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NITI Aayog CEO Lauds KISS and its Founder

KIIT & KISS Founder **Delivers Keynote Address** at 'Aurora Dialogues'





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KIIT Girl Dutee Chand wins two Bronze Medals for India in the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships, 2017.

Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, CEO, NITI Aayog visits KIIT and KISS on July 1, 2017.

The Royal Society of Chemistry India and Salters Institute, UK conducted a three-day residential Chemistry Camp for Class IX students at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from June 20–22, 2017.

The world famous auspicious occasion of Rath Yatra was celebrated at Shrivani Khetra of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on June 25, 2017 amid religious fervor and gaiety.

International Day of Yoga was celebrated with enthusiasm in KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) at KIIT Cricket Stadium on June 21, 2017.

KISS Bahini and KISS Seva Bahini conducted a weeklong rural reconstruction campaign, called 'Gaon ku Chala Abhiyan' in all districts of Odisha from May 31 – June 6, 2017.

Vietnam's Grand Master (GM) Nguyen Duc Hoa won the tile in Category-A of the 10th KIIT International Chess Festival, which concluded at KIIT Campus on June 2, 2017.

Three KIIT Alumni Suman Saurav Mohanty and Avishyant Panda from Odisha and Haris Bin Zaman from Bihar cracked the prestigious Civil Services Examination 2016, result of which was declared by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on May 31, 2017. Suman, a student of B.Tech. Mechanical

Engineering 2008 batch, secured 9th rank, while Avishyant and Haris were placed in 91st and 646th rank respectively.

The KISS-Bhartia Residential School will be opened at Puri with full support of Bharatia Charitable Trust. The School will be based on the model of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS delivered a special talk on "Promotion of humanitarianism and peace by arresting violence" on May 29, 2017 at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan, the capital city of Armenia.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta delivered the 7th Foundation Day Address at Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) of Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad on May 22, 2017.

Acts of giving, cyclothons and meetings marked the 4th anniversary celebrations of International 'Art of Giving' Day on May 17, 2017.

A National Workshop on "Nuclear Sciences and Applications of Radioisotopes" was inaugurated in KIIT University on May 15, 2017.

Five girl students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) were selected by Tata Steel for 'All India Tribal Youth Leadership Programme' held at Asia Plateau, Panchgani, Maharashtra from May 5–11, 2017.

KIIT School of Fashion Technology organized its Graduate Fashion Show on April 22, 2017 to showcase dress designed by its students.

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सस्नेह नमस्कार

आपका ''दिव्य शनि प्रसन्तां पत्र'' के सम्पादक द्वारा मई २०१७ का अंक प्राप्त हुआ, आप २५००० आदिवासी बच्चों को आधुनिक शिक्षा प्रदान कर रहे हैं, यह देखकर बहुत प्रसन्ता प्राप्त हुई, यह कार्य बहोत ही सरहानीय हैं।

मै भाई सामंत और विजेद्रं गोयल जी को धन्यवाद देती हूँ। आपके शुभ कार्य में मेरी बहोत बहोत शुभकामनाएं और अनेक धन्यवाद !

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Respected Prof. Achyuta Samanta,

Greetings from Sanskriti University !!!

It was great pleasure in going through the above bimonthly Journal speaking volumes of the commendable sociotransformational endeavors so earnestly made by your esteemed Institution. Feeding and educating life skills to 25 K tribal

your footsteps.

With best regards,

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Achievements of students and alumni of an institution are the best reflection of its character. All-round development of its students has been a distinctive focus of KIIT University since its inception. Despite having 27,000 students, who are enrolled in a wide range of academic programmes, KIIT helps each and every student to identify his or her strengths and encourage them to pursue their interests persistently. KIIT provides best of exposure and opportunities to help them excel in their chosen area of interest. Student support facilities and processes here have been thoughtfully and painstakingly created to achieve the Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta's vision to make KIIT the most student-focused campus in the country. It is no wonder, therefore, that KIIT has been able to produce IAS toppers, successful entrepreneurs, Olympians, Chess Grandmasters, actors and even beauty queens, besides successive batches who have excelled in academics and campus placement. Recently, three alumni of KIIT University created waves when they cracked the prestigious Civil Services examination of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). One among them, Suman Saurav Mohanty, secured 9th rank in this highly competitive examination. In his words: "My inspiration has come from Achyuta Samanta Sir - his humility, tireless devotion and hard work. In KIIT, success is not a goal for us. It is just a journey. KIIT has always chased excellence, so success comes to us naturally". Adding to the success story, two KIIT students, Dutee Chand and Amiya Kumar Mallick, were proud members of the Indian contingent that took part in the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships, Bhubaneswar. Dutee Chand, who has also represented India in Olympic Games 2016, won two Bronze Medals for the country.

In a remarkable show of appreciation for Prof. Achyuta Samanta for his relentless work towards achieving zero poverty, zero hunger and zero illiteracy, thousands of people celebrated International Art of Giving Day on May 17 in 100 cities of India and 100 cities abroad. 'Art of Giving', his philosophy of life, has the power to transform poverty and make the world a better place to live. Selfless acts of giving, cyclothon, cleanliness drive and meeting marked the occasion. In recognition to his contributions to the society, he was invited to be the keynote speaker at 'Aurora Dialogues', a series of discussions on the most pressing global humanitarian issues, in Armenia. Prof. Samanta also delivered the 7th Foundation Day address at Centre for Innovations in Public Systems of Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad.

Unique focus brings out the best in KIIT Students

With opportunities that cover skill development, top quality placement, study abroad, interaction with world's leading academicians and researchers, including Nobel Laureates, sports and extra-curricular activities, KIIT offers much more than merely academic qualification. The institution is proud of its diverse human resources represented by over 27,000 students enrolled in 100 plus academic programmes. They come from all corners of India and over 45 countries because of high brand value of KIIT.

Skills, aptitude and interests of the student community is equally diverse and KIIT, with its focus on all round development, is committed to bring out the best in each and every one of them by providing them the best possible exposure in their chosen field. Such unique focus has made its students high achievers.

Established in 1992 and opened five years later as a multi-disciplinary institute, KIIT University is today one of the most prestigious universities of India. Its commitment to teaching excellence led to the grant of university status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 in 2004 and 'A' category university status in 2015 by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India. It is also accredited in 'A' Grade by NAAC and 'Tier 1' (Washington Accord) by NBA.

KIIT is a multi-campus university. Its 23 campuses span 25 sq. km. and have a built up area of 12 million sq. ft. Each stream of education has a self-contained independent campus replete with wi-fi multimedia air conditioned classrooms, video conferencing, state-of-the-art laboratories, close circuit cameras, seminar halls, auditorium and open air theatres. There are separate hostels for boys and girls with round-the-clock wireless internet. All the hostels have attached canteens serving good quality Indian and continental food. In addition, there are 15 food courts specializing



in cuisines from different parts of the world. KIIT's cosmopolitan campus is packed with excellent facilities to support individual student's interest and aptitude. Students of KIIT get full freedom to express their creativity, skill and interest through more than 25 well-organised students' societies, specializing in fields like automobile, aeronautics, robotics, marketing, finance, fashion, quizzing, music & dance, photography & painting, etc. Faculty and staff proactively encourage them to pursue their interest and excel.

Student community here is highly disciplined due to student friendly governance system and best practices followed by KIIT since its inception. Best practices like choice based credit system, effective tutor-mentor programme, close interaction

Student Entrepreneurs

Besides providing quality campus placement, KIIT University is imparting skills and necessary support to groom entrepreneurs among its students since its inception. In this mission, several skill development programs and entrepreneurship development and awareness promotion programs are conducted on regular basis. In sync with national objectives, KIIT has been in full swing to be a part of 'Make in India', 'Skill India' and 'Digital India' Campaigns. More than 400 students of KIIT have established themselves as successful entrepreneurs and many more are at KIIT-TBI and other units.

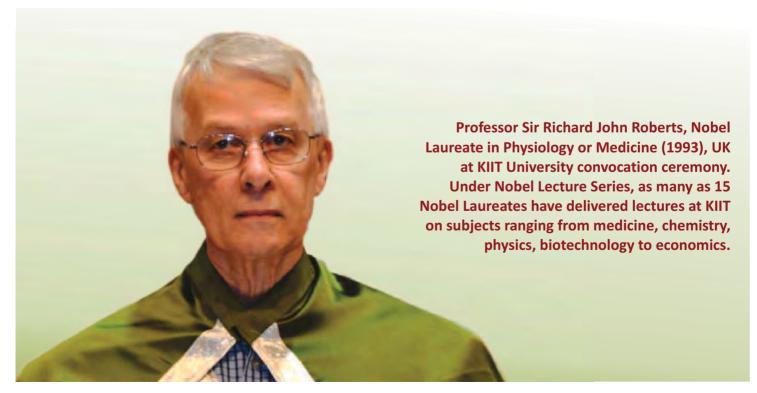




with the industry and promotion of students' research and innovation as well as value additions like implementation of SAP supports the culture of excellence. Above all, students draw motivation from the life of sacrifice and dedication to humanity of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, who converted his childhood struggle and hardship into his strength and single-handedly established KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS), a free residential institute for 25,000 tribal students, with only Rs. 5000. Students see him as a role model, drawing happiness and imbibing the values of ethical conduct, morality and compassion. Recognizing that this is an age of exposure and value addition, KIIT follows a busy calendar of seminars and conferences on academic themes. Its Central Convention Centre Complex provides an excellent ambience for national and international conferences.

The facility houses a world-class auditorium, having a seating capacity of 1600, Guest House, several conference halls, expansive exhibition ground and banquet hall.

These events give students invaluable chance to interact directly with heads of States, top policy makers, legal luminaries, diplomats, scientists, corporate leaders, social workers, authors, sportspersons and winners of prestigious awards, including Nobel laureates and Ramon Magsaysay awardees. Under Nobel Lecture Series, 15 Nobel Laureates have delivered lecture at KIIT on subjects ranging from medicine, chemistry, physics, biotechnology to economics. While such exposure has given students a chance to draw inspiration, sometimes it has also



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helped open coveted professional avenues. As a university with a vision, KIIT promotes sports and games among the students, along with academics. Sports activity in KIIT University is facilitated by KIIT Stadium, Central Indoor Stadium and 13 sports complex distributed in different campuses. Sprawling over an area of 29 acre, KIIT Stadium has the capability to hold day & night matches and can seat upto 35,000 spectators. It has facility for Cricket (turf wicket), Hockey (Astroturf), Kabaddi, Football, Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Throwball, Basketball, Rugby, Handball, Netball and Track & Field (400 m).

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KIIT's Central Indoor Stadium – Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium – is the hub for indoor sports activities. It is one of the biggest incampus indoor stadiums of the country. It has facilities for Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Billiards & Snooker (air conditioned), Chess, Carom, Health Club, 12 Station Multi-gym and Yoga Centre. In addition to these two central facilities, 12 Sports Complex are located in different campuses. Each such facility has a swimming pool, multi-gym, besides facility for other sports and games.

Efforts of the institution in the field of sports are now showing result. Exploits of tribal students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT, is already well known. In addition to winning three international tournaments in Rugby (London-2007, Manchester—2011 & London-2014) and representing India in Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Youth Olympics, students from this institution have found place in Indian national team in almost all disciplines of sports. Kiran Manisha Mohanty and Aparajita Gochhikar, well known names in international chess circuit, are the students of KIIT. Similarly, KIIT has also produced prodigious athletes Amiya Kumar Mallick and Dutee Chand, who participated in Rio Olympics last year.

Academic Placement

Nidhi Singh, a KIIT School of Law alumnus, was selected as a 'Louis Dreyfus-Weidenfeld Scholar 2015-2016' by the Weidenfeld-Hoffman Trust and University of Oxford to pursue MSc in Law and Finance at University of Oxford, Faculty of Law and Saïd Business School (2015-16) on a full scholarship. She has been awarded another prestigious full scholarship to study at Oxford: 'The British Chevening Scholarship 2015-2016' given by the UK Government, funded by Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

With tie-ups with 140 reputed universities across the world, KIIT actively supports its students to get academic placement in reputed national and international institutions. Last year, more than 500 students had been selected in

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Students got confirmed

offers from top universities in Switzerland, France, Norway, Canada, Poland and Germany for higher studies courses, including Ph.D.

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Three KIIT Alumni Crack UPSC Civil Services Exam 2016



SUMAN SAURAV MOHANTY Mechanical Engg. (2008) All India Rank: 9 (Odisha State Topper)



AVISHYANT PANDA E&TC Engg. (2011) All India Rank: 91



HARIS BIN ZAMAN E&TC Engg. (2012) All India Rank: 646

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After getting the news, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS congratulated them for their success over telephone. "It is remarkable that three students of one institution have cracked the Civil Services Exam in the same year. Only four years of exposure in KIIT helped them secure high ranks in Civil Services Exam", he said. In the coming years, many more students of the University will get success in this exam, he added.

Students and alumni of KIIT University expressed their pleasure after getting the news. It will inspire and provide motivation to them, they said. The faculty members and staff of KIIT University also expressed their happiness over this success of the alumni. These three students have been invited to a special felicitation function at KIIT.

Many students of KIIT have got success in Civil Service Exam in previous years. The University has established a School of Leadership to prepare the students for this exam.

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KIIT Felicitates its IAS Toppers



Prof. Achyuta Samanta felicitating IAS Topper and KIIT alumnus, Suman Saurav Mohanty in the presence of his parents, Shri Santanu Kumar Mohanty and Smt. Kabita Mohanty at a special function in KIIT University.

KIIT felicitated its alumnus and 9th rank holder in the UPSC Civil Services Examination Suman Saurav Mohanty at a special ceremony here on June 7, 2017. He was a 2008 batch student of B.Tech Mechanical Engineering of KIIT University. KIIT alumnus Avishyant Panda, who secured 91st rank was also felicitated in a Separate function.

"Suman and Avishyant have not only brought glory to KIIT, but also to the State of Odisha. Their success will motivate and inspire coming batches of the University", said Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS. He also felicitated Suman's father Shri Santanu Kumar Mohanty, a retired OAS officer and mother Smt. Kabita Mohanty.

After passing out from KIIT University, Suman got job offers from Wipro and Reliance Energy through campus placement. He joined Reliance Energy and worked in this company for four years. He briefly worked with the Govt. of Odisha before joining Odisha Administrative Service (OAS). Later, he cleared UPSC Civil Services Examination and joined Indian Revenue Service (IRS). However, he was pushed by his mother to try again for Indian Administrative Service. His hard work and patience was

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KIIT alumnus Avishyant Panda, who secured 91st rank in Civil Services Exam, being felicitated.

rewarded when he secured 9th rank in his next attempt. Speaking at the felicitation ceremony, Suman said, "I owe my success to the blessings of God, my family, particularly my mother, and ethos and values learnt at KIIT". Revealing that he was asked about the process of empowerment in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in the interview, he stated, "I have learnt humility and dedication from the Founder of KIIT & KISS. I am grateful to my teachers who are strict and caring at the same time. I want to see KIIT University as the top University of the world".

Among others, Secretary, KIIT & KISS, Shri R. N. Dash, Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. Mathur and Registrar, Prof. Sasmita Samanta also spoke on the occasion.





KIIT always provides us an environment where we are challenged to be the best. This environment gives a lot of confidence to the students. Every KIITian has the confidence to go there, compete with the best in the world, succeed, yet remain with humility

FACE TO FACE with IAS Topper **KIIT ALUMNUS Suman Saurav Mohanty**

People of Odisha woke up to good news on June 1. UPSC had declared the Civil Services Exam results and Bhubaneswar boy, Suman Saurav Mohanty, an alumnus of KIIT University, had secured 9th Rank. He completed B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from KIIT University in 2008. Success is not new to Suman. He joined Reliance Energy through campus placement in 2008. He had secured 6th Rank in OAS earlier and 413th rank in 2015 UPSC exams. In his own words, "In KIIT, success is not a goal for us, it is just a journey. KIIT has always chased excellence, so success comes to us naturally".

Suman's success story is a source of inspiration for thousands of IAS aspirants from the State and KIIT University, in particular. Satyabrata Das and Rajesh Verma of KIIT REVIEW talked to Suman Saurav Mohanty to get insights into his remarkable success story – his trials and tribulations, strategy and approach as well as success mantra.



Tell us something about yourself? Where have you done your schooling and graduation and in which field/discipline?

I am basically from Bhubaneswar. I have done my schooling in Saint Joseph's High School, +2 from BJB College, Bhubaneswar and graduation in Mechanical Engineering from KIIT University in 2008.



What was your aim behind appearing for the IAS exam? Was becoming an IAS officer your childhood dream or did you wish to appear for it after you became aware of the importance of a civil servant?

Aim was definitely to do something larger for the society and to be an agent of social change. I saw it in my previous stints in Reliance Energy,



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State Government Public Health Engineering Department and Odisha Administrative Services, how administration impacts the lives of common people every day. It is probably the largest wing with which you can contribute directly to the society.

Secondly, my mother had a wish that I become an IAS officer. This was to fulfil her dream. My father being a civil servant, I had seen him work for the people tirelessly. I had seen how his work impacts the people. I had some ideas about governance challenges and issues. So, it was a childhood dream also.

As I grew up, I saw the complex challenges that governance and the administration face in the society today. There is social media, there is public pressure, there is public awareness, there is huge amount of media pressure as well as judiciary and civil society groups. In this environment a civil servant has to exceed expectations. So this importance of being a civil servant also helped. I prepared myself accordingly also.



There was a wave of pride and happiness in KIIT, in particular, and Odisha, in general, as the result was published. Were you expecting to be in the Top 10 and how did you feel after you knew your result?

Obviously KIIT has every right to be proud of my achievements. KIIT has always nurtured us and provided us an environment to excel. I remember when we used to be in KIIT, our library had books of every hue and variety. People used to take pride in the infrastructure. We had the largest reading room in Odisha in KIIT at that point of time. In my interviews, I had mentioned my hobby as reading fiction, a habit I inculcated in KIIT. KIIT reading room was awesome. I think it would be even better nowadays. KIIT always provides us an environment where we are challenged to be the best. This environment gives a lot of confidence to the students. Every KIITian has the confidence to go there, compete with the best in the world, succeed, yet remain with humility.

I am very much attached to Odisha. It is my home State. I have seen the miseries and grief of people. We are regularly visited by calamities. Our social indices are not that good. We don't market ourselves that much, but we are humble nice people. Social sector indices healthcare, education and

preparing for the mains, without waiting for Prelims results

malnutrition – are very low here. So I always wanted to do something for my State in terms of administrative

governance.

To be very honest, I never expected myself to be in the Top 10 or Top 100. But I knew my performance was definitely better than the last time. In this exam, you cannot say about your rank. After I knew my result, I just thanked almighty. I prayed Him to grant me hard work, perseverance and humility, so that this will not be my last success.

Which optional paper did you choose in the Mains exam?

My optional paper was Public Administration. You have to be very careful in choosing your optional paper. First of all, you must have interest in your optional paper. This exam is so mentally draining, if you don't have interest in your optional paper, after sometime you would feel like changing your optional paper.

Public Administration was giving bad result for last five years. There were never any toppers from this subject, but I still kept faith in it. It gave me a macro perspective. It strengthened my theory as an administrator. You have to be very strategic about choosing your optional. Preparation for optional paper should impact your performance in other papers. For example, Public Administration will help you in Essay, GS I, GS II, GS IV and also interview.



What parameters should the candidates, especially graduates of professional courses, keep in mind while choosing the Optional paper?

First of all, the paper should be mark fetching, because the Optional carries almost 500 marks. You should be confident that you will secure your best marks in the Optional. Secondly, you should have interest in the paper. Thirdly, the paper should be interlinking to your other GS papers. For example, Optional subjects like Public Administration, Geography and History will certainly lessen time somewhere else.

Ideal time to prepare for this exam should be one year before the mains. You must finish your Optional first. As soon as the Prelims gets over, start

More than 4,59,000 candidates appeared the exam and only a little over 1000 got through. This makes it one of the toughest exams of the world. What are your

secrets of success, what contributed to your success?



COVER STORY

This exam has six attempts for general candidates and nine or more attempts for other categories. People take this exam very lightly. They have the idea that they have another chance. But I prepared as if every chance was my last chance. My intention was very clear about it. Put all your energies, all your resources into it, when you decide to appear the exam.

The inspiration comes from our Founder Achyuta Samanta Sir - his humility, his tireless devotion and hard work. His personality inspires everyone. He meets everyone - staff and students alike - with human touch and goes out of his way to solve his or her problems. I have imbibed the spirit of working tirelessly from the Founder as well as his humility and journey towards excellence

answer as it is objective type. Follow current affairs religiously. Prepare everything very diligently and don't leave anything to chance. No one who believes in chance succeeds in this exam.

You can prepare for Mains immediately after prelims. You need to have a larger perspective, you need to understand issues, have conceptual clarity. Both the preparation will help you in

interviews, for which you should also prepare about yourself and your State.

Secondly, I cut myself off from social media, friends, etc. for three years in order to

eliminate the pressure of expectations and distractions. It was my war - either I win or I lose. Even if I lose, no one else gets to know about it. Thirdly, you must devise your own winning strategy. You must understand yourself and figure out your own key to success. In Mains exam, you are actually communicating with the examiner through written medium. Examiner must, after looking at your answer, think in that manner. He must think that this candidate is different from 15,000 others who have written the answer and has put in extra effort. He must carry the impression that the candidate is that more logical and that more analytical.



How did you start your preparation? Should one prepare first for the Prelims and then the Mains?

I started my preparations with Odisha Administrative Services. I had no idea that I will appear for Indian Administrative Services at that point in time. I started small. First I brushed up on my fundamentals - Physics, Chemistry, etc. Then I started out on dynamic aspects current affairs - linking it with my static subjects. It took me a lot of time in Optional because I am not from Public Administration background. Becoming an expert in this subject took me almost two years. You can start small, become solid in certain areas, then progress. Don't make too grandiose plans.

For Prelims, I had my idea that I will finish revision at least 3 - 4 times before my exams. Prelims and Mains are nowadays more or less interlinked. But, yes, you have to prepare for Prelims, because if you are not clearing the prelims, you are not going to attempt Mains. Strategy for the two is different. For Mains, it is more intensive. Breadth of the scope is much more. For Prelims, you have to go to the depth. In Prelims, you need to know the exact



How much time is ideal to prepare for the IAS exam? What was your strategy for IAS exam? How much time did you dedicate to your preparation?

Ideal time to prepare for this exam should be one year before the mains. You must finish your Optional first. As soon as the Prelims gets over, start preparing for the mains, without waiting for Prelims results. Even if you don't clear prelims, it will help you next year. For mains, your approach should be different. You need not consult too many materials, but whatever material you consult, consult them fully. You must go to the Economy Survey, 12th Plan and other Govt. reports. Remember four things when you prepare for topic: Get some indepth knowledge, Know about the situation in India, Know some statistics and facts relating to that and Solutions.

Capacity of mind is limited. If you are studying for more than eight hours, I think you are fooling yourself. I prepared for this exam very much in Bhubaneswar, from my home. It is a misconception that you can prepare better if you go to Delhi. There is no need to go to Delhi as nowadays Google is the best teacher.



Did you take any coaching to crack IAS exam? Is it possible to crack without any coaching? If yes, please elaborate on how one can achieve this?

I am self-coached, but I took test series from 2 - 3 places. I also took essay test series. Test series lets you know how you stand vis-a-vis other aspirants. It is very much possible

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to clear the exam without any coaching.



They asked me questions about

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KIIT gives you a globalised environment, enables you to acquire knowledge with wider perspective and be successful. A company like Microsoft selected KIIT students in campus placement way back in 2007, when I was a student there, creating much sensation in the academic

world. I have no words to express my gratitude towards KIIT.

information about you – academic qualifications, family, job experience, hobbies, awards & recognitions, etc. There is a single mantra for personal interview, I would say, be yourself. You really cannot try to impress the Board for 20 - 30 long minutes. They will immediately catch you if you are faking anything. In my DAF, I had mentioned "Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts in Modern Day Society" as my interest area. One of the questions was - How would you solve Kashmir problem? My suggested solution included use of military. After some time, I was asked to clarify how as a Gandhian I suggested role of army and local police force?

several things. Detailed Application Form (DAF) contains all

DAF should be filled in carefully and it needs to be studied as well. It may also happen that they may ask only from your DAF. You should also be following current affairs regularly. Also you have to keep clarity of your thoughts and answers. Be prepared for situation-based questions.



It is important to have confidence on yourself.

Exam is difficult, and you may fail also. But "Some goals are so worthy that it is glorious even to fail", as PVC Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey once famously remarked. It gives you a chance to rediscover yourself - your strengths and weaknesses, and ultimately make you a better person. Keep yourself mentally and physically fit.

How has KIIT contributed to your success?

It would take me a day to describe how KIIT has contributed to my success. We have underdog attitude in KIIT. We do our work humbly, get success and go away. Success is not a goal for us, it is just a journey. KIIT has always chased excellence, so success comes to us naturally. KIIT is one of the best institutions of the country and on its way to be among the top institutions of the world. KIIT is expanding across all horizons. It is empowering the marginalised and making them the best in the business. Dutee Chand is a glowing example of this.



What is your advice and suggestions to the future IAS Aspirants, especially from KIIT University?

It is a mental game. You should prepare yourself mentally to face any eventuality - to cope with success as well as failure. Take advice from your teacher and respect your teachers. Love your State and country. Take parents into confidence. Finally, work hard be humble and keep faith on the Almighty.

Prelims and Mains are nowadays more or less interlinked. But, yes, you have to prepare for Prelims, because if you are not clearing the prelims, you are not going to attempt Mains. Strategy for the two is different. For Mains, it is more intensive. Breadth of the scope is much more. For Prelims, you have to go to the depth





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Cash Incentive for Odia Medal Winners from KIIT, KISS





(From L) Achyuta Samanta, Mr. Nilamadhab Deo, Sports personality, Mr. Shiv Sundar Das, Indian Cricketer, Ms. Anuradha Biswal, Olympian, Ms. Saina Salonika, Chess prodigy, Champion athletes, Ms. Srabani Nanda, Purnima Hembram, Ms. Dutee Chand, Ms. Jauna Murmu, Shradhanjali Samantaray, Former Footballer, Mr. N. Ramesh, Coach and Mr. K. K. Sharma, IG, CRPF Bhubaneswar at the felicitation ceremony.

Athletes from Odisha who won medals in the recently concluded 22nd Asian Athletics Championships, Bhubaneswar were felicitated and rewarded with cash incentives by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS in the presence of eminent athlete Anuradha Biswal at a special function in Bhubaneswar on July 12, 2017. As a part of its continuous endeavour of promoting sports and sportspersons in the State, KIIT and KISS had announced cash incentives – Rs. 3 lakh for Gold Medal, Rs. 2 lakh for Silver Medal and Rs. 1.5 lakh for Bronze Medal - for Odia athletes at the beginning of the games.

Dutee Chand, double Bronze medallist in the 100m and 4 x 100m, received Rs. 3 lakh, while Srabani Nanda, Bronze medallist in 4 x 100m, and Purnima Hembram, Bronze medallist in Heptathlon, got Rs. 1.5 lakh each. It was a very successful outing for India, which scripted history by topping the medal tally by a record haul of 29 medals. It was a matter of great pride for the State of Odisha to host this mega international sports event, which saw the participation of more than 650 athletes from 44 countries. As a premier educational institution that has been promoting sports and sportspersons in a big way since its inception, KIIT University and its sister concern, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), share this pride. In fact, two athletes - Dutee Chand and Amiya Kumar Mallick - of the Indian contingent are students of KIIT University. Chess prodigy from KiiT International School, Saina Salonika, who recently won the Gold Medal in under 14 age category in Commonwealth Chess Championships, Delhi, Mr. N. Ramesh, coach of Dutee Chand, Mr. Nilamadhab Deo, coach of Srabani Nanda, sprinter Amiya Mallick, Jauna Murmu and Sanjay Garanayak, coach of Purnima Hembram were also felicitated on the occasion.

Among others, Mr. K. Ravi, eminent journalist and Mr. Debashish Mohanty, former cricketer were present.



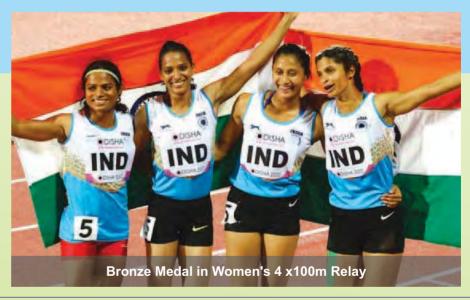






KIIT Girl Dutee Chand Wins Double Bronze for India





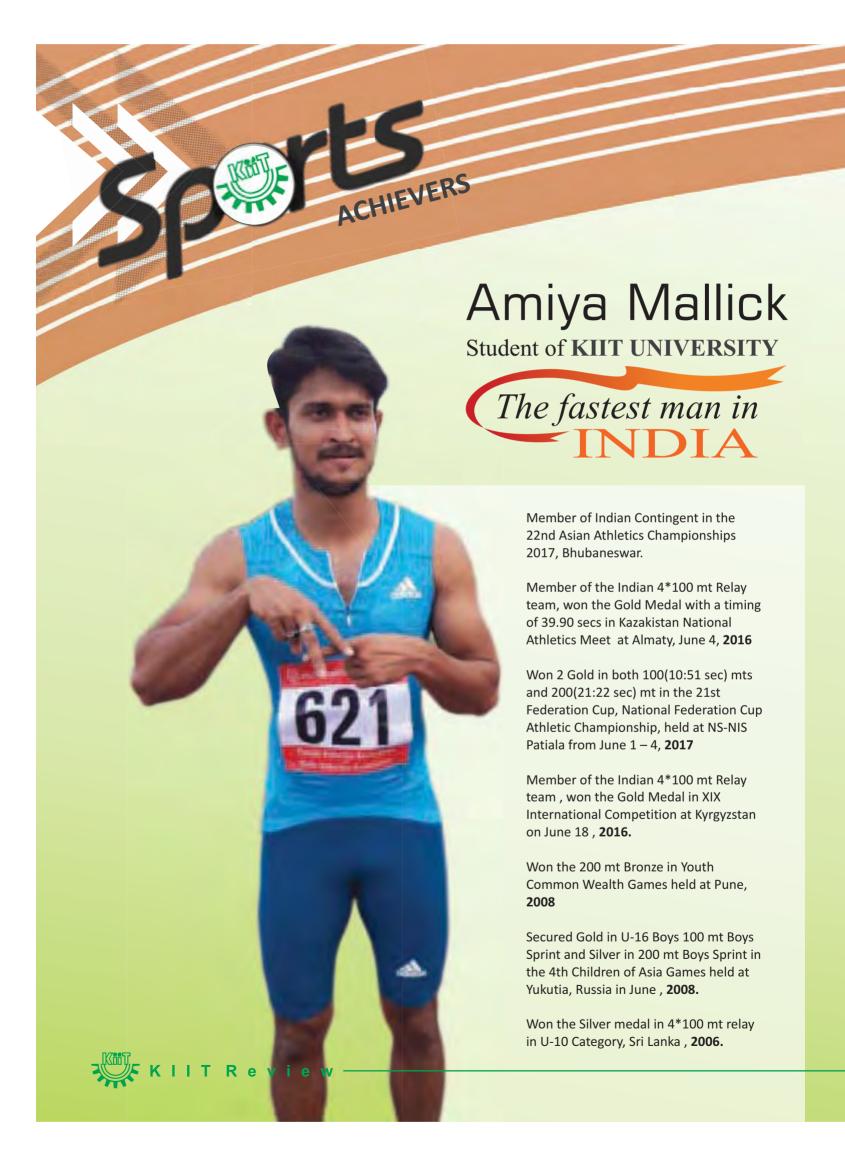




Jauna and Purnima to **Pursue Education in KISS**

Ace women sprinters from Odisha Jauna Murmu and Purnima Hembram have taken admission in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) to pursue higher education. Jauna and Purnima will pursue Post Graduate and Bachelors degree course respectively from 2017 – 18 academic session. "KISS will provide all athletic facilities to them besides free education", said Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, while congratulating them. Students of the institute, numbering 25,000, will be encouraged by their joining KISS, he added. Both athlete-students hail from very poor agricultural family in Mayurbhanj District.

Recently, Jauna, who is working in ONGC, qualified for World Athletic Championships to be held in UK in 400m and 400m hurdles through National Athletics Championship, becoming the only sprinter from Odisha to qualify. Purnima is the Bronze medallist in Heptathlon in the recently concluded 22nd Asian Athletics Championships, Bhubaneswar.





NITI Aayog CEO Lauds KISS and its Founder

"I have not seen a social worker and institution builder like Dr. Achyuta Samanta, who is providing education to so many underprivileged children in such a good institution. His contributions are really special", said Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog in his address to the students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on July 1, 2017. Earlier, Shri Kant, accompanied by Shri Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Odisha and other officials, visited different campuses of KIIT University and KISS.

Shri Amitabh Kant, a seasoned bureaucrat, is also the author of "Branding India - An Incredible Story" and has been a key driver of "Make in India", "Startup India", "Incredible India" and "God's Own Country" campaigns which positioned and branded India and Kerala State as leading tourism destinations.

Speech of Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NITI Aayog at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

I have never before seen a gathering of so many students. It is remarkable to see 10,000 girl students sitting in a hall. I have never heard such roaring round of applause in my life. It is a great satisfaction to see that you children are smiling, looking happy and wearing good clothes. Dr. Samanta has met me many times in Delhi. He told me that he has set up big institutions in Bhubaneswar and along with that he has also established Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences where he is providing free



education to 25,000 children like you. It was difficult to believe him.

Today I went around all the campuses of KIIT & KISS and got to see everything that he has created. I am very happy that Dr. Samanta has made a mini India here, that has doctors, engineers and all others. I am the happiest to see KISS. It provides you free education in a residential setting. You get your food here, play here and make friends here.

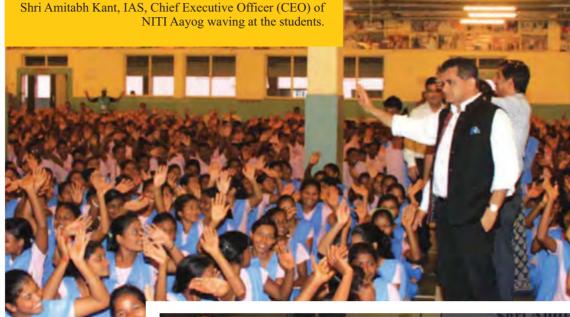
Many engineering laboratories have been set up at different places to enable students to experiment with new ideas. I want such laboratories to be opened here also so that you get an exposure to advanced machines. It will help you to invent new

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things and innovate in future. We will extend all help to Dr. Samanta for this.

I am very happy to see this remarkable institute. Indeed, it is the highlight of my visit to Odisha. I pray God to that you play a big role in nation building, as engineers, doctors, teachers, etc. Work hard and play hard. I also hope this institution will produce top sportspersons.

My special prayers for long life of and more strength to Dr. Samanta. I have not seen a social worker and institution builder

Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog, Shri Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Odisha, Achyuta Samanta and other dignitaries with KISS students.

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Achyuta Samanta presenting a tribal art to Shri Sanjeev Chopra,

NITI Aayog and other dignitaries look on.

IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Odisha. Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of

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KISS-Bhartia Residential School to Open at Puri



The KISS-Bhartia Residential School will be opened at Puri with full support of Bhartia Charitable Trust. The School will be based on the model of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in this regard between Prof. Achyuta Samanta and Shri Kishanlal Agarwal, Chairman, Bhartia Charitable Trust.

"I have been trying to open KISS branches in 15 to 20 districts of Odisha for last one year and have achieved significant success. I had a dream to open a KISS branch in Puri exclusively for the children of poor Brahmin communities. It is now

going to be fulfilled due to the support of Bhartia Charitable Trust. I thank Mr. Agarwal with gratitude, who has fulfilled my long time dream", said Prof. Samanta after signing the MoU. KISS-Bhartia School will be fully residential like KISS-Bhubaneswar. Children, both boys and girls, of poor Brahmin families will get education with accommodation, fooding and healthcare free of cost. The academic session will begin from July, 2018. KISS has purchased 15 acre of land at Puri for setting up the School. Bhartia Charitable Trust will provide full financial support for the infrastructure, assured Shri Agarwal. The students of this school will be taught CBSE curriculum. In the first phase, there will be Class I to Class XII. The Brahmin students will be given special training on Veda, Karmakand and theology, especially on the Jagannath culture. After completing their education from this school, they can establish themselves as well trained and educated priests. There will be provision for 1200 students in the first phase enrolment. It will be expanded later. Children from poor Brahmin families from across the country can pursue education here. Mr. Ashok Pandey, the President Awardee teacher presided over the MoU singing ceremony, which was attended by members of 200 Marwadi families, intellectuals and officials of KISS, among others.

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KIIT & KISS Founder Delivers Keynote Address at 'Aurora Dialogues'

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS delivered a special talk on "Promotion of humanitarianism and peace by arresting violence" on May 29, 2017 at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan, the capital city of Armenia. A keynote speaker at the event, he was given a generous time slot of one and a half hours to share the best practices at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) with the esteemed audience consisting of Nobel laureates, leading experts from across the international humanitarian community, business, philanthropy, student leaders and media in Armenia. He is the first Indian to have been invited to speak at this important event. Armenia, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, is observing 2015 to 2023 in remembrance of the eight years of the Armenian Genocide from 1915-1923. In this eight year's commitment Aurora Humanitarian Initiative was founded on behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviours. Aurora Humanitarian Initiative considers Prof. Samanta as a saviour and his contribution to the society, particularly the marginalized poor sections, as humanitarianism par excellence.

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He has created revolution through KISS that is working on eradication of poverty through education and creating sustainable and peaceful society. In recognition to his humanitarian service, Prof. Samanta was invited to be the keynote speaker in the open lectures at the Second Annual Aurora Dialogues, one of the most important events culminating with the presentation of the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity.







Prof. Achyuta Samanta delivering the keynote address of 'Aurora Dialogues' at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta paying tribute to the lives lost during Armenian Genocide.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta in discussion with the Founders of Aurora Humanitarian Intiative, Mr. Vartan Gregorian and Mr. Noubar Afeyan.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta with Mr. Ruben Vardanyan, Cofounder of Aurora Humanitarian Intiative.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta presenting a tribal painting to the President of American University of Armenia Dr. Armen Der Kiureghian.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta presenting a tribal painting to His Excellency Mr. Yogeshwar Sangwan, Ambassador of India to Armenia.

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Prof. Achyuta Samanta Delivers Foundation Day Address at Centre for Innovations in Public Systems



(From L) Dr. Nivedita Pranatharthiharan, Director, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, IAS (Retd.), Chairman – Court of Governors, ASCI and Mr. Rajen Habib Khwaja, Director-General at the 7th Foundation Day celebration of CIPS.

Prof. Samanta has done something in 20 years that Government cannot do in decades together. His life story is most motivating and most powerful narrative present today. India needs 100 Samantas today."

Prof. Achyuta Samanta delivered the 7th Foundation Day Address at Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) of Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad on May 22, 2017. Topic of his address was: 'Social Innovation: KISS as a Role Model'. The address was attended by Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, IAS (Retd.), Chairman – Court of Governors, ASCI, Mr. Rajen Habib Khwaja, Director-General, Dr. Nivedita Pranatharthiharan,

Director, CIPS and other senior officials.

Appreciating Prof. Samanta's efforts of poverty alleviation through KISS, the Director, CIPS said, "Prof. Samanta is a motivator par excellence. He is a person in a hurry. He has done something in 20 years that Government cannot do in decades together. His life story is most motivating and most powerful narrative present today. India needs 100 Samanta's today."

"Your thought-provoking and motivating talk was the perfect Foundation Day event for CIPS. Your social innovation is a marvel of modern day India and CIPS will use all its resources to get it replicated in every state", Dr. Pranatharthiharan added. Centre for Innovations in Public Systems is an autonomous body of the Government of India. The Administrative Staff College of India was established in 1956 at the



initiative of the government and the corporate sector to equip corporate managers, administrators, entrepreneurs and academicians with the skills to synthesize managerial theory and practice; and respond to the everincreasing complexity of managerial issues confronting government, industrial enterprises and non-government organizations.



Hon'ble Union Minister Praises KISS and Prof. Samanta



Prof. Achyuta Samanta attended a health camp organised by Swarna Bharat Trust as a guest of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development & Housing; Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information and Broadcasting in Hyderabad on April 30, 2017. "I visited Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). It's a great place. One should visit and experience it. Achyuta Samanta is doing human service to the society. He is giving smile and life to lakhs of tribal children by providing education and vocational training. KISS runs from the money by its sister organization, KIIT. We are doing small work in comparison to KIIT and KISS. One should learn from Samanta's life," said the Union Minister. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Samanta said, Swarna Bharat Trust is doing great work for betterment of lives of people and to mitigate sufferings from the face of earth.

Talk at Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam





Prof. Achyuta Samanta presenting a tribal painting to Smt. Smita Pant, Hon'ble Consul General of India in Ho Chi Minh City.



ART OF GIVING DAY LIFE

Acts of giving, cyclothons and meetings marked the 4th anniversary celebrations of International 'Art of Giving' Day on May 17, 2017. 'Art of Giving' is the philosophy of life of noted educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta.

It stands on the simple premise – 'Live to give and give to live'.

This year's theme was 'Environment protection and giving back to mother Earth'. People in 100 cities of India, including Bengaluru, Kolkata, Patna, Mumbai and New Delhi, and 100 cities

abroad joined in celebrating the day that promotes selfless giving. In Odisha, thousands of people enthusiastically participated in cyclothons held in 40 locations across the state, including all 30 district headquarters. More than

500 people took part in the cyclothon from Mayfair square to KIIT Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Ollywood stars Sabyasachi Mishra, Pinky Priyadarshini, Hadu, International Footballer Shradhanjali Samantaray,

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Olympiad Anuradha Biswal, National Cyclist Amita Kumari, Dilip Hali, Prof. Achyuta Samanta and Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University joined the cyclothone to promote the Art of Giving. They also joined in a meeting held at KIIT Stadium where the guests highlighted the

philosophy of Art of Giving and its importance in every one's life.

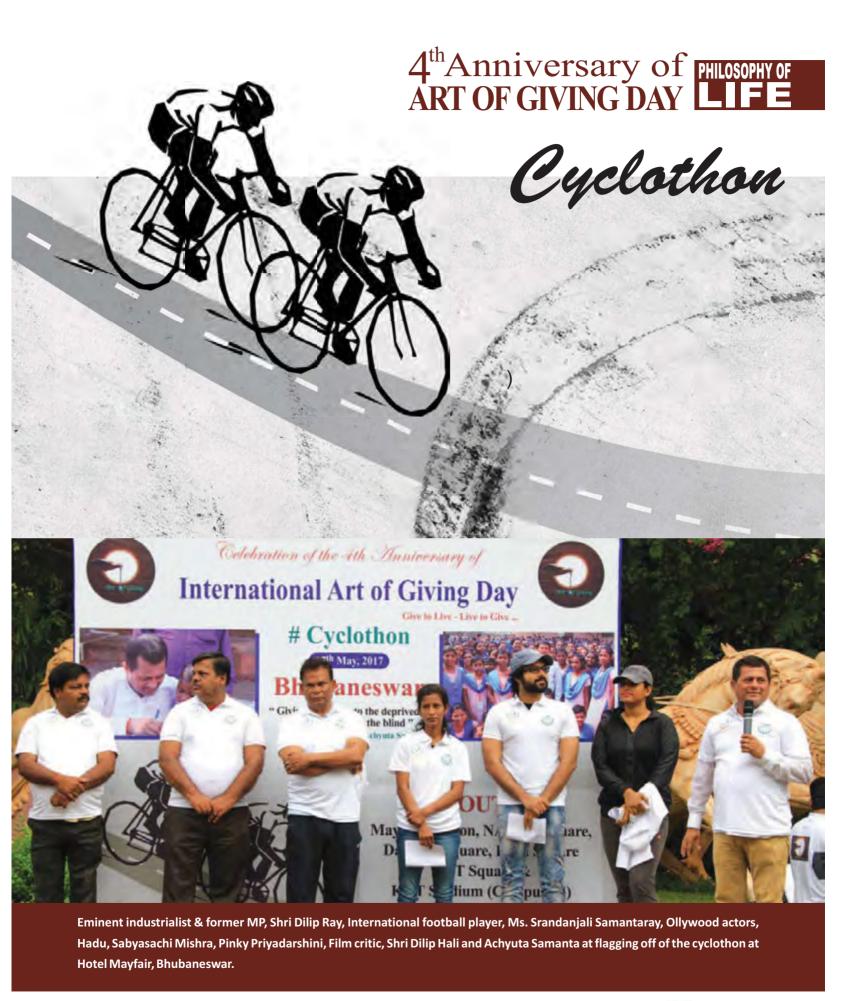
"In the present times, when there is much stress and competition, the practice of giving brings peace and happiness. This

practice is not confined to giving money and materials, a few words of motivation and appreciation or a patient hearing is also giving. It is always good to give back to the society", said Prof. Samanta. He credited all his achievements to his philosophy of Art of Giving, which he has

been following since his childhood.

Students of KIIT University played Nukad Natak on Art of Giving in different places of the city.







Achyuta Samanta at the mega launch of 'Art of Giving' Chapter in Singapore.



Launch of 'Art of Giving' chapter in South Korea.



Goodies being distributed to underprivileged children in Nepal.



Achyuta Samanta distributed Kindle to KISS students.



Cyclothon in Mumbai.



Intellectuals discussing the significance of 'Art of Giving' in Kolkata.



People enthusiastically participated in Cyclothon in Bengaluru.



People participated in Cyclothon in Patna



International Art of Giving Day Celebrations All Over Odisha



CUTTACK: The Cyclothon commenced from Jobra Anicut Square and concluded at Link Road Traffic Tower, passing through Mangalabag, Ranihat, Bajrakabati Road, Dolamundai and Badambadi. DCP of Cuttack Mr. Sanjeev Arora was the Chief Guest, while Dr. Pravas Acharya, President of Servants of People's Society and ACP of Traffic Mr. P. K Dalai were Guests of Honour. They elucidated the essence of 'Art of Giving' and hailed its architect Achyuta Samanta for propagating its fragrance across length and breadth of the world. Around 100 students and public participated.

BHAWANIPATNA (KALAHANDI): The Cyclothon was held from Swami Vivekananda Public School to Adivasi Bhawan via New Bus Stand. Dr. Nirad Chandra Kanhar, President, Adivasi Karmachari Sangram Samiti flagged off the cyclothon. Among

others, tribal leaders Mr. Paramanda Majhi, advocates Mr. Ananta Sabar and Mr. Dharmendra Naik attended the programme. The speakers noted the widespread popularity of "International Art of Giving Day" celebrations and lauded the phenomenal effort of its initiator Achyuta Samanta in popularizing his noble concept for spreading love, generosity and peace around the world.

GANIA (NAYAGARH): The Cyclothon was organised from Gania Tahasil Office to K.C. Bidyapitha. More

than 250 students and intellectuals took part in this programme. Chairman of Gania Block Mr. Seshadev Swain graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Principal of Gania College, Mr. Akhila Kumar Hota, Officer in-Charge of Gania Police Station, Mr. Deepak Kumar Khandayat Rai and the Headmaster of K C Vidyapitha attended the event as Guests of Honour. The guests explained the gathering about the salient features of the Art of Giving. They appreciated the innovative initiative of Dr. Achyuta Samanta of empowering underprivileged children and doing many such humanitarian deeds in the greater interest of mankind for last two decades.

BOUDH: The Cyclothon was organized from Boudh Bridge Square to Kacheri Ground, where a meeting was conducted by the Chief Guest, ADM Boudh Mr. Gangadhar Nayak. Mr. Subakanta Panda, DIC, NIC Boudh and Mr. Prabir Das, Lecturer in Botany, Boudh Panchayat College were also present. More than 40 cyclists took part in the event. The speakers discussed the significance of celebration of "Art of Giving Day" worldwide. The concept of Art of Giving can be the best instrument to link communities beyond boundaries irrespective of their caste, creed and religion, language and ethnicities, they opined. On this occasion, the guests bequeathed lavish praise on Achyuta Samanta for starting such a noble initiative which is being acclaimed widely by one and all across the globe.





KENDRAPARA: The Cyclothon was organized from Kendrapara Autonomous College ground to Municipality Town Hall. Sub-Collector, Kendrapada, Mr. Kanhu Charan Dhir, flagged off the rally. At the meeting held at the town hall, Mr. Dhananjaya Swain, Additional District Collector (Administration) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Amiya Kumar Jena, Mr. Bharat Patra, Senior Manager, State Bank of India and Mr. Dhirendra Rout, Senior Journalist were the Guests of Honour. All the dignitaries focused on the significance of "Art of Giving Day" celebrations worldwide. More than 150 students and public participated in the event.

SAMBALPUR: The Cyclothon was held from State Bank of India to Bhima Bhoi Sahitya Sansad. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Ashok Kumar Behera, President, Zilla Adivasi Kalyan Sangha. Mr. Akshaya Kumar Bhoi, General Secretary also spoke on

the occasion. The guests applauded the noble thought of Achyuta Samanta for propagating the philosophy of Art of Giving around the world in the greater interest of mankind. They believed that celebration of Art of Giving will bring peace, harmony and develop compassionate attitude among people.

ANGUL: The Cyclothon was flagged off from Angul Stadium by District Sports Officer Mr. Mahendra Sahu and District Information & Public Relations Officer Mr. Sarat Sethi. Additional District Magistrate, Angul Mr. Srinibas Behera, Sub Collector Mr. Saroj Mohanty, former Administrative Officer Mr. Dharanidhar Nath, Mr. Manas Ranjan Mishra,

Reporter Kalinga TV and KISS Angul Nodal Officer, Mrs. Nirupama Satapathy graced a meeting at Angul Zillaparishad Conference Hall on the occasion. The dignitaries emphasized to pursue the noble ideals of Art of Giving. More than 50 students participated in the cyclothon

MALKANGIRI: People of Malkangiri celebrated International Art of Giving Day with much enthusiasm. A cyclothon was organized from Malkangiri Stadium to Malyabanta Hostel. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mrs. Phalguni Majhi, Tahsildar, Makangiri. Mr. Gyanedra Badhai, DSO, Women College Principal Mr. Dushmanta Jena and Modern School Principal Mr. Aswini Kumar Biswal were among other guests. They committed to practice ethics of Art

of Giving in their own lives and to disseminate the same amongst people in their surroundings. Around 300 students participated in the cyclothon.

KORAPUT: The Cyclothon, organized from Police Parade Ground to Women's College, was flagged off by Koraput Superintendent of Police, Mr. Charan Singh Meena, I.P.S. A meeting was organized at Women's' College on the occasion. The dignitaries highlighted the noble principles of 'Art of Giving'. The guests also discussed how 'Art of Giving' is being reflected through the life and practice of Achyuta Samanta. They lauded his relentless campaign to empower thousands of underprivileged children for the last two and half decades.

ROURKELA

'Art of Giving' is a powerful tool by virtue of which the universal



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peace, harmony and brotherhood can be strengthened, remarked the guests at the celebration in Rourkela. A cyclothon was organized from Sector-6 Telephone Bhawan to Chhend Kalinga Vihar Social Parisad. Mr. S. K. Ojha, Assistant Director, SOS Children's Village, Rourkela; Former Chairman Mrs. Rashmi Bala Mishra; Social Workers Mr. George Anand and Mr. Sethi graced the occasion. More than 200 students and public took part in the cyclothon.

PHULBANI: 'Art of Giving' has been immensely inspiring and enlightening around the world to become empathetic towards fellow human beings, said the dignitaries, who included Mr. Pradipta Kumar Sahani, ADM, Mr. Bhabananda Pradhan, IIC, Town Police Station, Leading social activist Mr. Ashok Parida, and Lecturer of Phulbani Government College Mr. Jyoti Prakash Rath. Cyclothon and meeting marked the occasion. Over 50 students participated in this programme.

NUAPARA: The Cyclothon was held from Megha Hotel to the office of the District Collector and Magistrate. Nuapara

Zillaparishad Vice Chairman Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Majhi flagged off the rally. Kalinga TV Reporter Mr. Kunu Kuruan presided over the meeting held at Nuapara DRDA premises. District Child Protection Officer Mr. Baladev Rath and Mr. Majhi also graced the occasion. They lauded the unique initiative of Dr. Achyuta Samanta in giving education, proper guidance, love & affection to numerous hapless children and people though observation of 'Art of Giving'. Many journalists, students, intellectuals and public attended the meeting.

DHENKANAL: The Cyclothon was flagged off by Mr. Bhupinder Singh Punia, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate of Dhenkanal. Former Minister Mr. Nabin

Chandra Narayan Das; Mountaineer Mrs. Kalpana Das; Reader Mrs. Puspalata Rath; Secretary, District Writer's Forum Mr. Basnta Kumar Pattnaik and Poet Mr. Bahadur Pattasahani attended the meeting. Mr. Athaya Kumar Sahoo, Reporter, Kalinga TV presided. The dignitaries hailed the exceptional initiative by Dr. Achyuta Samanta for sowing seeds of love, brotherhood and peace amongst peoples living across length and breadth of the world. They avowed to adhere to the ethics of 'Art of Giving' and propagate the same amongst their friends, relatives and well wishers.

SUBARNAPUR: The Cyclothon was organized from Nari Jagarana Kendra to Pravas Lodge. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof. Mina Moharana, Retired Professor (Raj College). Mr. Laxmi Narayan Meher, Proprietor, Pravas Lodge also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Achuyta Samanta's contribution for the tribal communities is second to none in the world, they opined. More than 50 participated in the cyclothon.

BOLANGIR: Over 57 students participated in the cyclothon held from PP Academy Square to District Journalist Bhawan. Mr. Harinarayan Pujari, President, District Journalist Union and General Secretary, District Athletic Association flagged off the rally. In this connection, a meeting was held which was attended by 105 citizens, including District Health Inspector Mr. Jyotiprasad Parida, Mr. Niranjan Bishi, Secretary General, Western Odisha Tribal Welfare Association, and Kalinga TV Reporter Mr. Chittaranjan Mishra. Among others, KISS Bolangir District Coordinator, Sri Raj Kumar Pujari, Sri Shailesa Sahoo; advocate Priya Ranjan Bohidar and lecturer Mr. Pramod Sahoo spoke on the occasion. The dignitaries made aware the public regarding the essence of 'Art of Giving' propounded by Dr. Achyuta Samanta.





GAJAPATI: Sub-Divisional Police Officer of Parlakhemundi Mr. Utkal Ranjan Das flagged off the cyclothon from Raj Nehar to Gajapati Stadium, in the presence of Chief District Medical Officer, Mr. Purna Chandra Kora; A.D.M. Medicine Mr. B. L. N. Raju and Social Activist Mr. Prasanta Kumar Pradhan. All the participants pledged to follow the noble path of 'Art of Giving' initiated by Dr. Achyuta Samanta. Many social workers, intellectuals and general public were present on the occasion. More than 70 students took part in the cyclothon.

MAYURBHANJ: A Cyclothon from Madhuban Padia to Maharaja Krushna Chandra High School was flagged off by Advocate Bibhuprasad Das in the presence of President Awardee Teacher Dr. Sasidhar Biswal and Former Sarapanch Mr. Gorachand Murmu. The Coordinator KISS Mayrbhani Mr. Satayabrata Das presided over the meeting. The

dignitaries analyzed the life and works of Dr. Achyuta Samanta who has scarified everything for empowering underprivileged indigenous children through provision of free education, which he is continuing for the last two decades.

PURI: A cyclothan was organized from Gundicha temple to Gandhi Park in which more than 120 people participated. The SP of Puri Mr. Sarthaka Kumar Sarangi flagged off the rally. Later, aims and essence of 'Art of Giving' were discussed

at a meeting, which was attended by Former Ambassador Mr. Malaya Mishra, President of Sarvodaya Mela Mr. Radhakanta Mohapatra, Secretary Mr. Sibaprasad Mishra, Lecturer Mr. Sukanta Mohanty, and President of the Puri Cycle Club Mr. Jugabrata Kar, among others.

JAGATSINGHPUR: Social Worker Mr. Binayak Patnaik, Youth Leader Mr. Amarendra Das and Secretary, District Athletic Association Mr. Dolagovind Dash flagged off a cyclothon from the SVM College to District Collector's Office. A meeting was also held, where Mr. Patnaik was the Chief Guest and Former Zilla Parishad President Mr. Debidutta Mohanty; Block Chairman Mrs. Bijayalaxmi Behera; DPRO Mr. Kamini Ranjan Patnaik and Journalist Mr. Bijaya Swain were guests of honour. Mr. Sunandan Dash of Kalinga TV moderated the meeting, while correspondent Mr. Subhankar Jena proposed the vote of thanks.

BARAGARH: People of Baragarh celebrated International Art of Giving Day with cyclothon and meeting, which was graced by Mr. Akshya Kumar Seth, Lecturer, Baragarh Panchyat College, Mr. Kshyamanidhi Nayak, Secretary KISS Guardian's Committee, Baragarh; Mr. Trilochan Bhuye, Mr. Hemsagar Biswal and Mr. Mahendra Kumar Sahoo of Kalinga TV. They discussed the importance of 'Art of Giving' in the present day society, where the people are gradually becoming selfish, greedy and materialistic having no concern towards poor and hapless people around them.

BALASORE: A cyclothon was organized at Jaleswar from Station Bazar Kali Mandir to Murali Kalyan Mandap. The OIC of Jaleswar Police Station, Mr. Chandan Kumar Ghadei flagged off the rally participated by around 150 students. Later a meeting was held, which was attended by ASP of Balasore Mr. Sukanta Kumar Nayak and Secretary of 'Biswamukti', Mr. Sasanka Chudamani. A song

> based on the theme of Art of Giving was beautifully sung by the Ollywood Artistes Sangram and Sashmita. Elsewhere in Balasore, more than 100 people participated in a cyclothon at Nilagiri. Former MLA of Nilagiri Mr. Pratap Sarangi and Mr. Manas Ranjan, Project Director, DRDA, Balasore were the guests. Fruits were distributed among the patients at Nilagiri Sub Divisional Hospital.



JAJPUR: Collector & District Magistrate of Jajpur

Mr. Ranjan Kumar Dash flagged off the cyclothon at Byasanagar. Thoughts and actions of Dr. Achyuta Samanta best demonstrate how one can win the hearts of others and the magnitude of pleasure one can derive by giving, he said. Among others, Tahsildar Mr. Sapan Kumar Nanda and Chairman of Byasanagar Municipality Mrs. Sabita Rout were present. Journalist Mr. Sujeet Mallick moderated the meeting, while organizer-cum-coordinator Mr. Sarat Pothal offered vote of thanks. At the closing ceremony, labor union leaders Mr. Bidyadhar Mohanty, Mr. Prafulla Nayak, Founder of Kalinga Polytechnic, Mr. Alexander Das and Mr. Gyanaranjan Das spoke.

Workshop on 'Nuclear Sciences & Applications of Radioisotopes' at KIIT



(From L) Prof. Rojalin Sahu, Faculty, KIIT University; Prof. B. S. Tomar, Distinguished Scientist, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) & and Director, Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, BARC; Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT; Prof. N. K. Sahoo, Distinguished Scientist, DAE & Associate Director, Physics Group, BARC; Prof. S. C. Parida, BARC and Dr. T. K. Bastia, Faculty, KIIT at the inaugural ceremony of the workshop.



Prof. B. S. Tomar, Distinguished Scientist, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) & and Director, Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, BARC with Achyuta Samanta.

A National Workshop on "Nuclear Sciences and Applications of Radioisotopes" was inaugurated in KIIT University on May 15, 2017. The five-day programme from May 15 - 20 was organized by Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists & Allied Scientists (IANCAS) in association with KIIT University. About 100 faculty members and research scholars from various institutions participated. Eminent scientists from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) attended the workshop.

Prof. N. K. Sahoo, Distinguished Scientist, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Associate Director of Physics Group, BARC was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony. Prof. B. S. Tomar, Distinguished Scientist (DAE) and Director of Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, BARC was the keynote speaker and Chairman of the workshop. The objective of this workshop was to popularize the beneficial aspects of nuclear energy and applications of radioisotopes in science, technology, agriculture and healthcare among the academic community.

Eminent BARC scientists specializing in fields like nuclear chemistry, radiopharmaceuticals, nuclear medicines, nuclear agriculture & biotechnology, nuclear reactors, etc. delivered lectures at this meet. Speakers included Prof. A. V. R. Reddy, Prof. Ashutosh Dash, Prof. Sandip Basu, S. B. Rajore, Dr. Sudipta Chakraborty, Prof. Kuber C. Bhainsa, D. P. Rath and Kaushik Sanyal.

The participants conducted practical related to handling, detection, measurements and applications of radioisotopes as explained by Practical Coordinator S. B. Rajore. The workshop provided a forum for mutual interaction among faculty, research scholars and scientists from BARC. It was covered by almost all regional newspapers, media and five national newspapers. As a part of the

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programme school workshops were organized at KIIT International School and at KISS. A special lecture has been arranged at KIMS on Nuclear Medicines by Dr. Sandip Basu, S. S. Bhattnagar Awardee especially for the doctors. Prof. Ashutosh Dash, Chief guest of the valedictory function donated two instruments to the school and certificates to the participants.

Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS), Department of Atomic Energy sponsored the workshop. Among others, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University and Prof. Sasmita Samanta were present. The workshop was coordinated by Prof. S. C. Parida of BARC and Prof. Rojalin Sahu of KIIT University.



National Media Conclave Held at KIIT

"Media's role is vital in a democratic system, otherwise democracy would have been disintegrated. The challenges and its consequences media face today must be taken into account. Definitely there is something wrong with the institution of the media," visualizes Ms. Sevanti Ninan, Editor. The Hoot while addressing as the Theme Speaker at the inaugural session of the National Media Conclave held at KIIT Convention Centre on May 3, 2017.

Expressing her concern over the repeated attacks on journalists across the nation every now and then, Ms. Ninan observed that the investigative reporting is becoming increasingly dangerous as there are threats from politicians, illegal sand and mining mafia. builders. dishonest businessmen and drug peddlers, etc. in a bid to squeeze the freedom of the Press and Media.

Commenting on the theme of the conclave, "Media and Social Responsibility", Eminent Journalist Mr. Santosh Bhartiya, said, "Social Responsibility and Journalism are moving along two different tracks. There are resolute persons around who are not influenced by the power of high and the mighty like politicians, bureaucrats and wealthy persons. Moreover, there are some professionals who have a sense towards social responsibility." Highlighting the dark side of journalism Mr. Bhartiya said, "Social Media is often propagating fake, ambiguous and detrimental news. The credibility of the Media is still alive to some extent in villages, while in urban spheres it has been a source for entertainment." Despite some of the shortcomings, he expressed hope that the lost image of media can be redressed.



(From L) Mr. Nilambar Rath, Founder, Editor & CEO, Odisha Live; Ms. Sevanti Ninan, Editor, The Hoot; Mr. R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS; Prof. B. P. Sanjay, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad; Prof Upendra Padhi, Director, IMS; Mr. Santosh Bhartiya, Eminent Journalist; and Dr. Gayatri Patnaik, Sr. Faculty, Department of MSW. IMS at the National Media Conclave.

Gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest, Prof. B. P. Sanjay, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad said, "It is the Print Media that lacks complete freedom. Post independence, broadcasting by default became an agent of social change. Media has discharged off its responsibility on many occasions. However, of late, Social Media came in a big way that was thought initially to be a supplement of Mainstream Media. In contrast, it is being seen that Social Media is not social and defies the logic of Mainstream Media." He added that, Media Institution has a higher role in sensitizing the Media and journalists' role.

Presiding over the meeting Mr. R. N. Dash, Secretary KIIT & KISS said, "KIIT is honored to be a part of this Conclave. We believe in our social responsibility in taking care of the child who is standing last in the queue. Therefore, social responsibility should be viewed on someone who is last in the queue. "The Conclave was organized by Institute of Media Studies, Bhubaneswar

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on the eve of World Press Freedom Day, which is observed around the world on May 3 every year. In this context, Dr. Gayatri Patnaik, Sr. Faculty, Department of MSW, IMS read out the message of UNO Secretary General on 'World Press Freedom Day'. Among others, Mr. Nilambar Rath, Founder, Editor & CEO, Odisha Live and Co-convener of National Media Conclave-2017; Prof Upendra Padhi, Director, IMS & Convener, National Media Conclave-2017 were present and spoke on the occasion.













High level Karnataka Govt. Delegation Visit KSRM

The Government of Karnataka has taken pioneering efforts to establish the first university in the country focusing on Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. Dr. N. Nagambika Devi, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Dr. B. Thimme Gowda, Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University and Dr. Suresh V. Nadagoudar, Registrar, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University visited KIIT School of Rural Management (KSRM) recently for a first hand understanding of its functioning.

This delegation had a day-long interaction with the faculty members of the KSRM. The faculty members explained about the design of the courses, facilitation of



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internships and placement of the students among many other things. Subsequently, the delegation went around the School and learnt about the facilities and support systems available for the students.

Expressing their happiness and satisfaction about their interactions, the delegation sought the cooperation of the KIIT University taking further steps for strengthening the newly formed

KSOM Student Creates Buzz with His Novel, 'She Owns My Coffee Mug'

The writer, Suraj Kumar Chhatoi, a first year MBA student from KIIT School of Management, is from the silver city of Cuttack, Odisha. At an early age he had started penning down poems and short stories which inspired him to launch his first novel, called "Free hit" in 2012. He has bagged many awards and recognitions in the field of literature and music during his school days.

He launched his 2nd novel "Eka Gharikiya" in 2015 in Odia language. Inspired by the

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true story of his father, "Eka Gharikiya" received a lot of accolades and nominations in the State. The writer has been awarded with the "Youth Icon" award in 2017.

His new book, 'She Owns My Coffee Mug', is already in Amazon's best selling novels' list in its pre-order period. It is scheduled to be launched soon nationally. This book is said to be hugely inspired by his life at

KSOM. It's a tale of a divorcée girl and an MBA student. This book describes the impeccable spirit of a human being while his character goes on to marry a divorcee girl by challenging the society and his family. "I always keep my 3Ds with me. My 3Ds are: Dedication, determination and devotion. A person having these 3Ds can achieve the unachievable," says Suraj Chhatoi.



Five KISS Students Selected for All India Tribal Youth Leadership Programme

Five girl students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) were selected by Tata Steel for 'All India Tribal Youth Leadership Programme' held at Asia Plateau, Panchgani, Maharashtra from May 5 -11, 2017. The programme was organised by Tata Steel in collaboration with 'Initiative of Change' Panchgani. The 7-day program had nearly 100 youth from 52 different tribes from 20 states across India.

The program aimed to create a platform where the youth are able to interact and network with each other and at the same time gain some new perspective on leadership and values, so that they go out and do the good work with more zeal and inspiration. All the five students are pursuing their Ph.D at KISS. Congratulating the students, Achyuta Samanta said, this programme will surely inspire them to serve the downtrodden of the society.



KISS students selected in All India Tribal Youth Leadership Programme

KiiT International School Excels in CBSE 10th Exam

KiiT International School (KiiT-IS), a constituent of KIIT Group of Institutions, has once again posted excellent result in the Class 10 examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi, which were published on June 3, 2017. All the students are placed in First Division with 30% students scoring

CGPA 10. More than 50 % students have secured CGPA 9. Parents of students studying in KiiT International School have heaped praise on it for achieving excellent result in the board examinations and winning national and international accolades in the midst of several thousand public schools. Expressing satisfaction over

the achievement, Achyuta Samanta thanked Chairperson of the School Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Principal Dr. Sanjay Suar and students of KiiT international School. High standard teaching learning process and value education system imparted in this School proves its international standard, he said.

First Time in Private Sector: A Transgender Appointed by KISS



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has appointed Sadhana Kinnar, a transgender, as Social Development Officer on June 10, 2017. This is for the first time in India that a transgender has been appointed in the private sector.

Sadhana Kinnar was originally known as Sadhana Mishra. She hails from Keonjhar town. She is

well educated having Master's Degree in Social Work and Business Administration. She has been doing work in field of Gender Identity, Gender Discrimination, Social Mainstreaming of

Transgender and Development of Underprivileged Children and Women for the last 14 years in Bhubaneswar. In past she has been associated with NGOs like Sakha, Lepra Society, HIV AIDs Alliance, Sathi and UNDP. In October 2016, Sadhana underwent international visitors leadership programme in USA for one month.

Expressing his happiness, Achyuta Samanta said, the appointment will contribute to change the mindset of society towards transgender and empower them to bring them to the mainstream of the society. Thanking Samanta, Sadhana said, "I am obliged to Dr. Samanta for giving me appointment in KISS on my birthday. I had an ambition to work in a large organization like KISS, which has been fulfilled today. I can do more work for the empowerment of transgenders through KISS in the coming days".

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KIIT Observes International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga was celebrated with enthusiasm in KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) at KIIT Cricket Stadium on June 21, 2017. Led by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, thousands of staff, students and teachers performed various basic Yoga postures during the hour-long session. Inaugurating the programme, Prof. Samanta said, "Yoga is the only way to free our body and mind from various illnesses. It is a journey through the inner self to connect to the supreme soul. Yoga and meditation are beneficial for every human being as it relaxes mind and body". Even though the world has been observing International Day of Yoga only for last few years, Prof. Samanta has been propagating this ancient Indian technique to keep mind and body fit among the students of KIIT and KISS for last 12 years, said Prof. Sudarshan Nanda, Professor of Eminence and Research Chair, KIIT University. In 2014, the United Nations has declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga for the first time. As many as 192 countries participated in the celebration. It is a matter of pride for all Indians that yoga which is part of Indian culture is now getting such attention on an international platform. Later, some difficult yoga asanas were demonstrated by two students of KISS. Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director-Sports, KIIT proposed vote of thanks.









Achyuta Samanta speaking on the significance of Yoga.









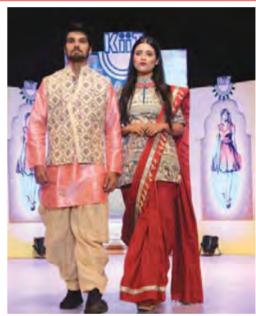
Graduate Fashion Show of KIIT School of Fashion Technology



(From L) Dr. S. P. Mishra, Director, KSOFT, Odia Actor, Akash Das Nayak, Smt. Snehangini Chhuria, Hon'ble Minister of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Govt. of Odisha, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, Prof. H. S. Khatua, CEO and other dignitaries at the inaugural ceremony of 'Kirti Kalpana 2017' organised by KIIT School of Fashion Technology on April 22, 2017.

KIIT School of Fashion Technology organized its Graduate Fashion Show on April 22, 2017 to showcase dress designed by its students. Named 'Kirti-Kalpana', the fashion show featured noted models displaying the outfit collections created by the final year students of 2013-17 batch on the ramp. Creations made by 9 final year students were displayed. The souvenir 'Kirti- Kalpana' was also unveiled on the occasion. Appreciating the effort of the students, Achyuta Samanta said, the catalogue reflects high creativity and genius of the students. Prof. H. S. Khatua, CEO, KIIT School of Fashion Technology said, the students of fashion technology expectedly have imbibed and internalized the concept of fashion design per se. Final collections of the students were evaluated by eminent design professionals, industry experts and academicians invited from institutions of repute.

'Kirti-Kalpana' is an annual event of KIIT School of Fashion Technology, where models from different parts of India walk on the ramp to showcase the students' final collections. The School is the only institute in Odisha providing four years Bachelor of Fashion Design course. Students as a part of their study have to undertake study tour and industry visits. The School caters to the national and international students aspiring to be fashion design graduates. It is dedicated to creating professionals par caliber who would like to make a mark in the booming fashion industry.









New Mind - New Dream 'Gaon ku Chala' Campaign of KISS Bahini



KISS Bahini and KISS Seva Bahini conducted a week-long rural reconstruction campaign, called 'Gaon ku Chala Abhiyan' in all districts of Odisha from May 31 – June 6, 2017. KISS Bahini is a body consisting of 25,000 students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), 25,000 parents and 2,000 faculty members and staff of the institute, while KISS students who are pursuing medical education in Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS) and Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS) form KISS Seva Bahini.

The campaign, which had 'New Mind, New Dream' as its slogan, was flagged off from KIIT campus on May 31 by Dr. Damodar Rout, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development, Public Enterprises, Govt. of Odisha in the presence of Shri Shashi Bhusan Behera, Hon'ble Minister, Finance and Excise and Shri Priyadarshi Mishra, Hon'ble MLA, Bhubaneswar (N).

'Gaon ku Chala Abhiyan', a unique and first of its kind initiative by an educational institution, was extremely successful, directly touching thousands of families in hundreds of villages, including those located in remote tribal dominated regions. The members of KISS Bahini engaged themselves in socially constructive activities like plantation, adult education, motivating stray children to join schools, cleaning villages in Swaccha Bharat Aviyan, imparting training on various life skills and above all making the villagers happy.



Achyuta Samanta initiated this novel concept of 'New Mind, New Dream' in 2015, and since then it has been implemented with much success. He encouraged the students, their guardians and staff to work with active participation by visiting various districts. On June 4, he joined a meeting of tribals at Bhawanipatna, the headquarters of Kalahandi district.



Like every year, students of KISS took up social work in their villages during summer vacations in May and June. During these two months they visit their home and stay with their parents. KISS students engaged themselves in activities like persuading stray children to go to school, educating illiterate old villagers, keeping surrounding clean, motivating villagers to make toilet in their houses and training people in life skills. They are trained to do such social works as a part of their social responsibility. They submit a report on their activities after they return back to the campus. KISS Seva Bahini made the villagers aware on health issues and provided tips on personal and community health.

More than 2,000 faculty members and staff of KISS and over 1,000 staff of KIIT participated in the campaign, joining the students and guiding them in their work. They also interacted with the parents and guardians of KISS students in their own villages and discussed about the progress of the children and made them happy.

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Vietnam's Nguyen Wins 10th KIIT International Chess Title



Inaugural ceremony of 10th KIIT International Chess Festival 2017

Vietnam's Grand Master (GM) Nguyen Duc Hoa won the tile in Category-A of the 10th KIIT International Chess Festival, which concluded at KIIT Campus on June 2, 2017. Seventh seeded Nguyen bagged the winner's title with 8.5 points, while Odisha's GM Debasish Das emerged runners up in the category scoring eight points. The winner and runners up received trophies along with cash award of Rs 2 lakh and Rs 1 lakh respectively. Indian GM Diptyan Ghose, Ukrainian GM Tukhaev Adam and Indian GM Grover Sahaj gathered eight points each and claimed the third, fourth and fifth place and received cash award of Rs 80,000, Rs 70,000 and Rs 50,000 respectively.

KIIT International Chess Festival is Odisha's only international chess tournament. Promoted and supported by KIIT University, the tournament has gained much popularity over the years. The tournament, held in association with the All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA), was inaugurated by Achyuta Samanta in the presence of many dignitaries including Arjuna Award recipient Mr. D. V. Prasad on May 27, 2017.

This year altogether 900 players, including 15 GMs and 21 IMs, from 14 countries and 23 States of India took part in the tournament. Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, Shri Sekhar Chandra Sahu, President, Orissa Chess Association and other officials attended the prize distribution ceremony of the championship.



Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar presenting the winner's trophy to Nguyen, Vietnam.



Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School and other dignitaries with the winners (B category) of the 10th KIIT International Chess Festival.







The tournament was played at the picturesque International Chess Hall of Campus 15B Sports Complex, KIIT University.



Category A winners.



A veteran participant at the tournament.



Candidate Master Ms. Aparajita Gochhikar of KIIT.



Woman FIDE Master Ms. Saina Salonika of KIIT.





RATHAYATRA

Celebrated at Shrivani Khetra

The world famous auspicious occasion of Rath Yatra was celebrated at Shrivani Khetra of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on June 25, 2017 amid religious fervor and gaiety. More than 30,000 devotees participated in pulling the three decorated chariots of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra being carried on three colourful wooden chariots, festooned with flowers, appliqué and mural paintings.

The Pahandi and other rituals like Mangala Arati, Mailama, Tadapalagi, Rosha Homa, Abakasha, Surya Puja, Chariots inauguration, etc followed by procession of deities from temple sanctum to the chariots began in the morning as per the ethics and rituals of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagganath Temple of Puri. Thousands of devotees gathered to pull the three chariots in the afternoon after Kamalakant Rout, Temple Administrator performed the holy ritual of Cherapahanra, the ceremonial sweeping of the Chariots. This year Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT Temple didn't participate in any ritual due to demise of his mother demised last year. The special feature of Ghosayatra here is that, Devadalan, the chariot of Goddess Subhadra was pulled by only females. The whole area around the Gundicha temple wore a festive look with many temporary stalls, food stalls, minabazar, etc. During this nine-day festival there will be bhajan samaroh every evening near Gundicha temple. Devotees from nearby localities came to Gundicha temple for darsan of the three Lords.





Devotion and Festivity at Shrivani Khetra















KIMS Ranked Among Top 5 Hospitals

Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) was ranked among Odisha's Top 5 hospitals in Cardio Science, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Oncology, Paediatrics and Urology by the Times Critical Care Survey. Maj. Gen. (Dr.) P. K. Patnaik, VSM, Medical Superintendent & Director Surgical Services, KIMS received the 'Certificate of Excellence' at the Times Group Health Icon Award ceremony.



International Nurses Day Celebrated with Much Fanfare

May is the month dedicated to nurses because of Nurses' Day on May 12 and Hand Hygiene Day on May 5. Nurses' role is supreme in any hospital - now more than ever before. Nurses are mini-clinicians at the bedside available 24×7 for the patients. In this embodiment, nurses monitor, intervene and report clinical changes, administer medicines, take care of basic hygiene, empathize and sympathize with patients and relatives and become advocates for irresolute patients.

For patients and relatives, nurses are the first to go for any needs. Nurses form the major workforce in any hospital. All these make Nurses' Day a very important celebration in any hospital. Likewise, nurses are major stakeholders in Hand Hygiene Day. Both the occasions were celebrated in KIMS with much fanfare.



Prestigious Sushruta Award for Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS)



Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS), KIIT University was awarded with the prestigious Sushruta Award for its outstanding contribution in oral health services under the leadership of its Director Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Ch. Das. Prof. Das received the award from Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Shri J. P. Nadda at Sushruta Awards Ceremony at Indian Dental Association Mumbai.

National Oral Healthcare Sushruta Awards recognize the highest standards of excellence in the oral healthcare, honoring individuals in respective fields for their outstanding achievement. The award is instrumental for motivating other professionals to strive for greater heights and to contribute more actively towards promoting the profession's intellectual, creative and ethical value systems.



KIMS Doctor successfully treats Eye Cancer of an infant



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Dr. Debarati Saha **Oculoplastic Surgeon**

more highly specialized service of patient care, treatment of childhood eye cancer under guidance of Dr. Debarati Saha. Dr. Saha is an Oculoplastic Surgeon and Ocular Oncologist (Eye Cancer Specialist) working in Eye Department of KIMS & PBMH since February this year. Within this short period of time, she has treated adult Eyelid Cancer with excision of cancer tissue and major lid reconstruction.

Now, she has started treating children with eye cancer, the most common of which is Retinoblastoma (RB). RB is a life threatening cancer for children if remains untreated. However, if diagnosed and treated early, not only life but also the eyes and even vision of the child can be saved.

Here is the story of an one year old boy namely Rishi Pradhan, who got admitted in Pediatric Department of PBMH with right eye orbital cellulitis and undergone treatment by Dr. Debarati Saha of Eye Department. Dr. Saha diagnosed right eye advanced retinoblastoma of Rishi, with the help of Radiology and Pathology Departments of KIMS while diagnosis of RB was confirmed the systemic spread of cancer was ruled out. Then the baby underwent right eye enucleation with implant (Surgeon-Dr. Debarati Saha) under general anesthesia. Post operation, the baby did well.

He needs further chemotherapy to eliminate the chance of development of another cancer or recurrence of RB in orbit. Child also needs repeated eye check up under general anesthesia till 5 years of age. With Rishi Pradhan, treatment of childhood eve cancer started in KIMS. Dr. Debarati Saha hopes that not even a single child suffering from eye cancer should remain undiagnosed or untreated in Odisha. And with the highly efficient team of Radiologist, Pediatrician, Surgeon, Pathologist and Oncologist of KIMS & PBMH, her dream should come true.

Tapaswini Das of KIMS gets Best Clinical Nutritionist Award

Sushree Tapaswini Das, a Clinical Nutritionist from the Department of Therapeutic Food and Nutrition, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), have been awarded as the 'Best Clinical Nutritionist' from the Paul Wurth, SMS Group, Germany on 2nd May, 2017 on the eve of 12th Health and Safety day.

On the occasion, she gave her presentation regarding Safety, Dietary and Lifestyle Management of Common Diseases to Paul Wurth, SMS GROUP. Amid one hour of successful questionnaire session, she was awarded as the Best Clinical Nutritionist in the presence of all German guests with employees on 2nd May in Paul Wurth, SMS Group, Khurda Branch, Odisha.





KIDS Faculty got nominated for Outstanding Dentist of the Year-2016

Dr. Dhirendra Kumar Singh, Reader in the Department of Periodontics & Oral Implantlogy, Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences, got nominated for the Outstanding Dentist of the year award by Famdent Excellence in Dentistry Awards 2016, which is also known as the Oscar Award of Dentistry, for his significant achievements and services towards the field of dentistry.

KIIT Hosts Iftar Party



KIIT hosted Iftar Party during the holy month of Ramzan on June 23, 2017. Significance of the month of Ramzan and Iftar were discussed on the occasion. An annual event at KIIT, which was attended by Achyuta Samanta, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, Prof. K. Q. Khan, Faculty and others. Addressing hundreds of Muslim staff and students from Odisha, different parts of the country and abroad, who are studying in KIIT; Samanta said that the institution gives equal respect to people of all categories and religions. Arrangements for mass offering of Namaz were made on the occasion.

(From L) Prof. K. Q. Khan, Faculty, KIIT University, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS, Achyuta Samanta, Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar at the Iftar Party.





Prof. K. Q. Khan leading the prayer service at Iftar.



Students and staff attending the Iftar Party.





Salters Chemistry Camp in KIIT



Inaugural ceremony of Salters Chemistry Camp in KIIT.

The Royal Society of Chemistry India and Salters Institute, UK conducted a three-day residential Chemistry Camp for Class IX students at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from June 20 - 22, 2017. The Camp was inaugurated by Prof. Sudarshan Nanda, Professor of Eminence & Research Chair, KIIT University and Prof. B. K. Patel, HAG Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati. This is the first time that the Salters Chemistry Camp was conducted in Odisha.

The aim of the Salters Chemistry Camps is to promote appreciation for chemistry by providing school students from diverse backgrounds, an opportunity to explore practical chemistry and inspire them to pursue chemistry at university and further. Around 60 school students from various parts of Odisha participated in the residential Camp, that infused fun in learning chemistry and motivated students to develop both - an awareness of and a long-term interest in chemical sciences.

The Salters' Chemistry Camps India, part of the "Inspirational Chemistry Programme" project, is supported by Dr. Yusuf Hamied, Non-executive Chairman, Cipla, a leading Indian philanthropist and pioneer in the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Hamied has committed Rs. 8 crore for this five-year

programme which includes training of the school teachers as well.

Along with conceptual theory classes by legendary chemists, the Salters Chemistry Camp provided an action-packed programme including hands-on practical activities in University labs, exciting chemical demonstrations, the chance to meet like-minded students, and a taste of hostel life in the University. Importantly, the camp activities were delivered in the local language, Odia.

The students were encouraged to handle the chemistry practicals in presence of six teacher-mentors, six demonstrators and

six research students, who introduced them the finer aspects of the subject. In addition, they were inspired by the informative presentations by Prof. B. K. Patel, Dr. C. S. Purohit, NISER, Bhubaneswar and Dr. Sabita Nayak, Revenshaw University. The programme also included visit to Planetarium, National Museum and Science Park, Bhubaneswar.

The student participants and their guardians expressed gratitude to Ms. Bhakti Dhamdhere, Coordinator, Salters' Chemistry Camp and Dr. Anita Pati, Local Coordinator for organizing such an educative, informative and inspiring camp for the students.



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Cultural Exchange Programme to South Korea

A group of KIIT students led by Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini, Director, Student Services visited South Korea and Japan on a cultural exchange programme from May 31 to June 10, 2017. Educational and cultural ties between KIIT University and South Korea & Japan were further enriched during the visit. Memorandum of Understanding for academic and research cooperation were signed with three South Korean institutions - SDA Fashion Institute (for KIIT Nanhipari); Sahmyook Health University, Seoul; Jeju National University - and Seinan University, Japan. Seinan University is one of the most prestigious universities of Japan having a history of over 100 years. KIIT delegation went on industrial visits in South Korea to Korea Construction Institute of Plant, Korea Rainwater Association, Heaven Ant, KFLUX Holdings, World Business Co. Ltd, etc. and held meetings with their CEOs. Many of these companies have shown interest in conducting campus placement in KIIT University. KIIT students got a chance to present cultural programme at various places in the two countries, including Busan Cultural Center, Hongbeopsa Temple (on the occasion of War Memorial Day Function), South Korea and Seinan University.

Dr. Priyabadini met Mr. Kim Young Whan, Vice Mayor of Busan Govt., Mr Park Susaeng, Director, International Division, Busan Metropolitan City and other senior Govt. officials. Students had an enlightening experience of staying at Hongbeopsa Monastry, Busan and doing voluntary work there. They were accorded a warm welcome and hospitality by Ven. Sim San, Chief Monk of the Monastry.



Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini, Director, Students Services, KIIT University presenting a painting made by her to Ven. Sim San, Chief Monk of Hongbeopsa Monastery, Busan.









KIIT Faculty Authors Book on 'Brand Management'





Dr. Biswajit Das, Professor, KIIT School of Management has coauthored a book named 'Brand Management'. This fantastic book aptly portrays the multi-dimensional facets of Brand Management. It succinctly portrays product portfolio and has explained brand values for the making of a performing business. It has blended and mixed the principles and practice of the brand management in the domain of marketing and reflected on the holistic aspect for combating VUCA environment. The new normal economic conditions in the transitional economy of India have been elicited with a convergence and novelty. The new ideas of the new economy

have been embedded with a leaner thought, and resulted with brand promotion. A single product has been deliberated with its attributes for the making of a brand in a turbulent cutthroat business climate. This book is for the management students, scholars, researchers and professional for understanding the essence of Brand Management. The cutting-edge work and deductive lucidity has been manifested provided strategy paradigm for redefined brands.

KIIT Faculty Authors Book on Literature and World Cinema

Dr. Itishri Sarangi, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities, KIIT University has authored a book named 'Literature and World Cinema' on literature-based films. The book was released at the Kalinga Literary Festival, Bhubaneswar held between June 10th and 12th 2017 by the noted mythological writer, Anand Neelakanthan. The book offers a portrayal of movies based on literary works and presents the rich interwoven legacy of literature and films, establishing a contextual and conjectural basis to help the reader understand the relationship between such movies and the original texts that they are derived from as well as the reader's own responses to these works. Ranging from Eco-criticism to Absurdism, the book expands its vision towards all genres in literature and their portrayal in the visual world. It is immensely helpful for students pursuing film and literature courses and functions as an accessible introduction to the historical and theoretical exchanges between film and literature and also includes the key critical readings of the interplay between the two.



Prof Chittaranjan Mishra, BJB College, Mr. Sudarshan Kcherry, Authorspress, Mr. Sujit Mahapatra, Bakul Foundation, Dr. Itishri Sarangi, KIIT and Mr. Anand Neelakanthan, author of Bahubali, Rise of Shivagami

Best Paper Award to KIIT Faculty



Mr. Parthasarathi Pattanayak, Faculty in School of Computer Application, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, attended and presented paper in International Conference on Innovative Research in Engineering and Science (IRES2017) on June 16-17, 2017 at Asian Institute of Technology Conference Center,

Bangkok, Thailand. The paper, "Optimizing the Network Flow in Cloud Supply Chain Management", was adjudged as "Best Paper" in the conference.



Ph.D. Awarded

Dr. Babita Panda, Assistant Professor of School of Electrical Engineering has been awarded Ph.D. Degree in Electrical Engineering from KIIT University under the joint guidance of Dr. Bhagabat Panda, Associate Professor, School of Electrical Engineering, KIIT University and Dr. P. K. Hota, Professor, VSSUT, Burla. Her Ph.D thesis titled "Some Studies on Control Aspects of Grid Connected Photovoltaic System" was

examined and highly appreciated by Dr. P. K. Sadhu, Professor, IIT Dhanbad and Dr. Ramakrishna Gokaraju, Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. She has published a number of research papers in different reputed international journals and conferences related to her Ph.D. work.



Panorama



Achyuta Samanta in discussion with Shri Anil Shastri, a seasoned politician and academic during his visit to KIIT & KISS on June 13, 2017. He is the son of great leader and Former Prime Minister, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.



Achyuta Samanta speaking at the inaugural function of Faculty Development Programme of KIIT University held from June 23 - 30, 2017.



Achyuta Samanta speaking at the Hindi Training Programme for staff on May 31, 2017.



Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT University speaking at the closing ceremony of Bhutan ex-country-in-service Training Programme on My 24, 2017.



Staff Development Programme on Advanced Computer Skills on May 30,2017.



National Workshop on Computational & Industrial Mathematics (NWCIM-2017) at KIIT University on May 16, 2017.





Training programme for new teachers of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on capacity building, knowledge sharing and preparation of strategies to address the issues in Early Childhood Education through Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTBMLE) on May 3, 2017. The programme is supported by Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF).



A delegation from Sikkim on a visit to Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on July 20, 2017.



'Kinetic', the cycling club of KIIT University, setting out on a brevet to Mahendragiri on April 21, 2017.



Prof. Laxmi N. Bhuyan, Distinguished Professor, Computer Science & Engineering, University of California, USA speaking on 'Energy Saving in Data Centers' at the 6th Mechanical Engineering Colloquium at KIIT University on July 11, 2017.



Delegates from College of Charleston, USA on a visit to Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on July 15, 2017. They participated in KISS International Internship Program.



Mr. Narayan Bhargava, Chairman & Managing Director, NSB Group addressing the students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on July 7, 2017.



