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Believing in the maxim of "Invest in youth and sports to invest in the future" since 1997, particularly after 2005, KIIT & KISS have actively promoted sports, nurtured sportspersons, and established sports infrastructure that serves as a model for other educational institutions in India. Our two decades of effort are now yielding results. It is gratifying that 14 athletes from KIIT and KISS were part of the Indian contingent in the recently concluded Asian Games, marking the highest number ever sent by a single institution in India to this marquee event. India achieved a historic performance, winning a record 107 medals at the Games, with KIIT athletes contributing to this success by securing two gold and two silver medals. Additionally, at the World University Games 2023, our athletes clinched two Bronze medals, further extending the pride of the country.

The institute's outstanding contribution to the field of sports was acknowledged in the CII Sports Business Awards 2023, where it received recognition in the category of "Best Sports Facility." KIIT and KISS have established the largest sporting infrastructure on an educational campus in the country, nurturing over 5,000 sports talents in 37 disciplines, with 70 percent of them being girls. The institutions have played a pivotal role in nurturing more than 200 international sports personalities. These achievements inspire us to redouble our efforts in achieving the goal of sending 10 - 15 sportspersons from KIIT & KISS to the Olympics.

Given opportunity,
the weak too can excel

– Achyuta Samanta
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KISS Students Express Gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha

Students of KISS expressing gratitude to Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, for granting them sports incentives.

Fifty-five KISS students who have won the Sports incentive by Govt of Odisha for outstanding performance this year in various disciplines expressed their deepest gratitude to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on 4th September 2023.

Felicitating the students, Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said the Chief Minister has always supported and encouraged sports and sportspersons in the State. This has led to Odisha producing several national and international level sporting talents. He said Students of KIIT and KISS have brought glory to Odisha with their stellar performance in national and international sporting events. The Chief Minister has always encouraged students of KISS to excel in sports and students of KIIT and KISS deeply admire his support for the institute," he added. Odisha is the only state in the country to provide the maximum amount of money to promote sportspersons, Dr. Samanta said, encouraging the students to continue playing sports with determination and concentration to achieve success at the national and international levels.

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CII Sports Business Awards 2023 to KIIT

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS receiving the award from Mr. Chanakya Chaudhry, Chairman, CII National Committee on Sports.

KIIT University gets the "Best Sports Facility" award in the first CII Sports Business Awards 2023.

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) was awarded the first CII Sports Business Awards 2023. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS received the award on behalf of KIIT from Chanakya Chaudhry, Chairman, CII National Committee on Sports. KIIT got the award in the "Best Sports Facility" category for creating top-notch sports facilities in India. Jay Shah, Honorary Secretary, BCCI and President, Asian Cricket Council was recognised as the Best Sports Business Leader, and Nita Ambani, Chairperson & Founder of Reliance Foundation, and Dr. Achyuta Samanta were recognised as the Sports Business Leaders, for their exceptional leadership in sports business. Royal Challenger, Bangalore was awarded with the Sports Franchise of the Year award; and Tamil Nadu was awarded as Best state promoting sports.

The jury comprised of National and Global leaders from the World of Sports and included Abhinav Bindra; Michelle Wade, Commissioner to South Asia, State Govt. of Victoria, Australia; Abhishek Binaykia, Partner, Transformation, Head of Technology Center of Excellence and Head of Sports Advisory, Grant Thornton Bharat; Nic Coward, Expert Partner, Portas Consulting and Aahna Mehotra, Partner TMT Law Practice.

Earlier, KIIT was awarded with Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2022 by the Govt. of India; FICCI India Sports Award 2022 by FICCI; Sport Star Aces Award 2022 by the Hindu; and Biju Patnaik Sports Award 2019 for 'Best Contribution for promotion of sports and games' by Govt. of Odisha.

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Star athletes and heroes of India's stellar performance at the Asian Games and World University Games 2023 in China were celebrated at a grand felicitation ceremony organized to honor the KIIT and KISS students who secured medals in these two prestigious sports events.

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– Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, have been steadfastly promoting sports since their inception, not just for the benefit of their students, but also for the cause of Odisha's imprints as a sports loving state across the globe.

During the felicitation, financial incentives of Rs. 5 lakh each were awarded to Tajinderpal Singh Toor, the Asian Games Gold Medalist in Shot Put, and Amit Rohidas, the Asian Games Gold Medalist in Hockey. Additionally, Rs. 3 lakh each were presented to Kishore Kumar Jena, the Asian Games Silver Medalist in Javelin Throw, and Tejaswin Shankar, the Asian Games Silver Medalist in Decathlon. Furthermore, Rs. 2 lakh each were granted to Amlan Borgohain, the World University Games Bronze Medalist in the 200 m event, and Priyanka, the World University Games Bronze Medalist in the 20 km Race Walk Team. All of them are students of KIIT & KISS.

The felicitation event was graced by Odisha's first Olympian Ms. Anuradha Biswal, veteran footballer and coach of Odisha Women's Football Team Ms. Shradhanjali Samantray, Olympian Dutee Chand, and India's fastest man, Mr. Amiya Mallick, among others. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT-KISS; Prof Saranjit Singh, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU; and Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director-General (Sports), KIIT &

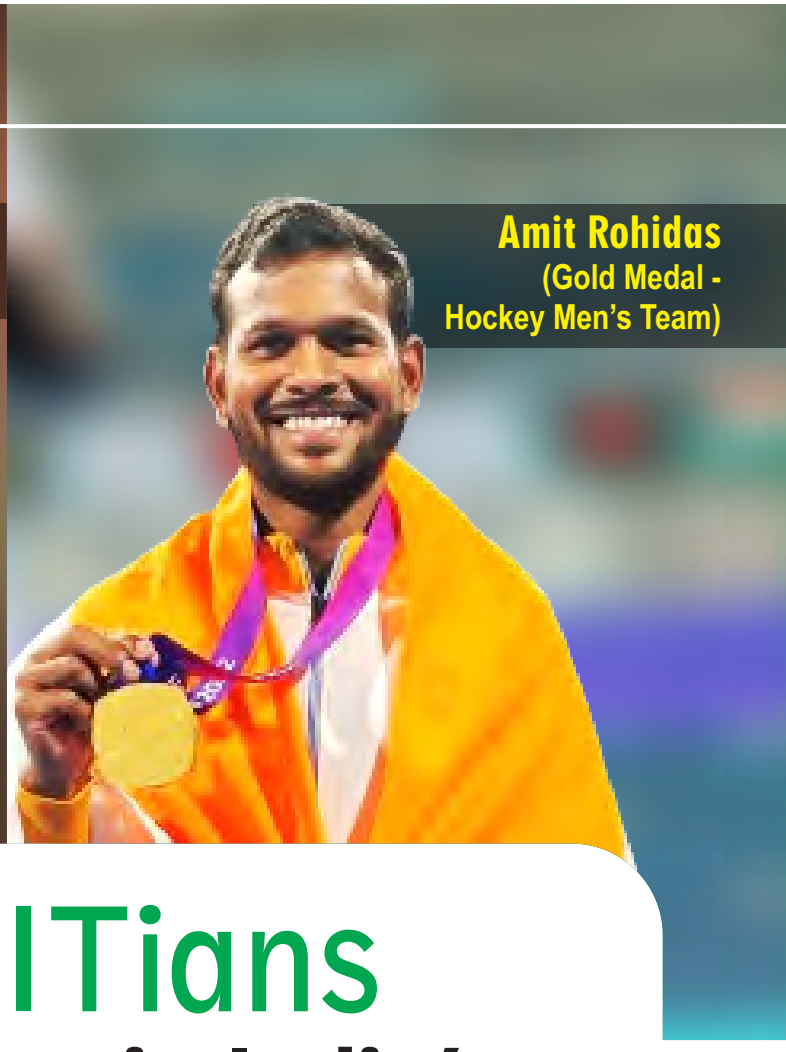
KISS, joined in honoring the accomplished sportspersons.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Samanta remarked, "The sports landscape in Odisha has undergone a significant transformation under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik. Following the Odisha Government's initiatives, KIIT and KISS are always ready to assist athletes and support them in overcoming any challenges." He proudly mentioned that KIIT & KISS have produced 15 Olympians and over 5000 sportspersons, spanning from the state level to international competitions.

A total of 14 students from KIIT Deemed to be University represented India in the recently concluded Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, with four of them securing medals. Similarly, 18 students from three universities in Odisha, including 14 from KIIT, participated in the World University Games in Chengdu, China, with two KIIT students clinching bronze medals, as informed by Dr. Gaganendu Dash. Prof Saranjit Singh advocated for the increased use of technology in sports coaching to help athletes achieve better results.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS handing over cash incentive to KIIT student, Priyanka, the World University Games Bronze Medalist in the 20 km Race Walk Team.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS felicitating KISS students, Hupi Majhi, Dumuni Marndi, Tarulata Naik, Mama Naik represented India in the Rugby Women Team in the Asian Games 2023.



19th Asian Games Hangzhou

KIITians Shine in India's Asian Games Glory

When the slogan 'Ab ki baar sau paar' was introduced by the Indian Olympic Association and the Sports Ministry for the Indian campaign in the 2023 Asian Games, many were skeptical about the ambitious target. This was because the previous record was mere 70, achieved in Jakarta five years ago. Given the logical analysis, cynicism, and India's historical medal performance, even experienced followers of Indian sports were cautious and predicted a conservative estimate of somewhere around the mid-80s. Even at the halfway point of the two-week competition, reaching the milestone of 100 medals seemed a bit unlikely.

However, India surpassed all predictions by achieving its highest-ever medal count, amassing a total of 107 medals, which included 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze at the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8, 2023. India demonstrated dominance in various sports such as hockey, shooting, archery, squash, cricket, and kabaddi, while badminton, tennis, equestrian, and other disciplines also contributed to the overall medal count. This exceptional performance highlights the increasing prominence of Indian sports on the global platform, showcasing the potential and skill of its athletes across a wide range of sporting disciplines.

It is satisfying that KIIT students played an important part in bringing this glory to the county, cornering four medals – two gold and two silver. KIIT student **Amit Rohidas's** stellar performance led the Indian Hockey team to victory,

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securing a gold medal at the Asian Games and bringing immense pride to Odisha. The state celebrated this achievement as a testament to its rich hockey tradition. **Tajinderpal Singh Toor,** a distinguished KIITian, secured a gold medal in Shot Put and set the new Asian record.

Kishore Jena, a talented athlete from Odisha and a KIIT student, clinched a silver medal in the Javelin Throw event. His remarkable achievement was celebrated by Odias worldwide. Similarly, **Tejaswin Shankar,** a dedicated student from KIIT, displayed exceptional talent and determination at the 19th Asian Games by winning a silver medal in the Decathlon event.

KIIT, well-known for its academic excellence and research endeavors, has also earned widespread recognition for its remarkable sporting achievements - both in winning medals and nurturing sports talents - over the last two decades. The university takes immense pride in producing talented individuals who have brought glory to the nation through their exceptional performances in various sports events, including the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and Asiads.

The world-class University, home to students from more than 65 nations, owes its sporting achievement to its Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta, who harbors a deep passion for sports and ensures that talented individuals receive the necessary guidance and training to excel. He has promoted many sports, especially Rugby and Chess from scratch in Odisha, and has placed KIIT, KISS, and the State on the world map regarding the conduct of these sports. Over the years, **the premier professional institute has created one of the largest sporting infrastructures in the country and nurtured over 5,000 sports talents in 37 sports disciplines, 70 percent of whom are girls.** The evolution of sports at KIIT, the honors, recognition, and achievements that have come its way bear testament to its sporting prowess. It has nurtured more than 200 international sportspersons in 18 sporting disciplines, who have participated in international meets like the Olympics, Asiads, Commonwealth Games, etc.

The remarkable success of KIIT in the 19th Asian Games is a direct outcome of Dr. Samanta's two-decade-long dedication to promoting sports and athletes. His efforts include scouting talented sportspersons on the campus, establishing top-tier sports infrastructure, and providing high-quality training and coaching facilities. This achievement brings him closer to his vision of sending 10-15 athletes from KIIT & KISS to the Olympics in every edition.

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Key Achievements

Tokyo 2020 Olympics - **Bronze medal**
Asian Games 2023 - **Gold medal**
Asian Games 2018 - **Bronze Medal**
Asian Champions Trophy 2023 - **Gold medal**
Asian Champions Trophy 2016 - **Gold medal**
Asian Champions Trophy 2018 - **Gold medal**
Asian Champions Trophy 2012 - **Silver medal**
Asian Champions Trophy 2021 - **Bronze medal**
Commonwealth Games 2022 - **Silver medal**
Champions Trophy 2018 - **Silver medal**
Hockey World League 2016-17 - **Bronze medal**
Asia Cup 2017 - **Gold medal**
Asia Cup 2013 - **Silver medal**
Junior Asia Cup 2012 - **Bronze medal**

Rising from Sundargarh: Amit Rohidas' Pivotal Impact on Indian Hockey

Amit Rohidas, a stalwart defender for the Indian hockey team, is known as the team's reliable force, featuring in over 160 international matches. In and out of the team initially, he ascended to become a crucial part of the team, excelling in recent years. Despite starting slowly, Rohidas became a defensive mainstay, showcasing exceptional skills with over 160 international appearances and 25 goals as a specialized defender.

Born in Saunamara village of Sundargarh, a district renowned as the 'Cradle of Hockey' in Odisha, Amit Rohidas hails from a family with no prior association to hockey. Inspired by Dilip Tirkey, he shifted from being a goalkeeper to a defender, marking a pivotal turning point in his career. His persistence paid off, earning him recognition on the national stage, notably being named the player of the tournament at the 2009 Junior Asia Cup.

Despite facing challenges in breaking into the Indian senior team, Rohidas remained resolute, working on his game under the guidance of coaches, eventually impressing selectors during India's tour of Europe in 2017.

His contributions were integral to India's successes, including their bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics after a 41-year hiatus. Rohidas displayed exceptional resilience, notably in the crucial bronze medal match against Germany, where India managed to fend off a relentless German attack.

Recognized for his efforts, Rohidas received the Arjuna Award in 2021, followed by captaining India in the FIH Pro League and playing a significant role in India's silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

At the FIH Hockey World Cup 2023, Rohidas served as the vice-captain but despite a strong start for India, they faced an early exit in the cross-overs. He reached a milestone of 150 international matches during the Asian Champions Trophy, contributing to India's gold medal win. He continued his success at the 2023 Asian Games, securing a spot in the Olympics. Rohidas notably scored crucial goals in the semi-final and final matches, showcasing his impact on India's victories.

Celebrating Tajinderpal Singh Toor : India's Shot Put Maestro

Tajinderpal Singh Toor is a celebrated Indian shot putter who holds the national and Asian record in men's shot put, an astounding 21.77 meters. His remarkable achievements span two Asian Games gold medals, multiple national championships, and participation in the Olympics. Born in Khosa Pando village, Punjab, on November 13, 1994, Tajinderpal's sporting legacy stems from his father, Karam Singh, and his uncle, Gurdev Singh, an esteemed international shot put medallist.

Under the guidance of his uncle, Tajinderpal excelled in shot put, claiming state-level titles in youth categories and consistently performing in inter-state competitions. His national recognition began with the 2016 Federation Cup shot put title, followed by an Almaty Kosanov Memorial win in 2017 and a silver at the Asian championships.

His pivotal moment arrived at the 2018 Asian Games, where Tajinderpal set a new national and Asian Games record with a throw of 20.75 meters, securing the gold medal. Despite personal tragedy following his win, losing his father, Tajinderpal remained resolute in his pursuit of an Olympic dream.

In 2019, he clinched the Asian championships gold and set a national record of 20.92 meters. His journey towards the Tokyo Olympics saw consistent successes, notably setting a new Asian and national record with a 21.49-meter throw at the fourth Indian Grand Prix in 2021, qualifying him for the Games.

However, during the Tokyo Olympics, an unfortunate wrist injury hindered his performance, resulting in a 13th place finish. Despite this setback, he continued to display his prowess, securing medals at various international and national events in 2022 and 2023, including gold medals at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships, the Asian Athletics Championships, and the Asian Games.

Tajinderpal Singh Toor's career is marked by resilience, achieving remarkable milestones despite facing personal and physical challenges. His contributions to Indian shot put have been exceptional, establishing him as a notable figure in the realm of athletics.

Key Achievements

2017 Asian Athletics Championships - **Silver medal**
2018 Asian Games - **Gold medal**
2019 Asian Athletics Championships - **Gold medal**
2023 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships - **Gold medal**
2023 Asian Athletics Championships - **Gold medal**
2023 Asian Games - **Gold medal**
Holds men's shot put national record and Asian record - 21.77m

Key Achievements

Asian Games - **Silver medal** (2023)
World Athletics Championships - Fifth (2023)
Personal best - 87.54m
(second-best mark by an Indian javelin thrower)

Kishore Jena : Rising from Obscurity to Javelin Stardom

Amid Neeraj Chopra's dominance in the Javelin Throw arena in India, Kishore Jena emerged as a significant force, particularly shining at the Asian Games 2023. Bagging a silver medal behind Neeraj Chopra, Jena from Puri, Odisha, gave a tough fight to the Olympic and world champion, marking a notable rise for someone relatively new to the javelin sphere.

Hailing from the Kothasahi village in Odisha, Kishore Kumar Jena, born on September 6, 1995, delved into sports to support his family. Although initially inclined towards volleyball, fate steered him towards javelin when introduced by Laxman Baral, a former state champion, who gifted him a modest, handmade javelin made of bamboo.

Despite excelling in volleyball and winning several medals in college events, his medium height hindered progress in the sport. This prompted him to shift focus to javelin, and he soon rewrote the state record with a 72.77m throw in 2017.

Wrestling with personal challenges, Jena struggled to surpass the 75m mark until coach Jagbir Singh’s encouragement led him to cross the barrier, subsequently earning him a place at the national camp.

The turning point for Jena came with improved training, coaching from Samarjeet Singh Malhi, and a structured regimen, leading to outstanding achievements. Notably, in 2023, he marked his growth with an 84.38m win at the Sri Lanka nationals and an impressive 84.77m at the World Athletics Championships, Budapest.

His groundbreaking performance continued at the Asian Games, bagging a silver medal with an 87.54m throw, the second-best by an Indian javelin thrower after Neeraj Chopra.

Jena's journey exemplifies resilience, dedication, and breakthrough achievements, positioning him as a formidable figure in the javelin domain, echoing his rising prominence despite the shadow of a stalwart like Neeraj Chopra.

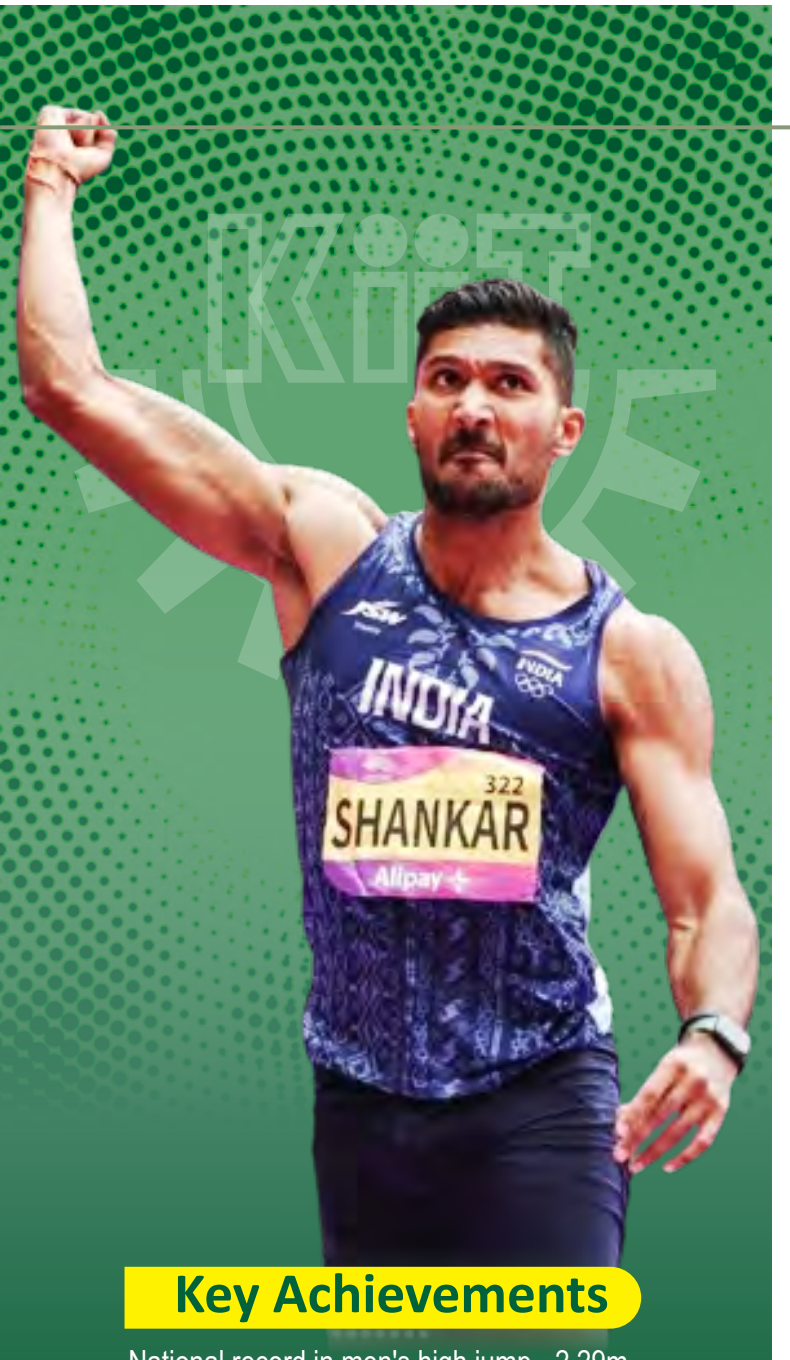
Tejaswin Shankar : Soaring Heights in High Jump and Decathlon Domains

Tejaswin Shankar, the national record holder in high jump and decathlon, transformed his sporting journey from a cricket enthusiast in Delhi to becoming India's shining star in the world of high jump. Shankar's early aspirations were fixated on becoming a fast bowler. However, circumstances steered him toward a different sports trajectory, leading him to dominate the high jump arena and become India's top athlete in this field.

Tejaswin Shankar was born on December 12, 1998, into a Tamil family. His rise in high jump commenced with a gold at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia and a silver at the 2016 South Asian Games in Guwahati. His monumental achievement came in 2016 when he set a new national high jump record by clearing 2.18m at the junior national championships in Coimbatore, a record that still stands. Venturing to the United States for a higher education at Kansas State University proved pivotal for his career. The move was an eye-opener as he was exposed to a structured and scientifically backed training regimen, which honed his skills and enhanced his overall performance. Despite missing out on the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, Shankar clinched a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022. He faced several obstacles to secure his spot in the tournament but ultimately triumphed with a jump of 2.22m, claiming India's first high jump medal at the Commonwealth Games.

After his success in high jump, Shankar turned his attention toward decathlon, showcasing his diverse abilities across multiple events. His debut in the decathlon at the Big 12 Conference Championships in Texas resulted in a commendable third-place finish with an impressive score of 7,592. He further intensified his commitment to decathlon, culminating in a personal best of 7,648 points in the 2023 Jim Click Shootout and Multis athletics meet, narrowly missing the Indian decathlon national record set in 2011.

Shankar's dedication led to a significant milestone at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok, where he secured a bronze. However, his most remarkable achievement came at the Hangzhou 2023 Asian Games, where he not only broke the national decathlon record with 7,666 points but also clinched the silver medal, a testament to his exceptional versatility and talent across multiple athletic disciplines.



Key Achievements

National record in men's high jump - 2.29m
Gold medal in men's high jump at Commonwealth Youth Games 2015 in Apia
Silver medal in men's high jump at South Asian Games 2016 in Guwahati/ Shillong
Bronze medal in men's high jump at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham
Bronze medal in decathlon at Asian Athletics Championships 2023 in Bangkok
Silver medal in decathlon at Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou
National record in men's decathlon - 7,666 points

KIIT-KISS Students at the 19th Asian Games

Amit Rohidas
Men Hockey Team

Tajinderpal Singh Toor
Shot Put

Kishore Jena
Javelin Throw

Tejaswin Shankar
Decathlon

CA Bhavani Devi
Fencing – Women's Sabre and Team Sabre events

Sajan Prakash
Swimming

Anshika Bharti
Women's Lightweight Double Scull Rowing

Priyanka
20 km Race Walk (Women)

Sandeep Kumar
20 km Race Walk (Men)

Amlan Borgahain
200m

Dumuni Marndi
Rugby 7s Women's Team

Tarulata Naik
Rugby 7s Women's Team

Mama Naik
Rugby 7s Women's Team

Hupi Majhi
Rugby 7s Women's Team

Sports for All, All for Sports: KIIT-KISS' New Mantra to Pupularise the Sporting Culture

Sports and its distinctive aura is visible everywhere in the twin-campuses of KIIT and KISS Deemed-to-be-Universities as they are referred to as the "Mecca of sports" in Odisha. Some eight odd kilometers away from the Kalinga Stadium in the emerging "Sports Capital" of India, Bhubaneswar, these exceptional sports-centric educational institutions have become the sought-after destinations for major sportspersons from across India.

Aptly, on the recently-concluded National Sports Day, KIIT-KISS Founder, noted educationist and philanthropist Dr. Achyuta Samanta launched the "Sports For All Programme" for every citizen at the Dilip Tirkey Hockey Stadium, named after the hockey legend from Odisha's tribal dominated Sundargarh district.

Interestingly, KIIT-KISS has become a unique educational hub in India where the sporting complexes are named after the living legends of sports, a unique achievement, perhaps unparalleled, world over.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta says, he has always wished that 10 to 15 sportspersons from KIIT-KISS would be able to qualify themselves for the 2028 Summer Olympics. With 14 outstanding students from KIIT and KISS representing India at the Hangzhou Asian Games 2023, it seems the goal is coming closer.KISS.

Dr. Samanta, who always had big dreams for sports, says he has always wished that 10 to 15 sportspersons from KIIT-KISS would be able to qualify themselves for the 2028 Summer Olympics. With 14 outstanding students from KIIT and KISS representing India at the Hangzhou Asian Games 2023, it seems the goal is coming closer and closer. It is a matter of pride that KIIT students won four medals, including two gold medals, contributing to the country's record medal haul at the Asian Games.

On the National Sports Day 2023 two major things were also added, i.e. KIIT and KISS Sports Academies and Pramod Bhagat Indoor Badminton Hall, named after the ace shuttler from Odisha.

In total, 17 sports academies will be opened at KIIT & KISS, in the first phase. Players will be enrolled in 13 sports disciplines from now which include Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball and weightlifting and four disciplines Cycling, Equestrian Sports, Horse Riding and Shooting in near future. Each discipline will consist of 100 players. Talented children will be given training and other opportunities to succeed in education and international competition.

TALES OF RECENT SUCCESSES

KIITians Rutuparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda won the Women's Doubles Event at the Cameroon International 2023 and Swasti Singh has received the Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games from the hands of Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha and a cash award of ₹2 lakh as a token of appreciation and encouragement for her excellence in sports. KIITian Amlan Borgohain has secured a Bronze Medal in the 200 meters race in the World University Games in Chengdu, China, becoming the first Indian male to achieve this feat. KIITian Priyanka became the second Medalist (Bronze) in Walking at WUG after Amlan.

The association of sports with KIIT-KISS has become so phenomenal and that one of the regulars at KIIT Grand Master Chess Tournament in the past, Praggnanandhaa has become a Chess Superstar and recently became the cynosure of all the Chess enthusiasts across the world for his challenging strikes and moves against World No. 1 Norwegian Grand Master, Magnus Carlsen.

RECOGNITION FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER

Fifty-five students from KISS have won the Sports Incentive by the Government of Odisha for outstanding performance this year in various disciplines. In an expression of their deepest gratitude to Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha, they organized a "Thanks Giving", as Shri Patnaik is also a great promoter of sports, during whose tenure Hockey in India has reached its zenith. Not only Hockey, but Odisha has grown in every other sport like a professional team. Odisha has also become the only state in India to provide the maximum amount of money to promote sportspersons. This year, while 388 sportspersons in Odisha have been bestowed with the Sports Incentive, 55 students are from KISS alone. Out of the 55 students, 41 are from the KISS Rugby only. It is worth mentioning that several students from KIIT-KISS have qualified for various national as well as Asian sporting events.

EXTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

KIIT-KISS offer the largest sporting infrastructure among all government and private institutes, thus having transformed its campus into a sports hub where sportspersons from across the country including

Olympians mingle with each other and share an emotional connect. The giant structures include 18 international standard sports complexes with gyms, swimming pools, synthetic volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, besides badminton, billiards, table tennis, yoga and squash courts. There is also a sports complex exclusively for girls.

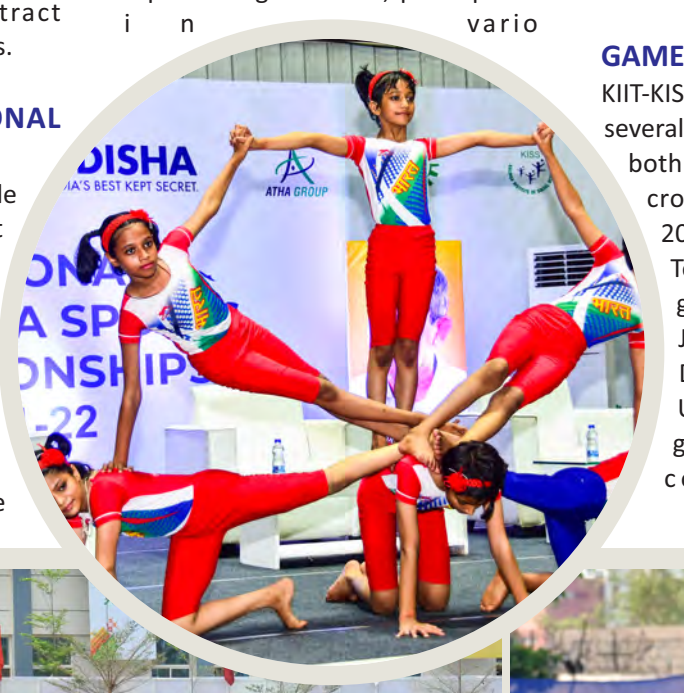
A BCCI approved cricket stadium, global category certified hockey stadium by FIH, football stadium, Olympic size swimming pool, rugby stadium, international archery stadium, international chess hall, synthetic athletic track (400 m), international standard velodrome, international shooting arena, judo hall, boxing ring and many more at the university grounds attract students and help excel in sports.

HOST TO MAJOR NATIONAL GAMES

It was a matter of immense pride for KIIT-KISS to host the first Khelo India event in February 2020. The prestigious event saw more than 4,000 athletes and 1,000 officials from approximately 200 universities from across the country participating in over 17 different events held across the KIIT-KISS sports facilities. Additionally, the KIIT-KISS venues have been the proud hosts of prestigious competitions like the Ranji Trophy matches, National Open Athletic Championship, All India Forest Sports Meet, the 81st All India Inter-University Athletics (Women) Championship 2021-22.

FIRST JANJATIYA KHEL MAHOTSAV

KIIT-KISS also had the privilege of hosting the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav, organized jointly with the Ministry of Culture and the Odisha Government, from 9th to 12th June 2023. More than 5,000 participants along with 1,000 officials, representing 26 states, participated in various sporting activities. This unique event has been introduced to promote sports among the Janjati (Tribals).



A GALAXY OF SPORTS STARS

KIIT-KISS has nurtured and produced athletes who have gone on to become household names. Dutee Chand (Athletics, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2021), Shivpal Singh (Athletics, Javelin Throw, Tokyo 2021), Amiya Mallick (Athletics), Srabani Nanda (Athletics, Rio), CA Bhavani Devi (Fencing, Tokyo 2021), Amit Rohidas (Hockey, Tokyo 2021), Sunita Lakra (Hockey, Tokyo 2021), and Lilima Minz (Hockey, Tokyo, 2021), Sajan Prakash (Swimming, Rio & Tokyo), and Priyanka (Athletics, Tokyo) are students of KIIT & KISS.

GAMES & RECORDS

KIIT-KISS graduates have excelled in several disciplines in various events both at home and abroad. The crowning glory came back in 2007 when the Junior Rugby Team humbled the best in the game to lift the Under 14 Junior Rugby World Cup. During the 2022 Khelo India University Games, KIIT-KISS graduates emerged as strong contenders in several

disciplines. The KIIT-KISS Rugby Women's Team secured the Gold medal, while the Men's Team claimed the Silver. Additionally, the KIIT-KISS Rowing Women's Team achieved a Silver medal, and Lalu Bhoi won Silver in the Men's 100m event.

MEET RECORDS

KIIT-KISS athletes also set records at the 2022 games, with the university winning 4 Gold Medals and establishing 2 meet records in the athletics event. Pragyan Prasanti Sahu set a record in the Women's 100m Hurdles, while Vikrant Malik set a meet record in Men's Javelin Throw. In the Weightlifting Men's 55Kg category, Kubheswar Mallik won the Silver Medal by lifting a total of 212Kg. Sneha Soren secured the Gold Medal in the 49 kg category of Weightlifting.

Records were set by our graduates on international soil as well. Kabir Hans clinched the men's doubles title at the Fenesta Open National Hard Court Championship in October of the previous year and also earned his first ATP point at the ITF Men's 15K tournament in Kish Island, Iran, in March 2023. Another KIIT graduate, Amlan Borgohain, broke the national record in the 200m event at the Federation Cup.

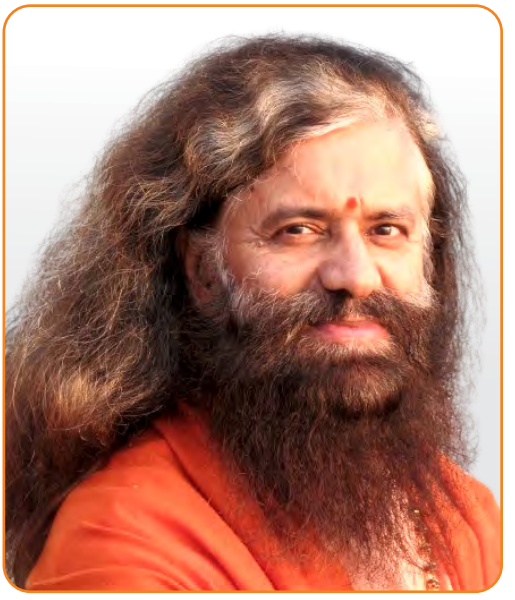
AT THE OLYMPICS

KIIT-KISS has produced over 5,000 athletes who have made the country proud with their performance at the national and international sporting arenas. At the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, KIIT-KISS became the only university in India to send three athletes – Dutee Chand, C. A. Bhavani Devi and Shivpal Singh to the games. Dr. Sudeep Satpathy, a sports medicine doctor also accompanied the team to Tokyo. For Dutee, it was the second consecutive appearance in the Olympics.

RECOGNITIONS

KIIT-KISS is the nodal centres for the FIFA Football for Schools Programme and FIVB Volleyball for All Programme in South Asia. Further, it has been granted Institutional Membership by All India Chess Federation (AICF), making it the only educational institution in India to receive this unparalled recognition.

In recognition of its achievements, KIIT-KISS has been bestowed with numerous achievements. In November 2022, KIIT-KISS was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022. The award was given away by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India to Dr. Achyuta Samanta. It was adjudged the best university for the promotion of sports at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2022 for the promotion of sports. Many sports personalities including Sunil Gavaskar were present. The University was also honoured by the FICCI with the FICCI India Sports Awards in recognition of its outstanding contributions to the field of sports.



Spiritual Talk by

His Holiness
Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji
on His Holy Visit to KISS Campus

Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati-ji, President & Spiritual Head, Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, visited the KISS Campus on 24th November, 2023, and blessed the holy ground of KISS Temple by his gracious presence. To commemorate the event, a programme for public interaction with Pujya Swami-ji was organized at KISS Campus, honouring the auspicious occasion.

Today, I will begin my talk by reflecting on the idea of 'peace'. In the current world scenario, it is 'peace' which is perhaps the most urgent need. 'Peace' must prevail over war, and war has to come to an end. India is not a mere 'piece of land', but a 'land of peace'. This message of 'peace' has been given to us for centuries by Indian sages from all epochs. But it is this sacred land of Kalinga which stands, in history, as the place that has showed the world the true way to embrace 'peace'. Let us remember the well-known story of Emperor Ashoka and the transformation that he underwent as his eyes fell on the blood-red colour of the river - Dayanadi (the River of Compassion), post the violence and bloodshed of the Kalinga war. That was the historic metamorphosis of the holy city of Kalinga; it changed from being a 'land of war' to a 'land of pyaar' (land of love) and a 'land of sanskaar' (land of culture).

The tour around the campuses of KISS and KIIT has made me feel that it is through human agency only that God's work takes shape on this earth. I would address the honourable founder of KIIT and KISS not as Prof. Samanta but as Saint Samanta. It is Prof. Achyuta Samanta's utmost humility, nobility, and selflessness that he does not claim credit for such awe-inspiring ventures as KIIT and KISS, but describes them as divine interventions; as if it is through Prof. Samanta's hands that God has executed His own designs and laid out His plans. Inspired by the signposts 'I love KISS' all around the campus, I want to say that 'I too love KISS'. It is our work that bears our true identity, therefore, I express my wholehearted support for KISS and the noble, selfless service that it is doing to all the tribal children that it has extended shelter to. It is very interesting to see how these thousands of children obediently listen to the words of Saint Samanta (the honourable founder, Prof. Achyuta Samanta) as they would listen to their own parents. This is nothing less than a miracle, and it is possible only because, here, the language they hear is one of love, kindness, and compassion. It is a campus where love, kindness, compassion, tradition, and culture flow like a river, just as it does in the river, Dayanadi. I want to emphasize that it is the devotion and dedication of the honourable founder and his selflessness that have been the foundation of these immense ventures - KISS and KIIT, which have drawn people from as far as Kashmir. I would say that Prof. Samanta is God Vishwakarma, reincarnated in human form, to execute these monumental tasks for the welfare of common people. I also want to point out another important thing - a task, besides being big, also needs to

Dr. Achyuta Samanta seeking blessings from His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji.

be beautiful by its very quality, and that is the essence of these campuses. Prayer or puja does not only take place in temples, they also happen in places like these, which are as sacred as temples by the virtue of their own nobility.

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Sometimes I remember my childhood days. As a child, I used to sit quietly listening to saints, sages and fakirs. There was something in spiritualism that touched me deeply and struck a chord in my heart. Back then, it was not the time of 'internet', but one of 'inner net' by the virtue of which I could connect with my soul, my inner being. It was then that I realized how important is work-ethic in human life. It is by one's work that one is known and is remembered by the world. I also want to emphasize on another crucial aspect - to do work without being greedy for fame, name and recognition. In life, we should do work as if we are no more than instruments in the hands of God, because human life is nothing but an expression of God's will.

It is only when we work with such a sense of selfless service that we actually attain God. Prayer is nothing but service, 'puja' is nothing but selflessly dedicating oneself for the welfare of the society. For instance, during the Covid times when people were disowned even by their own families and friends, they were embraced by the love and care of Prof. Samanta's saintly heart. KISS houses 40,000 tribal children, 70% of them being girls, and this incredibly huge task seems no less than a miracle or magic. Dr. Abdul Kalam once said that this world is an amazing place. There is always a magician behind a magic, and that, in this case, is the Founder of KISS and KIIT, Prof. Samanta. In the temple, the idol of Jagannath may not have hands, but, through Prof. Samanta, Lord Jagannath makes His hands visible - it is through him that the tasks of such divine nature get executed. And then such tasks become synonymous with other tasks, like service towards one's

His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji blessing students of KISS.

nation, one's country or service for one's God. It is through serving people only that one serves God.

For students of KISS and KIIT, there is no need to go to foreign universities like MIT or Harvard, because this institution may not be Harvard, but it is most certainly a supreme model of 'Hard Work'. One should have the motto of 'serving' in life, just like Hanuman ji and Shavari had for Lord Ram. Remember how Shavari used to sweep clean the path with a broom, never expecting a return for her honest labour. And in the path of soulful service, one should not chase 'Medals' - that is, fame, power, recognition, but rather become a 'Model' - an epitome of selfless service. See how Prof. Samanta, in spite of the struggles of his personal life, in spite of the tragedies in his childhood, has succeeded in dedicating his life to this selfless service, without breaking down in the face of challenges.

In this world, one may earn by one hand, but, while giving, one must use thousand hands, then only it becomes essentially an 'Art of Giving'. I will show you the ultimate model of honest labour and selfless work - that is Prof. Samanta himself. As I see him, I remember all the legendary stories of devotion, like that of Shavari and Hanuman-ji. It is not necessary to search for God in temples or in the wilderness of the forests, but it is the heart of human beings that God actually resides in.

It is with such noble ventures like KISS that we should engage wholeheartedly - through investing our mind, our talent, our technology, our money and our resources. Campuses, such as KISS, should be debt-free as its noble intentions are already 'doubt-free'. Doubtlessly, it was a noble intention that lay the foundation of the institution. I openly invite people to participate enthusiastically in this noble mission, whose name is KISS. This is a place where one can find God because this is a ground which has been sanctified by the divine blessings of God Himself, our Lord Jagannath.

On the request made by Prof. Samanta, I will share a few insights into my blessed life and my spiritual journey. I will

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begin by talking about a miraculous experience that happened in my family when I was seven years old. During one of the days when my family was celebrating my uncle's promotion and his new posting in the hill-station of Shimla, once it happened so that we went to see my uncle off at the station. Due to an unfortunate turn of events, my mother slipped and fell on the railway track while getting down the train. As the train had already started moving, people at the spot felt that the accident would prove to be fatal. However, to the pleasant surprise of everyone present there, my mother was not only alive but untouched by even the slightest harm. I still recall how my parents read this miraculous escape of my mother, from the clutches of sure death, as a divine sign. They began a new life here onward. My mother started doing meditation often for hours at a stretch. As a child, I was influenced by the sight of my mother meditating in yoga posture in one quiet corner of the house. Such an environment at home completely transformed my life.

One day, a saint visited our house and touched my forehead. That was for me an epiphanic moment of enlightenment. I was as if transported to another world. Thought of renouncing worldly life and becoming a saint dawned in my child-mind. However, it was not an easy task. I was asked to follow an extremely strict and regimented schedule of diet and seclusion. It was through that rigorous routine of restricted diet, absolute seclusion and day-long meditation that I got prepared for a real saint's life. It was my Guru-ji who showed me the correct path to saintliness, in which I discovered gradually the power bestowed by meditation or 'yog'. It was not food or drink or milk which provided me with the nourishment and energy on my journey to becoming a saint, but it was the power of meditation that became the real source of my inner strength.

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I would conclude by saying that it is only through renouncing material attractions and greed that one discovers infinite joy and happiness in life. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, in whom I see Saint Samanta, is such an emblem of pure joy and happiness, and that is because his life is truly a living example of sacrifice - the art of selfless giving.

Dignitaries Interact with KISS Students

Shri Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha interacting with KISS students from Jharkhand.

Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa & Fmr. CEO, NITI Aayog addressing 30,000 KISS students.

(From L) Dr. Ricky G. Kej, Internationally Renowned Indian Music Composer & Three-time Grammy Award Winner; His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, President & Spiritual Head, Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh; Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh; Shri Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, Govt. of India & Former CEO, NITI Aayog; Shri Satya S. Tripathi, Chancellor, KISS-DU; and Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor at the Third Annual Convocation of KISS-DU on 25th November 2023.

3rd Annual Convocation of KISS Deemed to be University

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, celebrated its third annual convocation on 25th November 2023, in which 302 students including five Ph.D. scholars received their degrees. A galaxy of luminaries adorned the event, including Shri Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh; Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, Govt. of India & Former CEO, NITI Aayog; and Dr. Ricky G. Kej, Internationally Renowned Indian Music Composer & Three-time Grammy Award Winner.

The University conferred Honoris Causa Degrees of D.Litt. upon three distinguished personalities from different walks of life – Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan; His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, President & Spiritual Head, Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh; and Mr. Sopnendu

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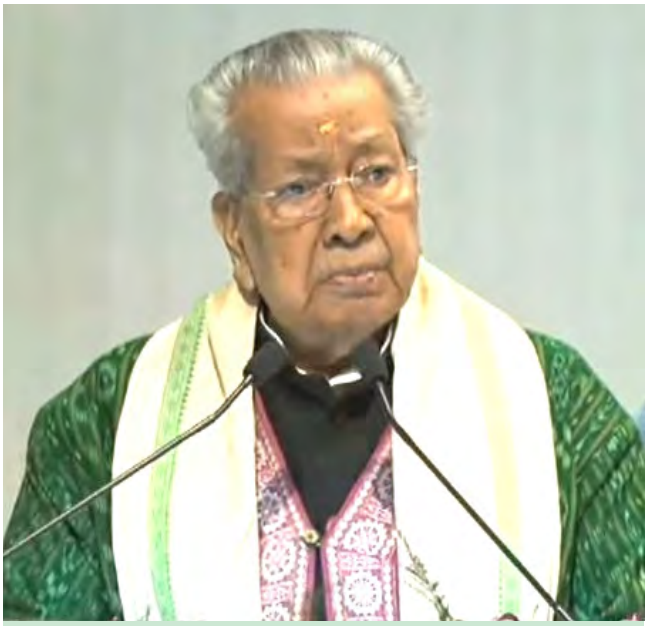

Guest of Eminence, Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh addressing the students.

Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chairman, Board of Elevandi, Singapore.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Raghubar Das said, "Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT and KISS has proved that no work is impossible if one has determination. KISS students have made Odisha proud time and again in the fields of academic achievements and sports". Congratulating the degree recipients, he said, youth power is India's advantage today. They have ideas and innovation, are bold to take risks, and possess a spirit to succeed, he added.

KISS is a praiseworthy initiative by Dr. Achyuta Samanta for the empowerment of tribal people, stated Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan. As conscious and educated citizens, you have the responsibility to ensure that even the poor and those living on the margins get benefits of equality before the law and other constitutional provisions, he told the graduates.

"I have visited many academic institutions in India and abroad, but have not seen institutions like KIIT & KISS anywhere", stated Shri Amitabh Kant in his convocation address. KISS is an inspirational institution, he said, while congratulating Dr. Samanta for his efforts.

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progress, Shri Kant affirmed. The country is now the 5th largest economy globally, and on track to become the 3rd largest economy by 2027 - 28. India has undergone a digital transformation, and data cost here is only a fraction compared to even the US and the UK, he stated. With 1,10,000 startups, India has the second largest startup movement after the US, he informed, while suggesting students explore the wonderful opportunities in startups.

The planet is facing a serious environmental crisis and the only way to make a difference is to change ourselves, insisted Dr. Ricky G. Kej in his address.

Expressing gratitude to the KISS-DU for honouring him with the Honoris Causa Degree, His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji said that it is heartening to see that 11 of the 15 medal recipients are girls. This is a symbol of the new Bharat, he said.

“Through his struggles in early life, Dr. Samanta has realized that life is not about ‘having more’ but about ‘being more’. He has given wings to your dreams to take off, and his commitment is admirable”, he told the graduates. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty advised students to master the art of survival and develop academic and professional competencies for success.

Earlier, extending a warm welcome to the dignitaries, Dr. Achyuta Samanta said, "KISS is the

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Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS addressing the graduating students in the Third Annual Convocation of KISS Deemed to be University.

eighth wonder of the world, having 80,000 students, including 40,000 alumni and 10,000 students in various satellite centers. With a fully free and fully residential school, college, and university all in one place, KISS is a symbol of humanity. It is also the only exclusive tribal university in the entire world."

KISS brings holistic, interdisciplinary, and integrative education, while offering full scholarships to every student, who are first-generation learners from remote and underprivileged communities on the margins of the society, said Shri Satya S. Tripathi, Chancellor, KISS-DU in his presidential address.

KISS is a NAAC accredited institution, which has grown substantially in stature since it was declared a university in 2017, stated Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor in his report. As a university of innovation, KISS-DU has inducted 24 Professors Emeriti and 14 Professors of Practice.

It hosted two important events – the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, and the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, he informed, adding that the University also organized the World Anthropology Congress 2023 in which more than 1200 scholars from 51 countries participated. Professor Amareswar Galla, Pro-Chancellor, KISS-DU also spoke on the occasion, while Dr. Prashanta Ku. Routray, Registrar proposed the word of thanks.

Five research scholars received Ph.D. degrees under different innovative Departments of KISS Deemed to be University. Tilottama Sabar, School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology won the Founder's Gold Medal for securing the highest CGPA in the whole University across all Post Graduate programs. Similarly, seven students were awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal, while as many students got the Vice Chancellor's Silver Medal for their outstanding academic performance.

Distinguished Recipients of Honoris Causa Degrees

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Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh

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Honoris Causa Recipients
Vignettes from the Acceptance Speeches

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Glimpses from the 3rd Convocation Ceremony of KISS-DU

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Dr. Prashanta Ku. Routray, Registrar, KISS-DU

3rd Annual Convocation

DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY AWARDEES

(Under Different Innovative Departments of KISS Deemed to be University)

Manjulata Hansdah
School of Tribal Heritage & Tribal Indology
Subject: Education

Rautu Kerai
School of Tribal Resource Management
Subject: Economics

Kanhu Charan Purty
School of Tribal Resource Management
Subject: Commerce

Dula Bankira
School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology
Subject: Computer Science

Sasmita Murmu
School of Comparative Tribal Languages & Literatures
Subject: Odia

3rd Annual Convocation

MEDAL WINNERS

Founder's Gold Medal for MASTER DEGREE

(2021-23 Admitted Batch)

Computer Science, School of Indigeneous Knowledge, Science & Technology: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average(CGPA) in the whole University across all the Post Graduate Programmes for the year 2021-23

Tilottama Sabar

Chancellor's Gold Medal for MASTER DEGREE

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Tilottama Sabar

Zoology, School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Sciences: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Nikita Topno

Balaram Champia

Economics, School of Tribal Resource Management: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Halima Wadeka

Social Work, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Ajaya Kumar Kadraka

Political Science, School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Ecospiritualism: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Elisaba Ekka

Hindi, School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Uday Kisku

Education, School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology: For Securing Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Vice Chancellor's Silver Medal for MASTER DEGREE

(2021-23 Admitted Batch)

Physics, School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology: For Securing Second Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Sangita Singh

Zoology, School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Sciences: For Securing Second Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Babi Kadraka

Economics, School of Tribal Resource Management: For Securing Second Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in the School in the year 2021-23

Kasta Bhoi

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Sunili Nayak

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Arpita Gaipai

ASCI Praises the Impact of KISS

The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) in Hyderabad highly appreciated the impact of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), which has been empowering tribals through education for the last 30 years. ASCI, which carried out impact assessment of various programmes of KISS over the last one year and conducted a thorough review of various functions of KISS, expressed its confidence in the institute as it presented a related report to the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta at its premises in Hyderabad.

KISS, the world's largest tribal institute, has always been working towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. It was against this background that ASCI carried out an assessment of KISS. In this report, the programmes and all kinds of impacts of KISS were praised by the ASCI. Dr. Samanta expressed his gratitude to ASCI for appreciating KISS's work.

ASCI is the oldest research and training institute of the Government of India. It is the third institute of its kind in the world and the only institute in Asia. During his visit, Dr. Samanta also delivered lectures at two places in Hyderabad.

KISS Foundation changes the lives of 4 orphan sisters

Four sisters from Puri District, who were orphaned some years ago following the demise of their parents, were handed over appointment letters to three of them by the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta here on 5th October 2023.

The appointment letters were presented in keeping with the promise made by the Founder when the sisters were hit by the greatest tragedy of their lives. The four sisters of Raghurajpur village near Chandanpur of Puri District were left destitute after the death of their parents Lakshmidhar Mahapatra and his wife. The KISS Foundation and Dr Samanta came to their rescue after the media highlighted their plight. Dr Samanta had promised them the necessary support for their livelihood and education. Today, the eldest sister, Ramamani is a Post-graduate, while the other two sisters have obtained bachelor's degrees. The youngest sister is studying in the 8th standard.

Dr. Samanta made it a point to meet the sisters regularly to inquire about their well-being and encouraged them to focus on their studies. He also provided financial assistance to help the elder sister complete their house, which was under construction under a government scheme. Keeping his promise, Dr. Samanta has provided employment to the three sisters in KIIT and KISS. They expressed their profound gratitude to Dr. Samanta and the KISS Foundation for standing behind them rock solid over these years and providing them employment. The local community has also widely praised the KISS Foundation and Dr. Samanta for their noble work.

Solar Energy Society of India Honours Dr. Achyuta Samanta

Solar World Congress in its session in New Delhi honoured Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS on 3rd November 2023. The felicitation, done under the aegis of the Solar Energy Society of India (SESI), was done for promoting green initiatives at KIIT and KISS campuses and harvesting solar power for day-to-day operations. The felicitation by SESI President Mr. Praful Pathak was done in the presence of the Director General of IMD Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra. On this occasion, the organizers at the Solar World Congress congratulated Dr. Samanta's stellar role in promoting education among the indigenous children and using renewable energy sources and green campuses inside KIIT-KISS. Earlier, KISS was awarded the prestigious Energy Globe Award by the Energy Globe Foundation in Tehran in 2018 for its green efforts. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Pathak said, "Dr. Samanta's unwavering dedication to create awareness and implement green energy technologies has had a profound impact on our community and the environment at large." SESI in a statement at the Solar World Congress has said that Dr. Samanta is a source of inspiration for all to develop a clean, green, and sustainable future on Earth. The six-day-long Delhi Solar World Congress was organized under the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) from October 30. In this world congress delegates from more than 50 nations from scientific research, engineering, architecture, and industries participated to strategize a sustainable future.

40-Member KIIT Polytechnic Delegation Visits Singapore

KIIT Polytechnic To Be Modeled After Nanyang Polytechnic

KIIT Polytechnic will soon be modeled on the lines of the world famous Nanyang Polytechnic in Singapore. In keeping with this objective, a 40-member delegation, including the faculty and staff, of KIIT Polytechnic visited Singapore on 1st November 2023 for a week-long 'exposure visit' During their visit, the delegation acquired the latest knowledge and skills there, apart from interacting with the faculty and students about the infrastructure, teaching methods, and the use of the latest technology. A driving force behind this transformative initiative is the Founder of KIIT & KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta, whose unwavering commitment is aimed at elevating KIIT Polytechnic to a global institution mirroring the accomplishments of Nanyang Polytechnic. Prior to their departure, he extended his warm congratulations to the team and conveyed his best wishes for their success. The departure ceremony also saw the presence of KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh and Registrar Prof. J. R. Mohanty. The Quality Council of India (QCI)'s National Accreditation Board for Teaching Education and Training (NABET) QCI Ranking 2023 has adjudged KIIT Polytechnic as the best in Odisha among all public and private institutes for the second time in a row.

KIIT Ranked 6th Best Indian University in Times World University Rankings 2024

The KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT-DU) has emerged as the 6th best university in the country out of 91 institutes that featured in the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024. It secured the top position in Odisha. Like every year, the Times Higher Education World University Rankings has been published and KIIT-DU has retained its position from the last year.

The University's global ranking stood in the cohort of 601-800 as it continued to improve its overall score, reflecting its sustained focus on quality teaching, research activities and a steady rise in its global reputation. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings is widely followed by academia, including students, in deciding their institute of choice for pursuing higher education.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 include 1,904 universities across 108 countries and regions. The methodology used for ranking the universities by Times Higher Education is teaching environment, research, citations, international outlook and industry income.

Academicians in the State and outside have applauded KIIT's achievement, emphasizing its growing prominence in the higher education sector and matching the accomplishments of the legacy institutes despite being relatively new in comparison to them.

They have lauded the tireless efforts of the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta and his visionary leadership to transform the University in a short period into a globally renowned institute.

Dr. Samanta, in his comments, said the improved ranking was the result of the collective efforts of the faculties, students and staff, even as the KIIT family credited him for the success. The results of 2024 have been met with jubilation on the campus.

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20 Researchers from KIIT Featured in Stanford University's List of World's 2% Top Scientists

KIIT-DU once again proved that it is home to some of the best minds in the field of science and technology. Stanford University's latest published database about the 'World's Top 2% Scientist' features 20 names from KIIT and its constituent units.

The list represents the top two percent of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines and highlights their achievements. The names from KIIT include Padma Awardee Dr. Subrat Kumar Acharya; Dr. Yogesh Chawla and Eminent Gastroenterologist Dr. Anil C Anand from the School of Medicine also feature in the list that was updated recently. The other names in the famed list include Suresh Chandra Satapathy, Siddharth Swarup Rautaray, Sushruta Mishra, Tarasankar Pal, Swarup Kumar Nayak, Purna Chandra Mishra, Vikas Hassija, Kshirod K Jena, Hrudaya Kumar Tripathy, Ashok Kumar Sahoo, Dindyal Mandal, Trupti Mayee Behera, Bhargav Appasani, Rabindra K Barik, Mona Pathak, Ashish Singh and Chandan Mohanty.

"I am happy to learn that 20 members from the KIIT family have been featured among the World's Top 2 Percent Scientists List curated by Stanford University. The faculty members are from various scientific fields and we are proud of their achievements.

My heartiest congratulations to them all" said the Founder of KIIT & KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta. The list is considered the most prestigious worldwide, comprising more than 1.85 lakh researchers from more than 8 million scientists covering 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields.

SPICMACAY Founder Dr. Kiran Seth, Inspires KIIT Students to Develop Concentration and Love Music for Success in Life

Dr. Kiran Seth, Founder of SPICMACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth), delivered an inspiring speech at KIIT Deemed to be University on 4th October 2023, emphasising students to build their level of concentration, self-confidence, and develop strong foundations for academic success. He addressed the students as part of the 'KIIT-Knowledge Tree initiative' and visited the campus as part of his countrywide cycling tour promoting good health and a clean environment.

The academician touched upon the changing landscape of education, expressing concern about the increasing stress levels among students despite their exceptional abilities, leading to a decline in academic performance. Concentration, he stressed, is key to academic achievement.

He shared a story of a bright-eyed student at IIT Kanpur who was among the toppers in the entrance test, despite not taking special coaching classes. The student credited his school and practice of yoga that he inculcated from his alma mater to develop his concentration. Dr. Seth emphasized the importance of cultivating mental discipline, comparing the mind to a restless monkey that needs to be trained.

He urged the KIIT-DU authorities to incorporate practices such as yoga and music into the curriculum, as they have a calming effect on the mind. Dr. Seth referred to well-known Mathematicians such as Manjul Bhargava and the great Einstein who developed extraordinary talents because of their love for music.

In his speech, Dr Seth also invoked doyens of Indian classical music and dance including the late Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Sanjukta Panigrahi as he harped on the strength of music and dance for a student to excel in the respective spheres of activities. "Unleash your mind. You don't even know your potential. It is much more than what you think," Dr. Seth declared, emphasizing the importance of building concentration, patience, and self-control through classical music, Odisha dance, or even mindful breathing.

He concluded his speech by encouraging students to harness the power of concentration and place their inner strength in front of them, highlighting the transformative impact this could have on their academic journeys.

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11th KIIT International MUN : 1,300+ Delegates Participate in the Asia's Biggest MUN

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS felicitating Mr. Komla A. Jervis Zogbema, Director, Department of Scholarships and Internships, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, Togo at the inaugural ceremony of the 11th KIIT International MUN on 6th October 2023.

The 11th Edition of KIIT International Model United Nations (MUN) was organized from 6th to 8th October 2023 at KIIT Deemed to be University with participation of more than 1,300 delegates from across India and abroad. This is the biggest MUN in Asia. The theme for this 11th Edition of KIIT-MUN was "Engage to Empower", which sought to promote deliberation and discourse among the youth to facilitate empowerment and growth that would pave the way to a beautiful future world order.

The event was inaugurated on 6th October in which Chief Guest of the occasion was Mr. Komla A. Jervis Zogbema, Director, Department of Scholarships and Internships, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, Togo. Mr. Yawa Edem Akpemado, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of Togo in New Delhi, was the Guest of Honour.

The KIIT-MUN had 35 Executive Board (EB) members and International EBs were from Indonesia and Bangladesh. International student delegates from Nigeria, Somalia, Bangladesh, Syria, Ethiopia, Togo, etc participated in the KIIT-MUN.

In his speech in French, Mr. Zogbema said, "In the post-colonial era African nations are in a transition towards economic upliftment, and education as a major sector has a lot to contribute". Praising India's stellar role in the G20 leadership, Mr. Zogbema also called for an overhaul in the UN structure as it was conceptualized during the post-World War – II era. He also wanted a close association with India to excel in the human development sector.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS reiterated that the biggest MUN of the Asian subcontinent is being held at a beautiful campus which has translated the theme "Engage to Empower" in action as in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). He also hoped that the entire MUN assembly would deal with all the

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Prof. Saranjit Singh, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU; Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar; Mr. Debraj Pradhan; Director General, International Relations; Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Additional Registrar; and Kshitij Singh, Secretary General of KIIT International MUN, 2023 were present.

Registration Desk.

A session of KIIT International MUN in progress.

Playback singer Mohammed Irfan performing live on social night.

Swachhata Pakhwada at KIIT with Clarion Call to Maintain Clean Surroundings

The KIIT and KISS campuses were abuzz with activity on 2nd October 2023 as it observed Swachhata Pakhwada, a cleanliness drive coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's Jayanti. The event aimed to instill the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in the hearts and minds of the KIIT community.

The event witnessed a significant gathering of students, faculty, and staff members who gathered to mark the day. In his address, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS emphasized the significance of cleanliness in daily lives. He said, "Make your surroundings clean. The more you keep the place clean, it becomes even better. Mahatma Gandhi said, 'Keep the place clean where you live.' If you keep your surroundings clean and are clean from your heart, the Almighty will come and reside there."

"I have always strived to be clean in my actions, and I always maintain my surroundings clean, and this is the reason why the world loves me," he underscored.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, paid tribute at Mahatma Gandhi's statue at the KISS campus.

The Vice-Chancellor of KIIT, Prof. Saranjit Singh, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the School of Medicine, Dr. C. B. K. Mohanty, and KIIT Registrar, J. R. Mohanty also addressed the gathering, sharing their thoughts on the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

The highlight of the event was a massive cleanliness drive in two days across the entire 36 sq. km area of the KIIT-KISS and KIMS campuses and its periphery. Students from the National Service Scheme (NSS) enthusiastically participated in cleaning the surroundings and peripheral areas, reflecting their commitment to maintaining a clean and green campus environment.

The day was also marked with equal enthusiasm on KISS and KIMS campuses as well.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS and other senior functionaries led the cleanliness drive.

KSOM Organizes 14th National Finance Konclave

The 14th National Finance Konclave was organized by KIIT School of Management (KSOM) on 23rd September, 2023. The theme of the conclave was "Building a Sustainable Inclusive Future: A Finance Perspective". Dr. Shikta Singh, Convenor, set the context of the conclave by introducing the theme and highlighting India's economic evolution and the role of sustainability in our journey. Dr. Sumita Mishra, Dean, KSOM, extended a warm welcome to the delegates on behalf of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. She introduced the corporate leaders, emphasized the conclave's significance, and stressed on the growing importance of sustainability in the post-pandemic era.

Dr. Tapan Kumar Panda, Pro-Vice Chancellor of KSOM & KSRM, in his insightful deliberation, highlighted CFOs' crucial role in achieving ESG goals and stressed the strategic significance of sustainability. Dr. Panda discussed the transformation of health crises into economic challenges and encouraged sharing insights on technology's role in mitigating shocks while bridging classroom learning with corporate practices. Dr. Kumar Mohanty, Director - Corporate Relations, KIIT-DU proposed the vote of thanks at the inaugural session.

The inaugural session was followed by two panel discussions. The first panel discussion was on the topic: Sustainability, Fin-Tech and Financial Inclusion. The panel discussed the importance of sustainable technology in shaping our future, stressing the need to predict demand, consume wisely, and optimize logistics, while holding ourselves responsible for environmental sustainability. They emphasized on the importance of ESG in sustainability, expressing deep concern about the environment and the adverse effects of overusing resources. The panel highlighted the interdependence of economic expansion, financial inclusion, and sustainability, and the role of modern finance in harnessing technology to integrate these aspects. They concurred that government and corporate commitments to sustainability are critical along with the need for cost-effective and environmentally friendly solutions.

The second panel discussion was on the topic – Resilience for Sustainable Inclusive Growth –Industry Perspectives. The panel highlighted India's economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and financial inclusion in the manufacturing industry. They discussed on the changing dynamics in the manufacturing sector, focusing on cash conversion and the role of MSME vendors, especially within 'Make in India'. The panel offered insights on diverse topics including green bonds, economic resilience, and investment potential in India, while discussing profitability and financial inclusion.

The second half of the conclave consisted of seven parallel interactive workshops on topics related to: Innovative Emerging Technologies in Indian Financial System, Measuring the Pulse of Fintech Segments, ESG in India: Emphasizing Sustainability and Responsible Investing, Sustainable Finance & Green Economy, Challenges and Way Forward and Emergence of Robo-advisors and its Impact on Financial Markets.

The conclave provided students with an opportunity to interact with business leaders from the industry. It created a platform to connect industry professionals, academia and students.

KIIT-DU Conducts Smart India Hackathon-2023

KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, conducted the 'Smart India Hackathon – 2023 (SIH-2023)', titled "HACKTEST-2023." The objective was to provide students with a platform to foster a culture of product innovation and a problem-solving mindset, as laid down by the SIH guidelines. As part of this process, the University organized a "HACKTEST" on various themes of SIH-2023. In total, 194 teams, comprising 1164 students, participated in the ideation stage.

Expressing happiness over the enthusiastic participation of students in the event, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, said, "KIIT is proud to take part in SIH-2023, which will further strengthen the culture of product innovation and problem-solving aptitude of our students. KIIT is recognized as a top innovative institution in India, and such initiatives are a part of the regular 'Best Practices' KIIT has been following since its inception." KIIT has been ranked No. 1 among private higher education institutions by the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), Ministry of Education, GoI, in the past few years.

Prof. Samanta also thanked Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE; Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE; and members of the Ministry of Education (MoE) Innovation Cell for spearheading the activity from conceptualization to implementation stage. He has congratulated and conveyed his blessings to all students who have made it to the next level of the SIH - 2023. Prof. Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU has congratulated all the qualifying teams for the next round of SIH-2023. He thanked Prof. Abhishek Ray, Dean (Industry Engagement), and SPOC of the event for the smooth conduct of the event. He also thanked the Ministry of Education (MoE) for providing the opportunity to the students of KIIT–DU to showcase their talents in product innovation and problem-solving. Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU expressed his delight at the overwhelming participation of the KIITians in large numbers and acknowledged the initiative of AICTE, MoE, and I4C for providing a real-time platform to the student community for enhancing their problem-solving skills.

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Prof. Abhishek Ray conveyed humble regards to all the faculty members who served as the judges for the event, including the student team from KIIT e-Cell for the successful conduct of the event.

KIMS PG Resident Gets First Prize in NCCP Annual State Quiz

Dr. Arpit Pandey, second year PG student from Department of Respiratory Medicine has received the first prize in the State-level Annual Non-Cardiac Chest Pain (NCCP) Quiz competition conducted at SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack for the year 2023.

By winning the first prize in the State, Dr. Arpit gets selected for the National-level quiz to be held in Hyderabad later this year. He got this prize although there was a stiff competition from other government-run medical colleges like SCBMCH Cuttack, MKCGMCH Berhampur, VSSUTMCH Burla and AIIMS Bhubaneswar along with all other PGs from private medical colleges. He also received prize money. Professor and HoD Respiratory Medicine, SCBMCH Cuttack Dr. Jyoti Pattnaik presented the prize to Dr. Arpit. The second prize went to a PG student from MKCGMCH, Berhampur.

KIMS Postgraduate Resident Achieves Prestigious Young Achiever Award

Dr. Sushree Sumedha Dash from Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion department of KIMS has achieved "Young Achiever Award" for her research work at InSc Institute. This recognition is a testament to her dedication, relentless pursuit of knowledge, and outstanding contributions to the field of medicine. The indexed journal publication, titled "Immunohistochemical Expression of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) and p53 in Gliomas and Correlation with Clinicopathological Parameters," represents a significant milestone in the academic journey.

The KIMS fraternities commend the commitment to advancing medical science and are confident that her work will continue to have a lasting impact on the field of Neuro Oncology. This award serves as a well-deserved acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication to excellence.

KIIT Students Win Big at IIA Design Carnival

Students of KIIT School of Architecture and Planning (KSAP) have achieved noteworthy successes at the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Odisha's Design Carnival event, "Samarth." The students participated in numerous design and cultural competitions and secured a significant share of prizes in both formal and informal design competitions. They claimed 1st place in the Cultural, Fashion, and Sketch-it-up competitions, and also earned the 2nd runner-up position in the Mask Making competition within the informal design segment. In the formal design category, they clinched 1st place in Futurescape, secured 2nd place in Major Design and Landscape, and attained 3rd place in Minor Design. Students from nine colleges across the state participated in these competitions.

The Design Carnival, held from September 9th to 10th, 2023 in Bhubaneswar, was organized by the IIA Odisha Chapter and was attended by delegates and prominent architects from across the country. Over 180 architects, professionals, academicians, and researchers participated in the two-day conclave and carnival.

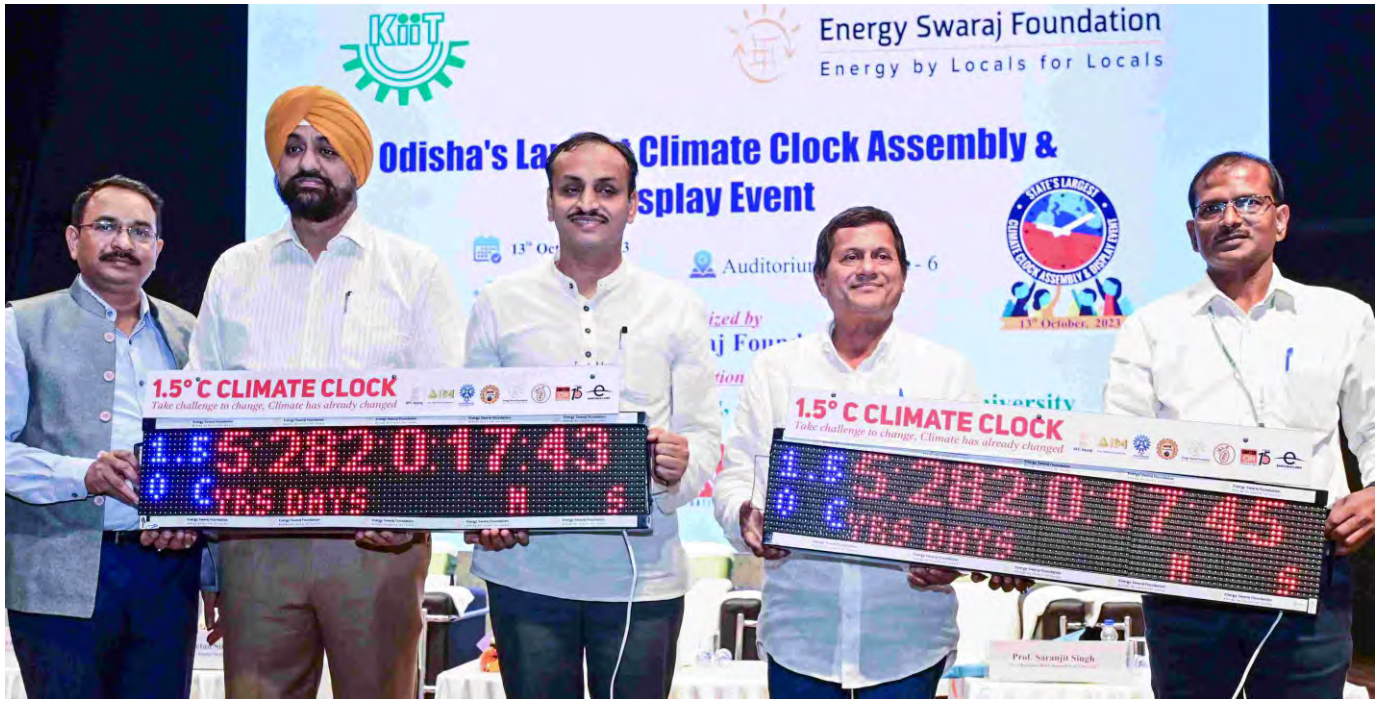
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Awards '5G Use Case Lab' to KIIT-DU

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 27th October 2023 awarded a '5G Use Case Lab' to KIIT-DU, enabling students and faculties to exploit opportunities and develop solutions in this lab for various sectors using the 5G technology. Along with KIIT-DU, 99 other educational institutes across the country were awarded the 5G Use Case Labs by the PM.

Awarding the labs during the inauguration of the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2023 in Delhi, Shri Modi exuded confidence that the 5G use labs will have a similar impact as the 10,000 Atal tinkering labs exposing about 75 lakh children to cutting-edge technology. "These labs prompt the youth to dream big and give them the confidence to achieve them," he added. According to a government statement, the labs are an endeavour to realise the opportunities associated with 5G technology by encouraging the development of 5G applications that cater, both to India's unique needs as well as the global demands. The unique initiative will foster innovation across various socioeconomic sectors like education, agriculture, health, power, transportation etc, and propel the country into the forefront of usage of 5G technology.

The initiative is also a pivotal step for building a 6G-ready academic and start-up ecosystem in the country. More importantly, the initiative is a step towards developing indigenous telecom technology which is critical for national security.

Odisha's Largest Climate Clock Assembly Held at KIIT, With Call for Urgent Climate Action



The KIIT School of Mechanical Engineering in association with the Energy Swaraj Foundation organised the largest climate clock assembly and display event on 13th October 2023.

Addressing the event as Chief Guest, Founder of Energy Swaraj, environmentalist Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, highlighted three-step principles to give up the use of conventional and carbon-based energy for solar energy and make judicious and efficient use of energy. They are 'avoid', 'minimise' and 'generate' for conservation and efficient use of energy.

Solanki's message revolved around three key principles to combat climate change: the right energy source (solar power), efficient energy use, and responsible timing of energy consumption. He encouraged people to adopt energy-efficient practices, such as using LED lights, and to minimize their energy consumption

Solanki, who is a faculty at IIT Bombay, underscored the urgency of climate change and stressed that climate change is no longer a distant threat but an immediate reality, with an alarming 500 per cent increase in the frequency of such events. He encouraged people to adopt energy-efficient practices, such as using LED lights, and to minimize their energy consumption.

The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta, applauded Prof Solanki's initiative and highlighted the gravity of the climate change threat, emphasizing the need to act swiftly before reaching a point of no return. When the world can come out of the dreaded Covid pandemic, it will also overcome climate change. "We have to set nature right. If we don't act now we might not reach a point of no return", he added.

Climate Change is no more a distant threat, it is the present reality and the world is witness to rising sea levels, intensified storms, melting ice caps, rampant forest fires, floods, late monsoons, and unpredictable weather, he said.

KIIT DU VC Prof Saranjit Singh and Registrar J R Mohanty highlighted the green initiatives of Dr. Achyuta Samanta and how KIIT & KISS have generated 5 million watts of solar energy and planted one lakh trees as part of its sustainable energy initiatives.

Global Recognition for KIIT-TBI

KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI), the innovation hub of KIIT, has been conferred the 'Incubator of the Year 2023' Award by the Asian Association of Business Incubation (AABI) in Bangkok, Thailand. The award was received by Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO of KIIT-TBI and Director-General (R&D and Innovation), KIIT. This recognition is a result of the outstanding achievements of KIIT-TBI in the field of technology incubation. To date, it has supported over 400 startups in various sectors, including life sciences, biotechnology, medtech, digital health, renewable energy, agritech, Green tech, social incubation, and manufacturing-focused incubations.

KIIT-TBI is supported by various Indian Government funding agencies such as the DST-NIDHI Scheme, DBT-BIRAC, MeiTy-MSH, MSME, iDeX (Ministry of Defence), among others. The Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, has acknowledged KIIT-TBI as a Center of Excellence. Additionally, the Government of India's DBT-BIRAC has established the BIRAC Regional Centre for Technology Promotion (BRTC) at KIIT-TBI to foster bio-entrepreneurship in the East and Northeast regions of India.

KIIT-TBI has not only been recognized as one of the top incubators in India but is now also acknowledged at the international level.

"The incubator is reaching new heights and creating one of the most conducive models for technology business incubation. This international recognition will drive us to accomplish even greater things in technology incubation," said Dr. Suar. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, congratulated Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar and the KIIT-TBI team for this prestigious recognition.

KIIT School of Fashion Technology Among Top 10 Self-financing Fashion Colleges in India

KIIT School of Fashion Technology (KSFT), renowned for its commitment to excellence in fashion education, has been ranked among the top 10 self-financing fashion colleges in India by Academic Insights magazine.

The prestigious ranking places the KIIT School of Fashion Technology among the elite institutions in the country, highlighting its exceptional contribution to the fashion industry through its comprehensive curriculum, industry partnerships, and talented faculty.

With a strong emphasis on practical learning and innovation, the KIIT School of Fashion Technology has consistently nurtured and produced highly skilled professionals who have made significant contributions to the fashion and textile sector. The institute's dedication to providing students with a holistic education encompassing design, technology, and business has been acknowledged by this coveted accolade.

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