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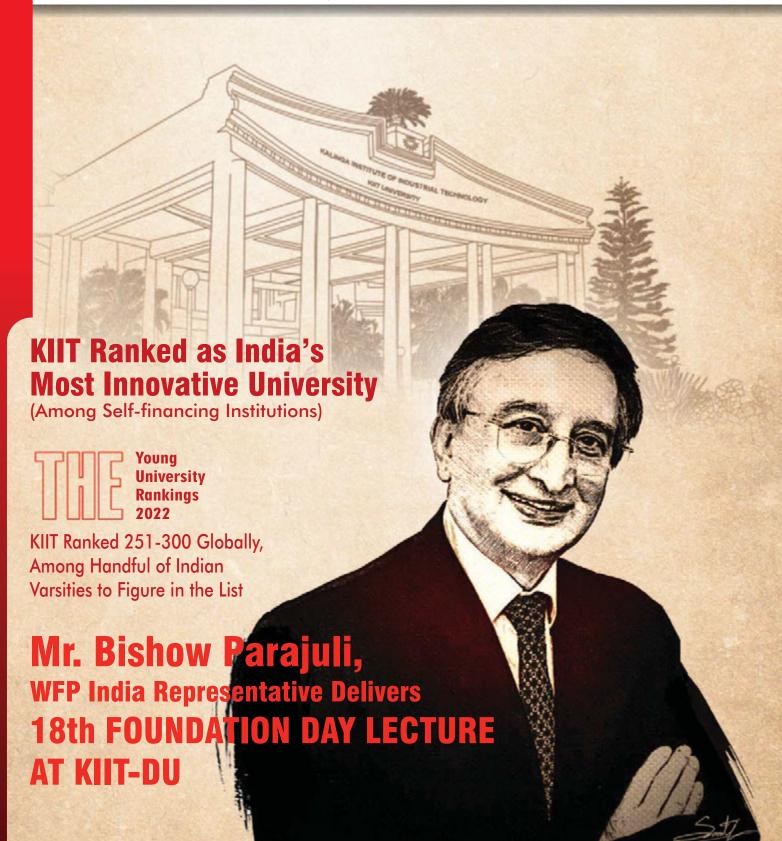






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"Given opportunity, the weak too can excel"

Message from the Founder KIIT & KISS

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption to human life worldwide. Suffering and loss have been universal; there is hardly anyone who has not been affected by the virus directly or indirectly. Many have lost their loved ones to the disease - a pain that will continue to linger long after the pandemic is gone. Many others suffered devastating disruption to their livelihood, falling into poverty, undernourishment and despair. Even though the worst of the pandemic now seems to be behind us, it will not be easy to erase the suffering and pain it has caused at the individual level. However, humans have a great capacity to endure adversities and the power to heal the soul with miracle virtues of giving, compassion and love. I founded 'Art of Giving' on 17th May 2013 based on my life philosophy, with a desire to create an unconditional and sustainable abundance of love, peace and happiness for others. **The 9th anniversary of the movement is dedicated to helping rebuild hope, happiness and harmony in the aftermath of the pandemic.**

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India's Food Security System is an Example before the World: Mr. Bishow Parajuli, WFP India Representative

Mr. Bishow Parajuli, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Representative and Country Director to India delivered the 18th Foundation Day Lecture at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar on 16th February 2022.

KIIT Deemed to be University has made great achievements in short 18 years, Mr. Parajuli said, addressing a large gathering of students, alumni, staff and faculty members joining the celebration physically as well as online. He congratulated Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS for setting up this fantastic institution which is contributing significantly in the field of spreading knowledge, creating opportunities and jobs, transforming lives and nation-building.



Mr. Bishow Parajuli, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Representative and Country Director to India presenting a memento to Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS in appreciation of his support towards the goal of zero hunger.

Established in 1992 and opened five years later as a multi-disciplinary institute, KIIT's commitment to teaching excellence led to the grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India on 16th February 2004. Today, it is a leading multi-disciplinary university in India having a diverse student body of 30,000 representing all States and 65 countries. It has built its reputation as the most student-friendly campus, anchored on the principles of Compassion and Humanity.

Recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Govt. of India, KIIT has been securing impressive positions in various national and global rankings of universities, such as the NIRF, Times Higher Education and QS – a testament to its high quality of teaching and research.

"India has made tremendous progress in the field of food security during the last 50 years - it has become a food surplus country from a food-dependent country. Along with food production, conducive policy, science & technology, efficient supply chain, market and access are among the factors that contributed to the progress", said Mr. Parajuli, who has 35 years of distinguished experiences in development, humanitarian affairs,

diplomacy, fundraising, and management in over 10 countries.

Speaking in the global context, he said, the production of food is not equal to the availability of food. "Sadly, global hunger is rising. The situation has been made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic and conflicts in different parts of the world. Up to 811 million people do not have enough to eat, while 270

"KIIT & KISS are community-based institutions and are contributing to most of the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals". Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS

million suffer from acute hunger despite plenty of food production", he remarked.

India's example is a showcase before the world, he stated, elaborating that initiatives like National Food Security Act, Public Distribution System (PDS) and Mid Day Meal have



Mr. Bishow Parajuli and Prof. Achyuta Samanta exchanging the Letter of Intent between WFP India and KISS.

proved to be a lifeline in ensuring food security in the country. The Government is also aggressively dealing with the problem of malnutrition with measures like fortification of rice with vitamins and minerals, he pointed out.

Voicing his concern over climate change, he said, today sustainable system of farming has become as important as increasing food production. Climate change is bringing natural disasters like droughts, floods, rising sea levels and cyclones, resulting in crop loss. Higher education institutions of excellence like KIIT and KISS have a great role to play in ensuring that Green Revolution 2.0 is founded on sustainable practices and is able to meet the challenges of climate change, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Achyuta Samanta said that KIIT & KISS are community-based institutions and are contributing to most of the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals. Apart from quality academics and research, KIIT has been significantly contributing to the field of art, culture, sports, social development and spiritualism, he added, while

congratulating faculty members, staff, students, alumni and all well-wishers on this auspicious occasion and expressing gratitude for their contributions in making KIIT what it is today.

Prof. Samanta and Mr. Parajuli also signed a Letter of Intent between the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University and WFP India in the presence of Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU and other dignitaries from WFP India, KISS and KISS. As per the LoI, KISS and WFP India will work together to address issues affecting marginalised populations of Odisha and the neighbouring states, including the tribal communities.

"KIIT has developed an ecosystem to absorb different cultures of the world. It attracts students from about 65 countries, while its graduates are working in 70 countries. KIIT culture equips students to become global citizens", said Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU in her presidential address. Prof. Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, proposed the vote of thanks.

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Prof. Achyuta Samanta performing the customary 'havan' on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day Celebration of KIIT-DU.



Mr. Bishow Parajuli going around the campus of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).



Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT & KISS speaking on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day Celebration of KIIT-DU.



Inauguration of a new block in KIIT Campus-3 for KIIT School of Social, Financial & Human Sciences.



Inauguration of a new world-class Athletic Track in KISS Campus-3.



KIIT Does It Again -Tops ARIIA Ranking Once Again

Ranked No.1

For second time consecutively

by Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements







It is yet another big leap forward towards self-reliance by the KIIT Deemed be University that barely requires an introduction. Or in the sequel to its usual strides at edging past many, KIIT DU has surpassed others to emerge as no 1 among all the self-financing institutions in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), 2021 for the second time in a row.

Landmark Strides

The Ranking was declared on 29th December 2021 by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India in the presence of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE; Dr. M. P. Poonia, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of India. Chitkara University, Chandigarh, and Lovely Professional University, Punjab have bagged the 2nd and 3rd ranks respectively. ARIIA is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions

and universities in India on indicators related to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst students and faculties.

Dynamism Driven By Innovations

It is no mere accomplishment that the KIIT has been ranked No. 1 among self-financing institutions of the country for two consecutive years. KIIT Deemed to be University, recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Govt. of India, has achieved the top place in this prestigious rankings due to its innovation and entrepreneurship centers, advanced laboratories, centers of excellence, collaborations with industries and international institutions. Known for its student-friendly culture, it lays high emphasis on involving students in research, development, and innovation activities. Expressing his happiness, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS congratulated all the faculty, staff, and students for their efforts and dedication to this achievement. "We got the top position for the second time in a row. It proves KIIT's excellence in the field of research and innovation", he said.

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2022

KIIT Ranked 251-300 Globally, Among Handful of Indian Varsities to Figure in the List

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar has been ranked in the cohort of 251-300 globally in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2022. The best universities under the age of 50 years were announced on 16th February 2022 in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings. KIIT Deemed to be University has become the first ever young university in Odisha to achieve 251-300 rank. KIIT is among a handful of Indian universities to enter the Young University Rankings 2022 of the Times Higher Education. Performance of KIIT, a young university of only 18 years, in this prestigious ranking is impressive.

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. Drawing on the same comprehensive performance indicators as the globally-recognised THE World University Rankings, the THE Young University Rankings celebrate the achievements of young institutions that have made a big impact on the world stage in years rather than centuries and are best placed to challenge the established elites. Earlier, KIIT-DU had achieved an impressive position in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings also. 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.





1st LEADERSHIP **CONCLAVE**



Theme

World is One

Equity & Justice + Inclusiveness in Diversity + Culture of Resilience + Innovations and Disruptions

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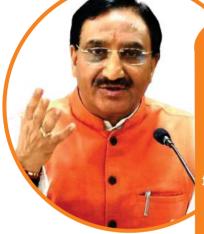




1st World Leadership Convention in KIIT

India would be the world leader:

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank



The 1st World
Leadership Convention on 'World
is One' was organized by World
Leadership Academy (WLA) in
association with KIIT Deemed to
be University on 5th February
2022. Speaking at the convention,
Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank,
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
(L.S.) and Fmr. Union Minister of

Education said, India was the world leader in ancient times, and it will again lead the world in the 21st century. "India has a rich culture, heritage, literature, history, and values. People from all over the world came to India to get knowledge. At

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Nishank, Hon'ble Member

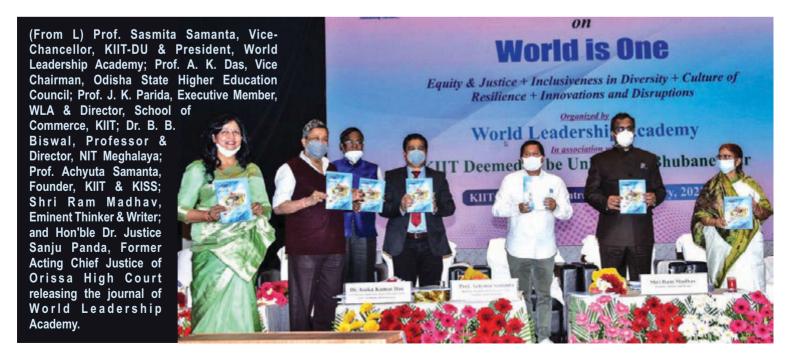
of Parliament (L.S.)

that time, we had world-famous institutions like Takshila and Nalanda. India believes in 'Vasudeiva Kutumbakam' policy-it is the Indian culture. We see the entire world as a family. The World Leadership Academy will act as a platform to create leaders in various sectors from culture, heritage to science and technology", he stated.

"On this occasion, I express my deepest appreciation for Prof. Achyuta Samanta. Coming from extreme poverty and overcoming formidable adversities, he has become an example before the world of what an individual can achieve on the strength of determination and positive thoughts", Dr. Pokhriyal said, acknowledging his contributions to the field of education and social service.

Inaugurating the Convention, Shri Ram Madhav, Eminent Thinker & Writer said, the world is one

from the perspective of geology, sociology and other branches of knowledge. While the 'world is one' is a common knowledge, wisdom is needed to keep it one, he stated. In this context, he admired the humanitarian movement 'Art of Giving' started by Prof. Achyuta Samanta.



NEWS EVENTS



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--Shri Ram Madhav. **Eminent Thinker** & Writer

WLA's 'L-Index', indexing English as well as regional language journals; free access Digital Library; and Project Database were also launched on the occasion. Among others, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanju Panda, Former Acting Chief Justice of Orissa High Court; Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC); Shri Harekrishna Ratha, Director, DRDO, ITR; Prof. Ashok Kumar Das, Vice Chairman, Odisha State Higher Education Council; Prof. Gyoo Soo Chae, Professor Smart IT ng, Baekseok University, South Engineeri

Korea:

"Translating the ever-present idea of giving into action is what is significant about Prof. Achyuta Samanta. He derives perpetual pleasure from giving", he stated.

"Educational institutions should not be factories of degrees and certificates. Real purpose of education is to impart wisdom and values. We need people who can keep the world one and keep humanity going on. Educational institutions should not only prepare students to earn their livelihood, but also inculcate human values which can transform their lives", Shri Madhay added.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, KIIT is based on humanity and compassion since its inception. It practices the core values of humanity and compassion in the true sense, he stated.

Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, Chairperson, National Board of Accreditation (NBA) said, "Knowledge is one; so the 'world is one' should be in our thought process always".

Earlier, in her welcome address, Prof. Sasmita Rani Samanta, VC, KIIT-DU & President, WLA said, World Leadership Academy (WLA) is established to bring people, culture, ideas, technologies, teachers students, researchers, investors, innovators together who are committed to transforming the world for the establishment of peace, justice, and sustainable development.

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Prof. Valentina E. Balas, Professor, Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania; and Prof. Rajendra P. Srivastava, Professor Emeritus of Accounting & Information Systems, School of Business, University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA expressed their views on the occasion. Prof. Jayanta Kumar Parida, Executive Member, WLA and Director, School of Commerce, KIIT proposed the vote of thanks.

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--Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU & President, World Leadership Academy



1st World Leadership Conclave

KIIT Deemed to be University

5th February 2022

WORLD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AWARDS 2022



FELICITATIONShri Ram Madhav

Shri Ram Madhav is an author, thinker and an iconic public leader. His ideas and vision are reflected in more than 12 books he has authored such as "The Hindutva Paradigm – Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview"; "Because India Comes First: Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Culture" and "Uneasy Neighbours: India and China after 50 Years of the War". He is widely regarded for his contributions in the field of strategic thinking, political philosophy and India's foreign policy.

He was felicitated for his great contribution as an author, thinker, strategist, philosopher and public leader.



WORLD PRIDE LEADER AWARD

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Hon'ble Member of Parliament (L.S.)

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank is an iconic leader of the globe who has brought many laurels during his political tenure of four decades. As the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, he had given new direction to the state for promotion of economy, education, agriculture, etc. As the Minister of Human Resource Development, he had brought his vision through National Education Policy 2020 to build the new generations of this country. It is the most aspirational and futuristic document to guide the youth of the nation.

He was conferred with **World Pride Leader Award** for his great contribution in the field of education, human resource development and as a thinker and public leader.

WORLD POWER LEADER AWARD Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

A distinguished physicist and scientist, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty has held several honorary positions at various organizations. He served as General Secretary and later as President of the Indian Physics Association (IPA), as the Spokesperson, India-CMS collaboration, as Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Director, Physics Group, BARC. He has twice been the CERN Scientific Associate and is the first person from Odisha to hold the position of Director, BARC.

He was conferred with World Power Leader Award for his great contribution in the field of Science, Technology and Research.





WORLD POWER LEADER AWARD

Shri Harekrishna Ratha

Director, Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur

Shri Harekrishna Ratha is a leader in Planning, Design, Development and Implementation of the widespread communication network of Integrated Test Range (ITR). Under his leadership, the communication network of the Range has been enhanced and extended to newer launch complexes and remote instrument sites, the voice and data communication infrastructure have been upgraded with state-of-the-art systems.

He was conferred with World Power Leader Award for his great contribution in the field of Science, Technology and Research.

WOMAN ICONIC AWARD

Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanju Panda

Fmr. Acting Chief Justice, Orissa High Court

Dr. Justice Sanju Panda has a rich experience of more than three decades in the field of Law in Civil, Criminal, Company and Constitutional matter. She has conducted cases on behalf of State as Additional Standing Counsel from 1994 to 1995. Her journey to become the Chief Justice of High Court of Orissa is inspirational.

She was conferred with Woman Iconic Award for her great contribution and success in the field of Law.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Prof. (Dr.) K. K. Aggarwal

Chairman, National Board of Accreditation. India

Prof. (Dr.) K.K. Aggarwal is an administrator, a leader and a prolific researcher. He has served as Pro Vice-Chancellor, GJU, Hisar, and Vice Chancellor of GGS Indraprastha University, Delhi. He has been the President of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), President of Computer Society of India and President of South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC). He has been widely consulted by the industry, most-notable being his contribution towards the Reliability Analysis for PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch

He was conferred with Distinguished Leadership Award for his great contribution in the field of Education, Educational Administration and Leadership.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Asoka Kumar Das

Vice Chairman, Odisha State Higher Education Council, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Dr. Asoka Kumar Das is an administrator, a leader and a prolific researcher. He has served as the Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and as Vice Chairperson of the Odisha State Higher Education Council, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, He has published more than 150 research papers in the journals of national and international repute. He has been the head of Laser and Plasma Technology Division of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

He was conferred with Distinguished Leadership Award for his great contribution in the field of Education, Educational Administration and Leadership.



SOCIAL CHANGE MAKER AWARD

Shri Pradeep Mohanty

Entrepreneur, Koraput, Odisha

Shri Pradeep Mohanty's effort has transformed sleepy tribal hamlets of Koraput, Odisha into active agricultural zones and gave employment to hundreds of villagers. His verdant plantation on the foothills of Deomali range producing tonnes of coffee has created a name for itself. He has put Odisha in the coffee map of India. His role in creating a change and transforming the lives of the adjacent tribal and non-tribal locals is exemplary.

He was conferred with **Social Change Maker Award** for his great contribution in creating a change and bringing a social transformation.

PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Shri Asoke K. Ghosh

Chairman and Managing Director, PHI Learning Private Limited

Shri Asoke K. Ghosh is a leading publisher. He is known for his vision and strategy for internationalizing higher education publications and pioneering low cost worldclass books on a mass scale. He is a founder member of Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP), Indian Reprographic Rights Organisation (IRRO) and the first Asian to become the Vice President of International Publishers Association (IPA). His idea of publishing low-cost books at affordable price, intended to cater to the needs of Indian students, especially to that of economically weaker section, is praiseworthy and commendable

He was conferred with **Publishing Excellence Award** for his great contribution in the field of publication and pioneering low cost world-class books.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal

Professor and Director National Institute of Technology Meghalaya

Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal is a distinguished leader in the field of academics. He has rich experience of teaching and research at various level. He has published more than 150 publications at various national and international journals. He has undertaken several projects of AICTE, UGC and DST. He has been engaged in creation and dissemination of knowledge through his research, teaching, projects, and organization and coordination of conferences and conclaves. He has played a key role in development various laboratories at UCE, Burla, NITRourkela, and NIT Meghalaya.

He was conferred with **Educational Leadership Award** for his great contribution in the field of Education, Educational Administration and Leadership.



Dr. Gyoo-Soo Chae has a passion for innovation. Intellectual properties such as "Dual band antenna", "Dual band planar antenna", "Dual band inverted-F antenna" are testimonies of his passion. His publications in form of research articles in journals of repute, books and book chapters are evidence of his contribution to the world of knowledge.

He was conferred with **Honorary Fellow** for his great contribution in the field of academics.









HONORARY FELLOW

Dr. Valentina Emilia Balas

Dr. Valentina Emilia Balas is a professor with more than 40 years of rich experience in teaching and research. He has been relentlessly engaged in creation and dissemination of knowledge through his research, teaching, and his contribution through conferences, conclaves, seminars in various capacities. He has served as Vice President of General Association of Engineering from Romania, Arad branch, as President of Association of Automation and Instrumentation from Romania, Arad and in several other responsible capacities. He is a Founding Member of Artificial Intelligence Romanian Association.

He was conferred with **Honorary Fellow** for his great contribution in the field of academics.



HONORARY FELLOW

Dr. Rajendra P. Srivastava

Dr. Rajendra P. Srivastava has a rich experience in teaching and research. He has been the EY Distinguished Professor in the School of Business, University of Kansas, for 24 years, and has served as the Director of EY Center for Auditing Research and Advanced Technology. He has published over 110 academic articles in many prestigious journals. He pioneered the application of Dempster-Shafer Theory of Belief Functions to audit judgment.

He was conferred with **Honorary Fellow** for his great contribution in the field of academics.



HONORARY FELLOW Dr. Prabina Rajib

Dr. Prabina Rajib is a person with passion for research. He has published numerous papers in journals of national and international repute. His contribution in the field of finance in form of research, development of new courses, organization of management and faculty development

programme, conferences, seminars, and conclaves is invaluable.

He was conferred with **Honorary Fellow** for his great contribution in the field of academics.





History repeats itself when efforts are endured. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) has not only grown to be a citadel but an achiever even in most adverse situations.

A Notch Higher

From a milestone and flag bearer for knowledge, now, in a repeat, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, size of 3500 eligible B.Tech students of 2022 graduating batch. This year, 50 new companies have participated in the placement process so far. Seen in hindsight, it is not merely a record spree, but an outstanding result of years of tireless dedication and zeal that the Founder of KIIT Dr. Achyuta Samanta politely pursues. He is a man who never flaunts his triumphs.

The commencement of the campus placement season for the 2022 graduating batch started from May 2021 and KIIT is already well-poised to achieve

cent percent campus placement for yet another year, informed Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU. More than 3000 students got single placement offers, while the top 1500 students were placed in "Dream Companies" with an average CTC of Rs. 8.10 lakh p.a. Thirty-five companies offered CTC of Rs. 10.00 lakh and above per annum, while over 130 companies offered CTC of Rs. 5.00 lakh, said, Prof. Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, KIIT DU.

A Whopping Outreach

Five students of KIIT have got placement offers with the highest CTC of Rs. 52 lakh per annum. The average CTC is Rs. 6.05 lakh, which is 30% higher than the previous year. More than 3000 students





are already placed and over 1200 students bagged multiple job offers.

KIIT-DU is the only university in India to proactively create an interface with the leading names in the industry. This is facilitating the placement of KIIT students in various national and multinational companies. For instance, HighRadius, a FinTech company, in collaboration with KIIT has established a FinTech Lab in KIIT Campus wherein. more than 2000 students are getting one-year experiential learning

internship with a stipend of Rs. 15,000 per month. HighRadius has provided placement to 710 plus students of KIIT with Rs. 8 lakh package.

Breaking Boundaries of

This year, 'Day Zero' dream campus drives alone resulted in the placement of about 1500 students by MNCs with an average CTC of Rs. 8.10 lakh per annum. 'Day-One' campus recruitment drive generated about 2000 job offers from

four companies.

Phenomenal Trajectory

Keeping up with our past trend, KIIT is well on its way to achieving phenomenal record placement for the 2022 graduating batch despite the COVID pandemic. In 2020, KIIT achieved cent percent placement in B.Tech, MBA, and Biotech, while more than 50% placement in Law. It also achieved record placement in 2021.

KIIT-DU Inks MoU with NCCBM



Dr. Bibekananda Mohapatra, Director General, NCCBM; Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU and other dignitaries at the MoU signing ceremony.

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT-DU), Bhubaneswar signed an MoU with National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM) on 1st February 2022. NCCBM is a premier body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Government of India. This MoU aims at building cooperation and strengthening long-term collaboration for Research & Development between KIIT-DU and NCCBM. The agreement was signed by Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU and Dr. Bibekananda Mohapatra, Director General, NCCBM in presence of the Pro-VC, Registrar, Director R&D (SoT) and Deans of KIIT-DU.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sasmita Samanta emphasized the benefit of collaboration between KIIT and NCCBM for exploring academic and research activities considering various domains of expertise. Dr. Bibekananda Mohapatra highlighted exploring the possibilities of joint R&D on industrial waste management. Further, he suggested developing industry oriented academic programs suitable to both KIIT and NCCBM.

Prof Saranjit Singh, Pro-VC and Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar outlined the importance and benefit of the MoU exchange and stressed on the joint

academic and research activity. Prof. Ashok Kumar Sahoo, Director-R&D (SoT); Prof. P. C. Mishra, Dean-Research, SME; Prof. Kalyani Mohanta, Professor, SME; Prof. Sanjib Moulick, Dean, School of Civil Engineering; and Prof. B. K. Nayak, Dean, School of Electrical Engineering were present at the MoU signing ceremony. Senior officials of NCCBM, Dr. B. Panduranga Rao, Mr. Nitin Choudhury, Mr. D. Pavan Kumar and Mr. Kapil Kukreja were also present.

The MoU Signing Ceremony was initiated, organized and coordinated by Prof. B. C. Routara, Dean, School of Mechanical Engineering and Prof. Kalyani Mohanta.



Kanya Kiran: Inspiration, Innovation and Impact

By Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS

Girls (Kanva) are like the rays of the sun. They are the source of energy in a family unit. They are the seeds of prosperity and growth in a family. Throughout history, the central role of women in society has ensured the stability, progress and long-term development of nations. A nation is empowered only when women and girl children are equal partners as men. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, "Countries which do not respect women have never become great, nor can they ever become in future." Women empowerment is a gateway to peace and development for a nation or society at macro level and family or organization at micro level. There is progress only when there is gender parity and women are respected and treated as equal with men.

India as a nation is revered in a feminine form, i.e., the Bharat Mata: many important government posts are occupied by women; and educated women are pouring into the professional workforce with profound implications for national and multinational corporations. Birth of a girl is equated with coming of wealth and it is compared with Laxmi, the goddess of wealth. However, ironically, these are accompanied by news about dowry killings, female infanticide, domestic violence against women, rape, illegal trafficking and prostitution and myriad others of the same type. Gender discrimination prevails in almost all areas, be it social, cultural, economic or educational. The battle of a girl child starts even before the day she is born. She is 'fortunate' if she is permitted to be born. Even after birth, the girl child faces discrimination and oppression. This continues through childhood, adulthood, marriage, old age till death.

To fight such ideas, on the National Girl child day, we arranged a massive awareness drive throughout the country under our initiative Kanya Kiran. I am a



staunch supporter of girl child education. I have been promoting it since my childhood. I remember the time when I lost my father at the age of 4, I cared for my younger sibling Iti the most. She was a month old when my father died and she needed a father figure the most. I have been closely associated with her since childhood. I would guide her to study, to work on herself, support her unconditionally and fulfill her dreams. I can proudly say that I have had some contribution to her education. She is now recognised for her work and integrity independently. Even though our family was poor, both of us completed our formal education properly braving all struggles. We are today what we are because of our commitment to academic excellence.

Education is a paramount part of a living being, whether it is a boy or a girl. Education helps an individual to be smarter, to learn new things and to understand the world. Especially women education in India is the most important pillar of development. In terms of inhabitants, India is the second-largest nation in the world but the rate of girl education in India is extremely low. Educating the girl child must be a necessity for the overall development of

the country as women play an essential part in the all-around process of the country. Generally, in rural regions, where people seldom want to send their daughters to school, thinking that education is not important for girls as they eventually get married to settle down. Society assumes that girls should stay at home to help their families. This mindset is completely wrong. In its entirety, girl child education can bring around a monumental revolution in society. When we say, 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' we promote girl child education. Since early childhood, I understood the problems that girls and women had faced. I am working dedicatedly towards girl child education. I feel the difference between an illiterate woman and a man is patriarchy. The latter with the same capabilities will still lead a better life. So it is important we work towards improving the world. Whenever I see a girl child anywhere in the world suffer it really hurts me. It really bothers me, knowing the fact that the girl has to face way more challenges. Hence I take a vow that with the strength of KIIT and KISS, we will be committed to making a world that is equal for both genders and continue our work for Empowerment and Enablement.





KISS Inks MoU with Choice Welfare Foundation Choice-KISS Residential School to open in Maharashtra



Shri Sunil Patodia, Chairman, Choice Welfare Foundation and Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS signing the MoU on 16th January 2022.

KISS Residential School will be opened in Mumbai after Delhi and Kolkata. An MoU was signed between KISS and Choice Welfare Foundation of Mumbai to set up Choice - KISS Residential School in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 16th January 2022. Sunil Patodia signed the MoU on behalf of the Choice Welfare Foundation while Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT and KISS signed the MoU on behalf of KISS. This will greatly benefit the vulnerable, marginalized. and tribal students of Maharashtra. Mr.

Patodia, a long-time well-wisher of Dr. Samanta had been expressing his interest to set up KISS in Maharashtra for a long time. In the meantime, Mr. Patodia has arranged 25 acres of land for Choice- KISS in the outskirts of Mumbai and he has also arranged funds from various sources for the building of infrastructure for Choice-KISS. Choice Welfare Foundation will bear all the costs for Choice-KISS. This Residential School will be started in the coming year. On the occasion of the MoU signing ceremony, Mr. Patodia said, I am a great admirer of Dr. Samanta and his works towards society. He is a role model for us. Many poor, underprivileged kids are not getting a proper education in Maharashtra. They have inner qualities, but they need proper education. So I have had a dream to set up KISS in Maharashtra for the last five years. Today my dream has been fulfilled and this will be a big beginning. We will work together for society in the coming years. On the occasion, Dr. Samanta said, I am happy that all have recognized KISS as a successful model. He also said it is the pride for Odisha that KISS has been set up in three metropolitan cities of India. KISS-Delhi has been working since 2013 while infrastructure work of HUHT-KISS Residential School in collaboration with HelpUs Help Them has been completed. Now KISS will be set up in Mumbai. Among others Kirti Ajmera, CEO, Ajmera Properties; Paras Jain, Chairman, Ruchira Exports; Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University; Prof. Sasmita Samanta, VC, KIIT Deemed to be University; Dr. P.K. Routaray, CEO, KISS and Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali, Director General, KISS were also present.

Annual Parents Meet at KISS

Education is Necessary for Steady Development of Tribal People: Prof. Achyuta Samanta

Education is necessary for bringing about steady development of tribal people, said Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. He was addressing guardians' representatives at the Annual KISS Guardians Meet-2021 held on 26th December 2021 abiding by Covid guidelines. He remarked that Tribal people are considered as the pride of the society. Different schemes are being implemented by the State and Central Governments for their development. Over the years, thousands of KISS students have empowered themselves

along with their families and also the society both socially and economically. Remarkably, KISS has been working relentlessly in this direction for the last 25 years, he added.

On this occasion, Padmashree Daitary Naik was felicitated by Prof. Samanta. The participating guardians placed their views on "How KISS has brought a sea change in their lives and also empowered them". The teachers of KISS have been in touch with the students in imparting them online teaching during

the Covid-19 pandemic. For this noble endeavour, the guardians profusely praised the Founder, functionaries and teachers of KISS. President of KISS Guardians Association, Ram Sabar; Secretary, Lambodar Singh; Padmashree Daitary Naik; CEO, KISS, Dr Prasanta Kumar Routray; Dy. CEO, Sri Pramod Kumar Patra; and Development Officer, Sri Basanta Kumar Behera were present at the meet, among others. Guardian representatives from different districts and blocks also attended.



VFI Partners with Eurosport India, Announces Inaugural Indian Volleyball League



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and President, Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) speaking at the Executive Committee meeting of VFI on 13th February 2022.

Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) - the governing body for the Olympic sport of Volleyball in India announced the inaugural season of the Indian Volleyball League (IVL) in partnership with Eurosport India - Discovery Network's premium sports brand. It was decided at the Executive Committee meeting of VFI on 13th February 2022. Volleyball, a fast-paced exciting sport enjoys popularity across India, and with Eurosport India as the official global broadcaster of IVL, Indian Volleyball is set to make rapid strides both in India as well as the International markets. Audiences will also be able to LIVE stream the league at the Discovery+ app.

The IVL, tentatively scheduled to kick-start around June-July 2022, will be the premier volleyball league in the country, sanctioned both by the Asian Volleyball Confederation and International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). The IVL also proposes to have six to eight new franchise's representing various cities across India. The teams will have a mix of top players from the Indian national team along with talented players from

various states as well as a host of top international players in its roster for the inaugural season.

Mr. Ruchir Jain, Head of Eurosport India and Distribution- South Asia, Discovery, Inc. said, "It's been our constant endeavor to build communities for all sports alike, and now to have Volleyball in our roster is a proud moment. We are delighted to be playing a role in popularizing the fast-paced exciting sport of Volleyball across India and helping Indian volleyball reach sports fans across the globe. The Indian Volleyball League is definitely the future that the sport deserves, and we are not only excited to play our part in this but also would commend the Volleyball Federation of India for their vision in making Indian volleyball truly global in nature."

Also sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS & President, Volleyball Federation of India said, "It is a momentous occasion for Indian Volleyball, and we are thrilled to have a globally respected brand like Discovery

on board with us. We are sure they will help us take the league to places and together we aim to uplift the standard of the sport in the near future as one of the top international volleyball leagues globally".

Mr. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar, Zonal Executive Vice-President, Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), and Chairman, Indian Volleyball League said that he is very happy that Euro Sports India — Discovery Network's premium sports brand come forward to partner with the Indian Volley League which will go a long way in developing the game of Volleyball in India. He also said that the young Volleyball players in India will benefit a lot and surely this Indian Volleyball League will become a rousing hit in India and abroad.

The proposed Indian Volleyball League will be an annual feature in the global volleyball calendar and will soon announce the process of applying for the ownership of new franchises through the official website of the Indian Volleyball League & Volleyball Federation of India.



Glimpses from 70th Senior National Volleyball (Men & Women) Championship 2021-22

Venue: Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium, KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar















Rugby India Symposium for Excellence KIIT & KISS are Home of Rugby in India: Mr. Rahul Bose



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and Mr. Rahul Bose, President, Rugby India speaking at the Rugby India Symposium for Excellence

The two-day Rugby India Symposium for Excellence (RISE) concluded at KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar on 13th February 2022. Speaking at the Symposium, Mr. Rahul Bose, President, Rugby India said, Odisha in particular and KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in particular are home of

Rugby in the country. KIIT and KISS have been relentlessly supporting and promoting Rugby since 2005, he added. Mr. Bose praised Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS for his contributions towards promotion of the game and taking it to the international level.

Addressing the symposium, Prof. Samanta said, KIIT is not only supporting Rugby, but also providing support and promoting other sports and sportspersons in a big way. Today KIIT is on its way to become the sports hub of the world, he added.

As many as 27 State Rugby Association office bearers attended the symposium. which deliberated on the roadmap on the promotion of Indian Rugby Football. Various aspects like financial and technical assistance to the State Associations as well as expectations of Rugby India from them were discussed in detail. Among others, Mr. Gerald Antony Prabhu, Secretary – Rugby India; Mr. Nasser Hussain, CEO- Rugby India; Mr. Priyadarshi Mishra, President, Odisha Rugby Association, Mr. Upendra Mohanty, Secretary, Odisha Rugby Association and Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director, Sports, KIIT & KISS were present on the occasion.







Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh Takes Over Charge as **Pro-Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU**



Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh, Director (Industry Engagements), KIIT-DU and Professor, KIIT School of Mechanical Engineering took over charge as the Pro-Vice Chancellor of KIIT Deemed to be University on 5th January 2022. Prof. Singh is a motivated and gifted teacher who is driven to inspire students to pursue academic and personal excellence. He has over 25 years of experience in teaching, research and academic administration, out of which

he has devoted 11 thriving successful years specifically in the career augmentation, training and placement activities of KIIT-DU, a colossal academic institution.

Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh completed his Ph.D. (Production Engineering) from BIT Mesra, Ranchi, M.Tech. (Production Engineering) from IIT Varanasi (Formerly IT BHU) and B.E. (Mechanical Engineering) from Savitribai Phule Pune

University. His teaching and research areas of interest are material processing technologies, metal forming of sintered, cellular, foam, polymer and metal matrix composites, competitive manufacturing strategies, cleaner manufacturing technologies, DFX methodologies, quality engineering and quality management. He has guided five Ph.D scholars and 25 Master's Dissertations and has published / presented more than 100 research articles in international and national journals, conferences and seminars. He has published three books in the area of material processing technologies and is also a Fellow of Institution of Engineers (India).

Prof. Singh served as Dean, KIIT School of Mechanical Engineering from 2009 to 2011; and later as Dean (Training & Placements) and Director (Industry Engagements). Prior to joining KIIT, he served BIT Mesra, Ranchi as Associate Professor in Department of Production Engineering. Congratulating Prof. Singh on his new assignment, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS hoped that his contributions will help take KIIT to new heights in the coming years.

Two Eminent Doctors Join KIMS

Two eminent doctors, Prof. Kasinath Padhiary, Medicine and Prof. Bijaya Kumar Dutta, Anatomy, have joined KIMS recently. They were welcomed by Dr. Ambika Prasad Mohanty, Principal KIMS and Maj. Gen. (Dr.) P.K. Patnaik, Director, School of Medicine at an Interdepartmental Seminar held at KIMS.

Hailing from Balasore district of Odisha, Dr. Padhiary passed his MBBS from MKCG College Berhampur in 1981 and later completed MD in General Medicine from Utkal University in 1986. After commencing his Medical Profession from Dahamunda, Balasore, later over the years, he served as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Medicine in three principal Govt. Medical Colleges of Odisha. Particularly. he served as Asst. Professor in Medicine from SCB Medical College, Cuttack and subsequently Professor of Medicine in MKCG College, Berhampur and VSS Medical College in Burla. Dr Bijaya Kumar Dutta completed his MBBS Degree from VSS Medical College, Burla in 1977 and PG-MS in 1982 from the same college. He has 35 years of Teaching experience in major Medical Colleges of Odisha to his credit. Besides, he worked as Dean & Principal and subsequently as Director I/c of VIMSAR Burla. He has presented papers in various State and National level conferences of A.S.I. and also at an International Conference, i.e. CMMA in Singapore in 2014. He is a life member of Anatomical Society of India and Indian Medical association.



18th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Intelligent Technology 2022 at KIIT



rof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT Deemed to be University speaking at the inaugural session of the 18th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Intelligent Technology.

The 18th edition of International Conference on Distributed Computing and Intelligent Technology 2022 was conducted at School of Computer Engineering, KIIT-DU in Virtual Mode from 19th - 23rd January 2022. Since 2004, the ICDCIT conference series has been a global platform for Computer Science researchers to exchange research results and ideas on the foundations and applications of Distributed Computing and Internet Technology. The conference series is the brainchild of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and he has been mentoring it meticulously since its inception.

The rapid rise and adoption of Artificial Intelligence in all domains of Science and Engineering have prompted the introduction of "Intelligent Technology" in the scope of the conference in this edition. Undoubtedly, these technologies are critical to individuals and organizations who are engaged in the design, development, and deployment of large-scale systems incorporating Al-based components and

subsystems.

The conference was inaugurated on 20th January 2022 by Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Biswajit Sahoo, Director, KIIT School of Computer Engineering; Prof. (Dr.) J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU; Dr. Swarup Mohalik, General Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022 & Research Scientist, Ericsson, Bangalore; Dr. Subhasis Dash, Organizing Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022; and Prof. (Dr.) Sathya Peri, IIT Hyderabad, Program Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022.

Keynote addresses in the Distributed

Computing track were delivered by Prof. Hagit Attiya, Technion, Israel on "Preserving Hyper Properties when Using Concurrent Objects"; Prof. Philippas Tsigas, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden on

"Convergence, Consistency, and Adaptiveness in Parallel Stochastic Gradient Descent" and **Prof. Roger Wattenhofer, ETH Zurich, Switzerland** on "Graph Neural Networks".

Similarly, keynote addresses in the Intelligent Technology track were delivered by Prof. Matthew E. Taylor, University of Alberta, Canada on "Reinforcement Learning and Human-Agent Teaming: Challenges and Opportunities"; Prof. Michael Cashmore, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow on "Exploring the Space of Solutions in Explainable Al Planning (XAIP)"; and Prof. U. Deva Priyakumar,

The 12th Industry Symposium and 11th Project Innovation Contest were held as satellite events during the five-day conference. Two other sister concern events held were 1st Workshop and 1st Ph.D. Research Symposium.



IIIT Hyderabad on "Role of AI in the COVID19 Pandemic".

The 12th Industry Symposium and 11th Project Innovation Contest were held as satellite events during the five-day conference. The Industry Symposium, which aims to build a bridge between the industry and academia, witnessed invited talks and panel discussions by industry experts. Ten projects were selected to be presented in the conference under the Project Innovation Contest, which aims to motivate the student community to develop projects with innovative ideas. Two other sister concern events held on the sidelines of the 18th ICDCIT were 1st Workshop and 1st Ph.D. Research Symposium. Several accepted theses were presented in the later.

On the concluding day, the 1st Technical Session was addressed by Dr. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee, Deputy Director and Professor (HAG) Electronics and Communication Sciences Unit, CCSD, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on "Deep Learning or Cheap Learning", followed by Dr. Bikash Santra, Visiting Scientist, Electronics and Communication Sciences Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on "Let's Recognize Objects in Images: From Theory to Practice (Part- I)" and Mr. Saikat Sarkar, Dept. of Computer Science, Bangabasi College, University of Calcutta on "Let's Recognize Objects in Images: From Theory to Practice (Part- II)". In the 2nd Technical Session was addressed by Dr. Rituparna Sarkar Scientific Researcher, Institut Pasteur on "Deep learning applications for bio-image informatics".

The valedictory ceremony was addressed by Prof. (Dr). Bhabani Shankar Prasad Mishra, Dean (Academics), School of Computer Engineering; Dr. Raju Bapi, Program Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022, IIIT Hyderabad; Prof (Dr.) Manas Ranjan Lenka, Co-Chair, 1st Ph.D. Research Symposium, 18th ICDCIT 2022; Prof. (Dr.) Chittranjan Pradhan, Co-Chair 11th Project Innovation Contest, 18th ICDCIT 2022; Prof. (Dr.) Samaresh Mishra, Conference Management Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Subhasis Dash, Organizing Chair, 18th ICDCIT 2022.







Manipur Govt. Inks Agreement with KIIT to Set up Technology Innovation Hub

Department of Information Technology (DIT), Govt. of Manipur has signed an agreement with KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI), KIIT Deemed to be University on 5th January 2022 to establish Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-Hub). The MTI-Hub, which will be set up with KIIT-TBI under PPP model, will promote entrepreneurship in the state of Manipur. Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Home and Cooperation. Govt. of India laid the foundation stone of MTI-Hub virtually in the presence of Shri N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur. This agreement was executed by Shri Nambam Deben, Director (IT), Govt. of Manipur and Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO of KIIT-TBI. As per the agreement, Govt. of Manipur will provide furnished 10000 sq.ft. built up space with part of operation cost. To further strengthen the ecosystem



development, both DIT, Govt of Manipur and KIIT-TBI will reach out to other Govt. of India funding agencies such as DST, MeiTY, MSME, and BIRAC-DBT. KIIT-TBI is one of the most vibrant Technology Business incubators in India. It is a center of excellence, now reaching out to the East and Northeast regions of India and

helping various stakeholders to establish sustainable incubation platforms. This is an important achievement of KIIT-TBI, said Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, while congratulating the team of KIIT-TBI for attaining this important milestone.

KIIT School of Languages Organizes Virtual Induction Meeting of 9 Languages Certificate Courses

KIIT School of Languages (KSOL) organized Virtual Induction Meeting on 15th January 2022 to formally welcome 187 students from various schools & departments of the KIIT Deemed to be University to 9 different Language Proficiency Certificate courses for the Fifth Session (January-March 2022). The 187 enrolment of the current batch is the highest among all the 5 quarterly sessions till date. The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor, KIIT; Prof. (Dr.) Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar and Prof. (Dr.) Beerendra Pandey, Dean, KSOL who welcomed the newly joined students with their encouraging remarks and insight on industry perspectives of foreign language learning.

KSOL launched a new course on Korean Language Proficiency in the current

January 2022 session which got an overwhelming response through enrollments. French, German and Korean become the top three language preferences with admissions of 43, 41 and 25 respectively. Enrolments for other courses are Japanese -21, Communicative English-23, Spanish-13, IELTS Preparatory-9, Odia-9 and Sanskrit-3. Students from over 15 Schools of KIIT Group of Institutions participated at the Session along with Faculty Members, Staff and Referral Admissions. The Schools of Computer Engineering, Electronics Engineering and Law are the biggest contributors for the fifth session admissions with 79, 21 and 18 enrolments respectively. All the nine trainers welcomed their respective language students with encouraging words. They are Mr Subhrangshu Mohanty (French), Mr Pravin Kumar

Gupta (German), Mr Rajesh Kumar (Korean), Ms Prajna De (Japanese), Ms Amrita Chhotaroy (Communicative English), Mr Asit Swarnakar (Spanish), Ms Suchismita Bastia (IELTS Preparatory), Dr. Pramodini Jena (Odia) and Dr. Trupti Mishra (Sanskrit). Prof. (Dr.) Bhabani Prasad Panda, Director, KIIT Law School, who enrolled for Sanskrit course, spoke on the purpose of his becoming a student to learn a new language. The mentor of the Sanskrit proficiency course, Prof. (Dr.) Harekrishna Satapathy, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati and KISS Deemed to University, Bhubaneswar also addressed to audience citing significance of learning the ancient Indian language. Induction Meeting was initiated and moderated by Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Deputy Director, KSOL.





KISS-DU Inks MoU with **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India**



Faculty, Eastern Region, EDI of India and Dr. P. K. Routray, Registrar, KISS-DU exchanging MoU.

KISS Deemed to be University (KISS-DU), Bhubaneswar signed an MoU with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad on 25th January, 2022. This MoU aims at building cooperation and strengthening the relationship between KISS-DU and EDII. The MoU Signing Ceremony, held in a blended-mode, was graced by senior functionaries, and faculty members from EDII and KISS-DU.

In his welcome address, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU said that EDII and KISS-DU share a very special relationship as they have jointly organized various capacity building programmes and workshops in the recent past. "We salute the longstanding relationship between the two organizations and it is the right time to work more intensively. More collaborative work can be done in areas like research, academic, internship,

projects and training and development of students and faculty members including exchange programs", he said. The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the kind of works being accomplished by EDII throughout the state and the country. He urged that the MoU should be functional in true sense, especially with regard to tribal entrepreneurship.

Introducing Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII, Ahmadabad, Dr. Disha Bhatt, Assistant Professor, KISS-DU said that Dr. Shukla is a pioneer in the field of entrepreneurship education and research. Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Dr. Shukla mentioned that, it is a historic day for EDII to ink an MoU with KISS. The MoU signing will definitely open spheres for both the institutions to collectively work for the empowerment of the tribal children studying at KISS. He hailed the initiatives being undertaken by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KISS & KIIT and his unique vision and mission to work for the tribal communities at large. He also shared his experience of studying M.Phil. and Ph.D. at Utkal University, while expressing his desire to visit KISS sometime with his team postpandemic to witness the facilities being provided to the 30,000 students at KISS. Dr. Shukla added that, in Odisha, after

signing an MoU with Odisha State Open University, KISS-DU is the second University with which the MoU is being signed. He also shared the importance of good business ideas and opportunities and referred to some of the initiatives taken by the Govt. of India like Make in India, Digital India, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Swachh Bharat. etc.

Dr. Subrat Biswal, Regional-in-Charge and Faculty, EDII, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, who represented EDII to sign the MoU, shared his experiences with regard to developing entrepreneurship ecosystem with focus on building tribal entrepreneurs. Dr. Satya Acharya, Director Entrepreneur Education, EDII, Ahmedabad said that this MoU is a big opportunity for both the institutions to work for the development of the State of Odisha with collaborative efforts. Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar, reciprocating the thought of Dr. Samanta, said that education has no meaning if it is not linked with livelihood. He added, academics should be linked with skill development and entrepreneurship. He laid stress on organizing need-based activities which according to him is the need of the hour. Dr. Routray also proposed the vote of thanks on the occasion. The MoU Signing Ceremony was initiated, organized and coordinated by Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Dean, School of Tribal Resource Management, KISS-DU.

IPR Awareness Webinar at KIIT

An Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Webinar was organized at KIIT Deemed to be University on 24th January 2022. The webinar was organized under the auspices of National IP Awareness Mission (NIPAM), Government of India and Indian Patent Office Kolkata in collaboration with KIIT-DU. The webinar was attended by Prof. Prasant Rath, Dean, KIIT School of Applied Sciences (SAS); Dr. Rojalin Sahu,

Associate Professor, SAS and Associate Dean, Central Research Centre, KIIT-DU; Dr. Rohit Rathore, Assistant Controller of Patents & Designs, Indian Patent Office Kolkata and Shri Dhiren Pattnayak, Examiner of Patents and Design. The speakers focused on various forms of IPR protection and the processes involved using ample examples. They also encouraged the submission of more patent applications from KIIT-DU. A pop-

quiz conducted by the speakers, to drive home the learning of the session, saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty alike. Er. Bibhudutta Panda. Coordinator, Outreach Program, KIIT International School delivered the vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by students and faculty members from various schools of KIIT Group of Institutions.



KSOFT Organizes "Product Design" Webinar in Collaboration with Maitri Global Education, Italy

KIIT School of Fashion Technology organized a Subject Experts Engagement (SEE) Webinar Talk on 17th January 2022 in coordination and collaboration with Maitri Global Education, Italy and Academic & Industry Experts from top ranked Design University and Institutes of European Countries.

Delivering a lecture on "Creative Development Skills" at the webinar, Mr. Eduardo Motta - Product Manager, Lotto International from Italy elaborated on Product Designing, Product Development, Merchandising and Marketing. He went on to explain the development of footwear with technical know-how in different steps, gave a brief idea about the product development, ways to manage the sales and how to analyze it, ways to maintain the marketing requests, target cost, investment, development timings, designing with perfection, wood modeling and prototype of the product. He also answered questions from the faculty members as students.

Prof. Farantene Raffaele, Project Leader, A d i d a s , I t a l y e x p l a i n e d Marketing/Product Design according to the customers' need and choice. He detailed on Product Design



Conceptualization, Material Selection, Merchandiser Sample Development, Pricing Strategies, Customer Perception on Design & Pricing, Product Technical Specification, Material Selection, Procurement & Mass Production Planning, Finishing and Retailing, etc.

Students of KSOFT got an amazing opportunity to enhance their knowledge and at the same time grab new ideas for their future. Prof. H. S. Khauta, CEO of SOFT, SFMS & SMC expressed gratitude to the invited expert speakers, Mr. George Maitri, Founder of Maitri Global Education and Mr. Abraham Choorickapra, Co-Founder

& President and organizers and coordinators for encouraging the KSOFT students with valuable insights. Prof. Bauri Raul, Course Coordinator of KSOFT led the session along with other faculty members of the School.

The 2nd Webinar in Subject Experts Engagement (SEE) Talk series was held on 13th December 2021, while the first webinar was conducted on 25th November 2021 on "Fashion Styling". Ms. Biswarnjita Mohapatra, Sr. Faculty Associate and Mr. P. S. Bal, Faculty Associate proposed the vote of thanks.

UNICEF Odisha's Social & Behaviour Change Specialist Visits KSMC

Dr. Sugata Roy, Social & Behaviour Change Specialist of UNICEF Odisha visited School of Mass Communication (KSMC), KIIT Deemed to be University for an interaction with the faculty members on 17th February 2022. He also met Professor Himansu Sekhar Khatua, CEO, KSMC. Dr. Bidu Bhusan Dash, Course Coordinator, KSMC briefed

Dr. Roy about the School's strengths, achievements, and facilities. Dr. Roy, who has over two decades of experience in Communication, Social and Behaviour Change, emphasised the need to look beyond monitoring indicators and focus on behavioural indicators. For this, academic inputs play a crucial role, he said. He expressed interest for

collaboration with the School along the lines of student internships with UNICEF, social media content support, research, and seminars for student capacity building. Faculty members Ms. Ruby Nanda, Mr. Souptik Garai, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Panda, and Faculty Associates, Ms Chimoyee Deka and Ms Sanada Mukherjee were among those present.





Pre WAC-2023 Distinguished Invited Online Lecture Series at KISS-DU Dr. Tarun Chhabra Speaks on "Toda Landscape"

Dr. Trun Chhabra, founder of Toda Nalaavazhvu Sangam (Toda Welfare Society) and Edhkwehlynawd Botanical Refuge, an amateur scholar of Anthropology and Ecology, freelancer, and dentist by training, spoke on the topic "Toda Landscape" on 15th January, 2022, under the Pre WAC-2023 Distinguished Invited Online Lecture Series organized by KISS Deemed to be University. Dr Chhabra's book The Toda Landscape: Explorations in Cultural Ecology, Harvard University Press, 2015, is a glowing testimony of his scholarship.

In his talk, Dr. Chhabra mentioned about the Todas as a very small ethnic group of people numbering not more than 1500 and inhabiting the upper Nilgiri hills region. Toda society is structurally endogamous and has a peculiarly dual system of both patriarchy and matriarchy. Toda people speak a language with a complex phonetic system. They are vegetarian, pacifist and non-materialist. Through a fascinating slide show, Dr. Chhabra drew his audience into the picturesque prehistoric world of the Todas among mountains and Neolithic stone circles, dolmens, cists, conical temples, arched thatched houses with colourful murals. The Toda life is governed by sacred rites, prayers and pieties among gods who inhabit the mountain peaks and the dead who continue to be with the living, although as souls. Their life is regulated by the sacred ceremonies and rites of birth, passage and funeral. The river systems, grasslands and buffaloes with long horns arching upwards do not just signify a pastoral ecological system, but nature as life-giving, sacred and inviolate. The most significant truth about the Toda's relationship with nature is that they believe that they are the custodians of nature, never its owners. They perform certain sacred



rituals for the management of their ecosystem, which is unique and picturesque with flora consisting of ninety endemic variety of plant species, a wide variety of grasses, Rhododendron trees, medicinal plants, orchids, balsams etc. that seem to be part of the part of Toda cultural symbolism. Of the local fauna, birds are not only beautiful but also seem to have oracular power. The Pied bushchat, an astoundingly beautiful bird, is believed to play the role of warning people if they happen to transgress the sacred rules of nature. The total harmony in which the Toda people live in their world is a rebuke to the acquisitive, predatory and destructive habits of the so-called

civilized people in their relation with nature.

Earlier, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU, introduced Dr. Chhabra. Professor Pramode K. Misra, a senior Professor of Anthropology from

Mysore, and Professor Anthony R. Walker, an authority on the Toda tribe, now in Brunei, joined the lively session and threw light on various aspects of Dr. Chhabra's ethnographic work on the Toda people. Professor Gregory S, Member Secretary, UIAF, spoke about the ensuing World Congress-2023 which KISS-DU will organize in partnership with the Departments of Anthropology of the University of Delhi, Utkal University and Sambalpur University. Professor Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, senior Professor, KISS-DU conducted the question-answer session, and Dr. Sushree Sangita Mohanty, Assistant Professor, KISS-DU offered a Vote of Thanks.

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KIMS Faculty's Social Innovation Gets CM's Appreciation



Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha interacting with Dr. Ashok Kumar Badamali, Cardiac Anaesthesiologist, KIMS during inauguration of O-Hub.

Cardiac Anaesthesiologist of KIMS, Dr. Ashok Kumar Badamali's social innovation ecosystem Sanjivani QCPR was selected by MSME Odisha and start-up Odisha secretariats for presentation and interaction with Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha during inauguration of O-Hub. The projected social impact of public

training in CPR by QCPR KIOSK and improvement in quality of chest compression delivered through Sanjivani QCPR device for resuscitation of cardiac arrest victims were appreciated by the committee, who selected the innovations as a promising health-tech innovation amongst the 1200 startups of Odisha. Dr. Badamali

informed that, in spite of pandemic, the 5T policy of Govt. of Odisha, the opportunities available at KIIT Deemed to be University, Fabrications facilities in KIIT-TBI along with supports from DST & NRDC helped him in taking the idea to MVP stage. The Chief Minister congratulated and thanked the team for the social innovation.

Virtual Dissection Table Installed at KIMS



In yet another step towards Skill Development of Medicos, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) installed a virtual dissection table for departments like Anatomy, Surgery, Orthopedic, Obstetrics & Gynaecology

and Anesthesiology. Anatomy is the branch of science concerned with the bodily structure of humans, animals and other living organisms, especially as revealed by dissection and separation of parts. It's an essential component in

medical education. The virtual dissection table will add value to the teaching-learning process. The learning opportunities, engagement, peer to peer learning, assessments and quizzing, distance mode of teaching will be possible through the virtual dissection table. Curriculum integration with clinical departments will help the student in learning the future clinical and practical applications during the first year of MBBS itself. Surgical planning will help the surgeons for virtual operation with a patient's CT scan, any DICOM data and plan the surgical plains of trauma, cancers and any rare pathologies before proceeding for actual surgery. Installation of the virtual dissection tables is a part of the state-of-the-art Simulation and Skill Lab proposed by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT, KISS & KIMS. It will go a long way in enhancing the skill development and quality education at KIMS.



KSOM Conducts Open MDP on "Finance for Non-Finance Executives"

The professionals from functional areas of business such as human resources, marketing, sales, production and research and development should have extensive working knowledge of finance. The knowledge of finance enables them to understand the financial statements better and take critical business decisions. The business executives are constantly involved in cost-saving, budget preparation, new product development, capacity utilization and strategy formulation related decisions, where finance is a significant and essential component.

In order to bridge this gap of the nonfinance business executives, School of Management organized a two-day virtual open management development program on the theme "Finance for Non-Finance Executives" during December 17-18, 2021. The programme was conducted by Dr. K. K. Ray, Professor of Finance and Dr. Shikta Singh, Associate Professor of Finance, School of Management. The participants of this virtual MDP comprised the executives from NALCO and Luminous Infoways Pvt. Ltd.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Dr. S. K. Mahapatra, Director, KSOM emphasized that each executive, irrespective of their background, should develop skills to understand and interpret the item of the company's financial statement. He advised the participants to identify the critical financial terms and realize their role in achieving the bottom line of business. Dr. S. N. Misra, Dean set the context of the MDP and narrated the basic purpose of this programme.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. K. K. Ray mentioned the significance of the programme and elaborated the topics to be covered during the two-day deliberations. The participants from NALCO and Luminous Infoways also introduced themselves and mentioned their expectations from the programme. Dr. Shikta Singh proposed the vote of thanks at the inauguration session.

Two sessions on 'Why finance matters?' and 'Bahavioural Finance and its Linkage with the Investment Decision Making' were taken by Dr. K. K. Ray and Dr. Shikta Singh respectively on the first day.

The second day of the MDP had four sessions conducted by Dr. K. K. Ray, Dr. Shikta Singh and Dr. Nikhil Srivantava, Associate Professor, KSOM. Dr. Ray explained the puzzle between debt and equity financing and elaborated on the significance of working capital management and critical indicators including ratios for business performance analysis. Dr. Nikhi Srivastava conducted a session on investment analysis and elaborated the techniques undertaken to evaluate the capex plans of business. At the concluding session, Dr. Shikta Singh detailed the participants about some advanced behavioural finance indicators that are used for better business decision making.

The participants expressed their satisfaction and appreciated the topics covered during the programme. They thanked the efforts put by faculty members in explaining the finance jargons and suggested a long-term association with KSOM. Dr. S. N. Misra and Dr. Ashok Sar addressed the participants at the valedictory session.

KIIT Law School Signs MOU with NLSIU, Bengaluru



The Department of Intellectual Property Rights Law and Practice of the KIIT Law School signed an MOU with the Centre for Intellectual Property Research and Advocacy of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. The MOU exchange ceremony was held online on the 17th of January, 2022.

This collaboration between India's two leading law schools seeks to capitalize on the expertise and resources available with the respective departments through various means like joint faculty development programmes, research and publications, conferences, policy papers, etc.

The Ceremony was graced by Prof.(Dr.) N S Nigam, Registrar, NLSIU; Prof.(Dr.) T Ramakrishna, DPIIT Chair and Professor of IPR, NLSIU; and Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Director, KIIT Law School and was coordinated by Prof. Sudipta De Sarkar, HOD, Dept. of IPR.



All India Inter-University Athletics (Women) Championship Inaugurated at KIIT



The 81st All India Inter-University Athletics (Women) Championship 2021-22, organized by KIIT-DU and supported by KISS-DU, was inaugurated by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. It is for the first time Odisha hosted this Championship, which was held under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. More than 2000 athletes, officials and coaches from more than 200 universities participated at this mega event from 21st to 24th February 2022.

Sports offer a bright future and one should consider pursuing a career in sports, said Dutee Chand, Olympian & Arjuna Awardee and a student of KIIT at the inaugural ceremony. Parents should encourage their children to get involved in sports apart from studying, she added. Many Dronacharya Awardee and reputed coaches were part of this mega event. The competition was held in 24 events for 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters race; 100 and 400 meters hurdles, half marathon, 20 km race walk, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Pole vault, shot-put, discus



throw, Javelins throw, hammer throw, heptathlon, 3000-meter steeplechase, 4 x 100 mts, 4 x 400 mts relay and 4 x 400 mts mixed relay. The Indian Universities teams for World University Games 2022 at Chengdu, China will be selected from this Championship. Also, the top eight athletes from each event will qualify for the Khelo India University Games 2022 at Bangalore.

Among others, Dr. Binu George Varghese, Director Physical Education, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam & Chairman of Selection Committee, Indian Universities Teams for World University Games 2022; Prof. L. B. Laxmikant Rathod, VC, Palamuru University; Mr. Nagpuri Ramesh, Dronacharya Awardee & Sr. SAI Coach; Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Principal and Head, University College of Physical Education, Osmania University; Mr. Sanjay Garnayak, Member, Selection Committee, Indian Universities Athletic Team; Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU, and Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director-General, Sports, KIIT were present.





Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate: Week-long Science Festival **Inaugurated at KiiT International School**



Bhubaneswar, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Mr. M. K. Mishra, Secretary, E&IT and Science & Technology, Govt. of Odisha, Dr. P. K. Mallick, Addl. PCCF & Chief Executive, ORSAC and Dr. Sanjay Suar, Principal, KiiT-IS at the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition.

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, a science exhibition, 'Amrit Mahotsav Science Showcase: Roadmap to 2047' was inaugurated at KiiT International School on 22nd February 2022. The weeklong exhibition was organized by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with Integrated Test Range (ITR), NIF, IMMT, STD (Govt. of Odisha), ORSAC, Odisha Bigyan Academy, IMA and KIIT-TBI. It was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. M. K. Mishra, Secretary, E&IT and Science & Technology, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. P. K. Mallick, Addl. PCCF & Chief Executive, ORSAC; Mr. K. Srinivasan, Regional Officer, CBSE, Bhubaneswar; and Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.

Models of various missiles - Agni, Akash, Prithvi, Brahmos, Astra, Nag, etc. - and armament systems (MBT Arjun Tank, Artillery Gun) were on display at the exhibition. The students and teachers from different schools in Bhubaneswar participated and interacted with about

20 grass-root scientists who have been felicitated by the National Innovation Foundation for their uniqueness. About 1200 delegates registered for the event. The festival was celebrated at 75 locations across the country, with the main programme in Delhi. Science and technology organisations of the country are committed to ensure that the benefits of science and technology, and innovations reach the masses and help the society in circumventing various problems.

This is the age of science, knowledge and exposure, said Prof. Samanta at the inaugural ceremony. In the early days students only were dependent on books for knowledge, but now due to advancement in science all are getting exposure, he stated. We are progressing with the help of science and technology, which has also been enabling us to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic worldwide in the last two years, he added. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mishra said, "Science is the

understanding of different themes. Technology is the way to take science forward. Science should be for common people. Nowadays technology has become our way of life. Everybody experienced the importance of technology during the pandemic".

Mr. P. K. Mallick said, we need science to grow, live, and develop. Science and technology are two hands of humans. Conceptualizing something is science, while making it reality is technology, he explained. Students should develop scientific temper and learn to practice it, he stated, adding that Azadi can be protected by nurture and practice science. Mr. Srinivasan said, "We need to understand the happenings around us and apply our knowledge to improve. We should use science and technology for better living and for society". Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School and Dr. Sanjay Suar, Principal also spoke on the occasion.



International Art Of Giving Day





Towards Rebuilding Hope. Happiness and Harmony

(A Pen and A Plant)

Happiness, Hope and Harmony are the three vital ingredients to expand creativity in our mind and heart. We become more energised, motivated and receptive when these three positive emotions stay together. When we start sharing and caring we feel the bliss of happiness, hope and harmony. We should explore the opportunity of giving something to bring smile on others face so that our inner happiness will be doubled and the practice will help us live with positive hope and harmony.

The COVID-19 pandemic has struck millions of families and shattered countless dreams. Art of Giving, on its 9th anniversary, would reach out to as many affected ones and spend time and interact with them with a token gift - a tastefully designed cotton bag, a pen and a plant.

Art Of Giving

Art of Giving is all about creating an unconditional and sustainable abundance of love, peace and happiness and contentment for others through gestures of kindness and generosity. It was founded by Prof. Achyuta Samanta on 17 May 2013.



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