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wins historic 100m
Gold in World
University Games**

**KISS girl Sumitra Nayak
powers India to
first International
15s Rugby win**





Message from the Founder KIIT & KISS

KIIT & KISS do not stand merely for academic excellence but also actively promote sports and games. The two institutions have made important contributions to the field since their inception. World-class training facility and infrastructure have been created in multiple sports disciplines such as Track & Field, Hockey, Cricket, Archery, Swimming, Badminton, Lawn Tennis, etc. This along with professional coaching staff, who have been engaged, encourage a rich sporting culture among the students. As a result, the two institutions have produced over 5000 sports talents in about 30 disciplines at a single place, who represent the country, state, and the institution at various international, national and state-level meets. They have participated in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and other international level sports events. From time to time, our students have secured landmark victory at international sports and brought pride and glory for the country.

On July 10, ace sprinter from KIIT, Dutee Chand won Gold Medal in Women's 100m event at World University Games 2019 in Italy. She has created a new landmark as she is the first Indian to win Gold Medal in the 100 m event at this prestigious global sports meet. Weeks before, India Women's Rugby team had created history by winning Bronze Medal in Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship in Philippines. The winning Indian team had five players from KISS, including Sumitra Nayak, who gave India victory by converting a penalty in the closing minutes. Their achievements will definitely inspire hundreds of sportspersons from KIIT & KISS waiting to make their mark at the big stage. With good wishes and support of one and all, we hope to bring more glory for the country in the years to come.


Achyuta Samanta

*“Given opportunity,
the weak too can excel”*

Another Achievement for KIIT

KIIT Ranked 301+ in Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar has been ranked 301+ in the 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings. KIIT is among a handful of Indian universities to enter Young University Rankings 2019 of THE. The ranking results were published on 27th June.

KIIT is the only Deemed to be University from Odisha to make it to the list. The universities are judged across all their core missions - teaching, research, knowledge transfer, etc. The young University ranking puts spotlight on the best Universities under 50 years old and utilizes 5 broad parameters of Teaching, Research, International Outlook and Industrial Output. KIIT is only 15 years old as a university and 22 years old as an institute.

KIIT Deemed to be University is the only self-financing university from eastern India and Odisha to enter prestigious



Young University Rankings. Earlier, it had achieved an impressive position in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019, World University Impact Rankings 2019 and Asia University Rankings 2019 respectively. Staff, students, management and well wishers of both KIIT & KISS profoundly thanked and expressed gratitude to Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT &

KISS for his vision to get such prestigious rankings among top level Universities in the world.

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Rank 2nd (Among Self-financing Institutions of India)





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The 12th Edition of KIIT International Chess Festival 2019 came to a close on June 7, 2019. The tournament was held at KIIT Campus from May 31 to June 7.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta was conferred prestigious Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) by Belarus-based Vitebsk State University on July 2, 2019.

KIIT & KISS successfully conducted the third edition of 'Kanya Kiran', a state-wide programme to stop violence against women and girl children, from June 10 - 12, 2019.

KIIT Deemed to be University organized its annual Faculty Development Program – 2019 from June 23 – 29, 2019. The Program had 'Instilling Research Outlook for Faculty Empowerment' as its theme.

Kiit International School students excelled in their IBDP examination with the highest score of 40 points awarded to Sweta Moda.

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has recorded an impressive performance (100%) in +2 Arts & Commerce Examinations conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha this academic session.

Sanjukta Singh, a tribal student of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), has been selected to study in Weiss High School in Pflugerville, Texas for the next academic session.

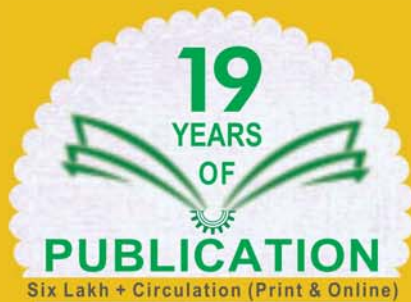
The works of KISS and Prof. Achyuta Samanta were appreciated in Lok Sabha during the question hour on June 26, 2019.

The 5 International Day of Yoga was celebrated in KIIT & KISS with enthusiasm on June 21, 2019. The theme of this year's celebration was "Climate Action".

The world famous auspicious occasion of Rath Yatra was celebrated at Shrivani khetra of KISS on July 4, 2019 amid religious fervor and gaiety. More than 50,000 devotees participated.

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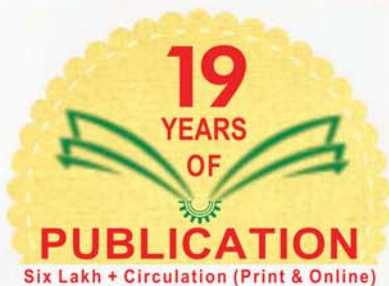
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Editorial

It takes several years of meticulous planning and dedicated effort to produce sports talents who can compete with the best in the world and bring glory for the country. Moved by the aspirations of 1.2 billion people of the country, in recent years there has been an increased impetus to propel Indian sports to the world stage. It is satisfying that KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), two iconic institutions, have made valuable contributions to promote sporting excellence. Driven by the farsightedness and vision of the Founder of KIIT & KISS, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, the two institutions have been placing a high importance of sports and games, besides academics, since their inception. Despite being prominent academic institutions, KIIT & KISS have engaged professional coaches and carefully created world-class infrastructure in multiple disciplines of sports. These include BCCI approved Cricket Stadium, FIH Global category certified Hockey Stadium, Synthetic Athletic Track (400m) and Olympic size Swimming Pool, among other facilities. KIIT & KISS Sports Department scouts talent from among students and Prof. Samanta personally insures that promising sports persons get everything they need to achieve their best. Our sportspersons have been striking big for the country in the recent years. Last month, KISS girls, particularly Sumitra Nayak, played a crucial role in India's first ever Div-1 Rugby 15-s victory in Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship in Manila. Earlier this month, star sprinter from KIIT Dutee Chand won India's first-ever Gold Medal in Athletics in the World University Games in Napoli (Italy). Both these historic achievements are results of over two decades of careful planning and effective mentoring. Incredibly, KIIT & KISS have about 5000 sportspersons active in about 30 disciplines. More than 100 of them have represented the country at various international meets. Many among them are waiting in the wings to make India proud, like Sumitra and Dutee have done.

KIIT's march from excellence to eminence continued as it entered another international university rankings - Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019. Earlier, it had already bagged good positions in the prestigious university publications such as Times Higher Education Young University Rankings and QS BRICS World University Rankings.

Prof. Samanta was conferred with Gandhi Mandela Award 2019 for Social Impact for his outstanding contributions in the field of philanthropy. He was also awarded Honorary Doctorate Degree from Belarus-based Vitebsk State University for commendable work in the field of education and social work. In a rare distinction, his sincere work and contributions were also appreciated in Lok Sabha.

KIIT & KISS' Incredible Contributions to SPORTS

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar are well-known across India and globe. KISS is known to all as the world's largest tribal residential institution providing accommodation, food, healthcare, and education from KG to PG, vocational training and all other basic amenities of life absolutely free to 50,000 tribal children (30,000 existing student and 20,000 alumni). KISS has become the first University exclusively for tribal students in India and in the entire world. Similarly, KIIT is one of the most promising institutions for technical and professional education in India, attracting students from about 50 countries.

Besides quality education, KIIT & KISS have been according a high importance to sports and games since their inception. The two institutions have created world-class sports infrastructure and have produced more than 5000 sports talents in over 30 disciplines, who have participated at international, national and regional level. It is a rare achievement to produce so many sports talents at a single place. KIIT & KISS students have been representing India and Odisha regularly at international and national level sports meets, including Olympics, Asian and Commonwealth Games.

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Ace sprinter from KIIT and Asian Games double Silver Medallist Dutee Chand with her mentor Achyuta Samanta.

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KISS has played an important role in popularizing Rugby in India. At the initiative of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Rugby was introduced to tribal students of the institute in 2006, at a time when this sports was not so popular in India. Ever since, the institute has been spawning Rugby talents, who have been making a mark at national and international level. "KISS Rugby players – both boys and girls – have brought laurels for India many times. They have been getting place in both Men and Women National Rugby Team for last 5 years and performing very well in national and international championships", says Prof. Samanta.



Achyuta Samanta introducing KISS Rugby players, who were members of the Indian team that won historic Bronze Medal in Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship, to the media at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.

Recently the Indian women's rugby team scripted history by clinching their first-ever international 15-s victory against higher ranked Singapore 21-19 and winning Bronze Medal at the Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship. The tournament was held in Manila, Philippines from June 17-23, 2019. Five students of KISS - Sumitra Nayak, Hupi Majhi, Rajani Sabar, Meerarani Hembram and Parbati Kisku - were the part of the Indian team. In fact, it was a penalty by KISS' Sumitra Nayak in the dying minutes of the match that sealed the narrow victory for India. Indian Women Rugby team, including Sumitra, have got praise from various spheres for this victory.

A media interaction with these five Rugby stars of KISS was held at Constitution Club of India, New

Delhi on June 29, 2019. Introducing Sumitra Nayak of KISS, Prof. Samanta described her struggles of life. Like Sumitra, each player from KISS also has an inspiring story behind her, he said.

KISS is trying its best to bring many unknown talents to the limelight and giving them international exposure since last 28 years. Due to dedicated and continuous efforts, today many students of KISS have been bringing laurels to Odisha as well as India in the field of sports and games.

**– Prof. Achyuta Samanta,
Founder, KIIT & KISS**

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KIIT girl brings pride & glory for India



Congratulations



Dutee Chand, KIIT Student

for Winning historic Women's 100m GOLD Medal in

30th Summer Universiade 2019

(World University Games), Napoli, Italy

She has become the first Indian to win **Gold Medal** in the 100 metre event at the World University Games

Dutee's post race reaction in media...

THE HINDU

"The focus will on 100m for sure even as I dedicate this medal to the Achyuta Samanta Sir (Founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Odisha) for all their support," she said.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

The fastest woman of the country dedicated medal to her university KIIT, its founder and BJD MP Achyuta Samanta and the people of the state.



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KIIT girl wins historic 100-metre Gold in World University Games

National record holder KIIT student Dutee Chand became the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win a Gold Medal in the World University Games. She won the 100 m dash beating stiff challenge from Ajla Del Ponte of Switzerland and Lisa Kwayie of Germany at the 30th Summer Universiade 2019 on July 10, 2019 in Napoli, Italy. She clocked a time of 11.32 seconds as she led the race from start to finish.

This is India's first gold medal at this edition of the meet. This is also the first time an Indian has won a 100-metre gold at this global event. No Indian had qualified for the 100-metre final in the history of the World University Games before this. On Monday, Dutee had moved into the semi-finals from the heats with a time of 11.58 seconds. Next day, she qualified for the final with a time of 11.41 seconds in the semi-final, which had made her the first Indian sprinter to make it to the final of World Universiade.

"I am happy to become the first girl ever to win Gold for India in World University Games. I dedicated this medal to my University KIIT, its founder Prof. Samantaji, who stood with me during my bad days, people of Odisha and thank CM Naveen Patnaikji for all his support. At the end, I will thank my parents and my coach Ramesh sir, Siba sir for all their blessings", she said soon after her win. In 2013, Prof. Samanta had spotted Dutee and brought her to KIIT, where she is pursuing law degree. Since then, he has been giving her all types of support and guiding her till today. She has rewritten history, he said, reacting to her newest achievement.

News of her historic victory triggered celebrations in KIIT & KISS. Congratulatory messages have poured in from all quarters. The President of India, Prime Minister of India, Chief Minister of Odisha and Union Sports Minister twitted congratulatory messages. Dutee has a season best of 11.26 seconds in the 100-metre discipline, recorded at Doha in April 2019, and a personal best of 11.24 seconds. She is a two-time Asian champion and the holder of the 100-metre national record. She had won two Silver Medals in 100m and 200m at the Asian Games last year. World University Games is the biggest multi-sport event on the planet after the Olympics.



President of India
@rashtrapatibhn

Congratulations @DuteeChand for winning the 100m sprint at the Universiade, the World University Games, in Naples. This is India's first such gold and a moment of immense pride for our country. Please keep up the effort, and look to greater glory at the Olympics #PresidentKovind



Narendra Modi @naren... · 9m
Exceptional achievement of an exceptional athlete!

Congratulations @DuteeChand for winning a hard earned and well deserved Gold in the Women's 100 m finals.

You make India proud! #Universiade @FISU



Governor Odisha @Gove... · 1d
Hon'ble Governor congratulates @DuteeChand on winning 100m gold at the #Universiade, the #WorldUniversityGames in Naples and wishes her greater glory in future.



Naveen Patnaik @Nav... · 30m
Congratulate ace #Odisha sprinter @DuteeChand on winning 100m gold at the ongoing World University Games, Naples. Wish her the best



Kiren Rijju @KirenRijju · 3h
I've been passionately following since my childhood but it never came. Finally, for the first time, a gold for India! Congratulations @DuteeChand for winning the 100m sprint at the Universiade, the World University Games, in Naples



Amitabh Bachchan ... · 11 Jul
another proud moment for INDIA .. congratulations !! INDIAN pride .. 🇮🇳🇮🇳🇮🇳



Achyuta Samanta @ach... · 9h
She writes history, then rewrites it! That's all @DuteeChand for all of us.

She scripted history by winning Gold (11.32 secs) in 100m event in World University Games at #Napoli. Onwards and upwards!

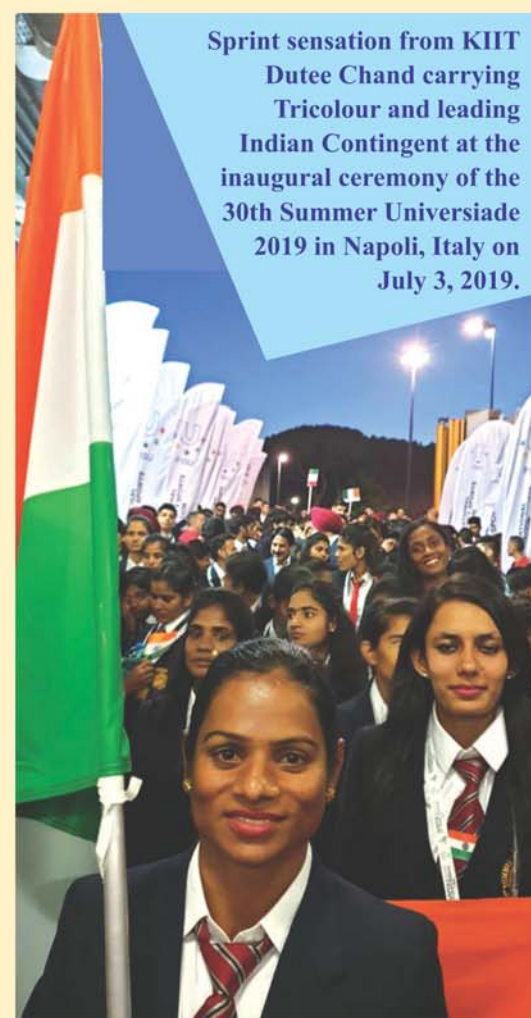
30th World University Games 2019

Dutee Flag-bearer of Indian Contingent

Dutee Chand, a student of KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, led the Indian contingent at the 30th World University Games 2019, which kicked off in Napoli, Italy from July 3. She was also the flag-bearer of India at the opening ceremony as the top achiever of the entire Indian contingent. Dutee, a double silver medalist at the 2018 Asian Games, is the only girl from Odisha representing India at the World University Games.

This is a matter of pride for Odisha and KIIT. Further, Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director Sports, KIIT has been appointed as Deputy Head of Delegation of the Indian Universities Team by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Similarly, Mr. Rudrakesh Jena, Asst. Director Sports, KISS will be the Delegation Official and Mr. Sanjay Garnaik, Chief Coach, Athletics, KIIT will be the Team Leader of Athletics (M/W) team. The selection trial of the Athletics (M/W) and Archery (M/W) teams were organized by KIIT Deemed to be University from April 2 – 5, 2019. Subsequently, coaching camp for both the groups was conducted at KIIT from June 22 – 29, 2019, which was attended by 51 players and 10 officials.



Sprint sensation from KIIT Dutee Chand carrying Tricolour and leading Indian Contingent at the inaugural ceremony of the 30th Summer Universiade 2019 in Napoli, Italy on July 3, 2019.



Members of the Indian Contingent with Achyuta Samanta at a press interaction in Bhubaneswar to wish them well for the campaign.

KIIT & KISS officials in Indian Contingent



Dr. Gaganendu Dash
Director Sports, KIIT
Deputy Head of Delegation



Mr. Rudrakesh Jena
Asst. Director Sports, KISS
Delegation Official



Mr. Sanjay Garnaik
Chief Coach, Athletics, KIIT
Team Leader of Athletics (M/W)

Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship

KISS Girl Powers India to First International 15s Win

Indian Women's Rugby Team scored its historic first Test win in the 15s format - a hard-earned, thrilling 21-19 victory over higher ranked Singapore at Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship played in Manila, Philippines on June 22, 2019. The 19-year old Rugby star from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) showed nerveless poise when called upon to take a crucial penalty in the dying minutes, which secured India its first-ever international win in the 80-minute traditional format. Sumitra's place-kick was the difference between a win and a loss.

Four other students of KISS, besides Sumitra Nayak, were members of the Indian Women's Rugby Team: Hupi Majhi, Rajani Sabar, Meerarani Hembram and Parbati Kisku.

India which led at 18-12, had let in a try (7 pts) after kicking a penalty for 3 more (score 18-19), and trailed by a point with 5 minutes to go. India's first full test (XVs) was last year, and the team had lost to

Singapore (30-10), Philippines (19-10), Philippines again two days back (32-27) since then. In the words of the doughty, resilient national captain Vahbiz Bharucha, "Until now, we were moving up and then coming back, shuttling between progressing and regressing, just not going ahead."

Vahbiz had ensured the 18-12 lead earlier, as India successfully sustained a stable scrum, and 18-year-old speed sensation Sweetie Kumari picked the ball wide in open spaces and touched down for beautifully confident tries. But the forwards were tiring, and Sumitra, an

ebullient scrum-half with no shortage of confidence, sensed the penalty she was about to take at 18-19, was a make-or-break. Sumitra would step up to take the place-kick, some 25 metres out and at a slight angle, not straight as a rod.

"I wanted to desperately help the forwards because 80 minutes in that heat is tiring. Bobby didi (captain Vahbiz) had the option of tap-in but we decided I'd go for the 3-pointer place kick. I wasn't sure because I'd practiced for it only yesterday," she recalls the moment. Back home, she hadn't trained with the precise kicking-tee, a specialized perch for spot

"I come from a very poor family, and education, equality were always a distant dream for me. Everything happened because of Samanta sir and my mother. They are my inspiration and source of encouragement. They supported me throughout, taught me to dream big and work harder in order to achieve the desired goals. Sir has given us all facilities including education, sports at free of cost. Apart from that, international coaches from different countries were brought to train us for international matches."

**-- Sumitra Nayak,
Rugby Player from KISS**



Members of Indian Women's Rugby team with Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.

"We get all the infrastructure and facilities at our institute but still we want more support from India for this game as we have sacrificed so much. After demise of my mother in 1999, my father sent me to an orphanage. In 2006, I got admitted in KISS and since then I am studying and playing Rugby here. I have played Rugby 7 times for India so far."

-- Meerarani Hembram, Rugby Player from KISS



Rugby queen of KISS Sumitra Nayak with her mentor Achyuta Samanta.

kicks (at angles like a sprinter's starting block), and made do with cones. "But I suddenly felt confident, and bhagwaan ka naam leke, I just went for it," she says.

It was a kick taken without any visible hesitation, a rather cool tonk like a Dhoni sixer. "I blocked out every doubting voice. I think I blocked out encouraging voices too because it was noisy, and I got the job done," she chuckles. India went up 21-19 and ran down the clock for a third-place in the Division 1 event. India is ranked 47 to Singapore's 33, and this win should bump up their ranking a bit.

"I've been in similar situations," the team's South African coach Naas Botha explains adding, "it's like a winning drop-kick or a winning penalty in the World Cup football final. Or yes, the last-ball six."

Sumitra Nayak: From Shanty Slums to Rugby Queen

For 19-year old Sumitra Nayak, rugby is the only identity in her life. She can't imagine a day without it. Every day she practices in the morning and evening, but Sunday is a rest day. She had been the skipper of the Under-18 India women's rugby team.

She was born in Odisha's Jajpur district and lived under abject poverty, barely surviving on two-square meals a day. Her father, a drunkard, used to return home late and often abuse the mother and beat her. When she could not bear any more, she brought siblings and Sumitra to Bhubaneswar. Sumitra was only four years old at that time.

In a new city, with a lifestyle much different than in her village, Sumitra's mother Gayatri, initially struggled for a job. Unable to find any, she was forced to work as a maid for long hours, in order to provide basic facilities to her children.

While working at one of the houses, Gayatri learnt about KISS and its facilities, and enrolled Sumitra in 2008, without a second thought. Sumitra was instantly drawn to a 'strange game,' which her friends informed was called 'rugby,' and soon the girl from the slums was very interested in the sport. She is fondly called as 'Rugby Rani (queen)' by her mentor Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.

It was love at first sight with rugby for her. Though she loved physical sports, she couldn't play any games in the village, because girls were not given that freedom. Even if she showed interest, the villagers would comment that sport is not for girls. Fortunately for Sumitra, she had the backing of her mother, who asked her to break the notions of the society and follow her heart.



Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha felicitating seven players from Odisha who were members of the Indian team that won historic Bronze Medal in Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship 2019.



Sumitra started rugby practice in 2009, but found it difficult to master the skills. Not ready to back off, she then turned to her coach Rudrakesh Jena of KISS and walked the extra mile to become a credible player. In 2012, she played her first State match. Two years later, she participated in the U-13 Women's Rugby World Cup, followed by the National Championship and the National School Games. She helped her team clinch bronze medal in the Asian Girls Rugby Sevens (U-18) held in Dubai.

"I think my coach Nasser (Hussain) sir liked my leadership quality and so I was chosen the skipper. It was a pleasant surprise," says Sumitra, who is currently pursuing graduation in Political Science Honours from the KISS, which is also India's first university exclusively for tribal students.

Sumitra's unbending attitude towards troubles became an inspiration and last year she was invited to deliver a Ted Talk in Pune and was introduced as a 'dreamer, achiever and a trend setter.' On how life has changed post Rugby, Sumitra says, "I don't know if my life has changed. I rather feel, rugby has given meaning to my life. In fact, for me, rugby is life.

Sumitra's mother learnt about KISS and its facilities, and enrolled her in 2008, without a second thought. Sumitra was instantly drawn to a 'strange game,' which her friends informed was called 'rugby,' and soon the girl from the slums was very interested in the sport. She is fondly called as 'Rugby Rani (queen)' by her mentor Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.

12th KIIT International Chess Festival



Winners of the 12th KIIT International Chess Festival 2019 - GM Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo, GM Neverov Valeriy and GM Ter-Sahakyan Samvel - with Shri Naba Kisore Das, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha; Shri Padmanabha Behera, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Transport; Shri Samir Ranjan Dash, Hon'ble Minister of School & Mass Education and other dignitaries at the presentation ceremony.

The 12th Edition of KIIT International Chess Festival 2019 came to a close on June 7, 2019. The prestigious tournament, held at KIIT Campus from May 31 to June 7, was jointly organized by All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA) and KIIT Deemed to be University. GM Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo (8 points) of Venezuela bagged the Champions Trophy with Rs. 2 lakh cash prize in "A" Category, while GM Neverov Valeriy (8) of Ukraine and GM Ter-Sahakyan Samvel (8) of Armenia bagged 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. They received trophy with cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and Rs. 80,000 respectively.

The valedictory session was graced by Shri Naba Kisore Das, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha; Shri Padmanabha Behera, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Transport; and Shri Samir Ranjan Dash, Hon'ble Minister of School & Mass Education in the presence of Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT Deemed to be University; Shri Sekhar Sahu, Tournament Director & Vice President-AICF; Shri Debabrata Bhatta, Hony. Secretary, All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA) and Shri Ranjan Mohanty, Vice President, AOCA.

The players of Odisha excelled in Category "C". Bishal Pattnaik (8.5 points) bagged the Champions trophy with cash prize of Rs. 60,000, while Miracle Panda (8) bagged the

runners up trophy with Rs. 40,000 cash prize and Satyam Prakash of Delhi placed in 3rd position and received Rs. 30,000 cash prize.

The tournament was inaugurated on June 7 by Achyuta Samanta in the presence of Shri Debasish Samantray, President, AOCA; Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan, Secretary (Hon), All India Chess Federation (AICF); Shri Manmeet S Goinid, Director, SAI, NSEC, Kolkata; Shri Sekhar Chandra Sahoo, Tournament Director and Ms. Dutee Chand, Olympian. "KIIT & KISS have been promoting sports, games, and players of Odisha from its inception. It is a matter of pride that the two institutions have produced more than 5000 sportspersons representing national and international and state in various sports", informed

Grandmasters, International Masters, Woman Grand Masters & Woman International Masters from 30 different countries participated in the tournament. The prize money of Rs. 25, 00,000 was the main attraction.



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Around 3000 players, guardians and officials attended the event. The participating countries included India, Tajikistan, Czech Republic, Armenia, Belgium, U.S.A, Spain, Venezuela, Russia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia, Vietnam, Chile, Afghanistan, South Africa, Singapore, Greece, Japan, Philippines, South Korea, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar and Mongolia.

All games were played in International Chess Hall, Campus 15 (B) and in KIIT International School campuses. KIIT has world-class facilities for hosting international level Chess tournaments. Besides successfully hosting past 11 editions of KICF, FIDE World Junior Chess Championship 2016 and several other international tournaments have been held here.



KiiT-IS Girl Saina Salonika Bags Maiden International Master Norm

Woman FIDE Master Saina Salonika of KiiT International School bagged her maiden Woman International Master (WIM) Norm in the Goa International Grandmaster Chess Tournament on June 24, 2019. Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa handed over the Norm Certificate to Saina at a glittering closing ceremony in Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Goa.

Saina got the norm in the Ninth Round of the match by drawing with Niranjana Navalgund. In the tournament, she defeated four players including one Woman Grand Master Babiy Olga of Ukraine and drew with three players including two Grand Masters Debasis Das and P Kartikeyan. In the process, she gained valuable 85 rating points.

Saina has 15 international Medals in her kitty till date. She is a student of KIIT International School Bhubaneswar and hails from Sulan village of Hatadihi block in Keonjhar district.



Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa presenting Woman International Master (WIM) Norm to Saina Salonika.

Rutaparna Wins Double Titles in Senior Ranking Badminton

Rutaparna Panda of KIIT Deemed to be University won women's double title in the All India Senior Ranking Badminton tournament in Hyderabad. She teamed up with Gayatri Gopichand Pullela. They defeated current National Champions Shikha and Ashwini 19-21, 21-14, 21-10.

Rutaparna has been playing Badminton from a young age and has played at many international events. A player from KIIT, she has trained at the Pullela Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad. Her partner, Gayatri who clinched her maiden singles title, is the daughter of the legendary player Gopichand Pullela.

Earlier in March, she had also won double and mixed double titles at the All India Senior Doubles Ranking Badminton Tournament in Lucknow.



Shooting Star of KIIT - Shriyanka Sarangi

KIIT girl Shriyanka Sarangi won Gold Medal in Senior Women (Individual) category of 10m Air Rifle event at the XIX Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi from June 16 - July 1, 2019.

Earlier in May, Shriyanka had brought laurels to the State and country by winning medals at the International

Shooting Competition of Hannover in Germany. She had won Gold Medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event, partnering with Gagan Narang and Silver Medal in the 10m Air Rifle women individual event.

In the same month, she had won Gold Medal in 10m Air Rifle Mixed and Silver Medal in 50m Mixed Rifle events with Gagan Narang at the 50th Grand Prix of Liberation Shooting Competition at Plzen, Czech Republic.



Podium finish for KIIT shooter Shriyanka Sarangi in New Delhi, Czech Republic and Germany.

KISS Judoka Selected for Commonwealth Judo Championship 2019

Nitya Majhi has been selected in Indian Team in 46 kg Pre-Cadet Boys for the upcoming Commonwealth Judo Championship going to held from September 22 – 30, 2019 in Birmingham, UK. Nitya (13), a class 10 student of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), was selected in the ongoing trials of Judo Federation of India at National Bal Bhawan, Kotla, New Delhi from July 7, 2019. He made it to the Indian team by defeating judokas from Haryana, Maharashtra and Delhi.

He joined KISS in 2010 in standard-1. Nitya was regularly trained in Judo since 2013 by his coach Kandan Murmu. This year, England is hosting the Commonwealth Judo Championship, where 1,000 athletes are expected to compete in various categories such as pre-cadet, cadet, junior, senior, veteran



Nitya Majhi

and visually impaired judoka. Nitya hails from a very poor tribal family of Murudimaha village in Tumudibandha Block of Kandhamal district. His father Abraham Majhi and mother Pusali manage their family by farming.

Nitya has won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in State level Judo Competitions and also participated in National level competitions. Expressing happiness over the success of Nitya, Achyuta Samanta said, proper care and training result in success, which has been proved by our students. He congratulated Nitya and wished him success.

Gandhi Mandela Award 2019 to KIIT & KISS Founder

Gandhi Mandela Award 2019 for Social Impact has been conferred on Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. He received the award in 'Philanthropy Space' at a special presentation ceremony in New Delhi on July 11, 2019. This award is conceived and conceptualized by Gandhi Mandela Peace Initiative by Believe Foundation, Dr. Raman Bhai Patel Foundation, Africa Rising Foundation, Sunday Guardian Foundation and Godrej.

The Gandhi Mandela Peace initiative is an annual event brought together by Dr. Annurag Batra of Believe Foundation (India) and Tarina Patel of Dr. Ramanbhai Patel Foundation (South Africa) to celebrate victory of love over hatred and celebrate 150 years of Gandhi and 100 years of Mandela's inspirational lives.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS receiving the Gandhi Mandela Award 2019 for Social Impact in New Delhi on July 11, 2019

The event confers the Gandhi Mandela Peace Initiative Awards to global leaders every year. The jury of the Gandhi Mandela Peace Initiative Awards 2019 was led by Arif Mohammed Khan (Public Intellectual) with participation of Savita Hiremath (Filmmaker), Tarina Patel (Actor), Dr. Annurag Batra (Publisher), Bhuvan Lall (Author) and Manoharan Moses (Journalist). Expressing his happiness, Prof. Samanta said, "I dedicate this award to my warriors in my mission against hunger, poverty and illiteracy, a cause to which I am married to". He thanked The Gandhi Mandela Peace Initiative for the honour.

Mega Plantation Utsav at KIIT & KISS

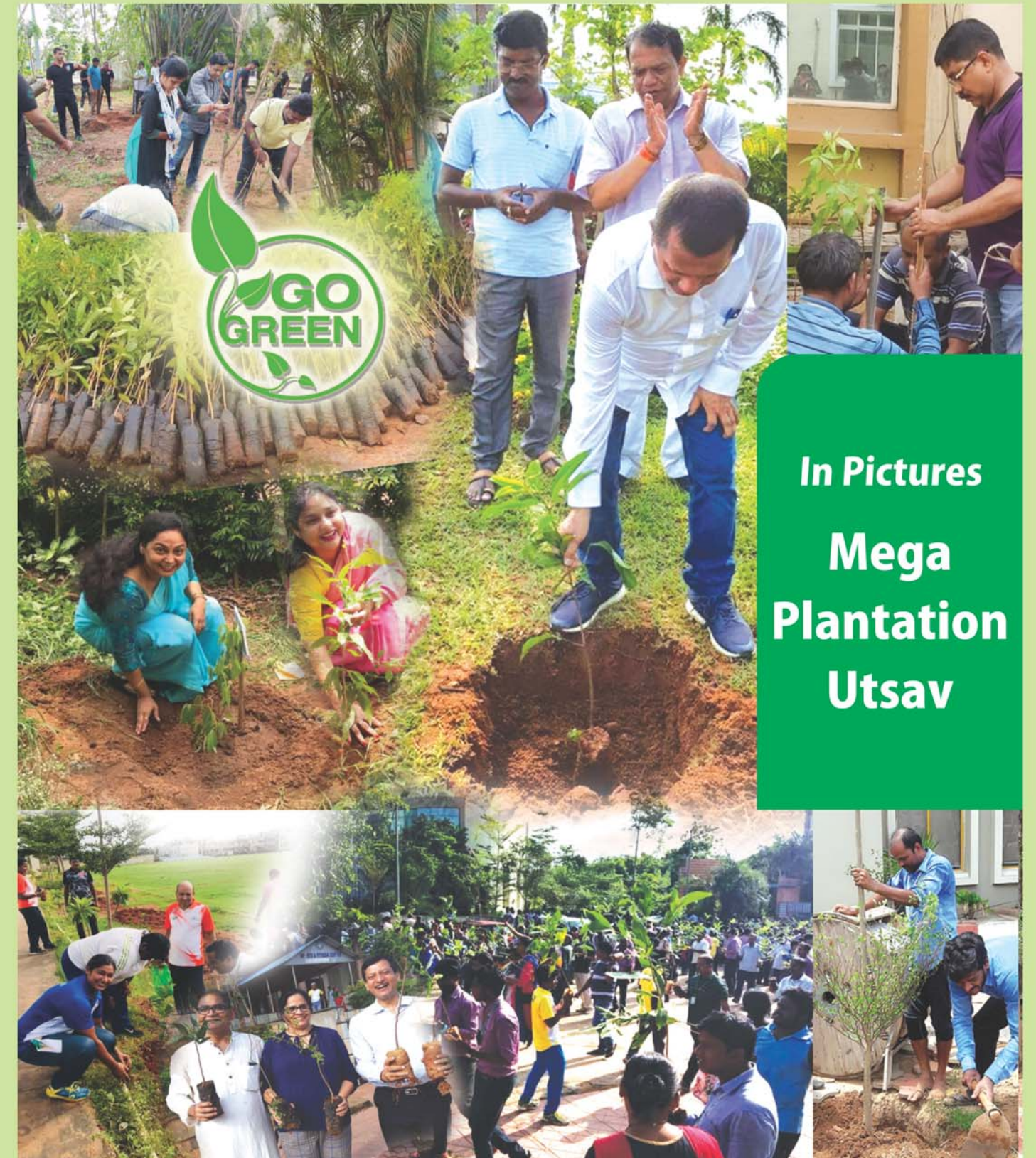


Prof. Achyuta Samanta inaugurating the Mega Plantation Utsav at KIIT & KISS on July 13, 2019.

A Mega Plantation Utsav with the slogan 'Go Green; Greater Involvement' was held at KIIT & KISS on July 13, 2019. More than 10,000 staff of KIIT, KISS and KIMS participated in the drive and planted saplings of Neem, Ashoka, Pistachio, Pomegranate and other plants in various campuses as well as other areas of Bhubaneswar as a responsibility to contribute their bit in the 'Go Green' initiative. The staff also planted saplings in their own homes and residential areas.

During cyclone 'Fani', lakhs of trees were uprooted resulting in loss of greenery in and around KIIT campuses. Inaugurating the

plantation drive, Prof. Achyuta Samanta said, natural beauty had always been an exclusive feature of KIIT & KISS until Cyclone 'Fani' destroyed the green cover of these two landmark institutions. With a vow to restore the lost greenery in the two institutions and to beautify the landscape of KIIT and the capital city Bhubaneswar, it has been decided to plant and nurture more trees than what were lost within this year.



In Pictures
Mega
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KIIT & KISS Founder Awarded Hon. Doctorate Degree from Vitebsk State University, Belarus

KIIT & KISS Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta has been conferred prestigious Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) by Belarus-based Vitebsk State University on July 2, 2019. This degree was awarded on the occasion of the Triumph Day of Belarus at a vivid ceremony specially organized for the purpose. On the occasion, the honour was received by Dr. Satyendra Patnaik, Advisor to the Founder, in the absence of Prof. Samanta. According to the University sources, this award has been bestowed to Prof. Samanta for his commendable work in the field of education and social work. While Vitebsk State University is 169 years old Institution, he has become the first person from Odisha to get the coveted Hon. Doctorate Degree from any University in Belarus. For this honour conferred to him, Prof. Samanta has expressed his gratitude to the University. "It is another recognition to my three decade long philanthropic work", he remarked.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta Extends Helping Hand to Padma Shri Daitari Naik



Like Dashrath Manjhi of Bihar is widely known as the "Mountain Man", Padma Shri Daitari Naik of Talabaitarani village of Gonasika GP under Banshapal Block in Keonjhar District is popularly known as "Canal Man of Odisha". A person, who had once made news headlines by dint of his superhuman feat, has again adorned newspaper pages recently, but this time for a different reason.

Despite bagging coveted national award like Padma Shri, Daitari had to struggle hard to eke out a living for his family. Along with his wife, he used to prepare dried mango juice, plates by sewing together sal leaves and later selling those along with forest produces that they collected in nearby market to sustain themselves. According to an Odia Daily Newspaper (Samaja, dated 24th June, 2019) sources, the Padma Shri awardee was striving hard to make both ends meet and languishing under acute financial crisis. The desperate Daitari had no option, but to live on termites which he used to

collect from the termite mounds as well as egg of tree-ants in the vicinity of his habitat.

On reading such agonizing tale of Daitari, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS was shocked for Daitari whose ordeal touched his heart. On June 30, 2019, he met Daitari at KISS. He immediately donated Rs. 4000 to Daitari and assured him to provide pension of Rs. 3000 every month on behalf of KISS Foundation. Besides, Prof. Samanta has requested the Collector and District Magistrate of Keonjhar to extend him Govt. assistance, whatever it may be.

Moreover, on the request of Daitari, Prof. Samanta assured to enroll two of his grandsons in KISS apart from providing a job to another grandson. Commenting on these developments, Daitari, who heaved a sigh of relief said, at last somebody extended helping hand to him after knowing about his woes from the media. In the context, Daitari expressed his gratitude to Prof. Samanta for such precious and much needed help.

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Work of KISS & its Founder Appreciated in Parliament

Good work and good people are always appreciated every time and everywhere. The works of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and its Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta have been lauded at various forums at different times. The works of KISS and Prof. Samanta were once again appreciated in Lok Sabha during the question hour on June 26, 2019.

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former Union Minister mentioned KISS and Prof. Samanta by appreciating the work of both, while delivering his speech in Lok Sabha on the country's preparation for 2020 Olympics. The BJP MP said, "Our fellow member from Odisha Dr. Samanta is providing free education to 25000 tribal children. Our parliamentarian friend Dr. Samanta has been providing free training to 10,000 tribal students free of cost in various sports and games



Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament praised Prof. Achyuta Samanta and KISS in his speech in Lok Sabha on June 26, 2019.

since last three years". The members present in the house supported Shri Rudy by thumping the table. Later, Prof. Samanta met Shri Rudy and thanked him.

Earlier in April 7, 2017, Dr. Virendra Kumar, the senior most BJP MP from

Madhya Pradesh had also appreciated the work of KISS and Prof. Samanta in Parliament during a discussion on tribal development. Discussion on any individual or organization in Parliament is an important thing. This is a matter of pride for Odisha and every Odia people.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta Raises the Issue of Rail Connectivity to Kandhamal

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament, Kandhamal in his maiden speech in Lok Sabha raised the issue of rail connectivity to Kandhamal, a longstanding demand of people of the district. Rail connectivity will boost development, economic prosperity and tourism.

Speaking during Zero Hour in Lok Sabha on June 27, 2019, Prof. Samanta said, "The population of Kandhamal is dominated by Adivasis, with roughly 80% of them belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe. About 39 years ago, the then Prime Minister had promised to connect Phulbani, the administrative headquarters of Kandhamal district, by rail. Since then, various surveys have been conducted, but there has been no progress made. I request the Railway Minister to kindly take this issue up as it



TV grab of Prof. Achyuta Samanta delivering his maiden speech in Lok Sabha.

will benefit the constituency in many aspects." Stating that people of Kandhamal have longstanding dream to see the railway line in the district, he urged the Union Railway Minister to take

initiative in this direction. He suggested connecting Phulbani to Purunakatak by rail annex and thereby linking it to Khurda-Balangir line.

'Kanya Kiran' for Global Awareness: Prof. Achyuta Samanta



Ms. Anuradha Biswal, Olympian; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary at the flag-off ceremony of the State-wide awareness programme 'Kanya Kiran' in Bhubaneswar on June 10, 2019.

KIIT & KISS successfully conducted the third edition of 'Kanya Kiran', a state-wide programme to stop violence against women and girl children, from June 10 - 12, 2019. Speaking at the flag off ceremony for the coordinators, volunteers and participants, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS informed that the mega awareness programme will be carried out across the globe from next year. Violence against women and girl child has no place in civilized society, he stated, while eliciting support from general public to insure zero incidence of this social plague.

Addressing the audience, Anuradha Biswal, Olympian said, KIIT & KISS has always been doing something new for the betterment of the society. Today the time has come to give importance on girl child, she said. Kanya Kiran is also another valuable initiative and concept of Prof. Samanta to spread awareness on violence against women and girl child. She thanked him for this noble concept. Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT Deemed to be University said, the earth is proceeding with the proper coordination with Nature, People and Technology. We have to maintain the balance with these three systems, otherwise we will face many problems, she added. Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS also spoke on the occasion.

'Kanya Kiran' was launched by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in association with UN Women and Kalinga Fellowship in all the 30 districts of Odisha on June 10. In a mobilization of scale and spread unheard of before, the programme covered all the Panchayats of the State, spreading awareness on social evils of violence against women and girl child among millions of households. Over 3000 staff of KISS and KIIT, particularly women staff were actively involved as coordinators and volunteers. They disseminated the message at household level in villages amid overwhelming response.

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Founder, KIIT & KISS**

Last year the Kanya Kiran awareness programme was continued whole the year in different places. The awareness programme 'Kanya Kiran' has been successful in touching the public conscience and it will have a positive impact on curbing the problem of violence against women and girl child, said intellectuals.

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Ms. Anuradha Biswal, Olympian speaking on the occasion.



'Kanya Kiran'

Awareness Programme Across All the Districts of Odisha



Jagatsinghpur



Rourkela



Kandhamal



Baranga



Jajpur



Ganjam



Nayagarh



Khurda



Patrapada



Birsa Munda Basti, Sahid Nagar



Odagaon, Nayagarh



Jaleswar, Balasore

Preparations in Full Swing for 39th World Congress of Poets in KIIT & KISS



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS in discussion with Dr. Maurus Young, President of World Congress of Poets in Taiwan on May 29, 2019.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta presenting a memento to Dr. Yu Hsi, Patron, World Congress of Poets & President, World Academy of Arts and Culture. He also formally invited Dr. Hsi to the 39th WCP in Bhubaneswar.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS met Dr. Maurus Young, President of World Congress of Poets in Taiwan on May 29, 2019 in the run up to the organization of the 39th World Congress of Poets in KIIT & KISS later this year. This mega global meet, to be held in KIIT & KISS in October 2019, will be attended by more than 500 poets, writers and Noble Laureates from 100 countries. Besides that, 2000 writers and poets from India and another 2000 from Odisha are expected to join.

During his visit to Taiwan, Prof. Samanta also met Dr. Yu Hsi, Patron, World Congress of Poets & President, World Academy of Arts and Culture and formally invited him to the 39th World Congress of Poets in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Dr. Hsi is an accomplished writer, poet, producer, director, and photographer, and has authored more than 60 books.

The World Academy of Arts and Culture (WAAC), a UNESCO-affiliated body, and KIIT & KISS will jointly organise the 39th WCP. Founded in 1969, WAAC auspices the World Congress of Poets (WCP). Its Golden Jubilee will be celebrated along with the 39th WCP in 2019. This is only

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It is proposed to hold the inaugural ceremony on October 2, 2019 coinciding with the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It has been planned to hold a session on tourism poetry at Konark and a session on spiritual poetry in Puri to promote tourism and culture of Odisha, in particular, and of India, in general.

Because of huge infrastructure and other facilities in KIIT & KISS, it has been organizing hundreds of very prominent national and international seminars,

workshops and conferences since last 10 year. KIIT has hosted prestigious national and international meets like 99th Indian Science Congress in 2012 with 20000 academicians from across India and abroad. It was a fabulous meet organised flawlessly by KIIT. Similarly, KISS has organized Commonwealth Big Lunch in 2018 where High Commissioners from 50 Commonwealth countries had lunch with 27000 tribal students of KISS at one time and at one place. Informing about the meet, Prof. Samanta said, "It is a matter of pride that KIIT & KISS will be hosting the 39th World Congress of Poets in India from October 2, 2019 coinciding with the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi".

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KISS Posts 100% Result in +2 Arts & Commerce

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has recorded an impressive performance in +2 Arts & Commerce Examinations conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha this academic session. The institute posted 100% result in the two streams.

KISS has been achieving such superlative feat for last so many years. This year, Basanti Marndi and Beauty Pradhan topped Commerce and Arts stream respectively by securing 83% marks each. In general, girls outshone boys. Significantly, all the students belonging to primitive tribal groups, who wrote

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Prof. Harekrushna Satapathy, Vice Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University distributing sweets among the successful students.

the examination, have passed. This time, seven such students, including three girls each from Arts & Commerce, have passed in first division.

Earlier, KISS students had posted excellent result in +2 Science also with 90% student passing the examination. Liza Singh of Gajapati district had topped the exams from KISS.

Achyuta Samanta congratulated the successful students, while expressing happiness over impressive pass record of KISS. He attributed the success to the hard work of the students, proper guidance of faculty, staff and, above all, the blessings of God upon these children of nature.

KISS Student Selected to Study in US



Sanjukta Singh with Achyuta Samanta.

Sanjukta Singh, a tribal student of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), has been selected to study in Weiss High School in Pflugerville, Texas for the next academic session. She was offered a seat after qualifying for Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program hosted by AFS

Intercultural Programs. She was selected for higher study in Weiss High School after passing rigorous qualifying process consisting of written tests and interviews.

Sanjukta cleared HSC examination this year securing 80% marks. She belongs to a poor Bhumija tribal family in Nuapadhi village of Remuna Block of Balasore district. She lost her father and her mother managed the family working as a daily labour. She will get higher education with full scholarship from the US Govt. She joined KISS in 2011 in standard 3. Later in 2016, she was admitted in English Access Programme, a US Govt. micro-scholarship programme, at KISS.

Expressing his satisfaction over the success of Sanjukta, Achyuta Samanta

said, KISS strives to empower talented but poor tribal kids to achieve their full potential. The institute has helped many of its students, most of them orphaned tribal kids, to travel to the US and pursue their education there. Sanjukta's success proves that with proper support even poor and underprivileged students can travel across the world and pursue their dreams, he said. Now Sanjukta has become the pride of KISS and for the entire tribal community.

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Instilling Research Outlook for Faculty Empowerment Faculty Development Programme 2019



(From L) Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT Deemed to be University; Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister, Sports & Youth Services and Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development and Higher Education; Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Acharya, Pro-Chancellor; Prof. Hrushikesh Mohanty, Vice Chancellor; and Prof. Jayanta Parida, Director, Quality Assurance Cell at the inaugural ceremony of the Faculty Development Programme on June 23, 2019.

KIIT Deemed to be University organized its annual Faculty Development Program – 2019 from June 23 – 29, 2019. The Program, with 'Instilling Research Outlook for Faculty Empowerment' as its theme, was inaugurated on June 23 by Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development and Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha in the presence of Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister, Sports & Youth Services and Electronics & Information Technology and other dignitaries.

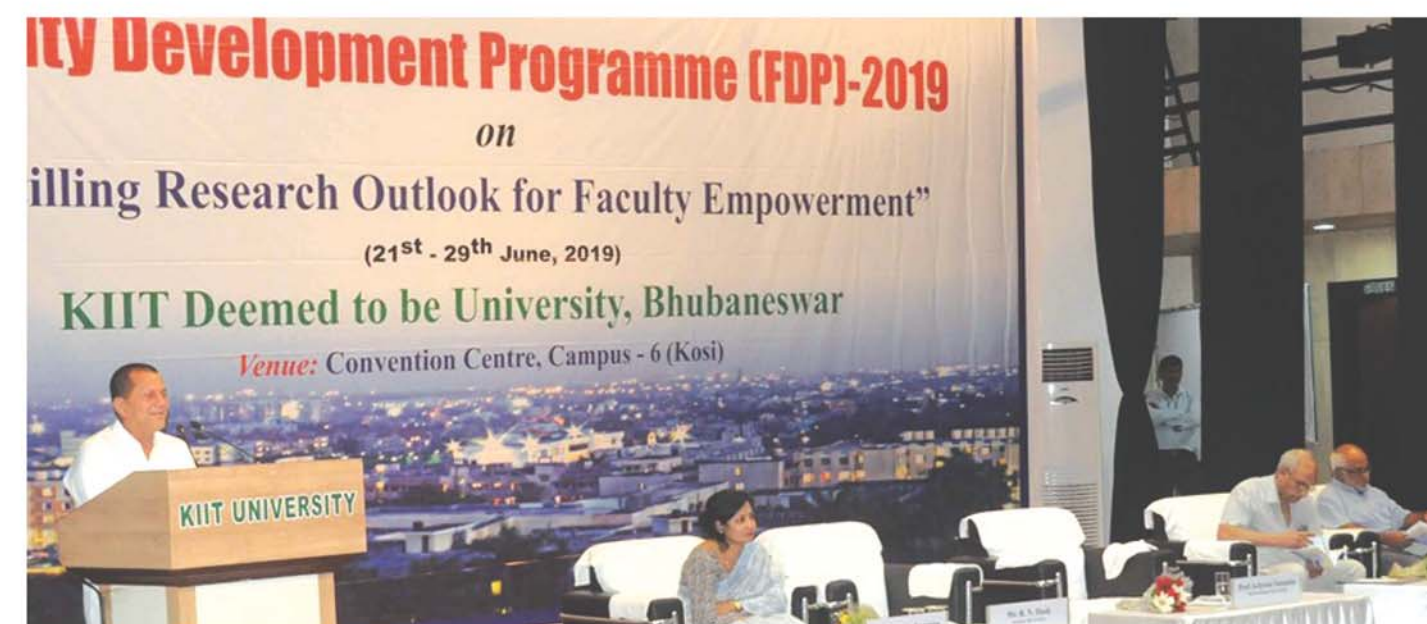
Achyuta Samanta addressed the faculty of KIIT at the closing ceremony of FDP on June 29. Faculty Development Programme is an annual programme conducted by KIIT to strengthen knowledge and skill of all the faculties to impart qualitative education programme.

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Govt. of Odisha said, though there has been a lot of development in the fields of education and research, we lack miserably in values. The whole world has become a global village with stiff competition prevailing everywhere. But rather than raw competition, it should be cooperative in nature, he stated. "Knowledge economy in general and Information Technology (IT) in particular is going to dominate the world of trade in the days to come. Like erstwhile Nalanda University, KIIT Deemed to be University is gradually heading to be the most sought after destination for learners all across the globe and it will guide the promising students in right direction", Dr. Sahoo added. "KIIT has become a Human Resource Development factory in the

eastern India. In today's world there is a dire need of research so that challenges of the time can be met. We should adopt advanced technologies, including Internet of Things, in the next 2-3 years in order to make Odisha an IT hub in eastern India. Besides, we must go for change so that we can ensure sustainable development and visualize a progressive Odisha", suggested Shri Tusharkanti Behera in his deliberations. In his presidential address, Prof. S. K. Acharya, Pro-Chancellor, KIIT Deemed to be University underlined the nobility of the illuminating personalities of two of our charismatic former Presidents of India - Prof. S. Radhakrishnan and Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Teachers' Day is celebrated on the birthday of Prof. Radhakrishnan, who himself was a great teacher and had shaped the lives of many eminent persons. On the other hand, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam had once said that, he would like to be a teacher rather than anything else if given another chance in life. Teaching profession is simply the noblest among all and placed the stature of Guru (teacher) above the rest, he concluded.



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Registrar, KIIT Deemed to
be University

Prof. Hrushikesha Mohanty, Vice Chancellor remarked, while the parents look for employment, the nation looks for skills. The students ought to possess skills to bring change in the society. He emphasized on revisiting education policy and restructuring work culture. KIIT has been providing efficient and talented professionals to the country, Prof. Mohanty added.

Earlier, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, said, the purpose of the program is to enlighten and empower the faculties to deliver their best. In order to make them academic powerhouses, they should be shaped as institutions by themselves. Moreover, they are expected to transform the knowledge. Prof. Jayanta Parida, Director, Quality Assurance Cell, KIIT proposed the vote of thanks.



IBDP Students Excel in KiiT International School

Once again, KiiT International School students excelled in their IBDP examination with the highest score of 40 points awarded to Sweta Moda.

The brilliant performance of the students with several students scoring the coveted 7 points (highest score possible in a subject) in individual subjects and the also highest grade of A in the core underlines the excellence in the implementation of IBDP diploma program by all the stakeholders – students, teachers and parents. Sidhant Suar, Sweta Moda with a perfect grade of A in the Extended Essay justified the core of the diploma program.

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hard work, exceptional academic integrity and unstinted support from the teachers backed by the school management with the cooperation and faith of the parents helped to ensure excellence in the best global curriculum.

As the only school in the state providing a global curriculum, it is indeed reassuring for future IB students and parents, and the institution stands apart as a true global learning platform. Expressing his happiness over the success, Prof. Achyuta Samnata, Founder, KiiT & KISS congratulated IBDP students and the entire team.

It is a combined effort of entire IBDP team, Chairperson Dr. Mona Lisa Bal and Principal Dr. Sanjay Suar, he added.

KiiT-IS Student Wins Diva Miss India Title 2019

Soumya Pradhan, a student of KiiT International School, won the 'Diva Miss India Title 2019', the Grand Finale of which was held at Haldwani, Uttarakhand. She was selected from Odisha as a finalist of this beauty pageant open for girls from 16 – 30 years of age. There were 21 contestants from across India and Soumya was the youngest among all.

After four days of grooming segment, participants performed on July 3 at its Grand Finale, where Soumya was adjudged the winner. Not only this, she got movie offers from Bollywood (Balaji Telefilms), Tollywood and Punjabi movies immediately.



KiiT International School student Soumya Pradhan

13th Foundation Day of KiiT International School

Stress Management is Need of the Hour: Mr. Virendra Mehata

Stress management is the need of the hour, said Virendra Kumar Mehata of Shabaash India reality show fame on the occasion of 13th Foundation Day of KiiT International School. Addressing the students, he said, "You should have good habits and good lifestyle to achieve your goals."

One should have desire, determination and direction to be successful in achieving the goal. One should follow highest work ethics". Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT and KISS said, students should try to be a good human being. Therefore, the students should inculcate all the good qualities during their student lives.

At the outset, the Chairperson of KiiT-IS, Dr. Mona Lisa Bal emphasized on the need to weave a strong sense of values in young people to help them manage with the pressures of the time. The Principal of KiiT-IS, Dr. Sanjay Suar shared the uniqueness' of the school and also outlined the aspirations and goals in the years to come, recognizing



(From L) Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School; Mr. Virendra Kumar Mehata, Eminent Author, Speaker and Vedic Trainer; Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS; Mr. Pradip Kumar Das, Director, KiiT-IS and Dr. Sanjay Suar, Principal, KiiT-IS at the 13th Foundation Day function of the School on July 1, 2019.

the role of the team in the growth of an institution. Among others, Pradip Kumar Das, Director, KiiT-IS also spoke on the occasion.

This was followed by the swearing in ceremony of the Students' Cabinet and the prefects. The flag march from the aisles created a flutter as every eye strained to catch a glimpse of the spectacle. The investiture closed with

the flags being placed in the flag post, followed by pinning of the badges. The Head boy and Head girl addressed the gathering. The academic and all round toppers were awarded prizes and certificates amidst deafening applause. To top it up to perfection, various members of the fraternity, faculty and staff, were also felicitated for their contribution to the School.



'Best Clinical Case' Award for KIMS Doctor



Dr. Anupam Jena, Consultant Cardiologist and Electrophysiologist, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) has been awarded the prestigious 'Best Clinical Case' award by the Korea Heart Rhythm Society (KHRS) for successfully operating a rare cardiac arrest case. The award was given to Dr. Jena at the 11th Annual Scientific Session of KHRS in the presence of Choong Hwan Kwak, President, KHRS and Yong Seog Oh, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

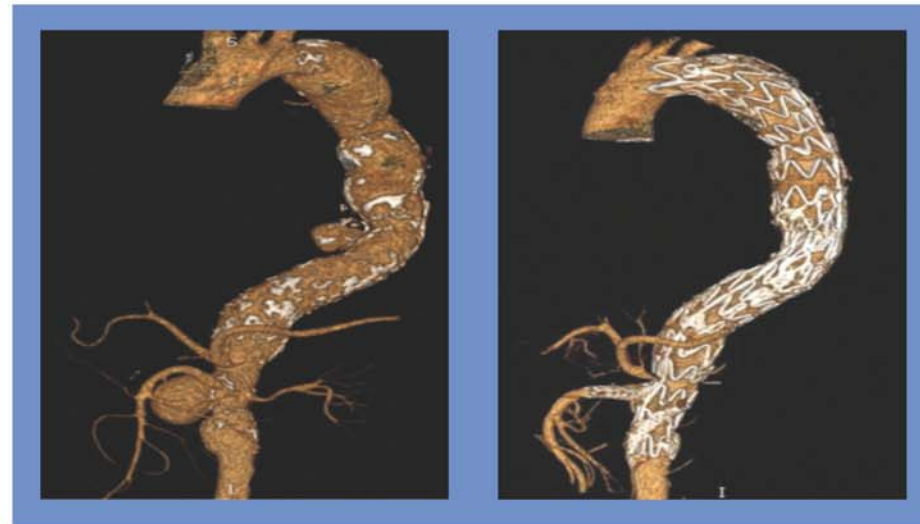
Dr. Anupam Jena and his team operated a 65-year male who has old anterior wall MI, survivor of sudden cardiac arrest, post ICD implantation. He presented with VT storm and multiple ICD shocks. Dr. Jena and his team did a successful VT ablation for him. The case was awarded the "best clinical case" considering the very complex nature of the procedure and favourable outcome for the patient. Cardiac Electrophysiology work from India rarely gets international recognition so this award is significant.

Rare Surgery done at KIMS Cardiology Department

KIMS has once again achieved excellence in Odisha in the field of Cardiology. A 34 years old male patient underwent a very high risk and rare surgery at KIMS.

The surgery was done by Cardiologist Dr. Anupam Jena and his team. A 34 years old male came with complaints pain in the abdomen and back. Before coming to KIMS, the patient was diagnosed as a case of extensive aneurysm of aorta involving thoracic and abdominal aorta. Aortic aneurysm is a disease where the central blood vessel of the body i.e. the Aorta gets dilated and enlarged. If left untreated, aortic aneurysm can cause sudden death due rupture of aorta. The

patient had extensive aneurysm of aorta. Considering the very complicated nature of the disease, the patient initially visited many centres of repute in Odisha and New Delhi, without getting a satisfactory advice. Finally, he came to KIMS. On evaluation at KIMS, his diagnosis of thoracoabdominal aneurysm was confirmed. But, in addition to the fusiform aneurysm there were saccular aneurysms also. Saccular aneurysms of aorta have a high risk of



rupture. After thorough evaluation, the patient was taken up for stenting of the aneurysm. The procedure was difficult and the patient needed multiple stent grafts, chimney grafts for complete repair. The procedure was done successfully and without any complications.

It is matter of great achievement that now very complicated procedures and surgeries are being done in Odisha. KIMS has pioneered in many fields in the treatment of heart disease. Now KIMS is the only centre offering complete

treatment of disorders of heart rhythm. Complicated procedures such as heart valve replacement without surgery is currently done only in KIMS in entire Odisha. Dr. Anupam Jena is an internationally trained cardiologist and is the pioneer in Odisha of such complicated and high risk therapies in heart diseases. Growth in Cardiac Sciences has been possible because of the team approach – Cardiologists, Cardiac Surgeons, Cardiac Anaesthetologists, backed up with a very good Nursing team.

Cardiovascular services at KIMS are constantly being upgraded.

After doing three TAVRs, now they have done an endovascular draft for a thoraco - abdominal aortic aneurysm.

3-D CT reconstruction images before and after are shown.



International Yoga Day

The 5th International Day of Yoga was celebrated in KIIT & KISS with enthusiasm on June 21, 2019. The theme of this year's celebration was "Climate Action". The students and staff members of KIIT & KISS participated in large numbers, practicing various yogasanas at KIIT Stadium. Speaking on the occasion, Shri R. N. Dash, Secretary, KIIT & KISS; Prof. Hrushikesh Mohanty, VC, KIIT-DU, Prof. Harekrushna Satapathy, VC, KISS-DU and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT-DU placed the essence of Yoga and elucidated how it can play a significant role in our everyday lives to make us physically, mentally and spiritually healthy. Various yogaasanas (postures) and pranayamas (breathing exercises) were carried out by the students and staff members assembled at the Stadium. The Yoga Session was orchestrated by Prof. Biswabandita Kar of KIIT Deemed to be University along with her team. As many as 5,000 participants took part in the celebrations in KIIT. International Day of Yoga was also celebrated in KiiT International School with good participation from students, faculty members and staff.





Devotees pulling the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra.

Ratha Yatra' Celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra

The world famous auspicious occasion of **Rath Yatra** was celebrated at **Shrivani khetra of KISS** on July 4, 2019 amid religious fervor and gaiety. More than 50,000 devotees participated in pulling the three decorated chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra being carried on three colourful wooden chariots, festooned with flowers, appliqué and mural paintings.

The Pahandi and other rituals like Mangala Arati, Mailama, Tadapalagi, Rosha Homa, Abakasha, Surya Puja, Chariots inauguration, etc followed by procession of deities from temple sanctum to the chariots began in the morning as per the ethics and rituals of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath Temple of Puri. Thousands of devotees gathered to pull the three chariots in the afternoon after Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS performed the holy ritual of Chherapahanra, the ceremonial sweeping of the Chariots. The special



Achyuta Samanta performing the holy ritual of *Chhera Pahanra*, the ceremonial sweeping of the chariot floor.

feature of Ghosayatra here is that, Devadalan, the chariot of Devi Subhadra is pulled by only females.

Colourful and festive atmosphere prevailed due to many temporary stalls, food stalls, minabazar, etc. near the

Gundicha temple. During this nine-day festival there will be bhajan samaroh every evening near Gundicha temple. Devoties from nearby localities come to Gundicha temple for darsan of the holy Trinity.

Ratha Yatra Festivities at Shrivani Kshetra



ENACTUS KISS-KIIT to Improve Quality of Life



'ENACTUS KISS-KIIT' is an innovative initiative by a group of socially motivated students of KIIT to improve the quality of life in the society. Under the initiative, in 2016, Project SIDDHI was undertaken, which provided opportunity to the oppressed communities in and around Bhubaneswar to change their lives for the better and, in the process, eliminate the use of plastic bags by replacing it with handmade paper bags.

Initially they approached the transgender to work with them. They were trained in making newspaper bags and were successful in receiving a number of orders also. After successful collaboration with the transgender, ENACTUS worked with a voluntary organization, Aaina. The students worked with the disabled women to make them self-sufficient. The disabled women worked on an order of 5000 newspaper bags from Urban Micro and started making crafty bags with designs like gift bags from handmade paper.

Another Foundation, Daya, which is an organization working for women from backward areas, started working with ENACTUS. They prepared an order for "Delight Bakeries" of 14000 brown paper bags with customized print. Simultaneously, the students signed a deal with the founder of "Biggies, Burger n more" for an order of 20000 brown paper bags with customized print.

Likewise, Niyatee Foundation, having 1200 Self Help Groups, collaborated with ENACTUS. With such a large manpower, Niyatee is capable of producing at least 1500 bags per day. Another organization, Udyog Foundation produces 500 bags

per day. Both these organisations worked on the Biggies order. ENACTUS considered bagging orders an important step in convincing people to give up plastic bags and replacing it with paper bags.

ENWIPE, a project introduced by KISS-KIIT, is a unique concept of water-less car wash service at customer's doorstep. ENACTUS promoted a special eco-friendly solution for cleaning the vehicles, adding only 500ml of water to 5ml of the solution. "We also use a vacuum cleaner in order to clean the interior, thus making the entire car dust-free. Unlike the normal car wash service, we bring shine to the exterior of the car with good quality wax, thus minimizing the scratches on them", said, Ashish Panda, a member of ENACTUS KISS-KIIT. The main aim of Project Enwipe is to use minimal amount of water and provide employment opportunities to under privileged and physically challenged (hearing and speech impaired) individuals, simultaneously helping them earn and live as equal contributors in the society. As there is a huge difference in the amount of water that is normally used to clean a car, it helps with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal # 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation, he added.

ENACTUS KISS-KIIT thanked Achutya Samanta for encouraging them for different ventures. They also thanked Dr. Kaish Q Khan, Primary Faculty Adviser, Enactus KISS-KIIT and Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, KIIT for their support and guidance.



(From L) Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Registrar, KIIT Deemed to be University, Prof. Hrushikesh Mohanty, Vice Chancellor, Achyuta Samanta and Prof. Biswajit Sahoo, Director, Students' Affair releasing Student Handbook at the Orientation & Academic Induction Programme for B.Tech 2019 Admitted Batch of KIIT on June 29, 2019.



Shri Arvind Vohra, Country Head, HDFC Bank being accorded a traditional welcome in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) during his visit on July 10, 2019.



Live performance by well-known Czech Violinist Mr. Jaroslav Sveceny in KIIT Deemed to be University on June 21, 2019.



Well-known Czech Violinist Mr. Jaroslav Sveceny, Mr. Roman Masarik, Dy. Head of Mission, Embassy of Czech Republic, New Delhi and Ms. Magda Burgerova, IPD Officer (Attache) amongst students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) on June 21, 2019.



Convocation & Certificate Distribution Ceremony of 'Cloud Technology' Elective under KIIT-Ericsson Talent Development Programme on July 12, 2019.



Distinguished dignitaries at a Roving Seminar on the Patent Organization Treaty at KIIT School of Biotechnology on June 28, 2019.



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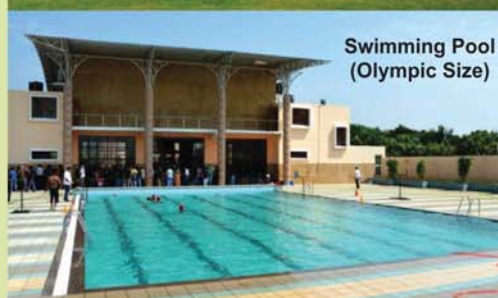
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