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KISS HUMANITARIAN AWARD - 2016
Presented to
ASHLEY JUDD
Actor, Activist and Compassionate Ambassador UNFPA



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Dibrugarh University (DU) of Assam conferred D.Litt. Honoris Causa on eminent educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta of Odisha at a special convocation held on March 22, 2017.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS delivered Motilal Oswal Foundation Day Lecture at Motilal Tower in Mumbai on March 20, 2017.

Prof. Samanta attended the India-China Business Forum in Zhenjiang, Shanghai (China) on March 17, 2017 and addressed more than 200 business leaders. He also signed memorandums of understanding with four prominent institutions of China.

KIIT University inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the International Association of Universities (IAU) to internationalise the education system in KIIT on March 15, 2017.

North Ossetian State University of Russia conferred Honorary Doctorate Degree on Prof. Samanta on March 11, 2017.

Bollywood playback singer Mr. Ankit Tiwari and DJ Zaeden performed live at annual students festival of KIIT University, KIITFest of March 11, 2017.

International Women's Day was celebrated at KIIT University on March 8, 2017.

Kalinga Fellowship workshop on 'How can businesses, government and NGOs work together to prevent and redress sexual assault on girls in Odisha' was held from March 6 – 10, 2017. Corporate leaders and representatives of the civil society from 40 countries participated in the workshop.

Prof. Samanta attended the Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations (GRII), held as a part of week-long 'Festival of Innovation' at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on March 5, 2017. The Roundtable was participated by top innovation leaders of the world, including Nobel Laureates.

The Indian women's rugby team won Silver at the Asian Rugby Sevens Trophy held at Vientiane, Laos on February 18, 2017. Four girls from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) were members of the Indian team.

Dr. Harish Chandra Verma, Renowned Physics Professor of IIT Kanpur delivered a lecture on concept of Physics to school children at KiiT International School on February 18, 2017.

In a significant achievement, KiiT International School (KiiT-IS) bagged the Educomp – NDTV Education Award at the national-level. (Feb 15)

The prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2016 was conferred on the American actor-activist and Global Goodwill Ambassador for the UNFPA, Ms. Ashley Judd at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar on February 9, 2017.

The 13th DAE-BRNS biennial Symposium on Nuclear and Radiochemistry (NUCAR), organized by Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) in association with KIIT University and Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists (IANCAS), Mumbai, was held from February 6 - 10, 2017.

Fifteen students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) bagged jobs in three MNCs through campus placement.

Ms. Aparajita Gochhikar from KIIT University has been selected National Coach of Indian Chess Team for the Asian Youth Chess Championship 2017 to be held from 31st March to 10th April 2017.

Mr. Naveen Jindal, President, Flag Foundation of India (FFI) and former MP hoisted a mammoth National Flag on a 100 feet monumental flagpole at the KISS & KIIT Convention Centre on January 26, 2017.

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Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations KISS Hailed as Social Innovation for Societal Change



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS greeting Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar during his visit to Bhubaneswar on March 7, 2017.



Dibrugarh University Confers Honorary D.Litt. on Prof. Achyuta Samanta



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KISS Humanitarian Award is the celebration of the struggles of the extraordinary human beings who dedicate their lives to alleviate the sufferings from the face of the earth. It was created in 2008 by the visionary founder of KIIT & KISS Prof. Achyuta Samanta to recognize and felicitate individuals for exemplary and distinguished service to humanity across the globe. Since then, the award has been presented to nine distinguished personalities from different parts of the world. As a tireless champion of women's rights and a voice for the voiceless, Hollywood actor and activist Ms. Ashley Judd is the most deserving recipient of this year's award. Discrimination against women and their abuse are a common vice of all societies. It takes uncommon courage and conviction to fight against a problem so pervasive and complex. Ms. Judd will remain an inspiration for millions for taking up this fight so spiritedly. On a similar mission, corporate leaders and representatives of the civil society from 40 countries came together in the Kalinga Fellowship workshop on preventing violence against women. Senior police officers, bureaucrats, legal luminaries, media, corporate officials and NGOs representatives attended this important workshop, imparted by BRIDGE in association with FXB India, Ashoka Foundation and Dasra through KISS.

Further expanding its global footprint, KIIT University signed MoU with International Association of Universities (IAU) and four prominent institutions of China. Students of the University are likely to benefit immensely in terms of exposure and exchange as a result of these tie-ups. Prestigious national and international level academic meets on Molecular Diagnostics and Pathology of Human Diseases; Genome Editing Technology and Their Applications; and DAE-BRNS Symposium on Nuclear and Radiochemistry continued to provide the best of exposure to the students.

This month two universities with great repute honoured Prof. Samanta with their highest degree as a recognition to his contributions towards education and social service. North Ossetian State University of Russia and Dibrugarh University conferred the Degree of D.Litt. Honoris Causa on him. He was also invited to speak on social innovation for large scale societal change at the Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations, a meet hosted by His Excellency the President of India and attended by top innovation leaders of the world, including Nobel Laureates.



A Legacy to Recognize Humanitarian Work - KISS Humanitarian Award

by

Prof. Achyuta Samanta

Founder, KIIT & KISS

No service is greater than the service to Humanity. The greatest example of selfless service and giving back to the society is Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), established in the year 1992-93 in Bhubaneswar to alleviate poverty by empowering the poorest of the poor tribal people with holistic education and skills that integrate them to the mainstream population. **The modest institute today has turned into a mammoth home to 32000 poorest of the poor tribal children (25,308 continuing students and 7000 alumni) who receive free education, lodging, boarding, complete health care, enabling life and vocational skills.** Over 7000 students have already graduated from KISS, attained self-sufficiency and become change agents for their respective communities.

KISS envisions to empower the indigenous people and contribute towards equity and inclusive society, which is the philosophy of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The

SDGs are built around 5P's - People, Prosperity, Peace, Planet and Partnership. KISS works on all P's in letter and spirit and has been implementing it since its inception.

The world's largest tribal institute operates with the funds contributed by KIIT University, stakeholders of KIIT and well-wishers. KISS seeks to recognize distinguished people for yeomen humanitarian services through a KISS Humanitarian Award.

KISS Humanitarian Award initiated in 2008 to recognize and felicitate individuals for exemplary and distinguished service to humanity across the globe. The award is presented every year in KISS campus at Bhubaneswar with great pomp and ceremony in the presence of a large audience, comprising students, faculty and staff of KISS and KIIT, and luminous dignitaries from different walks of life from around the world. **The award, comprising a citation and a gold plated trophy that depicts a great social message, has attained much**

covetousness over the years and has attracted the attention of the domestic and the international media.

The trophy with a golden shine structurally comprises of a pair of hands upholding a heart that bears a smear of a multitude of waving hands. The pair of hands in the upholding gesture and the large heart represents compassionate service to humanity providing power,

knowledge and capacity to a multitude of hapless hands around the globe. **The overwhelming presence of hands in the trophy quintessentially symbolize work (Karma), fate, blessings, destiny and felicitation, while the single pair of hands upholding the heart depict how by art of giving a pair of dedicated hands can really make a great difference in the lives of the helpless many. The shining golden color of the trophy stands for purity, altruism, prosperity and hope.**

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KISS Humanitarian Award is the celebration of the struggles of the extraordinary human beings who try to alleviate the sufferings from the face of the earth.

Men and women of great prominence and contribution have been awarded with KISS Humanitarian Award. In the year 2008, the award was conferred on Madam Edna Bomo Molewa, former premier of North-western state of South Africa and the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. Dr. Ham-Kee-Sun, President of Hanseo University, an outstanding Ophthalmologist of South Korea and Mr. Anerood Jugnauth, President of the Republic of Mauritius received the award in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

The other recipients of the award are Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Nicholas Addison Phillips, President of the Supreme Court of UK in 2011, Lyonchhen Jigmi Thinley, Prime Minister of Bhutan in 2012, Madam Albina Du Boisrouvray, Founder FXB International, Switzerland in 2013, Ms. Anne Margaret Fagertun Stenhammer, Regional Director of UN Women for South Asia in 2014 and Dr. Alejandro Toledo, Former President of Peru in 2015.

The prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award for 2016 was conferred on Ms. Ashley Judd, acclaimed actor, writer and UNFPA's Global Goodwill Ambassador on February 9, 2017. Her initial humanitarian work revolved around AIDS in Africa. She is strongly committed to the cause of social justice, poverty eradication and sustainable development. She is a passionate advocate of rights of the girl child and women and to end gender based violence. Her services to the cause of humanity are unparalleled.

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Such bright examples for the mankind are recognized and felicitated by an institution that has turned into a revolution and agent of change, transforming the lives of millions.

Though the prestigious award “KISS Humanitarian Award” is given from Odisha, it has achieved international repute, as from its inception, the award has been given to those personalities who have achieved success in different field at international level.

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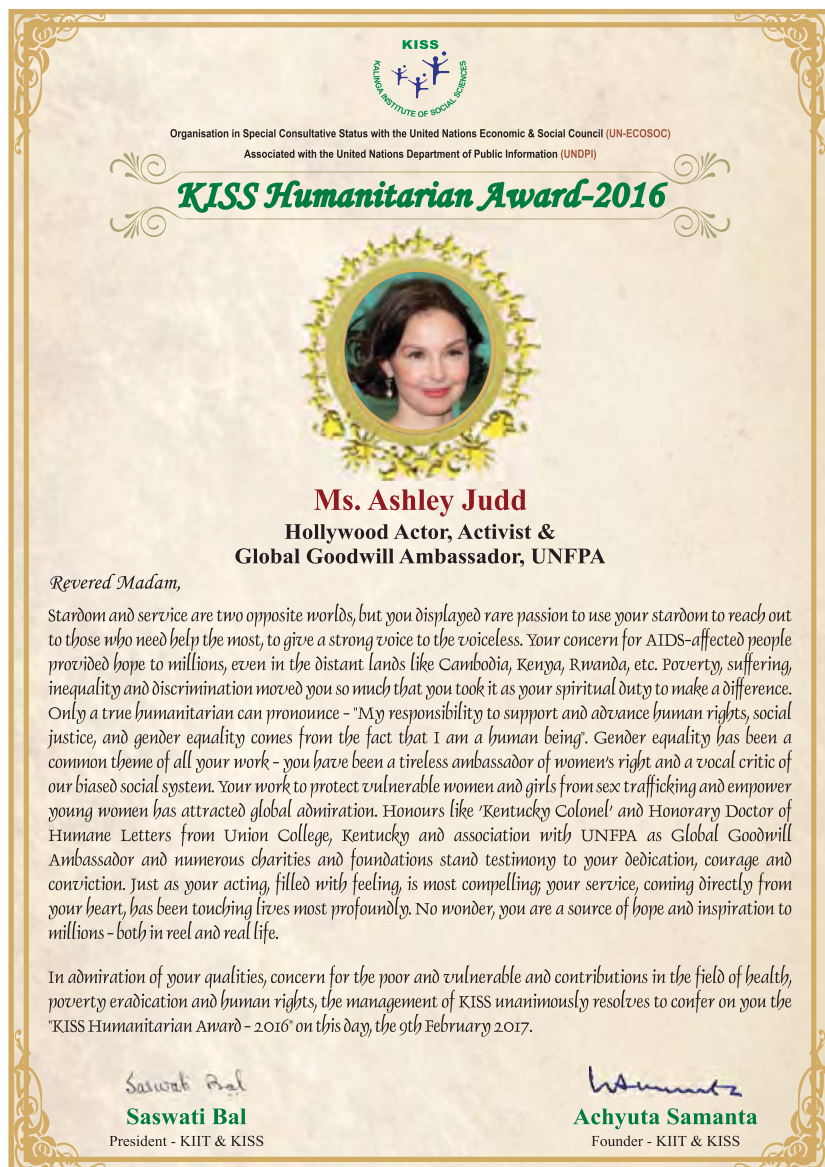
"Human rights are under challenge all over the world and we need champions like Ms. Ashley Judd now more than ever",

said Dr. Jamir, commending her as a tireless champion of women rights. KISS is a glowing example of protecting human rights of tribal children, he stated, while expressing happiness that the Institute has been honouring outstanding men and women from all parts of the world through this annual award. The award citation praised her work "to protect vulnerable women and girls from sex trafficking and empower young women" and recognized her as "a tireless ambassador of women's right and a vocal critic of our biased social system". She was unanimously chosen for the award for her "concern for the poor and vulnerable, and contributions in the field of health, poverty eradication and human rights".

Expressing gratitude for the honour, Ms. Judd said, KISS is transforming poverty through education and nutrition. "I was sexually assaulted as a seven-year old", she revealed, while stressing that violence and discrimination against women is pervasive in all countries and cultures. Women should have control of their own body, sex, and fertility, she insisted. "Support each other, help your people and your community", she advised the 25,000 tribal girls and boys of the Institute witnessing the presentation ceremony.

Ms. Judd is a popular American actor who has played leading roles in Hollywood hits like *Ruby in Paradise*, *Where the Heart Is*, *Kiss the Girls* and *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. Apart from her unforgettable performances in highly acclaimed films, the former Golden Globe and Emmy nominee has been involved in global humanitarian work since 2004. Her initial work revolved around AIDS in Africa. She is strongly committed to the cause of social justice, poverty eradication and sustainable development and a passionate advocate of rights of the girl child and women. Associated with numerous charities and foundations across the world, she was appointed Global Goodwill Ambassador for the UNFPA in 2016.

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serves 32,000 poorest of the poor tribal children (25,308 students and 7000 alumni) who receive free education, lodging, boarding, complete health care, enabling life and vocational skills. Chosen by a high-level jury, KISS Humanitarian Award is being presented every year since its inception to great compassionate leaders of vision and concern for human values from different parts of the world. **“The award, comprising a citation and a gold plated trophy that depicts a great social message, has attained much covetousness over the years”,** said Prof. Samanta in his welcome address. It is the celebration of the struggles of the extraordinary human beings who try to alleviate the sufferings from the face of the earth, he stated. **“The trophy with a golden shine depicts a pair of hands upholding a heart that bears a smear of a multitude of waving hands. The pair of hands in the upholding gesture and the large heart represent compassionate service to humanity. A single pair of hands upholding the heart depicts how by art of giving a pair of dedicated hands can make a great difference in the lives of the helpless many. The shining golden color of the trophy stands for purity, altruism, prosperity and hope”,** Prof. Samanta explained.

Ms. Ashley Judd is the ninth KISS Humanitarian Laureate. Previous recipients of this prestigious award are : His Excellency Dr. Alejandro Toledo, Former President of Peru (2015); Ms. Anne F. Stenhammer, Former Regional Programme Director, UN Women, South Asia Regional Office (2014); Madam Albina Du Boisrouvray, Founder, FXB International, Switzerland; His Excellency Lyonchhen Jigmi Y. Thinley, Hon'ble Prime Minister,

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“This award is recognition of her commitment to humanitarian causes”, said Mr. Diego Palacios, informing that KISS and UNFPA have partnered to implement Life Skills Education programme in Odisha. UNFPA is proud of the recognition, he added. **The KISS Humanitarian Award was created in 2008 by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, a prominent educationist and social activist, to honour individuals with exceptional contribution to the society in various fields relating to social issues and who have distinguished themselves as true humanitarians.** It takes its name from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), founded by Prof. Samanta in 1993. A unique and internationally acclaimed initiative of empowerment through education, KISS today

The Royal Government of Bhutan (2012); Rt. Hon. Lord Nicholas Addison Phillips, President (Chief Justice) of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (2011); Rt. Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Eminent Social Worker & His Excellency the President of Mauritius (2010); Dr. Ham Kee-Sun, Eminent Educationist & Physician and Hon'ble President & Founder, Hanseo University, South Korea (2009); Ms. Edna Bomo Molewa, Noted Social Worker & Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Social Development, South Africa National Assembly, South Africa (2008).

Smt. Saswati Bal delivered the presidential address, while Dr. R. N. Dash proposed vote of thanks.

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Ashley Judd is well known for dexterously starring in both box office hits and for turning in unforgettable performances in fine independent films. From her debut in Sundance Film Festival grand jury prize winner, *Ruby In Paradise*, to *Where the Heart Is*, *Simon Burch*, *Helen*, *De-Lovely* and *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, her films tell very personal stories-- which is exactly what Judd does when she is not making movies.

But the stories she tells are not about being a Golden Globe and Emmy-nominated actress or about making *People* magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" list three times.

Ashley Judd is a feminist social justice humanitarian. She has been working internationally, with NGO'S, grass roots organizations, governments, and supranational bodies since 2004. Presently, she serves as Global Goodwill Ambassador for UNFPA, is the Global Ambassador for Population Services International, and also for Polaris Project.

She serves on the Advisory Boards of International Center for Research on Women, Apne Aap Worldwide, and Demand Abolition. She is Chairperson of the Women's Media Center Speech Project: Curbing Abuse, Expanding Freedom.

She has also served as a board member for Population Services International (PSI) and as Global Ambassador for YouthAIDS. Ms. Judd speaks on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and in 2010, earned an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Her paper, *Gender Violence, Law and Social Justice* won the Dean's Scholar Award at Harvard Law School.

Judd has traveled the world to do international public health work on all fronts– maternal health, child survival, human rights, family planning, STD and HIV prevention and malaria prevention and treatment. She has experienced firsthand the connection between poverty, illness and gender

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Ms. Ashley Judd

inequality and how that sets up the pain and degradation that is sex and labor slavery (on which she testified before the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Judd says, "The more we hear their stories, the more motivated we are to heal them and the social systems that victimized them in the first place. I believe with all my soul that the art of compassionate witnessing is at the core of global change and peace building."

She is also passionate about the environment. An eighth generation Kentuckian, she is an outspoken critic of mountaintop removal coal mining. A proponent of a "green collar" economy, Judd is committed to helping find innovative renewable energy solutions.

She frequently serves as an expert panelist at international conferences, is a sought after public speaker and is a widely published OpEd author, with a diverse and unique social media presence.

She has spoken at many prestigious conferences around the world, including the London School of Economics' Family Planning Summit, sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She also hosted a talk with President Clinton on the work of the Clinton Foundation for the London School of Economics. In 2012, she spoke on the floor of the Democratic National Convention as the delegate from Tennessee asked to cast the ballots for the party's nominee for president and vice president.

Whether it's on behalf of a patient dying from a preventable illness a world away or on behalf a family struggling to find clean drinking water in Appalachia, Judd is telling the stories of the vulnerable and the at-risk. Judd says, "I don't do it because I'm an actor. I do it because I'm a human being."

A native Kentuckian, Ashley currently resides in Tennessee. Ashley is a PhD student at the University of California at Berkeley at the Goldman School of Public Policy.



Ms. Ashley Judd with orphans in South Africa



With women and children in India



With children in Cambodia

KISS Humanitarian Award - 2016

Response Speech by Ms. Ashley Judd

Distinguished guests, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Justice from the International Court of Justice, The Hague, my friend and colleague from UNFPA, Diego, your excellencies and distinguished guests and most of all, you beautiful children.

Thank you so much, as I like to call you, Dr. Samanta sir for bestowing upon me this humanitarian award. It is a surprise, it is an honour. If you can give your own humanitarian award to yourself, I will present it to you. And the highest compliment I know to pay is that Gandhiji is proud of you.

When I first met Samanta sir, he spoke easily of his faith, the God of his understanding, and how this phenomenal school of 25000 of the most marginalised children of the whole of not just Odisha, but India.

The tribal children of Odisha were having poverty transformed through education and nutrition. And I got that right away. It was so much of him because he said it was only through the light of God that it was possible. A hungry child is a child who has a terrible challenge learning. So, thank you so much for transforming poverty through education and

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nutrition. It is remarkable how a kid like me ends up on a stage like this in front of children with whom I had many similarities growing up. Our countries are different, the colours of our skin are a little different, our cultures and faith practices share the same underlying spiritual principles, yet from outside may look quite different. Yet your vulnerabilities were also my vulnerabilities.

My parents loved me very much, they are very proud of me today, and yet for reasons both within and beyond their control, our family system did not work particularly well.





Ms. Ashley Judd, Hollywood actor, Activist & Global Goodwill Ambassador, UNFPA receiving KISS Humanitarian Award 2016 in the presence of Dr. S. C. Jamir, His Excellency the Governor of Odisha; Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Judge, International Court of Justice; Madam Madhu Bhandari; Mr. Diego Palacios, UNFPA India Country Representative and Country Director, Bhutan; Padma Shri Shri Jitendra Haripal, singer; Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS; and Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary.

We talk so much about the rights of the girl child here in India, we talk so much about eradicating sexual abuse, the system of prostitution and human trafficking, yet I, a white American girl, was sexually assaulted too, for the first time that I remember when I was only seven-year old. So I have that in common with so many children here in India.

And had there been a Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences when I was growing up like a kid, I would have become stronger, more resilient and empowered and UN Goodwill Ambassador even faster than I did.

It is the power of grace of God in my life and a lot of hard work on my part that I did become a strong, powerful woman. And through the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences you children are already strong, resilient, powerful, clever, talented children. I have seen it.

You have spoken English with me. You talked about being reached by UNFPA Life Skills Programme. There was a young girl who stood up, and she said - I used to be an introvert. And she has gone from being hesitant to being a hero by taking the knowledge she got here about the equality of girls and boys and why it is appropriate to delay marriage.

And how dangerous it is to a girl health to getting pregnant before her body is fully developed. She helped prevent a child marriage at home in her village. Through UNFPA and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, from hesitant to a hero.

I have something special to share with you. I am working on

my second book and it is dedicated to you. You told me the story about how when you were born through social conditioning of inequality, your dad was so crushed that you were a girl. He took you when you were only three days old to the river to drown you. And your village heard, they gathered, they intervened and they saved you. And you stood on your own two feet - a powerful girl child - and you said, "I lived so I could tell this story". My book is for you. My book is also for all the girls who have not had a chance to live to tell their story - the millions of missing girls.

Thank you so much!

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Speech of **Dr. S. C. Jamir** His Excellency the Governor of Odisha

instead of unifying factor, and people are starting to look at each other with suspicion and mistrust, we must turn back to the messages of our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, etc.

We cannot get good example than our revered Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhiji's life embodied the essence of human

rights, which is far deeper than any documentary or even philosophical thoughts. He signifies a life of struggle that billions have faced over history and continue to face even today, a beacon of hope and fortitude. It is from this saga of suffering that universal cry for justice has echoed throughout history. Great world leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela and many others idealised Gandhiji and his principles. His influence was very much visible in their words and deeds. They all have common conclusion that human rights are only to be achieved by fulfilling one's obligations to society, in general, and suffering citizens, in particular.

I am indeed delighted to be in the midst of such a distinguished gathering here for the presentation of KISS Humanitarian Award, which I understand is given for the eighth year since the creation of this award in 2008. **I am pleased to note that this award in previous years has honoured men and women across the globe, recognising a wide range of humanitarian work, advancing democracy, empowering women, promoting free speech and more. Despite challenging context, they have continued to seek positive change. Before I begin, let me acknowledge Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS for the great work that he is doing today and KISS is certainly a glowing example toward protecting human rights of tribal children.**

Any award given for humanitarian cause highlights sincere endeavour to fight against injustice and those fighting it and to support them in the fight. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the good work of humanitarian activists across the globe, who are carrying on the unfinished works of the great humanitarians. Human rights are under pressure worldwide. Too often human rights are dismissed as a luxury. Too often security concerns are used as an excuse to suspend certain human rights. Protecting human beings and respecting their rights are vital for any stable and secure society. **In times when we are facing renewed challenges to the human rights across the globe, when diversity is becoming a dividing element**

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A moral orientation does motivate certain people not to remain as a bystander in the face of evils, and serves a cause that often changes the course of history. **I am happy to note that these traits define the character and guide the life of Ms. Ashley Judd, this year's recipient of KISS Humanitarian Award. Today I am delighted to present this award to her. She has been a tireless**

champion of change and a voice for the voiceless and a strong promoter of women's rights, besides a successful Hollywood actor. She is honoured today for her activism and dedication to the cause of empowering women and adolescent girls, passionate advocacy against gender based biased violence and discrimination, protecting the rights of young people. Let's take pleasure in applauding

Ms. Ashley Judd and the organisation she is helping, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as its newest Goodwill Ambassador.

I have noted Ms. Ashley Judd's commitment to these causes. I know how deeply she cares about making our world a better place where social justice and equality prevails. She is serious about understanding complex problems and pulling people together to solve them. We need champions like Ms. Ashley Judd now more than ever. Her passion, her energy, her commitment and her voice is something exceptional. She will motivate many millions of people. I congratulate and appreciate her for her incredible work and big heart. Thank you Ms. Judd for your work and for showing us how human spirit is capable of achieving even under the worst of circumstances.

I am sure on your maiden visit to Odisha you will get to know and experience this incredible land. And here in KISS, you will know a lot about the culture and lifestyle of tribal communities while interacting with the students. This will make your visit truly memorable.

Humanitarian awards have a very special nature. They recognise people who have dedicated their life to helping others and act simply as their hearts prompt. This is the essence of worth of human rights. Conferment of such award for services and work in the field is a mark of society's respect for these people and for their selfless work. KISS Humanitarian Award highlights the statement that all lives are precious, that every human being is of great value and has invaluable dignity. Everyone is worth saving.

I came here to reaffirm my commitment to human rights. They are and will remain a core principle of our democracy and priority. **India has always been on the side of human rights defenders. We have a long history of addressing women's human rights. Much progress has been made in securing women rights across the world in recent decades. However, important gaps remain and women's plight is constantly changing with new manifestations of discriminations against them.** Some groups of women face additional form of discriminations based on age, nationality, religion, health status, marital status, education and social economic status, among other grounds.

Violence against women is not confined to a specific culture, region or country or to a particular group of women within a society. It is a

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Fight for women's right is going on around the world. This should be acknowledged and supported from all spheres to prohibit the practices that perpetuate women's inequality. We should all be working harder than ever to achieve equality

between man and woman in all areas in letter and spirit. At the same time, we must advance economic and social rights specially by promoting corporate social and environmental responsibility. I am happy that the KISS Humanitarian Award was created to recognise the contribution of outstanding individuals, who dedicate their time to fighting indifference, intolerance and injustice. Ultimately the award ensures

that lives of more children, adolescent girls and women will be touched, improved and changed forever, regardless of political, religious or geographic boundaries.

With these words, I wish that the award will recognise more dedicated people in the days ahead for their spirited work. Thank you!

Jai Hind!

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Speech of Hon'ble Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari Judge, International Court of Justice

vision that person must have had! Because a person who is struggling to have his both meals, for him to think such a big dream itself is marvellous. I salute him for all what he has done. He has done a great service to humanity. The institution which he started

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It is indeed a great day when we are honouring one of the most outstanding, actor, writer and humanist, Ashley Judd. Our congratulations to you on receiving very prestigious humanitarian award of 2016. **Apart from her contribution in the field of Hollywood cinema, she has also contributed in a big way in protecting the rights of the women all over the world. She has particular passion for eradicating the dreaded disease AIDS and she goes to developing countries like Cambodia, Kenya, Rwanda several times.** She is also a political activist, fashion designer. I don't know how a person can imbibe so many great qualities that she possesses. She is firmly of the opinion that women must get the same rights as men, because half of the humanity consists of women and she fights for that right in a big way. Her march to Washington, "I'm a nasty girl", is very well known. We should remember that she has a very large following in India. She has a large number of friends in India. Your Double Jeopardy, Ruby In Paradise, Kiss the Girls are very well known pictures to all of us. The jury has selected the most deserving person for the award and I would like to congratulate the jury for this great service they have done in picking up the right person from the entire world. I once again congratulate her on receiving this award.

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sometime in 1992 - 93 with 125 boys and girls now is home of 25000 children. **The remarkable thing is that he has been able to eradicate many problems through educating tribal children and children from the poorest of the poorest section of the society in India. There has been remarkable reduction in terrorism, Maoism in this place because of the education which he is imparting to 25000 students and another 27000 students in KIIT.** It is a great contribution to society. He himself is a noted educationist. He has been member of University Grants Commission and many other prestigious organisations in the country. He has been elected as the President of the Indian Science Congress, a 104 years old institution – a becoming prestigious thing. He is President for 2017 - 18. Another remarkable thing is that this institution is not restricted only to academics. The extra-curricular activities that we find in this institution perhaps do not exist anywhere else. He organises children's literary festivals, he organises the Science Congress, he organises the programme of public health. He also goes and organises rules regarding trade and commerce. In so many areas, this institution has been developed. It is now recognised as one of the finest institutions in the world.

I congratulate him for all these contributions. **The greatest thing which I like about him is when you meet him, you see humility personified. Humility is to that extent that one can't believe that one person is in charge of such a large organisation. That humility, perhaps, I have not found anywhere else in the world in any human being.** I wish him long life in the service of the nation and I wish all of you who are getting the best quality education even if you give 1/10th of what Dr. Samanta has given to the society, the world would be a nice place to live.





Speech of Mr. Diego Palacios UNFPA India Country Representative

I think this award also recognises her commitment to humanitarian causes, her work for the girl child, to get rid of discrimination, to fight for a better world and opportunities for young girls and women. It also reflects the values of UNFPA. In UNFPA, we work with our national partners - from Government to civil society - to really make this world a better world for women and for girls, also for boys. Boys need to change, boys need to contribute to make this world a better

place for girls.

Empowering girls and boys to develop their capacities to their full potential, to search for happiness, self-fulfillment - that is exactly what UNFPA stands for. And by doing this and working with our national partners - the Government of Odisha for example and KISS - I think we are trying to promote and to ensure that everybody, every girl and every boy, develop to best of their potential to contribute to development of their families, communities, and of course of the great India that we love.

Today is a magnificent day, a day of happiness, because we celebrate this offering of KISS Humanitarian Award. But behind that award, it's a very positive, very energetic and committed agenda of trying to make India, Odisha and the world a better place for women, for girls and for boys.

Thank you very much!

Hon'ble Dr. Jamir, Governor of Odisha, Chief Guest, Dr. Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Madam Bhandari, Ashley, other high dignitaries from Government of Odisha as well as KIIT and KISS.

It is a pleasure to be here again in front of this marvellous group of young boys and girls. I am here for the second time. Seeing you really brings in me a sense of humbleness - humbleness of seeing you, seeing what you have been able to do. Most of all, humbleness in terms of what you will contribute to your country, your state in future. I would like to thank Dr. Samanta and the KISS team for inviting us and hosting the visit of Ashley to India and particularly to the State of Odisha.

It's great. We feel at home. We feel welcomed. **From UNFPA perspective, we are really proud of the recognition of the KISS Humanitarian Award that you are presenting this evening to Ashley. After serving more than 25 years with UNFPA and after seeing Ashley interacting with girls, with boys, with women and men in the last few days here in Odisha, I think that Ashley is really the best UN Ambassador that any UN agency could have.**

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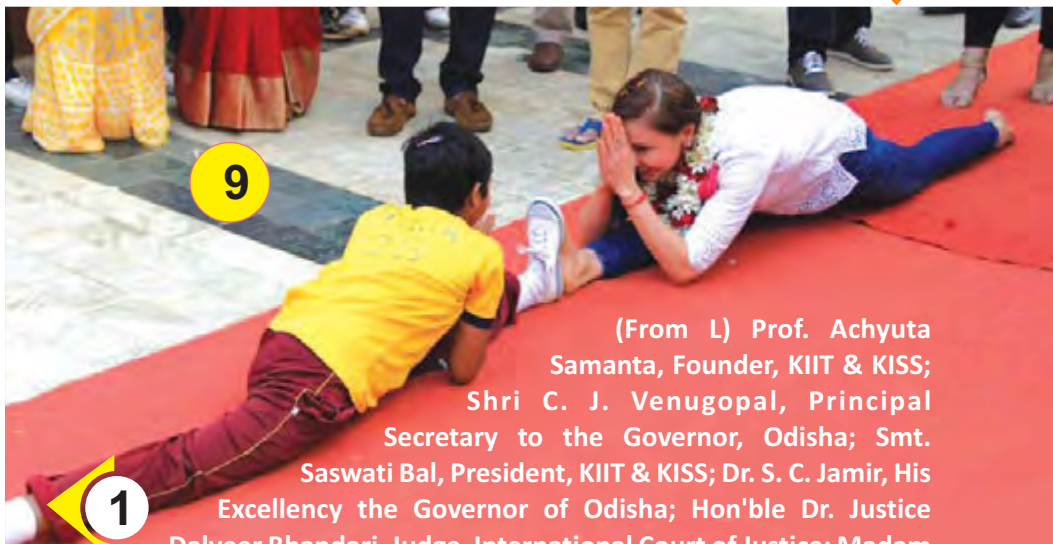
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Padma Shri Shri Jitendra Haripal, Sambalpuri folk singer with Prof. Achyuta Samanta and Shri R. N. Dash.

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KISS *Humanitarian* Award

Past Recipients of KISS Humanitarian Award



His Excellency
Dr. Alejandro Toledo, Former
President of Peru (2015)



Rt. Hon. Lord Nicholas Addison
Phillips, President (Chief Justice)
of the Supreme Court of the United
Kingdom (2011)



Ms. Anne F. Stenhammer,
Former Regional Programme
Director, UN Women,
South Asia Regional Office (2014)



Rt. Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth,
Eminent Social Worker &
His Excellency the President of
Mauritius (2010)



Madam Albina Du Boisrouvray,
Founder, Association François-Xavier
Bagnoud (FXB International),
Switzerland (2013)



Dr. Ham Kee-Sun, Eminent
Educationist & Physician and
Hon'ble President & Founder,
Hanseu University,
South Korea (2009)



His Excellency
Lyonchhen Jigmi Y. Thinley,
Hon'ble Prime Minister, The Royal
Government of Bhutan (2012)



Ms. Edna Bomo Molewa,
Noted Social Worker & Hon'ble
Cabinet Minister, Social Development,
South Africa National Assembly,
South Africa (2008)



Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations

KISS Hailed as Social Innovation for Societal Change



Shri Pranab Mukherjee, His Excellency the President of India speaking at the Rapporteurs Summarization of the Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS attended the Global Roundtable on Inclusive Innovations (GRII), held as a part of week-long 'Festival of Innovation' at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on March 5, 2017. The Roundtable was participated by top innovation leaders of the world, including Nobel Laureates.

"Education is the seed of a nation's destiny. Without a strong foundation of education, ability of communities to benefit from other infrastructural resources for development remains limited", said Shri Pranab Mukherjee, His Excellency the President of India at the The Rapporteurs Summarization, while calling for the establishment of a healthy ecosystem to harness the innovative potential of the population.

Speaking on 'Social innovations for large-scale societal change', theme of Session 6 of the meet, Prof. Samanta explained how Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) is transforming lives of the underprivileged tribal people through holistic education. Admitting poorest of the poor tribal children from remote tribal pockets, KISS has not just been producing high achievers in academics and sports at national and international levels, but also change agents who herald new hope for the tribal community as a whole.

The three-day Global Roundtable also discussed themes of Incubation and acceleration models for innovative start-ups; Innovation and skill development; Incentives for innovation in public policy and programmes; Macro-level initiatives for innovations in Public Service Delivery; and Grassroots action for inclusion. **KISS was acclaimed by the delegates as a highly successful and effective model of empowerment through education.**



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS speaking at the session on 'Social innovations for large-scale societal change'.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS greeting Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar during his visit to Bhubaneswar on March 7, 2017.

Russian Varsity Honours Prof. Achyuta Samanta

North Ossetian State University of Russia conferred Honorary Doctorate Degree on Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS on March 11, 2017. He was given the highest honour of this university for his outstanding contribution towards education and development of underprivileged sections. While he is the first

Indian to receive Honorary Doctorate Degree from Vladikavkaz based North Ossetian State University, so far 33 reputed universities of India and the world has conferred such honour on him. North Ossetian State University, run by the Government of Russia, is the country's biggest university having a history of over 100 years.

Global Exposure for KIIT Students

MoU with IAU

KIIT University inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the International Association of Universities (IAU) to internationalise the education system in KIIT on March 15, 2017. The agreement was signed by Ms. Eva Egron-Polak, Executive Director, International Universities Bureau & Secretary General, IAU and Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Mirzosharif A. Jalolov, Ambassador of Tajikistan to India and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT. KIIT is the first Indian university to sign such MoU with IAU.

"It is a significant step that will provide impetus to the ongoing process of internationalization of higher education at KIIT", the founder of KIIT said after signing the MoU.

Ms. Polak also visited Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT, and addressed the students of this largest free residential tribal institute of the world. It is unbelievable that so many underprivileged children are getting free quality education at KISS, she remarked, adding, "Education is a key to the society and without education the world cannot flourish".

Based in Paris and located at the UNESCO headquarters, IAU is an association of more than 650 higher education institutions and organizations in some 130 countries. It was founded in 1950 to enhance global cooperation on higher education. The association cooperates with a vast network of international, regional and national bodies of higher education. It provides a wide variety of services to member institutions and organizations to internationalize higher education. KIIT is a member of IAU since 2009.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and Ms. Eva Egron-Polak, Executive Director, International Universities Bureau & Secretary General, IAU at the MoU signing ceremony.



Ms. Eva Egron-Polak, Executive Director, International Universities Bureau & Secretary General, IAU addressing the girl students of KISS.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS welcoming His Excellency Mr. Mirzosharif A. Jalolov, Ambassador of Tajikistan to India to the campus.



Dibrugarh University Confers Honorary D.Litt. on Prof. Achyuta Samanta



Prof. Achyuta Samanta was accorded a traditional welcome in Dibrugarh Hanumanbax Surajmall Kanoi (DHSK) College.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta receiving the Honoris Causa D.Litt. Degree.

Dibrugarh University (DU) of Assam conferred D.Litt. Honoris Causa on eminent educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta of Odisha at a special convocation held on 22nd March 2017. The honour was to be given at the 16th convocation ceremony of the University on 10th March, but Prof. Samanta could not join the ceremony due to unavoidable circumstances. The Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. Alak Kumar Buragohain conferred the honour on him in the presence of the Registrar, Deans, Directors, students

and other dignitaries. **He was awarded the Honorary D.Litt. for his outstanding contribution in the field of education and social work. Earlier, his name was approved by the Syndicate and Senate of the University.**

Later, he also addressed the students and staff of Dibrugarh Hanumanbax Surajmall Kanoi (DHSK) College, one of the oldest colleges in the region established in 1945. Topic of his talk was: A Social Revolution for Sustainable Development.

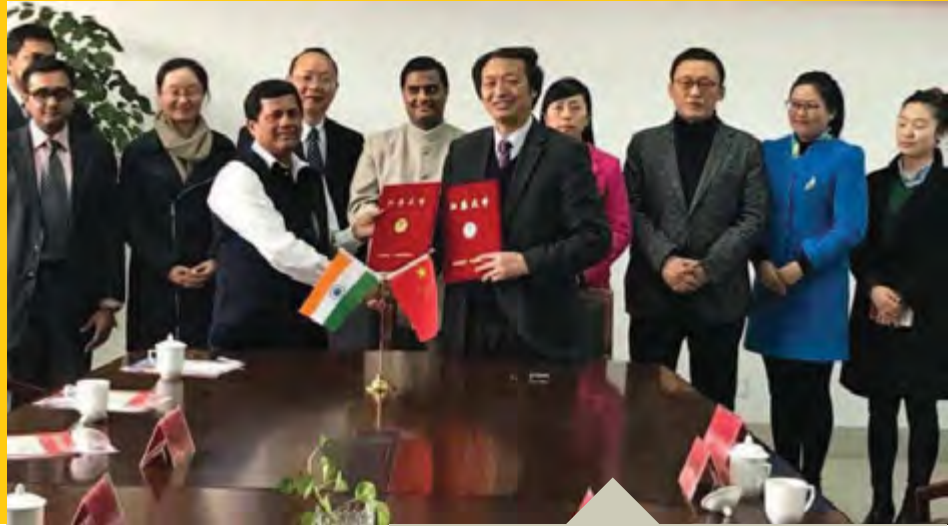
Dibrugarh University was established in 1965 under the provisions of Dibrugarh University Act, 1965 enacted by the Assam Legislative Assembly. The University has around 200 affiliated and permitted colleges and institutes to achieve its goal of dissemination of knowledge and generation of human resource. It is the largest and oldest University of North East region of India. More than 2 lakh students are pursuing education under this University.

Motilal Oswal Foundation Day Lecture

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS delivered Motilal Oswal Foundation Day Lecture at Motilal Tower in Mumbai on March 20, 2017. Many eminent speakers have addressed this forum in the past, including Aamir Khan who spoke last month. He also signed an MOU with Motilal Oswal Securities who promised financial support to the tune of Rs. 15 Crores for setting up a branch of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in Balangir district of Odisha.



KIIT, KISS Expand Footprint in China



MoU signing ceremony with
Jiangsu University.

Expanding its global footprint, KIIT inked memorandums of understanding with four prominent institutions of China. **The agreements were signed during the visit of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS to China on March 17 - 18, 2017. These include MoU with Wenzhou University, a 90 year old institution, for collaboration in the fields of bio-medical research and with Jiangsu University for student exchange and research collaboration.**

Agreement was also signed with Yalong, known globally for their vocational training equipment, and YPC. As per the provisions, Yalong will train selected students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) for a year on various skill development programmes, while KIIT and YPC will have student exchange and joint research programme.

During his visit, Prof. Samanta attended the India-China Business Forum in Zhenjiang, Shanghai on March 17, 2017 and addressed more than 200 business leaders.

He spoke about Indo-China education initiatives and also inaugurated an Indian Film Festival on the occasion. The meet was a part of the week-long event to showcase commercial and cultural aspects of India organized by The Consulate General of India in Shanghai along with Zhenjiang Municipal Government. He also had a very constructive discussion with Mr. Prakash Gupta, Hon'ble Consul General of India. Zhenjiang, located in Jiangsu province, is a key industrial hub in Eastern China.

As an internationally focused university, KIIT actively partners with leading higher education institutions around the world to provide international opportunities to its students and faculty.

With tie-ups with nearly 150 leading institutions of the world, KIIT has a presence in over 50 countries, including USA, UK, Germany, Russia, Czech Republic, Japan, South Korea and Kenya, besides China.



MoU signing ceremony with
Wenzhou University.





Prof. Achyuta Samanta with Mr. Prakash Gupta, Hon'ble Consul General of India at India-China Business Forum in Zhenjiang.

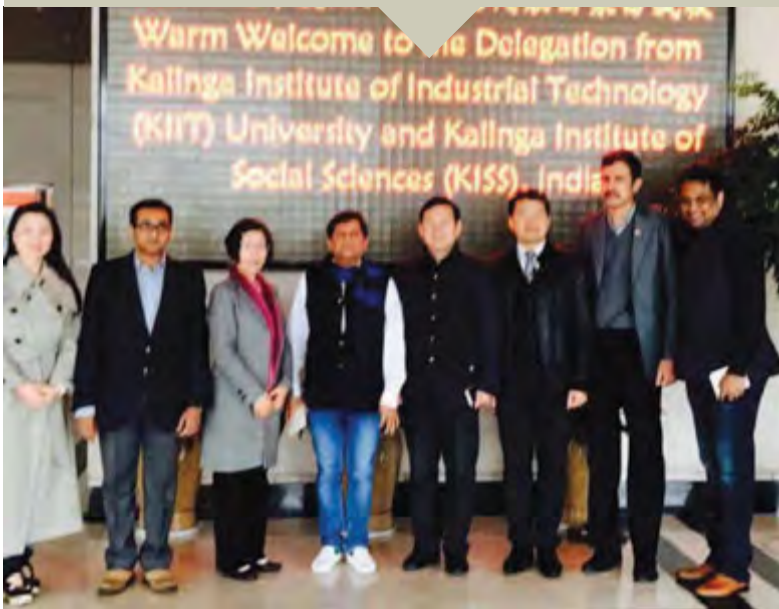


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MoU signing ceremony with Yalong.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta visited state-of-the-art Biomedical Innovation Centre of Wenzhou University.



Monumental Flagpole at KISS- KIIT Complex



Shri Naveen Jindal, President, Flag Foundation of India flanked by Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS and Achyuta Samanta.

Mr. Naveen Jindal, President, Flag Foundation of India (FFI) and former MP hoisted a mammoth 45 ft. x 30 ft. National Flag on a 100 feet monumental flagpole at the KIIT & KISS Convention Centre in the presence of Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS Society; Achyuta Samanta, Founder; Padma Bibhushan Mr. Raghunath Mohapatra, eminent Odia sculptor; Dr. Angela Gomes, Magsaysay Awardee and social activist, Bangladesh; Mr. Mounir Ghabbour Hanna, Chairman & CEO, JW Marriote, Renaissance, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo; Mr. Hara Prasad Dash, eminent writer and other dignitaries.

The 100 feet monumental flagpole is the tallest in Bhubaneswar and the second monumental flag by FFI in Odisha after the 207 feet monumental flag installed at Angul. The monumental flag was hoisted on the 68th Republic Day as a part of the 13th anniversary celebration of the historic judgment by Supreme Court of India on January 23, 2004.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jindal said,

“Tiranga belongs to all of us equally. When a person displays his national flag, he rises above political, social or religious affiliations. The Tiranga unites us in diversity; it is every citizen's pride”. He urged all Indians, especially the youth, to proudly display the Tiranga and show love and respect for our National Flag throughout the year. This is the first monumental flag of Bhubaneswar, which will inspire thousands of youths and students of KISS, as well, to go forward and contribute to the nation building, he added.

Samanta appreciated Mr. Jindal for honouring his commitment before the students made exactly six months ago during his visit to KISS last year. Mr. Jindal had announced to install this monumental flag during his visit to KISS on July 21, 2016. The monumental flag is made of knitted polyester fabric called 'Deneir Polyester'. The Chakra of the flag is printed by using specialized printing process.

The FFI has so far installed 52 monumental flagpoles of 100 feet high and 12 monumental flagpoles of 207 feet high across the country. In all, FFI has installed 66 monumental flagpoles in India, which is the highest number in the world for a country. Besides India, there are 13 other countries, which have got such monumental flagpoles.

The concept of the monumental flagpoles in India was conceived and introduced by the founder of the Flag Foundation, Mr. Naveen Jindal on 23rd January 2009. The first monumental flagpole measuring 207 ft. high was installed at Kaithal, Haryana. Mammoth sized National Flag on such lofty height is known as 'Monumental Flag', which is not lowered at the sunset as they are adequately illuminated even during the night. This was introduced after a policy decision by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23rd December 2009, which allowed the National Flag to fly day and night on a flagpole of a height of 100 ft. and above with proper illumination.

DAE-BRNS Symposium NUCAR Held in KIIT



(From L) Ms. Pragyan Patnaik, Convener, Local Organizing Committee, Prof. B. S. Tomar, Director - Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, BARC and Chairman NUCAR 2017, Achyuta Samanta, Prof. P. R. Vasudeva Rao, Former Director, Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research, Prof. Smruti Dash, Convener, NUCAR 2017 and Dr. Manoj Mohapatra, Secretary at the inaugural ceremony of the symposium on February 6, 2017.

The 13th DAE-BRNS biennial Symposium on Nuclear and Radiochemistry (NUCAR), organized by Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) in association with KIIT University and Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists (IANCAS), Mumbai, was held at KIIT University from February 6 - 10, 2017. **This is the oldest and most prestigious symposium of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), held throughout the length and breadth of the country to popularize the subject of Nuclear and Radiochemistry.**

Eminent scientists including Prof. P. R. Vasudeva Rao, Former Director, Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research and Prof. B. S. Tomar, Director Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, BARC and Chairman NUCAR 2017 graced the occasion.

Prof. Rao, in his keynote address, said, the meet would be fruitful for young students and researchers as they would get chance to interact with senior scientists of the country. It will be helpful for their research and study in Nuclear and Radiochemistry,

he added. Prof. Tomar, in his presidential address, said, the aim of NUCAR is to highlight the peaceful use of Nuclear Energy. The objective of this symposium is also to provide a platform for exchange of ideas among DAE and non-DAE researchers working in the field of Nuclear Science and Radiochemistry.

Welcoming all the delegates, Achyuta Samanta said, KIIT is proud to host this oldest and largest congregation of Nuclear Scientists and Radiochemists. This is the first time that such a symposium has been organized in Odisha, he informed. The event is the largest gathering of researchers working in the field of nuclear chemistry, chemistry of actinides, fission and fusion reactor materials, radioisotope application in medicine, industries, nuclear forensics and safeguards, etc. said, Prof. Smruti Dash, Convener, NUCAR 2017.

The five-day Symposium featured more than 15 Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks by eminent scientists and academicians in the field of Nuclear Science and Radiochemistry. Around 300

delegates participated in the meet, while more than 300 research papers, 50 oral and poster presentations and 15 technical sessions took place.

Ms. Pragyan Patnaik, Convener, Local Organizing Committee welcomed the delegates, while Dr. Manoj Mohapatra, Secretary, NUCAR 2017 proposed the vote of thanks.

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Symposium on Physics

“Acquiring skills more important than good marks”



Achyuta Samanta presenting a tribal painting to Prof. (Dr) Harish Chandra Verma of IIT Kanpur in the presence of Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School and Mr. Sanjay Suar, Principal.

Acquiring skills is more important than securing good marks and certificates in education, said Dr. Harish Chandra Verma, Renowned Physics Professor from IIT Kanpur. Delivering lecture on concept of Physics through live practical to school children in KiiT International School on February 18, 2017, Dr. Verma said, today science is an integral part of life and it cannot be seen in isolation.

He advised the students not to run after good marks and certificates by giving examples from his life. **“Poor grade card or good grade card does not matter. Both are irrelevant. But the skill I had developed during my students' career helped me. Getting good grade card and securing position in school, board and university examinations are temporary recognitions. But your worth depends on what kind of skills you develop. You have to develop confidence and competence to take challenges which can be very big or small”, he stated.** “You can achieve your goal by accepting challenges. Our examination

system is not evaluating our inner capacity, giving too much importance on marks and grades”, Dr. Harish Chandra Verma stated. He advised students not to depend on solution books and tutor; rather they should try to solve the problem by themselves.

Speaking on the occasion, Achyuta Samanta said, “Today's society is knowledge society and amount of knowledge you acquire is now more important than ever”. The knowledge you acquire will help you all your life, he added. Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson of KiiT International school delivered the welcome address, while Dr. Sanjay Suar, Principal proposed vote of thanks.

Students of many schools attended the lecture. As many as 1200 students from more than 50 institutions of Odisha participated in the three-hour Physics stage show organised by KiiT International School in association with KiiT-IAPT Anweshika Centre. About 100

Physics teachers had a separate interaction programme with Prof. H. C. Verma for ensuring joyful Physics teaching-learning process in schools and colleges. Rajashree Mohapatra, Coordinator of KiiT-IAPT Anweshika Centre demonstrated various experiments.



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Lifetime Achievement Award for KIIT VC



Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT University was conferred the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' of the Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF) during an International Conference organized by the Society between January 23 and 25, 2017 at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

The award was presented by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi and Prof. M. C. Mishra, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi.

KiiT International School Bags NDTV Education Award

In a significant achievement, KiiT International School (KiiT-IS) has bagged the Educomp – NDTV Education Award at the national-level. Mr. Sanjay Suar, Principal of the School received the award at a glittering presentation ceremony held in Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi on February 15, 2017.

KiiT International School is the only school from Odisha to figure in the list of national-level winners, which also has reputed names such as Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai; Shishuvan English Medium School, Matunga, Mumbai; Assam Valley, Assam; The Doon School, Dehradun and Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane. The selection of winners was based on various parameters including curriculum planning, staff training, infrastructure, sports and co-curricular activities. National level winners were decided by a high-level jury after evaluating the regional round winners from east, west, south and north zone.

KiiT International School, established in 2007, offers CBSE Secondary & Senior Secondary, as national curriculum, and International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva and International



Mr. Sanjay Suar, Principal, KiiT International School receiving the award in New Delhi on February 15, 2017.

General Certificate of Secondary Education of University of Cambridge (IGCSE), as international curricula. Despite being a young institution, KiiT-IS has attracted attention of one and all due to its excellence and won a string of recognitions at national level recently.

Expressing satisfaction over yet another achievement, Achyuta Samanta congratulated Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT-IS, Mr. Suar, students and staff of the School for their hard work and sincerity.

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“Women should change their own mindset” International Women's Day



Distinguished dignitaries at the International Women's Day celebration in KIIT.

International Women's Day is not about women, it is about men who don't have respect for women, said Padma Shri Dr. Sunita Krishnan, noted social activist and Chief Functionary & Co-Founder, Prajwala. She was speaking at International Women's Day celebration at KIIT University on March 8, 2017. Citing examples from Maharashtra in which women were at the forefront to kill female fetuses, she stressed, women need to change their own mindset towards woman and girl child. Woman's body is not a sex object. Women should change the attitude and mindset of men towards women in this respect, she said.

International Women's Day is observed globally on March 8 to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme was: **Be bold for change.**

Speaking on the occasion, Padma Shri Ms. Sovana Narayan, Kathak maestro & former bureaucrat said, even though woman is worshipped as *shakti* (power) in Indian tradition, majority mindset is that she is

abalaa (powerless) and *durbala* (weak). “In our tradition, *Ardhanarishvara* (composite form of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati) is also worshipped. It proves man and woman have equal rights in the society and woman is as capable as man in every sphere”, she explained.

Women are the mentors of the future generation and they should assert their choice in every sphere, Ms. Narayan said. “Women should become the agent of change and play a role in sensitizing the society”, she told the packed audience of women staff and students of KIIT University.

Mr. Gabriel Hons-Olivier, Chief Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate, Hyderabad said, “America believes woman is the engine of growth and it is committed to advance the rise of women globally. America has taken many steps to eliminate gender biased violence”. Backing gender equality is everyone's responsibility, he added. Trafficking of women is the most heinous crime, along with arms and drugs trafficking, Mr. Arda Ulutas, Consul

General of Turkey in Hyderabad stated. Turkey has taken many steps to prevent women trafficking. Turkey has also taken many steps to give women equal rights and opportunities in every sphere, he informed.

Today women have shown that their capability and competence are equal to men in every sector, said Ms. Alka Tomar, Indian wrestler and Arjuna awardee. She narrated her own story, how she became a world-class sportswoman in wrestling, a male-dominated sport.



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Ms. Leena Yadav, noted Filmmaker said, women should be honest and true. "We are responsible of our own problem and we should solve our problems ourselves", she added. **Ms. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT and KISS said, there should be cooperation between men and women and it should begin from our homes. Achyuta Samanta stated, "We always give importance to women empowerment and as a result 40% of employees in KIIT and 60% in KISS are women. Similarly, 40% students of KIIT and 60% of KISS are girls."** Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School delivered the welcome address. Among others, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT University and Mrs. Birshua Ademora Ulutas also spoke.



Padma Shri Ms. Shovana Narayan, IA&AS (Retd.), Kathak Maestro



Padma Shri Ms. Sunitha Krishnan, Eminent Social Activist and Chief Functionary & Co-Founder, Prajwala



Ms. Leena Yadav, Noted Filmmaker



Ms. Alka Tomar, Noted Indian Wrestler & Arjuna Awardee



Mr. Arda Ulutas, Hon'ble Consul General of Republic of Turkey in Hyderabad



Mr. Gabriel Hons-Olivier, Chief Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate, Hyderabad



Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS



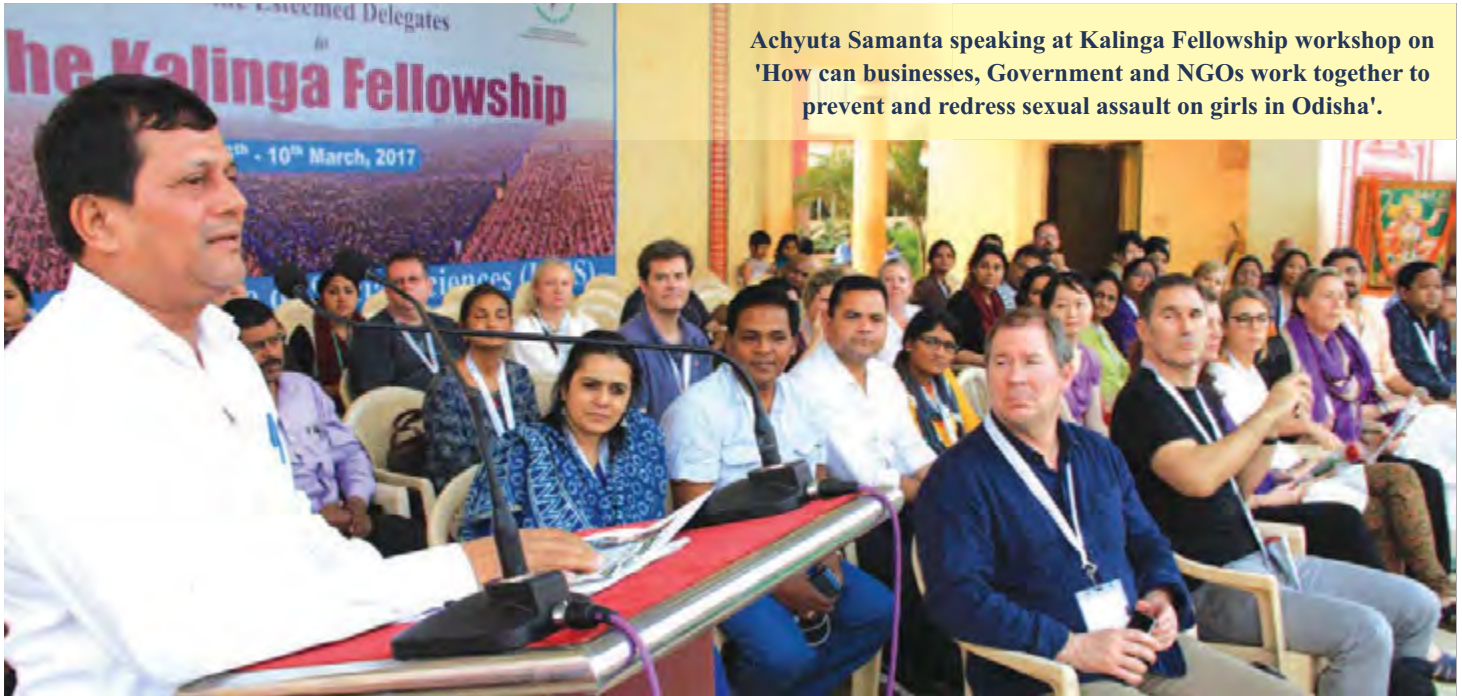
Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT



Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School



Kalinga Fellowship to Create Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assaults on Girls



Achyuta Samanta speaking at Kalinga Fellowship workshop on 'How can businesses, Government and NGOs work together to prevent and redress sexual assault on girls in Odisha'.

Kalinga Fellowship is a remarkable partnership among the government, business and civil society to create zero tolerance for sexual assaults on girls. An initiative of Achyuta Samanta, the fellowship is imparted by BRIDGE in association with FXB India, Ashoka Foundation and Dasra through Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

The main objective of the Kalinga Fellowship is to bring together key stakeholders to facilitate a breakthrough in thinking and strategy to answer the question: How can business, government and NGOs work together to prevent and redress sexual assault on girls in Odisha?

On this occasion, a five-day workshop was inaugurated at KISS and KIIT on March 6, 2017. Corporate leaders and representatives of the civil society from 40 countries participated in the workshop as mentor, while the senior police officers, bureaucrats, legal luminaries, media, and corporate officials as well as NGOs from

India were mentees. Both the mentors and mentees are called Kalinga Fellows.

The three high level objectives of five-day strategy event were to build a set of breakthrough strategies that will prevent and redress sexual assaults on girls in India, to provide each participant leadership techniques, skills and method to enable them to lead this agenda both at the fellowship and afterwards, and to create a cohesive governance team to work together to drive these strategies during and after the event.

During this five-day programme, each participant was provided leadership techniques, skills and methods which would enable them to lead this agenda during the fellowship and for one year afterwards.

It was a unique platform where senior functionaries from the corporate sector, NGOs, media, bureaucrats, senior police officers from various countries came

together to discuss on a social problem and plan and implement the strategy to solve the problem, said Mr. Shashikumar Velath of Ashoka Foundation.

Leaders of big companies like Apple, HSBC, Google, MARS, So Just Add Water and Dentsu Aegis as well as NGOs like FXB, BRIDGE, Ashoka, HHH, Pearson, Lakhyam, Prajwala, EKJUT, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and others participated.

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Each participant was matched with a mentor both throughout the five-day event and one year afterwards. They would receive a year of mentoring and coaching to supporting them in achieving their vision. It was also a capability development programme, teaching the participants some of the most of the contemporary leadership strategy techniques, skills and methods which they can apply in their leadership programme after the event.

BRIDGE specializes in leadership, senior team development, transferring organization culture and facilitating strategic change. BRIDGE works with some of the world's forward looking company and government institutions. FXB India is a renowned NGO focused to developmental assistance to marginalized children, families and communities in rural and urban India. Dasra is an influential philanthropy organization head quarter in Mumbai backed by institutions like US aid, Bill and Melinda Foundation and Piramal Foundation.



Achyuta Samanta felicitating a Kalinga Fellow.



Immersion programme of Kalinga Fellows with the students of KISS.



Kalinga Fellows participating in a session.



Ollywood Stars Shine at Holi Celebrations at KISS

The festival of colours, Holi was celebrated with traditional fervor in the campus of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT. The main attraction of the celebration was Chief of Kinnar Akhada, India & Asia Pacific Shree Ananta Bibhusi Acharya Mahamandaleswar Laxmi Narayan Tripathy. Stars of Ollywood, actors, directors, singers and others joined 25000 tribal children of the institute in the festivity. On this occasion, students of universities of Japan also joined and played colours with KISS students. They also performed cultural programmes and entertained the students. Veteran music director, singers, dancers, litterateurs and activists were present. Among others, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT and KISS; Mr. Himansu Khatua, CEO, KIIT school of Film And Media Sciences and Dr. Itirani Samanta, Editor, Kadambini were present.



Achyuta Samanta speaking on the occasion.





Students from Japan playing traditional musical instruments of the country on the occasion of Holi.



Holi celebration in KISS.



Oollywood stars play Holi with KISS students.



Laxmi Narayan Tripathy, transgender rights activist addressing the Holi revellers.



Mira Parida, transgender rights activist with Achyuta Samanta.

KISS Student Clears OAS

Ashok Kumar Muduli, a student of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), has cleared the Odisha Civil Service Examination 2015 conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC). He is one among six children of Bibhisana Muduli and Malati Muduli of Raisingh village of Koraput district. Bibhisana is a daily wage labourer and one of his sons is afflicted with polio.

Ashok took admission in KISS in 2008. After completing BCA from KIIT University, he joined TCS through campus recruitment. His younger brother Prakash is studying in KISS in Class 7. Poverty did not distract Ashok from fulfilling his dream. His hard work and proper guidance of teachers of KISS brought him success.

Expressing happiness over the success, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KISS & KIIT said, many students of the Institute have achieved success in various national-level competitive examinations due to healthy educational ambience and proper guidance of teachers. Congratulating Ashok, he wished him all success in life.

Students of KISS have been regularly excelling in various competitive examinations of Government and corporate sectors. Some students have even secured admission in various prestigious institutes like IITs, NITs and IIMs.

Similarly, Pratyusha Mohapatra and Mousumi Mishra of KIIT School of Leadership have also cleared Odisha Civil



Ashok Kumar Muduli with Achyuta Samanta.

service Examination. Mousumi is placed at rank 143, while Pratyusha in rank 223. Dr. Samanta congratulated both of them for their success.

KISS Students Bag Jobs in MNC in Campus Placement



Fifteen students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) have bagged jobs in three MNCs through campus placement. Cognizant picked up 10 students, five girls and five boys, TCS picked up four boys and Infosys offered job to one boy. Congratulating the successful students, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT and KISS said, tribal students are as intelligent as the

students of general category and if good environment and proper guidance are provided to them, they can excel in any field. KISS has provided them beautiful environment and proper and timely guidance of teachers make them successful in every field, he added. Students of KISS regularly qualify for jobs in government, private and corporate

sector. KISS students have also cleared various All India Entrance Tests and secured admission in prestigious institutions like IITs, IIMs and NITs. Expressing their pleasure, parents of these students said that their children could get this success only because of proper care of KISS.

KIMS Professor Gets Lifetime Achievement Award

Indian Society of Nephrology (ISN) conferred the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' to Prof. S. C. Dash, Emeritus Professor & HOD of Nephrology, KIMS and former Director, KIMS & PBMH at its 47th Annual Conference held in Mumbai recently. He was given the honour for his "pioneering contribution to the development of Nephrology in India and leadership among the renal community, which are considered to be outstanding".

Prof. Dash spent 31 years in different faculty positions, including Professor & Head of Nephrology & Transplant Medicine in AIIMS New Delhi. He is the founder of Northern Chapter of ISN, Nephrology-Urology and Transplantation Society of SAARC countries and National Academy of Nephrology. He was awarded Senior

Commonwealth Fellowship by Govt. of India and worked at five institutions in U.K. in 1992. He was then declared a visiting professor to Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, London. Prof. Dash has been invited to U.S.A., U.K., Japan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to deliver lectures. In 2014, he was selected by International Society of Nephrology as 'Educational Ambassador' to teach in foreign countries.

Considered as an original thinker and researcher who has inspired generations of students, Prof. Dash has received numerous honours from civil societies. He has about 250 national and international research publications. Dr. Dash has helped innumerable poor people to get treatment and renal transplant at AIIMS between



1976 and 2016. Indian Society of Nephrology has recognised Dr. S. C. Dash as a humanitarian physician.

First time in Odisha Implant placement with direct sinus lift



Immediate Post-operative clinical photograph



Pre-operative clinical photograph



Post-operative clinical photograph after 6 months

A female patient reported to Department with primary complaint of missing teeth in maxillary left region. On radiological examination, available bone height was found to be only 4 mm. So, to gain in vertical height direct sinus lift technique followed by implant placement i.r.t 26 and 27 was planned. Surgical procedure was performed using advanced equipment piezosurgical unit. After 6 months of surgical procedure, prosthesis was placed. First time this technique and equipment was used for implant placement in Odisha.

Plasmapheresis in KIMS

Plasmapheresis is an established form of therapy in auto-immune diseases especially in crisis. The cost of Plasmapheresis is much lower than the cost of immunoglobulin treatment. Plasmapheresis was successfully started in Nephrology Department of KIMS in October 2015. It has benefited not only nephrology, but also patients of other specialties like neurology, pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology and Intensive care unit. Total 10 numbers of cases have been done in last 12 months with good success rate. The spectrum of patients receiving plasmapheresis includes Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Myasthenia Gravis, Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, Post-Partum Thrombotic Microangiopathy, Systemic Vasculitis Like Granulomatosis With Polyangiitis (formally Wegners granulomatosis). The main limiting factors in success of therapy in these disorders are early diagnosis and prompt institution of Plasmapheresis. So an early referral is quite important and valuable to save the life of the patient with better outcome.

A Helping Hand for Aspiring Entrepreneur

KIIT Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI), hosted by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and supported by National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, has been designated as an Executing Partner for the NIDHI-EIR (Entrepreneur-in-Residence) Program. National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) is an umbrella programme launched by DST for nurturing ideas and innovations (knowledge-based and

technology-driven) into successful startups. Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) Programme is one of the programs introduced under NIDHI to inspire the best talents to be entrepreneurs, to minimise the risk involved in pursuing start-ups, and to partially set off their opportunity costs of high paying jobs. The NIDHI-EIR programme provides tremendous opportunities for innovative entrepreneurs to expand their networks and get critical feedback on their ventures in order to promote their entrepreneurial career goals and aspirations.

KIIT-TBI, a pioneer in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship enriching startup ecosystem in the state of Odisha since 2009, so far has handheld a total of 55 startups, creating more than 600 direct and indirect employment generation.

As the Fellowships are limited and competitive interested applicants may apply on or before 10th March 2017. For further details, visit www.kiitincubator.in or <http://www.kiitincubator.in/nidhi-eir.html> else mail at tbi@kiitincubator.in

KIIT Inks MoU with Affine Analytics

KIIT University has signed a memorandum of understanding with Affine Analytics recently. The objective of MOU is to establish a long-term mutually beneficial association for academic and research based interactions leading to promotions and development of new breakthrough technologies in the areas of Data Science,

Analytics & Big Data. Affine Analytics has agreed to provide necessary infrastructure and technical support to KIIT University for the establishment of state-of-art advanced research laboratory to carry out the collaborative research. This will also include information and knowledge sharing, conducting training

programs, organizing seminars and workshops and other related activities. Affine Analytics is a private software firm providing analytical solutions to organizations globally in the areas of Sales & Marketing, CEM, CRM, Financial Planning, Operations, Merchandizing, Supply Chain and Risk.

KIIT Faculty Presents Paper in Japan

Dr. Akshaya Kumar Rout, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, KIIT University attended and presented a research paper in an International Conference on Mechanical, Industrial and Power Engineering (MIPE-2016) at Sunshine City of Tokyo, Japan. His paper was titled, 'Performance, combustion and emission characteristics of a diesel engine fueled with Argimone maxicana biodiesel and its blends'. Prof. Rout's research was sponsored by KIIT University and Department of Science & Technology (DST), New Delhi.



KIIT Faculty Completes 2002 km International Brevet

Prof. Devdutta Kumar, 43, of KIIT University successfully completed the Vietnam-Cambodia International Cycle Trip from Hanoi to Phnom Penh (through Ho Chi Minh City) recently. Six other cyclists successfully completed the 2002 km Brevet organised by Bhubaneswar Cycling and Adventure Club. However, Prof. Kumar's achievement is particularly inspiring as his one leg is affected by Polio. It took the group 15 days to complete the international trip, covering 134 km per day on an average and passing through Than Hoa, Vinn, Hong Son, Truong Nha Ho, Hue, Da Nang, Quang Ngal, Tuy Hoa, NHA Trang, Long Khanh, Ho Chi Minh City, Bavet (Cambodia) and Svay Rieng (Cambodia). This was the first of its kind cycle trip organised by any Indian Group in Vietnam and Cambodia. Earlier, BCAC has conducted 11-day cycle tour from Bhubaneswar to Bhutan covering the distance of 1300 km in 2015 and Manali to Leh Cycle Trip in the high altitude of the Himalayas covering the distance of about 500 km in 9 days in the year 2014.



Gala Staff Family Get-together



The Gala Staff Family Get-together of KIIT Group of Institutions was held on January 29, 2017. Conceived as an annual event, it is a staff welfare initiative by Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT Group of Institutions, which seeks to strengthen inter-personal relationship and bring harmony among the staff members and their families. A slew of events suitable for different age groups were held during the day-long programme. While children below the age of six participated in Painting, Fancy dress and Rhyme competitions, staff and spouse showcased their talents in Needle & Thread Race, Rangoli, Mehndi, Dance, Singing, Instrumental, Musical Chair and Tug of War. There were competitive events also for children in the age group of 7 - 12 years and above 13 years. Outstanding performers were awarded at the closing ceremony.



(From L) Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, Achyuta Samanta, Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary and Prof. Sasmita Samanta at the Gala Staff Family Get-together.



Aparajita Selected National Coach of Indian Chess Team Youngest Coach in India

Ms. Aparajita Gochhikar from KIIT University has been selected National Coach of Indian Chess Team for the Asian Youth Chess Championship 2017 (U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 & U-18) to be held from 31st March to 10th April 2017. A letter to this effect was received from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) with list of participants selected with full cost. Ms. Gochhikar, who is a Candidate Master (CM) & National Instructor (NI) title holder, has become the youngest National Coach in India to represent the country at international arena.

As a Chess Coach, she was awarded the title of "National Instructor (NI)" by FIDE Trainers' Commission, World Chess Federation on September 2016. She was also awarded the title of Candidate

Master (CM) by the World Chess Federation. She is currently working at KIIT Chess Academy to promote Chess in Odisha as well as international arena.

Previously, as a student of KIIT University, she had won Silver Medal in Women and Bronze Medal in Open category in the World Amateur Chess Championship 2016 at Halkidiki, Greece. She has also been two times silver medalist in Commonwealth Chess Championship 2012 & 2013 at Chennai & Port Elizabeth, South Africa respectively.

Total two coaches, one each for boys' and girls' team, have been selected by SAI to go along with the India Youth Chess Team. Total number of 33 players



are participating in this event. SAI will bear full expenses of 6 boys, 9 girls and 2 coaches.

Delhi University Bags KPL Champion Trophy

Delhi University won the 10th All India KIIT T-20 Day & Night Premier League Cricket Tournament (KPL) for the record sixth time. The final match was played between Delhi and Al-Falah University. Delhi University won the toss and elected to bat. They scored 162 runs with the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs. Al-Falah University were all out scoring only 120 runs in 17.3 overs.

Former cricketer Mr. Nayan Mongia distributed the prizes at the closing ceremony in the presence of Mr. Kundan Singh, Sr. Political Correspondent of News-24 and Achyuta Samanta. Delhi University bagged the Champions Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. Al-Falah University got Rs. 1 lakh cash prize and Runners-up Trophy. JNT University, placed in 3rd, and KIIT University, placed in 4th, got Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 25,000 cash award respectively.

Rajesh Sharma of Delhi University was declared as Man of the Match in the final



Delhi University team with KPL Trophy.

match. Debasis Singh Thakur of KIIT University declared as Best Wicket Keeper of the tournament, while Akash Antil (Al-Falah University) as best fielder, Anubhab Ahuja (Al-Falah University) as best

batsman and K. Mohit Kumar (JNTU) as best bowler. Shubham Dahia of Delhi University was declared as Man of the Series and got Rs. 8,000 cash prize.

India Win Silver at Asian Women's Rugby Sevens Trophy

The Indian women's rugby team won Silver at the Asian Rugby Sevens Trophy held at Vientiane, Laos on February 18, 2017. Four girls from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) - Meerarani Hembram, Sanjukta Munda, Hupi Majhi and Bhaghyalaxmi Barik – were members of the Indian team. As per Asia Rugby's tournament statistics, Hupi Majhi was one among the top three Try Scorers of the tournament and Meerarani Hembram was the third highest in the conversions.

Players and management of the Indian team were given a grand welcome at KISS campus on March 7. Achyuta Samanta congratulated the team for their achievement and commended KISS girls for bringing glory to India.

The team participated under the aegis of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU), the governing body for the sport of Rugby in India and supported by Societe Generale, the financial partner of Rugby India.

A total of seven countries from across Asia including South Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, India and hosts Laos vied for top honours in the Asian



Indian women's rugby team with the runner-up trophy in Vientiane, Laos.

Rugby Sevens Trophy. The seven teams that participated in this tournament played on a Round Robin basis. On Day one, India defeated Laos by 22-7, Philippines by 12-5, Nepal by 43-0 and Malaysia by 26-12. On Day two India defeated Pakistan by 5-0 and in the last match India was beaten by South Korea by 29-0.

"I see tremendous potential for women's rugby to grow in our country and make our mark globally. We are hopeful that this achievement will inspire many women to

take up rugby as a sport and shine in this field," Indian women's team coach Nasser Hussain said.



Four girls from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) were members of the Indian team.



A grand reception was given to Silver medal winning Indian women's rugby team in KISS.

68th REPUBLIC DAY

Celebrated at KIIT & KISS

The 68th Republic Day was celebrated at KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) with patriotic fervor. Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS hoisted the National Flag and took salute of the parade that had marching contingents from different wings of KIIT & KISS, besides NCC cadets. **This year KIIT had Dr. Angela Gomes, Magsaysay Awardee and social activist, Bangladesh; Mr. Mounir Ghabbour Hanna, Chairman & CEO, JW Marriote, Renaissance, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo and Prof. C. V. Ramakrishnan, Eminent Scientist & educationist as special guests.**

“Students should work towards nation building and all should have progress of our country as their foremost priority”, Smt. Bal said in her address. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, everybody should be aware of one's duties towards motherland. He advised the students to do something constructive for the nation, apart from their studies.

Among others, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, Dr. Subrat Acharya, Pro Chancellor, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar and other senior officials of KIIT & KISS were present. On the occasion, best staff awards of KIIT Group of Institutions for the year 2016 were also given away. Students of various schools of KIIT Group of Institutions and KISS performed cultural programmes.

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Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS unfurling the National Flag in the presence of Achyuta Samanta and guests, Dr. Angela Gomes, Magsaysay Awardee and social activist, Bangladesh; Prof. C. V. Ramakrishnan, Eminent Scientist & educationist; and Mr. Mounir Ghabbour Hanna, Chairman & CEO, JW Marriote, Renaissance, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo.





Achyuta Samanta and Mr. Mounir Ghabbour Hanna, Chairman & CEO, JW Marriote, Renaissance, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo inspecting the parade.



March past by NCC cadets of KIIT.



Prof. C. V. Ramakrishnan, Eminent Scientist & educationist



Mr. Mounir Ghabbour Hanna, Chairman & CEO, JW Marriote, Renaissance, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo.



Dr. Angela Gomes, Magsaysay Awardee and social activist, Bangladesh



Cavalry contingent from KiiT International School taking part in the parade.



Cultural programme.



Cultural programme.



Special vehicles developed by KIIT Automobile Society were also displayed.

68th REPUBLIC DAY at KIIT & KISS

Best Teaching Staff AWARD-2016



Prof.(Dr.) Jyotin Kumar Dash
Principal,
Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences(KIMS)



Dr. Ramesh Chandra Das
Director,
Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences(KIDS)



Dr. Vishakha Raina
Associate Professor(I),
School of Biotechnology



Dr. Birendranath Banerjee
Associate Professor(I),
School of Biotechnology



Dr. Bhabani Sankar Prasad Mishra
Associate Professor(II),
School of Computer Sc. Engineering



Prof. Rudranarayan Senapati
Assistant Professor(II),
School of Electrical Engineering



Prof. Prasanta Kumar Patra,
Associate Professor (I),
School of Electronics Engineering



Prof. Kumar Mohanty
Associate Professor(II) and Dean(CASS),
School of Management



Mr. Sukanta Kumar Rout
Assistant Professor,
Physics, KIIT Polytechnic



Mr. Eneja Kumar Sahoo
Teacher (PGT-Biology), KIIT International School



Mr. Sanjeeb Kisan, Assistant Teacher,
Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences(KISS)



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Best Non-Teaching Staff AWARD-2016



Mr. Muktar Ali Khan
Head, AC Maintenance, Maintenance Dept.



Mr. Dillip Kumar Jena
Senior Manager, Transport and
Asst. Commandant, Security



Mr. Navendu Kar
Deputy Director(Corporate), Training & Placement



Mrs. Swapna Rani Mohanty
Assistant Administrative Officer, Admission Dept.



Mr. Brazil Aloysius Nero
Assistant Sports Officer, Sports Dept.



Mr. Bijay Bhaskar Mallick
Executive, Relationship Management Dept.



Mr. Niranjan Bagha
Senior Assistant, Examination Dept.



Mrs. Minati Mohanty
Nursing Supervisor, KIMS



Mr. Prasanna Kumar Mallick
Senior Attendant, Founder's Office

Best Staff Award(Jointly) for combined efforts



Mr. Tushar Kanti Senapati
Deputy Director, Project & Research.
Mr. Suraj Roy
Deputy Director, Resource Mobilization.
Mr. Kadey Soren
Deputy Director, Academics.
Dr. Iswar Chandra Naik
Deputy Director, Academics
Mr. Debendra Kumar Samal
Deputy Director, Research & Development.

Best KIIT Alumnus Award of the Year - 2016



Mr. Sourav Sahu, MBA (2009-2011 Batch)



KIIT FEST 2017

THE PATH OF THE EXUBERANT



Shri Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble MP and other dignitaries at the inaugural ceremony.

KIIT Fest, the mega annual students' festival of KIIT University, was held from March 9 - 11, 2017. Aiming to provide a defining platform for the students to showcase their skills and develop their potential, it is the biggest youth festival of its kind in eastern part of the country. KIIT Fest provided an opportunity to the students to let imagination run wild and enjoy the extravaganza. It had workshops for the inquisitive minds, robotics events for the technical aficionados, app making events for the computer geeks, structure challenges for the civil engineers, business plan marathons for the management

gurus, competitive debates, quizzing events, dance and drama and for the artistes and unwinding cultural shows for the freewheelers.

The Fest was inaugurated by Shri Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.) in the august presence of Ms. Tulsi Kumar, Playback singer; Ms. Elli Avram, Bollywood actor; Mr. Hansal Mehta, Film director and producer; Mr. Akhilendra Mishra, Film actor; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS; Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar.

Film actors Mr. Abhilash Kumar, Ms. Chandni Bhagwanani and DJ Zaeden were the important attractions of this techno-cultural extravaganza during different days. However, the most important attraction of

the Fest was live performance by Bollywood playback singer Mr. Ankit Tiwari. The University students magazine 'Kritika' was also released on the occasion.



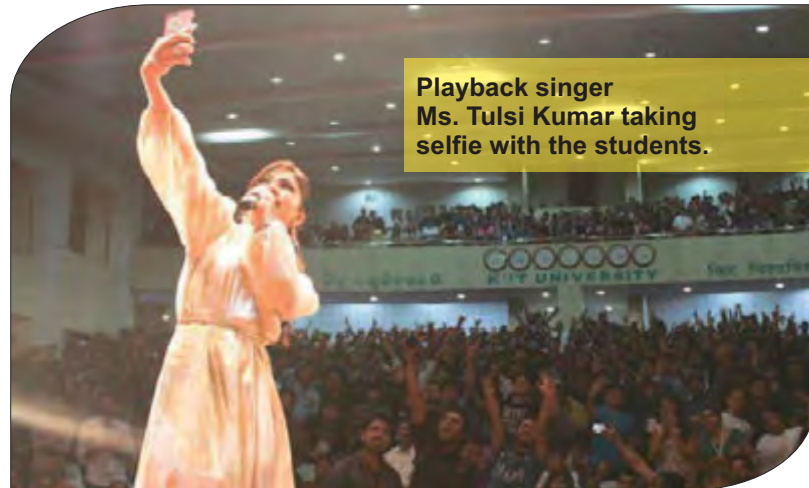
Live performance by Bollywood playback singer Mr. Ankit Tiwari.



DJ Zaeden performing live.



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**Mr. Hansal Mehta,
Film director & producer**



Mr. Akhilendra Mishra, Film actor



Students magazine of KIIT University 'Kritika' being released by Shri Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble MP (L.S.) and Achyuta Samanta.





Panorama



Achyuta Samanta with Venrable Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche, Founder & Director, Rita International Centre for Buddhist Study and Practice, Switzerland in Buddhist Monastery at Chandragiri, Odisha.



Madhu Pandit Dasa, Chairman of The Akshay Patra Foundation interacting with the students of KISS.



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His Excellency Mr. Armen Martirosyan, Ambassador, Embassy of Armenia addressing the tribal students of KISS on February 17, 2017.



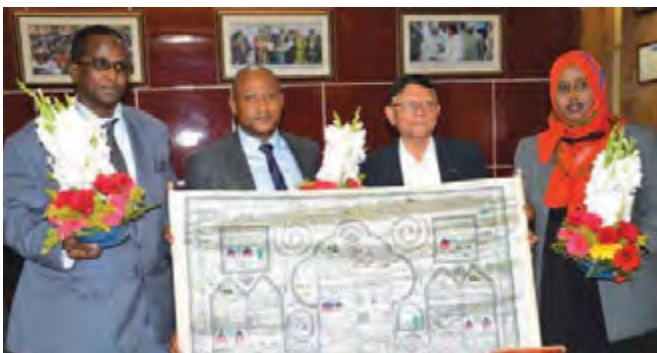
Her Excellency Ms. Aashna W. R. Kanhai, Ambassador, Embassy of Republic of Suriname with tribal students of KISS during her visit on February 25, 2017.



Prof. (Dr.) Iwan Pranoto, Education and Culture Attache, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and other delegates with tribal students of KISS on February 21, 2017.



Achyuta Samanta extending a warm welcome to Mr. T. V. Narendran, MD, Tata Group at KISS on February 12, 2017.



Mr. Mohamed Ali Osman, Counsellor Education, High Commission of Kenya, Mr. Makhathe Emmanuel Mankimane, First Secretary (Education), High Commission of Lesotho and Ms. Amal Mohamed Said, Counsellor Education, Embassy of Somalia receiving a warm welcome at KISS on February 20, 2017.



Dr. A. Sonawane, KIIT School of Biotechnology, Dr. B. R. Das, President, MPAI, Dr. Federico Monzon, Castle Biosciences, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT and Dr. S. Patnaik, KSBT at the inaugural ceremony of 6th Annual Conference of the Molecular Pathology Association of India (MPAI) on February 10, 2017.



Mrs. Minati Mohapatra, First woman cyclist from Odisha to get Arjuna Award & Former DGM, SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar & Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini, Director, Student Services flagging off Cyclothon 2K17 at KIIT on March 9, 2017.



Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT & Mr. Balaji. M., Chief Sevak, Glass Academy Foundation at the MoU signing ceremony between KIIT University and Glass Academy Foundation for introducing Industry-Based Elective Curriculum in the presence of Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, and Mr. V. Sastry, Head, Corporate Relations, on February 9, 2017.



National Science Day 2017 observed in KIIT February 28, 2017.



25.02.2017 : National Seminar on Recent Trends in Microgrid Technology organized by School of Electrical Engineering, KIIT University on February 25, 2017.



(From L) Dr. M. Suar, Director, KIIT School of Biotechnology, Dr. H. A. Orbea, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Prof. L. Singh, President, ADNAT, Hyderabad, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT, Dr. S. Kumar, CCMB, Hyderabad, Dr. S. Mohanty, Organising Secretary and Dr. V. Raina, Co-organizing Secretary at the International Symposium on Genome Editing Technologies and their Applications in Biology, Medicine and Agriculture on February 16, 2017.



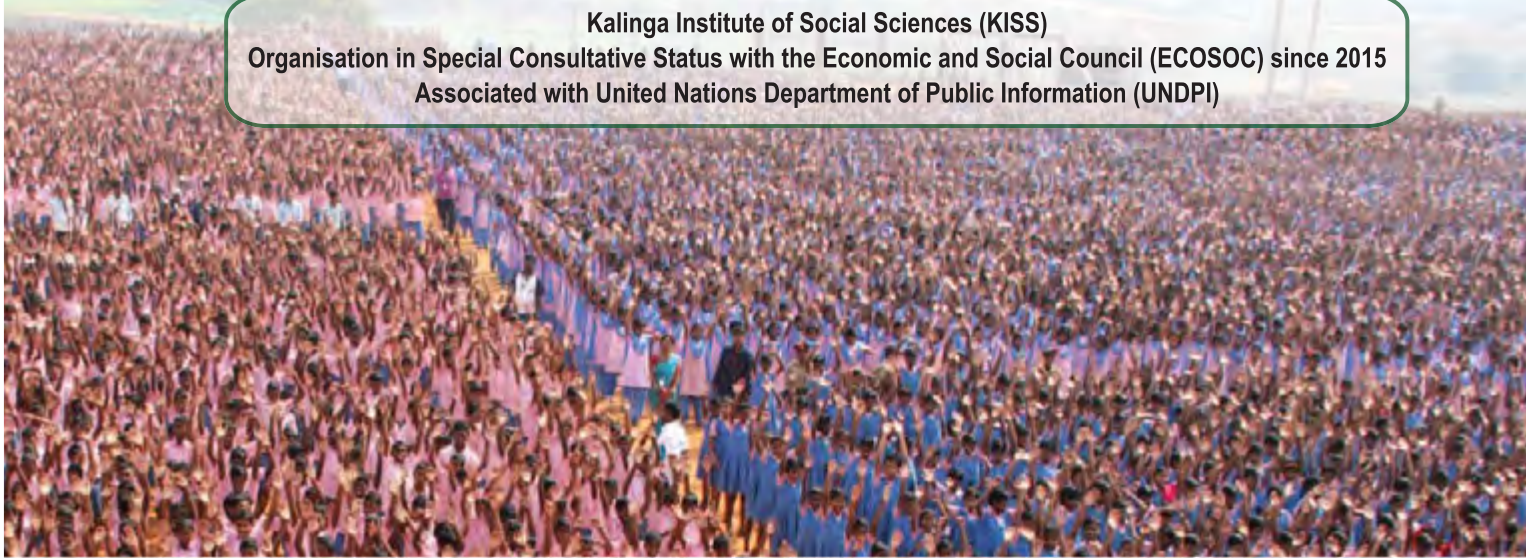
(From L) Dr. M. R. Nayak, Director, Planning, Prof. P. P. Mathur, VC, KIIT, Mr. R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS, Achyuta Samanta, Ms. M. Margarita and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar at the Skill Development Training Programme for the participants from Bhutan and Certificate Distribution Ceremony of Intensive English Training Programme for Kyrgyzstan Trainees on February 9, 2017.



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