Since receiving the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1998, I have given many speeches around the world to colleges and universities and scientific meetings, however, to paraphrase Bill Cosby, I enjoy talking to young people and telling them important things they will probably ignore and forget. Giving a brief commencement address is a much more difficult task. I

"Technology is changing rapidly and this will continue. You can be sure that scientific research and medicine practiced in the next 20 to 30 years will be quite different than it is today."

want to talk to you today about "being prepared for your career choices."

The changes and advances in science, technology, and medicine are increasing rapidly. Who would have believed 30 years ago that we would have smart cell phones that we can now wear on our wrists. With these advances, this is truly an exciting but complex time. **Technology is changing rapidly and this will continue. You can be sure that scientific research and medicine practiced in the next 20 to 30 years will be quite different than it is today.** To prepare for your career choices, and the inevitable changes that will occur, I want to focus today on several important principles that I have followed to be prepared.

First: Establish your long-term goals as soon as you can, and continue to re-evaluate them periodically. Ask yourself important questions like "what do you want to do the rest of your life?"

Second: Work hard to attain your goals. This will require determination and persistence, as well as overcoming disappointments and setbacks.

Third: Be patient and take the time to train and prepare yourself for that career. One's income and quality of life clearly correlate with the amount of his or her level of education and training.

Fourth: Select a career path that is challenging and rewarding but also provides enjoyment. You must have fun and enjoy going to work.

Fifth: Use your family, friends, teachers and mentors as a support network and attempt to return something of significance to society. Leave a big "footprint" and some recognition of your work.

Let me share with you some of my background that influenced my career path in medicine and research. You may Google me and learn more if you wish. I think you will find elements in my background that address each of these principles.

Recipients of Ph.D. degrees.

I was born in a small blue-collar middle class community in northwestern Indiana near Chicago. My father was a shepherd from a small Macedonian village near Albania and Kosovo. He left home as a teenager and immigrated to the Unites States. Some years later, he met my mother who was also from a poor family in Illinois. Neither had much education and both worked very hard in their restaurant. I realized in the eighth grade that I wanted to become a physician, a teacher, and a pharmacologist. This was not because I had family members in these professions. **In fact, I was the third person on both sides of the family to finish high school and the first to attend college.**

My two younger brothers and I were expected to work several hours a day after school and on weekends in the family restaurant. We washed dishes, swept floors, and served customers. My parents and our customers encouraged me to obtain more education. I have had a very close friend since kindergarten. He and I competed constantly for grades, in sports and playing chess. Today he is an aeronautical engineer who helped design the Stealth Bomber. We remain close friends and continue to compete when we golf together. He attended the Nobel Prize ceremony with the 51 people invited to Stockholm. His comment after I received the Nobel Prize was "One Nobel Prize to Zero."

From this environment I was determined to go to medical school. My younger brothers had the same sort of influence and guidance. One is a dentist and the other is a forensic anthropologist and professor. **Since I couldn't afford college, I chose a school that gave me the best scholarship and went to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. I waited tables at a sorority house and taught anatomy and embryology labs.** I always had one and sometimes two summer jobs. **With a double major in premedical science and chemistry, I graduated Phi Beta Kappa in the top 10 % of my class.** After college I married Carol Leopold and we have been married for 56 years. **I entered the first M.D.-Ph.D. combined degree program in the country at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.**

Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor giving away degrees to the graduates.

This program provided a tuition scholarship and a modest stipend. At the end of this seven-year program, my wife and I had four children. In order to make ends meet, I worked 1 or 2 nights a week in the obstetrics unit of the Cleveland Clinic Hospital for $20 a night as an assistant. Besides examining patients, preparing the delivery room, and assisting in deliveries, C-sections and circumcisions, if the on-call doctor didn't arrive in time, I would deliver the baby. The money I earned was usually enough to pay our weekly grocery bill and utilities. **When I finished the M.D.-Ph.D. program and was first in my class, I received both the research and clinical prizes.**

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I took an internship and residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and then three years of a combined clinical and research fellowship at the National Heart Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

Sixteen years after high school at the age of 34, I completed my training. I thought about more fellowship training but decided it was time to get a real job and support my wife and 5 children. **I have been on the medical school faculties at the University of Virginia, Stanford University, Northwesten1 University, University of Texas-Houston, and I am currently a University Professor and Director of the Institute of Molecular and Cellular Signaling at The George Washington University in DC.**

I have chaired both clinical medicine and basic science departments and in research institutes and medical schools. I have also worked in a large pharmaceutical company as a vice president, directing their pharmaceutical research for five years, and I co-founded a number of biotechnology companies. My long period of training has permitted me to develop skills in clinical medicine, basic research, business and teaching. I have enjoyed all of these aspects of my career and can assure you that I must continue to learn. **My students and trainees often teach me more than I teach them. Indeed this learning process should never end as your profession advances, and as the information and your surroundings continue to change.**

I was very fortunate in that I always enjoyed my work as a trainee and in my profession. About 40 years ago, when I was on the medical faculty at the University of Virginia, I continued my interest in how hormones and drugs were regulating cellular functions - how do cells communicate with each other. We discovered that nitric oxide, which is a free radical, a gas, a toxic substance, and a known pollutant released from smoke stacks and automobile exhaust, has important biological effects.

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In the process of studying this biological information transfer process that we call cellular signaling, we learned that some drugs, such as nitroglycerin, which was used for 100 or so years, produced their effects to dilate blood vessels and relieve chest pain, angina, by releasing nitric oxide and increasing the formation of another messenger molecule, cyclic GMP. We proposed that these substances, nitric oxide and cyclic GMP, functioned as intracellular messenger molecules to mediate the effects of various drugs and hormones. Many scientists were skeptical that a reactive toxic substance and pollutant such as nitric oxide could be involved in biological processes to mediate hormone effects; they were wrong.

We now know that nitric oxide regulates and plays a role in many biological processes. We were persistent and excited with our work and believed in our findings. Although we have learned a great deal about the biological effects of nitric oxide, I believe much more can be learned to maximize its application in medicine in the future.

More than 150,000 publications have appeared since our discovery of nitric oxide's biological effects in 1977. Nitric oxide research has become one of the most popular and most important areas in biology with more than 70 biotechnology companies and most multinational pharmaceutical companies with research programs in nitric oxide. Many drugs have been developed and many more are in clinical trials. Our research has influenced the healthcare of millions of people. Thus, the learning process and excitement for me continue. To quote Jonas Salk who discovered the Polio vaccine: "I feel that the greatest reward for discovering is the opportunity to do more."

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In Summary:

Set your **Goals** and be prepared to readjust them as you obtain more training.

Work hard with determination and persistence, but be patient to get to where you want to go.

You will spend the majority of your life in your selected profession. It is very important that **you enjoy it** and **do it well-** you should do the best that you can.

And remember to **return something** to society. Leave a big "footprint." I wish I could tell my friend, the aeronautical engineer, "Two Nobles- to zero."

With these principles there may be a future Nobel Laureate in this graduating class. Good luck to the graduating class and thank you for your attention.

Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and other dignitaries and officials.

10th Annual Convocation

November 8, 2014 (Saturday)

MEDAL WINNERS

FOUNDER'S GOLD MEDAL

Goutam Dutta, B.Tech. (Mechanical), for all round performance in the whole University across all the Programmes

I Parvathi, M.Tech (Computer Science), for securing highest CGPA in the whole University across all the Post Graduate courses

Sohini Chatterjee, B.Tech. (Electronics), for securing highest CGPA in the whole University across all the Under Graduate courses

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

I Parvathi, M.Tech (Computer Science), for securing highest CGPA in M.Tech

Subrata Maiti for securing highest CGPA in MCA

V M Gowthami for securing highest CGPA in MBA

Ramesh Kumar Mishra for securing highest CGPA in MBA (Rural Management)

Shruti Banerjee for securing highest CGPA in M.Sc. Biotechnology – Integrated

Sasmita Minz, MA, for securing highest percentage of marks across all the Post Graduate Programmes of Kalinga School of Social Sciences

Sohini Chatterjee, B.Tech. (Electronics), for securing highest CGPA across all the B. Tech Programme

Sneha Chatterjee for securing highest CGPA in BBA

Aishvary Vikram, B.Sc.LL.B, for securing highest CGPA in LL.B

P.K. BAL MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Alisa Mishra for best all rounder in MBA

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LTD. (PPL) GOLD MEDAL

Shubhankar Chakrabarty for best student of Marketing Specialization in MBA

NANIBALA MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Aishvary Vikram, B.Sc.LL.B., for securing highest CGPA in LL.B

Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor awarding certificates and medals to the outstanding graduates.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SILVER MEDAL

Shaiontoni Bose for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering

Bidisha Roy Choudhuri for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Electronics & Electrical Engineering

Chandresh Kumar Mahajan for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering

Manjeet for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Civil Engineering

Manali Dutta for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering

Rakhi Kumari for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Electrical Engineering

Sneha Srivastava for securing highest CGPA in B.Tech in Information Technology

Shalini Wunnava for securing highest CGPA in BBA.LL.B

Anupama Mallik for securing highest CGPA in BA.LL.B

Deepak Kumar Pradhan, B.Com., for securing highest percentage of marks across all the Under Graduate Programme of Kalinga School of Social Sciences

Santwana Sagnika for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Computer Science & Engineering with specialization in Computer Science & Engineering

Swati Pattanaik for securing highest CGPA in M.Tech in Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Manufacturing Processes & Systems

Suryasnata Tripathy for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering with specialization in VLSI Design and Embedded System

Sangita Das for securing highest CGPA in M.Tech in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering with specialization in Communication System Engineering

Smruti Ranjan Barik for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Electrical Engineering with specialization in Power Electronics & Drives

Sonali Swetapadma Sahu for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Computer Science & Engineering with specialization in Computer Science &Information Security

Chandra Kant Kumar Niraj for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Computer Science & Engineering with specialization in Software Engineering

Praveena Rao for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Civil Engineering with specialization in Structural Engineering

Durga Prasad Ghose for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Thermal Engineering

Rupen Bhattacharya for securing highest CGPA in M. Tech in Electrical Engineering with specialization in Power & Energy System

Jayati Ray for securing highest CGPA in M.Sc. Applied Microbiology

Sandipan Samaddar for securing highest CGPA in M.Sc. Biotechnology

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Prof. Ferid Murad,

Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA

Acceptance Speech

KIIT is remarkable in supporting free education for thousands of poor students.

Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA receiving the Degree of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor and Prof. P. P. Mathur Vice Chancellor.

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Ms. Angela Gomes

Eminent Social Activist and
Founder & Executive Director,
Banchte Shekha, Bangladesh

Acceptance Speech

The honour will encourage me to work for oppressed women and children with new strength and energy.

Ms. Angela Gomes, Eminent Social Activist and Founder & Executive Director, *Banchte Shekha*, Bangladesh receiving the Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor and Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor.

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Padma Vibhushan

Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra

Eminent Poet and Literary Critic

Acceptance Speech

Culture should be centrepiece of all developmental efforts.

Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, Eminent Poet & Literary Critic receiving the Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor and Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor.

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Mr. Ranjib Biswal

Chairman,
Indian Premier League

Acceptance Speech

KIIT stands out as a university because of its infrastructure, students and happy faces.

Mr. Ranjib Biswal, Chairman, Indian Premier League (IPL) receiving the Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor and Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor.

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Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh

Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist

Acceptance Speech

I have visited 90 countries and hundreds of institutions, but have never come across a university like KIIT. KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) are bright examples of what dreams and perseverance of a selfless man can do.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist receiving the Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor and Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor.

2014 Ph.D. Awardees

Pravuram Panda, School of Applied Sciences (Physics): Preparation and Characterization of Aluminium Nitride & Aluminium Nitride–Polymer Composites

Mrutyunjay Das, School of Applied Sciences (Mathematics): Study of Some Hydromagnetic Fluid Flow Problems with Heat Transfer

Padmabati Chand, School of Computer Engineering: Optimal Solution of Vehicle Routing Problem Using Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithms

Amiya Kumar Sahu, School of Management: Monitoring by Financial Institutions and Impact on Firm Performance: Evidence from India

Tanmaya Swain, School of Computer Engineering: Performance Evaluation of some TCP/IP Based Renovated Congestion Control Mechanism Infrastructure and Infrastructure-Less Network Environment

Ms. Shreya Chatterjee, School of Law: Regulation of Health Related Technologies and Application of Medical Devices: Exploring the Limitations of the Current Regulatory Design with Special Reference to India

P. Chandrasekhar, School of Mechanical Engineering: Finite Element Analysis of Sinter-Forging of Aluminium Metal Powder Preforms

Paritosh Chaudhuri, School of Applied Sciences (Physics): Studies on Thermal-Hydraulics of Plasma Facing Components for SST-1 Tokamak

Subas Chandra Asa, School of Applied Sciences (Chemistry): Dynamics and Speciation of some selective Heavy Metals in Brahmani River-Estuarine Environment

Nirmal Kumar Rout, School of Electronics Engineering: Development and Performance Evaluation of Efficient Active Noise Control Algorithms

Suresh Chandra Pattanaik, School of Civil Engineering: Durability and Protection Measures of Concretestructures in Marine Environment

Tanmaya Mohanty, School of Mechanical Engineering: Effect of Laminated Clamping Device Parameters on Machining Performance During Boring Operation

Satya Kumar Misra, School of Applied Sciences, Department of Mathematics: Study of Statistical Distributions using Reliabilitymodels

Subhanarayan Sahoo, School of Electrical Engineering: Frequency and Time Domain Behaviourof Modified Catio3 Nanoceramics Forthermistor Application

Purusottam Mohapatra, School of Biotechnology: Study the Mechanism of Anticancer Potentiality of Bioactive Compound Resveratrol in Cigarette Smoke Condensate Transformed Breast Epithelial Cells

Chittaranjan Pradhan, School of Computer Engineering: Security and Robustness Enhancement of Digitalimage Watermarking

Jitendra Kumar Ram, School of Management: Performance of Regional Rural Banks After Amalgamation: A Case Study of Odisha

Salila Kumar Pattnaik, School of Management: Effect of Employer Branding on Employee Engagement: A Study of Indian it Services Companies

Abhishek Ray, School of Computer Engineering: Dynamic Slicingof Aspect-Oriented Software

Pravat Ranjan Dixit, School of Applied Sciences (Chemistry): Seasonal and Spatial Variation of Physico-Chemical Properties of Water and Sediment of Odisha and Westbengal Coasts

Ranjan Keshari Pati, School of Electrical Engineering: Some Studies on Computational Intelligent Techniques in Power System Problems

Debadatta Sahoo, School of Management: Effect of Intellectual Capital and Competition on Firms' Valuation, Financial Performance and Competitive Advantage: An Empirical Investigation in India

Susanta Kumar Mohanta, School of Applied Sciencesdepartment of Mathematics: A Study of Nonlinear Variational Inequality Problems in Various Spaces

Anil Kumar Mishra, School of Computer Engineering: Artificial Bee Colony Basedswarm Optimization Techniquefor Content-Based Image Retrieval System

Srikanta Mohapatra, School of Electrical Engineering: Bio-Inspired Computing for Tcsc And Sssc Based Series Facts Controllers for Power System Stability Enhancement

Kaish Quiresh Khan, School of Management: Odia - English Codeswitching:A Study of Formal and Functional Features

Ms. Sasmita Jena, School of Management: "A Comparative Study on Work-Life Balance of Nursing Staffworking in Private and Government Hospitals"

Maitrayee Choudhuri, School of Biotechnology: Study the Anti-Cancer Potentiality of Natural Product Diindolylmethane Derivatives 3,3'-Diindolylmethane–Aminophosphonate and Urea in Preclinical Model System

Isham Panigrahi, School of Mechanical Engineering: Analysis and Experimental Validation of Cracksin Beam Structures Under Dynamic Conditions Using Numerical, Finite Element and Ann Techniques

Sonali Chakraborty, School of Management, Household Expenditure on Health Care in Urban Odisha: An Empirical Study of Cuttack City

Yasobanta Das, Department of Chemistryschool of Applied Sciences: Synthesis and Characterizations of Polymersupported[O-, N, N, O-] Based Bulky Schiff Base Metalcomplexes and their Catalytic Activity

Rajashree Mishra, Department of Mathematicsschool of Applied Sciences: Chemo-Inspired Genetic Algorithm and its Real Life applications

Prasanta Kumar Mohanty, Department of Mathematics school of Applied Sciences: Some Quadrature Rules for Approximate Evaluationsofdefinite Integrals of Real and Complex Valued Functions

Chinmaya Misra, School of Computer Engineering: An Efficient Energy Saving Mechanismand Qos Scheduling in Ieee 802.16networks

Prasanna Kumar Acharya, School of Civil Engineering: Properties of Concrete made with Industrial Waste, Blended Cement and Lime

Santosh Kumar Pani, School of Computer Engineering: Abstract property based dynamic slicing of programs

Presidential Address by
Prof. N. L. Mitra,
Chancellor, KIIT University (Excerpts)

In the landscape of a University, Annual Convocation is an opportunity of providing annual performance score-card of the University and confirming its social accountability. We are humbled that Professor Ferid Murad, the noble laureate, took some of his valuable time out to come down in this part of the world specially to bless the graduating students taking degree certificates this year and share him moment with us in this occasion. He has also agreed to receive the D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) from the University and make us feel proud of his being one of the Kiitians. On behalf of each of students, the entire faculty and the staff of this University I remain beholden to him.

I congratulate all the recipients of the doctoral degree in *Honoris Causa* and feel obliged for allowing their names in the rolls of honour of this University for the history to perpetuate. In this Convocation 35 (1%) candidates obtained Ph.D. in various branches of disciplines. This is a meteoric rise over the Past few years' record highlighting that this University is getting ready for its position in the realm of research institutions of the country. During the period 3 patents were obtained by the University faculty. Three new patents were filed. The members of the faculty did publish around 300 research papers during the year in national and international journals. The research centres especially in the Schools of Biotechnology, Physics, Chemistry and some industrial technology have been attracting national focus and national bodies and defence laboratories are showing interest in funding projects. Industry-University link program is gainfully groomed. We look forward for completion of its multidisciplinary advanced Research Centre, the construction of which is fast progressing. 903 (nearly 27%) recipients received Masters' degree in various subjects excluding 17 candidates receiving Masters' degree in various medical subjects. 2497 (nearly 72%) candidates, on the other hand, were awarded the Bachelors' degree in various disciplines. The annual growth pattern shows a very healthy development of the University though with uneven growth amongst various schools. I think in the 10th Convocation an institution with such growth in human development profile would be very significant. Another significant role of this University is in its 'development with human face'. Its School of Social Sciences is specially and entirely devoted to provide higher education facility to the passed out students of our '+ 2 Academy for tribal students' (known as KISS School). Besides, in every School in the University including School of Medicine there is a provision for admission of some students passing out from this Tribal School, who can then take up entire education as usual completely free including free boarding and lodging. I am confident in near future students from this School would hit the standard of admission test in KIIT to qualify in various schools in larger numbers on own merit.

I thank you all once again for sharing some moment of your life with my University. I can only wish and request all to the call, ***'Charai beti, Charai Beti'*'go forward, further forward'!**

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Vice Chancellor's Report by

Prof. P. P. Mathur

(Excerpts)

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome each one of you on behalf of the University and on my own behalf to this auspicious and solemn occasion of the 10th Convocation of the KIIT University. **Today 3417 graduands will be awarded graduate and postgraduate degrees in various disciplines and 35 candidates will be awarded Ph.D. degrees.** I feel greatly honored to inform that *Honoris Causa* doctorate degrees will be conferred upon Dr. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate (Physiology or Medicine-1998); Ms. Angela Gomes, noted social worker from Bangladesh; Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, notable Indian poet and literary critic in Oriya and English.; Mr. Rajib Biswal, Cricketer and IPL Chairman; and **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist.** I congratulate and thank each one of them for their acceptance. Ours is a young but very vibrant university. I am extremely happy to report to you that in such a short span of time the University has got a very high visibility and has been recognized as an institution that is involved in a very high quality teaching and research in diverse fields. **The University campus is home to over 20,000 students from different states of the country and abroad. In the current year around 200,000 students appeared for the On-line Entrance Test conducted by the University in 132 centres at 54 locations across the country. Out of them only 6,214 students got admitted.**

I am very happy to inform you that **this year the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has conferred category 'A' status which has placed the University in the league of top Universities in the country. The University has also recently received accreditation for its five engineering undergraduate programmes from the National Board of Accreditation, Govt. of India under Washington Accord which would enable global recognition of its degrees and increased mobility of the graduates to 17 countries including USA, UK, Australia, Canada and Japan. KIIT University is among six institutions in the country shortlisted in the first phase by the NBA. The University has also received approval of 50 additional MBBS seats and approval to start PG courses in eight specialties of dental sciences.** We take pride in stepping into an enviable position of excellence and feel confident that within next few years the pool of diverse and inquisitive students, the devoted faculty, staff and the alumni would work collectively towards building this educational institution as a 'WORLD CLASS UNIVERISTY'. Last year has witnessed a greater focus on building research facilities augmented by funding from various national and international agencies. **Faculty members of the University have actively involved themselves in consultancy projects from various industries. During this year more than 25 research and consultancy projects from various national and international funding agencies have been sanctioned with a total budget outlay of over Rs. 7 crores. The faculty members and the research scholars have published around 300 research papers in peer reviewed journals and around 150 papers were presented in national and international seminars/ conferences. Over 200 of the research papers have been indexed in international databases like Scopus. The papers have been getting many more citations than before thereby pushing up the 'h' index to 18. Some of the faculty members and students of the University have also published books. During this year six patents have been filed by the faculty of the University.** I congratulate you once again on everything you have achieved and, on behalf of this great institution, wish you every happiness and success in the great adventure of life. Thank you for your attention and May the Lord Jagannath bless all of us.

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Special Award Function

Honoris Causa Degree Conferred on **Prof. M. S. Swaminathan**

KIIT University conferred the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, eminent geneticist & 'Father of Green Revolution in India' at its Special Convocation in Chennai on October 26, 2014.

'Prosperity of nature, poverty of people,' words coined by Prof. Swaminathan, many decades ago, explains the ironical situation in India, where natural resources are abundant but people are living in extreme poverty. He reiterated that condition has not changed much. Speaking after receiving the honour, Prof. Swaminathan suggested, using modern science for agriculture and rural development for the development and dissemination of technology, to improve lives and livelihoods of tribal and rural communities.

"I am happy that cyclone prone state like Odisha is relying on scientific developments to address natural calamities and reducing the danger on human lives and preventing destruction of property to some extent," said Prof. Swaminathan. He further added, "Similar implementation of technology in producing and protecting varieties of energy rich crops will go a long way in eradicating poverty." He opined, entire farming community in the country including small famers and tribal people can be benefited by implementing scientific research analysis for improving the efficiency in the field of Agriculture.

He thanked KIIT University for organising a special convocation in Chennai, to confer the honorary doctorate degree on him.

In his welcome address, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, revealed that due to preoccupation, Prof. Swaminathan, could not attend the regular convocation held in 2012 to receive the Degree at Bhubaneshwar and the same being conferred by organising a special convocation in Chennai.

"The father of green revolution in India and the Chairman of M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, he spent his early research career in Cuttack, Odisha and he is working hard to eradicate poverty. I am also from a village near Cuttack and working hard to provide free education and food for indigenous children through Kalinga Institue of Social Sciences (KISS)," Dr. Samanta said highlighting the similarities in his life. While reading of citation, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chanellor of KIIT University, said Padma Vibhushan Dr. M. S. Swaminathan is one of the few personalities who have contributed in shaping the destiny of post independence India.

"By honouring Prof. Swaminathan we are not doing any favour to him, but, in fact, we are honouring ourselves," said Prof. Mathur. Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor of KIIT University presided over the function and hailed the achievements of Prof. Swaminathan in helping small farmers and tribals in remote villages, through dedicated scientific research. He lamented that laws protect industrialists, but do not help the poor agriculturalists in India, who represents more than 65% of the overall population.

(Adapted from ENARADA, Chennai, October 26, 2014)

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Father of Green Revolution in India

Samanta's work is unparallel in the world : Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari

Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Judge, International Court of Justice, The Hague receiving the Degree of Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa) from Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, KIIT University in the presence of Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar.

KIIT & KISS founder Achyuta Samanta's work in the field of education and social service is unparallel in the history of India, or even in the human history, said Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Judge, International Court of Justice, The Hague. Justice Bhadari, who is touring Odisha, visited KIIT & KISS on December 2, 2014. It is unbelievable how dream of one person can be translated into reality so beautifully, he said after visiting KIIT & KISS. **What has been done by Dr. Samanta is unparallel in the history of India or in the history of humanity, he stated, adding that he has done a great service to the cause of education and tribal people of the country will always remember him.**

Justice Bhandari received D.Law (Honorary Causa), which was conferred on him during 10th Convocation of KIIT University (November 8, 2014), at a special function at KIIT. In his acceptance speech he said, education is indispensible for the development of downtrodden, especially tribal community. Only education can help them join the mainstream society. Education gives knowledge along with social security and success in life, he said. Suggesting that entrepreneurs should invest more in building learning centers, he said reputed universities like Oxford, Cambridge and Stanford are all set up by entrepreneurs or private trust boards. **Justice Bhandari is only the second Indian to become the Judge of International Court of Justice. An Indian has occupied this high position after a long gap of 22 years. He will work for 9 years in International Court of Justice.**

It is pride for Odisha that for the first time any Judge of International Court of Justice has visited Odisha. After visiting KISS, Justice Bhandari said, he has visited more than 75 countries till today, but he has never seen institutions like KISS anywhere. Chancellor of KIIT University, Prof. N. L. Mitra conferred D.Law, Honoris Causa on Justice Bhandari in the presence of Dr. Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Prof. P P Mathur, VC, and Dr. Sasmitarani Samanta, Registrar, KIIT University.

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Speech of Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari

Judge, International Court of Justice at KIIT University (Full Text)

Respected and learned Chancellor of this University Prof. N. L. Mitra, distinguished Vice Chancellor Prof. P. P. Mathur, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, founder of this great University, eminent faculty members of this University, enlightened and dear students of this great University, and gracious ladies and gentlemen. Good morning to all of you. I am deeply beholden to all of you for organizing special function for conferment of this rare honour. Words fail me to express my deep feelings of gratitude and indebtedness. I am truly overwhelmed and humbled.

I was really happy and amazed to learn about your University and activities. Today I had an opportunity to have a glimpse of it. **It is unbelievable how dream of one person can be translated so beautifully in the world. When I see what have been done by Dr. Samanta, it is unparallel in the history of this nation, and may be in the history of many nations in the world. This University has carved a unique position for itself and acquired a formidable reputation in the world of education, predominantly because of the untiring efforts, devotion and dedication of its founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta.**

The Chancellor of this University is one of the most distinguished academicians and law teacher in the country. He has made tremendous contribution to the development of legal education, law and jurisprudence. He is also responsible for developing well-known institutions in the country. I will sum up by saying he is really a builder of institutions. I wish him many more decades of happiness, good health in service of the cause of education, in general, and in the service of law teaching and research, in particular. This institution is result of the efforts of Dr. Achyuta Samanta. He has done a great service to the cause of education and training of tribal population of this country. It would be no exaggeration if I say Samantaji is the very soul of this great institution.

He will always be remembered for his great contribution. He has spoken about my contribution in the field of law as a judge of High Court, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Judge of Supreme Court, and now judge of International Court of Justice. But when I compare my accomplishment with his achievement, I stand nowhere close to him. He has done such a great service to the humanity which is unparallel in the human history. I salute your Dr. Samanta. As an institution of excellence, it is among first five private universities of the country. It is time that private entrepreneurs must invest in building great centres of learning in this country. As you all must be aware, all over the world all great centres of learning have been because of the private entrepreneurs – individuals and private trusts. Whether you take Harvard or you take Stanford, whether you take Massachusetts Institute of Technology – they are all result of private individual efforts and effort of the private trusts. Unfortunately, in our country this is not happening in a big way. But it is time that private entrepreneurs must invest more money in developing centre for excellence, centres for learning. It is heartening to learn that Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences is among the first 20 institutions in the country, and the School of Management is among first 25 institutions in the country. Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences is devoted to the tribal students. I do not think there is any other institution which is educating and training so many tribal students. I happened to witness it myself a little while ago - almost a gathering of 22,500 tribal students. What would happen to these students if there is no institution like KISS? I am afraid some of them would have joined the wrong place and would have become liability for the nation. You all knew what is happening all over the country. You have read today's newspaper. Fourteen CRPF personnel were killed by our own people.

The only solution to this problem is to educate them, and you are doing it in a big way. Education is indispensible for helping tribal people cope with national integration. Education will determine their prosperity, structures and security of life. If the tribals would remain deprived of education, we would suffer the consequence. Tribal students, even while they are receiving their education, must dream to be dedicated to the service of their own people. Dr. Samanta has dedicated his life serving humanity by educating a large section of society who for centuries were deprived of education and training altogether. Our President of India, Dr. Pranab Mukherjee has said - The only way to empower poor sections of society is to educate. Dr. Samanta has unique style of educating and training students, which is practical, meaningful and useful for them. According to him, aim of education is protection of knowledge and knowledgeable students as well as enlargement of understanding, imagination, growth, self-realization, fulfillment of potential development of ability. The other purpose of education is integration or balancing of the needs and interest of the individual student and larger society and fostering skill, cultivating critical thinking.

It is unbelievable how dream of one person can be translated so beautifully in the world. When I see what have been done by Dr. Samanta, it is unparallel in the history of this nation, and may be in the history of many nations in the world. This University has carved a unique position for itself and acquired a formidable reputation in the world of education, predominantly because of the untiring efforts, devotion and dedication of its founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta.

I have been asked to speak something about International Court of Justice. **As you are all aware that International Court of Justice is a judicial organ of the United Nations. It endeavours to resolve the dispute between the nations – whether they pertain to boundary dispute, maritime dispute, or any other dispute. There are 15 judges from all over the world. That is why it is called the 'World Court'. These are geographical representation from every region of the world.**

For example, Asia has three seats, Africa has two seats, and Europe has a larger share – 7 seats. So there is total representation of the world in the 'World Court'. And people from different channels come to the position of the judge of the International Court of Justice. In order to be a member of the International Court of Justice, you have to be a member of the highest court of your country or you have to be academician of world renowned reputation in international law. You have to be an outstanding diplomat. Now it is a very fascinating experience of adjucating matters, where people come from different streams, different backgrounds. Some of them have been Minister of External Affairs or Prime Minister. Some of them have been judges of different countries. Some of them have been very eminent professors from Cambridge or Harvard.

Now, normally we all sit together – all 15 of us – to deal with every matter. Unlike in any court, after oral deliberations are over, all of us write judicial notes. That is like individual judgment by each judge on every point. Then there is intense deliberation on judicial notes by inverse seniority. There is threadbare discussion on every point. Everyone will give his or her views on the judicial note. Thereafter, one by one the judicial notes are taken and ultimately the judicial note of the President of the ICJ is taken, who is the senior-most. And then the president will announce a drafting committee.

The drafting committee will see to what is the view of the majority and on that basis they will prepare a judgment and bring it back to the house of 15 judges. That is the first reading of the judgment. Then there is a detailed deliberation on them and the drafting committee will take note of every submission made by each member, and will incorporate all those. By that time it is clear what is the majority view and the views of some others for writing dissenting judgment. Again the draft is brought back to the full court of 15 judges. They deliberate on it and then some changes are made. They are mostly choice of words, style of language. Then some of them would write dissecting judgment, some of them would write concurring judgment.

But this kind of deliberations which take place in the International Court of Justice is unique – it does not take place anywhere else. And the reason is - you are deciding the dispute between two nations; where document runs over thousands of pages and dispute is, therefore, very complicated. **Now unlike domestic courts, the International Court of Justice has no power of contempt. Now the obvious question is how the judgments and orders of ICJ are implemented. You will be surprised that the compliance rate is almost 100% in last two years. This is because of the credibility of the institution.** Recently we decided a very contentious matter between Japan and Australia. There I had given a separate opinion.

The short question was that whales were becoming extinct and the entire world got to get there and agree that the only way to save the whales – the way we are doing it for tigers – is to put a moratorium on killing of whales. Most countries agreed but 3 – 4 countries were reluctant because whale is a big industry. In Japan, whale oil is very much used for industrial purposes. Whale meat is delicacy – delicacy to the extent that each meal in a restaurant may cost you about 5000 $. Japan was very reluctant but with the pressure of others countries, Japan agreed. But after two years, Australia filed a complaint before International Court of Justice that Japan is whaling for commercial purpose, even though it is a signatory to the convention that prohibits whaling for commercial purposes – it could be done only for scientific purposes.

The petition which was filed by Australia was that Japan is carrying out whaling in a clandestine manner. In the garb of scientific research they are carrying on commercial whaling. The matter was investigated for a number of days. Ultimately the Court came to the conclusion that Australia was right and Japan was carrying on commercial whaling under the guise of scientific research. Japan was very upset with that judgment. Large number of politicians made all kind of statements. But looking to the credibility of the court, after two weeks, the Prime Minister of Japan sent a message that though we are very upset with the judgment - because it is going the affect our industry very badly - we are going to comply with every word of the judgment. That shows the credibility of the 'World Court'. And that has been built up because of the quality of work which has been done in the International Court of Justice.

Unfortunately, India did not have representation for a long time because there are only three seats in Asia and all permanent members are honorary members of ICJ – like China and Japan. Then only one seat remains for entire Asia. In 1950s we had a constitutional expert Mr. B. N. Rao for a few months. Then Dr. Nagendra Singh had a full tenure as a judge of the International Court of Justice. He became the President of the Court. Thereafter, when he died in office, Chief Justice of India R. S. Pathak resigned as Chief Justice of India to become a member of ICJ for one and a half year. After a gap of 22 years, as Dr. Samanta said, I was elected to that position.

Dr. Samanta will always be remembered for his great contribution. He has spoken about my contribution in the field of law as a judge of High Court, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Judge of Supreme Court, and now judge of International Court of Justice. But when I compare my accomplishment with his achievement, I stand nowhere close to him. I salute your Dr. Samanta.

Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Judge, International Court of Justice, The Hague and Achyuta Samanta amidst tribal students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

The election is one of the most difficult, complicated and intricate elections in the world. You have to be nominated by a national group. They will send a recommendation to the Secretary-General of United Nations. Then you are put up as a candidate before the General Assembly and Security Council and in order to be elected you must have absolute majority, both in Security Council and General Assembly. In case of India, India got 13 votes out of 15 in the Security Council and 122 out of 182 votes in the General Assembly.

Now I will tell you something about the Peace Palace, where International Court of Justice is located. This is a unique building which has four worlds-class institutions – International Court of Justice, Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague Academy of International Law and Peace Palace Library. The interesting thing is that a young boy, who was a messenger and who started his career the way Dr. Samanta had started his career in this country, had a key role in its establishment. Somehow, by his handwork, he managed to go to America and set up steel business. The way this University has prospered, similarly he did extremely well and 49% of the total production of steel was done by this company. He had nothing to do with law or international law, but he had inner desire that we must create an institution where dispute between the nations can be resolved. So in 1903, he made a survey of the entire world and he found, The Hague was the place, where there are already large number of international institutions and it would be an appropriate thing to have a world knowledge institution here, where disputes between nations can be resolved. In 1903, he goes to The Hague and meets the Queen of the Netherland and says – I am prepared to finance the entire construction of the building if you give me permission to have temple of justice. He explained that he wants an institution where disputes between the nations can be decided. In 1903, he gave a single cheque of 1.5 million US Dollar, which would be several billion US Dollar now. From that money the International Court of Justice was created. From remaining wealth, he created 1500 libraries all over the world –in English speaking countries; most of them were in America and Europe. **In one of the last letters he wrote – It is a disgrace to die a rich man, you leave problem for your inheritors. The money that you earn from society must be utilized for the welfare of society in whatever manner you deem it fit. He said – I don't want to be known as a rich man. For me, diplomacy of Dollar is not important. I believe in diplomacy of intellect.**

International Court of Justice is engaged in large number of cases where centuries old boundary disputes between the rations have been resolved peacefully, centuries old maritime disputes have been resolved beautifully. Now this is working for the peace and security of the world.

I will not take much of the time but I will revert back to what I have seen in this institution. It is unparallel – doing a great service to humanity, particularly deprived sections of society. I again salute you Dr. Samanta. All my good wishes for your long and healthy life; so that you can contribute much more for the development of this nation. And if such institutions are replicated all over the world, I am sure the world will be a better place to live.

Thank you!

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Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water and Sanitation visited KIIT & KISS on November 6, 2014. Addressing the students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), **Shri Paswan said that his notion about Odisha has changed after seeing KIIT and KISS.**

There is wrong notion among people living outside the state that the poverty and backwarness of Kalahandi is the identity of the state. "But after my visit to KISS, I feel that this notion is wrong", said the Union Minister. He advised the tribal girls and boys of the institute not to lose heart and not to develop inferiority complex. One can achieve anything in life if he or she has ambition and is ready to work hard. **Shri Paswan applauded the vision and efforts of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT & KISS.**

Shri Upendra Kushwaha and Shri Ram Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.) also visited KISS earlier in the morning and interacted with the students of the institute. **KISS deserves its place among top five noble works of the world and its founder among the great personalities of the world, Shri Kushwaha said. KISS model should be replicated across the country for development of deprived class including tribal community, he suggested, adding that for the first time he has seen smiles on the faces of so many downtrodden children.** "In my political journey, I have addressed so many huge gathering at different places. But this is the first time I am addressing such a huge gathering of 22,500 tribal students in one place.

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KISS has provided a beautiful environment and proper platform for your future growth and you should utilize it rightly", he stated. You should make the vision of the founder praiseworthy by achieving success in your life, he told the tribal students of the institute. The ministers also visited KIIT and interacted with the students. **Among others, Dr. P K. Patasani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.), Shri Ram Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.), Shri Sanjay Ku. Das Burma, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind.) for Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Employment and Technical Education & Training, Govt. of Odisha**, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University and Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar were also present.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan unveiling a stone plaque in his honour at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). Shri Sanjay Ku. Das Burma and Achyuta Samanta look on.

Shri Ram Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.) speaking at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

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Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS receiving the Honorary Degree of D.Litt. from Chosun University, South Korea for his remarkable contribution in the field of education and social service.

Chosun University conferred the honour on Dr. Samanta at its 65th Foundation Day Function for his remarkable contribution in the field of education and social service.

South Korea's Chosun University has conferred Honorary Degree of D.Litt. on Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. The University conferred the honour on Dr. Samanta at its 65th Foundation Day Function on September 25, 2014 for his remarkable contribution in the field of education and social service. Till date Dr. Samanta has got 17 Honorary Doctorate Degrees from various Universities of India and abroad.

During his four-day tour to South Korea, leading a high-level KIIT delegation, KIIT University has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with six Korean Universities; namely, Dong-Guk University, Young-in University, Kangnam University, Inje University, Busan Foreign University and Hongbupsa. The MoUs will facilitate educational and cultural exchange and lead to better mutual understanding of culture, tradition and educational system among people of South Korea and Odisha.

A grand public felicitation was given to Dr. Samanta in Chosun University. He also inaugurated a KIIT Centre at Jungwon University and a KIIT corporate office at Seoul. Earlier in the year, a Indo-Korean Education and Cultural Centre was opened by Dr. S. C. Jamir, His Excellency the Governor of Odisha at Jungwon University. Various cultural and student exchange programmes are taken up through this centre.

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KIIT School of Management (KSOM), Bhubaneswar has once again proven that its reputation among the top B Schools in India is well earned. MBA students of 2012 – 14 batch had another good placement year with leading names across sectors like Deloitte, Colgate Palmolive, TCS, Pantaloon, Mahindra, etc. Adding to that, quite a few students opted out of the placement process to follow their entrepreneurial dreams or go back to lead their family businesses. Clearly, KSOM is not only a leader in making future managers industry-ready, but it also fosters a learning environment for entrepreneurs whose ambitions are developed and supported at the institute.

One of the major highlights of the placement season for Class 2014 is that leading global institutions in the public and private sectors had a strong presence on campus. Some of the big names included HDFC, HCL Infosystems, Deloitte, AXIS Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, Mahindra, Colgate Palmolive, Pantaloon and many more from industries ranging from healthcare to emerging technologies. Overall, 74 recruiters visited the campus and they left impressed by the students' willingness to work hard and stay focussed.

The most promising news for MBA aspirants and currents students is that KSOM's placements record has been improving steadily over the years – as seen both in terms of the participating organizations and the range of payment packages that were offered to students. **The highest domestic placement package offered to Class of 2014 was a whopping sum of Rs. 7.53 lakhs, which came from Dabur India Limited. The average salary was Rs. 4.2 lakhs.** The School's alumni are already making a mark for themselves in the corporate world. Several of them like Mr. Yuvraj Mehta, Vice-President and Group Head, Reliance Infrastructure, Mr. Amit Sharma, Vice President, SREI Infrastructure are in top leadership positions. Recent graduates like Mr Sourya Dash from batch of 2008 won "Top 25 HR Young Leaders Award." **Dr. Anil Bajpai, Director, KSOM, Bhubaneswar stresses, "As our young and senior alumni are going about making distinct marks in their professional spheres, a higher number of companies are participating each year and offering better packages. The placement record motivates us to keep going ahead in the same manner."** KSOM is known for its focus on experiential learning and high level of industry interaction for students. Visits by corporate speakers almost every week, participation in LIVE consulting projects and focus on non-exam and multi-level evaluations prepare students for the challenges they are going to face in their professional lives.

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Czech Education Fair at KIIT

(From L) Achyuta Samanta, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha, His Excellency Mr. Miloslav Stasek, Ambassador, Embassy of the Czech Republic, New Delhi, Prof. Harekrishna Satapathy, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT and Dr. P. D. Porey, Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat at the inaugural function of Czech Education Fair in KIIT.

A Czech Education Fair was held at KIIT University on November 1, 2014. A high-level delegation consisting of senior functionaries of leading universities of Czech Republic and led by His Excellency Mr. Miloslav Stasek, Ambassador, Embassy of the Czech Republic, New Delhi attended the Fair. They also visited various campuses of KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). **Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Odisha, Prof. Harekrishna Satapathy, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati and Dr. P. D. Porey, Director, National Institute of Technology, Surat graced the inaugural function of the fair.**

Czech Republic shares a warm relationship with India, Mr. Stasek said, while inaugurating the Fair. It has decided to organize such fairs in various reputed and old universities of India to further strengthen the educational ties between the two countries, he informed. **KIIT has an excellent reputation in India and abroad. It has fruitful relationships with many leading Czech universities. The Embassy of Czech Republic decided to organize Czech Education Fair in KIIT because of its reputation and close educational ties with the country, the Czech Ambassador said, adding that such events will strengthen the educational system of two countries.**

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Panigrahy pointed out that KIIT has created a landmark in higher education in the entire eastern India. He emphasized on value-based education in KIIT. The infrastructure and teaching-learning system of KIIT is excellent, said Prof. Satapathy. KIIT has become a center of excellence due to the continuous effort and dedication of its founder, Dr. A. Samanta, he stated. Underscoring the strong ties between KIIT and Czech universities, Dr. Samanta, in his welcome address, said, KIIT has memorandum of understanding with several universities of Czech Republic. It is a matter of pride for a new university like KIIT as well as Odisha that Czech universities having a standing of hundreds of years have signed MoUs with KIIT.

As many as 15 Czech universities agreed to sign MoUs with KIIT University, while VŠB – Technical University, Ostrava renewed its MoU for a period of another five years. Among others, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University also spoke on the occasion.

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Diplomats, Delegates from 27 Countries Attend International Conferences on Indigenous People at KISS

Diplomats and high level dignitaries from 27 countries with Shri Jual Oram, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India at the inaugural ceremony of the international conference on indigenous issues organized by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

International Conference on **'Tribal People in the 21st Century: Problem and Prospects'** and **'Eradicating Chronic Poverty in Odisha: Policy Issues and Challenges'** was organized by Center of American Studies, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in collaboration with UNFPA. **Inaugurating the conference, Shri Jual Oram, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India said, tribals remain underprivileged even after 67 years of independence.** The Tribal Affairs Ministry is reviewing the tribal development policy and making efforts for better implementation of various tribal development schemes. The findings of panel discussion on various issues related to tribals during the conference will give some feedback for enhancing tribal development policy and making it more effective, said Shri Oram. **Delegates and Diplomats from 27 countries, including Ambassadors from eight countries graced the event: His Excellency Mr. Miloslav Stasek, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Czech Republic to India, His Excellency Mr. Idriss Raoua Ouedraogo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso to India, Her Excellency Ms. Monica Lanzetta Mutis, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia to India, His Excellency Mr. Amir Muharemi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Croatia to India, Her Excellency Ms. Gennet Zewdie, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to India, His Excellency Mr. Georges de La Roche Du Ronzet Plihal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Guatemala to India and Her Excellency Ms. Elizabeth Paula Napeyok, High Commissioner, Uganda High Commission to India. Ms. Frederika Meljer, Representative, UNFPA, Mr. Coen Kompler, Representative, ILO, Mr. S. M. Sarkunde, IAS, Commissioner, Tribal Research & Training Institute, Pune, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and Shri R.N. Dash, Secretary were also present.** Tribals should come forward and fight together for their fundamental right; i.e. the right to live with dignity, said **Professor Anand Kumar of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.** He also said, tribals are still underprivileged due to apathy of administration and lack of will power of political leaders. Malnutrition, high mortality rate and poverty are still prevailing in tribal areas, he lamented. Six problems pertaining to tribal development still remain unresolved since independence, said **Shri Naresh Saxena, Senior Advisor, UNDP.**

These issues are land alienation, indebtedness, displacement and loss of livelihood. While tribals constitute 8% of our population, 45% of those displaced by mining, industrialization and various infrastructure development works are tribals, he informed. Till today many tribals are not getting benefit of panchayats. So the centre and state governments should rework the tribal development policy and schemes and make it more effective, opined Mr. Saxena. Indigenous people constitute around 370 million of the world's population and they are among the poorest, Dr. A. Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, emphasizing that their development is a high priority. He extended a warm welcome to guests and delegates to KIIT & KISS, while wishing the conference a grand success. The day-long deliberations threw light upon challenges of poverty and development of indigenous people in the present juncture of structural adjustment and liberalization. The conference had themes and sub-themes like Poverty and migration in Odisha; Anti-poverty measures and their impact in Odisha; Changing patterns of livelihoods among indigenous people; and Educating the indigenous community - Issues and challenges. Eminent social scientists, administrators, social workers, entrepreneurs, industrialists, people's representatives, women from NGOs, etc. from India and abroad shared their views.

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I have never seen institutions like Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT in the entire world. The whole India and whole world should salute Dr. A. Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS. Congratulations to Dr. Samanta for creating an educational institution which is unparalleled in the world.

-- Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group

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Achyuta Samanta felicitating Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group in KIIT campus.

Odisha has tremendous opportunities for development and those should be explored, said Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group. He was on a visit to KIIT University and its sister concern, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on October 28, 2014. Mr. Agarwal graced interactive sessions with faculties, staffs and students of KIIT as well as 22,500 tribal children of KISS at the respective campuses.

"I have never seen institutions like Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT in the entire world. The whole India and whole world should salute Dr. A. Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS", he remarked. Congratulating Dr. Samanta for "creating an educational institution which is unparalleled in the world", he hoped that KISS would inspire many more such institutes to eradicate poverty in India.

Even though India is the largest democracy in the world, it is lagging behind United States and China in development, he said, pointing out that we need to provide jobs to eradicate poverty. The country has plenty of mineral wealth, but we have to import most of our needs from outside, he stated. Citing examples, he said the country imports 100% of gold, 90% of oil and almost 100% of electronics. Most of the world want to supply to India, Mr. Agarwal said. Considering that 40% of our population are unemployed, the country should utilize its vast resources in the most sustainable manner. More importance needs to be given to manufacture sector, he suggested, observing that the present government has taken encouraging steps in this direction. Odisha is blessed with abundant natural resources, but still is far behind other states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana in development. It is upto the young people of the state to take it forward, he added.

Indian Biotech Industry Conclave at KIIT

Indian Biotech Industry Conclave – 2014, organized by KIIT School of Biotechnology and KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (TBI), was inaugurated at KIIT campus on October 31, 2014. Inaugurating the conclave, Dr. Raman Govindarajan, Head R&D, Sonafi Aventis said that biotechnology is not a new concept and its origin can be traced back to 7000 years. Biotechnology offers immense scope for students aspiring for a career in it, he stated, explaining that it opens opportunities in medicine and health care as well as nature and living organisms. Students and academician should plan their research keeping in view the needs of industry and society, he advised.

(From L) Prof. M. Suar, Director, KIIT School of Biotechnology, Achyuta Samanta, Dr. R. Govindaranjan, Head R & D, Sanofi Aventis, India, and Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT at the Indian Biotech Industry Conclave-2014 in KIIT.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Amulya Panda, Sr. Scientist, National institute of Immunology said that there are abundant opportunities in the field of biotechnology research and development in the State of Odisha. Students should explore these avenues, he added. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS informed that School of Biotechnology has become an important school of KIIT University, even though it was established recently in 2007. The School is active in encouraging research, development as well as entrepreneurship in biotechnology, he added. Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University elaborated on the importance of biotechnology in today's life. In his keynote address, Dr. M. Suar, Director, KIIT School of Biotechnology explained the objectives of the conclave.

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DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES

Dr. Raman Govindarajan,
Head R&D, Sanofi Aventis, India

Dr. Amulya K. Panda,
Senior Scientist, NII, New Delhi

Dr. Badri N. Patnaik,
Director, Vaccine Development,
Sanofi Pasteur India

Dr. Vineeth Varanasi,
Group Lead, Clinical Immunology,
Bharat Biotech

Mr. T. A. Nagarjuna,
Technical Advisor,
BD Biosciences, India

Mr. Bimal Desai,
Divisional Manager, CarlZeiss India

Mr. K. Ramanjaneyulu,
Senior Scientist, Apotex Pharma

Dr. Debesh Das,
General Manager,
Alkem Laboratories

Dr. Purna C. Ray,
Director, Process Research,
Lupin Pharma Ltd.

Dr. Mandar Kulkarni,
Group Head-Molecular Biology,
Sandor Life Sciences

Dr. Om Narayan,
General Manager,
Viral Vaccine Operation,
Biological E Ltd

Dr. Govind Adireddi,
Co-Founder &
COO, CromDX Solutions

Mr. Bijender Vats,
Associate Director HR,
MSD India (Merck Inc, USA)

Dr. Sanjay K. Mallick,
Director-Cytometry Solutions, India

KIIT International Model United Nations

Rajat Sharma in 'MUN Ki Adalat'

KIIT International Model United Nations

Ms. Kiran Mehra Kerpelman, Director, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan speaking at the inaugural function of KIIT International MUN 2014.

International Model United National (IMUN) of KIIT University was inaugurated by Ms. Kiran Mehra Kerpelman, Director, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), New Delhi in KIIT campus on October 17, 2014. Being organized in association with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan, New Delhi, it was one of the largest of its kind in Asia. More than 1500 delegates from reputed institutions of the country like IITs, NITs, National Law Schools, JNU, etc participated. KIIT-IMUN also attracted 40 delegates from 20 foreign countries like Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Kerpelman said, United Nations has been established with the motto to bring peace and development around the globe. UN is going to complete 70 years of its meaningful existence and its activities have increased manifold over the years, she informed. Model United Nations is one the most effective ways to engage youths in UN activities, she stated, adding that the UNIC patronizes and provides all the help to MUNs. MUN is the best platform to learn, research, speak, make opinion and negotiate, Ms. Kerpelman said. It teaches cooperation and skills to deal with people that will help youths in the future, she added.

In his address Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, peace is vital at all levels – the family, society, state, country and globe. Unrest degrades the quality of life, he stated, adding that youths should make a beginning by striving to bring peace in their families.

Among others, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University and Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar spoke on the occasion. Harsil Rupani, Secretary General, KIIT IMUN gave welcome address, while Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini, Director, Students Services, KIIT University proposed the vote of thanks. Several sessions were held to simulate cross-cultural debate and exchange amongst the student community to solve some of the world's most pressing issues during the three-day event.

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(From L) Harshil Rupani, Secretary General, KIIT International MUN'14, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Achyuta Samanta, Ms. Kiran Mehra Kerpelman, Director, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan, Dr. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, and Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini, Director, Student Services at the inaugural ceremony of KIIT International MUN 2014.

Rajat Sharma in 'MUN Ki Adalat'

On the second day of the International Model United Nations (IMUN) of KIIT University, Mr. Rajat Sharma, eminent journalist & Chairman, India TV graced the occasion. "I had heard about KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) before. But after visiting the two institutes, I feel what the Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta has been doing for the society is unbelievable," he told 1500 delegates from 20 countries attending the event.

Almost all the big institutions of the country have been established by rich and powerful individuals, he noted. Dr. Samanta's achievements are even more uncommon as he has worked his way up from extreme poverty, said Mr. Sharma, who himself grew up in poverty during his childhood to become one of the most respected journalists of the country today. Youths should follow footsteps of Dr. Samanta, he added.

Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University felicitating Mr. Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor in Chief, India TV.

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Mr. Sharma was here to participate in 'MUN ki Adalat', a special session of the KIIT International Model United Nations. Harsil Rupani, Secretary General, KIIT IMUN was hosting the session. Mr. Sharma answered questions posed to him by the host and delegates on current issues in politics, media, career as well as on his personal life. KIIT IMUN was inaugurated on October 17, 2014 by Ms. Kiran Mehra Kerpelman, Director, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), New Delhi. Being organized in association with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan, New Delhi, it is one of the largest of its kind in Asia. More than 1500 delegates from reputed institutions of the country like IITs, NITs, National Law Schools, JNU, etc are participating. KIIT-IMUN has also attracted 40 delegates from 20 foreign countries like Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

8th Varghese Kurien Foundation Day Lecture at KSRM

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram - Profile

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Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, KIIT University welcoming Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram, Vice Chairperson, MYRADA in KIIT campus.

The 3rd National Rural Management Symposium got to a flying start with Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram, Former RD Secretary, GoI and currently Vice Chairperson of MYRADA delivering the "8th Varghese Kurien Foundation Day" lecture. Dr. Meenakshisundaram spoke on "Second Level Institutions (SLIs) for inclusive and sustainable growth".

He started his lecture by giving 3 reasons for agreeing to deliver the Foundation Day Lecture – firstly, revisit the use of management techniques in institutions like KSRM for rural development in meeting the needs of rural people, secondly, an admirer of Dr. Kurien and having worked closely with him for few years from 1983 onwards. Thirdly, his belief that the best way to remember Dr. Kurien is not only to recall what he did for the Dairy Sector but also find out the ways to carry that legacy forward.

Dr. Kurien realized very early that the millions of small producers need to be organised to be able to protect and promote their interests and benefit from these new marketing system. If they are organised into institutions owned and controlled by them, these institutions will allow them to aggregate, add value and market these products. Therefore, Dr. Meenakshisundaram referred producer companies, cooperatives and informal collectives as Second Level Institutions (SLIs). He went onto suggest that dairy experience shows that SLIs need a supporting ecosystem to take off, like the one made available by Dr. Kurien under operation flood program. Dr. Meenakshisundaram also gave examples of MYRADA, which helped the small producers to market their "Tur" in Gulbarga District.

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The English Access Micro-scholarship Programme is being run in KISS for the last 5 years by the US Government. As a result of the success of the Programme, the US Government has delegated Prof. Finnan to KISS for research.

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram, Vice Chairperson, MYRADA delivering Foundation Day Lecture at School of Rural Management, KIIT University.

He also suggested that series of measures and policies are required to adequately and appropriately support the SLIs. Further, SLIs open up enormous opportunity for rural entrepreneurship. **He called upon the young Rural Management students to provide managerial expertise and support to SLIs through their entrepreneurial skills. He was of the opinion that with arrival of a substantial number of SLIs in rural India will pave the way for establishing more and more Rural Management Schools catering to the needs of the rural producers. That perhaps is the best way to cherish Dr. Kurien's contribution to rural management.**

He ended with a pious hope that adequate human and financial investments get injected soon into the organizational and financial support systems for SLIs to ensure that the small grower gets included in the growth that he/she aspires for. He concluded by thanking KIIT for giving him an opportunity to share his thoughts through this lecture.

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram - Profile

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram is the Vice Chairman of Mysore Rehabilitation and Development Agency (MYRADA), a voluntary organization in the field of building people's institutions for development and a Visiting Professor at Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore; National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore and also The Gandhigram Rural University in Tamil Nadu. Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram is a Post Graduate in Mathematics from Loyola College, Madras and holds a Ph.D. in Development Economics from Jamia Milia Islamia National University, New Delhi. He joined the Karnataka cadre of the Indian Administrative Service in 1968. During his career, he had held a number of assignments including Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Joint Secretary to three Prime Ministers of India, Adviser in the Planning Commission and Secretary in the Ministries of Rural Development as well as Disinvestment, Govt. of India.

He was also the Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Board when Karnataka was under the President's Rule. Collector and District Magistrate of Tumkur and Bangalore districts; Director of Sericulture and Chairman of the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation; Managing Director of the Karnataka Milk Federation; Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department etc. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom for one year. Besides several articles and papers on Governance, Panchayatiraj and Rural Development, he has also published a book on "Decentralization in Developing Countries" with special reference to Nigeria, China and India during 1994.

Workshop on Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud at KIIT

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The theme chosen for this year in 22nd NCSC was 'Understanding Weather and Climate'. Schools from different districts of Odisha participated in this prestigious annual event. About 400 projects were presented and evaluated by eminent jury, who themselves were scientists.

Workshop on Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud at KIIT

A workshop on Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud (SMAC) using open source was held in School of Electronics Engineering, KIIT University recently. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University. The combination of Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud (SMAC) technologies is the new driver for companies that want to be on the leading edge. This improves the user experience, and enables executives to quickly access the latest business information. With analytics capabilities integrated, one can access the most relevant and updated business information to make spot decisions. Mr. Shashi Bhargava, Head-Global Delivery, CIGNEX DATAMATICS spoke on the SMAC technology. He discussed the importance and impact of open source in current technology. Mr. Subhajit Maharana introduced the SMAC using open source and explained some recent developments in the area. He also spoke on the open source for future technology. Earlier, Dr. U. P. Singh, Organizing Secretary welcomed the guests and delegates and introduce the theme of the workshop. The one-day workshop was attended by more than 150 participants.

KiiT International School Students Celebrate Children's Day

Children's Day being celebrated at KiiT International School.

Students of KiiT International School celebrated the Children's Day, the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in a different way on November 14, 2014. To make this day memorable and unique, the students invited children with autism from CATCH. For this KiiT International School organized a special programme in association with Thumbelina, an institute of creativity. Students of the school invited special children with autism to participate in this programme. The school organized this special programme to make the students sensible towards the differently able children and to encourage the differently able children to achieve anything. Students participated in various cultural events like dance and music. An art competition was held among the differently able children. Trophy, medal and certificates distributed to the children.

KiiT International School Hosts 22nd NCSC

(From L) Mr. Sanjay Suar, Principal, KiiT International School, Achyuta Samanta, Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA, Dr. R. N. Ray, Mr. P. K. Das and Dr. Monalisa Bal, Chairperson of the School at the inaugural function of 22nd State Level National Children's Science Congress 2014.

The 22nd National Children's Science Congress was organized by the National Council for Science and Technology Communications, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India at KiiT International School, Bhubaneswar from November 8 - 10, 2014. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Nobel Laureate, Dr. Ferid Murad in the presence of the Founder, KIIT & KISS, Dr. Achyuta Samanta and the Chairperson, Dr. Mona Lisa Bal. The theme chosen for this year was 'Understanding Weather and Climate'. Schools from different districts of Odisha participated in this prestigious annual event. About 400 projects were presented and evaluated by eminent jury, who themselves were scientists. The child scientists and teachers were housed on the panoramic school premises, which has one of the best boarding facilities in the state. Every air-conditioned classroom boasts of Smart boards and overhead projectors, which was much needed for the competition. At the end of the first day, the participating schools put up a colourful cultural show consisting of folk dance and music. The judges had an extremely challenging time with some of the country's best projects. Special mention goes to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Rourkela district that demonstrated the 'Climate Impact: It's Trend Analysis'. Then there was Government Girl's High School, Balangir district that showcased 'The Monsoon - Assessment in Madhyapalli Village'. Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) stayed on the theme and produced the 'Solutions to Havoc of Climate Change on Staple Food of Coastal Odisha'. Overall the host school presented three projects that were worth mentioning – Reed to Seed, CO2 Reduction and Innovative Way to Minimize E-Waste. On the second day the Poster Exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor of KIIT University. The response to this exhibition was overwhelming with over 500 posters to be evaluated by the judges. The participants were seen explaining their charts to all guests and judges in the crowded halls of KiiT International School. With an astonishing number of entries there could only be eight winning entries. And the leading poster was won by Suprava Pradhan from Government Girl's High School, Baliguda.

Training Programme on Damage & Impact Assessment of Cyclone Phailin at KIIT

A five-day training programme on 'Damage & Impact Assessment of Cyclone Phailin -2013' was organized at the School of Civil Engineering, KIIT University from September 18 – 22, 2014. National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India sponsored the training programme, which was jointly organized by National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela and KIIT. Different topics related to cyclonic disaster, particularly of Phailin, were discussed during different sessions of the programme. Causes of cyclones, time period of the year when they occur, paths followed by them and technology used to disseminate information on cyclones were among the topics discussed. The training programme focused on modern techniques adopted in India and elsewhere to face the natural hazard with minimum loss; and ways to rebuild the infrastructure within least time period and resources. Professional engineers from Works Department, Water Resources Engineering, Rural Development, National Highways and other engineering departments of the Govt. of Odisha benefitted from the training programme.

The Convenor of the course was Dr. Sarat Kumar Das, Civil Engineering Department, NIT Rourkela and Dr. Sanjaya Kumar Patro, School of Civil Engineering, KIIT University. Prof. U. C. Mohanty, former professor, IIT Delhi and President, Bigyan Academy, Er. A. K. Basa, President, IE (India), Prof. C. Ghosh, Prof and Head, Geohazard Division, NIDM, Govt. of India, Prof. D. K. Tripathy, Pro-VC, KIIT University and Prof. B. Dash, Director, Student Affairs, KIIT University were present on the occasion. Prof. U.C. Mohanty discussed about the capability of the meteorological prediction models about cyclone Phailin, while Er. Basa discussed about the initiative started by Institution of Engineers (India) about the disaster management. Prof. C. Ghosh, discussed the role of NIDM in giving training to Engineers and policy makers and awareness among the common people. Dr S. K. Das talked about the role of field engineers during disaster and post disaster reconstruction and need of knowledge upgradation. Finally, Dr. S. K. Patro presented vote of thanks. The course was successfully conducted under the guidance of Prof. C. Ghosh from NIDM with resource persons from IITs, NIT, Indian Meteorological Department, etc.

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KiiT International School girl Saina Salonika receiving 'National Child Award 2014 from Shri Pranab Mukherjee, His Excellency the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

KiiT International School student and young chess prodigy Saina Salonika has won National Child Award 2014. She received the award from Shri Pranab Mukherjee, His Excellency the President of India on November 14, 2014 in a grand ceremony organised in the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of Children's Day. President Mukherjee handed over the award, which includes a citation, a silver medal and Rs 10,000 in cash. The award is a recognition for her exceptional achievements in chess as well as in the fields of modeling, anchoring and dance. Saina became U-10 Girls' Champion in 2013 in Dubai. She has also won several international and national competitions. She won gold medals in the Commonwealth Chess Championship in 2012, Asian School Chess Championship in Colombo in 2010 and in New Delhi in 2012.

She also got bronze medal in the World Youth Chess Championship 2011 at Caldas Novas, Brazil and became the youngest ever girl from Odisha to get International Title of Woman Candidate Master in 2012. She became National Under-7 Chess Champion in 2010 and also National School Chess Champion in 2012. She is also a three-time state champion in her age group in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Apart from chess, Saina has outstanding achievements in other areas. She had anchored Generation Z, a popular child programme in a TV channel and also done modeling and participated in a number of programmes in different TV channels. She has also won more than fifty prizes in modern dance, fashion show and painting. Besides, she also topped in English Olympiad for the year 2012-13 and also got award in the i-genius National Talent Scholarship Examination. Saina is a Standard-VI student of KiiT International School.

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(From L) Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. Gerson Damiani, University of Sao Paulo, Prof. Marike Paulsson, University of Miami, Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. Jan Paulsson, Three Crowns LLP, Prof. Martin Hunter, Essex Court Chambers & Prof. N. K. Chakrabarty, Director, KIIT Law School at the 2nd KCIA International Arbitration Workshop in School of Law.

The second edition of KIIT Centre for International Arbitration (KCIA) International Arbitration Workshop was organized in KIIT School of Law. The three-day workshop from 14th to 16th November, 2014 was a flagship event of KIIT Centre for International Arbitration and School of Law. It intends to conduct an Annual Training programme, the curriculum of which consists of several rounds of independent yet conceptually interlinked workshops, conducted by leading experts including Prof. J Martin Hunter, Emeritus Professor, Nottingham Trent University and Barrister, Essex Court Chambers, U.K; Prof Marike Paulsson, Founder, Young ICCA, Director, International Arbitration Institute, University of Miami; Jan Paulsson Partner, Three Crowns LLP; Prof. Gerson Damiani, Professor, University of Saopaulo, U.S.A. in International Arbitration. The workshop was conducted by Prof. Martin Hunter and other experts, who demonstrated innovative approaches aimed at resolving commercial disputes in line with the best international arbitration practices. During this three day workshop, Prof. Jan Paulsson delivered second KCAI annual lecture series. Seminar lecture on LLM opportunities in USA was delivered by Marike Paulsson. All the degnitaries interacted with faculty members and students. They also interacted with the law students of KISS. The International Law Week was inaugurated on 15th November in presence of Justice Vijay Lakshmi, Judge, Allahabad High Court; Dr. Pinky Anand, Additional Solicitor General of India; Justice Kamal Kishore, Retired Judge, Allahabad High Court. Justice Harskumar addressed the inaugural session. They advised the law students, that the law professionals should be honest to their profession and society. Prof Marike Paulsson delivered GACC lecture series of New York Convention. Abukarbia Mock Arbitral Trial was also held. Prof Hunter and Prof Damiani acted as arbitrators in this Mock Arbitral Trial. First KCIA Annual Debate Series was held in the closing day. Among others, Prof. N. L. Mitra, Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor; Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Chakrabarti, Director and Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, Dean, School of Law were also present.

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Essex Court Chambers.

Prof. Jan Paulsson,
Three Crowns LLP

Prof. Gerson Damiani,
University of Sao Paulo

Dr. Pinky Anand,
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University of Miami

5th National Marketing Conclave

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(From L) Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. Abraham Koshy, IIM Ahmedabad, Mr. Jagdish Mahapatra, MD, India & SAARC McAfee and Prof. Anil Bajpai, Director, KSOM at the inaugural ceremony of 5th National Marketing Convention.

KIIT School of Management (KSOM) organized its 5th National Marketing Conclave on the theme "Youth Marketing" on 27th September, 2014. With the rise in young consumerism, social and cultural changes, access to technology, information through internet, increased spending power and the onset of social media tools, youth today has become a prime target group for marketers. **The event was inaugurated by Prof. Abraham Koshy, IIM Ahmedabad, Chairman of The Federal Bank Limited as the Chief Guest and Mr. Jagdish Mahapatra, MD-India and SAARC, McAfee in presence of Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University and Prof. Anil Bajpai, Director, KSOM.** The context of the conclave was set by Prof. Anil Bajpai. He spoke about how youth has become an important demography in context of the current marketing scenario.

Prof. Abraham Koshy in his address, stressed that youth as a segment is always different. Marginal adjustment in company strategies would not be sufficient for adapting to dynamic changes in youth preferences. Information consumption behavior in youth has to be analyzed differently, thereby making conventional research methods irrelevant. Process of value creation needs to be redefined by correct identification of value gaps and value communication. Delivering his keynote address, Mr. Jagdish Mahapatra said that the 4 C's – Connect, Content, Conduct and Character play an important role in making an individual flexible and globally adaptable. He emphasized on the importance of developing India in order to be recognized as a global player.

The first panel discussion was on 'Youth Marketing – Impact on Rural to Urban Migration'. It revolved around how migration of population from rural to urban area is affecting marketing dynamics. The panelists unanimously agreed that more than marketing, it was economic activities and economic necessities which propelled youth to aspire for urban lifestyle. The focus was also on the shift from agriculture to service industries that India is witnessing.

Prof. Anil Bajpai moderated the discussion that had Mr. Madan Mohan Mohapatra, Head-Customer Strategy, Future Group, Mr. A.L. Jagannath, Director- Marketing, India & SAARC, VMware, Mr. Sanjit Padhi, Director, Advent Sports and Mr. Gokul Venkataraman, Strategic Marketing Leader, Owens Corning as the panelists. For the first time, a youth panel discussion was conducted as part of the conclave. The panel consisted of young entrepreneurs and students who brought out the youth's perspective on marketing. Later in the day, 15 workshops were conducted by industry luminaries on topics like Marketing to Digital Youth, Marketing Strategy of Youth Brands and several others. The conclave also had competitions for undergraduate and postgraduate students, which saw participation from all over India.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Abraham Koshy, IIM Ahmedabad, Chairman of The Federal Bank Limited as the Chief Guest and Mr. Jagdish Mahapatra, MD-India and SAARC, McAfee.

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IIM Ahmedabad

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Mr. Saameer Khedkar
AVP, Alkem Laboratories Ltd.

Mr. Kaustav Das Modak
Mozilla Representative & Partner CodeBinders

Mr. Vijay Shukla
Asst. VP & National Head Corporate Events & Activations, Lokmat

Ms. Vineeta Singh
Co-founder, Fabbag.com

Mr. Arpan Biswas
Deputy General Manager Marketing, Lodha Group

Mr. Gokul Venkataraman
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Mr. Madan Mohan Mohapatra
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Mr. Vedagnan V,
ASM, Marico

Mr. Priya Ranjan Vaid
Head-Corporate Communications Bharti Airtel Ltd.

Mr. Ankit Gulati

Mr. Sandeep Bangia

Ms. Mehak Sabat
Head-Entertainment Strategy The Glitch

Mr. Sanjit Padhi
Director, Advent Sports

Mr. Konark Sharma
Chief Manager, Kotak Mahindra Bank

KISS Staff Selected for Prestigious International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) by US Department of State

Mr. Tushar Kanti Senapati, Project Manager cum Faculty, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), was selected for prestigious International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) by US Government on the theme 'Education and Skill Development'. He visited US for three weeks in the month of June and was US Department of State guest. The IVLP is one of the U.S. government's most prestigious professional exchange programs for foreign opinion leaders. More than 130,000 participants have visited the United States under the auspices of this program, including 300 current and former heads of government. Many key members of the Indian politics, society and media have participated in this program in the past, including Prime Ministers Ms. Indira Gandhi, Mr. Morarji Desai and Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former Presidents Narayanan and Pratibha Patil.

English Access Students Visit to United States

JayantaMajhi, a Dongria Kondh student and Shantilata Murmu participated in the US Cultural Immersion Programme, a US Department of State Programme implemented by World Learning in Washington. It has been a dream come true experience for 15 years old Jayanta Majhi, a Dongria Kondh student of KISS. Jayanta was selected to participate in the US Cultural Immersion Programme, a US Department of State Programme implemented by World Learning. He is the first Dongria Kondh student to visit US from Odisha. Jayanta hails from one of the remotest villages of Lanjhigarh ,JiraGaon in Kalahandi district of Odisha.

Belonging to a poor family where the only source of livelihood depended on collection and selling of forest produces it was impossible for Jayanta to pursue his studies. He dropped his studies to help his father. But due to the intervention of a few generous people of his village, Jayanta's family learnt about KISS. He has been studying in KISS since 2008 and is currently in the 9th grade and is also enrolled in the Access Programme. During his trip to the US Cultural Immersion Institute Jayanta attended workshops on Leadership and Global Issues.

He also had the opportunity to visit important US landmarks including the Washington monument and the Statue of Liberty during his stay in the US. Jayanta owes his success to KISS and the Hon'ble Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta and believes that he would not have had this grand opportunity without the efforts of KISS and Dr. Samanta. He is extremely grateful to the English Access Program at KISS and to his teachers. "This visit to America has been quite a learning experience for me, something I had never dreamt of. Not only did I get a chance to visit America but I have also made friends from all over the world", adds a beaming Jayanta.

KISS Staff Member Participated and Presented KISS Model at First-ever National Tribal Human Development Report Conference Organised by UNDP, India in Raipur

Mr Kadey Soren, Assistant Director, Academics, KISS attended Consultation on National Tribal Human Development Report organised by UNDP, India from 17th to 19th October 2014. In this consultation Policy maker, academicians, representative from Civil Society from all corners of country were called to participate and contribute towards making of the report. In two days there were eight technical sessions namely Land Rights and Land Alienation, promoting Sustainable Livelihoods among Tribals, promoting connectively and Access to Energy and Infrastructure for the Schedule Tribe, Access to Justice-Legislations, Legal Provisions, Entitlements for Tribal, Health issues among Tribals and Education among Schedule Tribes. MrKadeySoren presented 'Rethinking on Tribal Education' where he focused about Traditional education system among Tribal children and youth and how it is linked or delinked with Formal Education system and how Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences is contributing and implementing holistic education.

Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Partnership with British Council

British Council in partnership with Diageo has launched the Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme which is being implemented at KISS. This programme provides advanced social enterprise training to female master trainers who will then cascade their knowledge by training aspiring and early-stage female social entrepreneurs in India. Two Master trainers were selected from KISS who attended the training programme at IIM Kozhikode and are now responsible for training 100 girls and young women. The master trainers were Yasmin Mishra, Senior Researcher and Faculty and Ms Mamali Mohapatra, Research Associate of the Project and Research Team. The programme was coordinated by Ms Sasmita Sahoo, Faculty and Research Officer. Four batches of training, each comprising of 25 girls/young women, have been completed. The training modules designed by British Council dealt with a range of topics which included: Beginning a Social Enterprise, Need Analysis, Challenges of Social Enterprise, Marketing Strategies, Accounting for Social Enterprise, Legal and Policy issues, Project Management, Business Plan, Work life Balance, Innovative Models for Social enterprise and Mentoring.

Mother Tongue based Multi Lingual Early Childhood Education

KISS in collaboration with Bernard van Leer Foundation has initiated the first Early Childhood Development Program through Mother Tongue based Multi lingual learning in Odisha. The project will benefit around 2000 children of 4 to 6 yrs and 4761 students of 6-10 years of age of 30 major tribes and sub-tribes of Odisha. Mother Tongue based Multilingual Early Childhood Education (MT based MLE) refers to learning in home based language and gradually transiting to other languages. This approach facilitates better learning, more participation, adoption of skills, curbs dropout rates and builds a strong foundation for further development of children.

KISS has instituted the first ever Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Early Childhood Education Learning Laboratory which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Patnaik. Two types of reference books were developed KAHILA DEKHI & KAHANI PEDI in four different tribal language Santal, Munda, Kui & Kuvi by MT based MLE Project. Both the books will be used as a reference material for the transition curriculum for grade-I students. All the stories, riddles and songs placed in the book were collected from their respective tribes and recomposed by KISS trained grade-I MLE teachers. KISS teachers were specially trained on how to implement the books in grade-I classes. All the books were unveiled on a special occasion during the visit of communication officer Teresa and PSM Marc from BVLF, Netherland along with KISS teachers, students, Director Project and Research, CEO, Madam Christine and Mrs Mahanandia & Secretary KIIT&KISS Mr. R.N Das. The project is coordinated by Ms. Priyadarsini Mohanty.

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR): Award of Sponsored Research Projects

On the recommendations of the Expert Committee duly approved by the Competent Authorities, the study on 'The Causes of Maoist Extremism and Development Challenges: A Case Study of Odisha' has been sanctioned to Dr Iswar Chandra Naik and Tushar Senapati of KISS. This primary research will be is an attempt to explain the growth of the Maoism in the poor and underdeveloped Districts of Odisha. The focus of this research is on the causes of Maoist Extremism, what are the challenges for development in the underdeveloped districts of Odisha. Government initiatives, programmes and alternative solution will be also a special priority of the research.

ICSSR Research Methodology Course Work/ Workshop

A ten days Research Methodology Workshop sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was conducted by KIIT University and KISS from 25th October to 3rd November. The workshop was coordinated by Dr Iswar Chandra Naik, KISS. The research methodology workshop was for PhD students in Social Sciences. The workshop was inaugurated by Professor. Anand Kumar, Centre for Study of Social Systems, JNU New Delhi. Eminent Academicians including Professor K.K Mishra, Department of Anthropology, UoH, Hyderabad, Professor Vinay Srivastav, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University, Professor P.K Tripathy, PG Council Chairman, Sambalpur University and Professor. Susmit Pani, Director Distance and Continuing Education, Utkal University also attended the programme. The Scholars who had participated in the workshop were felicitated by the Hon'ble Founder Dr. Achyut Samant, KIIT University and KISS.

Max India Foundation Immunization Camps

KISS has been immunizing students in the age group of 5-7, with MMR and Hepatitis Vaccinations every year in partnership with Max India Foundation. The Immunization camps are held twice a month with around 400 children vaccinated each month. Doctors from the Paediatric department of KIMS along with the Immunization team are involved during these camps. MAX India Foundation provides with the vaccines and volunteers to carry out the camps successfully. Each year around 1500 - 1600 children are vaccinated through these camps. This year the children were immunized with MMR vaccines and a total of 1453 children were vaccinated. The children thus are provided with the best of health care at KISS. This programme is being coordinated by Mr. Suraj Roy from the Project and Research Team.

TATA Sponge Iron Limited

Tata Sponge Iron Limited has awarded KISS a project on Baseline study for sustainable CSR intervention in and around TATA sponge area, Keonjhar, Odisha. The proposal was developed by Mr. Suraj Roy from Project and Research Team of KISS along with Dr. Prashant Parida from KSRM. Under this project, KISS will undertake a survey and submit a report to undermine needs of the 35 villages in the periphery of Tata Sponge. The Project was awarded to KISS after scrutinizing various other organizations, The Project and research Team comprising Mr. Suraj Roy, Dr. Iswar Naik, Mr. Kadey Soren, Mr. Debendra Samal, Mr. Tushar Senapati and Ms. Sasmita Sahoo at KISS and Dr. Prashant Parida are developing the framework of this study and students from Master program and Ph.D students will be involved in the survey process.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has under its affirmative action program joined hands with KISS in providing communication skills classes to all graduating students of KISS. The program was initiated by TCS and KISS Project and Research Team led by Mr. Suraj Roy and started in 2012. TCS, has also placed 5 students in TCS, BPO Kolkata after the students underwent this training.

Currently, 10 batches of students from Arts, Science and Commerce are currently undergoing 60 hours of communication skills training each. These students will have another round of training pertaining to corporate culture, etiquettes and other aspects which will improve their job skills.

Thus, these students are getting the opportunity to adapt to a demanding corporate culture. The Program is coordinated by Mr. Suraj Roy from the Project and Research Team with support from the Academics team of KISS.

A Project by Commissionerate of Police in Collaboration with the School of Leadership, KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Research Team

The Commissionerate of Police in collaboration with the School of Leadership, KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Research team has embarked on a program to train Police personnel on sensitization and behavioural practices. The Project Research Team led by Ms Sasmita Sahoo and Ms Yasmin Mishra with the support of team mate Vivek Raj, has been able to take the 1st leg of the project ahead and conducted a pilot survey with the police personnel during which they had the opportunity to interact with the personnel and the clients who visited specific police stations across the city of Bhubaneswar. Through this pilot survey, in consultation with the Commissionerate, the KISS Research Team was able to get an essence of the daily workings of the police system. The Commissionerate shared their views on the findings and were quite satisfied with the program. After the completion of the training programme, a comprehensive report compiled by the Yasmin Mishra was submitted and highly appreciated by the Commissionerate of the Police. A report on Community Policing was also submitted by Ms Sasmita Sahoo was submitted as per the requirement of the Commissioner of Police.

International Conference on 'Eradicating Chronic Poverty in Odisha: Policy Issues and Challenges' (sponsored by ICSSR)

An international conference was organized on 22nd and 23rd November 2014 by Center for American Studies, KISS on 'Eradicating Chronic Poverty in Odisha: Policy Issues and Challenges' sponsored by ICSSR. Dr Iswar Chandra Naik, Deputy Director Academics KISS was the Convener of the Conference. The State of Odisha presents a paradoxical picture of poverty amidst plenty. Despite being endowed with vast human and natural resources and achieving substantial progress in many areas during the past fifty years of planned development, Odisha has continued to be one of the poorest states in India plagued by acute and persistent poverty. To provide a common platform to discuss on Challenges of Poverty in Odisha at the present juncture of structural adjustment and liberalization period are very critical for policy makers, academicians and socially concerned citizens and way-out to eradicate poverty in Odisha.

Mid Intensive Program Organized by English Access Microscholarship Program, KISS

Mid Intensive Program was organized by English access Microscholarship Program, KISS in the month of October with an intensive exposure to English language and American culture. This was a five day long program and six hours daily. Many experts from various quarters conducted activities with the students. They included American teachers, Fulbright Scholar from US, Cartoonist, Choreographer etc. The program is coordinated by Mr Tushar Kanti Senapati of Project and Research Team. English Access Program is an initiative by US Department of State which gives English education along with appreciation of American democratic values and culture to non-elite children across the world. KISS is one of the organizations which implement this program in a large scale.

Australian Government Supported Direct Aid Program

Under the Direct aid program, KISS and Australian Rules Football Association of India (ARFAI) have been awarded a project to start Australian Rules football at KISS. This initiative hopes to engage 1500 students between the age of 12-16 years in 5 batches, coaches from ARFAI, KISS Youth Mentors ((KYMs) potential coaches from amongst the older students) and the school management.

The collaboration hopes to provide literacy skills, social skills and improve personal attributes of the students in tandem with developing a skill set for Australian Rules football. The project proposal was submitted by Ms Sasmita Sahoo and now is being coordinated by Mr. Suraj Roy and Mr. Vivek Raj from the Project and Research team of KISS.

Indian Sociological Society: KIIT Declared to Host the All India Sociological Conference to be Held in November 2015

KISS and KIIT University has been declared by Indian Sociological Society to host the All India Sociological Conference to be held in November 2015. This is for the first time that any self-financing university will have the opportunity to organize this Conference. Professor Anand Kumar, JNU New Delhi is the current president of Indian Sociological Society. Dr Iswar Chandra Naik, Deputy Director Academics KISS will be the organizing secretary of the conference. The Indian Sociological Society was set up in Bombay with the initiative of Prof. G. S. Ghurye, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Bombay. The Society was registered in December 1951 under the Societies Registration Act. The Society now organizes its major academic work through 24 Research Committees, which provides a better opportunity for members to participate in meaningful dialogues and exchange of views.

KIMS Director Honoured

Dr. S. C. Dash, Director, KIMS & Pradyumna Bal Memorial Hospital has been honoured in the Annual Congress of Railway Association of Physicians of India (RAPICON). He was invited as the Guest of Honour & to deliver the RAPICON Oration during its 35th Congress at Garden Reach, Kolkata on 22th November 2014.

Prof. S. C. Dash worked as the professor & Head of Nephrology & Kidney Transplant Medicine at AIIMS, New Delhi for 19 years out of his 31 years as a faculty member in the Department of Medicine. For his vast experience in the field of research & patient treatment, he had been earlier invited as speaker to several universities in US, UK, Japan, China, Singapore & SAARC nations. He has more than 250 research publications for which he was asked to give the oration on "Recent advances in treatment of Glomerular disorders" at Kolkata.

Dr. S. C. Dash, Director, KIMS & Pradyumna Bal Memorial Hospital being felicitated at the Annual Congress of Railway Association of Physicians of India (RAPICON).

KIIT Student Presents Paper at International Conference

Sumit Kumar Majumder, a B.Tech 4th Year student of KIIT University, successfully presented a paper on 'Biomimicry and its adaptations to solve complex problems in Civil Engineering' at the International Conference on Civil Infrastructure organized by the American Society of Civil Engineering, India Section and IIT Hyderabad, held at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad from October 17 – 18, 2014. The conference featured a cluster of keynote presentations by delegates from different countries like USA, Italy and Australia. The presentation sessions were supervised stringently by the delegates of ASCE, India Section and professors of IIT. Sumit, representing KIIT University, was only B.Tech student to present paper at the conference. His paper gave a description of the nature's potential relevant to the civil construction techniques. It outlined inspiring models relating to the construction of various high rise towers in Istanbul, California and other cities. It was well appreciated by the President of ASCE, India Section.

KIIT student Sumit Kumar Majumder with Dr. Shiv Kumar Babu, President of ASCE, India Section.

Washington Accord Accreditation for KIIT

Engineering programme of KIIT University got accreditation from National Board of Accreditation (NBA) in Tier 1 Format, recognized by Washington Accord. KIIT is among only a few institutions of the country shortlisted by NBA in the first phase for accreditation to the Washington Accord which would enable global recognition of its degrees and increase the mobility of its engineering graduates to the USA and other countries for jobs.

NBA Tier 1 accreditation was awarded on the basis of the high quality of academics in KIIT University, transparency in governance system, performance of alumni in industries and entrepreneurship. Programmes accredited include Electronics & Telecommunications, Computer Science, Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering of Schools of Engineering of KIIT University.

The accreditation would enable global recognition of degrees of KIIT University and increased mobility of the graduates to 17 countries, including USA, UK, Australia, Canada and Japan. KIIT University is among only six institutions in the country shortlisted in the first phase by the NBA.

NBA, New Delhi got its permanent membership to Washington Accord in June this year. The Washington Accord is an international accreditation agreement for professional engineering academic degrees, among the bodies responsible for accreditation in its signatory countries. The Accord was signed in 1989 as an international agreement among bodies responsible for accrediting engineering degree programmes. Besides the UK and USA, some 17 countries, such as Australia, Canada, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Turkey are signatories to it.

After getting the message, students of KIIT and their parents expressed happiness that students of KIIT would now get greater flexibility and have degrees recognized globally. Expressing his satisfaction, Dr. A. Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS thanked the NBA, New Delhi for awarding this coveted accreditation to KIIT. As a result of the recognition from Washington Accord, global employment opportunities of KIIT engineering students would go up substantially, he added.

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A 'Walk for the Heart' was organised by KIMS on the occasion of World Heart Day. It was inaugurated by Dr. P. K. Acharya, former Head, Cardiology, Capital Hospital.

World Heart Day

World Heart Day was celebrated at KIMS on 26th. September with the theme 'Creating Heart Healthy Environments'. Three eminent speakers - Prof. (Dr.) Hrudananda Mishra, former HOD, Cardiology Department, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Bijay Kumar Mahala, Sr. Interventional Cardiologist, Narayan Hrudalaya, Bangalore and Dr. Satish Gupta, Sr. Cardiologist, J.W. Global Hospital, Mount Abu - participated and spoke on this occasion. Prof. (Dr.) J. P. Das was the chief Guest.

Students of KIDS performed a Nukkad Natak (Street Play) in front of Big Bazaar, Patia. The street play was planned to create awareness among the public about HIV infection and AIDS.

Spectacular Achievement of KIMS Cardiothoracic Team

An infant weighing less than 4 kg suffering from PDA, septicemia and only one functional kidney was successfully operated, treated and discharged home. The patient was earlier refused by Govt. Medical Colleges and Corporate Hospitals of Odisha. Dr. Shiva Pattnaik, Pediatric Intensivist, PICU, KIMS led the treatment.

Leukemia Patient Treated in PICU

KIMS treated a child leukemia patient with complications like septicemia, shock, respiratory failure, febrile neutropenia, etc. The patient had to be put on ventilator in PICU for 18 days. Due to sincere and continuous effort of team of doctors of KIMS Paediatric Deptt., Dr. Sibabrata Pattnaik, Dr. Mukesh Jain and Dr. Nirmal Mohakud, the patient finally recovered and was discharged in good condition.

KIDS Observes Oral Health Month

Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS), KIIT University conducted collage making and painting competition along with free oral health check-up for school students in its campus on November 23, 2014 as part of the observance of 'Oral Health Month – November 2014'. A total of 73 students from different private and government schools of Bhubaneswar participated in the competition. After the competition, the participating students underwent a free oral health check-up at KIDS. All students were given participation certificates and tooth paste. Cash prizes and certificates were given away to the winners on December 1, 2014 on the occasion of World AIDS Day. The collage making and painting competition was a simple drive to create awareness about the importance of oral health care amongst the school students. Oral health check-up aimed at preventing and treating common dental problems like tooth decay and gum disease.

KIDS Faculty Present Scientific Poster at International Workshop

Dr. Sujatha R, Senior Lecturer, Dr Harish Kumar, Professor Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS), KIIT University presented a Scientific Poster on 'Oral and Systemic Manifestations of HIV Patients with and without Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy and their Correlation with Cd4 Count in Bhubaneswar, Odisha' at The 7th World Workshop on Oral Health & Disease in Aids, held in Hyderabad from November 6 – 9, 2014.

KIDS Observes World AIDS Day

Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS), KIIT University observed World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014 with the theme of 'Zero Discrimination and Achieving an AIDS Free Generation'. The morning session was dedicated for 'Awareness' with a theme dance, a musical drama and a video on public opinion on AIDS and people living with AIDS.

The evening was dedicated for the Nukkad Natak (Street Play) in front of Big Bazaar, Patia performed by the students of KIDS. The street play was planned to create awareness among the public about HIV infection and AIDS. The play also concentrated on the Theme of 'Zero Discrimination' where it was showed how to end stigma and promote support and compassion in the society.

The entire event was observed by a large number of people. In the evening, all the students of KIDS joined in for a 'Remembrance Walk' and 'Candle Light Vigil' to honour those lives lost to AIDS and to remember those living with HIV infection and AIDS.

World Breastfeeding Week

The World Breastfeeding Week was observed by the Department of Community Medicine, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). The whole week was studded with activities focusing on the theme - WBW 2014: Breastfeeding - A Winning Goal for Life!

In coordination with the Immunization Clinic, KIMS, a 'Mom and Me' contest was held. Mother and child participants from Bhubaneswar took part. Several issues regarding breastfeeding promotion, child nutrition and other women issues were discussed.

A talk on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Ogale, Principal, KIMS. Prof. (Dr.) O. P. Panigrahi, Medical Superintendent, KIMS addressed the audience regarding the promotion of breastfeeding, child health and nutrition. The event was judged by Mr. Satyabrata Das, Mrs. Pushpa Panda, Dr. B. Banerjee and Mrs. Kajol Parashar.

Panorama

Hon'ble Madam Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court speaking at the Seminar on 'Infrastructure Law: Issues and Challenges' organised by School of Law in the presence of Mr. Sameer Parekh, Partner, Parekh & Co., Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University, Prof. N. K. Chakraborty, Director, School of Law & other officials of School of Law on November 1, 2014.

Achyuta Samanta with His Excellency Mr. L. D. Ralte, Hon'ble Indian Ambassador to Philippines on November 25, 2014.

Achyuta Samanta welcoming Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Ind.) for Petroleum and Natural Gas in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

(From L) Dr. Lalit Kant, Senior Advisor, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & (R) Dr. Bahiru Duguma, Food Security Office Director, USAID speaking at the Workshop on Multi-Sectorial Interventions in the Context of Maternal and Child Health on November 18, 2014.

Dr. Anil P. Joshi, Director, HESCO, Dehradun during a visit to the exhibition 'Gaon se Gaon Tak' organized by School of Rural Management on November 27, 2014. Prof. L .K. Vaswani, Director, KSRM looks on.

Students of Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS) light candles in the shape of red ribbon, the universal symol of awarness and support for those living with HIV on the occasion of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014.

I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet

- Mahatma Gandhi

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A step towards cleanliness

KIIT & KISS Join 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'

KIIT and KISS joined 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' – Clean India Campaign – launched by the Govt. of India on October 2, 2014. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, more than 7000 staff members of KIIT Group of Institutions and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) assembled at the sports ground early in the morning and took oath of 'Clean India'. The oath taking ceremony was followed by a massive day-long cleanliness drive by KIIT & KISS staff members and students in all campuses and adjoining public areas. KIIT, and its sister concern KISS, has 23 campuses spread over a large area of 25 sq. km. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, personally led the cleanliness drive in this huge area and by the end of the day all the campuses were sparkling clean. Samanta commended the staff members for their enthusiastic participation in the Clean India Campaign. Gandhiji placed a very high priority on cleanliness, so this is the best way to pay respect to his ideals, he said, adding that the campaign in KIIT campus and adjoining areas by the staff members will continue for all times to come. At the end of the drive on Gandhi Jayanti, KISS was declared the cleanest campus.

Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS (left) leading the 'Swachh Bharat Abhijan'in KIIT & KISS on Gandhi Jayanti.

Media Potpourri

The Political Business Daily

Achyuta Samanta receives Gusi Peace Prize

BHUBANESWAR: Social entrepreneur and Founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT Group of Institutions Achyuta Samanta received the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize International for 2014 in Manila, Philippines today.

Samanta is the only Indian among 15 persons selected for this prestigious award conferred by the Philippines-based awarding body Gusi Peace Prize International.

He was conferred for the award for "poverty alleviation through education and humanitarianism". The award carries his outstanding contribution in the field of education and for his humanitarian efforts to uplift the society and

empowering disadvantaged children through education.

Samanta established Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a free residential institute for 22,500 tribal children. He also founded KIIT, a group of professional institutes to support the social empowerment initiative. KISS has received worldwide recognition as an effective model of empowerment of indigenous people through education. The model is now being replicated in many states of India as well as abroad.

"KISS plans to educate 2,00,000 underprivileged indigenous children within next 10 years", said Samanta in his acceptance speech.

Besides Samanta, 14 others were awarded under different categories. Earlier the day, the awardees laid wreaths at the Manila Memorials with the National Flags of their respective countries. PBN

Deccan Herald

Odisha man wins 'Nobel Peace Prize of Asia'

In brief

Achyuta Samanta, a well-known social entrepreneur from Odisha, has become the first person from eastern India to receive the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize for 2014, *DHNS* reports from Kolkata.

Bestowed by the Gusi Peace Prize International foundation, based out of Manila in Philippines, he is the sixth Indian to receive the prize, which is often referred to as the 'Nobel Peace Prize of Asia'.

While the list of 15 laureates was announced by the foundation on Monday, Samanta has been selected for the award for his efforts and achievements in "poverty alleviation through education and humanitarianism". The award ceremony will take place in Manila on November 26 in August. Samanta has been working for the upliftment of poor in Odisha for the last 25 years.

He set up the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, a free residential institute for 22,500 tribal children in a bid to provide them with a level playing field.

Public Telegraph

Samanta , an Indian receives Gusi Peac for 2014

The Telegraph

Peace prize for KIIT founder

Sunday Times

Achyuta Samanta to receive Gusi Peace Prize

Bhubaneswar: Social entrepreneur, founder of KIIT and KISS, Achyuta Samanta is among 15 persons globally selected for the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize for the year 2014.

The award, sponsored by Philippines-based Gusi Peace Prize International, would be given on November 26 in Manila. The award ceremony would be telecast live to more than 40 countries, a media release issued by the KIIT here on Saturday said.

Samanta is the third Indian and first from Odisha to receive the award, considered as 'Asia's Nobel Peace Prize'. He is founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) here, presently imparting free education from KG to PG to nearly 22,500 tribal children and KIIT group

The Pioneer

Samanta conferred Gusi prize in Manila

Narada

Samanta Receives 2014 Gusi Peace Prize

NARADA, Manila, November 26, 2014

Achyuta Samanta (4th from left in the top row) and other Gusi award winners show with Chairman Sara vun, First lady Dr. Evelyn Gusi and other dignitaries, pose for

The Statesman

Samanta receives Gusi Peace Prize

CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATION

International philanthropist, national humanist, the founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Training (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in Bhubaneswar, is a programme before leading for Manila to receive the Gusi Peace Prize International for his contribution towards poverty alleviation through education.

"I started Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in 1992 with 125 students who belonged to different tribes from Odisha. Now around 22,500 students study in KISS courses or similarly as you," Samanta said.

Samanta is the first person from Odisha and fifth Indian to have been declared winner of the award, known as Asia's Peace Nobel. Among the other Indians who have received the prize are Kapu Achyutanand and M.K. Narayanan.

Samanta, who will receive the award on Wednesday, wants to set up a KIIT centre in Bengal and hereafter to clear contract M Gusi Humanitarian award in

The Economic Times ET Panache

Indian educationist receives Asian version of Nobel Prize

Achyuta Samanta, founder of two institutes in Odisha which educates impoverished tribal youngsters, received the Gusi Peace Prize international

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Samanta receives 2014 Gusi Peace Prize

Noted social entrepreneur and Founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT Group of Institutions, Achyuta Samanta received the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize for 2014 amidst a galaxy of luminaries, comprising of presidents, prime ministers, distinguished scientists, philanthropists and three thousand invited guests from all over the world, in Manila on November 26. Samanta is the lone Indian among 15 laureates of this prestigious award this year, conferred by the Philippines-based awarding body Gusi Peace Prize International. He is only the third Indian ever and first from Odisha to be conferred the award, considered as 'Asia's Nobel Peace Prize'.

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Gusi Prize Winner Stresses Uplift through Education

Peshawar Army School Massacre

KISS and KiiT International School Students Hold Condolence Meeting

Students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KiiT International School paid homage to the victims of Peshawar Army School massacre in Pakistan, in a condolence meeting held at KISS campus on December 17, 2014. Twenty-two thousand and five hundred tribal students of KISS and students of KiiT International School observed two minutes silence in memory of those who died or suffered in the terrorist attack on the school. About 150 innocent school children and nine staff members of the school were killed by Taliban Terrorists. Students and staff of KISS and KiiT International School strongly condemned the brutal attack on the innocent children by terrorists. This type of heinous crime can't be tolerated in civilized world, they said. The entire world should come forward and fight against terrorism strongly. **In his condolence message, Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, we are deeply shocked at the killing of innocent schoolchildren. While the entire world is committed for peace, a small group of militants cannot be allowed to derail the peace process, he added.** World leaders, like US President Barack Obama and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have also expressed grief over loss of innocent lives.

KIIT REVIEW ISSUES PUBLISHED IN 2014

KIIT is one of the most vibrant institutions of the country. The campus is abuzz with activity round the year. Thousands of dignitaries, including Heads of State, Nobel Laureates, Statesmen, Ambassadors and Scientists, from all over the world visit KIIT University and its sister concern, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), to attend various international and national level academic meets organized here. KIIT Review, the bi-monthly journal of KIIT Group of Institutions, was started with an objective to keep parents and guardians of students studying here as well as its well-wishers abreast of happenings in the campus. As 2014 draws to a close, KIIT Review is proud is complete 14 years of its publication. This page illustrates covers of the six issues published in the year.

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