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a positive difference





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

## Message from the Founder KIIT & KISS

The world celebrated the 9th anniversary of the International Day of Art of Giving on 17th May 2022 with unprecedented enthusiasm. The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted normal social-economic life for the last two years. It spared no one - accounting for countless lives lost and livelihood destroyed. While the worst seems to be over and the pandemic may end, the scars that it has left behind will take years to heal. This year's theme – Hope, Happiness, and Harmony – was an attempt to tap the innate positive energy of love, compassion, empathy, kindness, and gratitude, present in each one of us, and accelerate the process of healing. Since its inception in 2013, 'Art of Giving' has grown into a massive worldwide civic movement to spread the message of peace and happiness. The movement puts into practice the immortal words of Mahatma Gandhi – *“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”*. My profound thanks and gratitude to all followers of Art of Giving for their participation in large numbers.

  
*Achyuta Samanta*

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# AOG Celebrates 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; observing it as UN Proclaimed Day on cards



India along with several countries across the world on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 celebrated the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Art of Giving (AOG), a noble and pious initiative of KIIT, KISS and KIMS Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta to promote an equitable and harmonious relationship in the society. The theme of this year's celebration was "Hope, Happiness and Harmony", with Prof. Samanta disclosing moves to propose to the United Nations to proclaim May 17 as the Art of Giving Day.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, hailed the path-breaking initiative of Prof. Samanta and said his noble cause transcends all barriers and touches every soul in the society irrespective of caste, creed or religion. "There is no difference between the commoner and the cosmos and the quality of AOG," the Governor said at the packed gathering that was attended by well-known faces from different spheres of the State. The Governor drew parallels between AOG and devotion shown towards Lord Jagannath and said, AOG is like "pulling down the heaven on earth".

(From L) Shri Niranjana Rath, President of Servants of Peoples Society (Odisha Unit) and Printer & Publisher, The Samaja; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and AOG; Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Swami Sivachidananda Saraswati, Secretary, Sivananda Centenary Boys' School, Bhubaneswar; and Baba Ram Narayan Das, Founder-President, Unit-I Ram Temple, Bhubaneswar at the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Art of Giving in Bhubaneswar on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The AOG has transformed into a people's movement, bringing hope and happiness to millions, especially those living on the margins of society. "Our objective is to spread the message of peace and happiness. We want to make it a universally accepted belief through the UN proclamation, said Prof. Achyuta Samanta.

He remained optimistic that the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AOG next year will be celebrated as a UN proclaimed day, much like how the world celebrates June 21 as UN proclaimed International Yoga Day.

Taking the audience back to 2013 when AOG was conceptualized, Prof. Samanta recalled the moment when this idea crossed his mind. He said, he was heading to the Bengaluru city from the airport when he felt that the achievements that had come his way were all because of compassion

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# Art Of Giving



exhibited by way of giving out to the society. "I immediately called up some close friends and shared about AOG philosophy. They were ecstatic with the idea." Prof. Samanta said that from the conceptualization stage to finalizing AOG took them about six months and since then AOG has taken a universal appeal. On the eve of the 9<sup>th</sup> celebration, he said, 15 places in Bangladesh observed the day while 30 more events were organized in Delhi. Besides, every panchayat across Odisha celebrated the occasion in its unique way.

Swami Sivachidananda Saraswati, Secretary, Sivananda Centenary Boys' School, Bhubaneswar, said, "Our Guruji Swami Shivananda was always giving something or other to anyone, who approached him. In fact, we were calling our Guru a nickname "Givanand" looking at his giving spree. Today I have found the "Second Givanand" in Prof Achyuta Samanta looking at his philosophy of life". Stating that we have to expand ourselves beyond the narrow 'self', Swami Siva Chidanand added that the time has come to rediscover our inner self so that we can do something for the world surrounding us and the Art of Giving philosophy would certainly help us in this regard.

Baba Ram Narayan Das, Founder-President, Unit-I Ram Temple, Bhubaneswar, in his speech observed that by arranging more than 1 lakh meals in a day for

over 30,000 inmates of KISS and family members of more than 10,000 families of KIIT and KISS Universities, Prof. Achyuta Samanta is not only doing a yeoman service to the society but also spreading the message of Art of Giving by organizing the food or "Anna" or rice as it is the epitome of our lifeline.



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Declaring the philosophy of Indian mythology, i.e. "Data ek Ram baki sab bhikari" Baba Ram Narayan Das added that Prof. Achyuta Samanta should not deviate from his path as the meaning of his name explains, so that Art of Giving would get longtime patronage and would help people to disseminate the theme of Hope, Happiness and Harmony around the world.

Niranjan Rath, President of Servants of Peoples Society (Odisha Unit) and Printer and Publisher of Odisha's leading vernacular daily Samaja, also spoke on AOG.

**The Governor felicitated young environmentalist Subhransu Satapathy; Lady Mortician Riturani Sasmal; ASHA Health Worker Babita Natha; Army aspirants trainer from Jagatsinghpur Silu Nayak; and Golden Grass Designer and Entrepreneur Usharani Naik from Mayurbhanj with 'Art of Giving Award- 2022' for their extraordinary work toward society.**





Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder,  
KIIT & KISS and AOG



Swami Sivachidananda Saraswati, Secretary,  
Sivananda Centenary Boys' School, Bhubaneswar



Baba Ram Narayan Das, Founder-President, Unit-I  
Ram Temple, Bhubaneswar



Shri Niranjana Rath, President of Servants of Peoples Society  
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Distinguished winners of 'Art of Giving Award- 2022'.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS celebrating International Day of Art of Giving with the students of KISS.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS distributing feed and clothes among inmates of Mission Ashra, a shelter home for destitute women with mental illness in Janla.

# Art of Giving - From Thought to Manifestation

Prof. Achyuta Samanta



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All my achievements are due to the habit of Art of Giving. Sharing everything that I own has become my passion. It is not connected with material wealth.

In a world so embroiled with greed and corruption, 'simple living and high thinking' has become a virtue of the past. In this materialistic world, we all aspire for more - better and bigger houses, cars, comforts and luxury - that only money can buy. But most of us never ever think about the person on the street who is dying of hunger, because we have preferred to live by denying others the material prosperity that we would like to have for us. Even if we think about them and feel pity, we don't know how to act to help. Art of Giving is indispensable in such circumstances and materialistic living. Unlocking the spirit of Art of Giving in each and every one can create waves of happiness for self and for the society.

Art of Giving is all about creating unconditional and sustainable abundance of love, peace, happiness and contentment for others through gestures of kindness and generosity. This epiphany inspired me to form a not-for-profit initiative for spreading, supporting and promoting practice of the art of giving around the world from 17th May 2013. The journey of Art of Giving in my life started back from a young age when I sowed the seeds of love and care as a child, despite having been pushed to the mire of abject poverty due to the untimely demise of my father. Throughout my childhood, starting from the age of 5, I lent support to my mother and gave her solace. I even shared my hard-earned wage with the hungry and the needy village urchins.

With a vision of a poverty-free, hunger-free and illiteracy-free world and the mission to serve the society, I began investing every penny of my meagre earning as soon as I started my professional career. I invested all that I had harvested from my enterprises for the human community to receive larger and larger harvests year after year. I founded the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a venture that has the distinction of being the world's largest residential institute for the tribal children and educates more than 70,000 poor tribal children absolutely free. It stands to testify my vision of life and the art of giving. All my achievements are due to the habit of Art of Giving. Sharing everything that I own has become my passion.

“One must be poor to know the luxury of giving”. For me, compassion is a two-way street. For all the sorrow, poverty and distress in this world, there are unlimited ways of helping- for making a positive difference. Every religion upholds the art of giving and spreading happiness and peace, the things that have inspired me somewhere during my struggles of life to work on. Giving away material goods is just one form of generosity. One can always extend an attitude of generosity into one's behaviour. I had always wanted to work for the people and God has blessed me with that power and intention to do so.

Needless to say, charity is an important tenet of every religion, because compassion is essential for spiritual life. In Indian scriptures, 'daan' or charity occupies a very prominent place. Every religion preaches the same ideology of philanthropy, be it the Quran's “sadaqa” or “zakat” , Buddhism's charity to the needy; Jainism's charity of offering food, saving lives of others in danger, distributing medicine and spreading knowledge; Judaism's Tzedakah meaning justice or righteousness to denote charity; Christianity's expression of charity as an essential component of faith and Zoroastrianism that considers poverty and suffering as an affliction of evil; hence it is the duty of every individual to fight this evil.

I have thought about sharing the magnanimity of a simple concept like Art of Giving with the people to spread peace and happiness in the society since 2013. I join the league of people like Ben Carson when he advocates, “Happiness does not result from what we get, but from what we give”. Let the “Art of Giving” as a value be inculcated in every heart because “We make living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”.

Art of Giving started as a thought, but along the way, people joined the cause. For the last nine years, Art of Giving community, consisting of our well wishers and those inspired by it, celebrate 17 May as International Day of Art of Giving on themes like Society, Spirituality, Humanity and to unite the three through Art of Giving in 2014, Kompassions: The Garment Bank to donate old recyclable clothes and other material to the needy in 2015, Connecting with the World and Self through practice of gratitude in 2016, Cyclothon to spread a message of healthy living and green future in 2017. Post the year 2017, the family of Art of Giving rose from thousands to millions with the introduction of community contribution for community building. The numbers grew exponentially and so did the volunteers. Since then AOG has been what it was always meant to be:

by the public, of the public and for the public. In 2018, Pyaar Bhara Pack was a huge success. Over 20 million meals were distributed. In 2019, Bag of Happiness united people together by gifting happiness kits to the students. Struggling during the pandemic, in 2020 the theme was AOG Fights Corona to acknowledge the COVID warriors and help victims. In 2021, the theme was My Mother My Hero wherein AOG community wrote gratitude letters to mothers, the givers.

While it was in a nascent stage in 2014 and 2015, it gained momentum. With over 20 million followers and 1.5 million members, our family has grown exponentially. Our convenors from over 300 locations in 120 countries across the globe, all states in India and all panchayats and blocks of Odisha work throughout the year for spreading the message of Art of Giving and volunteerism. Through social media, we have touched around 10 million lives and with a huge follower base that interacts with us virtually, we are in the process of making the world one united by the spirit of giving.

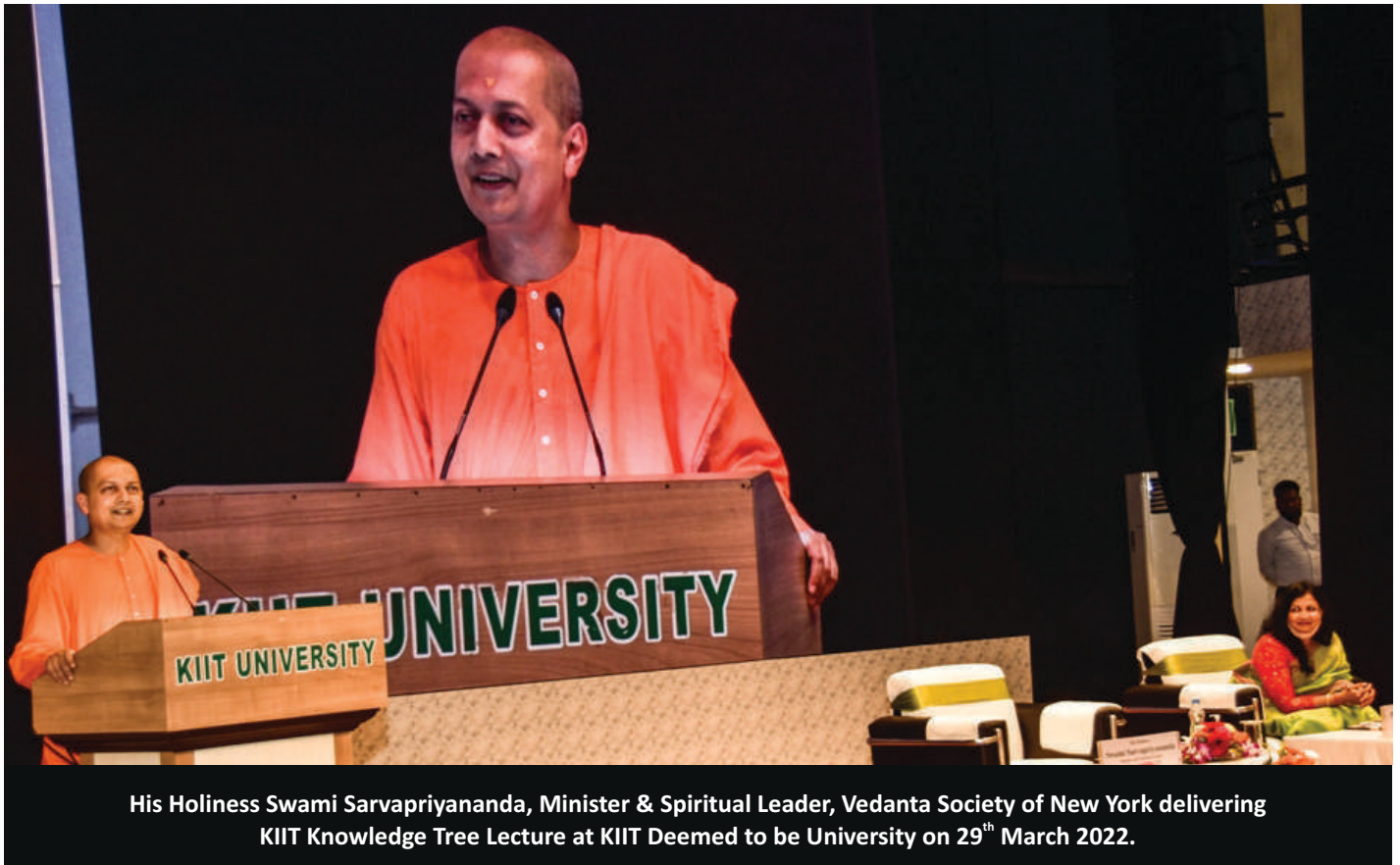
This year, the theme is “Hope, Happiness and Harmony”. We have been going through tough times for the last two years. Yet, we have not lost hope. We have infinite ways to connect and support each other through simple acts of love, compassion, empathy, kindness and gratitude. I am sure that living with hope shall create numerous opportunities to spread the message of peace and happiness in society.

Let's heal the world and create a sea change by spreading the message of Hope, Happiness and Harmony transcending borders, castes, creed, nationality and become a string of pearls strengthened by the bonds of humanity.

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# His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda Delivers Knowledge Tree Lecture at KIIT



His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister & Spiritual Leader, Vedanta Society of New York delivering KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture at KIIT Deemed to be University on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister & Spiritual Leader, Vedanta Society of New York delivered KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture at KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar on 29th March 2022. KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture series is a unique initiative of KIIT-DU to host, on regular basis, eminent scholars, spiritual leaders, celebrities, public servants and leaders, who share their lives' experiences and wisdom with the students and staff. It seeks to bring knowledge of the world closer to the students.

Delivering the lecture, Swami Sarvapriyananda stated that India, unlike US and other advanced countries, is undergoing transformation at a rapid pace. Young people, particularly students, are at the forefront of this transformation. **“While going around the wonderful campuses of KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)**

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His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister & Spiritual Leader, Vedanta Society of New York blessing Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS at his ashram in Bhubaneswar on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022, ahead of his KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture.

this morning, my feeling was that while Harvard, a great university and one of the best in the world, is the present, this is the future”, he said.

Enlightening students on ways to achieve success and happiness in life, Swami Sarvapriyananda, who is a well-known speaker on Vedanta, said, success assumes different meaning in different fields - in Hollywood, success is connection with the celebrities; in Wall Street, success is the accumulation of wealth; while at Harvard University, success is the amount of learning. However, successful people, irrespective of their field, fail to find happiness and peace, he pointed out, emphasizing that happiness and peace remain elusive in absence of spirituality.

He said, Swami Vivekananda used to say – Old religion said that one who does not believe in God is an atheist, while today's religion says one who does not believe in self is an atheist. **“Swami Vivekananda would have been very happy to see all these – thousands of students from tribal students studying**

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Summarizing from Swami Vivekananda's teachings, he told students three essentials – self confidence, focus and selflessness - for achieving their full potential in life. He

cited the example of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, who has shown what one person can achieve with these three qualities. Recounting his interaction with Dr. Achyuta Samanta, he said that he asked Dr. Samanta that had he ever felt that he had sacrificed his life for his mission. “Dr. Samanta replied, not at all. I am getting more happiness than I had imagined and I am the happiest person. This shows that the more you think for others and the more you do for others, the happier you will be immediately and lastingly so just like Dr. Samanta”, Swami Sarvapriyananda said.

He told students, firstly, one needs to believe in oneself. Without self confidence and self esteem, even the best of resources will not help. He elaborated that living consciously, accepting who we are, practice of self responsibility, practice of self assertiveness, living purposeful life and practice of integrity are six attributes required to inculcate self confidence.

Secondly, one needs to be focused. It is seen that extraordinary people have extraordinary power of concentration, he stated, adding that focus is more important than IQ and facilities and it removes the limit to the capacity to think, feel and work. Lastly, Swami Sarvapriyananda said, one needs to be selfless. It is true that the more we serve others, the more fulfilled we become, he added.

He also answered queries from the audience. **Swami Sarvapriyananda** joined the Ramakrishna Math in 1994 and received Sannyasa in 2004. He has served as an acharya of the monastic probationers' training center at Belur Math, India. He has also served in various capacities in different educational institutes of the Ramakrishna Mission in India and as the Assistant Minister of the Vedanta Society of Southern California. He was a Nagral Fellow at the Harvard Divinity School in 2019-20.



Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT Deemed to be University felicitating His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister & Spiritual Leader, Vedanta Society of New York.

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Expressing gratitude to Swami Sarvapriyananda for enlightening the students and staff with his wisdom, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU said, history is witness that

spiritualism and spiritual people have made a profound impact on the world. Understanding oneself and being connected to the globe are the essence of knowledge, she added. A large

number of students, faculty members and staff of KIIT-DU attended the lecture, which was held in hybrid mode.



His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Minister & Spiritual Leader, Vedanta Society of New York addressing students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

## Bihar Sports Conclave-2022

### Odisha Sports Model Best in India: Prof. Achyuta Samanta



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS speaking at Bihar Sports Conclave-2022 in Patna on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Odisha sports model is the best model in India, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said at the Bihar Sports Conclave-2022 in Patna on 28th April 2022. The two-day Conclave, organized by the Govt. of Bihar, was inaugurated by Dr. Alok Ranjan, Hon'ble Minister, Art, Culture and Youth, Govt. of Bihar.

Addressing the Conclave, Prof. Samanta said, one has to take lead with utmost dedication and selflessness to take the State to a new height in the field of sports. First of all, we have to create world-class sports infrastructure, he stated. Appreciating the Odisha sports model, Prof. Samanta said, Odisha has become the sports capital of India under the leadership of Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha. "Shri Patnaik has a special interest in sports and he has accorded much importance to sports. Today Odisha is organizing many national and international sports events. The Government of Odisha has not only created huge world-class sports infrastructure, it has taken sports to grassroot level. As a result, Odisha has produced many national and international sportspersons", he said.

Odisha is the number one state in India to promote sportspersons and the prize money given by the Govt. of Odisha to national and international sportspersons is highest in the country, he added, suggesting every state to follow the Odisha sports model.

KIIT & KISS has made an enormous contribution to sports and has been according as much importance to sports as academics from its inception, he informed, stating that it is the only educational institution in India to have created a huge world-class sports infrastructure. Today KIIT & KISS has been attracting national and international players and sports bodies to organize national and international sports events here, Prof. Samanta added. Among others, Mr. Rahul Bose, President, Rugby India, and many eminent sportspersons and coaches were present.

## KIIT & KISS Founder Receives Honorary Doctorate From RK University

Eminent educationist & philanthropist and Founder, KIIT & KISS, Dr. Achyuta Samanta was conferred with the prestigious Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by the RK University, Rajkot, Gujarat for his remarkable contributions to the field of tribal empowerment through quality education to tribal children, healthcare and rural development, and to art, culture, and

literature at the 9th Convocation of the University on 12th March 2022. He was also the Guest of Honour at the convocation ceremony. This is the 48th Honorary Doctorate for Dr. Samanta. Earlier, he has been awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees from many reputed institutions for his contributions in the fields of education and social work.

RK University was founded to impact society positively and substantially. Starting in 2005 with just 120 students on campus, today RKU has more than 60 programs and 6000 students. Dr. Samanta thanked the university, its Chancellor, Dr. T. R. Desai, and President, Shri Khodidasbhai Patel for conferring him with the honour.



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## Making an Impact: KIIT Ranked 8th Globally in SDG 'Reducing Inequalities'

KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar has been ranked 8th among universities of the world in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of 'Reducing Inequalities' in the prestigious Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022 published on 28th April 2022.

Besides World University Rankings, Times Higher Education publishes several other rankings of institutions every year on different parameters. One of the most important among these is the Impacts Rankings, which evaluates thousands of universities from all over the world on their contributions to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings assesses their commitment to sustainability across four broad areas: research, stewardship, outreach and teaching.

In this year's rankings, KIIT has been ranked 8th best in the entire world for its impact in one parameter of SDGs – 'Reducing Inequalities'. With impressive ranks of 101-200 in other SDGs - Quality Education; Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions; and Partnerships for the Goals – KIIT has achieved the overall position of 201-300 in the rankings, which lists over 1500

universities from 106 countries. Only a handful of Indian institutions feature in the list, and KIIT is among the top eight universities from India.

Along with quality education and research, KIIT has been actively involved in a wide spectrum of social development activities since its inception. "KIIT has done extensive work in the field of reducing inequalities. As a result, it has got 8th position in the whole world in this parameter of SDG", opined the academic community of KIIT Deemed to be University.

Expressing his happiness, Dr. Achyuta Samanta said, KIIT's position among the world's most impactful universities in the parameter of 'Reducing Inequalities' reflects its enormous work done in the field over the years. He congratulated the Chancellor; Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sasmita Samanta; faculty and staff members and students of KIIT for

the achievement.

KIIT, which takes pride as a community-based university, has been extensively contributing to social priorities like reducing poverty through education, women empowerment, rural development, tribal upliftment, art, culture and literature, etc. since its inception. **In fact, KIIT is committed towards all 17 SDGs and its academic and social outreach programmes directly touch most of the goals. High rank of KIIT in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings reflects its high social responsibility and impactful contributions toward sustainable development.**

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## Asia Education Award 2022

# KIIT India's Best University for Placement & Campus



Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka presenting the award to Mrs. Sasmita Rout, Deputy Director, KIIT, who received the award in the absence of the Founder, KIIT & KISS.



In yet another significant achievement, KIIT Deemed to be University was conferred Asia Education Award for 2022 by Asia Today Research & Media in Bengaluru on 25th March 2022. In the absence of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Mrs. Sasmita Rout, Deputy Director, KIIT received the award on behalf of KIIT from Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka. KIIT earned the award in the category of "Best University with Excellent Placement & Campus in India".

KIIT has carved a niche for itself in the country for its outstanding contribution to the field of education. Since its

inception, KIIT has been emphasizing value-based education in ensuring congenial learning ambience and excellent placement to students. By virtue of these aspects, KIIT bagged this coveted award for its aesthetically appealing campus and best possible placement.

Every year, Asia Today Research & Media presents the award to institutions contributing immensely to the field of multifarious research and analysis services. Dr. Achyuta Samanta thanked

Asia Today for selecting KIIT for the award. It became possible on part of KIIT to get such an award due to the earnest effort and goodwill of the guardians, faculties and staff, he said.

Among others, Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Hon'ble Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council; and Dr. Mrugesh Rudrappa Nirani, Hon'ble Minister of Large and Medium Industries, Govt. of Karnataka were present.

## KIIT Team Wins AICTE Lilavati Award 2021-22 for Women Empowerment



Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT Deemed to be University receiving the award from Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE in New Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

In recognition to its outstanding work in the field of women empowerment, a four-member team from Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University led by its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sasmita Samanta has been conferred with the prestigious AICTE Lilavati Award 2021-22 under the sub-theme "Legal Awareness". Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE presented the award to Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU at a special felicitation ceremony in New Delhi on 8th March 2022, on the occasion of International Women's Day. Smt. Smriti Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister for Women and Child Development virtually addressed the award ceremony.

A Govt. of India initiative aimed at creating an ambiance of equality and fairness for women in educational institutions, AICTE Lilavati Awards are given across eight sub-themes, which include Women and Adolescent Health; Self-Defense; Environment, Sanitation, and Hygiene; Literacy and Life Skills; Women Entrepreneurship; Legal

Awareness; Technology for Women; and Women Innovators.

KIIT was selected as the winner in the 'Legal Awareness' sub-theme for its contribution to the establishment of an equitable just society with peace and happiness. The award carries prize money of Rs. 1,00,000/-. Earlier, a winner and two runners-up from among over 500 participants were recommended in each sub-theme by an expert committee formed by AICTE, after a thorough scrutiny of the work done in the field of women empowerment. The winners were announced by the AICTE on the basis of recommendations of the expert committee.

KIIT Deemed to be University, an 'Institution of Eminence'

recognized by the Govt. of India, is remarkable in having a really wide spectrum of social outreach activities. It has promoted women empowerment since its inception and more than 60% of staff at KIIT are women, including several at top positions.

Expressing his happiness, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS thanked AICTE for giving the award to KIIT. He also congratulated Prof. Sasmita Samanta and team for the achievement.

**KIIT was selected as the winner in the 'Legal Awareness' sub-theme for its contribution to the establishment of an equitable just society with peace and happiness. It has promoted women empowerment since its inception and more than 60% of staff at KIIT are women, including several at top positions.**

## 'Sportstar Aces Award 2022' to KIIT-DU *Adjudged Best University for Promotion of Sports*



Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director-General (Sports), KIIT & KISS receiving the award on behalf of KIIT.

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar was adjudged the best university for the promotion of sports at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards, which was held in Mumbai on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The award was given for the promotion of sports and outstanding contribution to the field of Sports and Games. Many sports personalities including Sunil Gavaskar were present on the occasion.

KIIT and KISS have been working towards the comprehensive development of sports and sports-persons apart from promoting and encouraging athletes. The institute's world-class sporting infrastructure coupled with the influence of its international coaches has resulted in the development of nearly 70 athletes that have represented India at the Olympics,

Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and other international meets.

So far, KIIT and KISS have groomed more than 5000 athletes of regional, national and international repute by virtue of its advanced state-of-the-art sporting infrastructure. Under the leadership and guidance of Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta, KIIT and KISS have not only developed sports from grass root level but also sent athletes to Olympics Games, which could draw the attention of jury members of the Sportstar Aces Award.

On behalf of KIIT, Dr. Gaganendu Dash,

Director General, Sports, and Dr. Varun Sutra, Director, International Affairs received the Award in the absence of Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta. In his virtual message, Dr. Samanta thanked Sportstar for choosing KIIT for this prestigious award.

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## KIIT-DU & World Leadership Academy Organize Seminar on “Relevance of Education in Building a Sustainable Society”



(From L) Prof. S. K. Nayak, VC, Ravenshaw University; Prof. J. K. Parida, Director, School of Social, Financial & Human Science, KIIT-DU & Executive Member, WLA; Prof. Sasmita Samanta, VC, KIIT-DU & President, WLA; Prof. A. K. Dasmohapatra, VC, Odisha Open University, Sambalpur; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS; Prof. N. Nagaraju, VC, GM University; Prof. P. K. Mohanty, VC, Khalikote University; Prof. Harihar Hota, VC, Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University; and Prof. D. K. Behera, VC, KISS-DU at the inaugural session of the seminar.

A one-day seminar on 'The Relevance of Education in Building a Sustainable Society' was organized by World Leadership Academy (WLA) in association with KIIT Deemed to be University on 17th April 2022. Presiding over the seminar, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, discipline is essential for education and social development. KIIT has been providing the necessary support to more than a hundred colleges in the state to increase the standard of education and enable them to get NAAC accreditation. In addition, free e-libraries, e-labs, etc. are being provided by KIIT for improving research, he stated.

On the occasion, Prof. Samanta gave a four-point mantra for the development of education to the educationists present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU and President,

WLA said, a lot of aspirations have been created in the field of education during the last two years. A strong educational system has the capacity to change the world, she asserted, adding that two things important in today's education system are human resources and intellectual resources.

The event was attended by more than 500 principals and professors from various colleges and universities in the State, including the Vice-Chancellor of various universities. The participants included: Prof. N Nagaraju, VC, Gangadhar Meher University; Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mohanty, VC, Khalikote University; Prof. Harihar Hota, VC, Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University; Prof. Sanjay

Kumar Nayak, VC, Ravenshaw University; Prof. Arka Kumar Dasmohapatra, VC, Odisha Open University, Sambalpur; Prof. Byomakesh Tripathy, VC, Utkal University of Culture; and Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, VC, KISS Deemed to be University. More than 20 MoUs were signed between KIIT-DU and participating colleges for the development of education.

As a part of the Seminar, a panel

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Founder, KIIT & KISS**



**Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS speaking at the seminar.**



**Prof. Sasmita Samanta, VC, KIIT-DU & President, WLA making a presentation on the occasion.**

discussion was held on the topic which was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Prasant Kumar Pattnaik, Professor, KIIT School of Computer Engineering & Secretary, WLA. It was followed by Hands-on-Training on digital library & Interactive Session by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mallick, Associate Professor, KIIT School of

Computer Engineering & Director, WLA, and Dr. Jyotiranjana Gochhayat, Asst. Professor, KIIT School of Rural Management, & Director, WLA. The Seminar also had tutorials by publishers such as Bentham SC, EBSCO, Proquest, Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd., and Annual Reviews.

Prof. Jayanta Kumar Parida, Director, School of Social, Financial & Human Science, KIIT-DU & Executive Member, WLA delivered the welcome address, while Prof. Chinmay Kumar Panigrahi, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.



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## KIIT Law School Organizes First Judges' Lecture

The first lecture under the Judges' Lecture Series, organized by KIIT Law School (KLS), was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Chairperson, Lokpal of India on 26th March 2022.

Speaking on the subject 'Role and Significance of Lokpal in India', Justice Ghose said, "Public has a greater role to curb corruption. We all have to change our mindsets. Corruption is just like a termite and we have to curb it. Such moral values should be embedded in our minds. Lokpal must be empowered to act against the menace of lobbying. It should also have the authority to deal with conflict of interest and matters related to whistleblowers".

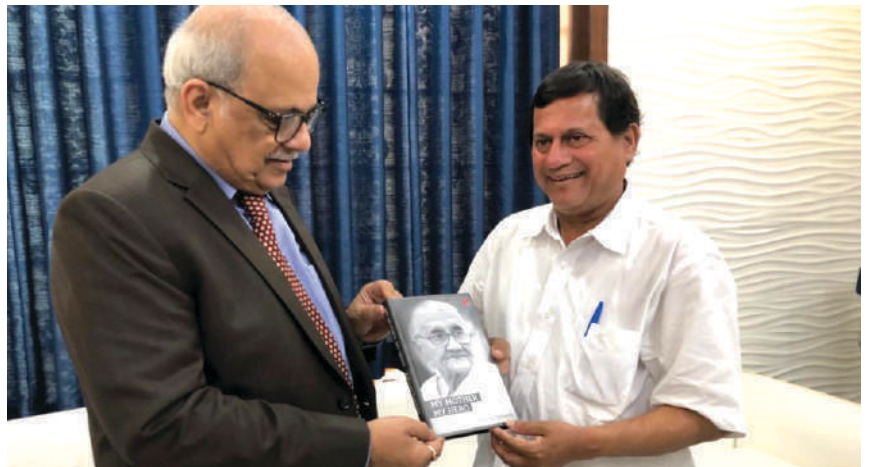
Lokpal is an anti-corruption authority that represents the public interest in the country. It consists of a chairperson and eight members, half of whom are judicial members. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, was appointed as the first Chairman of Lokpal of India in 2019.

Justice Ghose exuded confidence about the future of the Lokpal in delivering justice to the public at large and sought the support of all stakeholders in this endeavor. In the interest of the public and to protect them from corrupt practices, Justice Ghose said, the Lokpal has to end unlawful activities in the real estate sector, especially during land mutations, and prevent bribes that run into billions of rupees in the transportation sector.

Expressing gratitude to Justice Ghose for delivering the lecture at KLS, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU said that KIIT and KISS are committed to empowering future generations. Among others, Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Director, KLS and Prof. (Dr.) Prafulla Chandra Mishra, Dean also spoke on the occasion.



**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Chairperson, Lokpal of India delivering First Judges' Lecture at KIIT Law School on 26th March 2022.**



**Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS presenting a copy of 'My Mother, My Hero', a book authored by him, to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Chairperson, Lokpal of India.**



**Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT Deemed to be University felicitating Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Chairperson, Lokpal of India.**

## KISS-DU Inks MoU with GSDS

KISS Deemed to be University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The MoU aims at establishing a mutual understanding partnership between the parties to promote and develop the Gandhi Peace, Nonviolence and Dialogue Study Centre for wide propagation of Gandhian philosophy and values and to adopt the syllabus on Nonviolent Communication designed by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and KISS Deemed to be University to provide Short-term Certificate Courses to the students of KISS-DU. The MoU Signing Ceremony was witnessed by the fraternity of both the organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU shared that KISS-DU will organize the World Anthropology Congress in 2023, and the central theme of the Congress is peace. He suggested organizing sessions on related areas with support from GSDS at this meet. Professor Behera touched upon various probable areas of collaboration, including research on tribal-centric



MoU Signing Ceremony between KISS and GSDS.

topics. Sharing that KISS-DU and GSDS had organized an e-workshop on 'Exploring Nonviolent Communication' in the past, he stated that KISS looks forward to many more joint activities to make this MoU functional.

Mr. Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS appreciated the work done by KISS and KISS-DU since its inception in the area of tribal development. He suggested that the research and development wing of KISS should document the work done at the community level. Speaking on the relevance of the objectives of the MoU, he said that non-violent communication alone could help curb anti-social

activities. Shri Gyan also congratulated the Founder for his out-of-the-box thinking and visionary work.

In his remarks, Dr. Vedavyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS, presented the focus areas of GSDS and the aims and objectives of its various centres. He also shared the various Centres running at GSDS; namely, Centre for Mediation including Peer and Community Mediation; Centre for Strategy for Conflict Resolution; Centre for Global Citizenship Education; Centre for Forgiveness, and the like.

## KIMS Doctor's Innovations Attract Attention of Senior WHO Official

Innovations of Dr. Ashok Kumar Badamali, Cardiac Anesthesiologist, KIMS, such as Sanjivani QCPR Device and Sanjivani QCPR Kiosk, attracted the attention of Ms. Louise Agersnap, Head Medical Innovation Hub, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva.

On the eve of World Health Day on 7th April 2022, WHO inaugurated its first Global WHO Medical Innovation Collaboration Center in India. During the interaction, Ms. Louise was quite impressed with the innovations done by Dr. Badamali, to empower common men

in performing quality chest compression before the arrival of the emergency medical team. She also expressed her interest to take these innovations to an international forum as it shares the common aim with WHO, in reducing cardiac mortality by ensuring effective CPR at event sites. The product information data sheet and demo video were handed over to her.

The Head, Strategic Partnership & Entrepreneurship Development Department, BIRAC, Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India, also

interacted with Dr. Badamali about all the eight upcoming innovations by Inofinity RND Pvt Ltd, its technology readiness level and the potential for import substitutions along with the various facilities provided by the Govt. They also discussed the opportunities for healthcare innovation scope by clinicians at KIIT-DU. Dr Badamali also informed about the various facilitations he got from AMTZ, Visakhapatnam, NRDC, KIIT-TBI, ILS Bhubaneswar and Start-UP Odisha in his innovation journey.

## KIIT School of Humanities Organizes International Seminar on “The Mystic Eyes”: Jagannath in South Asian Literature, Culture and Folklore



(From L) Dr. S. Amar, KIIT School of Humanities; Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU; Prof. Rekha Pande, Former Director, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad; Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU; and Prof. A. K. Sen, Dean-in-Charge, KIIT School of Humanities at the inaugural session of the seminar.

The School of Humanities, KIIT-DU organized a two day International seminar on “The Mystic Eyes”: Jagannath in South Asian Literature, Culture and Folklore sponsored by ICSSR on March 14-15, 2022. Prof. Rekha Pande, Former Director, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad and Prof. Ramesh Chandra Mishra, Chairman, Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) and member, Governing Body, ICSSR were invited as keynote speakers on the occasion.

In her Inaugural address, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU spoke about the significance of “The Mystic Eyes”. Drawing on from her own research work, she clarified how the length of the eyes of the Jagannath has been used to trace the origins of this glorious cult. Professor Samanta later

went on to narrate the act of listening to the *kathas* from different mythological texts in her early childhood and explained how such listening left a permanent mark on her individual self. In his welcome address, Professor A. K. Sen, Dean-in-Charge, School of Humanities and Organizing chair of the seminar elucidated about the presence of Jagannath in real life experiences of the Oriya and Bengali masses. Referring to Chaitanya, he spoke about the deep links of the Jagannath with the popular vaishnav devotional movement.

In her brief address, Professor Rekha Pande redefined the meaning of religion and emphasized on tracing and bringing in the cult of Jagannath as a beginning to understand the meaning of religion in contemporary times. In his address, Professor Jnyana Ranjan

Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU shared his valuable thoughts on the cult of Jagannath. The Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural session was given by Professor Sukanta Chandra Swain, Associate Dean, School of Humanities and Organizing Secretary of the seminar. In the two days, a host of presenters from different parts of the world presented their papers. There were 16 paper presentations followed by the exhibition of famous *Pattachitra* Painting from Raghurajpur, a heritage village near Puri, by artist Om Prakash. The seminar concluded with the lecture lab demonstration of the *ashtapadis* of Jayadeva by Padamshree awardee and celebrated Odissi dancer Ileana Citaristi. The Seminar was convened by Dr. S. Amar, School of Humanities.

## KIIT Student Wins Silver Medal in Tolly-Fest Dance Competition

Ekantika Chowdhury, a 2nd year Aerospace Engineering student of KIIT, won the second prize (Silver Medal) among more than 100 participants at Tolly-Fest Dance Competition in Kolkata on 27th March 2022. She performed a dance fusion between two major dance forms - Semi-classical and

Bharatanatyam. The three mini performances were admired by the judges. The Tolly-Fest Dance Competition, organized by the Tollygunge Club, was judged by Tanushree Shankar, Indian dancer and choreographer, creative dance style; Preeti Patel, Eminent Manipuri dancer;

and Sohini Roychowdhury, Dancer, Choreographer & Artistic Director-Bharatanatyam. Ekantika extended her gratitude to KIIT-DU, the Hostel-in-Charge, Dean-School of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty Members, KSAC, and friends for their support and guidance.

## Two Eminent Professors Welcomed to KIMS Family

Prof. (Dr.) Bipin Bihari Pradhan (Department of Physiology) and Prof. (Dr.) Susant Kumar Das (Department of General Surgery) were welcomed to the KIMS family by Prof. C. B. K. Mohanty, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Brig. Prof. A. P.

Mohanty, Principal, KIMS; Maj. Gen. (Prof.) Dr. P. K. Patnaik, VSM; and the Heads of the Departments at the Staff Academic Seminar before the august gathering of the faculty members and post-graduate students of different

departments on 31st March 2022. Both the Professors have rendered their distinguished professional services in different State Government Medical Colleges and now look forward to continue their journey with KIMS family.

## Eminent Liver Transplant Experts Dr. Ashim Das and Dr. Ashok Kumar Choudhury Join KIMS



Hospital (PBMH), but will help students benefit from his rich experience in the area of liver pathology. He will guide MD, DM and Ph.D scholars and the team of faculties in the KIMS' Liver Transplant Programme.

Actively engaged in research and social work, Dr. Choudhury has published 84 original research articles guidelines and has 2,873 citations and high H-index to his credit. Dr. Choudhury has been a visiting faculty to Hum Lee Liver Transplant Centre, Richmond USA and Fellow observer in Liver Intensive Therapy Unit, King's College Hospital London. He is also a life member of several national and international societies.

Two eminent pioneers in the Liver Transplant Programme – Dr. Ashim Das and Dr. Ashok Kumar Choudhury who have earned critical recognition internationally in their field have joined the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Bhubaneswar. Their association with KIMS comes at a time when the premier healthcare facility in Odisha is ramping up infrastructure to offer advanced healthcare services at affordable costs in all super speciality wings.

Dr. Ashim Das, member of the Royal College of Pathology and Fellow of the Royal College of Pathology London, has joined KIMS as a visiting Professor in Hepatopathology.

Dr. Das, who has worked as a faculty in Histopathology in PGIMER Chandigarh from 1990 till 2021, is a respected name internationally. His association will not only enhance and strengthen the healthcare facilities in KIMS and its constituent Pradyumna Bal Memorial

An alumnus of Kolkata University, Dr. Das has undergone MD training in Pathology from PGIMER Chandigarh in 1987. Subsequently, he has done his Diploma at National Board (DNB) in Pathology. He is an astute researcher, teacher and fellow of several national and international societies.

He has also guided several MD and PhD. students, conducted several international workshops and seminars. Besides, he has several extra-mural grants from ICMR, VT DST intra-mural grants. Dr. Das has been a visiting Professor at JIPMER, Pondicherry.

Along with Dr. Das, KIMS has added another feather in its cap with the joining of Dr. Ashok Kumar Choudhury, an MD in Medicine. He has joined as the Honorary Professor in the Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology. A well-known clinician, Dr Choudhury possesses 12 years of experience in Transplant Hepatology at the prestigious Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi.

Dr. Choudhury will be of great help in teaching UG, PG and DM students of KIMS, besides guiding them in research and coordinating Liver Transplant Programmes of KIMS and PBMH.

Dr. Choudhury holds an illustrious academic record. He is an alumnus of SCB Medical College, Cuttack where he did his MBBS and MD (Medicine) and emerged as the best graduate in the 2003 batch MBBS, securing Honours in three subjects. He was awarded Bijay Kumar Patra Gold Medal, JN Bose Gold Medal and Nabakishore Das Gold Medal from Utkal University. He received the best student award from API Odisha, Rotary Club and Dr, Gopal Ch. Patnaik award. He did his DM in Hepatology from ILBS.

## Best Hospital Ranking 2022 KIMS Bhubaneswar in the top league



Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar has been adjudged the 5th Best Multi-Specialty Medical Facility in Eastern India by the prestigious English periodical Outlook magazine.

The Outlook Health Best Hospital Ranking 2022, presented by the Outlook magazine and NEB Research, has put the Orthopaedics Department of KIMS in an All-India 6th rank and Paediatrics Department in 9th place, thus reaffirming KIMS commitment to offering quality and affordable

treatment to the community. The ranking has also placed both the Gastroenterology and Neurology Departments in the 10th position and Cardiology in the 12th in All-India rank.

KIMS made a humble beginning in 2007 under the leadership of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS as a constituent School of Medical Sciences under KIIT Deemed-to-be-University and today with people's trust, goodwill, and wider recognition it has emerged as one of Eastern India's biggest healthcare service providers. Team KIMS has a huge

workforce to support the medical college and its constituent hospital comprising 1,500 doctors, 950 highly trained nursing professionals, and 900 paramedics. To add to the existing strength, there are 1,000 in non-medical and support areas like patient care, IT, finance, insurance claims, and others.

Expressing satisfaction at the achievement, Dr. Samanta thanked the doctors and medical staff of KIMS for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in the impressive position of KIMS in this prestigious ranking.

## Record 2220 KISS Students to appear in Class X Board Exam

A record number of 2220 students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) will be appearing in the upcoming class 10 Board Examination to be conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha from 29th April. On the other hand, 1230 students will be sitting for the Higher Secondary Examinations to be conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha from 28th April. The number of students who would be appearing from the Science stream is 431 and 440 from the Arts Stream. Similarly, 332 students from the Commerce Stream will be taking the CHSE examination.

"I am very much hopeful and confident



that this year also, the students will retain the rhythm of cent percent success like previous years," Dr. Achyuta

Samanta, Founder, KISS & KIIT said, as he distributed pens, encouraged and wished them all success.

## National Conference on 'Realigning Indian Agriculture for Sustainable Future' Inaugurated at KIIT



The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on 'Realigning Indian Agriculture for a Sustainable Future' was inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the presence of Dr. Gargi Dey (KSBT); Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, Director, KIIT-TBI; Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, DG-ICAR; Dr. K. K. Narayanan, Director ATPBR; Dr. Suren Tikoo, Independent Director, ATPBR; Dr. P. K. Agrawal, Vice-Chancellor, OUAT; Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Rama Devi Women's University; and Dr. Gopal Chowdhury (KSBT).

The Conference has been organized by School of Biotechnology, KIIT-DU and Foundation for Advanced Training in Plant Breeding (ATPBR) in association with Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) and Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT).

In his inaugural address, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra stated that sustainable agriculture has helped decrease carbon footprints, chemical footprints and water footprints. Rural engagement and agricultural engagement have contributed to reduce rural poverty, he added. Addressing the participants virtually on modernizing agriculture and food systems, Dr. Jackie Hughes, DG-ICRISAT laid emphasis on improving supply chains, uberization of farm equipment, rapid advancement of generation and building research partnerships.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. P. K. Agrawal explained the 5F's of agriculture, while mentioning that the biggest concern of the agricultural sector is decreasing the input cost and

making a profit. Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury stated that resource conservation-based agriculture is the need of the hour for a sustainable future. Highlighting the enterprising aspects of the agricultural sector, Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar mentioned that right strategies and coordination is the key for sustainable agriculture. He thanked ATPBR for giving KIIT the opportunity to host this important conference.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Dr. P. K. Agrawal and Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury were felicitated on the occasion. Dr. K. K. Narayanan, Dr. Suren Tikoo and Dr. Gopal Chowdhury also spoke. The first day of the conference also featured an exciting round of inter-university Agri Quiz, which was won by the OUAT Team. An enchanting cultural programme was performed by the students of KSBT.

## KiiT International School Hosts IC3 Regional Forum for Educators

KiiT International School in association with the IC3 Movement hosted the IC3 Regional Forum Bhubaneswar which brings together leadership and staff from high schools in regions for a focused dialogue on the significance of career and college counselling as an integral function in schools.

The meet was held on the KiiT International School campus to foster a sense of community among the educators and was attended by secondary school counselors, teachers, and administrative staff from schools across the city. The keynote speech at the day-long meet was delivered by Professor Ashoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council. Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School and other dignitaries also graced the event. The IC3 Movement is committed to improving the ratio of resource allocation across schools in India, with the goal of making career counselling for high school students easily accessible and sharing useful information with educators. The IC3 Regional Forum held at KiiT International School provided attendees with access to content-based breakout sessions, planned networking



sessions and connections to global universities at the accompanying virtual fair and symposium. Additionally, participants were granted access to the IC3 Regional mobile app and a digital booklet summarising the information shared during the event. KiiT International School is dedicated to the delivery of holistic education to its students and the consistent improvement in resources and training of staff required to achieve it. The School's emphasis is on shaping the

educational as well as career-oriented strengths of its students. It now plans on taking career counselling to the next level with a state-of-the-art pioneering career counselling lab that will provide unparalleled assistance to their students. The forum sparked conversation regarding the guidance practices that can help students succeed in terms of higher education by identifying their talents and nurturing them by finding the right institutions and environments for them to improve

## KIIT Student Wins Odisha Beauty Expo 2k22



Ms. Riya Ronal, an 8<sup>th</sup> semester student of Fashion Design from KIIT School of Fashion Technology, is in the glamour news of the State as she won the Odisha Beauty Expo 2k22 held at Jharsuguda on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Bollywood actress Ms. Padmini Kolhapuri was the judge of the pageant. Ms. Ronal was chosen as the brand ambassador of "Rivaah Bride of Odisha" by Tanishq Gold, a Tata enterprise. She was also chosen as a model for tribal theme merchandise launched by Amazon and Snapdeal e-commerce platforms.

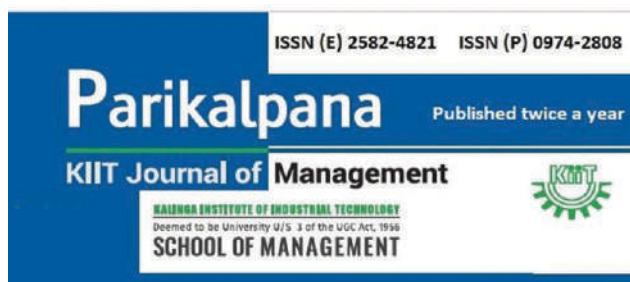
Earlier, Ms. Ronal had won Miss Odisha Top Super Model Contest in Odisha Fashion Villa Group 2k19 and has worked in assignment with Reliance Jewels. She was also selected as a participant in Forever Miss India 2021, organized by Forever Star India Awards in New Delhi in 2021. The Founder of KIIT & KISS; Director General, School of Fashion Technology, School of Film & Media Sciences and School of Mass Communication; Dy. Director; and faculty members congratulated her on the achievement and wished her best to reach greater heights of success in future. The School of Fashion Technology felicitated her in the presence of all students from Semester VI and Semester II.

## KSOM Students Win Special Award in National Oratory Contest

Md. Sharif Kaihan, BBA 3rd Year, KIIT School of Management, has won a Special Award for Impressive Diction at National Oratory Contest 2022 at Astha School of Management on 27th March, 2022. The jury claimed that they were “simply amazed by his choice of words and articulation”. Rishika Panda, BBA 1st Year, made it to the Semi-finals and won a special prize for the same. Prof. Saptorshi Das prepared and motivated the students for this contest.



## Research Journal of KSOM Now in UGC-CARE List



KIIT School of Management's peer reviewed Management Research Journal, 'Parikalpana', is now in the UGC-CARE list. The school publishes this well circulated and well cited journal twice every year.

It has both print and online editions, both with registered ISSN numbers. It has so far published 17 volumes. Prof. R. N. Subudhi has been editing this journal for the last ten years. The journal has a cite-score of over 2, consistently, and has so far been cited over 490 times (Google citations).

## KSMC Student Wins Best Actor Award



Sailendra Samantaray, a first-year student of Master of Communication and Journalism from the School of Mass Communication (KSMC), KIIT Deemed University, was awarded the Zee Sarthak Sansar Best Actor Male Award on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, for the film *Tu Mora Sathire-2*. On receiving the award, Sailendra said, "An actor continually grooms himself, but a good actor

unceasingly nurtures and grooms his subject, and I hope the appreciation and love from everyone out there remains unaltered. As time goes by, I will earn both name and fame."

*Tu Mora Sathire-2* is the sequel to the highly lauded Odia film "*Tu Mora Sathire*", which was released in 2020 under the Zee Sarthak & D Films banner. He noted that it was his first award in the category of "Best Male Actor," and that it is one of the toughest categories of all the nominations, so it will always be valuable to him.

Sailendra is a prominent dancer and actor of the Odia Music and Ollywood film industry. He is widely known as "Odisha's Dancing Superstar." He first appeared on the popular reality TV show "*DID Little Masters*" in May 2010. Then, he began working as a dancer and choreographer in a myriad of Odia music videos, live concerts, and events. He

began his career in the Odia album industry with "*College Days*".

In 2019, Sailendra made his Odia film debut as a lead actor in "*Saheb Biwi Aur Sala*," which was a tremendous success. Subsequently, he appeared in a number of projects and has also walked the runway for leading fashion designers and been on the covers of popular magazines.

He said, "The journey from Youtube to Cinema, from a Dancer to an Actor, has been and will continue to be the best era of my life," and he cherishes everything that's unfolding in the landscape. Expressing gratitude towards KSMC and KIIT-DU, he added, "I am extremely glad to be a student of a university that has spawned many remarkable personalities, and I am also pleased with the way the school fosters extra-curricular in addition to academics."

## KISS-DU Inducts 14 Masters of Indigenous Knowledge as Professors of Practice



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and other senior functionaries of KISS-DU at an interaction meeting with the newly-inducted Professors of Practice.

In a historic move, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022, KISS-DU formally inducted 14 outstanding indigenous knowledge practitioners from pristine tribal backgrounds as Professors of Practice (PoP). Even though they hold little or no formal education, their mastery over various domains of indigenous knowledge and practice has long been recognized. As Professors of Practice, they will be entrusted with the responsibility to educate the tribal students and research scholars in their respective domain expertise from time to time.

The initiative carries forward, in an innovative form, the foundational commitment of KISS and KISS-DU, to protect, preserve, and promote tribal cultural diversity. It is hoped that with the formal recognition of leading practitioners of indigenous knowledge traditions as Professors of Practice, the students of KISS-DU will be encouraged to develop an active interest in their traditional value system. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor of KISS-DU, a renowned anthropologist

himself, earlier came up with this innovative concept. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS had since supported the initiative with his approval and enthusiastic promotion.

Earlier, all the 14 Professors of Practice (PoP) were greeted with a traditional music and dance performance by the student troupe trained under the able guidance of the Cultural Wing of the University. They were ceremonially

welcomed with a song in Kui language, celebrating indigenous rights and calling upon all indigenous people to take pride in their identity.

In his presidential remarks, Dr. Achyuta Samanta explained the rationale behind implementing the concept of Professors of Practice at KISS-DU. He said even though KISS had been offering education to indigenous children for the last 30 years, it was only

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after anointing the masters of indigenous knowledge traditions as professors that its dedication to the cause of preservation and promotion of indigenous knowledge attained completeness. The conferment of the title of 'Professor of Practice' was recognition of their lifetime achievements, their unparalleled knowledge, wisdom and their contribution and dedication to indigenous art forms and culture.

**Shri Satya Sundar Tripathi, Chancellor, KISS-DU** celebrated the indigenous communities as the first citizens and the Professors of Practice as custodians of foundational knowledge about earth and sustainability. He appreciated the efforts of the University functionaries to adopt this unique method to educate the students of this university in extracurricular and co-curricular aspects. Shri R.N. Das, IAS (Retd.), Secretary, KISS & KIIT, coined an Odia phrase-Sukarma Dhanya Adhyapaka-for the position of Professor of Practice, arguing that position celebrating indigenous knowledge must also bear an ingenious title.

Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU, spoke on various aspects of the concept, highlighting its promises and potential. Requesting the Professors of Practice to teach the students indigenous wisdom, he hoped that such interaction would encourage the students to develop a stronger association with their traditions and

heritage. The teaching would include Saura painting, Dhemsas dance, Tribal languages and other traditional indigenous knowledge. Furthermore, he said that the professors would share their treasure troves of knowledge with more than 30,000 indigenous students of KISS and KISS-DU to help keep alive the intangible heritage of their indigenous communities. Professor Behera shared the efforts and initiatives undertaken by Dr. Acyuta Samanta for the tribal students and the communities as a whole.

**Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali, Director General KISS-DU, introduced the newly inducted 14 Professors of Practice, outlining their domain of expertise: Smt. Gurubari Shisha – Gadaba Dance (Dhemsas); Smt. Laxmi Sabar – Saura Painting (Idital) and Traditional Healing; Shri Pabitra Patra – Herbal Medicine; Smt. Sindhe Wadaka – Dongaria Kandha Shawl Weaving (Kapadagandh); Shri Laxman Sabar – Saura Painting (Idital); Smt. Sambari Sisha – Bonda Ethnic Costume; Shri Dakhina Murmu – Santal Dance (Danta); Shri Limbadhar Majhi – Kutia Kandha Music; Shri Kanda Charan Naik – Ho Language (Warang Chiti); Shri Hari Juang – Juang Dance (Changu); Shri Masuram Gond – Gond Dance (Dandar / Rela Rela); Shri Kuda Naik – Bathudi Folk Narrative; Shri Some Toppo – Oraon Dance (Karma) and Shri Sobharam Padhan – Kisan Dance (Naadu Geetu).**

Some of the Professors of Practice shared their views, presenting a roadmap of how they will impart informal teaching to the students in their respective areas of expertise. Some among them briefly spoke about their pioneering work, thanking KISS-DU for the opportunity to interact with young students and for generous recognition of their work. Some of the Professor Emeriti also spoke on occasion, expressing happiness at the unconventional initiative.

The Founder, KISS & KIIT along with senior functionaries also unveiled three publications by members of the KISS faculty: proceedings of a conference titled 'Inclusive Education: Need and Challenges' under the auspices of the AURORA Centre, KISS-DU co-edited by Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Dr. Disha Bhatt, Ms. Saswati Jena and Mr. Bikram Bastia; 'Teaching Handbook: A Creative Pedagogic Endeavour of KISS for Facilitating MLE Teaching' authored by Dr. Sushree Sangita Mohanty under the Anthropology Programme, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Legal Rights, and 'Philosophical Reflections on Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Dharma', edited by Professor Harischandra Sahoo under the Bhima Bhoi Research Chair at KISS-DU.

Mr. Pramod Patra, Deputy Registrar, KISS-DU and Mr. Kadey Soren, Deputy Director, Academics and Convenor of the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) also spoke on the occasion. s.



Shri Satya Sundar Tripathi, Chancellor, KISS-DU and other senior functionaries welcoming the Professors of Practice to KISS campus

## KIIT University Hosts 20th MANLIBNET Convention Libraries of Future would be more creative, IT-friendly



**Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU speaking at the inaugural session of MANLIBNET Convention at KIIT campus on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The 20th Convention of MANLIBNET, a joint initiative of KIIT Deemed-to-be University and Management Libraries Network, was inaugurated at the varsity campus on 5th May 2022. The three-day-long event's theme is "Libraries of the future: Emerging Trends".

Virtually inaugurating the event, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Chairman, Professor Bhushan Pattabardhan said "Libraries must utilize the modern IT tools to make them future-ready and the librarians must prepare themselves for the challenge. They should also bank on more creative ideas to make the libraries "places of attraction" so that the users would be interested to join in and be part of the knowledge-gaining experience."

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor of KIIT-DU, Prof. Sasmita

Samanta said, "Knowledge is a basic essential for one and all in every stage of life. The libraries must utilize the best of the technologies so that more and more readers would come to the temples of knowledge; and in this process, the librarians have a crucial role to play."

Stressing on adopting new creative ideas to attract visitors to our libraries, Prof. Samanta added that we must look into the aesthetics and overall environment of our institutional libraries. Saying that the Central Library of the KIIT Deemed-to-be University has emerged as one of the best libraries in India, she also called upon other institutions to build quality libraries so that students would spend more time among the books.

Conference Director, Professor B. Ramesh Babu, who is also the former HoD of Library Science Department in

Madras University, said "As the reading habit is gradually declining in the present-day population, we must retrospect to add more creative ideas to attract more and more readers from all age groups."

MANLIBNET General Secretary and Librarian of Hyderabad-based Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Dr. Akhtar Parvez called upon a sea change in the attitude of the librarians to be more and more creative and attract visitors to the libraries of the future.

Director of KIIT Deemed University Libraries Dr. Bijaylaxmi Routray, delivered the inaugural speech, while Librarian Dr. Dillip Swain gave the vote of thanks. On this occasion, the MANLIBNET Best Creative Librarian Award for 2020 went to Dr. Bijaylaxmi Routray, 2021 to Dr. Akhtar Hussain, and 2022 to Dr. Dhabal Ben Bhatt.

# National level Volleyball Action at KIIT & KISS



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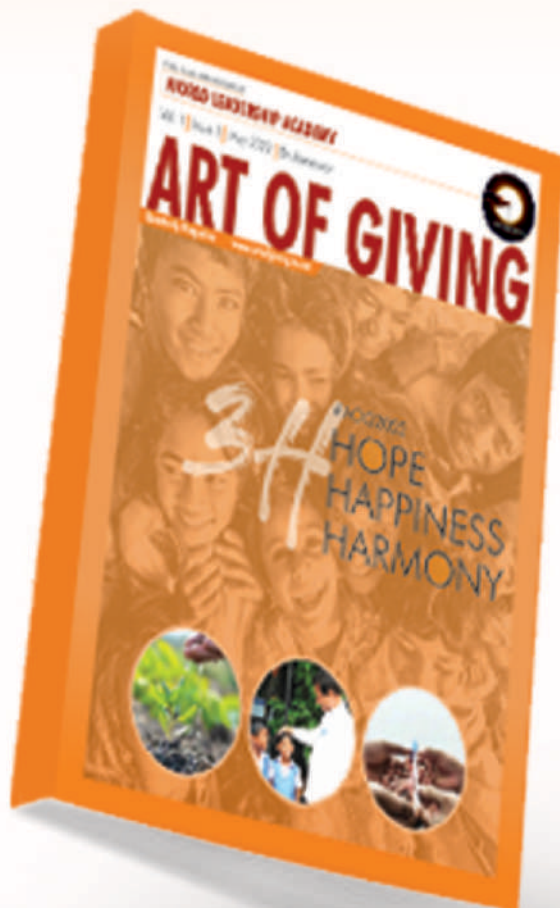
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