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KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS)
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Mission

To empower 2 million indigenous children through quality education



Vision

No indigenous child should be deprived of formal education because of poverty



Anticipated Outcome

To break the vicious cycle of poverty and social isolation and to restore hope for a better future.

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has nurtured generations of talented Indigenous students since 1993. Our main campus in Bhubaneswar and multiple district campuses in Odisha provide a thriving environment for our diverse community of students and staff to work, live and learn together, in their pursuit of knowledge.

We pioneer innovative academic programmes, influential research and visionary enterprises to improve Indigenous lives and contribute to society.

As the world's only exclusive Indigenous university, and among India's best, we strive to inspire and innovate, to shape a better future for Odisha, India and the world.

This is the...

KISS

STORY *2023-2024*

TRIBAL POPULATION

Eight percent of India's population is tribal. Despite the constitutional promise of social justice and protection through affirmative action, India's tribal population lives in deplorable conditions in the country's dense forests and remote hinterlands.

CUSTODIANS OF EARTH

These original inhabitants (Adivasi) live a simple & sustainable life, with food grown/ foraged in forests, medicines grown from indigenous plants and their own forms of learning and knowledge, often through tales and oral history passed down from preceding generations.

CYCLE OF POVERTY

Each tribe boasts a rich cultural heritage that is unique from the next; unfortunately, however, tribes across the country are united by the vicious cycle of poverty and insufficient access to formal learning.

REMOTE LOCATIONS

Since tribes inhabit remote forests/ hilly terrains, this inhibits their access to adequate healthcare or educational facilities.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The few government or private schools that do exist are largely in residential format, to address the challenges presented by rural underdevelopment.

LEARNING CHALLENGES

Early learning for youth at these schools is compromised by problems such as poor infrastructure, teacher absenteeism, lack of toilets, language gaps between tribal and mainstream languages, additional school associated costs or familial pressure to handle siblings and dropout in favour of working and earning.

GENESIS

The **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)**, located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India is a remarkable educational and humanitarian institution, renowned for its extensive efforts in supporting Indigenous children in India. In 1992-93, Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta founded Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) with only 125 poor tribal students. It now comprises the KISS Foundation, school, college, and university. This comprehensive educational system provides free education, accommodation, medical care, vocational training, as well as athletic and artistic training.

KISS' impact is vast, offering education to 80,000 indigenous children, which includes 30,000 students on its main campus in Bhubaneswar, 10,000 students across 10 satellite centers in Odisha, and an alumni network of 40,000. The institution's reach extends even further, indirectly impacting over a million tribal children and youth in the region. A standout feature of KISS is its inclusivity, welcoming students from 62 different tribal groups, including 13 Particularly Vulnerable indigenous Groups (PVTGs). This diversity enriches the learning environment and fosters a deep understanding of various cultural backgrounds.

KISS is one of only 14 NGOs in India to have been awarded the Guide Star India Champion Level – Platinum Certification by Guide Star India for its financial transparency. This recognition follows KISS' inclusion in the Top 500 NGOs of the world, widely regarded as the 'non-profit ivy league', and the top 10 NGOs of India, by the Geneva-based organization, NGO Advisor. It has also been in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations since 2015, and was also awarded the UNESCO King Sejong Literary Prize 2022 for its outstanding literacy initiatives and contributions to mother language-based literacy development.

KISS Foundation is supported its sister affiliate, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), one of the most prominent universities for professional education in India. Both institutions were founded by global humanitarian and visionary educationalist Prof. Achyuta Samanta.

#WEAREINDIGENOUS

For more than two decades, we have learned and grown alongside the indigenous community - directly and indirectly interacting with more than 150,000 individuals. Our experience shows that given access to equal opportunity, there is no limit to what indigenous students can achieve. Thus, it is our lifelong mission to ensure that we empower our indigenous communities by ensuring that everyone has equal access to opportunities.

FREE EDUCATION

FREE HEALTHCARE

FREE FOOD

FREE ACCOMMODATION

As an educational institution in a multicultural society, we understand the necessity of placing an emphasis on history, culture and language because it is no secret that when a student feels like they belong in an educational context, they perform better. We attempt to eradicate educational inequalities by providing equal opportunities that empower our students with the knowledge that they have both the responsibility and the right to be in India's best classrooms.



What is KISS ?

A model for **fostering continuity**

KISS offers seamless, full-scholarship education from Std. 1 to PhD for Indigenous youth in Odisha & nearby states, successfully fostering **continuity** and **retention** within the schooling system.

30K



Students at KISS +
KISS DU
Bhubaneswar



**KISS is a
School**

KISS School is affiliated to the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha for Classes 1 to 10



**KISS is a
College**

KISS College is affiliated with the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha for classes Classes 10+2



**KISS is a
University**

In 2017 KISS was granted **Deemed to be University Status** under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Govt. of India

10K



Students at satellite centres

TOP 10



Top ten ranking among NGO's of India by NGO Advisor, Geneva

40K



KISS alumni strength

60%



Students are female

2M



Our goal is to help over 2 million Indigenous youth overcome social inequalities, like poverty, by empowering them with free quality education

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

HOLISTIC EDUCATION

Our extensive approach ensures that the focus is on thorough development of the students by supporting their growth physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually and intellectually. At KISS, we focus on quality academia, sports, skill training, and extra curricular training - a holistic approach to education.

MOTHER TONGUE BASED MULTI-LINGUAL EDUCATION

During students' early childhood, we teach them in 6 tribal languages (their mother tongues) in primary classes, to bridge the language gap that tribal students face while transitioning from their tribal language (and many dialects) to the state language of Odia.

SOCIAL INNOVATION

By providing holistic free education as the solution to eradicate poverty, KISS provides a prime example of Social Innovation - targeting poverty by educating children and making them self-sufficient. In the long run, it is hoped this approach will reduce the problem of transmission of poverty to future tribal generations.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

This program provides opportunities to our students to earn residual income while they are learning, through part-time jobs and entrepreneurial projects that prepare them to shoulder professional assignments with relative ease, through vocational training & skill development.

UNIQUE FINANCIAL MODEL

5% of total turnover of KIIT is donated to KISS as social responsibility. Additionally, all staff donate 3% of gross salary, in addition to 2-3% from KIIT's contractors/vendors and approx. 15 crore donations from various organisations and individuals, and 3 crore from sale of vocational products made at KISS.

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable development is at the core of KISS both in its focus on the UN's 17 SDGs in its day to day proceedings, in its focus on protecting, celebrating and disseminating the rich tribal culture of Odisha and in the eco friendly and sustainable infrastructure implemented in the campus.



KISS' vision inspires change in Indigenous societies by prioritising:

Preserving, protecting, and promoting Indigenous languages	Providing vocational training	Imparting holistic education through innovative learning methods	Preventing student dropouts	Inculcating leadership skills in students	Promoting gender equality and girl child empowerment
Ensuring good health & well-being	Sustaining Indigenous cultural identity	Preserving nature and adopting green initiatives	Providing humanitarian assistance through relief & aid	Promoting physical activities/fitness through sports and games	Embedding SDGs into institutional strategy

Educate, Enable & Empower

KISS adopts a 3E approach, emphasizing Indigenous control of education. It aims to safeguard the culture, heritage, and traditions of India's diverse Indigenous communities, aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.

sneak-peak of Key Events in 2023-24:



01

KISS-DU granted 'A' Grade Accreditation by NAAC

* National Assessment & Accreditation Council, India



02

Bill Gates & Ratan Tata receive KISS Humanitarian Award



03

KISS hosts a 40 member delegation from Harvard University



04

KISS hosts Roundtable of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia

ACADEMIA

KISS SCHOOL & PRIMARY EDUCATION

KISS Bhubaneswar was established in 1993 by Dr. Achyuta Samanta with only 125 children in a residential model school at Bhubaneswar and now, it is the largest fully free, fully residential educational institution for more than 80,000 (40,000 existing, 30,000 alumni and 10,000 at Satellite Centres) tribal youth. KISS provides holistic education from Class I to Ph. D. along with free lodging, boarding and health care facilities. Besides this, KISS imparts vocational training, life skills education and exposure to sports and athletics.

The students of KISS have qualified and sought admission at reputed national institutes such as IITs, NITs, IIMs and other organisations of international repute and they have also participated and achieved success at the Olympics, ASIAD, Commonwealth, South Asian Federation Games and many other prestigious sports events at both national and international platforms.



HIGHER EDUCATION

COLLEGE & DEEMED-TO-BE-UNIVERSITY [11 - PH.D.]

In view of the outstanding contributions of KISS towards academics in teaching-learning, research, extension activities, sports and games; it has been **declared a Deemed to be University Under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India, New Delhi** on the basis of the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, (UGC) New Delhi vide their notification No F.9-14/2011-U.3 (A) dated 25th August 2017. This made KISS-DU the first university in the world exclusively for tribals providing fully free and fully residential education along with other facilities. Accordingly, the University has been functioning since the afore-mentioned date with all its U.G, P.G, M.Phil and Ph.D Programs. KISS-DU has been admitting students from Odisha and neighbouring states like Jharkhand, Assam, Mizoram, West-Bengal, Chhattisgarh etc. and has recently marked its 6th Foundation Day in 2023.

It aims to raise its academia bar to new heights by focusing its teaching and research in 'unique and emerging areas of knowledge' related to specific innovative areas, which are not being pursued by any other institution in the W\world. Further, every year, the meritorious students of KISS are enrolled in KIIT Deemed to be University to pursue professional courses, i.e., B. Tech, MBA, MCA, Law, MBBS etc. fully free of cost.



KISS DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY: UNIQUE BEYOND COMPARE

From its humble beginnings to becoming the world's largest learning hub for indigenous communities, KISS has achieved numerous milestones in its nearly three decades of existence. The academic year 2023-2024 marks yet another chapter of extraordinary growth and accomplishments for KISS Deemed to be University (KISS-DU), as it completes six years as a university dedicated exclusively to tribal education.

The foundation of KISS-DU was laid on September 15, 2017, when Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the institution on being granted university status. Since then, the university has made rapid strides in both academic and social impact. By the close of 2024, KISS-DU has successfully conducted four convocations and produced four batches of Ph.D. scholars, with over 500 research projects focusing on issues critical to tribal communities, such as sustainable development, indigenous rights, and cultural preservation. The university also launched collaborative initiatives with global organizations, focusing on research, skill development, and entrepreneurship for tribal youth. Additionally, several students and faculty members have been recognized nationally and internationally for their contributions to education, sports, and community service.

Led by its visionary founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, and a team of dedicated academicians, KISS-DU continues to uphold its mission of empowering tribal students through holistic education and it remains a shining example of inclusivity and progress. As KISS-DU looks ahead, its focus remains on fostering innovation, preserving indigenous knowledge systems, and ensuring sustainable development for the communities it serves.

VISION

To build KISS DU as a premier institute of teaching, research, skill development and social entrepreneurship for youth from marginalised tribal communities as well as ensuring their cultural heritage and diversity

MISSION

To pursue academic excellence in innovative areas of studies pertaining to indigenous life and culture.

To develop a creative and critical disposition among students towards their communities & the world





5 Highlights from 5 years of KISS-DU

5 years completed by 2023

01

KISS-DU inducted 23 distinguished academicians as Emeritus Professors who will guide students and mentors in innovative research.

02

14 Professors of Practice who have no formal training were roped in to teach various aspects of tribal languages, songs and dances, shawl weaving, herbal medicine and therapeutics, storytelling as part of Anthropology, Language Teaching, Tribal Literature and Indigenous Technology. This step was consciously taken to provide experiential knowledge and ensure students remain in touch with their roots.

03

The University has also instituted seven research chairs to honour seven illustrious personalities of Odisha. The students receive in-depth learning on the life and works of Odisha's great luminaries.

04

Moreover, to preserve the tribal culture of students, KISS-DU proudly runs seven tribal-centric schools at its campus. There is a committee for protection, promotion and preservation of Tribal Culture, Heritage and Diversity. KISS-DU has also signed more than 30 MoU's with Indian and Overseas Universities and institutions for academic and industry collaboration.

05

KISS-DU has set up an innovation council named with seven innovative research centres under it in areas like Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Sacred Groves, Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Diversity, Indigenous Science and Technology, Indigenous Knowledge on Herbal Medicines and Therapeutics, Indigenous Languages and Narratives and Study of Indigenous Peoples across the Globe. The focus has always been to make students feel closer to home and make education relevant and fun.

Highlights from 2023 -24



Reaccredited by NAAC

Accredited with 'A Grade' by NAAC:

NAAC has accredited KISS Deemed to be University with an 'A' Grade in its 1st Cycle. KISS-DU is the first institution in the country to achieve this feat in its first attempt at accreditation by NAAC.



Million Lights Campaign:

On the occasion of the two-day C20 Working Group Summit on Gender Equality and Disability, hosted by Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), 3,000 girl students from KISS came together to create a stunning logo of C20 with 'torch' at KISS Ground on April 23, 2023. Civil20 is one of the official Engagement Groups of the G20 that provides a platform for Civil Society Organizations (CSO) around the world to voice the people's aspirations to the world leaders in G20.

KISS Volleyball Festival:

The KISS Volleyball Festival set a new Guinness World Record for the most players in a volleyball exhibition match, with 430 participants. Organized by the FIVB, Volleyball Foundation, KIIT, and KISS, the event attracted over 40,000 attendees and surpassed the previous record by 136 players. This historic achievement marks Odisha's first Guinness World Record in sports.

MAJOR THRUST AREAS

Academia

Research

Coaching and Placement

Sports

Vocational Education

Training

Life Skill Education

English Access Micro-Scholarship Programme

Yoga and Meditation

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

KISS-DU offers all levels of degrees including :

-Undergraduate (UG),

-Postgraduate (PG),

-Masters of Philosophy (M. Phil) &

-Doctoral (PhD) degrees

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FOCUS

Heritage Tribal Culture Eco-Spiritualism

Tribal Art & Craft

Tribal Heritage & Indology

Tribal Resource Management

Tribal Linguistics and Literature

Tribal Legal Studies & Tribal Rights

Indigenous Knowledge Science & Technology

MAJOR FOCUS ON

- Empowering adivasi children through education
- Creating avenues to ensure employability through vocational and skill building activities
- Conducting innovative cutting-edge research and extension activities through M Phil and Doctoral programmes
- Ensuring adequate facilities and training programmes for physical development of the adivasi students through games & sports
- Celebrating the cultural wealth & diversity of tribal communities through various programmes

ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF KISS-DU

- Holds Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN- ECOSOC) since the year 2015.
- Associated with UNFPA, UNDP, British Council and such other organizations of international repute for strengthening our teaching-learning, research and extension activities/outreach programs
- Signed agreements with various international agencies to undertake collaborative projects
- Participation of students in various international games and sports such as Olympics, ASIAD, Common Wealth, South Asian Federation Games and many other prestigious Sports events
- Rugby Team of the University has been representing in various international events such as Asian Games
- Scholars from various overseas Universities pursuing their research under KISS Deemed to be University
- A number of international awards/recognitions and honors have been bagged by the University in various fields

MEMBERSHIPS

KISS-DU is a proud member of:



ADMISSIONS

KISS Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India invites applications through Online mode from aspiring poor tribal children of India and other countries belonging to BPL category for admission into P.G. (M.A., M.Sc., M.Com.) and Ph.D. programmes focusing on various aspects of Tribal Culture, Philosophy, Heritage, Tribal Science and Technology, Language and Literature, Tribal Resource Management, Tribal Legal Rights and Jurisprudence, Anthropological Sciences etc. We at KISS-DU strongly believe in focusing on girl child education hence preference is given to girl students during the admission process under various programmes offered by the seven innovative Schools.

We at KISS DU provide a wide range of subjects that will help strengthen ability to think logically, speak confidently and channel passions into future career. The students will receive a personalised social sciences education, enhanced by holistic learning with co-curricular and extra curricular activities. Each classroom provides an encouraging and carefully curated supportive learning environment for the exchange of ideas between students, professors, and peers.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES



Registration of KISS-DU in VIDWAN Portal as Nodal Center



Google Classroom

Monitoring Online Classes through Google Classroom



National Digital Library of India

Registration with National Digital Library of India



Scopus

Registered in SCOPUS Portal



Registration of KISS-DU in VIDWAN PSCOPUS/Publons as Nodal Centre



University Digital Certificate Repository

AISHE

All India Survey on Higher Education

Registered in AISHE Portal



Using Sustainable Outreach & Universal Leadership Limited (SOUL) digital platform in KISS-DU

RESEARCH CHAIRS



**Utkal Gaurav
Madhusudan Das**



**Santha Kabi
Bhima Bhoi**



**Saheed
Laxman Nayak**



**Bhagwan
Birsa Munda**



**Prabada Purusha
Biju Pattanaik**



**Utkal-Mani
Gopabandhu Das**



B.R. Ambedkar

KISS DU has instituted Seven Research Chairs after the name of Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das, Utkal-Mani Gopabandhu Das, Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi, Prabada Purusha Biju Pattanaik, B.R. Ambedkar, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Saheed Laxman Nayak to have an in-depth study and research on life and works of the great personalities of Odisha. Though there was the proposal to establish such chairs earlier; they came in to force w.e.f. August 2019. Research Chairs are designated in the name of illustrious persons and persons of eminence in the areas/fields of their contribution.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AT KISS-DU

PROFESSORS OF PRACTICE	WORKING COMMITTEE	TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL	PROFESSORS EMERITI
14 outstanding indigenous knowledge practitioners have been appointed to teach students the various skills they have imbibed through experiential learning.	The Working Committee for the protection, preservation & promotion of Tribal Cultural Diversity	Comprises persons of eminence from various tribal communities who advise the University leadership on matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of tribal students	Several distinguished academics, including former & sitting Vice-Chancellors as Emeritus Professors to guide the institution in innovative research to achieve national & international recognition.

CAREER PREPARATION

To build leadership at KISS and encourage our students to pursue higher studies or professional engagements, post-graduation coaching classes are organized by the Career Preparation Cell for all UG and PG students at the High Education Campus. At these classes, special emphasis is placed on preparing students for competitive examinations, conducted by recruitment boards in varied fields, including but not limited to Banking, Railways, and Police Service. We also prepare students for examinations by the Staff Selection Commission, Subordinate Selection Commission, Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), Union Public service Commissions (UPSC) etc.

- ✓ Employment News and Special Articles on Employment are purchased from the market and CPC committee maintains the database of the jobs advertised and circulate the same among the competent students.
- ✓ The committee on CPC helps the students to apply for various jobs at the state and national level.
- ✓ The committee on CPC also identifies different subject oriented topics and invite experts/resource persons to train the students.
- ✓ As and when needed the Committee on CPC takes the help of the HoDs of different subjects to finalise the action plan for different govt. as well as corporate jobs.
- ✓ The Committee on CPC sits on weekly basis and review the progress of the Special Coaching Classes as well as the CPC regarding the works done to meet the requirement.
- ✓ The Committee on CPC also designs the syllabi for various examinations and they modify/update the syllabus as and when needed in order to ensure that the students get appropriate training on the modules.
- ✓ The Committee on CPC devises the academic coaching time table and according to the same, the training/special coaching shall be imparted.

SPORTS STRENGTH

KISS-DU is recognised as much for its illustrious sporting tradition as it is for its excellence in education, learning and research. Over the past few years, the vibrant sports scene provided at KISS DU, has consistently made it home to some of India's elite sportspersons, who proudly represent their country at various national and international events such as Asian Games and the Olympics. With an impressive range of 24 different sports, the KISS DU, in partnership with its sister concern KIIT University, is one of the countries leading centres for student sport.

KISS DU is committed to developing sport within the University and across Odisha, and thus sports are supported by our world- class facilities. Many of these facilities are spread out across our two campuses, in addition to shared facilities at our sister concern KIIT University. Sport programs give our students the opportunity to participate in sports in an organised, competitive environment, which teaches them to build community, develop interpersonal skills, socialise with others, and stay healthy.

SPORTS OFFERED



STATUTORY COMMITTEES

1

ANTI-RAGGING CELL

Based on UGC regulations, KISS-DU has prepared an Anti-Ragging Guidelines for its students. Implementation of these guidelines will help to create a healthy and friendly environment on campus, while preventing and punishing those who indulge in ragging.

2

ANTI DISCRIMINATION CELL

In a bid to realise India's Constitutional vision of equality of opportunity, KISS-DU has made conscious efforts to ensure the access of Scheduled Tribes to education and public employment. The University strives to attain equal opportunity for all disadvantaged social groups.

3

GENDER SENSITISATION CELL

KISS-DU's gender sensitization cell is constituted to provide integrated and interdisciplinary approach to understand the social and cultural constructions of gender shaping the experiences of women and men in society, while create positive social norms in the campus that value every individual, irrespective of their gender.

4

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL CELL

In pursuance of UGC Grievance Redressal Regulations 2012, KISS-DU has established guidelines for its Students' Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC), to ensure that no voice of any student or any applicant for admission to KISS-DU goes unheard by competent authorities.

5

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

In pursuance to UGC and POSH 2013 guidelines, KISS-DU's Internal Complaints Committee Policy works to prevent instances of sexual harassment and also to receive and effectively deal with complaints related to such acts.

6

BARRIER FREE ACCESS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO ALL ITS FACILITIES

In pursuance to KISS-DU's commitment to offer equal access to and full participation in all its academic and extracurricular programmes to any learner in general and youth with special needs in particular, the university resolves to provide an accessible, inclusive and welcoming learning and working environment to individuals with disabilities.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **KISS' Competitive Preparation Centre (CPC):** To ensure placement and employment to all students Post Graduation, Coaching Classes are organized by the CPC for all UG and PG students at the Higher Education Campus. In these classes, special emphasis is placed on preparing students for competitive examinations, conducted by recruitment boards in varied fields, including but not limited to Banking, Railways and Police Service. We also prepare students for examinations by the Staff Selection Commission, Subordinate Selection Commission, Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) etc.
- **Multi-faceted Cultural Activities:** KISS promotes extra and co-curricular activities among its students through various programmes, including elocution (in Hindi, English & Odia), singing, dancing and music. An amphitheatre is also available to students in addition to the regular conduct of activities showcasing student talent. We aim to equip students with efficient and effective communication skills in various languages in their careers.
- **Earn While You Learn - Vocational Training Programmes:** As part of our holistic approach to education, KISS is proud to impart vocational training to students, who can pursue interests in painting, appliqué work, tribal art, tailoring and candle-making. We also have a chemical production unit, wherein students can learn how to produce phenyl, utensil detergent, laundry detergent, hand-wash etc. Through rigorous training in these vocational activities, students are taught marketable skills and are paid incentives as part of our 'Earn while You Learn' scheme that provides supplementary income to students alongside their academia.
- **Commitment to Enhancing Employability:** KISS-DU is committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, to enable them to grow and flourish in an increasingly competitive, fast-moving, knowledge-based global economy. Graduates who have developed transferable skills and valuable local and global experiences are better prepared to start their careers and more attractive to potential employers. We, therefore, offer many opportunities to gain worthwhile experience and develop the specific skills and aptitudes that employers value. These are included within our holistic approach to education, which is integrated with world-class facilities and training.
- **State-of-the-Art Campus:** KISS-DU is proud to offer its students well-developed Wi-Fi-enabled campuses that are constantly protected through CCTV surveillance. Our University operates from the Higher education Campus (Campus 3 & 4), which contains well-furnished, smart classrooms, an administrative block, a comprehensive library with a reading room for students, the girls' hostel, a large kitchen, a sewage treatment plant, water filtration plant, rainwater ground recharge system, rooftop gardening system, modern computer labs and upgraded science laboratories.
- **Sports Facilities:** Our campuses boast a wide range of world-class sports facilities, suited to accommodate sports such as archery, basketball, lawn tennis, football, volleyball, hockey and rugby.
- **Hostel Facilities:** Separate hostels have been built for girls and boys, wherein all students are provided free-of-cost accommodation, food and healthcare.

KISSIANS QUALIFY FOR UGC-JRF & UGC-NET

2 students Golaka Kanhar, Balaram Champia qualified for UGC-JRF and Jayanti Majhi, Kuntala Jani, Bharati Kujur, Rebati Singh, Keshab Majhi, Debahuti Puta, Santha Ram Majhi, Jayanti Bhoi qualified for UGC - NET.

55 KISSIANS AWARDED WITH KRIDA PROTSAHAN PURASHKAR 2023

55 KISSians awarded with Krida Protsahan Purashkar 2023 across various disciplines. Out of them, 41 are from KISS rugby team. Hon'ble CM Naveen Patnaik presented them with the award.

KISS ALUMNA HUPI MAJHI FEATURED IN VOGUE INDIA

KISS alumna Hupi Majhi featured in VOGUE India. Her remarkable achievement in Rugby stands as a testament to inspiration and resilience, bringing honour to KISS.

a selection from our

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

3RD CONVOCATION OF KISS – DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

Third convocation of KISS-DU was celebrated on 25th November, 2023 in which 302 students including 5 PhD scholars received their degrees. Shri Raghubir Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Shri Biswabushan Harichandan, Governor of Chhattisgarh, Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 sherpa amongst other dignitaries were present.

100% PASS PERCENTAGE FOR KISS STUDENTS IN CHSE +2 EXAMINATIONS

Smitarani Mallick, scored 83% in commerce and Kajal Mardi got 82% in science and were the toppers in their fields. Remarkable achievements by students from the PVTG groups who passed with flying colours in both the streams.

KISSIAN SELECTED FOR ALL INDIA ACCESS ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On 17th July 2023, Sanesh Kumbrika from KISS was selected for the All India Access Alumni Community Service Project. He taught entrepreneurial skills to villagers, leading to economic gains through mushroom farming. His unique project was recognised by the US Embassy, earning him many accolades

KISSIANS SUCCESSFULLY CLEAR ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATIONS

KISSians Biswanath Ranjan Kisan, Falguni Shabar, and Sanatan Majhi (who belong to a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) have successfully cleared the prestigious Odisha Civil Services Examination.

KISSIANS SELECTED FOR TEAM INDIA IN ASIA RUGBY U-20 SEVENS

Ashok Hasdah, Ganesh Dhangada Majhi, Asis Sabar and Mangal Soren have been selected in the Indian Team for the Asia Rugby U20 Sevens Tournaments - 2023. Ganesh Dhangada Majhi from the Bonda tribe will be leading Team India as the Captain. The tournament was held at Kathmandu, Nepal from 19th - 20th August, 2023.

KISSIANS AWARDED AT THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL HINDI FESTIVAL 2023

Ms. Manisha Laguri, Ph.D. Scholar at KISS-DU secured the 1st position in Vaak Chaturiya at the 7th International Hindi Festival 2023 in Jamshedpur. Equally commendable is Ms. Shruti Khalko, Ph.D. Scholar at KISS-DU, for achieving the 3rd position in Bhasha Rupantaran.

a selection from our

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Our talented Rugby champs



Congratulations, Sanesh!



Our wonderful scholars

CONGRATULATIONS
ON CLEARING THE ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION



*a glimpse
from our 3rd
annual
convocation*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



PRE Y20 CONSULTATION COMPETITIONS

Ahead of the Y20 Consultation to be held at KIIT on 14-15 April, KIIT conducted pre-event competitions at KISS-DU such as Poster Making, Essay Writing, Debate and more. Our students participated enthusiastically, expressing their opinions on issues such as One World One Future, Climate Change Impact, Women Empowerment, Role of Youth in Peace Making among others.



BIJU PATNAIK'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Students and faculty members of KISS-DU came together yesterday to pay tribute to the great Biju Patnaik on his death anniversary. His contributions towards the progress and development of our state will always be remembered.



Dr O P GOEL'S SESSION ON INDUSTRY ACADEMIA COLLABORATION AT KISS-DU

Dr O P Goel, a Member of the Steering Committee for PMKVY, held a session at KISS-DU discussing the scope and opportunities for Industry-Academia collaboration. He stated that the 3 models for success involve training CSR managers, training company directors and focusing on action-based research by academia. He also emphasised the importance of aligning with the National Skill Development Corporation and National Education Policy 2020.



US CONSUL GENERAL & USAID INDIA MISSION DIRECTOR VISIT KISS

We had the honour of hosting Ms Jennifer Larson, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, and Ms Veena Reddy, Mission Director, USAID India during a special event under the partnership of KISS with USAID's MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership, India - Yash (USAID MCGL) program. The dignitaries interacted with our Youth Champions and Leaders, international sportspersons, and over 8000 female students, educating them on making informed life decisions.



CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF MADHUSUDAN DAS

Honouring the legacy of Madhusudan Das on his birth anniversary by remembering his contributions towards the betterment of Odisha. His unwavering commitment to attaining social justice and empowerment of women and the marginalised continues to inspire us.



KIIT & KISS CELEBRATE ART OF GIVING

The entire KISS and KIIT family unite in celebrating our Founder, Dr Achyuta Samanta's noble movement, the Art of Giving. Through heartfelt words, meaningful gestures, and thoughtful goodies, we strive to bring happiness into the lives of our everyday heroes

CHAMPIONS OF KISS



Kajal Mardi

Smitarani Mallick

KISSIANS ACHIEVE 100% PASS PERCENTAGE IN CHSE +2 EXAMS

We proudly announce that our students have achieved an extraordinary 100% pass percentage in the CHSE +2 Examinations yet again. Congratulations to Smitarani Mallick, the top scorer in Commerce with 83%, and Kajal Mardi, excelling in Science with 82%. We also recognise the remarkable achievements of our students from particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) who passed in both streams, exemplifying the spirit of excellence and serves as a shining example for the tribal community.



AURORA PROJECT HOSTS STUDY VISIT

As part of KISS' AURORA Project, the 3rd Study Visit cum Consortium Meeting was held at the University of Malaga, Spain. Dr. Snigdha Rani Panda, Dr. Disha Bhatt, and Er. Atul Nag represented KISS-DU, with blessings and best wishes from our Founder, Dr Achyuta Samanta.



KISSIANS JOIN IITs ACROSS INDIA

Elated to share that KISSians Prakash Chandra Nayak from Nipinda, Keonjhar, and Kapilash Sabar from Metukhilingirai, Rayagada have successfully earned admission to IIT Bombay and IIT Madras respectively. They have enrolled for PG in Mathematics where they will continue to pursue their passion for numbers - a remarkable journey from a small village to renowned academic institutions.



KIIT & KISS HOST 1ST EVER JANJATIYA KHEL MAHOTSAV

The first-ever Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav (JKM-2023), under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha was held at KIIT and KISS from 9th to 12th June. The games consisted of competition games (conventional sports), demonstration games (witnessed during tribal festivals and community feasts), an exhibition & a workshop cum seminar with over 6000 tribal athlete participants.



STAFF REPRESENT KISS-DU IN ROMANIA FOR AURORA PROJECT

Proud to share that Dr Snigdha Rani Panda, Dr Disha Bhatt, and Er Atul Nag represented KISS-DU at Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Romania from 6-10 June. They were part of the 4th Study Visit cum Consortium Meeting for the AURORA Project co-funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme of the EU.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON TRIBAL SPORTS

An international seminar on tribal sports is currently underway as part of #JanjatiyaKhelMahotsav. The guest speakers included Dr. Prakash Rao, M.A.S., College of Physical Education; Dr. Pradip Tudu, The University of Burdwan; Dr. Suresh Chand Soren Panskura Banamali College (Autonomous), and Smt. Shalina Mehta, Professor, Punjab University.



KISSIANS SELECTED TO MEET PRESIDENT OF INDIA

KISSians Hadi Dhangada Majhi & Ganesh Dhangada Majhi were chosen among 20 members of Bonda tribe to attend a conference for PVTG communities, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, and meet the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji. A proud moment for the KISS family!



STAFF REPRESENT KISS-DU IN NEPAL FOR AURORA PROJECT

Proud to share that Dr Snigdha Rani Panda, Dr Disha Bhatt, Dr Ajaya Kumar Nanda, and Mr Bikram Bastia participated in the Fifth Study Visit cum Consortium Meeting at Pokhara University, Nepal from 19th to 22nd June. The event was organised under the AURORA Project, co-funded by the ERASMUS + Programme of the European Union, which aims to build teachers' capacity in inclusive education, active citizenship, and combatting radicalism.



UGC STATUTORY COMMITTEE REVIEW MEETING

Glimpses from the Joint UGC Statutory Committee review meeting held at our campus on 27th June 2023. Various representatives came together to discuss the performance and progress of the UGC and the institutions under its purview.



KISSIAN SELECTED FOR ALL INDIA ACCESS ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are filled with pride as we congratulate KISSian Sanesh Kumbrika on being selected for the All India Access Alumni Community Service Project and implementing his learnings to help villagers in his community. During the summer break, Sanesh acquired and passed on entrepreneurial skills and ideas to farmers back in his village, who then engaged in mushroom farming and were able to secure significant economic gains, which will help them send their children to school. Sanesh's heroic project was selected among the top 5 demonstrated projects by the US Embassy and earned him a certificate in a ceremony held in New Delhi.

2023 WINNER/GANADOR
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN SUSTAINABILITY/
DIVERSIDAD, EQUITAD E INCLUSIÓN EN SOSTENIBILIDAD



PROJECT UDAY BAGS PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL GREEN GOWN AWARD

We are delighted to announce that KISS has bagged the prestigious International Green Gown Award in the 'Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Sustainability' category for 'Project Uday'. "Winning this award means that our institution has been recognised for its commitment to sustainability and its efforts to reduce its environmental impact. It signifies that the university has taken significant steps to promote sustainability both on campus and in the broader community," said Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor, KISS DU.

CONGRATULATIONS

FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (UGC NET)



KISSIANS QUALIFY UGC NET!

Congratulations to KISSians Golaka Kanhar, Balaram Champia for qualifying the UGC NET with the Junior Research Fellowship award and Jayanti Majhi, Kuntala Jani, Bharati Kujur, Rebati Singh, Keshab Majhi, Debahuti Puta, Santha Ram Majhi, Jayanti Bhoi for qualifying the UGC NET.

CONGRATULATIONS

ON CLEARING THE ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION



KISSIANS SUCCESSFULLY CLEAR ODISHA CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATIONS

KISSians Biswanath Ranjan Kisan, Falguni Shabar and Sanatan Majhi (who belongs to a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) have successfully cleared the prestigious Odisha Civil Services Examination. We congratulate them for this outstanding achievement and wish them all the best!

EXPERTS FROM KIMS HOLD TRAINING SESSION ON FIRST RESPONDER STRATEGIES

We had the honour of welcoming Dr. S.N. Nanda, Dr. Supratik Panigrahi, and Dr. Bijay from the Department of Orthopaedics, KIMS, for a day-long training session on 05th August 2023, on the occasion of the Indian Orthopaedic Association Bone and Joint Day. They trained research scholars and Master's students of KISS-DU on first responder strategies, including CPR, for helping victims of road accidents.





KISS CELEBRATES WORLD INDIGENOUS DAY

KISS hosted its celebrations for International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples alongside 30,000 tribal students from KISS. The event took place in the company of distinguished guests and scholars who have convened for the World Anthropology Congress 2023

KISS-DU HOSTS THE WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY CONGRESS 2023



The inauguration ceremony of the World Anthropology Congress saw a welcome address by our Founder Dr Achyuta Samanta, followed by powerful speeches by Professor P.C. Joshi, Chairman, WAC-NAAC and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi, Mr Satya S Tripathi, Hon'ble Chancellor, KISS-DU, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU and President UIAF, Professor R.K. Mutatkar, Patron, UIAF, Professor P.K. Misra, Patron, UIAF, Professor Shalina Mehta, Vice President, UIAF, Professor A.B. Ota, Advisor, UNICEF, Professor Sabita Acharya, Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Professor Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University, Professor N. Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor, G.M. University, and a Vote of thanks by Professor S. Gregory, Member Secretary, UIAF. The six-day long congress on 'Anthropology in the Public Sphere: Indigeneity, Social Justice, Sustainability, and Global Peace' will comprise several interactive sessions with over 1,100 anthropologists from 51 nations and conducting 350 sessions, 20 roundtable meetings, 20 workshops, 120 panel discussions.

4 BOOKS ON TRIBAL PEOPLE RELEASED DURING WAC 2023



Four books centred around Tribal people, Indian civilisation, and Odisha revealed at [#WAC2023](#)

1. 'Indigenous Children and Inclusive Formal Education' by Prof. Itishree Padhi & Dr. Rashmi Pramanik
2. 'Shaping the destiny of Odisha: The undying legacy of Madhusudan Das' by Prof. Jugal Kishore Mishra
3. 'Ramayan Soul of Indian Civilisation' by Ramchandra Mutatkar
4. 'Elderly Persons in Tribal Societies' by Amrita Bagga.

KISSIANS SELECTED FOR TEAM INDIA IN ASIA RUGBY u-20 SEVENS



We congratulate Ashok Hasdah, Ganesh Dhangada Majhi, Asis Sabar and Mangal Soren for their selection in the Indian Team for the Asia Rugby U20 Sevens Tournaments - 2023. Special mention to our student Ganesh Dhangada Majhi from the Bonda tribe who will be leading Team India as the Captain. The tournament will be held at Kathmandu, Nepal from 19th - 20th August, 2023.



CSTT ORGANISES 2-DAY WORKSHOP ON TRIBAL WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Proud to announce that KISS hosted a two-day seminar on 'Tribal Women Empowerment and Child Development' organised by Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology (CSTT), Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India.

The seminar will focus on the importance of empowering tribal women and nurturing child development as our nation continues on its journey towards progress, inclusivity and a bright future.



KISSIANS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR PhDs

Hats off to this talented bunch of KISSians on successfully completing their PhDs. Our Founder Dr Achyuta Samanta extended his blessings and wished them success. We are proud of their remarkable accomplishment!



KISS-DU WELCOMES TIBETAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

It was an honour to welcome Youdon Aukatsang along with other members of the Tibetan parliamentary delegation at KISS-DU and host a productive interaction session.



KISS DU STAFF BAG AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Bikram Keshari Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, KISS-DU received the Outstanding Faculty in Chemistry award from Venus International Foundation, Chennai, and the Best Researcher Award-2023 from the International Journal for Modern Trends in Science and Technology (IJMTST). We also congratulate Dr. Tanushree Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, KISS-DU for receiving the Best Women Scientist Award 2023 from IJMTST.



KISS DU MARKS 6th FOUNDATION DAY

On 25th August 2023, KISS-DU celebrated six years as a Deemed to be Institute, marking the beginning of a successful innings for our institution and the tribal community.



KISS DU WELCOMES STUDENT DELEGATION FROM KYOTO SANGYO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

A twenty two member delegation from Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan who are here for a five-day visit to KISS & KIIT. Our guests will have the opportunity to interact with our students, get a tour of our campus, and learn about our culture via visits to key heritage sites.



55 KISSIANS AWARDED KRIDA PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR 2023 BY CHIEF MINISTER OF ODISHA

Proud to share that 55 KISSians have received the Krida Protsahan Puraskar 2023 across various disciplines, out of which 41 are from KISS Rugby team. Hon'ble CM of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik presented the award on National Sports Day. Today, student-awardees came together to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Hon'ble CM for his wholehearted support to sports and sportspersons of Odisha.



KIIT UNIVERSITY SIGNED A LANDMARK MOU WITH UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS (UNV) PROGRAMME

On April 8, 2024, KIIT University signed a landmark MoU with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, becoming the first private university in South Asia to enable its students to serve as National UN University Volunteers, showcasing its commitment to global education and citizenship under the visionary leadership of its Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta.



KISS HOSTS THE UNESCO CHAIRS ROUNDTABLE

In March 2024, KISS hosted the UNESCO Chairs Roundtable, gathering 16 UNESCO Chairs and experts from South Asia for the first time at KIIT and KISS, fostering international collaboration on education, research, and sustainable development, and marking the inaugural visit of a UNESCO South Asia Director to the institutions.



VISIT OF MR. SHOMBI SHARP, UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR, INDIA TO KIIT & KISS

In April 2024, Mr. Shombi Sharp, the UN Resident Coordinator in India, visited KIIT and KISS, attending the MoU Sharing Ceremony with UN Volunteers India, accompanied by senior UN representatives from UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, and the UNRC Office, further strengthening their ties with the United Nations.



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VISIT OF MR. RAASHID RIZA, PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, UNV, BONN

In July 2024, Mr. Raashid Riza, Partnership Development Specialist at UNV Bonn, visited KIIT and KISS to explore potential collaborations focused on community engagement, volunteerism, and sustainable development. During his visit, Mr. Riza engaged in discussions that highlighted the critical role of education and youth in driving social change. Topics included the development of volunteerism programs, the integration of sustainable practices into community outreach, and creating platforms for youth involvement in global development efforts. This visit was a testament to the ongoing, fruitful partnership between KIIT, KISS, and UN Volunteers (UNV), which has consistently provided opportunities for senior representatives from various UN agencies to engage with the institutions and collaborate on impactful initiatives.



KISS WINS THE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT INNOVATION FUND (AEIF), U.S. DEPT OF STATE

In another remarkable achievement, KISS has been awarded the prestigious Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund from the U.S. Department of State. Project EmpowerHER is the only project from India selected for this year's funding cycle, underscoring the significance of this initiative.



ESTABLISHMENT BMGF CENTRE FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AT KISS

KISS and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) are in discussion to establish the BMGF Centre for Gender Equality and Economic Advancement. The focus of the centre would be to promote gender equality and the economic empowerment of women, particularly within vulnerable indigenous communities in India. KISS will host the centre and BMGF with the technical support of BMGF.



INDIA TREK FOR HARVARD ALUMNI

The Harvard India Trek Program, which brought a 40-member delegation to KIIT and KISS in March 2024, marked a significant step in fostering global ties for the institutions, Odisha, and India.

Through classroom interactions and campus discussions, the trek bridged global perspectives with local knowledge, laying the foundation for sustainable partnerships in research, student exchange, and academic collaboration, further cementing KIIT and KISS's role as globally recognized institutions driving shared learning and progress.



COLLABORATION BETWEEN CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL, USA AND KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS)

Ms. Virginia Elizabeth Orellana Argudo, Regional Director for Asia and Africa at Children International, USA, visited KISS on 23rd May 2024. During her visit, she visited various facilities at KISS for tribal children's education and empowerment, followed by an interaction with senior functionaries and project leads of different projects to discuss future collaborations.

QS RANKING CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ORGANIZED IN BANGALORE

In January 2024, a workshop on capacity building for the QS World University Ranking was held in Bangalore. Members of the Centre for American Studies, KISS; IQAC, KIIT-DU and the Registrar, KIIT-DU attended the meeting. Members participating in the KIIT and KISS rating process were able to increase their capacity thanks to the training.



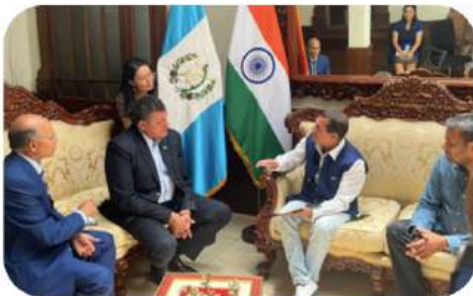
KISS HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR BILL GATES

Leading global philanthropist Mr. Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), was honored with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2023 on February 28, 2024, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This recognition celebrated his extraordinary contributions to global health, education, and philanthropy, aligning with KISS's mission of empowering underserved communities.



KISS HUMANITARIAN AWARD 2021 CONFERRED ON SHRI RATAN TATA

Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group, was honored with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2021 on April 22, 2024. The intimate award ceremony was attended by Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, three-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej, and other distinguished guests. The award was presented by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS, in recognition of Shri Tata's exceptional contributions to business, philanthropy, and social development.



VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT, GUATEMALA TO KIIT & KISS

H.E. Mr. Cesar Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala, visited KIIT University, to grace the foundation day occasion on 16th February, 2024. This was a remarkable moment for KIIT and KISS to host his visit.



IBM SKILLS BUILD CHANGEMAKERS PROJECT

KISS, in collaboration with IBM and Bridge Institute, launched the SkillsBuild Change Makers initiative in January 2024, a key step toward fostering the skills and leadership potential of youth across Odisha. This partnership is a direct result of KISS's ongoing engagement with IBM and Bridge Institute, which has been instrumental in bringing this initiative to fruition.. Through this collaboration, KISS aims to equip young people with the essential skills needed to thrive in the modern workforce, especially in areas such as technology, leadership, and collaboration.



LENOVO AND MOTOROLA PROJECT ON DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION KIOSK TO STRENGTHEN STEM EDUCATION AT KISS

KISS is actively collaborating with a range of stakeholders, including leading IT companies, to advance the agenda of multilingual education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education for Indigenous students. One of the key initiatives under this collaboration is the development of an interactive, multilingual educational kiosk. The kiosk will be designed to empower Indigenous students by offering a platform where they can learn and celebrate their mother tongues, while simultaneously fostering their interest and skills in STEM subjects.



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IMPACT IS CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO AT KISS

The impact of KISS extends beyond academic achievements. It has become a nurturing ground for Indigenous identity and culture, preserving and promoting intangible cultural heritage while fostering a sense of pride and belonging among its students. The institute's focus on inclusivity and creativity ensures that students are not only educated but also equipped with the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Through its innovative programs and global collaborations, KISS has set a benchmark for inclusive education, contributing significantly to social equity and community development. The success stories of its alumni, who have gone on to excel in various fields, are a testament to the transformative power of education provided by KISS. This institution not only uplifts individuals but also contributes to the broader goal of nation-building, driving change at both grassroots and global levels.

KISS
STANDS AS A BEACON OF
EMPOWERMENT
AND
TRANSFORMATION



Mapping our Footprint

Transforming Lives

KISS is a pioneering institution, transforming the lives of Indigenous communities through a holistic approach to education and empowerment.

01

Transformative Education

- 850+ students empowered with essential English skills via Access Program, paving the way for global opportunities.
- 40,000+ children reached through Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education
- 90 students employed by TCS through Youth Employability Program
- 125+ international athletes and 1,000+ national sportspersons produced
- 20+ vocational trades offered, boosting skill development and entrepreneurship
- 16,000+ youth benefited from IBM & OSDA skill-building partnership

02

Grassroots Empowerment

- 1,502 youth trained in conflict-affected South Odisha under Mission UDAY
- 50,000+ people reached through more than 2,143 community awareness programs
- 104 social action projects executed by youth
- 79,000+ adolescents received vital life skills training
- ₹101 crore generated in local business, with a 1.12 expenditure multiplier effect
- Approximately 2,789 jobs created annually

03

Social Change and Development

- 60% of students are female with efforts focused on empowering girls to become leaders and professionals.
- KISS hired Odisha's first transwoman employee promoting inclusivity and diversity.
- 1500 women entrepreneurs trained through ESDP with TRIFED
- 15,000+ COVID-19 patients treated at India's first 500-bedded COVID hospital and 100 youth volunteers reached over 1 million people with awareness programs.
- 100+ villages covered in health and education outreach.

04

Global Recognition

- UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize for innovative MTB-MLE project
- 18th Energy Globe Award and International Green Gown Award for Mission UDAY
- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Leadership Award in 2019
- KISS holds Special Consultative Status from UN ECOSOC
- Life Skills Education integrated into formal curriculum

KISS continues to set new standards in social impact, driving sustainable change and global recognition through its inclusive and innovative initiatives.



IMPACT IS CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO AT KISS

At the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), we are dedicated to creating transformative social change through our multifaceted approach. **Our work is strategically designed to impact communities at various levels, ensuring comprehensive and sustainable development.** Our efforts are concentrated in the following areas:

ADVOCACY	KISS actively advocates for the rights and welfare of indigenous and marginalised communities . Through various platforms, we amplify their voices and bring critical issues to the forefront of public and policy discourse. Our advocacy efforts have led to increased awareness and support for social justice, education, and healthcare for underserved populations. By collaborating with national and international organizations, we strive to create a more inclusive and equitable society.
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION	Our on-ground projects are the backbone of KISS's impact. We implement a wide range of initiatives that address key areas such as education, health, livelihood, and women's empowerment . Our flagship residential educational program provides free, quality education to over 30,000 tribal children, helping break the cycle of poverty and creating future leaders. Health camps, vocational training, and sustainable agriculture projects are just a few examples of our practical interventions that improve the quality of life for our communities.
POLICY INFLUENCING	KISS plays a significant role in shaping policies that affect Indigenous and marginalized groups. We engage with policymakers, participate in legislative processes, and contribute to the development of policies that promote social justice and economic development. Our research and experiences provide evidence-based recommendations that influence government and institutional policies. Through strategic partnerships, we ensure that the needs and rights of vulnerable communities are represented in policy-making forums.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Community engagement is at the heart of our work. We believe in empowering communities to be agents of their own development. Our participatory approach ensures that community members are actively involved in the planning, execution, and evaluation of our programs. Through regular dialogues, capacity-building workshops, and community mobilization efforts, we build trust and foster a sense of ownership among the people we serve. This grassroots engagement not only enhances the effectiveness of our programs but also strengthens the social fabric of the communities.

As we reflect on our achievements, we remain committed to expanding our impact and reaching more communities. **Our holistic approach, combining advocacy, project implementation, policy influencing, and community engagement, ensures that our interventions are sustainable and far-reaching.** With continued support from our partners and stakeholders, KISS will persist in its mission to uplift and empower the marginalised, creating a brighter and more equitable future for all.

BOARD MEMBERS OF KISS SOCIETY

1

SMT SASWATI BAL
President

2

SHRI UMAPADA BOSE
Vice President

3

SHRI RABINDRANATH DASH
Secretary

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DR.PRASHANTA KUMAR ROUTRAY
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5

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Member

6

DR. SHASHANKA CHUDAMANI
Member

7

SHRI PRAMOD KUMAR SAHOO
Member

8

SHRI KADEY SOREN
Member

Our Financial Statements



INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR:



FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Management of KISS

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) was started in the year 1993 with just 125 tribal students. With the growth of KIIT Group of Institutions, KISS has also grown as the biggest residential tribal institute of the country. KIIT is the backbone of KISS. 40,000 tribal children of 62 tribes, including 13 primitive tribes, are pursuing their education from Class-1 to post-graduation levels in KISS at Bhubaneswar and other satellite centres. The total income for the year was Rs. 175.85 crores as detailed below:

- As per the resolution passed by the KIIT Society, 5% of the total turnover of KIIT amounting to Rs. 87.74 crores (approx.) is donated to KISS as a charitable work/social responsibility.
- As per the statutory rules of the KIIT University, each and every staff contributes 3% of his/her gross salary to KISS amounting to Rs. 17.53 crores (approx.).
- The Contractors/Vendors of KIIT Group of Institutions contributed to KISS an amount of Rs. 0.53 crores (approx.).
- The donations from civil society and well-wishers contribute benevolently for this noble cause amounting to Rs. 11.74 crores (approx.).
- Donations received from different organizations, corporate houses like Give India amounting to Rs. 13.43 crores (approx.).
- Interest earned and other miscellaneous income amounted to Rs. 3.68 crores (approx.).
- Further, Grants & others received from various organizations and Gol school and specific projects Rs. 41.21 crores.
- Balance funds requirement was met from own sources / reserves, etc.

Total recurring expenditure for the year 2023-24 is Rs. 135.75 crores.

Total 5% seats in professional education programmes of KIIT University are reserved for meritorious students from KISS. Several meritorious students from KISS are studying free of cost in KIIT Group of Institutions in technical and professional courses, such as Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBBS), Dental Sciences & Surgery, Nursing, Engineering, Masters in Computer Application (MCA), Bachelor / Masters in Law, Management (MBA), Diploma in Engineering, etc. This involves a financial outlay of Rs. 25 crores (approx.).

KIIT University also provides support services by way of visiting faculty, transpiration, maintenance for electricity / water supply system, medical assistance, security, etc. and these costs will add up to further Rs. 8.00 crores

Thus the overall Recurring costs will be in the range of Rs. 168.75 crores. This does not include KIIT contribution towards Non- recurring expenses of Rs. 50.50 crores by way of Corpus donation for up-gradation of infrastructure facilities.

Abridged Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31.03.2024

Particulars	Yr: 2023-24	Yr: 2022-23	Particulars	Yr: 2023-24	Yr: 2022-23
Academic / Co-curricular Expenses	7,49,60,540	8,07,35,205	Donation -		
Mass Related Expenses	46,49,32,288	44,54,32,384	KIIT Group	87,73,54,974	80,09,57,561
Employee benefits expense	48,60,18,092	41,96,10,070	Corporate	13,43,19,054	27,87,48,270
Project Expenses	4,03,71,556	4,25,59,259	Staff (KIIT Group of Institutions)	17,53,17,302	14,41,44,530
Office Related Expenses	13,18,41,014	11,19,44,405	Public / Others	12,25,99,495	6,39,64,006
Indirect Expenses	2,09,49,907	1,63,70,204	Sub-total	1,30,95,90,824	1,28,78,14,367
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	13,84,24,859	14,53,26,508	Grant	41,21,27,767	18,83,05,941
			Other Income	3,67,54,663	3,44,57,236
Excess of Income over Expenditure	40,09,74,999	24,85,99,507	Excess of Expenditure over Income		0
Total	1,75,84,73,255	1,51,05,77,543	Total	1,75,84,73,255	1,51,05,77,543

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2024

Liabilities	Yr: 2023-24	Yr: 2022-23	Assets	Yr: 2023-24	Yr: 2022-23
Capital Account	1,07,65,22,820	1,07,65,22,820	Fixed Assets	3,84,63,16,807	3,48,14,21,008
Reserves & Surplus	2,33,67,64,122	1,93,57,89,123	Non-current assets	15,09,76,023	10,26,88,320
Borrowings & Deposits	23,06,28,665	22,13,36,165	Current Assets	90,19,20,368	89,25,27,083
Current Liabilities	1,25,52,97,591	1,24,29,88,303			
Total	4,89,92,13,197	4,47,66,36,410	Total	4,89,92,13,197	4,47,66,36,410

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