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(Deemed to be University u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956)

Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Accredited 'A' Grade by NAAC

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KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY | U/S 3 OF UGC ACT 1956



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Certificate of Accreditation

The Executive Committee of the
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(Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
KISS Campus-3, Dist. Khordha, Bhubaneswar, Odisha as
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at A grade
valid up to March 20, 2029

Date : March 21, 2024

Director

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Another feather on KISS-DU's Cap
Receives 'A' Grade in its First Cycle by NAAC

Founder's Message



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University has earned a name in the global map and has become a name to reckon with. Sustainable Development Goals, Inclusive and Quality Education, Community Engagement Activities, Life Skills, Compassion and Empathy are the pillars on which the University stands. It has been proactive in adopting innovative initiatives like Professors Emeriti and Professors of Practice to inculcate teaching and research ethos on campus. The University emphasizes on indigenous essence of education and over a period of time has emerged as a Centre for Excellence in indigenous knowledge and learning. KISS-DU regularly organizes multifarious activities like Seminars, Workshops, Webinars, Capacity Building Programmes, Distinguished Invited Lectures, Faculty Development Programmes, Visits of eminent national and international dignitaries.

We have recently achieved 'A' Grade by NAAC, in its first cycle of accreditation. No doubt, it is a landmark event for any institution. The journey of KISS-DU has been eventful, yet full of challenges. When I look back in time, it is unbelievable that an institution which started in 1992-93 with just 125 tribal children and had started in a rented house has grown into an academic inspiration for other institutions, with 7 innovative Schools; 26 Academic Programmes; over 100 MoUs and collaborations; cutting-edge research; national and international projects; Sports and focus on skill building programmes. Classes at KISS-DU are organised under the seven innovative schools to ensure that our academic research and instruction is tribal centric. This is the first initiative of its kind in India.

Since its inception in 2017, the University has achieved accolades in academics, sports and cultural activities at national and international platforms. This is a sheer reflection of our commitment and dedication towards imparting quality education to indigenous children and creating change agents both at the level of society and community. As we complete another successful year at KISS-DU, and it is time to reflect on our accomplishments as we continue to impart quality education to the underprivileged in our unique way. We strongly believe that education is the powerful tool in the fight against poverty. In addition to quality education, we believe in honing the skills of the students in key areas of entrepreneurship, vocational skills, communication and soft skills and start ups. We wish to see self reliant individuals through initiatives like Atma Nirbharshil Janjatiya Yuva Udyami who would contribute in making the world a better place to live in.

Prof. (Dr) Achyuta Samanta

Hon'ble Founder KISS & KIIT



Vice Chancellor's Message

This Annual Report reflects our unwavering commitment to academic excellence, social responsibility, and holistic development, and highlights the incredible strides we have made in our mission to empower indigenous communities and contribute meaningfully to the society at large.

At KISS Deemed to be University, we continue to provide quality education, holistic growth, and leadership opportunities to the underprivileged students. Our unique model of education, combining academic rigor with indigenous values, not only shapes well-rounded individuals but also prepares them to make a lasting impact on the world around them. The achievements outlined in this report are a testament to the collective hard work, vision, and passion of our students, faculty, staff, and the wider KISS community. All these achievements have been possible due to the innovative leadership of the Hon'ble Founder, Professor (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta.

This year has been significant in terms of our academic growth, infrastructural developments, and various initiatives aimed at community engagement. Our research programs have gained momentum, and we have continued to foster a culture of innovation and interdisciplinary learning. Our focus on imparting life skills, leadership qualities, and critical thinking continues to remain at the heart of our curriculum. We have also taken several initiatives to strengthen our partnerships with national and international institutions, further enhancing our global footprint.

Moreover, we recognize the importance of research and community-driven projects that aim to address real-world challenges, particularly those that impact marginalized communities. As we move forward, the University is committed to increasing its contribution to sustainable development, social justice, and inclusion.

As Vice Chancellor, I am deeply grateful for the dedication of our faculty and staff, whose relentless efforts ensure that our students and research scholars receive a well-rounded education. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to our alumni, whose success stories continue to inspire and motivate us.

I look forward to the many achievements and milestones that the coming years will bring.

Professor Deepak K. Behera

Vice Chancellor
KISS Deemed to be University

Our Governance

The KISS-DU governance system reflects leadership in institutional practices. The university's policy-making bodies follow a decentralised and participatory framework. This includes the involvement of all stakeholders, and the decision-making process is democratic. The Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, and University Leadership ensure that the governance system functions smoothly and is transparent.

Executive Council



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Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU



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Director General, KISS-DU



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Director, IQAC & Chair Professor,
Madhusudhan Das Research Chair &
Biju Patnaik Research Chair



Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray
Registrar, KISS-DU

Academic Council



Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera
Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU



Prof.(Dr) Sabita Acharya
Vice Chancellor,
Utkal University



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Professor Emeritus
KISS-DU



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Professor Emeritus
KISS-DU



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Authority (NMA)



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KISS-DU



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KISS-DU



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Management



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Science and Technology &
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Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray
Registrar, KISS-DU

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Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU



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Chief Finance Officer,
Head - Human Relations



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University Leadership



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Chancellor, KISS-DU



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Mr. Rudrakesh Jena
Deputy Director, Sports



Er. Suvendu Panda
Nodal Officer (KISS-DU Green)

Preface

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, since its inception in 2017 has endeavored in maintaining academic excellence and imparting quality education to the students. The Annual Report Committee of the KISS Deemed to be University has put its best foot forward in summarizing the salient activities, and achievements of the university. It reflects on the wide array of various academic, co-curricular activities organized by the University. It highlights the journey undertaken by the seven Schools of the University, notable contributions of the faculty members, achievements by the students and the like. Further, this report also includes the extensive participation of the faculty members, rich academic ethos, research and publications, MoUs, projects, and many more milestones in the year under consideration.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Hon'ble Founder, Hon'ble Chancellor, Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Esteemed Registrar of the University for their unwavering support and encouragement in completing this report. The Annual Report Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the Deans, Directors, Programme Heads, Faculty Members and Administrative Staff for providing relevant information.

We at KISS-DU are committed to imparting quality education, ensuring the security and well-being of all stakeholders, fostering inclusion, promoting innovation, and upgrading the skills of the individual as well as the University. We shall continue to maintain a strong culture of curating platforms and providing opportunities for growth and success.

The Committee thanks to all those who have directly or indirectly contributed in preparing and publishing this Annual Report 2022-23.

IQAC Team



Our Founder



Prof. Achyuta Samanta is an educationist, philanthropist, and social worker. He founded the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), both educational institutions of global reputation and recognition. KIIT is one of the most prominent universities in India and the globe for professional education, having more than 30,000 students from all over India and 65 other countries. KISS is a home for 70,000 Indigenous children with education, boarding and skills for empowerment, all free of cost.

Besides Education and tribal upliftment, healthcare and rural development, Prof. Samanta has contributed immensely to art, culture, literature, film, media, society and national integration. Incredibly, the child who lost his father at the age of four and was brought up amidst severe poverty and deprivation with seven siblings and a widowed mother in a quaint village in Odisha has accomplished this monumental work without any favour or backing in such a short period for the society. He has converted the remote village of 'Kalarabanka', Cuttack, into a Smart Village

and the entire Manpur Panchayat into a model Panchayat (cluster of villages).

He has been conferred over 50 International and National awards and over 200 state awards, besides the two highest Civilian Awards from the Royal Kingdom of Bahrain and Mongolia. He has been conferred with 49 Honorary Doctorate awards from universities in India and abroad. He is the first Odia to be a member of both UGC and AICTE. He is currently the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Kandhamal, Odisha and the President of the Volleyball Federation of India. Besides, he founded Parliamentarians for Indigenous People and was Designated President (India) of Democracy without Borders.

As a social reformer, he has been propagating the “Art of Giving” (philosophy of life), a concept aimed at bringing peace and happiness around the globe, Kanyakiran to promote zero-tolerance against gender-based violence, Education for all for creating awareness on the importance of Education and many more like New Mind, New Dreams, India Against Negativity, Art of Appreciation to name a few. Despite all his achievements, he leads a simple lifestyle in a two-room rented apartment as a bachelor, marching towards the cause of spreading smiles among millions and achieving zero poverty, zero hunger, and zero illiteracy.

Awards & Recognition

The life and work of Prof. Samanta have been the subject of several films, documentaries, television series, talk shows, advocacy and awareness films, magazines, and news items from all leading print and electronic media worldwide. His contribution has been recognised through several prestigious national and international awards. Some of these include:

Awards received by Dr. Samanta

- Awarded Odisha State Energy Conservation Award (OSECA) 2023
- Brainfeed Lifetime Achievement Award, 4th Edition of Education and Training Resources & Technology Expo (ET TECH X)
- 1st 'Odia Asmita Samman' award at the Asmita Odisha Conclave
- Sports Leadership Award from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Awarded Legendary Humanitarian Award from Professor Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, 2023
- Awarded Ramachandra Mardaraj Samman 2023

Doctorates

His contributions in education and educational entrepreneurship have been recognized by over 100 universities in India and abroad, and government and non-government organisations. He has been awarded over 51 Honoris Causa Doctorates and Doctorate of Letters. These Universities are as follows:

1. Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Assam – 2023
2. Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed-to-be-University), Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 2023
3. Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri – 2023
4. Rural University of Guatemala – 2023
5. Mayan University, Guatemala – 2023
6. Huafan University, Taiwan – 2024
7. Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University, Jaipur – 2024



The Genesis

Dr. Achyuta Samanta founded the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in 1992-93, with only 125 poor tribal students who were entirely free and fully residential. Currently, the number of students educated through KISS has touched 80,000 students (30,000 on campus, 10,000 in satellite centres and 40,000 alumni). This institution has been accorded the Deemed to be University status by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India on 25th August 2017 (now Ministry of Education). KISS has become the first university in the world exclusively for tribal students. The University has introduced seven innovative areas in the first phase with the approval of UGC to provide impetus to research in tribal legal studies, tribal rights, tribal resource management, tribal culture and heritage, tribal languages, tribal medicines, tribal technology and tribal indic studies.



About KISS-DU

KISS Deemed to be University: Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) was founded by Professor Achyuta Samanta in the year 1992-93 with a view to imparting quality education to the marginalized tribal children from standard I level to post graduation as well as Doctoral level research absolutely free of cost in a residential set up. It was granted Deemed to be University status by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), now Ministry of Education Government of India in August, 2017 U/S 3 of UGC Act 1956. KISS is the first residential University in the world with free education for the indigenous students and is dedicated to work exclusively for educating and empowering tribal children. The University has been accredited with 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its first cycle.



Vision, Mission, Commitment and Quality Policy

Vision

To build KISS-DU as a premier institution of teaching, research, skill development and social entrepreneurship for the youth from the marginalized tribal communities as well as ensuring their cultural heritage and diversity.

Mission

- To pursue academic excellence in innovative areas of studies pertaining to indigenous (tribal) life and culture.
- To develop a creative and critical disposition among students towards their own communities and the world at large.
- To empower the students with adequate domain knowledge, life skills, leadership and entrepreneurial abilities.
- To encourage affirmation of linkages of the students to their cultural moorings and heritage by preserving, protecting and promoting cultural diversity.
- To promote indigenous knowledge in harmony with the imperatives of scientific rationality.
- To recognize, foreground, commemorate and celebrate indigenous cultural memories of the empowering icons, events and processes.
- To orient the indigenous communities towards a global perspective of the SDGs by equipping the students with the requisite skills and turning them into agents of social transformation.
- To strive for continuous quality enhancement of academic and institutional governance to promote a culture of credibility, transparency and reliability.

Commitment

Value scholarship, maintain a sense of integrity and create agents of change in the tribal communities.

Quality Policy

- KISS Deemed to be University is committed to imparting quality education and honing skill sets based on ethical practices and shape students into

responsible citizens and excellent professionals who can contribute in achieving personal, organizational and social goals with a humane touch.

- The University believes in creating an environment for teaching, learning, research with focus on all the quality parameters.
- The University's Management shall regularly monitor and review its performance and strive for continuous improvement and adaptation of best practices across the globe and implementing a Quality Management System.

State-of-the-art-infrastructure

KISS-DU, a unitary, residential, and fully free university for tribal students, boasts state-of-the-art teaching, learning, and research infrastructure. Spread over 33.304 acres, the university comprises an Administration Block, two Academic Blocks, and two Hostels. The Academic Blocks feature well-furnished ICT-enabled classrooms with Wi-Fi, short-throw projectors, and smart-pen devices for effective teaching. The university houses 15 labs, including seven science labs (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Computer Science), five other labs (Education, Anthropology, Home Science, Geography, Psychology), and a Language lab.

In addition to the laboratories, KISS-DU has several specialised cells and centres, including a Central Instrumentation Facility System, an Incubation Centre, seven Innovation Centres, an Industry-Academia Partnership Cell, an IQAC, an HRDC, seven Research Chairs, a Training and Placement Cell, an IPR Cell, an Equal Opportunity Cell, a Wellness Center, an SC/ST Cell, and an International Relations Office. The university also has six UGC Mandatory Cells/Committees: Gender Sensitization Cell, Anti-Ragging Cell, Grievance Redressal Cell, Anti-Discriminatory Cell, Internal Complaints Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment, and Committee of Barrier-Free Access to Persons with Disabilities.

The institution has offices for social outreach for NSS, Red Cross, and Rangers and Rovers. The university's IT infrastructure includes two well-equipped computer labs with 120 desktops, another lab with 100 laptops and 20 iPads, and 100 computers with LCD projectors in classrooms. The digital library has 30 computers, and there are 30 more computers in various programs under different schools. The entire university has Wi-Fi enabled and LAN facilities.

KISS-DU has four high-tech seminar/conference halls and an auditorium

equipped with audio-visual devices and LAN connections. The university provides separate, well-furnished hostels for boys and girls, maintaining high hygienic standards. An automated library with an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) and digitisation facility is also available.

The university excels in sports, with tribal students participating in national and international events. Sporting facilities include a synthetic athletic track (400m) & stadium, a plastic athletic track (200m), an Olympic-size swimming pool and complex, an international archery stadium, a football ground, and a velodrome. Professional coaches, including renowned national and international professionals, train the students. KISS-DU has agreements with FIFA and the Japan International Cooperation Agency for football and rugby coaching, respectively. The university regularly hosts national and international sporting events and invites accomplished athletes to inspire students.

The university also promotes cultural activities. An open-air amphitheatre showcases tribal cultural practices such as dance, music, and folk theatre. The large open space in front of the new academic block is used for staging various cultural programs.

KISS-DU is a fully residential university with two campuses in one compact area, providing a peaceful, ragging-free environment. Students receive free lodging, boarding, healthcare, and recreational facilities. The university has two separate hostels for boys and girls, each with 1500 beds and faculty and staff residencies. The proximity of the library and computer labs allows students to use these facilities beyond class hours. Peer learning is encouraged, with slow learners benefiting from advanced learners in the same hostels. Mentors regularly visit the hostels to stay in touch with students.

The university ensures its students' essential needs and comfort, providing separate dining halls for male and female students, free uniforms, notebooks, stationery, and other facilities. A 200-bed hospital on campus caters to the health needs of students, faculty, and staff. The campus features solar panels for alternative energy, generators for power backup, a biogas plant, large ponds, and an off-campus dairy farm aiming for self-sufficiency. Guest houses, a nationalised bank, an ATM, and parking facilities are available. The mechanised kitchen and mega dining hall facilitate quick food distribution, and a sewage treatment plant ensures eco-friendly waste disposal.

The campus is safe and secure, with CCTV surveillance and night watchmen. Due to power generators and solar energy provisions, power cuts do not affect the university's functioning. The campus has ample open space for recreation, and vocational training is provided to enhance students' skills. The University infrastructure facilitates the institutionalization of the Swedish concept of "Earning while Learning" method.

The overall ambience of KISS-DU is conducive to the holistic growth of its students.










BOYS HOSTEL


GIRLS HOSTEL
(BLOCK-B)


people
of success
make it
happen


























CAMPUS-4

Academics @KISS-DU

School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science



The School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science, KISS Deemed to be University, was established in 2017-18, inspiring the development of tribal communities by applying advanced science and technology while keeping the habits and habitats intact.

Plants and animals have a special place in the life and living of human beings, and in the case of tribals, these have emotional bonding as they are born and brought up in and around such natural surroundings. The knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous people manifest their cultures. Indigenous science incorporates traditional knowledge and indigenous

perspectives, while non-indigenous scientific approaches are commonly recognised as Western science, and together, they contribute substantially to modern science. Indigenous perspectives are holistic as they are founded upon interconnectedness, reciprocity and, above all, the utmost respect for nature. Several technologies have been developed by indigenous people, which substantially contributed to the development of society. Science and technology have created unprecedented opportunities; both Western and indigenous scientific approaches and perspectives have their strengths in recent years.

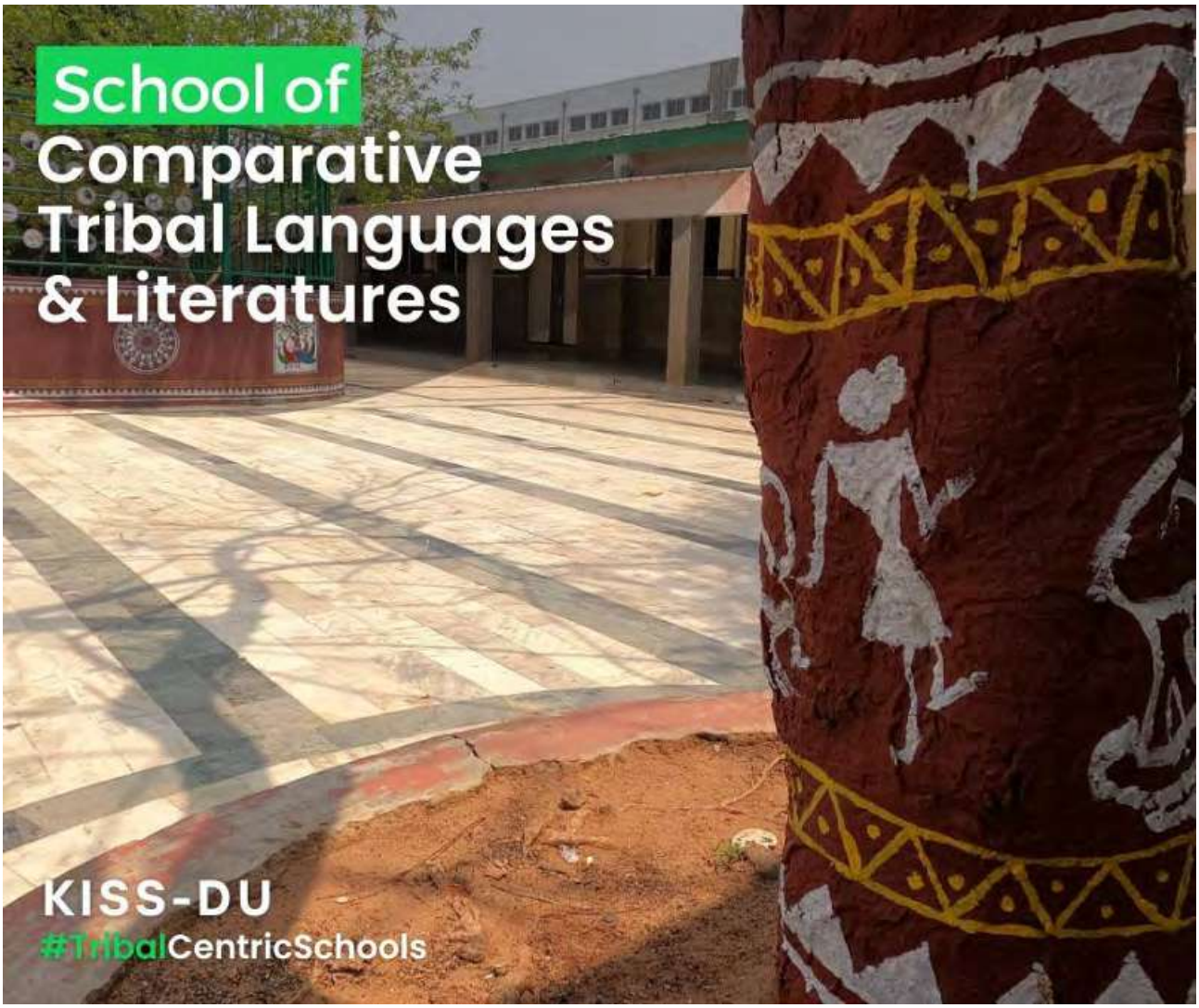
Hence, an innovative School – Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science – has been set up to promote, preserve and protect indigenous knowledge and implement it for sustainable development.

The school offers Post Graduate (PG) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes in three subjects: Botany, Zoology, Food Science and Technology; the school also focuses on interdisciplinary research for PhD students along with the regular course curriculum. Innovative subjects are incorporated in each semester of the PG syllabus, which focuses on innovative subjects like: "Ethnomedicinal System, Tribal Livelihood, Health and Nutritional Issues in Tribal Communities, Sustainable Utilization and Management of Tribal Resources". "Documentary theme-based movies" are also part of the course curriculum to depict/highlight the importance of Indigenous lifestyle, culture, biodiversity, conservation and sustainability of natural resources, etc. Equal importance has been given to gaining knowledge on various techniques, instrumentation, and statistics so that the students can work in any life science laboratory for research. He /she can also confidently work in the pharma industry or other related areas. The school offers up-to-date and flexible programs that will enable our students to be competitive in the job market and contribute to the holistic growth of Indigenous communities and mankind.

Programmes

- MSc in Botany with specialisation in Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science
- MSc in Zoology with specialisation in Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science
- MSc in Food Science & Technology with specialisation in Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science
- PhD under the School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science

School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures



KISS, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, was established on 25th August 2017. Out of the seven schools running under KISS DU, the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures has proved its relevance, importance and innovativeness since the inception of the University. This School offers two-year Master Programmes of one hundred ten credits in Hindi, English, Odia and Sanskrit and specialised studies from a comparative perspective in tribal languages and literatures. This School also offers Ph. D. in innovative areas of literary knowledge mainly concerned with tribal society, aesthetics and culture in an interdisciplinary framework. The academic programme of the School envisages preservation and revitalisation of tribal literature, languages and cultures by offering a set of standard innovative courses in the aforesaid Master's Programmes, namely

Tribes of India: Culture, Language, Demography, Fiction on Tribes: Issue of Land, Environment and Justice, Key Socio-Linguistics Concepts for Tribal Literary and Language Studies, World Poetry of the Aboriginals, Multilingual Education in India for Tribals and Theme based Movies, and Study of Artefacts and Material Culture in the Museum. The School proposes to offer a Master's programme in different tribal languages, such as Santali and Ho, shortly. Besides being trained in the critical interpretation of mainstream literary texts, each student of the School is exposed to research in ethnography, sociology and cultural anthropology through the learning of Research Methodology, doing fieldwork, and writing a dissertation. Career Orientation and Skill Development papers are also the unique additional features of the Master's Programmes. The chief academic agenda of the school is not only to critically engage the so-called non-native, elite, and Indigenous cultures with Indigenous oral-literary and aesthetic traditions but also to create possibilities for cross-fertilisation between them through translation.

Programmes

- MA in Odia with Specialization in Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures
- MA in Sanskrit with Specialization in Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures
- MA in Hindi with Specialization in Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures
- MA in English with Specialization in Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures
- M.A. in Santali with Specialization in Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures
- Ph.D. under the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures

School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology

The School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology, KISS Deemed to be University, was established in 2017-18 to study Indigenous scientific knowledge and technology developed in a symbiotic relationship with Nature. Indigenous people have innately understood natural resources in our ecosystem, but it has been supine over the years. In the present age of

globalisation, the tribes who are the custodians of indigenous knowledge and technology in a real sense are far behind in the race for advancement.

Such people's gradual developments in varied facets of life enable them to explore their traditional knowledge of human welfare. As the overexploitation of natural resources threatens the ecological balance and sustainable livelihood of tribal people, it is imperative to study our time-tested Indigenous knowledge and tribal technology with greater vigour.



Hence, an innovative School – the School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology – has been set up to promote, preserve and protect indigenous knowledge and implement it for sustainable development.

The importance of this school is to disseminate advanced knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal medicinal systems through phytochemical analysis and geosciences, as well as their impact on health conditions. The importance of cosmology in their culture, the Sutras and sub-sutras of Vedic mathematics, a nutritional component of tribes' food habits, intellectual property rights to preserve and conserve the biodiversity of Indigenous people, advancement in technologies relating to the natural resources of the tribal areas, and other branches of learning as they may deem fit.

This could be possible by teaching innovative courses in Indigenous Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights, Tribal Sports, Nutrition and

Health Management, Indigenous People and the Science of Gemmology, Indigenous People and the Science of Cosmology and Vedic Mathematics.

The courses examine indigenous knowledge and technology, blending traditional and modern scientific methods from interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches. The School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology constantly endeavours to improve its academic programme's knowledge and practice content to match the local, regional, national and international standards.

Programmes

- M.Sc. in Chemistry with Specialization in Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology
- M.Sc. in Physics with Specialization in Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology
- M.Sc. in Mathematics with Specialization in Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology
- M.Sc. in Computer Science with Specialization in Indigenous Knowledge Science and Technology
- Ph.D. under the School of Indigenous Knowledge Science and Technology

School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism



The School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism offers two years M.A. Programmes in the subjects of History, Philosophy and Political Science with a focus on indigenous knowledge through interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary mode in its M. Phil and Ph.D. programmes. This School is interlinked with other Schools of the University in a multidisciplinary framework. It extensively deals with the history and philosophy of the tribal communities and their socio-cultural and political organizations. Six innovative tribal papers are offered by this School in its MA Programmes highlighting different aspects of tribal culture. These papers are Tribal Culture in India: Transition and Change, World View Among the Tribals, Tribal Art of India, Tribal Movements in India with special reference to Odisha, Theme based movies/videos and Museum Visit for the study of artefacts and material culture, and Tribal Eco-spiritualism.

In fact, these innovative papers on tribal studies also cover their livelihood patterns in contemporary situations and Indigenous knowledge on environmental issues. Students at the School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-Spiritualism are exposed to empirical research methodology, so that they will be enabled to undertake research, write research papers and dissertations independently. The School of TCPE aims at grooming students to cope up with new and broad emerging academic environments where alternative viewpoints and innovative knowledge are appreciated and essential for action research and development. This school not only encourages the students to study and conduct research on various aspects of the rich tribal heritage but also equip them for empirical research and policymaking. The main purpose of this Innovative Department / School is to know and to preserve the rich tribal cultural heritage through proper education.

Programmes

- MA in History with Specialization in Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism
- MA in Philosophy with Specialization in Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism
- MA in Political Science with Specialization in Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism
- M.A. in Performing Arts with Specialization in Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-Spiritualism
- Ph.D. under the School of Tribal Culture Philosophy and Eco-Spiritualism

School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology



School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology (STHTI) is one of the seven schools of KISS that are deemed to be a university (KISS-DU) with pedagogic programmes that embody the mission and vision of KISS-DU. STHTI envisages building KISS D-U as a premier institution of teaching, research, skill development and social entrepreneurship for the youth from marginalized tribal communities. Accordingly, it is committed to bringing about curricular novelty and pursuing academic excellence in its three Master's Degree Programmes, namely Education, Psychology and Home Science.

STHTI does not just impart knowledge to the tribal students in the aforesaid core disciplines but also takes enough care to prevent possibilities of

alienation of the students from their own culture and heritage while enabling them to participate in the mainstream of the Indian citizenry. The curricular novelty is well reflected in the five innovative courses in Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology comprising components like tribal art, handicraft, textile, the status of women, religious beliefs and practices. Besides, it offers Value-added courses in subjects such as Tribal Cuisines, Social Reforms through Education: ideas of Gopabandhu Das, Self-help and Happiness, and Soft Skills like Communicative English and Data Analysis. These courses also gesture towards the vision and mission of KISS-DU.

Programmes

- MA in Education with specialization in Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology
- MA in Home Science with specialization in Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology
- MA in Psychology with specialization in Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology
- Ph.D. under the School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology

School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights

The School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights (TLS & TR) was established in 2017-18, just after the KISS Deemed-to be-University declared by UGC in 2017 to conduct teaching and research on problems relating to the tribal legal studies' tribal rights in the context of tribal development. The core thematic concerns of the School include questions of tribal development, tribal customary rights and problems of the scheduled tribes.

Our teaching and research programs have been conceptualized to develop systematic and comparative approaches to the analysis of tribal society, redefining the extant anthropological, sociological and social work perspectives in terms of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary orientations.

Broadly, the vision for anthropology, sociology, and social work in India rested on a continued tradition of research based on field work through various methods. This enabled us to respond more quickly to critical tribal developments and customary rights at micro level. This plurality of theoretical and methodological approaches remains a persisting and



defining feature of the school.

While setting up the Innovative School, one of the core concerns was to undertake innovative research and teaching on tribal legal studies and tribal rights in the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary with anthropological, sociological and social work perspectives, not conducted elsewhere.

Programmes

- MA in Anthropology with specialization in Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights
- MA in Sociology with specialization in Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights
- MA in Social Work with specialization in Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights
- Ph.D. under School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights

School of Tribal Resource Management



The School of Tribal Resource Management, KISS Deemed to be University, was established in 2017-18, to address the current and emerging rural development needs of the country and the inadequacy of homogeneous models of development. The School of Tribal Resource Management actively endeavours to equip its academic programme to measure up to local, regional, national and international standards. It may be mentioned here that KISS Deemed to be University is the first full-fledged institution in the field of tribal resource management in the country. Here students receive quality education free of cost.

KISS is now determined to build on this advantage by creating a regular, organized and permanent framework to ensure that the knowledge and wisdom of yore is explored in depth scientifically for the lasting benefit of posterity. The establishment of a School of Tribal Resource Management is a

step in this direction. The School has introduced three innovative interdisciplinary programmes namely Commerce, Economics and Geography, with specialization in Tribal Resource Management in the first phase with the approval of UGC to provide impetus to research in tribal resource management, tribal culture and tribal technology development. Besides implementing the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, the School has succeeded in bringing about the tangible socio-economic changes in the tribal hinterland of Odisha and neighbouring states.

Because of the School's commitment to helping tribal students develop their vocational, entrepreneurial and life skills, it strives to break the vicious circle of poverty and social isolation in which tribal communities find themselves trapped. The school also seeks to make tribal students aware that the people of their communities have a right to access varied Indigenous resources and opportunities in order to live a self-sufficient, adequate and dignified life.

Programmes

- M.Com with specialization in Tribal Resource Management
- M.A in Economics with specialization in Tribal Resource Management
- MA in Geography with specialization in Tribal Resource Management
- Ph.D. under the School of Tribal Resource Management

Curricular Aspects

The University introduced 26 new programmes in the academic year 2023-24. The faculty members of the University have developed online courses which have been floated in both the KISS-DU LMS and international platforms like Canopy Lab (a Danish Ed-tech company formed in Copenhagen). The University has incorporated Programme Outcomes (POs), Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) and Course Outcomes (COs). The Outcome Based Education (OBE) for PEOs, POs, PSOs, and COs are aligned with Bloom's Taxonomy and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and elective courses have been introduced in the programmes. The courses focus on essential components and cross-cutting issues like employability, entrepreneurship, Sustainable Development Goals, Human Values, Gender, Professional Ethics, Environment and Sustainability into the curriculum. In addition to the regular courses, the University is also offering a number of Value Added Courses across all Schools.

Library-Resources and Facilities

The University Library is automated using the latest version of Integrated Library Management System Software LIBSYS-10. Presently, the web version of LIBSYS-10 software with a bar-coding system is used for fast processing of library routine work like issue/return. The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) facilitates searching books and other relevant documents by authors'/publishers' name, title, subject and keywords. Easy access has been provided to the library users of e-resources such as e-journals, e-books and e-databases. The KISS-DU Library is a member of the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) which enables the faculty members and research scholars to access virtual national repositories of online resources. The OMEKA Software is used as an archive for collecting, storing, preserving and supplying digital copies to the users of the Library.



Research, Innovation and Projects

KISS-DU has created a vibrant research, innovation and extension education system since its inception in 2017. The research programmes have been increasing in strength and depth. Presently, the University has UGC-JRF and NFST scholars carrying out research on themes related to tribal culture and society. Faculty members have published papers in SCOPUS, Web of Science and UGC Care indexed journals, in addition to other publications in peer-reviewed journals, books and book chapters. Research projects have been

granted by various government and non-government agencies.

The research activities at the University are coordinated by a Research and Development Cell (R&D Cell) has formulated and implemented a specific Research Promotion Policy and Research Incentivization Policy. KISS-DU maintains focus on IPR, entrepreneurship and skill development. The University is also a member of the Institution Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education and conducts various programmes to promote innovation. KISS-DU has many ongoing national and international projects, to name a few - DBT,DST, ICSSR, ICHR and ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union and other funding agencies.

Further, the University has established Research Chairs in the names of legends of the state to carry out research on the life and works of these famous personalities: Madhusudan Das, Gopabandhu Das, Biju Patnaik, Santa Kabi Bhima Bhoi, Dr. Ambedkar, Laxman Naik and Birsa Munda. KISS-DU has instituted KISS-DU Innovation Council comprising seven innovative research Centres to step up research activities in Tribal Studies from multi-disciplinary perspective: Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Centre for Sacred Groves, Centre for Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Diversity, Centre for Indigenous Science and Technology, Centre for Indigenous Knowledge on Herbal Medicines and Therapeutics, Centre for Indigenous Languages and Narratives and Centre for the Study of Indigenous Peoples across the Globe. The University also has a number of patents to its credit.

MoUs and Collaborations

KISS-DU has many functional MoUs and collaborations with institutions, research establishments and industries for research and academic development of faculty and students. This includes inking MoUs and collaborations with reputed national and international universities, organizations and institutions.

International MoUs

1. Nanhua University, Taiwan
2. Misurata University, Libya
3. Comillas Pontifical University, Spain (Collaboration)
4. Universidad de Málaga, Spain
5. Jagannath University (JU), Dhaka, Bangladesh

6. Otani University, Kyoto, Japan
7. Daffodil International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
8. Institute for Security & Development Policy (ISDP), Sweden
9. The University "Fehmi Agani" GJAKOVE (UFAGJ), Kosovo
10. Holistic Think Tank, Poland
11. Biliran Province State University, Philippines
12. Bronx Community College of the City University of New York (SSI)
13. University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) International Secretariate, Canada
14. World Food Programme (WFP) (Letter of Intent Agreement), Rome, Italy
15. Jhpiego Corporation, 1615 Thames Street, Baltimore
16. United Nations Development Programme
17. UNESCO New Delhi Office for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives Nepal and Sri Lanka New Delhi, India
18. Virginia Tech, Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Virginia
19. Instituto de Investgaciones Sociales, Autonomous Universoty of Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico
20. North South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh
21. Nusa Putra University, Sukabumi, West Java, Indonesia

National MoUs

1. Aspire for Her Management and Consultancy Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
2. Choice Welfare Foundation
3. Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development (IBRAD), Kolkata
4. Dr B. R. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi
5. SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar (Collaboration)
6. Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Kaushalyaganga, Bhubaneswar
7. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi
8. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad
9. INFLIBNET Centre, 'Shodhganga', University Grants Commission
10. Mitsubishi Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
11. Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar
12. Ramadevi Women's University, Bhubaneswar
13. Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi

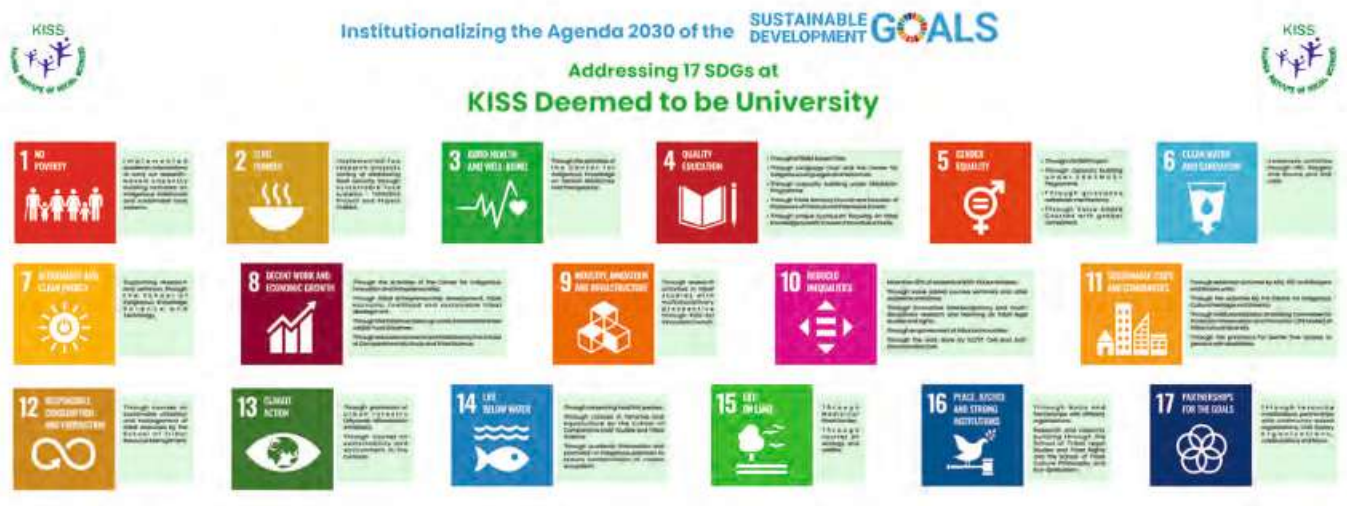
14. Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur
15. Dr B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh
16. Indian Accounting Association, Bhubaneswar Branch
17. Navy Welfare and Wellness Association
18. Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Kolkata
19. Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi
20. Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI), Kolkata
21. Jain Deemed to be University, Bengaluru
22. College of Teachers Education, Bolangir
23. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi
24. Mizoram University, Aizwal, Mizoram
25. Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna
26. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi
27. Naandi Foundation, Hyderabad
28. Shailabala Women's Autonomous College, Cuttack
29. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Jyoti Vihar Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha
30. Administrative Staff College of India, Telangana
31. UNESCO MGIEP, New Delhi
32. Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi
33. 21CC Vishwa Sarvagana Pvt. Ltd
34. Netaji Subhas University (NSU), Jamshedpur
35. HP Corporate
36. Chamarajanagara University, Suvarna Gangotri, Chamarajanagara, Karnataka
37. Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar, Odisha
38. Vivekananda Kendra Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga and Management (VK-AICYAM), Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar
39. Banasthali Vidyapitha (BV) (Deemed to be University), Rajasthan, India
40. Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar-752024, Odisha
41. Berhampur University, Bhanja Bihar, Berhampur, Odisha, India 761007
42. Indra Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Shamla Hills, (Net to RCE Campus) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India
43. Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University Sriramchandra Vihar, Takatpur, Baripada Mayurbhanj Odisha
44. Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

45. INFLIBNET Centre, an IUC of UGC, Infocity, Gandhinagar – 382007 Gujrat (ShodhChakra)
46. ISTE, New Delhi

KISS-DU Memberships

KISS Deemed to be University is a proud member of various national and international societies and associations. Some of its major membership includes: Indian Society for Technical Education, Solar Energy Society of India, National Digital Library of India, Association of Indian Universities, and National Academic Depository.

Institutionalizing the Sustainable Development Goals at KISS-DU



KISS-DU has institutionalized the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations by incorporating SDGs in the syllabi and conducting activities based on the targets of each SDG. The University has worked closely with various UN Agencies on key issues of gender, quality education and other Goals. It has organized capacity building programmes, workshops, webinars with the objective of meeting Agenda 2030 in association with eminent academicians, civil societies, policy makers, and government bodies.

Social Outreach and Extension Activities

KISS-DU is a university of compassion focussing on empathy and kindness. In the year 2023-24 the NSS, Youth Red Cross and Rovers and Rangers of the University organized ampteen number of awareness programmes, outreach activities, community engagement programmes, camps and the like. The University has also adopted 5 villages under these activities and the volunteers are working relentlessly for the growth and development of these villages.





International Relationship and Exchange Programmes

The University has an active International Relations Office and the faculty members and research scholars participate in the exchange programmes as a part of the MoU signed with foreign HEIs. It has developed a robust mechanism to strengthen internationalization at KISS-DU.





KISS-DU Green Initiatives

The University has been addressing Sustainable Development Goals - goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), goal 13 (Climate Action), goal 14 (Life Below Water), goal 15 (Life on Land), and goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The efforts towards KISS-DU Green Initiatives talks about making facilities for alternative sources of energy, energy conservation measures, management of degradable and non-degradable waste, water conservation facilities, restricted entry of vehicles, battery powered vehicles, pedestrian friendly pathways, ban on use of plastics, and landscaping. The University conducts regular energy and environment audits. In addition to these initiatives, the University has incorporated subjects/topics related to the environment in its curricula across disciplines in order to create awareness on such issues. KISS-DU has the credit of being the only University in Odisha to have Miyawaki Forest on campus.







Achievements and Accolades

The meritorious students of KISS-DU have made us proud by cracking UGC-JRF, NET and SSB. In the academic year 2023-24, 1 student cleared OES, 16 students were selected for SSB in 2023 and 13 students cleared SSB in the year 2024, 9 students qualified NET and JRF for the June session and 14 students qualified in the December session and 1 student qualified CSIR NET in 2023.

Annual Convocation Ceremony

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University celebrated its 3rd annual Convocation on 25th November 2023 in which 302 students including 5 scholars received their degrees. A galaxy of luminaries adorned the event, including Shri Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Chhatisgarh; G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant, Government of India and former CEO NITI Aayog, and Dr. Ricky G. Kej, an internationally renowned Indian music composer and three-time Grammy Award winner. The University conferred Honoris Causa Degrees of D. Litt. upon three distinguished personalities from different walks of life - Shri Biswabhushan Harichandan; His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidananda Saraswati, President and Spiritual Head, Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, and Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty, CHief Fintech Officer, Monetary AUthority of Singapore and Chairman Board of Elevandi, Singapore.




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KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
2nd Annual Convocation
Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)
Deemed to be University
Date: 4th July 2022 (Monday) | Time: 10:00 AM
Venue: KIIT & KISS Convention Centre, Campus-6, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Convocation Address by
Conferment of Honoris Causa
His Holiness
Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche
Master of Tibetan Buddhism and
Spiritual Director of the
Ripa International Center
Mr. Pavan Sukhdev
UNEP Goodwill Ambassador
Founder and CEO of
GIST Advisory Switzerland SA
Dr. Rajiv Kumar
Chancellor, Gokhale Institute
of Politics and Economics, Pune
Mr. Erik Solheim
President,
Green Belt and Road Institute
Dr. Ricky G. Kej
Internationally Renowned
Indian Music Composer and
2 Times Grammy Award Winner
"Education is the third eye of the Child"
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Bhubaneswar
Chief Guest
Prof. Ganeshi Lal
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha
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Medal Winners

Founder's Gold Medal for MASTER DEGREE

(2021-23 Admitted Batch)



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

Tilottama Sabar

Chancellor's Gold Medal for MASTER DEGREE

(2021-23 Admitted Batch)



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

Tilottama Sabar



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

Nikita Topno



Recipients of Ph.D. Degrees

DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY AWARDEES

Under Different Innovative Departments of KISS Deemed to be University



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



Kanhu Charan Purty
School of Tribal Resource Management
Subject: Commerce



Rautu Kerai
School of Tribal Resource Management
Subject: Economics



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



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

Sports at KISS-DU











Eminent Visitors



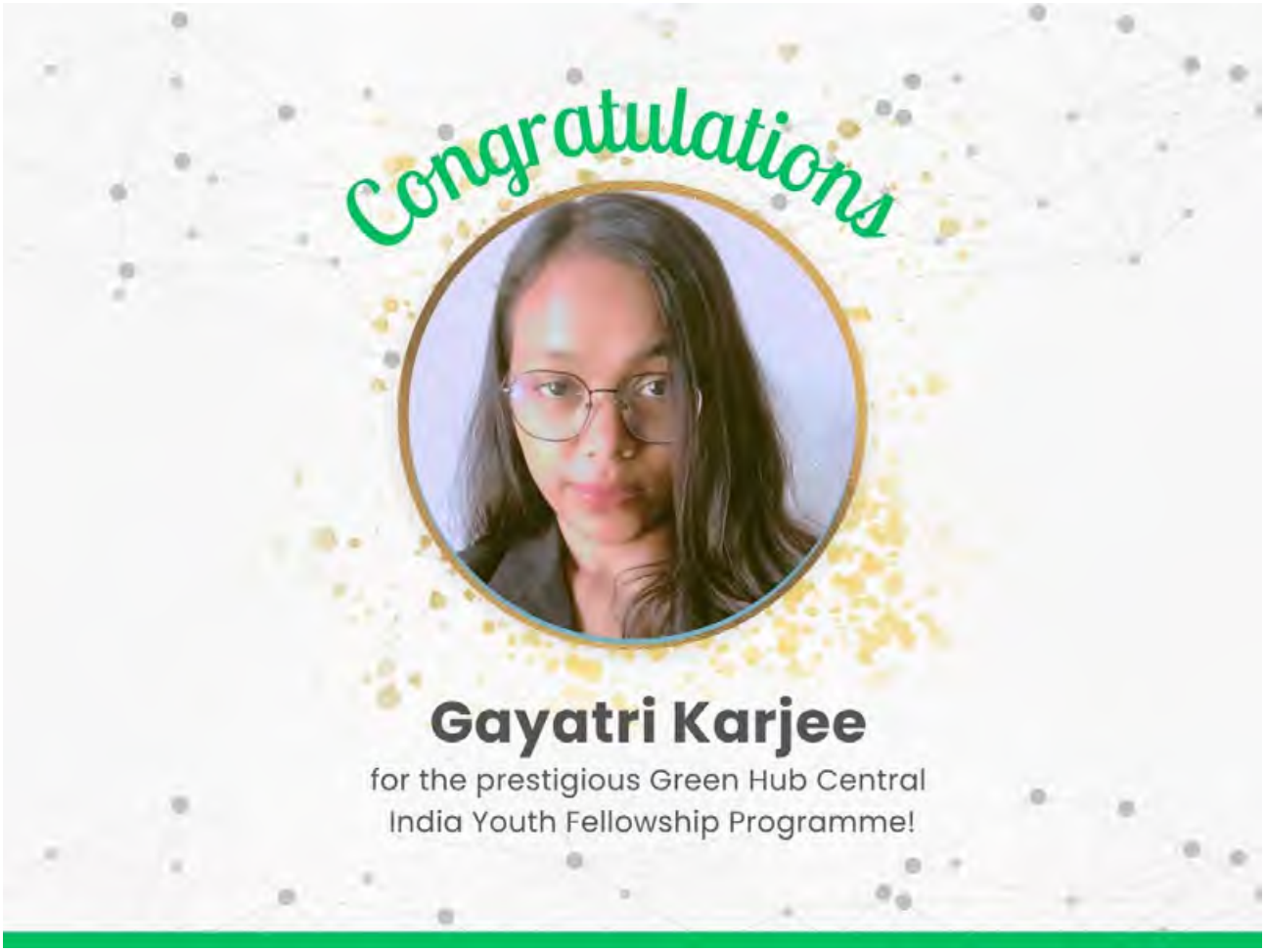





Presentation Ceremony
KISS HUMANITARIAN AWARD 2019

Multifarious Activities

29th June 2024



KISS-DU Gayatri Karjee receives the prestigious Green Hub Central India Youth Fellowship Programme-2024-25

23rd June 2024

KISS-DU Inks MoU with ISTE

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, on 23rd June 2024. The signing ceremony was followed by the launching of Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) Programme at KISS. This momentous occasion was graced by Professor Pratapsinh K. Desai, President of ISTE, Dr. Syed Majid Ali,



Executive Secretary, senior functionaries and faculty members from KISS-DU. Another feather was added to KISS's cap as it became an institutional member of ISTE, strengthening its commitment to educational excellence and innovation.

7th June 2024

KISS-DU Inks MoU WITH CII-YI



The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University signed Memorandum of Understanding with CII-Yi on 7th June 2024. Mr. Gaurav Goel, Yuva Chair, and Ms. Sonal N. More, Chair of Yi Bhubaneswar, along with other representatives from CII-Yi, were present for the signing. Representing KISS-DU, were Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar, and other staff members.

3rd June 2024

KISS-DU Inks MoU WITH Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh AU PG Centre Kondakaram Village, Cantonment Area, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh on 3rd June 2024. This MoU aims to establish an academic and research partnership that provides opportunities for both universities to carry out and publish joint research papers, propose and administer joint research projects, and develop student and staff exchange programmes and joint patents. The signing ceremony was graced by the senior functionaries of both universities who engaged in meaningful and insightful discussions in order to ensure that the aims and objectives stated in the MoU translates into fruition.

23rd May 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Student Seminar to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Pandit Raghunath Murmu

The Pandit Raghunath Murmu Research Chair, KISS-DU, organized a student seminar on the topic “Legendary Pandit Raghunath Murmu: Life and Works” on 23rd May 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Raghunath Murmu.



23rd May 2024

Ms. Virginia Elizabeth Orellana Argudo, Regional Director for Asia and Africa, Children International, USA Visits KISS



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

23rd-24th May 2024

KISS-DU's Bhima Bhoi Research Chair Professor and Professor Emeritus participated in the National Seminar on Mahima Dharma and Bhima Bhoi



A National Seminar entitled “Mahima Dharma and Darshana: Altruism Beyond Orthodoxy” was organized by the joint collaboration of Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi on 23rd and 24th May 2024. Around eighty research scholars and faculty members from University of Delhi, Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Nalanda, IIT Khadagpur, IIT Madras and different parts of the country and abroad participated in the deliberations on Mahima Dhrama and Bhima Bhoi.

18th May 2024

KISS Pro Chancellor Shares Insights on Museums, Education, and Climate Action on the occasion of World Museum Day



Project K-MUSE, an innovative initiative of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, successfully completed its first international engagement in celebration of the International Museum Day, on 18th May 2024. Four faculty and twelve PhD scholars from the Project K-MUSE benefitted from the online capacity building intensive and cultural exchange with the prestigious Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney, Australia.

8th May 2024

KISS-DU Hosts the visit of delegation from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi



On 8th May 2024, a delegation from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi visited Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University (KISS-DU) that marked a significant milestone in the institution's journey of

academic excellence and collaboration. An interaction session held on the occasion provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas.

6th May-15th May 2024

KISS-DU Organizes ten-day workshop on Research Methodology



A ten-day workshop on Research Methodology was conducted from May 6 to 15, 2024, at KISS Deemed to be University. It was a resounding success, drawing together esteemed resource persons Professor U. N. Dash, Ms. Bisakha Bhanja, and Professor Swarnamayee Tripathi, alongside the university's top leadership including Mr. Satya S. Tripathi, Chancellor of KISS DU; Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar, and all faculty members to upgrade their knowledge in conducting, guiding, writing, and publishing research articles and project proposals.

6th May 2024

Special Lecture on the 'Relevance of Bhagwan Birsa Munda in Contemporary Adivasi Society'



A Special lecture was organized by the Birsa Munda Research Chair in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU on “Relevance of Bhagwan Birsa Munda in Contemporary Adivasi Society” on 6th May 2024. Dr. Abhay Sagar Minz, Head, Department of Anthropology, Dr.

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi, Jharkhand was invited as the chief speaker. The meeting was virtually presided by Hon'ble Pro Chancellor Professor Amareswar Galla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Esteemed Registrar Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, among others, senior functionaries of the university, Deans, Directors, faculty members and research scholars were present in the session.

6th May to 10th May 2024

ERASMUS+ Team of KISS-DU attend the Staff Mobility Programme and International Staff Week hosted by Universidad de Malaga, Spain

Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Associate Professor and Chairperson Council of Deans and Dr. Disha Bhatt Assistant Professor and Deputy Director (IQAC), KISS-DU proudly represented the university in the 13th edition of the International Staff Week and Staff Mobility Programme under the KA-171 Project from 6th to 10th May 2024, hosted by the Universidad De Malaga, Spain under the ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union. This event brought together administrative staff, professors and researchers from higher education institutions from across Europe and beyond. During the week-long event, a wide variety of activities were carried out including presentations, practical workshops on Spanish language and culture, as well as representations from different vice-directors and faculties that make the Universidad De Malaga.

In addition, all participants were offered opportunity to get to know the rich culture of the city and the region. During the edition academic and administrative staff from 42 institutions and 20 countries participated representing an important exchange of knowledge, networking, collaborations, training, experiences and strengthening our global partnerships. KISS-DU was the only participating Higher Education Institution (HEI) from India.








4th May 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Invited Lecture on 'Success through Higher Education:How to become Viksit Bharat@2047'



The School of Comparative Indic Science and Technology (SCIST) in collaboration of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU organized an invited lecture was conducted on 4th May 2024 on the topic “Success through Higher Education: How to become Viksit Bharat @ 2047”. The lecture was based on increasing the value of millets with respect to entrepreneurship development as well as the therapeutic aspects of millet. Our eminent speaker Professor Siba Prasad Adhikary, Professor Emeritus, KISS-DU, Former Vice Chancellor of F.M. University was invited for this event.

3rd May 2024

KISS-DU Bhima Bhoi Research Chair invited to address at Viswa Bharati


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The Department of Odia, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan in collaboration with the Bhima Bhoi Research Chair, KISS Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar jointly organized a lecture programme on 3rd May 2024. Prof. Harischandra Sahoo, Chair Professor Bhima Bhoi Research Chair, KISS-DU addressed the seminar on the title *"Drusti O Darshanare Bhima Bhoi"*. All students, research scholars, faculty members participated in the deliberations. In the discussion, the contribution of Bhima Bhoi, the saint-poet was highlighted. He was a great humanist and visionary. Odia literature is enriched by his works like *bhajans, jananas* and *cautisas*.

1st May 2024

Distinguished Invited Lecture on 'Promoting Innovation in Higher Education Institution' under Viksit Bharat @ 2047



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU organized the 4th distinguished invited lecture under Viksit Bharat initiative on 1st May 2024. Dr. Bijay Kumar Sahu, Ph.D. (JNU) Senior Regional Manager and Program Head (East), Associate Editor-Invention Intelligence, National Research Development Cooperation, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology,

Government of India delivered a lecture on “Promoting Innovation in Higher Education Institutions”. The intellectual discourse surrounded around India's Universities role as a global economic power, particularly in the context of promoting innovation in order to transform lives.

25th April to 1st May 2024

KISS-DU and CYSD jointly hosted seven-day workshop on 'Adivasi Governance'



KISS Deemed to be University, in collaboration with the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), is proud to host a seven-day Faculty Development Programme on 'Adivasi Governance' from April 25th to May 1st, 2024. This initiative brings together faculty members from KISS-DU and CYSD to deepen their understanding and engagement with tribal communities. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor of KISS-DU, who emphasized the importance of future collaborative efforts in community engagement. Shri Jagadananda, Co-Founder and Mentor of CYSD, highlighted the need for empathy-building exercises with indigenous communities. The sessions are set to cover crucial topics such as the journey of Adivasi struggles for identity and constitutional safeguards for tribals, aiming to enhance the participants' skills in effectively addressing the unique governance challenges faced by these communities.

26th April 2024

KISS-DU organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on 'Policy Paradigm and Pedagogocal Forms' under Viksit Bharat @ 2047

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures, (SCTLL) organized a

Distinguished Invited Lecture on “Policy Paradigm and Pedagogical Forms” under the Viksit Bharat@2047 initiative on 26th April 2024. The event aimed to delve into the intersection of policy paradigms and pedagogical forms in the context of contemporary education.



23rd April 2024

3rd Distinguished Invited Lecture under Viksit Bharat @2047 on 'India as a Global Economic Power'



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy, and Eco-spiritualism (STCPE), KISS-DU organized the 3rd distinguished invited lecture on “India as a Global Economic Power” on 23rd April 2024 under the banner of Viksit Bharat @2047. Professor Satya Narayan Misra, KIIT School of Management, KIIT Deemed to be University graced the occasion as the distinguished speaker. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera delivered the Welcome Address and drew a connection between the topic and Viksit Bharat. Dr. Ratnakar Mohapatra, Dean School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism introduced the esteemed speaker and highlighted some of his significant achievements.

22nd April 2024

KISS-DU Celebrated Earth Day

Earth Day celebrated annually on April 22nd, is a global event aimed at promoting environmental awareness and inspiring actions to protect the planet. In line with this mission, the School of Tribal Resource Management



(STRM), Program of Geography, Economics and Commerce of KISS-DU organized a full-day event on Earth Day 2024 on 22nd April 2024, engaging Research Scholars in various activities to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. The theme for Earth Day 2024 was “Planet Vs. Plastic”. It emphasized the importance of individual and collective efforts in addressing environmental challenges and achieving sustainable development.

18th April 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distingushed Invited Lecture on 'Programmes, New Initiatives, Good Practices and Challenges in Tribal Development' under Viksit Bharat @ 2047



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights (STLSTR), KISS-DU organized the second lecture under the Viksit Bharat Lecture Series on 18th April 2024. Professor A.B Ota, Former Director and Special Secretary SCSTRTI and Odisha State Museum, Government of Odisha and Advisor UNICEF was invited as the distinguished speaker on the occasion. He spoke on “Programmes, New Initiatives, Good Practices & Challenges in Tribal Development”. The event was graced by senior functionaries, staff and scholars of the University.

18th April 2024

Sarhul Festival and Chaita Parab celebrated at KISS-DU



The students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, jointly celebrated the SARHUL FESTIVAL of the Oraon Community, CHAIT PARAB of the Kandha Community, and VIJA PANDUM of the Koya community on April 18, 2024, at Campus-4. Professor A. B. Ota, IAS (Retd.), Professor Emeritus, and Professor K. K. Misra, Professor Emeritus, KISS-DU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Among others, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor, Professor Amareswar Galla attended the event virtually, Vice Chancellor Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray Registrar, and other senior functionaries also graced the occasion along with the faculty members and research scholars. The University is committed to safeguarding, promoting, and conserving indigenous cultural heritage, rituals, and traditions, fostering harmony with nature.

14th April 2024

134th Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti observed by Dr. Ambedkar Chair at KISS-DU



The 134th Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti was observed by the Dr. Ambedkar Chair (DAC) at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University (KISS-DU) Campus on 14th April 2024, Sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. This event was organized in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KISS-DU.

12th April 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Gigtalk on the topic 'Navigating the Gig Economy'



On April 12th, 2024, an illuminating talk titled "#GIGTALK | Navigating the Gig Economy" unfolded at KISS-DU. The event, jointly organized by GIZ and 21CC Education, captivated the audience of Computer Science Programme students from the School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Technology, (SIKST), KISS-DU.

Kriti Talwar from 21CC Education kickstarted the discourse with a comprehensive overview of the gig economy, underscoring its pivotal role in today's global landscape. Pooja Gianchandani, the Advisor on Global Digital Economy at GIZ, delved into the intricacies of the gig economy worldwide. Her presentation not only shed light on the myriad opportunities for gig workers but also outlined 30 indispensable skills crucial for thriving in this dynamic sector. She further delved into the imperative of fair work conditions, discussing the challenges confronted by gig workers on a global scale.

12th April 2024

Special talk on 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Financial Literacy: Make a right:Become financially Smart' at KISS-DU



The School of Tribal Resource Management (STRM), KISS-DU organized a special talk on "Viksit Bharat @2047: Financial Literacy: Make A Right Start: Become Financially Smart", on 12th April 2024. Dr. Liji Panda, Assistant Professor and Head

of Commerce Programme, STRM extended a warm welcome and outlined the objectives of conducting this special talk. On this occasion the Esteemed speakers Professor Jugal Kishore Mishra, Director, IQAC, KISS-DU delivered a talk on the said topic.

11th April 2024



A special talk was organized by the Geography Programme under the School of Tribal Resource Management (STRM), KISS-DU, on 11th April 2024 to discuss the knowledge about Viksit Bharat @2047. The discussion revolved around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations and how we can achieve them through Viksit Bharat. Professor Gopal Krishna Panda, Professor Emeritus, KISS-DU, and Dr. Rajanikant Biswal were invited as distinguished speakers. Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Chairperson of Deans KISS-DU, Dr. Monalisha Mishra, Assistant Professor, Dr. Anwesha Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, senior faculty members, research scholars, and students attended this program.

6th April 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Book Releasing Ceremony

On 6th April 2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures (SCTLL), KISS-DU, in collaboration with Viswamukti Foundation Publication, Patia, organized a Book Releasing Ceremony. The event began with the traditional lighting of the Holy Lamp, followed by a welcome address by Professor Sasanka Chudamani, Editor of Viswamukti. The distinguished guests were then felicitated, and the book "Rajni ka Sangeet aur Anya Kavitayeen" in Hindi was unveiled, translated by Dr. Ajit Prasad Mohapatra. The event was attended by distinguished personalities such as Professor Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Central University of Odisha, Sachchidananda Shukla, and Professor Deepak Kumar Behera.

5th April 2024

KISS-DU Inks MoU with Pt. Ravishankar University, Chhatisgarh



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar inked MoU with Pt. Ravishankar University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 5th April 2024. The signing ceremony was graced by the senior functionaries from both the universities. The senior leadership of both the universities discussed the about possible areas of making this collaboration fruitful and functional. To mark the occasion, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU organized a distinguished invited lecture on the topic "Cognitive Skill: A Problem-Solving Approach". Professor (Dr.) Sachchidanand Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla was invited as the distinguished speaker.

18th March to 19th March 2024

KISS hosted roundtable gathering of the UNESCO Chairs

KISS hosted a roundtable gathering of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia on 18-19 March 2024 to strengthen the network and discuss key priority areas. The event was convened by Prof. Amareswar Galla, Pro-Chancellor and Distinguished Professor of Indigeneity and Inclusive Museum & Heritage Studies at KISS-DU, and featured 16 Chairs from India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. The meeting also included Tim Curtis, Director and



UNESCO Representative for the UNESCO Regional Office in New Delhi, overseeing Bangladesh.

10th March to 16th March 2024

40-member delegation vivsted KIIT & KISS from Harvard India Trek



A 40-member delegation from Harvard India Trek visited KIIT and KISS from 10th to 16th March 2024. They were engrossed in Odisha's art, culture, and traditions, and wore Sambalpuri Kurtas as a testament to their love for the region. The delegation visited various departments and units, exchanged ideas with students, and spent time in classrooms and libraries. The main objective was to learn about the art, culture, heritage, and socio-economic status of India, particularly Odisha.

13th March 2024

KISS-DU organized live streaming of Hon'ble Prime Minister's address on 'India's Techade-Chips for Viksit Bharat'



The School of Indigenous Knowledge Science and Technology (SIKST) and School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology (STHTI), KISS Deemed University organised a Live Screening of “India's Techade-Chips

for Vikshit Bharat- Address of Hon'ble PM on 13th March 2024" at 10:30 A.M. Post Graduate students from the subject background of Education, Home Science and Psychology participated in the above program.

11th March 2024

Invited Lecture on Entrepreneurship and Employment for Indigenous Community students



The Centre for Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Diversity and The Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship, KISS-DU, along with IQAC, KISS-DU and Grameen Pragati Foundation, Pune on March 11, 2024 organised a Distinguished Invited Lecture by Prof. Amarendra Sahoo on Entrepreneurship and Employment for Indigenous Community students. A Forner Regional Director of Reserve Bank of India, Prof. Sahoo shared inspiring experiences from his career and offered several practical strategies for strengthening entrepreneurial qualities among students and the wider community.



11th March 2024

KISS-DU Observes Classical Odia Language Day

On 11th March 2024, the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures (SCTLL) at KISS-DU celebrated Classical Odia Language Day. Dr. Rasmita Tripathy, Associate Professor and Dean, emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting the classical Odia language and its rich literary heritage. Dr. Nibedita Mohanty, Associate Professor, delivered the keynote speech, highlighting the historical and cultural significance of the Odia language and encouraging active engagement in activities to preserve and promote it. Students had the opportunity to interact with teachers and speakers, fostering a sense of community and exchange of ideas.





5th March 2024 to 8th March 2024

NSS Bureau KISS DU organised Awareness Programme under “Mera Pehla Vote – Desh Ke Liye” Campaign.

The NSS Bureau of KISS Deemed to be University organized an awareness programme under the "Mera Pehla Vote – Desh Ke Liye" campaign from March 5th to 8th, 2024. Students and volunteers participated in various activities, competitions, rallies, and lectures. The programme was coordinated by NSS Programme



Officers, including Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Registrar, KISS-DU. The event aimed to raise awareness about voting as a democratic right and its importance in community growth and development.



8th March 2024

KISS-DU AURORA Centre and AURORA Club Celebrates International Women's Day

On 8th March 2024, the K3 Ladies Club of KIIT Group of Institutions and KISS celebrated International Women's Day with the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'. The senior leadership of KISS-DU addressed the theme, focusing on goal number 5 of SDG Agenda 2023, which is Gender Equality. The AURORA Centre and Club collaborated with the institution to discuss gender equity, equality, and parity. AURORA team members prepared





posters and participated in dialogues, focusing on the AURORA Project's module, Inclusive Education and Gender Equality. Staff members performed dances to raise awareness on women's empowerment and the UN's theme of achieving gender equality.

5th March 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Seminar on the occasion of 108th Birth Anniversary of Shri Biju Patnaik

The Biju Patnaik Research Chair in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU organized a seminar on “Biju Patnaik and the Making of Modern India” to mark the 108th Birth Anniversary of Shri Biju Patnaik on 5th March 2024. The occasion was graced by Professor Himanshu S. Patnaik Eminent Historian, Dr. Damodar Tripathy International Development Economist, Shri Dilip Kumar Samantray, IRAS, Managing Director, Angul-Sukinda Railway Ltd, Dr. Chittaranjan Mishra, Eminent Scientist and Shri Saroj Kumar Dash, Director Social Projects, KIIT & KISS were invited as esteemed speakers on the occasion.












4th March 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on “Spirituality in Odia Literature”

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Human Resource Development Cell (HRDC) at KISS Deemed to be University organized a Distinguished Invited Lecture on "Spirituality in Odia Literature" on March 4th, 2024. The event aimed to explore the spiritual elements within Odia literature and its cultural and philosophical significance. Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, Associate Professor of the Post Graduate Department of Odia at Kolhan University, Chaibasa, delved into the interplay between spirituality and literary expressions in Odia literature, examining how spiritual themes are interwoven with societal narratives, moral teachings, and philosophical inquiries. The lecture served as a testament to the enduring relevance and profound insights offered by Odia literature in understanding the spiritual ethos of Odisha.





1st March 2024

KISS-DU AURORA Club Observes Zero Discrimination Day

On 1st March 2024, the KISS-DU AURORA Club celebrated Zero Discrimination Day, a United Nations initiative promoting equality. The club organized a debate on the theme "To



protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights," focusing on gender and caste discrimination. Students emphasized the need for inclusive practices and transformative education, with the AURORA Project's three modules potentially causing change. The session was attended by KISS-DU staff and students.

28th February 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on Bhima Bhoi



On 28th February 2024, the Bhima Bhoi Research Chair at KISS-DU organized a Distinguished Invited Lecture Series-IV, featuring Dr. Satyananda Swain as the Chief Speaker. The lecture series was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Professor Deepak Kumar Behera. Dr. Swain discussed Mahima Dharma and Bhima Bhoi's Magnum Opus "Stuti Chintamani" in his deliberation. The meeting was attended by various attendees, including Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar of KISS-DU, Research Chair Professors, Deans and Directors, Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and students.







28th February 2024

KISS-DU Celebrates National Science Day – 2024



The School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science (SCISTS) celebrated National Science Day on 28th February 2024. National Science Day is celebrated in India on February 28 each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.The theme of 2024 for the National Science Day, launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, is “Indigenous Technology for Viksit Bharat.” To mark the occasion, many activities are organized in educational institutions. National Science Day is celebrated to spread a message about the importance of science used in the daily life of the people.

27th February 2024

KISS-DU team attends One-Day Awareness Programme on ORCID And Inflibnet Services



A One-Day Awareness Programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET services for Scholarly Communities was organized by Central Library, C. V. Raman Global University, Bhubaneswar. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the role of libraries in enabling scholars to identify research problems and improve processes. Dr. Kanan P., Scientist E, of Inflibnet, discussed the importance of unique IDs in research, ORCID's role in interoperability, IRINS's role in dissemination, and the establishment of Institutional Repositories.

27th February 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Workshop Skill India's Impact on Grassroot Employability of Youth: A Snapshot from Select Areas of Odisha

The School of Tribal Resource Management (STRM) at KISS-DU organized a workshop on "Skill India's Impact on Grassroot Employability of Youth: A Snapshot from Select Areas of Odisha" on 27th February 2024. The workshop discussed the Skill India Mission, launched in 2015, which aims to train 300-400 million Indians in vocational skillsets to empower them for the workforce. The workshop was attended by senior KISS-DU officials, Deans, Directors, and faculty members, who recommended policies and suggestions to enhance the project's qualitative value.











21st February 2024

KISS-DU Organizes an International Seminar on Kalinga Conversation–1: Multilingual Education– A Pillar of Learning and Inter-Generational Learning

The International Seminar on Kalinga Conversation – 1 was held in February 2024 to discuss the importance of multilingual education in fostering inclusive learning environments. The event was organized by the Mother Tongue-Based Multi-Lingual Education (MTBMLE) Programme in collaboration with the Centre for Indigenous Language and Narratives, the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures, and the Human Resource Development Centre. Key speakers included Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor of KISS-DU, and Professor Amareswar Galla, Pro Chancellor of KISS-DU and UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development. The highlight of the seminar was Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann's address on the role of multilingual education in revitalizing endangered languages and fostering linguistic resilience.








21st February 2024

Celebrating Linguistic Diversity: KISS-DU Marks UNESCO International Mother Language Day

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University (KISS-DU) hosted a special event, Kalinga Conversation, to commemorate UNESCO International Mother Language Day. The event, held on February 21, 2024, attracted a diverse audience including esteemed guests, faculty, scholars, students, and language enthusiasts. The event featured a welcome song in Santali, a musical ode to Odisha's richness, and a presentation by Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Pro Chancellor of KISS-DU. The day also included two pioneering projects: the establishment of the Kuvi Data Collection Center and the introduction of the Kalinga Indigenous Language Repository (KILR). The highlight of the event was the address by Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann, a distinguished linguist recognized for his work on Israeli Hebrew, Yiddish, and Aboriginal languages.



20th February 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on Community Engaged Teaching and Research: Implementing NEP 2020



KISS-DU, in collaboration with the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), organized a Distinguished Invited Lecture on Community Engaged Teaching and Research: Implementing NEP 2020 on February 20th, 2024. Dr. Rajesh Tandon, an alumni of the Indian Institute of Technology and the Indian Institute of Management, discussed the key messages of the National Education Policy, including holistic and multidisciplinary education, credit courses on community engagement, environmental and value-based learning, and research for innovative solutions to local challenges.







15th February 2024

World Anthropology Day at KISS-DU

The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Deemed University (KISS-DU) celebrated World Anthropology Day on 15th February, 2024. The day, observed every third Thursday of February Month by the American Anthropological Association, aims to highlight the importance of anthropology in everyday life. It emphasizes the need for a blackboard for discussing anthropological theory and its application to society.









13th February 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Seminar on Biodiversity of Tribal Pockets of Eastern Ghat and Environment Sustainability



The School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Science at KISS-DU hosted a seminar on February 13, 2024, focusing on the biodiversity of tribal pockets of Eastern Ghat and the importance of environmental sustainability. The seminar featured two distinguished speakers, Dr. Siba Prasad Parida and Dr. Ashok Kumar Mallik, who discussed wildlife and biodiversity. Dr. Parida highlighted the importance of recognizing wildlife's rights and promoting education on wildlife conservation. Dr. Mallik's talk on snakes in India provided insights for conservation and management strategies. The seminar aimed to foster a deeper appreciation for the diverse flora and fauna in the tribal pockets of Eastern Ghat.

12th February 2024

ICSSR sponsored One Day Workshop on “Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” at KIIT and KISS-DU



A one-day workshop on "Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was held on 12th February 2024, jointly organized by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT). The workshop aimed to disseminate information and ideas from the project, "Beti

Bachao Beti Padhao" (B3P), an empowerment model to curb female foeticide and misogyny in tribal Odisha. The event was attended by invited guests and discussed the importance of educating girls for family and nation's betterment.



1st February 2024

KISS-DU organizes Distinguished Lecture on ‘Promoting Indian Traditions, Ethos, and Culture through Education: Vision of NEP 2020”



The School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology (STHTI) hosted a lecture on 'Promoting Indian Traditions, Ethos, and Culture through Education: Vision of NEP 2020' on February 1, 2024. Dr. Manoj Behera, Dean, addressed the event, emphasizing the importance of sharing knowledge on the rich culture and traditions through education. Professor Bana Bihari Mishra, former Senior Professor of Education and Dean of Mizoram University, discussed the need for

educational policies and the degradation of values due to lack of interest, honesty, gratitude, generosity, patriotism, and politics. He emphasized the role of education in preserving, transmitting, and revitalising cultural heritage, urging Bharat to integrate its rich cultural heritage into the education system.

24th January 2024

KISS-DU AURORA Club Observes International Education Day and National Girl Child Day



The AURORA Club of KISS-DU celebrated International Day of Education and National Girl Child Day on January 24th, 2024. Students discussed the role of education and teachers in combating hate speech, highlighting the increasing impact of violence across different boundaries. They also visited classrooms to raise awareness about the inequities faced by girls, emphasizing the importance of education, health, nutrition, and digital literacy.

23th January 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Guest Lecture on Odia Sahityare Anubaada Eka Samikhya: Anukruti Tharu Anubaada Parjyanta

The School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University (KISS-DU) held a distinguished invited guest lecture on "Odia Sahityare Anubaada Eka Samikhya: Anukruti Tharu Anubaada Parjyanta" on January 23, 2024. The lecture focused on the translation in Odia literature and its comparative aspects. Dr. Rasmita Tripathy, Associate Professor and Dean, welcomed the distinguished guests and faculty members. Dr. Pallishree Pattnayak,

Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Odia at Maa Manikeshwari University, discussed the evolution of translation in Odia literature and its role in cultural exchange.



17th January 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Symposium on Religious Concept as Reflected in Santali Songs



The School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures and Sahitya Akademi have organized a symposium on religious concepts in Santali songs. The event, which began with the inauguration of a Wall Magazine, highlighted the importance of protecting and preserving indigenous languages and culture. Traditional Santali songs, infused with animism and reverence for ancestors, serve as conduits for expressing religious concepts within the community. The symposium also highlighted the need for Santali

writers to translate and publish these songs in different languages to disseminate their beauty. The lyrical expressions of Santali spirituality offer a glimpse into their religious fervor and cultural identity.



16th January 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on "Undying Legacy of Madhusudhan Das"

On 16th January 2024, the Madhusudhan Das Research Chair and the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University held a Distinguished Invited Lecture



on the "Undying Legacy of Madhusudhan Das." The Vice Chancellor, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, delivered a welcome address, emphasizing the importance of exploring Das's legacy. Dr. Ratnaprava Parija, Assistant Professor, English Programme, KISS-DU, introduced the lecture theme. Dr. Chittaranjan Bhoi introduced Professor Jnanadeva Moharana, an Honorary Scientist associated with the Indian National Science Academy, who discussed Das's life, work, and impact on society.

16th January 2024

KISS-DU Observes National Start-Up Day



A student seminar was organized as a part of the observation of National Start-Up Day on 16th January 2024 by the School of Tribal Resource Management (STRM), KISS-DU. The seminar was attended by 30 Post Graduate 4th semester students. The students spoke about the various aspects of setting up start-ups. Salkhan Tudu spoke on the importance of Start-Up Eco System in India, and Anima Oraon shared some of the case studies related to start-ups in India. The seminar was graced by the Dean, faculty members, scholars and post graduate students of STRM.

9th January 2024

KISS-DU Organizes Distinguished Invited Lecture on Kabi Gopabandhu



A Distinguished Invited Lecture on Kabi Gopabandhu was organized by the Gopabandhu Das Research Chair and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University on January 9, 2024. The event commemorated the life and contributions of poet Utkal Mani Gopabandhu Das, a

prominent figure in Odisha's cultural and literary history. The distinguished speaker, Professor Adikanda Sahoo, who discussed Gopabandhu's literary achievements, social reform efforts, and visionary leadership. Professor Bijoy Kumar Satapathy, Professor Emeritus at KISS-DU, provided a scholarly perspective on Gopabandhu's impact on literature and society.

5th January 2024

KISS-DU IIC 6.0 Workshop on "Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation Design"



On 5th January 2024, Dr. Priyoneel Basu, Director of the Research and Development Cell and Innovation Ambassador at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Deemed to be University, conducted an interactive workshop on Design Thinking, Critical Thinking, and Innovation Design. The workshop aimed to explore contemporary trends in these domains and highlighted the importance and use of empathy, definition, ideation, prototyping, and testing in the innovation process.

5th January 2024

Distinguished Lecture on 'Science and Technology for Humanity' by Professor Tapan Kumar Gandhi



KISS-DU's School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology (IKST) and the Human Resource Development Centre proudly hosted a distinguished lecture titled 'Science and Technology for Humanity' with Professor

Tapan Kumar Gandhi from IIT Delhi. Attended by over 100 students and faculty, it highlighted the importance of empathy and morality in science, echoing Prof. Gandhi's remarkable journey and contributions.

22nd December 2023

Distinguished Invited Lecture: "Development of Santali Language and Literature: Past and Present" at KISS-DU



The Santali Programme at KISS Deemed to be University celebrated Santali Bhasha Diwas on 22nd December 2023 with a distinguished invited lecture by Shri Laxman Marandi, a prominent researcher in Santali Language. The event began with the inauguration of a Wall Magazine, showcasing the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of the Santali community. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting indigenous languages and cultures, while Dr. Dhanu Murmu provided historical context. Students and scholars presented Santali poems, showcasing the linguistic richness and artistic expressions of Santali literature. The event served as a platform for intellectual exchange, cultural appreciation, and linguistic diversity promotion.

22nd December 2023

Distinguished Invited Lecture: "Some Analytical Approximate Solutions of Fractional Order Covid-19 Model" at KISS-DU



KISS Deemed to be University celebrated National Mathematics Day with a distinguished lecture by Dr. Ashrita Patra, Assistant Professor from P.G Department of Mathematics. The lecture discussed differential

equations, transforms, Laplace transforms, and Elzaki transforms, addressing Covid-19 problems using non-linear differential equations.

19th & 20th December 2023

KISS-DU Organizes two-day Book Exhibition



The Library of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) organized a two-day Book Exhibition on December 19th and 20th, 2023, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell. The event, attended by senior university officials, featured ten publishers from across the country, allowing scholars and students to explore the world of knowledge and information. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the publishers and expressed gratitude for their participation.

11th Dec 2023

Bharatiya Bhasha celebrated at KISS-DU



The School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University celebrated Bhartiya Bhasa Diwas on 11th December 2023 with fervour and enthusiasm. The event aimed at promoting and preserving linguistic diversity by encouraging students to express themselves in their mother tongues. The

celebration was graced by Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU, Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar, KISS-DU and other senior functionaries of the University.

10th Dec 2023

Student Seminar on Human Rights Day



A student seminar on Human Rights Day, 10th December 2023, focused on the relationship between climate change and human rights. The students discussed the reasons behind climate change and its impact on various national and international human rights. They emphasized the urgent need to address climate change and the need to integrate human rights into climate change-related actions.

6th Dec 2023

68th Mahaparinirvan Diwas

The 68th Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was commemorated at KISS Deemed to be University on 6th December 2023. Two distinguished speakers, Professor David Blundell from the University of California, Los Angeles and Ms. Nandini Oza from the Oral History Association of India, delivered lectures at an international online seminar. Prof. Blundell discussed Dr. Ambedkar's early academic contributions to anthropology, his proactive application of social sciences, law, and



economics to uplift people, and his beliefs in religious systems, particularly Buddhism.

3rd Dec 2023

Invited Talk on 'Chemistry for a Sustainable World



The School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Technology (IKST) at KISS-DU hosted an invited talk on 'Chemistry for a Sustainable World' on December 3, 2023. The event featured distinguished speakers from CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, IIT Bombay, and NIT Rourkela. The first session focused on research techniques, digital information, and data analysis, while the second session focused on conformational and configurational analysis.

3rd Dec 2023

194th Rashtramata Savitribai Phule Jayant.



On December 3, 2024, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Dr. Nagaraju Gundemeda, delivered a distinguished lecture at KISS-DU Campus -3, Administrative Building, Conference Hall, Ground Floor. The lecture, organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, aimed to pay floral tribute to Rashtramata Savitribai Phule and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. Gundemeda, a distinguished speaker from the University of Hyderabad, discussed Rashtramata Savitribai Phule's philosophy of equality, humanity, and education, highlighting her opposition to the traditional education system based on caste, gender, and religion. The lecture highlighted the "3E" formula, which Prof. Achyuta Samanta, the founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, follows to combat tribal alienation, poverty, and illiteracy through inclusive education.

2nd Dec 2023

National Pollution Control Day-2023

A student seminar was organized by the Geography and Economics program at the School of tribal Resource Management to commemorate National Pollution Control Day on 2nd December 2023. The theme was "Sustainable Development for a clean and Healthy Planet," with a special focus on SDG 13 Climate Change. The seminar was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and students. Dr. Arpana Premi Lina Oraon introduced the day's theme and the importance of awareness about pollution. Dr. Sanjeeta Devi discussed prevention and control of pollution acts, while students discussed the 3R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



25th Nov 2023

Buzz Session on “Responsibilities of Active Citizenship in the Digital World”

The AURORA Club at KISS Deemed to be University held a session on "Responsibilities of Active Citizenship in the Digital World" on November 25th, 2023. The students discussed the importance of active citizenship in the digital world, emphasizing the complexities of a digital environment and the responsibilities of students and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in local community development. Additionally, Mr. Makaranda Pradhan, a Commerce student, visited Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, to share his experiences.



22nd Nov 2023

125th Birth Anniversary of Saheed Laxman Naik



KISS-DU celebrated the 125th Birth Anniversary of tribal leader Saheed Laxman Naik on November 22, 2023. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera discussed industrialization in Odisha and the vision of establishing research chairs. Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali, Director General, discussed Naik's sacrifices and his involvement in the Indian National Congress. Dr. Naku Hasdah, Department of Odia, Sambalpur University, emphasized the importance of desi medicine, belief systems, rural life, and upbringing.

22nd Nov 2023

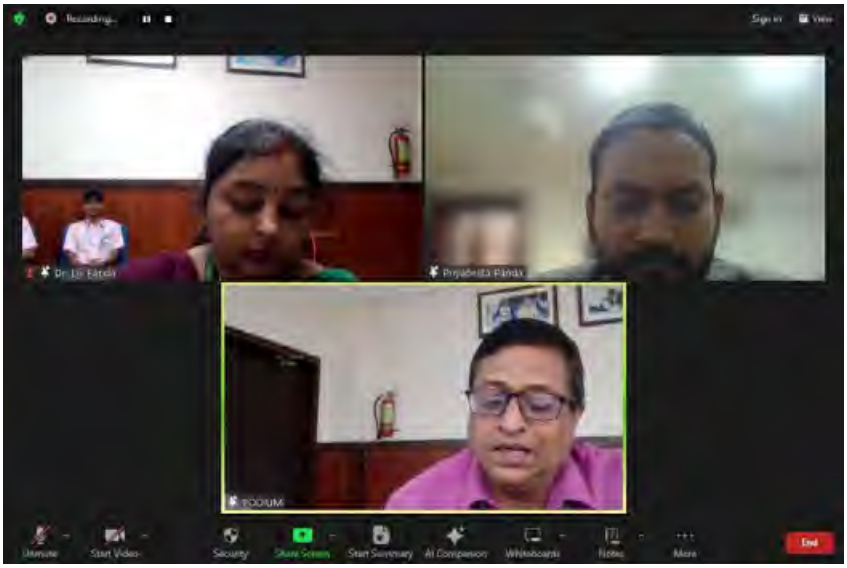
Invited Guest Lecture on: “Sarala Sahityare Lokaupadana Prasanga”

The School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed University hosted a guest lecture on "Sarala Sahityare Lokaupadana Prasanga" on 22nd November 2023. Dr. Naku Handsdah, an Assistant Professor from Sambalpur University, discussed the relationship between Sarala Sahitya and Odisha's socio-cultural fabric. He delved into the dimensions of "Lokaupadana Prasanga" within Sarala Sahitya, highlighting the significance of folklore and local narratives in the literary works of Sarala Das. The lecture fostered intellectual exchange and fostered a vibrant atmosphere for attendees.



17th Nov 2023

Webinar on “Tax Reforms and Economic Development: Unveiling India's Performance”



The School of Tribal Resource Management, KISS-DU, hosted a webinar on November 17, 2023, discussing the impact of tax reforms on India's economy. Dr. Priyabrata Panda, Head of Commerce Department at G.M. University, discussed the challenges, advantages, and prospects of such reforms, as well as the potential future consequences. The event was part of a MoU with G.M. University.

17th November 2023

Student Seminar Organized on World Students Day



On World Students Day, a Student Seminar discussed the impact of youth leadership on driving positive change in society. Students from KISS-DU's AURORA Club discussed the history of youth leaders, their passion, energy, and power to challenge the status quo, and the desire to change the lens of approach.

15th Nov 2023

Distinguished lecture on Bhagwan Birsa Munda

On 15th November 2023, Birsa Munda Research Chair and Tribal Advisory Council organized a special lecture on the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The event, recognized as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, featured Professor Mary G. Bage, former Professor of Sociology at Utkal University, and senior KISS-DU staff and students. The lecture focused on four life qualities: struggle, sacrifice, determination, and discipline. The Registrar of KISS-DU, Dr. Prashant Kumar Routray, emphasized the importance of documentation and research on the legend for tribal community protection, preservation, promotion, and empowerment.



11th Nov 2023

National Education Day celebrated by KISS-DU AURORA Club

The KISS-DU AURORA Club celebrated National Education Day with Essay and Debate Competitions, honoring Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister, and addressing challenges and brainstorming solutions for sustainable development through education.



10th Nov 2023

Mandia Dibasa

An invited lecture was conducted on 10th November 2023, in Conference Hall-2, Campus-3, KISS-DU at 3.15 pm by the School of CIST, Centre for



Indigenous Knowledge on Herbal Medicines and Therapeutics and in collaboration with Instituition's Innovation Council, Ministry of HRD Initiative. The lecture was based on creating the value addition of millets with respect to entrepreneurship development as well as the therapeutic aspects of millet. Two eminent speakers, Dr. Kalpana Rayaguru and Dr. Shakti Ketan Prusty, were invited to this event.

3rd Nov 2023

Distinguished Lecture Series on the 'Relevance of Bhima Bhoi in the Present Context' at KISS-DU



The Bhima Bhoi Research Chair at KISS Deemed to be University, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and G. M. University, Sambalpur, held a Distinguished Lecture Series-2 on November 3, 2023, focusing on the relevance of Bhima Bhoi in the present context. The event was presided over by Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor of KISS-DU, who emphasized the need for digital documentation of ten Bhajans of Bhima Bhoi's life and works. Professor Pabitra Mohan Nayak, a pioneer in Bhima Bhoi research in Odisha, was introduced as the distinguished speaker. Nayak described Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi's life, including his struggles with food, shelter, and atrocities.

27th Oct to 30th Oct 2023

Seventh Study Visit cum Consortium Meet under AURORA Project

KISS Deemed to be University hosted the Seventh Study Visit cum Consortium Meet under the AURORA Project (Co-funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union) from 27th to 30th October 2023. The Meet had representation from six countries – Spain, Romania, Czech Republic, Ireland, Nepal and India



30/10/2023

Members of KISS-DU AURORA Club host Interaction Session

The members of KISS-DU AURORA Club organized an interaction session with Professor Elizabeth Schmitt, University of Giessen, Germany on 29th October 2023. During her visit, she was captivated with the aims and objectives with which the club has been set up at KISS-DU and encouraged the students to keep up the good work. Professor Schmitt appreciated the posters prepared by them on the central themes of the project. She opined that the presentations made by the students explaining various posters was found to be impressive. The students also shared some of the volunteering and community work done by the students especially during the pandemic. The interaction session was followed with a Question and Answer Session. Professor Schmitt concluded the session by words of inspiration for the students.





29/10/2023

KISS-DU organises International Conference on 'Transformative Education, Gender Equality, Active Citizenship for Sustainable Development'

Inclusion has been a significant driver of change, pivotal in building an equitable society. Inclusion is like water and can blend with all the small and large diversities in society, be it gender, language, economy, etc. A perfect amalgamation of all these factors will help the coming generation to collectively materialize their dreams of making a just society. This emphasizes the need for developing inclusive practices through

transformative education, gender equality and active citizenship so that all the parameters mentioned above can be achieved.





The Agenda 2030 of the United Nations has emphasized improving society by ensuring global citizenship. This target can only be achieved by developing inclusive practices across the globe. Transformative education shall play a catalytic role in translating these objectives into action.





25/10/2023

Sixth Study Visit cum Consortium Meeting to Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

The members of the AURORA Project attended the Sixth Study Visit to Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic from 18th to 21st September 2023





20/10/2023

Orientation on Aurora Courses

The KISS-DU AURORA Team organized an Orientation Programme on AURORA Courses on 20th October 2022. This was organised to create awareness in the three modules developed under the project. This included a briefing session on the aims, objectives and outcomes of the courses. The session was conducted by the faculty members of the AURORA Club.



13/10/2023

KISS-DU Participates in Meri Maati Mera Desh, organizes Amrit Kalash Yatra

On October 13, 2023, the NSS Units of KISS-DU participated in the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaigns by celebrating the Amrit Kalash Yatra. Honourable Vice-Chancellor of KISS DU Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Registrar Dr Prasanta Kumar Routray, all POs, faculty members, and student volunteers attended the event. The volunteers collected soil in the Amrit Kalash, took the Panch Pran Pledge, and worked on the plantation in Amrit Vatika.



12/10/2023–13/10/2023

KISS-DU organizes Environmental Awareness cum Plantation Programme

KISS-DU organized an environmental awareness programme on 12th and 13th October 2023 in collaboration with Odisha Environmental Society (OES). There was the eloquence and essay competition on 12th October 2023 among the students. This received an overwhelming response from 45 students. The topic of the essay was “Significance of the Plantation of Trees in the Present Juncture” and 30 students participated in Eloquence on the topic “Should Wildlife be protected?”.



Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Chairperson Council of Deans emphasized on creating environmental awareness and the contribution of KISS in this regard. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera delivered his address as the chief guest of the meeting on the







importance of trees for human beings. He also focused on cultural mechanism to maintain bio-diversity by the tribal giving examples of festival of Jahira and Sacred Grove etc.

6/10/2023

Online Interaction and Orientation Session for NEP SAARTHIs

Online Interaction and Orientation Session for NEP SAARTHIs that was held on 6th October 2023 at 4:00 PM.

The Online Interaction and Orientation Session for NEP SAARTHIs was organized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to provide information and orientation regarding the National Education Policy 2020

(NEP-2020). The session aimed to equip NEP SAARTHIs with a comprehensive understanding of the key provisions and objectives of the NEP-2020

1. Participants: The session was attended by the following diverse group of NEP SAARTHIs from our institution, representing various faculties and departments.
    - Muni Gomango, PG II, English Programme
    - Rodana Bhoi , Chemistry Programme
    - Sanjukta Bhoi, Sociology Programme



The Hon'ble Chairman of the UGC , Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar , led the session, making it an exceptional opportunity for our NEP SAARTHIs to interact with the highest authority in the field of education.

3/10/2023 – 4/10/2023

KISS-DU Organizes Two-Day International Conference on 'Ethnicity, Identity and Nationalism in Indigenous Literature'

The School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures (SCTLL), KISS-DU organized a two-day International Conference on 'Ethnicity, Identity and Nationalism in Indigenous Literature' on 3rd and 4th October 2023.





Addressing at the Inaugural Function, Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor, KISS-DU in his Welcome address appreciated the initiatives of the School of Comparative Tribal Languages and Literatures, KISS-DU and threw

light on the significance of ethnicity and nationalism. Further, he spoke on the importance of documentation of oral literature of various tribes. Dr. Chittaranan Bhoi, Associate Professor and Head, English Programme, the convener of the Conference spoke about the purpose of conducting the Conference and the relevance of the theme. He introduced the distinguished speakers from five countries- Brazil, Australia, Poland, Sir Lanka and Bangladesh and the delegates from Haryana, Jharkhand, Punjab and Odisha.



2/10/2023

First Lady of Kenya Rachel Ruto E.G.H Receives Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2022

The First Lady Kenya, Rachel Ruto, E.G.H., was awarded the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2022 at an event in the KISS campus that was graced by the Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal. The award recognizes her outstanding dedication to humanitarian efforts and her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the underprivileged and underserved, particularly women, children, and vulnerable communities.

In her acceptance speech, Rachel expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she received in Bhubaneswar and extended her thanks to the Governor and the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta for their hospitality. She emphasized her eagerness to collaborate with institutions like KISS in their shared mission to create a more compassionate and equitable world. The First Lady commended the visionary work of Dr Samanta who has been instrumental in providing free education to over 40,000 underprivileged students.

Mrs. Ruto acknowledged that the award was not just a recognition of her individual efforts but also a tribute to the spirit and resilience of the Kenyan people, especially women. She pledged to continue advocating for women's well-being, financial inclusion, access to knowledge, and livelihood initiatives through Women Economic Empowerment programs.



30/09/2023

Community Awareness Program Conducted at KISS-DU AURORA Club

KISS-DU AURORA Club conducted a Community Awareness Program on the theme “Development of Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility” on 30th September 2023.

The AURORA Club organized a community awareness program, wherein they connected with key stakeholders of their communities and talked about prosocial behaviors, empathy, violence, and responsibilities towards the community. While interacting with the youth of their communities, the students of the AURORA Club said that the youth have an important and prominent role in supporting society's progress. The participation and

involvement of the youth in developing social responsibility among the youth protects them from delinquency and saves them from problems threatening society's peace and security.

The Awareness Program was attended by the members of the AURORA Club.



26/09/2023

G20 University Connect Programme at KISS-DU

Forty faculty members, forty research scholars and forty students, Deans, Directors, and other senior functionaries of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (Deemed to be University), led by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, and the Registrar, Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, attended the Honourable Prime Minister's interaction programme on the occasion of the grand finale of the G20 University Connect Programme on 26th September 2023.

These members were chosen to represent the University's students, staff, and management at the online event. Two parallel viewing areas were arranged: one in a conference hall and another in a classroom. Facilities for online interactions were kept ready in advance. The audience enjoyed the cultural programme presented at the start of the meeting and agreed with the critical message that it conveyed. The students (mostly first-generation learners, all from underprivileged communities), faculty members and



management greeted the appearance of the Honourable Prime Minister warmly, with a standing ovation.

The audience enjoyed the recapitulation of the events of the G20 Summit. It recalled their participation in G20 and S20 meets held at the university and at our sister concern, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (Deemed University). Students had previously found the Delhi declaration of great interest, and a round of applause greeted reference to it by the Honourable Prime Minister.

Since all of our students are from the Scheduled Tribes, and 60% of them are female, the reference to empowerment schemes for the underprivileged and Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam was enthusiastically received by the students and the staff. The points raised further in the honourable Prime Minister's speech were recorded and remembered by the students, and the audience was glad to hear the account of the all-round development of India that the honourable Prime Minister presented. As the honourable Prime Minister suggested in his speech, the audience also pledged to participate in the cleanliness drive.







27/09/2023

Knowledge Sharing Meet on World Tourism Day 2023 at KISS-DU

A Knowledge Sharing Meet was organized by the Geography Programme under the School of Tribal Resource Management (STRM), KISS-DU, on 27th September 2023 to observe World Tourism Day. According to UNWTO, the theme of this year is “Tourism and Green Investments”. Faculty members, Research Scholars and Students of the School were present at this meeting.

United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations which promotes responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. It firmly believes that tourism drives economic growth, inclusive development and environmental sustainability. It provides leadership and support in advancing knowledge and tourism policy and is a source of tourism research and knowledge.

Dr. Arpana Premi Lina Oraon, Associate Professor, Geography Programme, STRM, welcomed all the participants. She introduced the theme and the importance of the day and shared her experiences. To infuse a deeper understanding of the significance of tourism, she presented some unique pictures during her Italy, Israel, Egypt and Palestine visits and shared her learnings from them. In her talk, she focused on the benefits of travel and tourism, and some of them included development, competitiveness, innovation, digital transformation, ethics, culture and social responsibilities.



21/09/2023

KISS-DU AURORA Club organizes Poster Making Competition on occasion of International Peace Day

The KISS-DU AURORA Club organized a poster-making competition on the occasion of International Peace Day on the theme “Unity in Diversity” on 21st September 2023. The students prepared posters on the given theme and presented their works to the senior functionaries of the university.

The students spoke about how people have consistently shown the praiseworthy behavior of love and peace and how this has resulted in the ethical and moral evolution of humanity.

The winner of the poster competition was felicitated by the senior functionaries of the university.





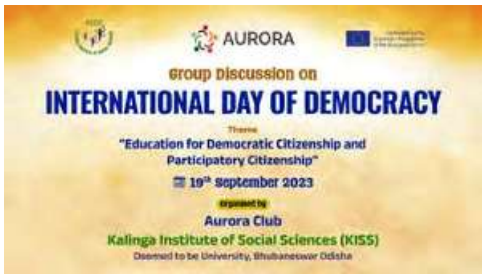
19/09/2023

KISS-DU AURORA Club Conducts Group Discussion on International Day of Democracy

The members of the AURORA Club conducted a Group Discussion on the International Day of Democracy on the theme "Education for Democratic Citizenship and Participatory Citizenship" on 19th September 2023.

In a stimulating group discussion between the students of the AURORA Club, various perspectives came to the limelight. Some of them included:

- Democratic Citizenship–focus on democratic rights and responsibilities, active participation in the context of civic, political, social, economic, legal, and cultural spheres of society.
- Participatory Citizenship–participation in decision-making, voting, and ensuring a balanced distribution of resources.



The session was moderated by the students and attended by the members of the AURORA Club.

8/09/2023

International Literacy Day Celebrated at KISS-DU AURORA Club

The members of the AURORA Club of KISS Deemed to be University, celebrated poster making competition on occasion of International Literacy Day on 8th September 2023. The theme chosen for the competition was "Knowledge is Power".

The students presented their creative works on the theme and expressed the need, significance, and importance of education in life. The university strongly believes in the philosophy that "Education is the third eye of a child". While presenting the posters, the students shared the problems faced by their communities back home and how education has played a seminal role in helping them take informed decisions in life.



The posters were exhibited for everyone to catch a glimpse of the works of the students. The senior functionaries praised and motivated the students for their phenomenal work.

21/08/2023

Celebrations Break Out In KIIT-KISS Campuses on Chandrayaan-3's Moon Landing

Exuberant celebrations filled the air within the KIIT and KISS campuses on Wednesday evening as students came together to mark the historic achievement of Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the Moon's surface.

As the lunar mission made its gentle descent onto the Moon and touched down on the lunar surface, the live visuals of which were being streamed on television screens, more than 60,000 students of KIIT and KISS broke into spontaneous celebration. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds as they cheered, shared greetings, and exchanged sweets in a jubilant atmosphere.

In keeping with the wishes of the Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the administrations of KIIT and KISS had made elaborate arrangements to enable students, faculty, and staff to witness the historic event in real time. Across the campuses, digital display boards attracted large gatherings of students who had anxiously awaited this historic moment like the rest of the nation.

Earlier that day, KIIT and KISS students had actively engaged in various activities leading up to the landing, extending their heartfelt best wishes to the ISRO scientists behind the momentous lunar mission. The campuses adorned themselves with the national Tricolor, and the corridors echoed chants of unity and patriotism, such as 'Om' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.







21/08/2023

KISS-DU Celebrates World Entrepreneur's Day 2023

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar celebrated World Entrepreneur's Day on 21st August 2023 in collaboration Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC) Foundation. BCKIC organised an event that included inspiring talks, Spark-O-Thon, Idea Competition and an interactive Entrepreneurship Quiz from 3:00 to 06:30 PM. The event was attended by 60 students of different schools of KISS-DU.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Gouri Shankar Beriha, Assistant Professor of the School of Tribal Resource Management. He expressed his gratitude to all the participants and highlighted the importance of World Entrepreneur's Day. Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mohanty, Head of Strategic Alliance of BCKIC Foundation, was the resource person. 7 teams pitched their ideas before a jury. Mr Aamar Muska, Mr Sanjib Kumar Mallick and Ms Shruti Khalko secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. Mr. Aamar presented a low-cost DNA isolation protocol; Mr. Sanjib pitched about the benefits of jackfruit chips and underlined that it is highly nutritious and rich in fibre. Ms. Shruti showcased indigenous organic handmade clothing, sustainable, fair trade and eco-friendly practices. A quiz competition followed the event.







19/08/2023

KISS-DU Organizes Street Play and Essay Competition

A Street Play and Essay Competition was organized by the AURORA Club of KISS-DU on the theme “Empowering Local Communities in Humanitarian Responses” on 19th August 2023.



The students showed an overwhelming response. They projected how empowering local communities creates collaboration between humanitarian organizations and local communities. The central part of the street play was related to the benefits of partnership approach can result in more sustainable efforts. The students who had participated in essay competition covered the outcomes of such partnerships as well. They wrote how empowering local communities infuses greater humanitarian relief.

9/08/2023 – 14/08/2023

World Anthropology Congress Concludes at KISS

The World Anthropology Congress (WAC) concluded today at KISS Deemed to be University. Joining as the Chief Guest in the valedictory session, Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, delivered a brilliant and insightful speech on the significant role of Emperor Ashoka in spreading world peace. He discussed Ashoka's transformation in the historic land of Kalinga, as well as the intricate relationship between the cult of Jagannath and tribal culture.

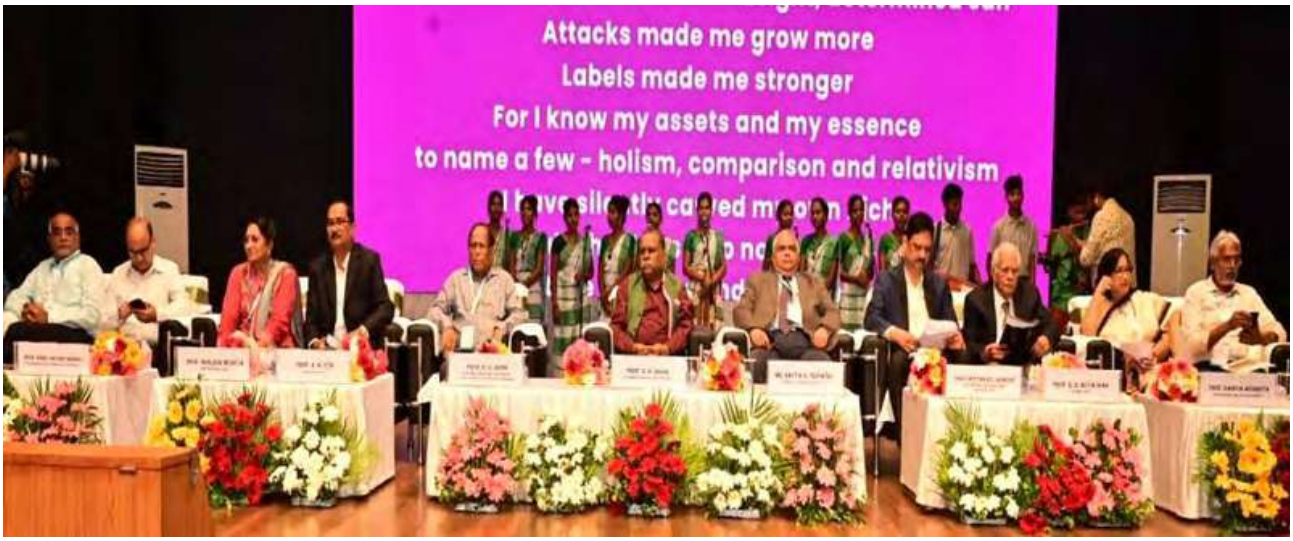
He said, the indigenous people should engage in self-reflection, researching on their own communities and it would be only possible through quality education. “If we could empower them with proper education, they would be able to solve their issues on their own,'' he observed.

On establishing a world-class museum for the indigenous people at KISS University, the Minister said, “The Tribal Affairs Ministry is ready for this collaborative project, but it could only be initiated following a formal proposal from the Odisha Government.''

Praising the efforts of the Founder of KIIT-KISS, the Union Minister said, “Dr. Achyuta Samanta is the best human being in the world and he is a genuinely sensitive individual. He personifies how, with determination, dedication, vision and selfless hard work, success could be achieved. Every one of us should learn this from him.'' On learning Anthropology, he said, “We have to interact with the indigenous people as they understand nature from very first day. Without the Mother Nature our survival is also at stake.''

In his address, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, “For World Anthropology Congress, KISS is the ideal venue and best place for research on Anthropology''. He recounted an international conference he attended in Europe, where a renowned Japanese anthropologist hailed KISS as the “largest anthropological laboratory of the world.” Dr. Samanta also drew attention to the fact that KISS was home to 2,000 students from Jharkhand, the home state of Union Minister Shri Arjun Munda. He proudly mentioned that the 2023 Class X topper was also from Jharkhand.





9/08/2023

International Day of World Indigenous Peoples Celebrated at KISS-DU AURORA Club

The KISS-DU AURORA Club celebrated International Day of World Indigenous People on 9th August 2023. A student seminar was organized on the theme "Indigenous Education: Promoting Inclusivity and Cultural Sensitivity in Learning Environments." Addressing the students of AURORA Club, the Vice Chancellor of KISS-DU talked about bringing curricula reforms to promote diversity. The scope and horizon has been expanding with the fusion of inclusive education to achieve educational goals of the indigenous youth, he added. Developing tailor-made educational packages with culturally and linguistically appropriate components is much-needed, he stressed. The students also shared their experiences by sharing their educational requirements and some of the challenges faced by their communities.



31/07/2023

NSS Wing of KISS-DU Celebrates Van Mahostsav 2023

The NSS wing celebrated Van Mahotsav 2023 by planting saplings with the motto 'Each one: Plant one' on 31st July 2023. The faculty members and students of KISS-DU participated in large numbers and pledged to do their bit to spread awareness about the importance of trees.





31/07/2023

KISS-DU Aurora Club and Aurora Centre organizes Van Mahotsav 2023

The KISS-DU AURORA Club organized Van Mahotsav–2023 in association with the volunteers National Service Scheme (NSS) Bureau, KISS-DU on 31st July 2023. The AURORA Project, whose objective is to inculcate values of active citizenship in the youth, demonstrated a stellar example of the power of youth wherein the student members of the AURORA Club planted trees in order to observe Van Mahotsav–2023. This was a proactive initiative taken by the club members in order to mark their contribution as a responsible citizen towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)–Agenda 2030 with special focus on SDG 11–Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 12–Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13–Climate Action and SDG 15–Life on Land. The plantation drive was done at the Herbal Garden of KISS Deemed to be University being managed by the Centre for Indigenous Knowledge on Herbal Medicines and Therapeutics, one of the seven innovative centres at KISS-DU.



28/07/2023

KISS-DU AURORA Club Organizes Poster Competition on World Nature Conservation Day

A Poster Competition was organized on World Nature Conservation Day on the theme “Forests and Livelihood: Sustaining People and Planet.” on 28th July 2023.



The students of the AURORA Club connected the love for nature in tribal communities with their livelihood while preparing posters for the competition. The concept of 5-Ps was very well explained in some of the posters. The theme of the Sustainable Development

Goals was visible in their works. They portrayed their close relationship with this natural system and how there is dependency to meet their basic needs. The members of the jury applauded the local touch in the best posters.

15/07/2023

World Youth Skills Day Celebrated at KISS-DU AURORA Club

Keeping in view the importance of skills for youth, the KISS-DU AURORA Club organized a Workshop on World Youth Skills Day on 15th July 2023. The theme of the workshop was “Entrepreneurship Education among the tribal youth”. The faculty members addressed the students about the benefits of possessing necessary skills inclusive of both hard skills and soft skills. Connecting with the theme, the faculty members further explained that start-ups and building enterprises is what India needs right now. The objective of the workshop was to provide students with the knowledge, skills and motivation to encourage entrepreneurial success. They also briefed about the significance of entrepreneurship for tribal youth and how the students can become change agents for their communities.



The students of the club also spoke and shared their opinions. They said that possessing skills will help them in identifying the right kind of platform and give them the exposure they need. This indeed will help them in honing their personal, social and professional skills. This Workshop was also attended by the team members of the Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

3/07/2023

Student Seminar on International Plastic Bag Free Day

The KISS-DU AURORA Club organized a student seminar on International Plastic Bag Free Day on 3rd July 2023. The theme chosen for the seminar was “Plastic Waste Management: Issues and Solutions.”

The students presented the central theme of the topic and focused on SDG – 4, SDG – 6, SDG – 11, and SDG – 12 of the Sustainable Development Goals of



the United Nations. During the presentations, they highlighted the ill-impact of plastic bags on the environment and highlighted some of the work done by the university in addressing SDGs both directly and indirectly, as one of the best. practices adopted by the university. The students expressed their concerns towards protecting and preserving the environment and stressed the role of youth in creating a better future for the coming generations.

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