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KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
[Deemed to be University]

A Fully Free, Residential Home for 60,000 Tribal Students
Registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860



2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020 has not been without its challenges; the world has struggled with the Covid-19 pandemic among other things. However, despite all challenges, we remain committed to ensuring that **#LearningNeverStops** for our students, no matter what.

Inside, you'll find a comprehensive report on our activities and events in the preceding year, and you can learn about how we've adapted to the times, to tackle the pandemic, help our communities, and learn with our students.

KISS would like to thank you - our readers, well-wishers and partners - for your continued support!

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FROM THE FOUNDER'S DESK

Across the world, we are facing circumstances never encountered before. The COVID-19 pandemic is forcing us to make sudden, drastic shifts to our way of life to keep ourselves and our communities healthy and safe. It has been almost a year, and we are all facing the Pandemic bravely. But even in these uncertain times, we can find reasons for hope. While we all face a long road ahead, KIIT and KISS, as universities that stand for compassion and humanity are trying best to ameliorate the sufferings due pandemic. Some of our major interventions in these challenging times are mentioned below -

- 1.Reaching out to three lakh distressed people with food, ration and essential supplies
- 2.Assuring professional education to the children of deceased during COVID-19 in Odisha free of cost
- 3.Running four standalone COVID hospitals in the state with 1200 beds
- 4.Taking care of hundreds of orphans during COVID-19 irrespective of caste, creed, religion, region, gender by funding their entire education and livelihood for family members
- 5.Delivering dry foods with dress materials, study materials to the 30,000 children of KISS at their doorstep in the hinterlands of Odisha since April 2020 every month

Before Odisha lockdown followed by India wide lockdown, the students of KISS were sent back home safely before lockdown after sensitising them about the virus. Young adolescents of KISS conducted awareness campaigns in their tribal district. Their education was supported by Whatsapp classes initially, followed by delivery of microchip and pendrive loaded with class content and now one hour sessions on Kalinga TV. Besides we made their new academic year's books reach them along with essential groceries at their doorsteps.

We have continued learning for our students online despite network and connectivity problems. Our students have also performed well in their board examination. Now our focus is on how to safely and responsibly reopen. Reopening is not like flipping a switch and returning to normal. Even with a gradual approach, we are going to focus on major changes in daily operations to prevent a recurrence of the virus or other outbreaks. Meanwhile, we have done various intervention programmes for girl students so that they don't drop out.

The recent wave of the pandemic hints at disturbing trends leading towards uncertainties across the fronts. However, it is certain that by virtue of our commendable experience in COVID management we would positively execute the safety measures and reach out to our students, guardians and alumni. I have a strong conviction that we will certainly move forward and continue to conquer COVID - 19, prioritising education and welfare of our students. I reiterate my commitment to contribute wholeheartedly while working for our mission to achieve zero hunger, zero poverty, zero illiteracy.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta | Founder, KIIT & KISS



INSPIRATION

"Education is the third eye of the child"
-Dr. Achyuta Samanta

Learn about the history and background of KISS -
from addressing the challenges of tribal education
to tracing two decades of growth

WHO WE ARE

We are an educational institute, 60,000 strong, powered by the belief that a better world - **free from hunger, poverty & illiteracy** - is possible.

We provide free of cost education, accommodation, food and healthcare to our students and use a holistic approach involving academia, sports and vocational training from Class I to PhD.

We prioritise efforts to preserve & celebrate the varied tribal cultures, heritages and languages from over 62 tribes represented in our diverse student body.

In 2017, we were granted 'Deemed to be University' status by the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

60k

tribal students

30k students in Bhubaneswar

15k alumni across India

15k students in satellite centres





PICTURES OF OUR CAMPUS

THE CHALLENGE

Addressing Tribal Education

TRIBAL POPULATION

8% of India's and 22.8% of Odisha'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 vicious cycles 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. Many of these areas in Odisha are highly susceptible to extremist Naxal violence & influence.

RESIDENTIAL 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.

KISS was established in 1993 as a **free of cost school** to address these problems with an innovative holistic approach to education, which ensures a focus on **all-rounded development** for young tribal learners. KISS aims to **educate students** while simultaneously providing them with **life skills** that help them integrate into adult life after graduation, along with work skills that make them valuable and competent additions to an ever changing and demanding workforce.

THE JOURNEY

Establishing KISS Foundation



FOUNDING KISS

To ameliorate these sufferings of impoverished tribal communities, KISS was founded in the early 90s by philanthropist and educator, Dr. Achyuta Samanta. He himself faced severe hunger, poverty & loss as a child, and made it his lifelong mission to diminish the sufferings of others, particularly Odisha's many tribal communities. Dr. Samanta firmly believes **accessible & affordable education** is key to this and thus KISS was crafted as a completely free of cost model from this selfless dream.

RESIDENTIAL MODEL IN BHUBANESWAR

Our residential campus in Bhubaneswar is the result of a conscious decision considering factors like the availability of teachers in urban areas, the higher dropout rate in day schools, and education in a far-off capital city ensuring that our students are safe from the clutches of Naxalites. Moreover the spread of Odisha's 62 tribes throughout the 30 districts meant that **creating a centralised structure in the capital city with access to all resources was essential** for KISS to become a centre of education for tribal youth.



THE KISS REVOLUTION

We have always firmly adhered to the principle of having indigenous control of education and taking pride in our diverse tribal cultures, art, dance, languages, folklore and so on. From starting with 125 children in 1993, we are now home to over 60,000 youth across the country, and nurture a **dream of educating 2 million of India's poorest children over the next decade.** Over the last 2 decades, we have learned & grown alongside the indigenous community, working with more than 150,000 individuals.



#WeAreIndigenous



Our experience shows us that given access to equal opportunity, there is no limit to what tribal students can achieve. Thus, it is our lifelong mission to ensure that we empower our tribal communities by ensuring that everyone has equal access to opportunities.

- FREE EDUCATION**
- FREE FOOD**
- FREE HEALTHCARE**
- FREE ACCOMMODATION**

As an educational institution in a multicultural society, we understand the necessity of emphasising 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 empowering our students with the knowledge that they have both the responsibility and right to be in India's best classrooms.



INNOVATION

Explore | Experience | Excel

Learn about our unique pedagogy and programmes aimed at providing world-class holistic education to our 60,000 tribal students



KISS - By the Numbers

I-X

CLASSES

AFFILIATED TO BOARD
OF SECONDARY
EDUCATION (BE),
ODISHA

62

TRIBES

FROM MORE THAN 10
STATES REPRESENTED
IN OUR STUDENT
BODY

1

UNIVERSITY

WORLD'S FIRST
EXCLUSIVELY TRIBAL
UNIVERSITY

60k

STUDENTS

MORE THAN 60,000
STUDENTS STUDY AT
KISS & ITS SATELLITE
CENTRES

13

PVTGs

(PARTICULARLY
VULNERABLE TRIBAL
GROUPS) REPRESENTED
IN OUR DIVERSE STUDENT
BODY

XI-XII

CLASSES

AFFILIATED TO
COUNCIL OF HIGHER
SECONDARY
EDUCATION (CHSE),
ODISHA

KISS - By the Numbers

189

RANKING

LISTED AMONG TOP 500
NGOS OF THE WORLD
AND TOP 10 NGOS OF
INDIA BY NGO ADVISOR

30

DISTRICTS

ON GOING
DEVELOPMENT OF
BRANCHES IN ALL 30
DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

10

STATES

DEVELOPING
ADDITIONAL BRANCHES
IN UPTO 10 STATES
WITH SUPPORT FROM
RESPECTIVE STATE
GOVERNMENTS

4

WORLD RECORDS

GUINNESS WORLD
RECORDS ON 4
COUNTS

1.5L

LIVES IMPACTED

FOR TWO DECADES,
WE'VE DIRECTLY &
INDIRECTLY WORKED
WITH OVER 150,000
TRIBAL INDIVIDUALS

2M

DREAM TO EDUCATE

PLANS TO EDUCATE
OVER 2 MILLION
TRIBAL CHILDREN
OVER THE NEXT
DECADE

WHAT MAKES KISS UNIQUE?

HOLISITIC 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.

PROGRAMMES

MTBMLE

HANDICRAFTS

ENGLISH ACCESS

TCS EMPLOYABILITY
TRAINING

LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

IIVP

MISSION UDAY

NUA MAA

TIGR2ESS PROJECT

CHIRAG



In an effort to reduce language barriers that tribal youth face in primary schooling while transitioning from tribal languages to the state curriculum medium of Odia, KISS implements mother tongue based multilingual education.

This project was initiated with support from the Bernard van Leer Foundation, but is now sustainable and institutionalised at KISS.

INSPIRATION

01 Young tribal learners entering formal schooling for the first time, can be easily overwhelmed by the new atmosphere in classrooms, surrounded by unfamiliar faces and the added pressure of learning from unfamiliar textbooks. Additionally, since children come from various language backgrounds, they often find it difficult to shift from their mother tongues to Odia (regional) language, creating confusion when teachers instruct them in any language other than their mother tongues.

INNOVATION

02 The MTBMLE project implemented at KISS since 2013, addresses this learning challenge by helping young students transition from informal learning backgrounds to formal education, while easing the transition process in classroom transactions by using their mother-tongues. It focuses on teacher's capacity building in relation to early childhood education through multilingual education using multilingual instructional materials developed under the project.

IMPACT

03 25k students directly benefited in the last 5 years improving language proficiency in creative writing, creative art and painting, creative music & dance etc. 150 teachers were trained annually in the last 5 years and 40 resource teachers created to sustain the programme. A child friendly language lab was established alongside a resource hub to enrich young learners including peer group. We also launched a quarterly children's magazine KUSUMA, giving space to children's creativity.



KISS has taken up Handicraft training under HRD scheme in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

INSPIRATION

01

KISS undertook handicraft training with the aim of building vocational skills in specialised areas to help our students learn marketable skills that will help them find multiple source of employment in their future careers. This is especially important considering that India is in a unique phase of development where 1 in every 5 persons is a youth under the age of 30. This means our workforce is young. Unfortunately, mainstream schooling only provides theoretical knowledge without any skill building, resulting in educated youth with degrees still being unfit for the skills needed in the job market. This initiative aims to bridge this gap.

INNOVATION

02

Training under this programme covers a wide variety of trades including Terracotta, Paper Maché, Golden Grass and wood Carving. Training sessions in these specialised skills are imparted to over 160 student trainees in 8 batches. Our target is to train 20 students per batch for a duration of 4 months. In this span of time, 576 training hours (at 6 hours per day) are earmarked to cover the curriculum. 16 trained Master Trainers (2/batch) have been engaged to impart assignments.

IMPACT

03

Through this training, students are not only provided with employment for the development of our economy but also helped in developing sensible artistic approach of self-expression for artisans as handicrafts are important carriers of culture, tradition and heritage.



The English Access Micro-Scholarship Program (Access Program) is an initiative of the US Department of State, to provide significant English-language learning experiences to bright non-elite 13-20 year old students

INSPIRATION

01

This project is aimed at helping non-elite students improve their communication and language skills in English. It also has the goal of improving students' appreciation of U.S. culture and values, encouraging critical thinking and open-mindedness, and improving performance in regular school classes.

INNOVATION

02

This project takes numerous fun activities into its fold, including project work, activities that promote reading with comprehension, quizzes, role-plays, skits, dialogues, dramatizations, discussions, debate, language games, simulations, use of newspaper clippings, multimedia usage, internet, riddles, puzzles and group work. Enhancement activities in the form of exposure visits to various locations are also part of the programme.

IMPACT

03

The program provides a foundation of English language skills to 750 talented indigenous students. Thus far, we have hosted five cycles of this initiative since its launch in 2009. Many of our English Access tribal students have been successful in joining specialized higher education degrees like Law, Engineering (B.Tech), Medicine (MBBS), and Diplomas in various Engineering trades and Social Sciences.



Free Employability Training comes under the Affirmative Action program of TCS which aims at providing 100 hours of Free Employability Training to final year undergraduates from SC/ST/BPL/Minorities communities.

INSPIRATION

01

The objective of this programme is to assist college students with after class training with an aim of making them eligible for TCS employment after graduation.

INNOVATION

02

These trainings are provided to 4th, 5th and 6th semester graduate students of KISS. The programme features 40 hours of internal training followed by 100 hours of training by TCS trainers. This second training comprises computer skills, English communication and grammar pertaining to practical use in the business world, analytical skills, aptitude, general and corporate etiquette and mathematics training.

IMPACT

03

KISS has facilitated TCS' Free Employability Training Programme at its campus as well as at a district level for the last 5 years.



From 2009, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), KISS has endeavoured to hone the abilities of its Adolescents through Life Skills Education (LSE) based Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health (ARSH) education.

INSPIRATION

01

The aim of this initiative is to enable adolescents to be better equipped to deal with the demands and challenges in their lives. The proposed intervention at KISS aims at building institutional capacity and networking with other potential institutions to overcome knowledge and skill deficit in the state for the promotion of LSE.

INNOVATION

02

LSE sessions are transacted to students of grades 6-9, through co-curricular approaches by trained teachers covering over 9,000 tribal adolescents. At the college level and school level, peer educators have been trained in the life skills based SRH education and are encouraged to promote life skills education and address myths and misconceptions about ARSH among peers.

IMPACT

03

KISS has emerged as a resource agency with a critical mass of resource persons and a wide range of communication and training materials with socio-cultural sensitivity. Most of the resource material used for the LSE programme in the state were developed and tested at KISS.



Under the banner of our volunteering and internship programme at KISS, students from India and abroad get an opportunity to work with our organisation and learn about the diverse and beautiful tribal cultures of Odisha

INSPIRATION

01

At KISS, we firmly believe in developing synergies with people from different fields and backgrounds, to nurture ideas and learning. Under this program, students from across the world visit KISS to take up study or research in a few chosen fields, building long-lasting bonds with the tribal students they teach.

INNOVATION

02

The objective of this programme is to enable likeminded young students and professionals to be associated with KISS in order to enable creative thought and leadership. The internship will be an ongoing evolving project with the ultimate goal of enabling, empowering and enlightening young professionals about inter-cultural relations including knowledge about Odisha's indigenous population thus leading to a multi-cultural synthesis.

IMPACT

03

Since its launch in 2013, more than 400 interns and volunteers have been part of this programme. Before the pandemic began, KISS had hosted students from multiple countries such as the United States, United Kingdom, France, South Africa and South Korea, among others. Some interns have also come to KISS via the AISEC or ISS programs.



Mission UDAY is a joint initiative by REC Foundation of Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Government of Odisha and KISS. This unique partnership between a leading development agency, state government, academic institution and corporate sector, is built on the philosophy that CSR should be a means, and not the end.

INSPIRATION

01

Mission UDAY is designed as multi stakeholder project, envisioned to address the challenges faced by young people for vulnerable tribal communities of Odisha and seeks to position youth at the centre of development initiatives of the State. It will endeavour to create change agents in the community and build youth leaders who can engage in social development processes and influence their peers for the betterment of their communities.

INNOVATION

02

The project aims to build leadership and social entrepreneurship skills of 1000 young boys and girls, and inculcate values of active citizenship so that these young people can, in turn, engage in social development processes in 1000 remote habitations of the State, and influence at least 20,000 more like minded youth to widen the footprint of change. The project is initially being implemented in 19 blocks of Koraput, Malkangiri and Raygada districts, in close collaboration with local administration.

IMPACT

03

The project has created more than 722 change-makers working on various health and social concerns, in the 2 and a half years since its inception. More than 48% of these are women. UDAY volunteers have also worked tirelessly during this unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic; 319 youth reached out to more than 30,000 people in 259 villages to spread awareness on hand washing, sanitisation, using masks, maintaining social distancing and other safety measures.



KISS is the technical support unit for implementing a pilot program on behavioural change communication named as “NUA MAA RA KATHA” on IYCN and WASH partnering with APPI and SAKHA. The program engages a community network of transgender to deliver behaviour change messages in addressing knowledge, attitude and practice gaps in the media dark areas, thereby improving health and nutrition knowledge & practices of pregnant women and lactating mothers while also improving infant and young child feeding practices.

INSPIRATION

01

Through ‘Nua Maa’, transgenders are trained to perform plays on key messages like early registration of pregnancy, IFA and calcium consumption, exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding and washing at the community, followed by home visits to pregnant and lactating mothers to help transmit knowledge into practice. KISS is providing technical support and knowledge management to the programme, which is the first of its kind to engage in the mainstream activity of behavioural change communication in the areas of health and nutrition. These fields pose big challenges for the state, country & world as a whole.

INNOVATION

02

For the intervention initially a script was developed for a 15 minutes performance and a group comprising of 4 transgenders to perform at village level. This was facilitated by ‘Bangla Natak’, who developed script and trained the facilitators, guiding them in field performance. After the first phase training and field test of the performance, there was an evident need for more power & contextualisation in the script, resulting in revision. Now, all 60 transgenders are being trained on the script and oriented for home visits, since the 1st week of July 2020.

IMPACT

03

The program commenced from 1st of November 2018 covering 20 Gram Panchayats under Rayagada and Gunupur block of Rayagada districts. There are 60 GP level facilitators are been engaged from February 2018 among which 50 are transgender to deliver the program. For the first time the transgenders are being used as a channel for improving mother and young child nutrition by doing performance at villages and hamlets of rural pockets of Rayagada.



This multi year project, funded by Global Challenges Research Fund, has been awarded to KISS by Cambridge University, UK as one of the partners from India, to engage in research activities on various aspects of tribal food & nutrition security and livelihood.

INSPIRATION

01

In a larger context, this partnership between partners across India and UK will define the requirements for advancing the Green Revolution, set the necessary policy agenda, and define a collaborative research programme focused on sustainable crop production and sustainable resource use. TIGR2ESS will develop and strengthen alliances across a wide ranging network of UK and Indian experts in social science, crop science, hydrology, and policy, creating a two-way knowledge exchange partnership.

INNOVATION

02

Key determinants of a population's health and resilience include heredity, environment, diet, lifestyle and socio-economic factors. Within this framework, education and empowerment are important components that can define theories of change to improve lives and livelihoods, leading to better nutrition, health and economic outcomes. The flagship project - FP6 - which aims to explore the relationships between these factors through assessing needs and piloting innovative intervention models.

IMPACT

03

It aims to develop knowledge and practices with regard to health and nutrition aspects and evaluation of the crop choices of farmers along with the role played by markets in enhancing the livelihood of tribal communities, in accordance with the 2030 agenda of sustainable development.



CHIRAG is a Global Research Translation award (GRTA) project, funded by UK Research Innovations (UKRI) on Sustainable Food Systems. KISS is collaborating with University of East Anglia, UK, in this project along with other Indian Partners - PRADAN and Gramvaani.

INSPIRATION

01

‘CHIRAG: Creative Hub for Innovation & Reciprocal Research & Action for Gender Equality’, the project on Sustainable Food Systems is committed to build a proof of concept for up-scaling community led knowledge and innovation. The objective is to address issues on food and nutrition insecurity in India, a problem faced by a vast majority of women and children, especially from rural and indigenous communities.

INNOVATION

02

This project will bring together information on particular production choices, technologies, diets and consumption practices and their relationship to health and nutrition outcomes. This will be achieved by Community led platform for knowledge generation & exchange and constituency-level round tables to bring together various stakeholders.

IMPACT

03

The activities proposed aim to increase the outreach and impact at the levels of community, local government functionaries, educational institutions and policy makers within specific states and constituencies. It also aims to produce evidence based content for curriculum that can be adapted at different levels.

INNOVATION

State-of-Art Campus



Dedicated University Campus



Technology driven classrooms



Multiple vocational facilities



Sporting equipment & facilities



Multiple Playgrounds



Sustainable infrastructure

INNOVATION

State-of-Art Campus



25,000 sq. ft. library



**3 dining halls
with 10,000 seating capacity**



**3 state - of - art
mechanised mega kitchens**



**4 computer labs
with 2000 seating capacity**



100 bedded in-house medical clinic
supported by Kalinga Institute of Medical
Sciences (KIMS)



Puffed Rice Factory

KISS & THE 2030 AGENDA FOR

Sustainable Development

The United Nations Resolution “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” has been endorsed in 2015 by all member nations of the United Nations. Now, five years down the road, the UN is observing its 75th anniversary during a year of unprecedented global disruption, compounded by a global health crisis that has triggered severe economic and social upheaval. While navigating these times of crisis, it is critical to understand how the global community can emerge stronger and better-equipped to work towards the goal of sustainable development vis-à-vis the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, 2020 – and the years that follow – must undoubtedly promote dialogue and collective global cooperation, to ensure that no-one is forgotten in the path to a sustainable, better future for all. It is critical that global communities work together to foster dialogue and discussions in various levels, from classrooms to boardrooms & parliaments to village halls, worldwide, while actively engaging marginalised & hard-to-reach audiences, in an attempt to crowdsource inclusive public solutions to global challenges while encouraging local action & bridging gaps between groups & sectors.

As an educational institute and NGO that works tirelessly to empower tribal communities in Odisha, KISS has the vision of sustainable development at the core of its work ethos. Indeed, the institute is powered by the belief that a better world – free from hunger, poverty & illiteracy – is possible. At KISS, we have consistently promoted analysis, advocacy and local action for the SDGs – from implementing innovative initiatives to ensure our campus & learning environments nurture empowered youth who can pave the path for a sustainable future, to strategising and implementing community level projects that foster a vision of sustainable development for Odisha’s diverse tribal communities and rural hinterlands. **Since our inception more than two decades ago, we have worked to empower & engage tribal youth and tribal community members by amplifying their voices** in multi-stakeholder & multi-platform conversations about the path to a sustainable future - voices that are often underrepresented in global discussions.

In this overview, we outline some of our contributions to each of the 17 SDG’s:

1**free of cost**

quality holistic education provided to nearly 60,000 students (30k in Bhubaneswar, 15k alumni & 15k students in satellite centres)

1**1****mega kitchen**

the Mega Kitchen of KISS, featured on National Geographic channel, prepares food for all our students by harnessing steam as a sustainable source of energy

2**2****balanced meals**

we provide carefully planned, balanced meals with high micro-nutrient and protein value to our students

3**reduced tribal malnutrition**

KISS has reduced malnutrition through provision of nutritious meals to tribal children

2**vocational training**

offered in a variety of trades, covering a wide range of skills

3**earn while you learn**

a unique programme that enables students to earn supplemental income alongside their studies

food security**4****research**

KISS is implementing 2 research projects aimed at addressing food security issues: TIGRZESS Project with University of Cambridge and Project CHIRALS with University of East Anglia, PRADAN & Gramveeni

1**life skills education**

sanitary napkin unit & menstrual health awareness through LINEPA's Life Skills Education project across the state

3**2****mega laundry**

mega laundry to effectively & economically wash clothes for all students in order to maintain cleanliness

3**100 bedded hospital**

100-bedded hospital in collaboration with Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences

4**vaccinations**

regular vaccination programs in collaboration with Max India Foundation

5**fitness focus**

Focus on sports education & participation, with students playing at both national & international level

6**reproductive health**

addressing adolescent & reproductive sexual health through life skills education with support from UNFPA

7**arresting disease**

KISS arrests diseases like Malaria & Anemia prevalent in tribal dominated areas.

1**holistic education**

provided to more than 30,000 students

4**2****english access program**

is provided in collaboration with the US Department of State, to improve speaking, listening, writing and reading skills of our students

3**smart classrooms**

are provided in collaboration with Oracle, to facilitate interactive learning

4**mother tongue education**

'Mother-Tongue Based Multi-Lingual Education' program through the Bernard van Leer Foundation

5**#Why Literacy Matters**

an online campaign to empower the society and making people aware that literacy is important for every stratum of society

6**Education during Covid19**

are sent to students in more than 30 districts of Odisha during the pandemic

1 Life Skills Education
which spreads awareness about gender equality through student and community engagement, via peer education in villages.



2 Zero Drop-out Rate

through focus on quality education, which keeps girls in school & prevents early and forced marriages and associated unwanted pregnancies for tribal girls.

3 Sexual Harassment Committee

provides incident and equality monitoring to students and staff on campus.

4 Kalinga Fellowship

which unites leaders in different sectors like corporate, government and civil society to create an environment of zero tolerance to sexual assault and trafficking of girls in Asia.

5 Gender Sensitive Enrollment

more than 50% female enrolment and employment of a greater ratio of female to male staff (70% female)

1 Creating Change

Creating changes in the tribal childrens' habit of open defecation and encouraging use of clean, safe toilets instead.



2 Sewage Treatment Plant

Installing sewage treatment plants to process waste material.

3 Reverse Osmosis Plant

Installing a reverse osmosis plant to filter safe drinking water, which is then packaged for use on campus and sale elsewhere.

4 Personal Hygiene

Prioritising personal hygiene habits of students.

5 Mega Laundry

Providing mega laundry facility on campus to encourage cleanliness.

6 Sanitation Drives

Facilitating frequent Swachh Bharat campaigns and biannual sanitation drives in tribal villages, in addition to regular awareness drives about proper hand-washing, mask wearing & sanitation techniques during the Covid19 pandemic.

RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE



1 40,000 solar lanterns
Distributing more than 40,000 solar lanterns in the tribal hinterlands of Odisha and giving training on their usage.

2 Steam Powered Kitchen
Installation of an award-winning, steam powered Mega Kitchen.

3 Solar Panels
Using grid-connected solar panels to provide electricity requirement of the institution in addition to using solar roof-top heaters to heat water for use.

4 Rainwater Harvesting
Implementing rainwater harvesting to collect, filter and re-use rainwater.

5 Sewage Treatment Plants
KISS has commissioned a sewage treatment plants(STP) to treat waste produced on a daily basis for agricultural and flushing purposes.

6 Biogas Plants
KISS has built a 1000 Kg biogas plant for their kitchen to reduce fossil fuel consumption.

1 Vocational Skills
Training students on tailoring, applique work, food processing, chemical production, animal husbandry, pisciculture etc.

2 Entrepreneur Skill Training
with the support of British Council and UNDP.

3 Social Change
Drastically reducing forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking in tribal Odisha through free education and state-wide campaigning.

4 Free Professional Education
Providing free professional education in degrees like engineering, medicine, and law to talented tribal youth.





1 Training and Placement

Offering after class resining to college students via the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) training and placement programme, with the aim of making them eligible for TCS employment after graduation.

2 Yunus Social Business Centre

Setting up Yunus Social Business Centre (YSBC) with Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus.

3 Infrastructure Development

Providing resilient infrastructure development through financial, technological (smart classrooms) and technical support for holistic education and over-all development, alongside state-of-the-art computer labs, library, and internet facilities, which also include information and communication technology (ICT), provided to all students.

4 GKL Vocational Training Centre

Establishing a GKL Vocational Training Centre with Grand Korea Leisure (GKL) and Hanseo University (South Korea).



1 Santali Khabar

Creating the world's first weekly tribal language news broadcast (Santali Khabar) on mainstream satellite television.

2 Sustainable Income Growth

Sustaining efforts towards income growth through vocational training, professional education, and self-employment.

3 Equality for All

Employing candidates from underserved communities, transgender employees and strictly using non-discriminative policies, and providing equal opportunities & pay for all.

4 English Access Program

Providing English Access courses with the US Department of State, to improve students' communication skills.

5 Empowerment

Providing multiple efforts promoting entrepreneurship through innovative learning and collaboration.

6 Project Uday

Building young leaders and changemakers from vulnerable tribal communities under Project Uday, in partnership with the UNEPA.



1 Providing free boarding and housing

Providing free boarding and housing to thousands of tribal students in the city, making it vibrant, diverse, and inclusive.

2 Green Drives

Undertaking multiple Green Drives in cities and villages to create green zones.

3 Solar Panels

Using rooftop solar panels to generate electricity in the campus.

4 Social Awareness Marathons

Creating social awareness marathons in tribal districts, and connecting to district through district coordinators who engage community mobilization through satellite centres.

5 Government Schemes

Advocating for government schemes and social issues, while actively involving parent communities in decision making processes at KISS Foundation.



1 3 R's

Actively employing the 'Recycle, Reuse and Reduce' mantra.

2 Manure

Converting slurry from biogas into manure for gardening.

3 Recycle

Converting food waste to biogas which is then used to prepare steam for cooking is only one form of recycling and reusing on KISS in a bid to create clean energy.

4 Vehicle Free

Ensuring largely vehicle free campuses, aided with the use of electric shuttles when necessary.



Reduction of Carbon Footprint

1

Reducing carbon footprint for over 30,000 people on one campus due to a wide range of efforts

2

Creating a Renewable Model

Creating a sewage treatment plants, steam based, award winning Mega Kitchen, and grid connected solar panels, in addition to a biogas plant, and solar water heaters

3

Plantation drives

Initiating plantation drives, a vehicle free campus

4

Earth Day

Creating initiatives in collaboration with Earth Day Network and civil society bodies of Odisha for awareness, and, to posit climate change as the primary agenda



Hanseou University Project

1

Undertaking projects and drives with Hanseo University, South Korea, to clean river mouths and sea beaches of non-biodegradable debris which may be detrimental to aquatic animals

2

Aquaculture Training

Facilitating aquaculture training

3

Pisciculture Ponds

Maintaining on-campus pisciculture ponds

4

Sustainable Fishing Techniques

Collaborating with the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) to provide training on sustainable fishing techniques to students

5

Conserving Aquatic Resources

Educating students about conserving aquatic resources

6

Local Fish Species

Conserving local fish species



1

Restore Degraded Forests

Sensitising 1 lakh indigenous parents to restore degraded forests, and reverse loss of natural habitats and the extinction of threatened species

2

An Anti-Poaching Environment

Creating an environment of anti-poaching and living in harmony with wild animals among students

3

Afforestation and Plantation Drives

Conducting frequent afforestation and plantation drives to encourage students and community members to develop a green thumb and to appreciate nature

4

40,000 Tribal Students

Engaging nearly 40,000 tribal students, teachers, employees and volunteers in plantation drives across Odisha and primarily in tribal areas

5

Maintaining a Green and Clean Campus

Maintaining a green and clean campus with flowers and de-odourising, naturally septic plants



1

MOUs and Partnerships

Creating MOUs and partnerships with different organizations to promote harmony and diversity

2

Child Friendly Ecosystem

Spreading peer education to foster harmony and peace in communities. Creating a child friendly ecosystem on campus, which is devoid of abuse and punishment.

3

UN-ECOSOC

Maintaining Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC) since 2015

4

Dalai Lama Centre

Developing a Dalai Lama Centre for Buddhist Studies.

5

62 Unique Tribes

Fostering a spirit of harmony among students from 62 unique tribes on campus, to celebrate diversity and peace

6

Peace and Development

Implementing the motto of 'Peace and Development' through long-lasting community efforts, which help reduce insurgency in tribal regions of Odisha

1 resource mobilisation

domestic resource mobilisation in the form of KISS-KIIT Financial Model ecosystem, which caters to sustainable socio-economic development

2 partnership for goals

KISS envisages and forges multi-stakeholder partnerships - for instance with UN bodies, civil society organisation, foundation and corporates to synergise human development

AGENDA



Sustainable Infrastructure & Initiatives

One of the ways we express our commitment to sustainable development is through the use of sustainable infrastructure on campus, with an aim of being eco-friendly and sustainable while reducing the carbon footprint of our 30,000 students and staff. In fact, in 2017, KISS was awarded the **18th Energy Globe Award** in the **Fire Category** at the Presidential Palace in Tehran, Iran, in recognition of its green initiatives. Some of these initiatives include:



In an initiative to promote green /clean energy KISS installed a massive **850KWp Solar Photovoltaic system** in its campus. This system meets 100% of its energy demand during day time. This is regarded as one of the largest roof top installations in any institute in India. It fulfils our commitment towards a greener and cleaner environment. Further, it plays a vital role in reducing CO2 emission



KISS distributes large numbers of **solar lanterns** to villages that lack electric connections. This helps to prevent the burning of fossil fuel to create light and simultaneously works as an awareness drive for villagers to have access to clean & safe sources of light.



The **solar water heating system** installed on rooftop caters hot water to kitchen for cooking. It reduces consumption of fossil fuel in addition to cooking time



KISS, being a residential campus, produces large quantities of food waste which are converted into useful energy and manure by our **bio-gas plant**. KISS has built a 1000 kg per day capacity Biogas plant. The product from this plant is fed to our kitchen to supplement cooking activity. Therefore, it reduces fossil fuel consumption. The manure by-product is also utilised in our plantation fields



A **rainwater harvesting system** has been installed to facilitate ground water recharging. Rainwater that falls on the roof is channelled through filters and regulators to a special ground water zone.



KISS has a huge responsibility towards keeping the environment & campus clean. The amount of human waste/sewage produced on a daily basis is humongous. Thus, to create a healthy environment, KISS has commissioned a **Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)**. After passing through different phases of the STP, the treated water is utilised towards agricultural and flushing purposes. Similarly, bio-stp is established for treating waste water without using any energy source.



Food preparation for 30,000 students is no mean task and it needs the full dedication of our manpower and technology. Since it is also of paramount importance to KISS that the food be cooked hygienically, while bearing in mind the vast volume of food production required, KISS installed 3 **fully-mechanised, steam-based kitchens**, which reduce the time of cooking, minimise fuel & prepare hygienic food by directly using steam in cooking vessels.



KISS also runs a **fully mechanised laundry** to give students ready access to clean clothes. This plays an important role in minimising the use of water, while simultaneously reducing contagious diseases which spread because of unhygienic conditions.



Massive plantation activities in different villages throughout the state of Odisha during the beginning of monsoon serve as a great step to increase awareness as well convert barren field in to lush green ones. Staff, students and villagers, numbering thousands, join hands to promote plantation all over the State



Environmental Care



210

million litres/year of water
Recycled and Reused by STP



45

million litres/year of ground
water recharge through
rooftop rain water collection



4860

tonnes CO2 reduction per year by
steam cooking, solar water heating,
use of bio-gas & solar PV system



5,20,000

units of solar power generated
annually



ACADEMIA

CLASS I - PHD



Academic Support at School

At the school level, (Class I - X), students are properly counselled to focus on their formal education. Besides formal education, our focus is on Language Skill development particularly in terms of Learning, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Our teaching methods incorporate a blended learning methodology, particularly for classroom transactions. Our curricula is also tailor-made to ensure that we encourage 360 degree development and growth of our students.

Accordingly, tutoring and mentoring are provided to help students improve their performance in their half-yearly and yearly examinations. With the co-operation and support of our teaching staff, the annual performance of our students remains consistent with a 100% pass-rate in all subjects and zero dropouts.



LEARNING CENTRE



KISS

DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

KISS was granted Deemed to be University status by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, making it the first university exclusively for tribal students in the world.

The university focuses on teaching and research in **unique and emerging areas of knowledge, related to Tribal Culture**, Philosophy, Heritage, Linguistics and Literature, Science and Technology, Tribal Resource Management, Tribal Legal Status and Tribal Rights - **these subjects are not pursued by any other institutions in the country.**

To this effect, KISS-DU has launched **seven new innovative schools** to give impetus to teaching and research on tribal studies. Each school has been customised and tailor made keeping in mind a tribal centric approach.

As a result, KISS-DU offers a wide range of academic programmes for UG, PG, M Phil & PhD students.



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 and Technology



DEPARTMENTS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & EXTENSION

This school houses the Department of Tribal Heritage & Tribal Indology.

Subjects offered include:

1. Education
2. Home Science
3. Psychology

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

This school houses the Department of Tribal Culture, Philosophy & Eco-Spiritualism

Subjects offered include:

1. History
2. Political Science
3. Philosophy

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION

This school houses the Department of Tribal Legal Studies & Tribal Rights.

Subjects offered include:

1. Anthropology
2. Sociology
3. Social Work

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

This school houses the Department of Comparative Tribal Linguistics & Literature.

Subjects offered include:

1. Hindi,
2. English,
3. Odia,
4. Sanskrit &
5. Santali

SCHOOL OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The school houses the
It offers 3 interdisciplinary subjects:

1. Commerce,
2. Economics &
3. Geography

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES & TRIBAL TECHNOLOGY

This school houses the Department of Comparative Indic Studies and the Department of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology.

Subjects offered include:

1. Botany
2. Zoology
3. Physics
4. Chemistry
5. Mathematics
6. Computer Sciences
7. Bio-Technology

STREAMS

ARTS

With a focus on Tribal Studies

Odia
Hindi
Sanskrit
English
Political Science

Education
Economics
Sociology
Home Science
Philosophy

History
Social Work
Psychology
Anthropology
Geography

COMMERCE

Accountancy

With a focus on:
Tribal Economy & Resource Management

SCIENCE

Botany
Zoology
Mathematics

Physics
Chemistry
Computer Science

IMPACT

Learn how education is positively impacting our students and our community at large. Explore statistics and case studies in this section



EDUCATION

IS THE

THIRD EYE

OF

A CHILD



Education is the third eye of a child. God has gifted two eyes to see and experience this beautiful world. But education opens the third eye to learn, know and grasp the world in a true sense. I reiterate the importance of education and firmly believe that no child should be deprived of quality education due to poverty.

DR. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

IMPACT



HOLISTIC EDUCATION

The model of KISS is unique in providing need-based and demand-driven education for indigenous stakeholders; For us, education is not just about empowering the child, but about providing a starting point for transformation for the family and community as a whole. Through our work, we have found that engaging with a child and his/her family leads to imparting of critical skills such as empathy, collaboration and respect for diversity among tribal communities.

ZERO DROPOUT

KISS provides a model of empowerment for tribal children by shaping & creating a cohort of role models for every tribal & remote village in the country. Throughout the process, KISS addresses 2 major challenges: Diversity & Inclusion. Students not only learn from teachers but from their peers as well. KISS model prepares these vulnerable children as empathetic problem solvers by making the classroom an inclusive laboratory for their ideas & aspirations. Mother tongue based multilingual education removes language barriers and imparts life skills as part of the curriculum for students to build confidence to be self reliant and active partners of development in the process. A sense of identity is instilled in children and their communities for them to co-own and build the movement of creating opportunities for every tribal and disadvantaged child in the country - a concept that has been spearheaded by the mission of Prof. Achyuta Samanta.



GIRL CHILD EMPOWERMENT

With more than 15,000 female students (60% of total strength), KISS has always advocated and practiced Women's Empowerment. At KISS, we focus on empowering our female students, enabling them to become local grassroots leaders, doctors, engineers, teachers and civil servants. We practice Gender Equality by ensuring that our female students receive equal exposure as their male counterparts.

ARRESTING SOCIAL ILLS

As an institution KISS is instrumental in helping to arrest drop-out rates, improve health conditions, reduce human trafficking, arrest child marriage & child labour among tribal communities. Moreover, our innovative 'Earn while you Learn' scheme of vocational training, allows students to send money back home, while receiving hands-on learning for livelihood - this programme acts as a catalyst to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger for many marginalised tribal communities of Odisha, India.



IMPACT

CONTAINING LEFT-WING EXTREMISM

With the contribution and know-how from local grassroots workers about tribal dominated areas prone to left wing extremism, deserving wards from armed insurgent families have been given admission at KISS. Through this process of positive rehabilitation, these students have gone on to excel at academics at KISS. As a result, we have observed an unbelievably sharp decline in terrorist-related incidents in these vulnerable districts in comparison to data stated by the Government of India in previous years. This has paved a way for the mainstreaming of estranged and alienated families through a path of peace, democracy & development. Most students in KISS directly come from insurgent affected districts of Odisha, in addition to another 500 from Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. With a KISS education, professional courses and vocational training, these students graduate from our institute as independent, empowered youth with jobs in hand.



CHANGE-MAKERS

The Alumni of KISS are placed in many of the most respectable and coveted professions. They have made a mark in the field of academics as well as sports, rising to the level of Olympics. Students have also qualified coveted elite civil services of Government of Odisha, reiterating our firm belief that given equal opportunity, there is no limit to what our tribal students can achieve. In fact, the Tribal students studying at KISS are often first generation learners of their families, communities and villages as a whole, and education allows them to hold their own agency and amplify their voices in their communities, as torchbearers and change agents among lakhs of tribal communities.



GRASSROOTS EMPOWERMENT

KISS provides technical support to 500 Government Residential Schools in Odisha to impart Life Skills based training. There are over 100 District Resource persons, 500 Head masters, 1500 Government teachers trained under this programme. Thus, KISS reaches the unreached; covering 75 villages in 20 districts of Odisha and imparting Life Skills Education to over 1 lakh adolescent's boys and girls. Thus, at a macro level it addresses the challenge from cognitive viewpoint. Projects like 'New Mind, New Dream' and 'Go Back to the Village' enable nearly 2000 staff and students of KISS to visit rural and tribal areas annually, during the summer vacation, inspiring change through a variety of initiatives such as plantation drives, literacy initiatives, awareness campaigns and Life Skills Drives. KISS always tries to inspire change at the grass-root level.



CAPACITY TO ASPIRE

KISS is now transforming the lives of more than 0.5 million tribal children indirectly and meeting the hopes and aspiration of tribal population for more than two decades, through interventions in the areas of education, employment, vocational, health, climate change while embodying and inspiring an ideology of peace and development for sustainable development of tribal communities.



Achievements & Recognition

GLOBAL NGO RANK 189 BY NGO ADVISOR

KISS has been ranked 189 in the prestigious list of 2019 top 500 NGOs of the World, published by NGO Advisor. Earlier, in 2017 KISS ranked 223 while the institute held the 500th position in 2016. KISS was selected out of thousands of NOGs from around the world for its outstanding impact, innovation, and governance.

LEADERSHIP AWARD BY NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

KISS was conferred with a Leadership Award by the National Commission for Scheduled tribes, Government of India in February 2019, in recognition of its “provision of wholesome food, quality education and coaching and excellent facility in sports and extracurricular activities” that helps tribal children to “achieve dignity and economic empowerment.”

ODISHA EDUCATION AWARD 2019

KISS-DU was awarded as the best university in Odisha at the Odisha Education Awards 2019 on 8th August, at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The award ceremony was organised by Odia Media Private Ltd., Media Partners Odisha Link and Odisha Story Publication Partner PEN IN Books.

Achievements & Recognition

NGO OF THE YEAR 2019

KISS was recognised at the CSR Summit and Awards 2019 organised by UBS at JW Marriott in Bengaluru based on the theme “Innovate, Engage & Sustain”

NATIONAL BRAVERY AWARD TO KISS STUDENT

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble PM of India, presented the National Bravery Award to Mamata Dalai from KISS in New Delhi on January 24, 2018. At 6 years and 8 month, she was the youngest recipient of this prestigious award, for saving the life of 7 yr. old Asanti Dalai from the jaws of a salt-water crocodile in her village pond on April 6th, 2017.

GLOBAL ROLE MODEL - SUMITRA NAIK

Sumitra Naik, captain of the Indian Women's Rugby Team, was nominated for the prestigious Children's Peace Prize in 2017. She also holds the distinction of delivering a talk on children's rights at TEDx platform in Pune and being selected as a Youth Venturer by Ashoka Foundation. KISS empowered Sumitra to overcome extreme poverty and tragic family circumstances to become a role model for children and youth across the globe.

Achievements & Recognition

100% RECORD IN 10th BOARD EXAMS

In 2002, KISS created ripples in the academic community by achieving 100% result in Class X board exams, against a state average of only 60-70%. This performance has been repeated every year till date. In 2020, KISS posted 98% results over a state average of only 78% As many as 1916 students sat for the exam, which is the highest number from a single school.

100% RECORD IN 12th BOARD EXAMS

In addition to stellar 10th grade exam results, students have also always annually achieved 100% percent results in 12th standard board examinations, showing a retention in performance levels as they progress through higher education.

Dr. APJ ABDUL KALAM IGNITE 2016 AWARDS

Dhananjaya Dehury and Sebati Kutruka, Class 8 students, won Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's IGNITE 2016 Awards, instituted by the National Innovation Foundation - India (NIF). Their innovative projects were among only 32 selected from over 59,000 entries received by NIF.

Achievements & Recognition

SUCCESS IN IIT/NIT/NEET/CLAT

Two students of KISS joined IITs after clearing Joint Admission Test for M. Sc. (JAM) in 2019, while one has joined NIT. In 2019, three students joined MBBS course in Government medical colleges after clearing NEET. Similarly, one student has cleared Common Law Admission Test (CLAT),

SUCCESS IN IIMs

Ganeswar Minaka, a KISS student, cleared CAT, one of the most rigorous entrance tests in the country, and joined IIM, Tiruchirappalli.

KISS STUDENTS GRADUATE AS DOCTORS

Many batches of KISS students have passed their MBBS qualification from Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), KIIT DU. 5% seats in all professional courses of KIIT University are reserved for deserving KISS students for free.

Achievements & Recognition

SUCCESS IN JRF & NET

4 students of KISS, Tikeswar Majhi, Teli Tuika, Chintamani Majhi and Jeetendra Saraka, have cleared the prestigious Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and/or National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC.

SUCCESS IN NEET

Shrashanjali Kapandia and Nabin Munda, students of +2 Science stream, qualified for the NEET 2017 entrance exam conducted by CBSE for admission into MBBS course.

MALALA DAY - UN YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Laxman Hembram, a 17 year old indigenous boy from KISS, participated in the Malala Day United Nations Youth Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York held on July 12th, 2013. He represented India at the event, which was attended by 120 youth leaders from as many countries, including Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, in whose honour it was held.

Achievements & Recognition

KISS IN ANTHROPOLOGY TEXTBOOKS IN USA

KISS has been featured in 2 popular textbooks used in introductory and cultural anthropology courses in USA, namely: A Concise Introduction to Anthropology and Mirror for Humanity - A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (8th Edition), written by Prof. Conrad Phillip Kottak, Professor Emeritus, Anthropology, University of Michigan.

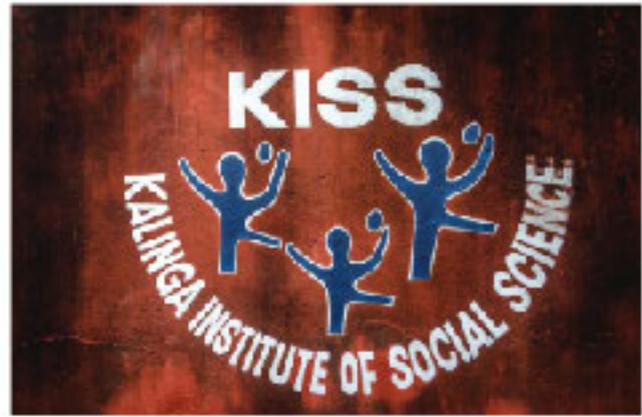
WORLD CHILDREN'S PRIZE FOR CHILD RIGHTS

KISS received recognition from the World's Children's Prize for Child Rights. It is a recognition given to organisations working in the field of different aspects of child rights.

US FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Renowned Professor in Anthropology, Dr. Christine Finnan conducted extensive research on the institute spanning several months. This was the first instance of an American Fulbright Scholar working at any Indian institute.

SATELLITE CENTRES - Odisha



Dr. Samanta's relentless efforts today have provided a platform to replicate this model of education for deprived children across the country and the world. However, due to paucity of funds from only a single source, it has become a humongous task to realize the vision of one individual and dreams of millions of deprived children.

With this in mind, KISS has started approaching organisations and like-minded individuals to come forward and make this a reality across the state of Odisha, other states of India and across the world. This model has been whole heartedly accepted by Policymakers, Individuals, Corporates and Governments alike. **This has led to signings of a few agreements and Memorandum of Understanding between KISS and the organizations to set up KISS model schools.**

KISS began its satellite centers in 2013 in the tribal and backward districts of the state, with the vision to replicate the school in smaller variants. This also meant getting forward and approaching organizations to financially accomplish the goal. **KISS has set up 20 Offices also known as Satellite centers in these districts with a District coordinator manning the offices to liaison with Government organizations and other local bodies.** KISS has also acquired land for the new schools in some of these districts. Some Organizations have already pledged their support and signed MoU's to start schools in these districts. Other Institutes, Governments and Organizations have signed MoU's to begin schools in other states and in their own countries.

SATELLITE CENTRES - Odisha

" Working to educate 2 million children in the next decade. "

Motilal Oswal-KISS Residential School -Balangir



Adani-KISS Tribal Residential School - Baripada



Emami -KISS Residential School - Balasore



KISS Kalahandi Residential School



Balangir:

Shri Naveen Patraik, Chief Minister of Odisha, inaugurated the Balangir Unit of KISS Bhubaneswar, Motilal Oswal KISS Residential School, on 15th February 2020.

Baripada, Mayurbhanj:

In January 2020, the Adani KISS Tribal Residential School was inaugurated at Bankishole, Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Odisha on 8th January, 2020.

Balasore:

The Emami KISS Residential School, in Balasore, is nearly complete and should be functional by the beginning of the next academic session.

Kalahandi:

The scheduled inauguration of the KISS Kalahandi school has currently been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

STUDENTS GOORNEER





In this section, explore case studies of current students and alumni, in addition to pictures of our students at various events across campus.

You will also find a fun section on student art and some dreams shared by students in our English Access programme.



Student Case Study:

PUPREN ORAM

Pupren Oram belongs to Mahupada village, Sundargarh, Odisha. Her childhood was marked by fear and violence since her village was repeatedly attacked by Maoists extremists. After years of living in fear, her mother sent her to KISS, far away from all the violence. At KISS, Pupren found immersed herself in school life - alongside studying, she learnt a vocational trade and enrolled in volleyball. She also played volleyball at national level tournaments and captained the KISS team in 2010. Unfortunately around this time, her father was brutally murdered by Maoists. Pupren returned to her village for a few days post his death, but had to be smuggled out soon thereafter due to fear for her life.

Instead, Pupren returned to KISS where she has always found a safe and loving home. She never thinks about her past because it gives her goose bumps but at KISS she has never had to worry for her life and safety. Pupren is unsure what her life would have been had she not found this home; indeed it is a great tragedy for children to spend their youth worrying for their physical safety and for basic necessities, and so KISS has given Pupren the best gift possible - piece of her childhood returned to her.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KISS, strongly believes that education can be considered the third eye of knowledge for children; one that allows them to discern convolutions of society and act as agents of change and transformation both for themselves and for their communities and societies. For Pupren, education not only gave her a path out from the clutches of extremism, but also motivated her to become an agent of change for her youth similarly stuck in situations like her.



Published in Hindi in **Janpath Samachar newspaper** as "KISS gives new life to a girl who escaped Maoist Recruitment" on 23rd September 2020

Student Case Study:

CHABILAL MAJHI

Chabilal Majhi, belongs to Kanchanmukhi village in Kalahandi District, Odisha. Amongst her 7 brothers & sisters, Chabilal is the only one to have completed formal education beyond 10th standard. The rest of her siblings are now all married and working as agricultural labour. Her family's subsistence livelihood is completely based on shifting cultivation.

Chabilal recounts that her village lacked adequate healthcare facilities and drinking water, resulting in her losing many friends as a child. These same problems spurred her father to send her to a school a little further on from the village. Despite walking long kilometres to reach her school, Chabilal remembers getting frustrated at being unable to learn much due to negligent teaching. Instead, her father shifted her to another school where she found only one teacher for class-1 to class-10. Luckily, by this point, Chabilal's father heard about KISS in Bhubaneswar, and enrolled her in 2007. Now, Chabilal is studying in +3, delighted to finally be able to study.

Chabilal says, "KISS has given me the opportunity to excel in my life. When I was in class five, I started playing Judo and got selected for national team under Judo-championship (small category) and went to Assam to play the championship. I have played in three national and two international judo championships. Before joining KISS, I had never heard about this game, nor was I aware of its importance in our society. It is not only a game for me but also gives me strength for my self-defence, discipline and control. It has helped me learn valuable social skills while building long-lasting and meaningful relationships with others. Judo makes me feel safe in any situation where strength, technique and intelligence are primary to my safety."

She is thankful to Dr. Achyuta Samanta for providing me this strength, opportunity to conquer the world and become a role model for her village. "Now kids are looking at me and dreaming of growing up like me. And I am very happy that the children of my village are being inspired by me and are excited to move forward", she says..



Published in Bangla in Ek Din newspaper as "Girl from Kalahandi makes a name for herself in the realm of Judo" on 26th September 2020

Alumna Case Study:

MADHAV KEMPRAI

Madhav Kemprai hails from one of the remotest regions of Assam, called Dhansiri in Karbi Anglong district - an area that still struggles with access to electricity, proper transportation & connectivity.

Kemprai's family has four members - his mother, 2 younger brothers, and himself. Madhav lost his father - a petition writer in the Notary office - to a heart attack when he was barely 7 years old. This untimely loss threw the family into turmoil, both emotionally and economically, pushing them to the rim of absolute poverty.

Kemprai's mother struggled to earn a living to feed her three children, and due to these difficult circumstances, was forced to leave her youngest baby at Madhav's grandparents home, about 50km from their village.

For a few years, the family struggled to provide 2 square meals a day, often borrowing food from neighbours for mere subsistence. After 2 years, the family began selling vegetables at a nearby local haat (marketplace), which helped them make ends meet.

At the time of his father's passing, Madhav was in Standard 1 at a private school in the region, while his younger siblings were not yet enrolled in school. However, due to financial constraints, Madhav was forced to switch schools, to instead attend a government school in his region. A year or two later, he was joined at the school by his younger brother, and both completed their primary and middle schooling at that government school. Every winter, during those years, the boys would sell oranges on the roadside to earn money to pay for the forthcoming session's admission fees.

However, within a few years, another event devastated the family...

In 2005, there was an ethnic clash between 2 tribes of Karbi Anglong. As the family slept at night, a group of unidentified persons banged on the door, attempting to break in. Luckily, Madhav and his family sneaked out from the backdoor, and were able to escape being butchered by the militants; others in their village were not as lucky. The Kemprai family walked nearly 10km in the dark that night, finding their way amidst paddy fields, and people's private properties, until they were able to seek refuge at the house of Madhav's mother's friend at a neighbouring town. The following morning, they boarded a passenger train and travelled to their maternal grandfather's home, from where the family went to the Government relief camp for conflict victims.

They lived in this camp for nearly 4 months until the conflict situation was normalised. During this time, they received the sorrowful news that their house had been burnt and destroyed by unidentified goons. In a few months, the government withdrew the relief camp, leaving the Kemprais and other families homeless, wandering around unsure of where to go or what to do. Luckily, they were able to purchase an area of forest land that was meant for resettlement and rehabilitation of those affected by ethnic conflict. The group created a village called Dimaidi, around 30km from their previous home, and settled here. Starting once again without any capital, Madhav's mother struggled to sustain the family's livelihood. The family would collect wood from the forests for sale in the market, and this helped them finance their living, until Madhav completed his Matric board examinations in 2008. At this point, his youngest brother rejoined the family, following the demise of the grandfather he had been raised by. Unfortunately, the grandfather had contracted Jaundice, but the family's state of abject poverty made them unable to raise enough funds to cover timely medical treatment.

After graduating from Class 10, Madhav joined in +2 Science stream at Diphu Government College, about 27km from his new house. Here, he rented a room yet, was more worried about food and house rent expenses rather than focusing on his studies. As a result, Madhav began teaching some school children as a tutor, which unfortunately affected his own education, forcing him to drop out of school after passing Grade 12.

Luckily, at this juncture, he was informed about KISS by Vivek da, then President of All Assam Dimasa Student Union. In his own words, this knowledge completely transformed Madhav's future.

"I am ever so grateful to Vivek *da* because of whom I got into KISS. KISS has not only changed my life but my younger brother too. Just like me, after passing Class 10, he too had lost hope form education and left for Chennai to work in some factory. But while I was going through the admissions process in ISS, I immediately called him to KISS convincing him that he too can now continue his education"

AT KISS, Madhav completed his B. Sc. in Computer Science (3022-2014). His brother pursued a +2 in Science (2011-2013), following which he cleared the medical competitive exam and received admission into an MBBS course at a government medical college of Assam. He is now well on his way to completing his MBBS degree, while also pursuing an internship at the same college.

As for Madhav, after completing his B. Sc from KISS, he went on to pursue a post-graduate MA in Development Studies from Azim Premji University in Bangalore, on 100% scholarship. He is now pursuing a PhD from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati. He has also been involved with a grassroots NGO based in Bongaigaon district of Assam, wherein he worked on community development programs, particularly in the livelihood sector with several vulnerable communities comprising both minorities and tribals from the region.

He was also trained in archery during his time at KISS, under the supervision of Mr. Rajesh Hansdak; a renowned archery coach of Odisha. Madhav represented KISS at the Inter-University Tournament conducted in 2011, in addition to participating in 2 state-level archery tournaments. He credits KISS' unique model of combining mental and physical education through sports in helping him develop critical thinking alongside understanding the world better. In his own words, Madhav says " Without KISS, forget about the PhD, I would not have even been able to complete my bachelor degree, without which I definitely would not have been in the place where I am now. Similarly, my younger brother would not have been a Doctor today had he not joined KISS. Now everybody can feel the happiness of the distressed mother, when she finds both of her sons are highly educated and well placed only because of KISS. I again would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Founder of KISS Dr. Achutya Samanta for teaching us how to fish and thereby enabling us to break the cycle of poverty.



Madhab Kemprai



Madhab Kemprai with mother

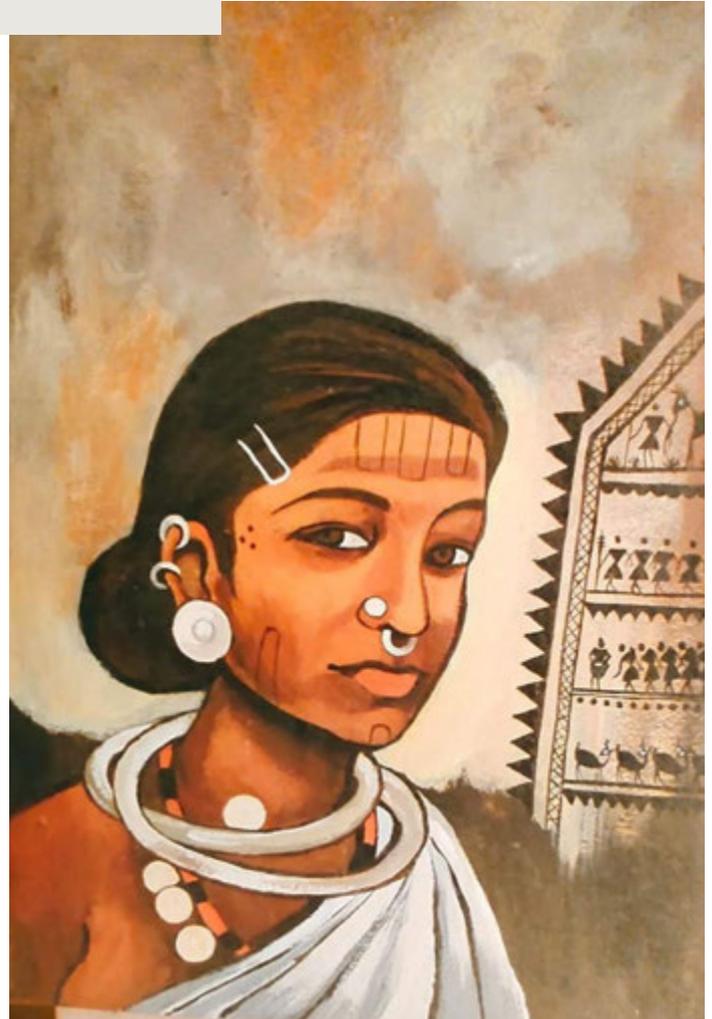
Paraphrased from an interview published in English in **Asian Lite newspaper** as "*The KISS of Life*" on 21st September 2020







STUDENT ART



I HAVE A DREAM



“ My dream is to become an IAS officer and to help all the people on this world”



“When I grow up I want to become a judge and I will save others from criminals and advise people to love each other”



“When I grow up I will be a border soldier and I will guard our country's border and save our country's people.”

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



FOOTBALL CHAMPS

Sep 3, 2019

KISS students won the Champions Trophy at the 30th Inter-School Football Tournament (Unilight Cup), defeating Sainik School by 2/0 goals. Our students bagged awards in the categories of 'Best Goalkeeper', 'Best Forward Player' and 'Man of the Match'.



IUAES INTER CONGRESS 2019

Sep 3, 2019

A team from KISS (Mr. Dwiti Vikramaditya, Dr. Iswar Chandra Naik, Dr. Krupasindhu Nayak and Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera) recently chaired a session on "Anthropology in the Public Sphere - Solidarity, Peace and Development" amidst professors, research scholars and social activists from over 63 countries at IUAES Inter-Congress 2019, held from August 27-31 at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland.



#MISSIONUDAY - MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

Sep 3, 2019

Volunteers from #MissionUDAY addressed the ill effects of early marriage as well as the importance of maintaining good menstrual hygiene at Katraguda Village under Bandhugoan block of Koraput. Youth volunteers explained the process of menstruation and related hygiene methods to adolescent girls and mothers. Along with this, many community members took an oath to stop child marriage and promote the legal age for marriage.



TEAM ODISHA GOALKEEPER - SANJUKTA TIRKEY

Sep 6, 2019

Ms. Sanjukta Tirkey, a +3 student of KISS, was selected in the Odisha Senior Women team (as a Goalkeeper) to participate in the "25th Senior National Women Football Championship" in Arunachal Pradesh from 10th - 24th September, 2019. Sanjukta is from Sundargarh District & belongs to the Oram tribe.

VICTORS OF RUGBY CHAMPIONS TROPHY - 2019 CALLAGHAN CUP

Sep 9, 2019

KISS Men's Rugby Team won the Champions trophy of The 2019 Callaghan Cup - All India National Division-2 Rugby XV's Championship (Men). The event was held at Punjab University, Chandigarh from 3rd to 8th September, 2019 and was organized by the Chandigarh Rugby Football Association (CRFA).



PARTNERSHIP WITH ICRISAT

Sep 22, 2019

KISS entered a partner sub-grant agreement with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), to conduct research in Koraput, Odisha. KISS will aid the project, titled “Through the Looking Glass: Applying a Gender Lens to Agricultural Transformation, Labour Intensification and Nutrition Outcomes in LMICs” by conducting research and data collection. This project will be of great impact to the fields of nutrition, women’s empowerment and technology adoption in rural agricultural settings.



JUDO CHAMP - NITYA MAJHI

Sep 26, 2019

Class 10 student, Nitya Majhi, who bagged a bronze medal for the country at the 2019 Commonwealth Judo Championships held in England from the 26th to 30th of September, 2019, returned to Odisha with a warm welcome from his KISS family.



ENGLISH ACCESS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sep 26, 2019

KISS conducted the Graduation and Closing Ceremony of the 2017-2019 Access Program batch today, at Trident Hotel Bhubaneswar. Along with 100 Access students, dignitaries from Hyderabad US Consulate graced the occasion.



SEMINAR ON 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GANDHI

Sep 30, 2019

On the eve of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a one-day seminar on 'KISS: A True Reflection of Gandhian Philosophy' was organised at Rabindra Mandap. The seminar was attended by numerous luminaries and was a mammoth success



MDH OWNER CONFERRED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sep 30, 2019

Padma Bhushan Mahashay Dharmapal Gulati ji, owner of MDH Companies, was conferred with KISS’ 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award for his hard work and determination which made his packaged spices to every Indian household. May his grit inspire millions of young Indian entrepreneurs.

8 KHO-KHO PLAYERS SELECTED FOR TEAM ODISHA

Oct 2, 2019

8 students of KISS were selected in Team Odisha, to participate in the '30th Sub-Junior National Kho Kho Championship 2019/20' to be held at Dhanbad, Jharkhand from 2nd to 6th October 2019. The following students made the roster: Boys: Babuli Tapan, Chhanda Charan Sabar, Debashish Naik and Santosh Kumar Guru. Girls: Archana Majhi, Dasmati Jhodia, Sibani Gamango, and Subhashree Sing.



WORLD CONGRESS OF POETS

Oct 2, 2019

KISS welcomed over 350 international and 1000 national poet to Bhubaneswar for the 39th World Congress of Poets 2019, held at KIIT University from 2nd-6th October 2019 on the theme "Compassion through Poetry".



LAUNCH OF KALINGA AVATAR

Oct 14, 2019

'Kalinga Avatar - The Indian Tribal Choir' was launched by the DG of ICCR, Shri Akhilesh Mishra. The choir is a unique initiative to promote and integrate tribal language, music and culture into mainstream music performances while using authentic tribal Instruments such as Tamak, Dhapu, Gini, Mardal and Bainsi. 21 vocalists and 16 musicians from KISS' indigenous student body comprise the choir, which performed original compositions at its inauguration on 2nd October 2019 at the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi at KIIT University, after 12 weeks of dedicated effort by our students, staff and consultants.





MEERARANI HEMBRAM ON TEDX BANGALORE

Oct 20, 2019

KISS student, Ms. Meerarani Hembram, was a special speaker at TEDxBangalore on Oct. 20th, where she spoke on the challenges of getting selected to the Indian Women's Rugby Team from a tribal community of Odisha.



NATIONAL SUB-JUNIOR JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct 13-19, 2019

A team of 18 KISS students participated recently in the "National Sub-Junior Judo Championship 2019" at Imphal, Manipur from 13th to 19th October, as members of the Odisha state team. They were accompanied by Mr. Kandan Murmu, the Judo Coach at KISS.



SDG ROOM INAUGURATED AT KISS

Oct 28, 2019

Mr. Joel Reifman, US Consul General-Hyderabad, inaugurated the SDG room of the Centre for American Studies and addressed our students. He was accompanied by Ms. Kristen Loehr, Political and Economic Chief, Mr. Salil Kader, Cultural Affairs Advisor, Mr. Siba Tripathy, Economic Specialist, and, Mr. Srimali Kari, Political Specialist.



STUDENTS GET LECTURESHIP POSTS

Oct 29, 2019

8 of our students recently got selected for lectureship posts through SSB. They will be posted in different colleges across the state. It is so encouraging to see our alumni return to their communities as agents of change.

KISS PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA, UK

Nov 1, 2019

KISS has partnered with the University of East Anglia (UEA) for a project on Sustainable Food Systems. We have a team at the UN House in Delhi for the 'Global Research Translation Awards' on Sustainable Food Systems. They will attend technical meetings and stakeholder consultation on impact acceleration through analysis, advocacy and action. Pradan and Gram Vani are also partners on this exciting project.



MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS VISITS KISS

Nov 2, 2019

We had a special visit from Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India. Touched by the affection he witnessed among our students, Shri Rijiju expressed his hope that students of KISS will always continue to bring laurels to India.



4TH GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR KISS

Nov 7, 2019

KISS achieved a fourth record in the Book of Guinness World Records for 'Most people simultaneously brushing their teeth at a single venue'. This was done in collaboration with Colgate to raise awareness on dental hygiene.



DR. SAMANTA & KISS FEATURED ON KAUN BANEGA CROREPATI

Nov 15, 2019

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, founder of KISS was on the hot seat of Kaun Banega Crorepati with Shri Amitabh Bachchan ji as part of the Karamveer Episode honouring those who make a difference in society. During the episode, Dr. Samanta shared the exclusive story of his struggles as a child and recounted the establishment of KISS and KIIT more than two decades ago.





MTB-MLE PLAYROOM INAUGURATED

Nov 14, 2019

What better time to inaugurate a game room for children to play and explore their creativity than on the occasion of Children's Day? This room provides a space for children to explore their creativity, and was established through KISS' MTB-MLE language initiative.



IKFF FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS AT KISS

Nov 14, 2019

KISS was happy to bring the experience of The World's Largest Children's Film Festival to our students on Children's Day. The massive global festival features over 100 international films hosted by schools across 40 countries and over 10,000 locations with 28 shows spread across 4 days.



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MLE TEACHERS

Nov 27, 2019

KISS' MTB-MLE program in collaboration with ST & SC Dev. Dept. Govt. of Odisha started the Capacity Building training for MLE (Language) teachers of SSD Dept. Schools.



WISCOMP WORKSHOP FOR GENDER-JUST SPACES

Nov 25-28, 2019

KISS and KIIT collaborated with Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (an initiative of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of HH the Dalai Lama) and the American Embassy, Delhi to host a 3-day workshop on 'Gender Equity & Inclusion: Transformative Pathways in Higher Education' from November 25-28, 2019. Experts from US and Indian colleges are facilitating discussion and internal consultation with our staff and students to envision and design an institute specific template to conduct Gender Audits as required by NAAC guidelines and to ensure HEI preparedness on the implementation of #SPARSH (Sensitization, Prevention and Redressal of Sexual Harassment) policy of Government of India.



KISS PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA, UK

Dec 8, 2019

The practical session of the 1st batch of our Capacity Building Training Programme for MLE Teachers (Language Teachers), organized by SCSTRTI Odisha in collaboration with KISS, is currently underway at KISS' smart classrooms in 5 tribal languages : Santal, Munda, Mundari, Ho & Juanga.



3RD EDITION OF KALINGA FELLOWSHIP

Dec 9, 2019

Kickstarting the 3rd edition of Kalinga Fellowship to discuss and understand the issues in gender equality while minimizing and controlling human trafficking. Senior leaders from the government, business sector and civil society come together to combat the trafficking of women and children globally.



COMPASSIONATE INTEGRITY TRAINING WITH UNESCO MGIEP

Dec 14-16, 2019

KISS and KIIT in collaboration with UNESCO MGIEP and Life University have launched a Compassionate Integrity Training, a 3-day intensive workshop which is being held from December 14-16, 2019. This is a first-of-its-kind attempt to bring a coursework-based understanding of common humanity and kindness to higher educational spaces in India.



KISS PARTNERS WITH INDIAN RUGBY TEAM

Dec 30, 2019

KISS became an Associate Partner of the Indian Rugby Team. An MoU was signed between the Indian Rugby Football Union and KIIT & KISS in presence of Shri Naveen Patnaik - Hon'ble CM of Odisha, Sri Tusharkanti Behera - Minister of Sport & Youth Services (Odisha), Dr. Achyuta Samanta - Founder KIIT & KISS, and Mr. Rahul Bose, for the promotion of Rugby in Odisha and India and to support players with best of training and facilities. A 'Rugby High Performance Centre' was also established at KISS, for the same.



KISSIANS ARE RUGBY CHAMPS

Dec 30, 2019

Glad to see our students of KISS and KIIT ending this year on a positive note as the champions of the 2019 National University Games Rugby Championships.

INAUGURATION OF ADANI KISS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Jan 8, 2020

Adani - KISS Residential School was inaugurated by Shri Naveen Patnaik ji, Hon'ble CM of Odisha. It is a massive testament to his commitment towards tribal upliftment and his love for the poor. Initially, the school will have an intake capacity of 1500 students catering to the deprived boys and girls in the tribal district of Mayurbhanj. The students will get to study in a world class campus, with state of the art infrastructure, smart classrooms and indigenously controlled education.



MEGA JOB MELA IN KANDHAMAL

Jan 9, 2020

In order to provide a constructive solution to the difficulties faced by residents of Kandhamal in availing jobs outside the constituency, a 'Mega Job Mela' was organised jointly by KISS/KIIT and Kandhamal District Administration. This is the ideal platform to provide employment opportunities, which saw more than 15,000 aspirants apply for 10,000 vacancies at 72 companies in the Job Mela.



VIRGINIA TECH TEAM VISITS KISS

Jan 21, 2020

A team from Virginia Tech's Service Without Borders student organisation visited KISS this month, to pursue the potential for a community service project. At KISS, the team spent a few days understanding the various projects that we run, in addition to interacting with our students. They also attended the inauguration of the Adani-KISS School in Baripada, and spent a few days travelling through Koraput, visiting communities impacted by the joint KISS-UNFPA #MissionUDAY. Based on their community interaction and learning, the team will head home to create a five year plan for a service project they can work on.



VISITING DELEGATES FROM HANSEO UNIVERSITY

Jan 31, 2020

We hosted students from Hanseo University, and together, we inaugurated the 'Institute for Indo-Korea Culture and Science'. In his speech at the event, Prof. Kim Seung-Jae praised the tireless efforts of #KISSFoundation and KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology in strengthening the cultural, educational and scientific relations between South Korea and India during the last 12 years.





CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

Feb 1, 2020

KISS-DU recently organised a ten-day 'Capacity Building Program for Faculty in Social Sciences', sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.



15 HEADS OF INDIAN SCHOOLS VISIT KISS

Feb 5, 2020

15 principals and directors of top private schools of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala and other Indian states recently visited KISS to understand the operations and pedagogy that have made students of KISS successful in academics and sports. They took a tour of our facilities, observed a few classes, and interacted with our students, teachers and senior management.



INTELLECTUAL DISCUSSION FOR MADHUSUDAN DAS CHAIR

Feb 6, 2020

KISS-DU's Madhusudan Das Research Chair recently hosted an Intellectual Discussion on the occasion of the 86th Death Anniversary of "Utkal Gourav" Madhusudan Das. Das was a poet and freedom fighter who worked tirelessly for the political, social and economical upliftment of Odisha.



KISSIANS AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Feb 9, 2020

13 students were selected last month as Special Police Officers under the Orissa Urban Police Act, 2003. One of their primary responsibilities is to report eve-teasing and sexual harassment, to promote security amongst women.



KISSIANS BAG COMPETITIVE JOBS

Feb 10, 2020

We are proud of our students who have bagged competitive jobs with salary packages upwards of 4 Lakhs per annum. Congratulations and best wishes to Dipan Majhi, Kumar Majhi, Sikandar Munda and Shanti Murmu for their achievements!



COVID SENSITISATION PROGRAMME BY KINS

Feb 13, 2020

Amidst the global #CoronaVirus epidemic, it is essential to spread proper information & practice good hygiene, so we gladly hosted a 'Sensitisation Programme on Novel Corona Virus Prevention Strategies' for our students, by Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS).



10 DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES SCHOLARS

Feb 14, 2020

KISS-DU is currently hosting a Ten-Day Research Methodology Course (RMC) for Research Scholars in Social Sciences, with sponsorship from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi from 6th to 15th February, 2020.



MOTILAL OSWAL KISS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL INAUGURATED

Feb 15, 2020

The Balangir Unit of KISS Bhubaneswar, Motilal Oswal-KISS Residential School, was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik on 15th of February, 2020.



MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS VISITS KISS

Feb 27, 2020

Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India and his team visited our Campus and interacted with our students, inspiring them with his words of wisdom.



KIIT/KISS WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM WINS GOLD

Feb 28, 2020

KIIT University's Women's Rugby Team on clinching Gold with a 31-7 victory over Patliputra University earlier today. What a wonderful end to #KIUG2020 with a win for the hosts, and amazing work by our girls



TCS JOBS FOR KISSIANS

Mar 2, 2020

11 of our students have been selected for jobs with TCS after completing 100 hours of training under the Free Employability Training programme coordinated by TCS, Kolkata.



WORKSHOP ON TRIBAL INTELLECTUALS & INCLUSION

Mar 3, 2020

KISS-DU recently hosted a two day workshop on Tribal Intellectuals And Inclusion: A Need Based Assessment. The workshop was jointly organised in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), with the support of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India from 28th to 29th February 2020.



MOU SIGNING WITH INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Mar 5, 2020

MoU Signing Ceremony between KISS-DU & the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) earlier this week. We're excited for all the mutual growth that this new partnership will forge.



SUSPENSION OF CLASSES DUE TO COVID 19

Mar 15, 2020

We decided to suspend classes and temporarily close our institution in line with the government advisory and to exercise extreme precaution. All our students were thoroughly briefed on the dos and don'ts and provided with basic sanitary items required to prevent the virus.



KISSIANS RAISE AWARENESS

Mar 26, 2020

Our KISS volunteers were engaged in massive awareness campaign on fighting Corona, sensitising masses on hand and respiratory hygiene and most importantly the power of social distancing before the lockdown.



KISSIANS AS CHANGEMAKERS

Mar 7, 2020

Our Alumnus and Sarpanch from Rayagada District, Haraprasad Hepruka is conducting awareness sessions and distributing food everyday. We are proud of you, our young politico in making!



DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF BIJU PATNAIK

Apr 17, 2020

We pay our humble tribute to Shri Biju Patnaik on his death anniversary. Our Founder paid floral tributes to Biju Babu today



HELPING TIBETAN COMMUNITIES & MONKS AT CHANDRAGIRI

Apr 24, 2020

Besides a series of initiatives to help citizens of Odisha and provision of support to the state government in the battle against COVID-19, KIIT and KISS have extended a helping hand to the Tibetan communities in Chandragiri of Gajapati district in Odisha, by providing basic essentials and groceries for at least a month to the Tibetan families settled in Chandragiri and to the monks of Padmasambhava Mahavihara Monastery in Jirang, the largest Buddhist monastery in Eastern India. Besides food, a kit containing essential items like sanitisers, hand wash, sanitary napkins and masks were also provided



ONLINE CLASSES FOR KISS STUDENTS

Apr 30, 2020

We have set up online classes from Grade two and above. Classes, doubt clearing sessions and assignments are being given through WhatsApp groups. But what's more interesting is their assignments that focus on keeping tribal youth genuinely integrated in their own culture. They are doing projects on tribal festivals, culture, dances, indigenous medicine, folklore depending on their age and grade. Our students always remain integrated in their own societies.



KISS OBSERVES MMIWG DAY

May 5th, 2020

On this day we hosted a social media campaign adding our voice to the efforts of global indigenous communities raising awareness on Murdered, Missing, Harassed, Assaulted & Raped Indigenous Women and Girls. We extended our solidarity by planting a tree as a living memorial to the cause, in addition to wearing red and offering prayer as a tribute.



MISSION UDAY VOLUNTEERS IN MALKANGIRI

May 5th, 2020

Our #MissionUDAY volunteers have been engaged in field level awareness work in Malkangiri district since the beginning of this pandemic. The team generated Covid19 awareness in our indigenous communities on wearing masks, sanitising hands and maintaining social distancing.



PROUD OF OUR ALUMNI

May 6th, 2020

A member of the Indian women's rugby team & pride of the nation, KISSian Ms. Bhagyalaxmi Barik has devoted her life to the state as a police personnel. We congratulate her on achieving this milestone!



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM WEBINAR

May 11th, 2020

KISS-DU hosted a Google Meet for an interactive webinar on Sustainable Tourism in Highland Odisha.



WEBINAR ON RESPONSE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS TOWARDS CHILDREN DURING COVID19

May 14th, 2020

KISS-DU hosted a webinar on the Response & Responsibilities of Parents towards Children at Home beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown



SANTHALI Khabar REACHES MILESTONE 100 EPISODES

May 17th, 2020

Since 2018, KISS has proudly broadcast a largely student run Santali language news bulletin called 'Santali Khabar', on a weekly basis on Kalinga TV, becoming a lone source of Santali news, current affairs and entertainment for Santali communities across India. Since then, the programme has successfully completed 100 episodes, Santali Khabar will now be broadcast daily on Kalinga TV with immediate effect



FOOD CONSIGNMENT SENT TO KISSIANS ACROSS ODISHA

May 26th, 2020

Shortly before our nation entered lockdown, we sent our students home to their families. Since we didn't want them to suffer from the disruption of their academic year by these uncertain times, we arranged for study materials and dried food items to be provided to each student - that's over 30,000 households cared for!



AID TO MONASTERIES & OLD AGE HOMES

May 28th, 2020

We sent a second consignment of aid containing dry food items, medical equipments, PPE & other essential medicines to Padmasambhava Monastery, the local hospital & Tibetan settlement in addition to monetary aid for the old-age home we adopted in Chandragiri, Odisha.



WELCOMING BACK SANJUKTA

May 30th, 2020

We welcomed back our KISSian, Ms. Sanjukta Singh, safely home during the pandemic, via a Chicago-Bhubaneswar repatriation flight. Sanjukta belongs to a Bhumija tribal family of Balasore, Odisha and she just spent an exciting semester in 11th grade at Weiss High School in Pflugerville, Texas, USA with full scholarship from the US State Department sponsored Kennedy Lugar-Youth Exchange and Study Program, AFS. We heartily thank the US Consulate in Hyderabad & AFS for giving her this wonderful opportunity!



BANDE UTKALA JANANI

May 30, 2020

Answering the CM's call across Odisha, we collectively sang #BandeUtkalaJanani in gratitude to Corona Warriors of Odisha for their selfless effort in the fight against #Covid19.

#OdishaHonorsCovidWarriors



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

June 5th, 2020

We collaborated with the State Pollution Control Board to host a 'Time for Nature' plantation programme to celebrate #WorldEnvironmentDay today. Founder Sir, staff & students of KISS Foundation planted saplings on the occasion so we can collectively protect and preserve our planet.



WEBINAR - SOCIETY, STATE AND POST-COVID19: EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH ASIA

June 9th, 2020

KISS DU's Department of Tribal Legal Studies & Tribal Rights is delighted to invite you to our upcoming webinar on 'Society, State and Post-Covid19: Experience in South Asia' at 3:30pm on 8th June 2020, with Dr. Uddhab Pyakurel of Kathmandu University as keynote speaker.



WEBINAR: OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING: MEANS FOR A CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

June 10th, 2020

KISS-DU hosted a webinar on Open Distance Learning: Means for a Continuous Education with Dr. S. A. Moin, Sr. Consultant for UNICEF and Former Director of SCERT, Patna



WEBINAR - TRIBAL EDUCATION - PROBLEMS & PROSPECTS IN 21ST CENTURY

June 11th, 2020

KISS-DU hosted a talk on Tribal Education - Problems & Prospects in 21st century, with Prof. B. N. Panda, Dean of Research at Regional Institute of Education, NCERT Bhubaneswar.



CLASSES BROADCAST ON KALINGA TV FOR KISSIANS

June 11th, 2020

After our lockdown initiative for Whatsapp based classes for our KISSians, we adopted a novel approach to teaching that addresses the digital divide and network issues prevalent in rural areas by using Kalinga TV to provide an hour of classes on television everyday. In addition to these classes, our students are also working on projects related to tribal language, culture, folklore, dance, medicine and so on depending upon their age and grade.



DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF UTKALMANI GOPABANDHU DAS

June 17th, 2020

We respectfully paid our tributes to Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das on his Death Anniversary.



WEBINAR - 'GLOBALISATION AND TRIBAL CULTURES IN EASTERN AND NORTHEASTERN

June 18th, 2020

KISS-DU hosted a webinar addressing 'Globalisation and Tribal Cultures in Eastern and Northeastern India' on 22nd June at 11am. We are pleased to have Prof. Kishor K Basa, Tagore National Fellow, Ministry of Culture, GOI, and Former Head of the Anthropology Department of Utkal University with us as a speaker.



FOOD PACKET DISTRIBUTION FOR KISSIANS IN BHUBANESWAR

June 25th, 2020

Here's a glimpse of food packet distribution to KISS students residing in Bhubaneswar, earlier this week.



WEBINAR IN MEMORY OF SANTAL HUL

June 30th, 2020

The Santal Hul was a liberation rebellion in present-day Jharkhand in 1855, against British colonial authority and the zamindari system by Santals. It is also considered the most effective tribal movement of the period. To mark the occasion, KISS-DU organised a webinar in memory of the Santal Hul, with Dr. Dhuni Soren, Dr. Subodh Hansda and Sri Udaynath Majhi.



SECOND CONSIGNMENT OF SUPPLIES SENT TO KISSIANS

July 1st, 2020

Earlier this week, a second consignment of books, workbooks and rations were sent to our KISS students' homes, because no matter how crazy the world gets, we stand by our pledge to ensure that our students never lose the opportunity to study.



DR. SAMANTA HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH GUARDIANS

July 14th, 2020

Dr. Samanta held video conferences with over 200 Parents/Guardians. Together, they took stock of the pandemic situation, discussed academics of our KISSians and other collective concerns. During these troubling times, it is communication and compassion that will guide us through safely.



MILESTONES FOR SANTALI KHABAR

July 16th, 2020

We're pleased to announce another huge step in the journey of our student-run #SantaliKhabar which is now being telecast 6 days a week on KNEWS Odisha and on Fridays on Kalinga TV.



KISS TRANSGENDER OFFICER WINS SAAHAS AWARD

July 19th, 2020

We heartily congratulate Sadhna Mishra, Social Development Officer at KISS & Transgender Rights Activist on her selection for the WISCOMP SAAHAS Awards 2020 - Special Mention. This award recognises her story of determination and courage, and celebrates her courageous actions that give voice to the concerns of trans persons.



#MISSIONUDAY VOLUNTEERS SAVE THE DAY

July 23rd, 2020

When 15-year-old Radhamani, from Koraput, Odisha, reached out for help to stop her marriage, volunteers of #MissionUDAY (a joint youth engagement initiative by KISS Foundation and UNFPAIndia) intervened in a timely manner to save her from falling prey to the ill practice of child marriage.



#MISSIONUDAY MAKES HEADLINES

July 23rd, 2020

We're proud to announce that our #MissionUDAY youth engagement initiative, aimed at reducing vulnerabilities of youth from tribal communities, has created more than 722 change-makers working on various health and social concerns, in the 2 and a half years since its inception. More than 48% of these are women.



KIIT ANNOUNCES FREE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF COVID DECEASED

July 26th, 2020

Acting under the guidance of our Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, our sister concern KIIT University has extended support to facilitate the families of the COVID deceased. KIIT has decided to aid technical and professional education free of cost to the children of the COVID deceased. KIIT is the only university in India and abroad to extend such humanitarian gesture to the families of the Covid deceased



2 WEBINARS BY KISS-DU'S DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL HERITAGE AND TRIBAL INDOLOGY

July 29th, 2020

The Department of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology, KISS DU is delighted to invite you for its upcoming webinar on Wednesday, the 29th of July. Dr. Debendra Biswal, from Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi addressed the Protection of Heritage of Indigenous People: Principles and Challenges, and, Dr. Niranjan from Mohapatra, Assam University, Silchar addressed the Political Identity of Tribals of Assam With Special Reference to Karbi Tribe



WEBINAR ON RESUMPTION OF SPORTS AT UNIVERSITY SECTOR POST COVID-19

July 27th, 2020

KISS-DU organized a Webinar on Resumption of Sports at University Sector Post COVID-19 yesterday, with the slogan "PADHTE PADHTE KHELTE JAO, KHELTE KHELTE PADHTE JAO". The webinar explored a route for the resumption of sports training facilities by taking the requisite preventive measures to start physical education, special training, yoga by adopting proper diet & nutrition intake to get stamina and boost immunity, speed, strength, skill and spirit to keep the sports persons mentally as well as physically fit. The webinar also assured extension of all possible cooperation for promoting sports at the University level.



KISSIANS POST IMPRESSIVE 10TH BOARD RESULTS

July 29th, 2020

KISS has posted 98 percent result in the 10th Board Examination conducted by the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha, results of which were declared today. The state average is around 78%. As many as 1916 students sat for the examination, which is the highest number from a single school. Over 350 students secured 60% or more marks, with girls outshining boys. Jogesh Kadraka from Kondh tribe topped the school with 90%



ODIA DEPT HOSTS WEBINAR ON TRIBAL LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Aug 2nd, 2020

Dept of Odia, School of Comparative Tribal Linguistics & Literature, KISS DU hosted a webinar on the topic “ଆଦିବାସୀ ଭାଷା ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି: ଏକ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିପାତ / Tribal language and Culture: A Perspective”.



WEBINAR - 'IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL EDUCATION IN INDIA: ISSUES & CHALLENGES'

August 7th, 2020

KISS DU's School of Social Science & Administration hosted a webinar on the 'Importance of Tribal Education in India: Issues & Challenges'



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

August 9th, 2020

On the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, our Founder, Dr. Samanta interacted with students, inquiring about their health and academics, and greeted them for the day.



WEBINAR ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATION - LANGUAGE & IDENTITY

August 11th, 2020

KISS DU's Department of Comparative Tribal Linguistics & Literature hosted a webinar on 'Indigenous Communication: Language and Identity'



WEBINAR - MEERA BAI - EXAMINING GENDER AND SEXUALITY THROUGH THE PRISM OF HER

August 12th, 2020

KISS DU's Department of Comparative Tribal Linguistics & Literature hosted a webinar on 'Meera Bai - Examining Gender and Sexuality through the Prism of her Poetry'. The webinar was an attempt to address the issues of gender and sexuality through Meera Bai's poetry, creating an academic platform to celebrate her idea of poetic truth and humanity.



KISS KALAHANDI SATELLITE CENTRE NEARS COMPLETION

August 13th, 2020

KISS Kalahandi Residential School is nearing completion. Captain Dibya Shankar Mishra, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, MSME, Energy and Home, Government of Odisha inaugurated an 11 KV transformer at KISS Kalahandi Residential School. He also started the distribution of a third consignment of dry food items and essentials to the students of KISS in Kalahandi, while maintaining social distancing measures.



WEBINAR ON CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN INDIA: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN 21ST CENTURY

August 14th, 2020

KISS DU's School of Social Services & Administration hosted a webinar on Culture and Society in India: Continuity and Change in 21st Century



WEBINAR ON "COVID19 - CORPORATE REPORTING & DISCLOSURES"

August 17th, 2020

KISS DU's Department of Tribal Resource Management hosted a webinar on "Covid19 - Corporate Reporting & Disclosures" in collaboration with Indian Accounting Association (IAA) Bhubaneswar Branch, Odisha, to discuss the changes and implications Covid19 has brought to financial reporting.

KISS LENDS A HELPING HAND

August 15th, 2020

Under guidance of our Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, KISS Foundation has extended a helping hand to Sabita Das, a widowed SC lady from Kendrapada, who is suffering from kidney disease. To sustain the family, her 7 year old son, Subham, would beg for rice from the village for daily cooking, and was committed to try and raise money for his mother's treatment. In addition to providing them with rations & essentials, and monetary support of INR 15,000 (with a further monthly commitment of INR 5000) we have offered the family the option of free enrollment of their children at our upcoming Balasore campus, which is set to open once the pandemic ends.



74TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

August 15th, 2020

The tricolour was hoisted at KISS on the occasion of India's 74th Independence Day, while observing social distancing and proper safety measures during the pandemic.





KIIT RANKED #1 IN ARIA RANKINGS

August 18th, 2020

KIIT University, Bhubaneswar was ranked No. 1 among self-financing institutions of the country in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), 2020 of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. This is a big achievement for KIIT, which was ranked 2nd in the 2019 ARIIA Rankings



KISSIANS POST IMPRESSIVE +2 COMMERCE RESULTS

August 19th, 2020

Our students achieved 100% result in +2 Commerce Examinations conducted by CHSE, Odisha this academic session. Congratulations to all for this stellar work, and also to Sagar Oram, who topped the college by securing 90% marks!



CM OF ODISHA PRAISES #MISSIONUDAY VOLUNTEER

August 21st, 2020

In a moment of great pride for KISS, the Hon'ble CM and UN agencies recognized the work of our UDAY volunteer Salami Shashankar, fondly called Bank Madam because of the door-to-door banking help she has been providing countless people in Koraput during the Covid19 lockdown



NUA MAA VIDEO MONTAGE E-RELEASED

August 23rd, 2020

On the eve of the National Council for Transgender Persons' announcement, KISS E-released a video montage of our innovative transgender community led project called NUA MAA - a joint initiative of KISS, SAKHA and APPI.



WEBINAR - STERILISATION & DISINFECTION

August 24th, 2020

A webinar was organized by the School of Natural Sciences and Tribal Technology, KISS DU, on sterilization and disinfection. Ever relevant to the current pandemic, the webinar explored alternative ways of sterilization and disinfection with the aim of reducing dependency on chemicals, in favour of new avenues such as high voltage, pulse power, plasma, microwave and UV light.

3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KISS ACHIEVING DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS

August 25th, 2020

This days marked three years since KISS was conferred with Deemed to be University status in 2017 by the then Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education). With this, KISS-DU became the world's first tribal research university exclusively for tribal students. We delight in every new day of our journey as a Deemed to be University and we thank and congratulate our staff and students for the passion and dedication they pour into the DU in its journey of becoming an academic centre of excellence for tribal culture, medicine, law, customs, art and legacy.



WEBINAR ON ADIVASI SAHITYA AUR SANSKRITI: CHUNOUTIYAN EVAM SAMBHAVANAYEN

August 27th, 2020

The Department of Hindi, School of Comparative Tribal Linguistic and Literature, KISS DU hosted a webinar on Adivasi Sahitya Aur Sanskriti: Chunoutiyan Evam Sambhavanayen



VIRTUAL TAG MEETING ON "LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION (LSE) FOR ADOLESCENTS WITH

August 17th, 2020

The first virtual Technical Advisory Group Meeting on "Life Skills Education (LSE) for adolescents with disability in Special Schools of Odisha" was jointly organized by the teams of UNFPA, Odisha and Mission UDAY in collaboration with KISS, with the aim of introducing LSE in special schools. KISS has partnered with UNFPA since 2009 to transact LSE for adolescents in all schools. This partnership created a benchmark in the LSE Field and based its efficacy and many milestones, UNFPA is now collaborating with us to implement LSE in special schools across the state.

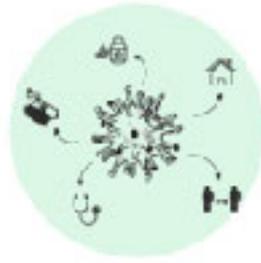


#MISSIONUDAY VOLUNTEERS SAVES A LIFE

August 27th, 2020

#KISSFoundation and #MissionUDAY volunteer, Pradeep Dalai, was instrumental in helping Mr. Rabindra Purastam of Kalyasinghpur block who had met with an accident in a forest. Pradeep's aid in immediately bringing Mr. Purastam to a nearby hospital ensured that he could get timely life-saving medical intervention. Thank you, Pradeep, and all our #MissionUDAY volunteers for always putting community service first.





LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR INITIATIVES FOR

Covid-19 Relief



DR. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Founder - KIIT & KISS
MP - Lok Sabha

Poverty in my past and passion in my present to make all happy has made me realise the need of Compassion and how it creates a better future. For the last 30 years of my life, we have been engaged in social service and upliftment. At KIIT & KISS we also try to play an active role to become forerunners in the crisis. However, the work we do is a drop in the ocean."

KIIT & KISS FIGHT COVID-19

**COMPASSION FOR VULNERABLE
COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19**



The Challenge for Education with Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has **undoubtedly exacerbated pre-existing education disparities** by reducing the opportunities for many, especially for marginalised and indigenous communities. These inequalities are often further aggravated, by a **lack of access to technological facilities** making access education from remote locations, difficult.

This was a particular challenge for KISS, as our student body consists of tribal students from impoverished backgrounds. From a health perspective, as soon as the first case was announced in India in March, KISS sent its students back to their villages as a precautionary measure. Shortly thereafter, KISS joined hands with its sister organisations KIIT and KIMS, and various stakeholders, to initiate an action plan to help the worst-hit sections of society. Once our students were safely sent home, the challenge for us was to ensure that learning did not stop because of the pandemic.

Read below to learn about all our Covid-19 pandemic initiatives:

Healthcare Initiatives:

- ✓ India's first COVID Hospital at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) is ready and operational. This COVID Hospital is functioning from a block of KIMS with a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, paramedics and housekeeping staff.
- ✓ KISS Balangir & KISS Mayurbhanj are also functioning as COVID 19 hospitals, along with a further dedicated COVID 19 Hospital in Kandhamal in association with the district administration. These are each 200 bedded hospitals managed by KIMS and round the clock service following WHO and ICMR guidelines.



Education Initiatives:

- ✔ Both KIIT and KISS shut down well in advance before the state lockdown, giving time to the students to safely reach back to their homes. The Students of KISS were sent back with KISS representatives from different blocks so that they reach safely.
- ✔ KIIT is the first University to have begun online classes and online examinations for 30,000 children. In KISS, the students are in contact through what's app groups.
- ✔ Textbooks and allied study materials for the 30,000 students of all classes at their doorsteps. 4 consignments of materials were dispatched in 25 buses to 30 different districts in the State.
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Animal Care:

- ✔ KIIT & KISS started distributing food items such as green vegetables daily to stray monkeys. Though these monkeys and other animals are not susceptible to the virus itself, they have been severely affected by the COVID 19 outbreak mainly due to the lack of food which the residents used to provide. The two institutions also provided cooked food daily to other stray animals, including dogs, cows etc., living in areas from NALCC Square to the KIIT & KISS campuses in Patia.
- ✔ KIIT & KISS also adopted "People for Animals"- an NGO that takes care of 140 peacocks in Bhubaneswar. Besides this, financial assistance was provided to more than 10 "Goshalas" in Puri, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.



Food Distribution:

- ✓ A team has been assigned to deliver cooked food to police personnel on duty. Lunch is provided every day to more than 2000 police personnel and other front-line warriors across Bhubaneswar, Odisha's capital city. Food is also delivered to police personnel in adjoining cities of Puri and Cuttack.
- ✓ KIIT & KISS also distributed groceries to 40,000 people in the slum areas of Bhubaneswar thrice a week for the first month during the lockdown. These packets contained items like rice, pulses, cooking oil. Food and essential items were also distributed in containment zones where people were not allowed to step out for days due to the risk of coronavirus.
- ✓ KIIT and KISS have extended a helping hand to the Tibetan communities in Jiranga and Chandragiri of Gajapati district in Odisha. Though the COVID-19 pandemic is not an immediate concern in this far-flung area of Odisha, hunger and poverty remain an issue in many settlements in and around Chandragiri.
- ✓ The KIIT and KISS family have provided basic essentials and grocery for at least a month to the Tibetan families settled in Chandragiri and to the monks of Padmasambhava Mahavihara Monastery in Jirang, the largest Buddhist monastery in Eastern India. Besides food, a kit containing essential items like sanitizers, hand wash, sanitary napkins and masks were also provided by KIIT and KISS, facilitated under the visionary leadership of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Lok Sabha MP from Kandhamal and Founder of KIIT & KISS. Notably, KIIT and KISS have provided grocery for two old age homes in Chandragiri and have pledged to adopt both and take care of all finances henceforth. KISS is also supporting a hospital in Jiranga and has provided PPE to the health workers.



Looking after the Overlooked:

- ✓ KIIT and KISS extended a helping hand to the redlight areas in Bhubaneswar in the times of corona crisis. Dry and essential food items, groceries, sanitizers, masks and sanitary napkins were given with information about proper usage.
- ✓ KIIT, KISS, Sakha and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives came together to distribute ration and essential items for the transgender community in Bhubaneswar, Rayagada and a few districts of Odisha. Many in the TG community who make their living from begging at street signals to other nondescript means of livelihood have suffered because of the current lockdown. As such, their life in normal times is full of hardships, and during these insidious times, their life has been miserable due to starvation and poverty.



Migrant Lives Matter:

- After the India-wide lockdown, a lot of unemployed migrant workers are stuck in cities with barely any resources. Many started retreating to their villages. With the loss of livelihoods, a large number of them struggle to support their families. KIIT and KISS also came forward to help the stranded labour in Odisha by providing them temporary shelter, cooked meals, sanitary products and arranging their travel back to their native place safely after the lockdown norms were relaxed. More than 1000 migrant workers were helped in this initiative by KIIT & KISS.



Aid to Spiritual Centres:

- Because of the lockdown of more than 90 days, devotees have been unable to attend places of worship despite the fact that rituals continued as usual. The priests who maintain it is facing times of crisis without any money. KIIT and KISS also extended help to the places of worship in Bhubaneswar, to the priests and other people who maintain the premises and to many Mathas in Puri by providing them grocery that would last three months and cash for other expenses.



Awareness & Dissemination:

- The students of KISS are creating awareness on Social Distancing, washing hands and respiratory hygiene in their respective districts. Besides under Project Uday massive awareness camps have been organised at market places and through a door to door campaign on Social Distancing, hand washing and proper usage of masks. 500 volunteers are involved for this purpose and 220 villages in aspirational districts of Rayagada, Koraput and Malkangiri has been covered. They are also helping the state government in monitoring and administering Quarantine Centers. The work covers 6 aspirational Districts of Odisha: Raygada, Malkangiri, Koraput, Kandhamal, Balangir, and Gajapati.



Sanitary Needs for Girls & Women:

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Leveraging Power of Media & Technology

- ✓ Popular Odia literary magazine Kadambini founded by Prof. Achyuta Samanta was leveraged as a tool to keep people engaged at home as the lockdown prevailed. The Chief Editor of the magazine kept the readers engrossed through her exemplary storytelling. Free online versions were distributed.
- ✓ Awareness campaigns on the do's and don'ts of COVID19 along with the educational classes. The television channel also periodically ran government ads to create awareness and provide all relevant information on the virus.
- ✓ Online classes and examinations are being conducted across all centres and schools of the institute covering approximately 30,000 children. For students of KISS, some of whom live in the most backwards areas of the state, education through WhatsApp was being conducted. Now, KISS reaches them through television channel- Kalinga TV.
- ✓ KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) is recognised as a Centre for Augmenting War with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH) under Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. along with similar institutes from IITs & other eminent Universities in India. KIIT-TBI is responsible for implementing this program in East & NE.
- ✓ E-Learning Class programme was inaugurated at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) under the initiative of KISS and Kalinga TV. Classroom teaching is the best and real mode of imparting education. However, due to the outbreak of coronavirus pandemic, schools and colleges have been shut down. KISS authority has provided hassle-free learning for students who are confined to their homes. The faculties and staff of KISS are in constant touch with the students, who were provided with textbooks and dry food items to ensure their study from home. Kalinga TV telecasts e-learning class for a period of half an hour every day. Even non-KISS students from every corner of Odisha will benefit from the e-classes.



Coordination & Collaboration

- ✓ KIIT and KISS is working with the Government of Odisha to provide support in the form of all its available resources – logistics, infrastructure, healthcare, human resources etc in its various activities at grassroots.
- ✓ KISS is also working closely with the American Embassy in the repatriation of American and Indian American personnel who have been stuck in Odisha and other adjoining areas.
- ✓ KISS is conducting a survey on behalf of UNDP India on migrant labour for a policy level change.
- ✓ KIIT and KISS in collaboration with US Consulate General Hyderabad virtually launched a project on Creating Covid-19 Awareness among Tribal Communities in Odisha. The project envisages engagement of youth volunteers and civil society organizations in creating awareness on Covid-19 and building resilience towards recovery in Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, and Kandhamal districts.



Our Guiding Principles

- ✓ **Leaving No-one Behind** - To provide relief material and other necessities to homeless, stranded migrants, slum dwellers, daily wagers, transgenders, beggars, and animals on the street, frontline workers and other vulnerable people. It is putting forth to the Government needs of the poor and indigenous communities.
- ✓ **Mobilizing adequate and well-directed financing**- Reaching out to Good Samaritans, corporate houses, national and international organizations, KIIT and KISS has diversified work and mobilised financial and human resources for relief to the needy, distribution of hygiene products to women and girls, IEC material for wider dissemination (including in local and tribal languages) and setting up quarantine facilities and dedicated COVID-19 hospitals by utilizing the existing infrastructure facilities. In partnership with Government, needs and requirements of people are being identified and feedback loop to the government for action has been established.
- ✓ **Strengthening institutions for integrated solutions and effective implementation** - KIIT and KISS are working with the state government and local self-government institutions (urban and rural) to find solutions for the present crisis. Apart from enabling the state government to utilise our existing infrastructure, both these educational institutions have bolstered local action by utilizing staff and students as a volunteer force across Odisha. In this process, strong communication packages are being implemented to reach the most vulnerable.
- ✓ **Harnessing science, technology and innovation** - The science and technology hub is devising innovative and sustainable solutions and influencing government strategies. Research partnerships with Universities of Cambridge and East Anglia are now focused on food futures - by using volunteers and IVRS platform for benefit of indigenous communities.



Light in the Dark // CASE STUDY

KISSian Jayshankar Praska

Our goal with educating our students has always been to empower them to become changemakers. While we pause to reflect on the effect of Covid19 on education, we realize that even this pandemic cannot dim our dreams. Perhaps one of the most validating gifts we could receive the pandemic is that despite the challenges that our students are facing, they have continually stepped up to help their peers. We'll leave you with this story of KISSian Jayshankar Praska, from Raghunathpur village in Raygada district of Odisha. Jayshankar is a PG student, pursuing a degree in English and since the beginning of the lockdown, he has been dedicated in his efforts to teach the young children in his village.

Students like Jayshankar understand the importance of education and ensure that none around them are deprived of this right. At the end of the day, this is our dream in action – watching our students nurture their own dreams while they empower those around them.

Isn't this enough proof that education matters?

important information

In this section, you can find information about our Governance,
Finances, and Collaboration

OUR GOVERNANCE



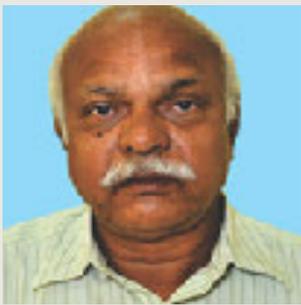
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T R E A S U R E R

DR. PRASHANTA KUMAR
ROUTRAY

SOME IMPORTANT COLLABORATIONS

UNFPA



KISS, in partnership with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is implementing a project on "Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) and Life Skill Education (LSE) for about 10,000 adolescents at the institute and more than 2,00,000 across the state. The program aims to ensure provide vulnerable tribal children with a safer, informed and rewarding upbringing.

US Embassy India



Recognizing KISS' mission and contribution towards empowering the poorest of poor, the US Embassy has sponsored an "English Access Micro Scholarship Program". The program has been successful in gradually building up writing, reading, listening & speaking skills in English, for a group of selected students of KISS. The program provides a foundation of English language skills to over 550 talented students.

UNDP



UNDP, in association with KISS, has started a Skill Development programme in Odisha. Under this project a plethora of skill associated training will be provided to youth in remote regions, through online connectivity and having on-the-job training through local partnerships. The goal of the program is to provide livelihood options to underprivileged youth.

Guide-Star India



KISS is accredited with Guide-Star India because of its commitment towards enhancing Accountability and Transparency in the sector through good governance

UNICEF



UNICEF, in association with KISS, has established a **Children Development Resource Centre (CDRC)** as part of the larger UNICEF-KIIT University joint initiative for the **Centre for Children Studies (CCS)**. The goal is to promote evidence-based policy making, by building a knowledge base through action-research and other development programmes on children's issues, focusing on the state of Odisha. Hence, a resource centre at KISS has been established for students and research scholars.

Oracle



Oracle has granted a project to KISS for the creation of Smart Classrooms. Under the project, 200 classrooms with have interactive smart projectors and boards. This will provide interactive learning for Science, Technology, English and Math (STEM). These classrooms will augment the teaching learning capacities of teachers and students alike. Students from Class 1 to Class 10 can avail a new and enhanced form of learning.

University of East Anglia



KISS, in collaboration with the University of East Anglia has launched Project CHIRAG. This project will conduct evidence-based advocacy for building and reinforcing Sustainable Food Systems, under the overall rubric of achieving SDGs in India, at the national, state and local level.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)



The MoU between TISS and KISS is aimed at establishing a framework for collaborative partnership on mutually agreed areas by promoting and co-opting human resources for undertaking research, curriculum and pedagogy development, livelihood & skill building, counselling, training program, seminar and workshops for teachers and students. This also aids capacity development of teachers along with providing holistic education to the tribal children.

Bernard van Leer Foundation



KISS, in collaboration with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, has started the Mother-Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MT based MLE) to aid indigenous children enrolled in school. The organization has set up a language lab in which indigenous children are taught in their mother tongue so that they relate to their own culture when they first enrol in school. At a later age, they are gradually transitioned into Odiya-medium and English-medium education.

Give India



KISS is accredited with Give India. The main aim of Give India is to promote an effective and efficient giving culture that provides greater opportunities to the poor in India. It is a vibrant 'philanthropy marketplace' to ensure that the most effective and efficient non-profits get access to resources. After a thorough scrutiny, KISS has been listed under Give India and will now receive support for various activities.

University of Cambridge



KISS has initiated an exciting new research project 'Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable Food Supplies (TIGR2ESS)'. Awarded by Cambridge University, UK, KISS is a Lead Partner for this multi-year project. The project is the first of its kind, focusing on new technological innovations in the area of sustainable agriculture and nutrition security, going beyond the seed-fertiliser-water package of the Green Revolution.

British Council



British Council, in partnership with Diageo, has launched the Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme which is being implemented at KISS. British Council also provides E-library facilities which are availed by the tribal students, who can now access academic, non-academic literature and reference materials.

AIESEC



AIESEC provides students with the opportunity to pursue internships in international destinations. KISS annually receives approximately 15 international interns, who come through the AIESEC Internship Program.

FXB Suraksha



Both KISS and FXB are working for the common cause of promoting education for less privileged children of India. This association has made KISS work with large organizations working on similar grounds and concerns.

AFS Intercultural Programs, India



KISS, along with KIIT University and KIIT International School, has collaborated with AFS India, while also creating opportunities for international students to pursue internships and volunteering at KISS.

Child & Youth Finance International



KISS has collaborated with Child & Youth Finance International to help strengthen the skills of students studying at the institute. The cooperation will also target children and youth in 20 districts of Odisha where KISS has operations.

CAF India



Charities Aid Foundation has validated KISS as of the few Indian NGOs committed to demonstrating and maintaining financial transparency. CAF is also partner to Oracle and thus is looking after the compliances of the projects that we have with Oracle

National Slum Dwellers Federation



In association with Mr. Jockin Arputham, Magsaysay award winner, KISS will conduct development work in the slums of Odisha and India.

EMAMI



Emami and KISS joined hands to establish a residential school at Balasore. Under the agreement, Emami will provide full financial support related to infrastructure development and recurring expenditure on an annual basis. KISS, on the other hand, will be responsible for managing the school.

The “Emami-KISS Residential School” was launched at Balasore, Odisha in the presence of Mr. RS Agarwal and Mr. R.S Goenka, Co-Founders, Emami Limited for the underprivileged tribal children.

EdCIL (India) Ltd.



EdCIL (India) Ltd. is associated with KISS under its CSR program, whereby, EdCIL provides assistance for KISS to purchase text books for its current academic session. EdCIL has also shown interest in providing support to KISS towards building Smart classrooms in the future.

Tata Steel Limited



KISS and Tata Steel have agreed to strengthen the relationship between the industry and the institutions by collaborating for various academic, research, training and staff development activities. They will also facilitate education of the children of the displaced families at KISS and work for upliftment of marginalized vulnerable sections of the population.

NALCO Foundation



Nalco Foundation has been partnering with KISS since 2013. The group has sponsored 240 students in the first year from its peripheral location in Koraput district. It added another 100 students the subsequent year. NALCO Foundation has also envisaged an interest to come forward and extend help towards the school at Koraput.

General Insurance Corporation of India



GIC is associated with KISS through its sponsorship of 80 Post-Graduate students. Through this, GIC is engaged in substantial and sustained efforts towards providing higher education to underprivileged students at KISS.

GIC may, in the future, also consider providing financial support in projects of KISS – through terms and conditions as per subsequent agreements that are yet to be developed – for the betterment of tribal students through its CSR arm.

Max Foundation



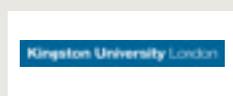
Max Foundation has been partnering with KISS over the last four years to provide vaccination to children enrolled at KISS. The group provides vaccinations such as MMR, Typhoid, Hep-B, etc on a yearly basis to nearly 2000 children.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)



TCS is associated with KISS to provide training in soft skills through their Affirmative program. Under this program, the graduating students will undergo a vast course to develop and improve their ability to communicate and demonstrate other leadership qualities. This will, in turn, improve their employability skills.

Collaborations with International Universities



Hanseon University, Republic of Korea



University of Cambodia, Cambodia



University of Tubingen, Germany



University of East Anglia, UK



College of Charleston, US



Cambridge University, UK



Kingston University, UK



Northumbria University, UK



University of Central Lancashire, UK



Leeds University, UK



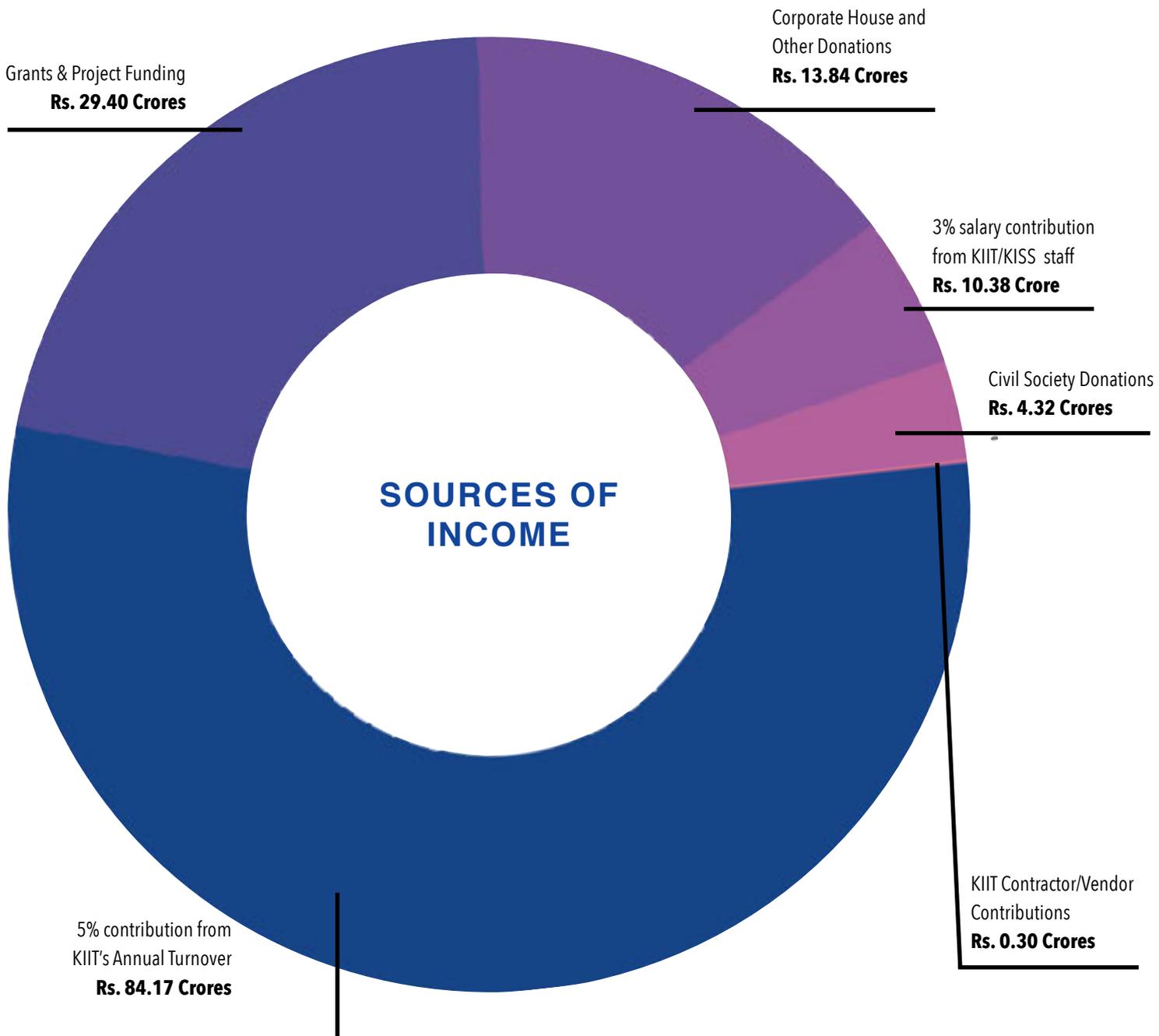
Helsinki Espana – University Network, Spain

KISS Financials

Income & Expenditure for the Year



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. Now, 60,000 tribal children of 62 tribes, including 13 primitive tribes, are pursuing their education from Class-1 to PhD level at KISS.



The sources of income of KISS are as follows;

The total receipts by way of donations & grants from various sources are **Rs. 145.98 crores** as detailed below:

- As per the resolution passed by the KIIT Society, 5% of the total turnover of KIIT. This financial KIIT has donated Rs. 84.17 crores operations.
- 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. 10.38 crores (approx.).
- The donations from civil society and well-wishers contribute benevolently for this noble cause amounting to Rs. 4.32 crores (approx.).
- Donations received from different organizations, corporate houses like Give India amounting to Rs. 13.84 cores (approx.).
- Further, Grants received for projects undertaken is Rs. 29.40 crores.
- Bank Interest and other miscellaneous receipts is Rs. 3.87 crores.
- Balance funds requirement was met from own sources / reserves, etc.

Total recurring expenditure for the year 2019-20 is Rs. 115.77 crores.

Total 5% seats in professional education programs 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. 20 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. 11.00 crores

Thus the **Overall Recurring expenses** will be in the range of **Rs. 146.77 crores.**

In addition the **Non- recurring expenses** during the year are **Rs. 36.06** crores.

Abridged Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31.03.2020

Particulars	Yr:2020	Yr:2019	Particulars	Yr:2020	Yr:2019
Academic / Co-curricular Expenses	109,977,157	104,087,901	Donation -		
Mess Related Expenses	450,421,834	425,065,173	KIIT Group	841,722,938	917,860,902
Employee benefits expense	299,335,507	233,720,626	Corporate	138,491,063	251,785,087
Project Expenses	46,231,754	51,584,195			
Office Related Expenses	107,523,931	69,919,835	Staff (KIIT Group of Institutions)	103,835,223	86,112,723
Indirect Expenses	25,060,063	24,489,010			
Depreciation and emortization expenses	119,182,838	115,038,940	Public / Others	43,204,200	58,627,887
			Sub-total	1,127,253,424	1,314,385,599
			Grant	294,024,115	365,897,943
			Other Income	38,794,904	39,977,863
Excess of Income over Expenditure	302,339,359	696,356,725	<i>Excess of Expenditure over Income</i>	-	-
Total	1,460,072,443	1,720,262,405	Total	1,460,072,443	1,720,262,405

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2020

Liabilities	Yr:2020	Yr:2019	Assets	Yr:2019
Capital/Account	1061849825	1,036,099,825	Fixed Assets	2,268,547,727
Reserves & Surplus	1007578325	706,238,967	Non-current assets	23,197,409
Borrowings & Deposits	137919145	293,043,784	Current Assets	797,211,041
Current Liabilities	881808881	828,170,309		
Total	3,089,156,177	2,863,552,885	Total	3,089,156,177

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