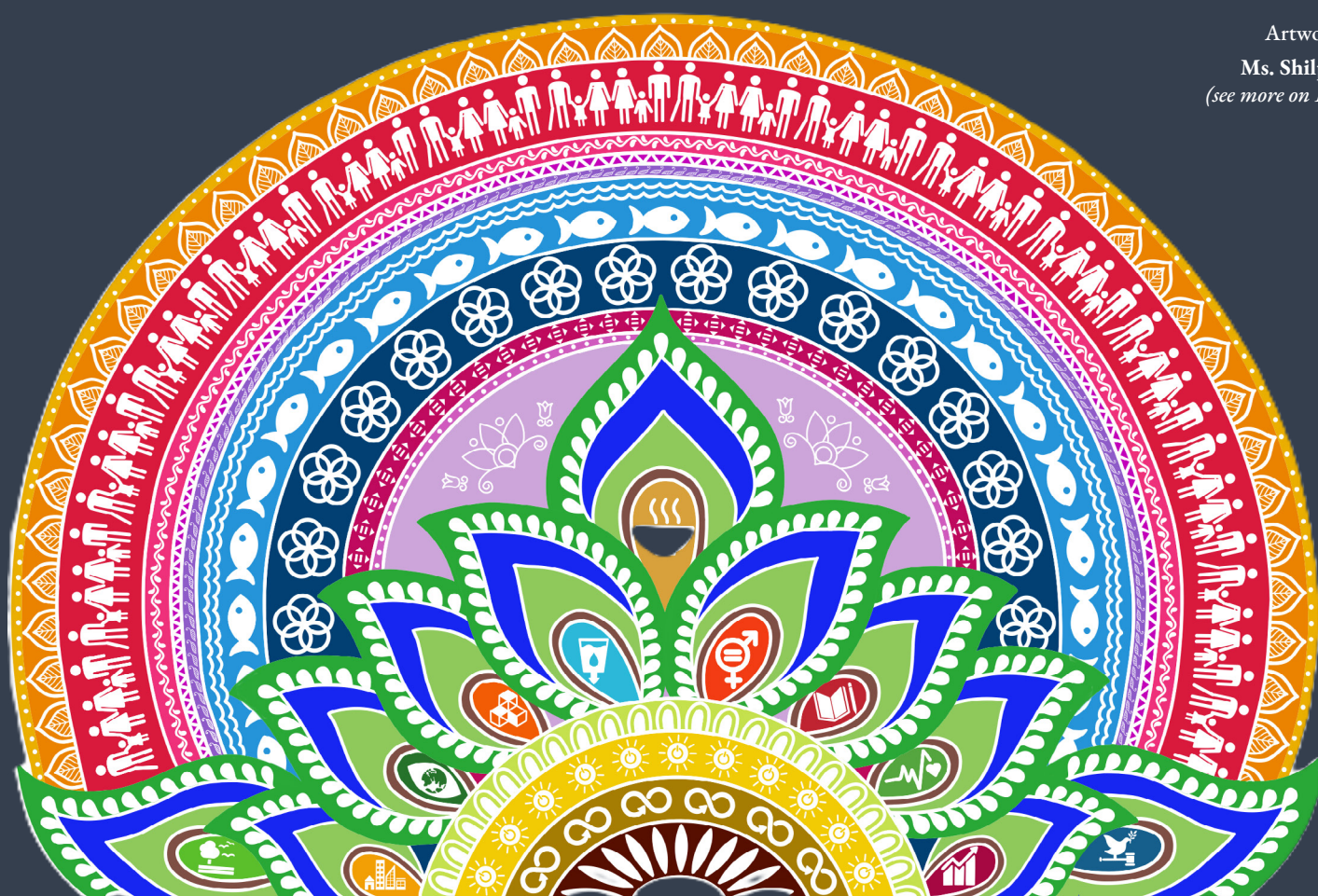




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Industry 5.0 Symposium held on 8th November at KIIT University



Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
Internal Quality Assurance Cell



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About the Artwork

"This mandala art is created to represent all 17 Sustainable Development Goals as one interconnected vision of progress. Each segment symbolizes a specific goal - from No Poverty (SDG 1) and Zero Hunger (SDG 2) to Quality Education (SDG 4), Gender Equality (SDG 5), Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7), Climate Action (SDG 13), Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17). Together, they form a balanced whole, showing that sustainable development is holistic and indivisible. Like a mandala, global progress is possible only when every SDG works in harmony for people, planet, and shared future."



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“The health of a nation is defined by the quality of education its people receive; strong learning foundations drive stronger societies.”



**Prof. (Dr.)
Saranjit Singh**
Vice-Chancellor, KIIT-DU



**Prof. (Dr.)
Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty**
Registrar, KIIT-DU

“Effective quality assurance arises from leadership that constantly seeks innovation, accountability, and measurable academic outcomes.”

“Quality assurance demands continuous review, transparent policies, and a collective commitment from faculty, staff, and leadership.”

Building Quality Through Collaboration

IQAC Events

IQAC Convenes: Setting the Roadmap for Accreditation & Sustainability

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of KIIT convened on November 10, 2025, to set the university's strategic roadmap. The session focused on pivotal policy decisions to fortify KIIT's global standing. Key among them was the approval to apply for the prestigious **AACSB membership** for the School of Management, signaling a new era for business education. To modernize quality assurance, the committee greenlit the **automation of Course and Program Outcome (CO & PO) attainment**, integrating a centralized data system to streamline accreditation. Sustainability was also a core agenda; the body **mandated annual Carbon Emission and Energy audits** to align institutional growth with the **UN SDGs**. Additionally, the meeting noted the successful submission of NBA Self-Assessment Reports.



Mastering Research: 5-Day FDP on Scientific Writing

IQAC KIIT successfully conducted a 5-Day Faculty Development Programme titled “Art and Science of Scientific Writing.” Designed for faculty and scholars, the offline course aimed to elevate research communication by blending scientific accuracy with narrative clarity. The pedagogy covered **ethical writing, systematic literature reviews, and readability**. Participants engaged in hands-on classroom exercises, guided by the text *Scientific and Technical Writing* by Mohapatra and Moulick.



Ensuring Standards: Half-Yearly Internal Audits Concluded

From December 16–18, 2025, KIIT University successfully conducted its **comprehensive half-yearly internal academic audit** and assessment across 24 schools. The extensive exercise involved 48 experts and was coordinated centrally by the IQAC team under the guidance of Dean Dr. Siddharth Swarup Rautaray. Designed as a roadmap for growth rather than a mere inspection, the audit scrutinized systems over individuals. Key areas of evaluation included **curriculum design, research culture, and the integration of industry-relevant skills such as ethics and sustainability**. By assessing the effective use of technology in classrooms and revisiting previous recommendations, the initiative aimed to refine teaching-learning outcomes. This rigorous review reaffirms the university's commitment to a transparent, data-driven culture of continuous improvement and academic excellence.



Excellence in Numbers, Purpose in Vision



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KIIT Deemed to be University has reaffirmed its global standing in the newly released QS Asia University Rankings 2026, securing the 294th position in Asia. This achievement cements KIIT's status as the premier institution - both private and government - in Odisha, while simultaneously marking its dominance with a 67th rank in Southern Asia. Beyond academic reputation, the university's growing commitment to environmental stewardship and social impact has been recognized globally, earning it the 834th position in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2026. The rankings, which evaluated over 1,500 Asian universities including 555 new entrants, are based on rigorous criteria such as academic reputation, citations per paper, and international research networks. Expressing satisfaction over this triple achievement, Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta noted that despite being a young university of just 22 years, KIIT performs on par with established global institutions. "KIIT's outstanding performance is a reflection of its continuous efforts in academic excellence. We have made Odisha proud by consistently maintaining high ranks across all major world rankings," he said, congratulating the faculty, staff, and students for their dedication.

Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026

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In a significant achievement, KIIT has secured a stellar global rank of 157 in the THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026. Developed in association with Schmidt Science Fellows, this prestigious ranking measures contributions to interdisciplinary science, a critical driver for solving complex global challenges. KIIT demonstrated excellence across **three key pillars: inputs (funding), process (facilities), and outputs (research quality)**. By breaking down academic silos and fostering cross-departmental innovation, the university has positioned itself as a leader in future-ready, holistic scientific research.

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Innovation & Recognition



KIIT Wins Best Sports Stadium Title at CII Business Awards 2025

KIIT has been conferred with the **Best Sports Stadium of the Year Award** at the 3rd CII Sports Business Awards 2025. Presented in New Delhi on December 10, the honour recognizes the university's development of **world-class infrastructure** and its transformative impact on the Indian sports ecosystem. The award was handed over during the 10th CII Scorecard 2025, a gathering attended by Union Ministers, corporate leaders, and sports icons. This accolade complements KIIT's legacy of sporting excellence, adding to previous recognitions like the **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar**

and the **Sportstar Aces Awards**, cementing its status as a premier hub for athletic development.

KIDS Honoured with Charaka National Award for Best Dental College

The Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS) has secured the prestigious **Charaka National Award for Best Dental College from the Indian Dental Association (IDA)**. Dr. Jugajyoti Pathi, Director of KIDS, received the award after the institute garnered over 4 lakh public votes and impressed the jury panel. The recognition highlights the superior academic and clinical infrastructure at KIDS, which features over 300 dental chairs, AI-based diagnostics, and advanced 3D printing laboratories. Beyond facilities, the award acknowledged impactful research initiatives such as the Cleft Connect application for cleft lip care and extensive community outreach programs transforming oral health across Odisha. The ceremony witnessed a distinguished gathering, including Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez, Consul General of Chile; Mr. Alex Chain from the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA); and senior IDA office bearers Dr. Subhra Nandy (President), Dr. Ashok Dhoble, and Dr. Manoj Srivastava. Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta congratulated the faculty and students, noting that this success reflects the collective dedication of the entire dental fraternity at KIIT to combine technological excellence with compassionate service.



SRM University Confers Honorary Doctorate on Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta

Dr. Achyuta Samanta was conferred his **69th Honorary Doctorate by SRM University, Sonepat**, during its Third Convocation. The honour was presented by the **Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan**, recognizing Dr. Samanta's global contribution to social transformation. The citation lauded him as a **flagbearer of service without boundaries**, acknowledging his lifelong efforts to empower the underprivileged through holistic education.



Innovation & Recognition

KIIT Wins FICCI Award for Financial Sustainability and Student Access

KIIT has added another feather to its cap by winning the **FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award for 'Excellence in Financial Sustainability & Student Access'**. The honour was conferred by **Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari** in New Delhi on October 6, 2025. Receiving the award, a high-level delegation led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh accepted the recognition of KIIT's robust financial model and its commitment to inclusivity through extensive scholarships. The jury lauded the university's pioneering efforts in ensuring **quality education remains accessible to students from all socio-economic backgrounds**. KIIT also secured finalist spots in two additional categories, **creating employment and globalization**, underscoring its holistic leadership. Prof. Singh attributed this success to the visionary foundation laid by Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta and the collective dedication of the faculty.



KIIT Named Best Emerging University at ISTE National Convention

KIIT-DU has been adjudged the **"Best Emerging University"** at the **55th Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) National Faculty Convention** held recently in Puducherry. This prestigious honour highlights the university's steady rise as one of India's most dynamic educational institutions, celebrated for its academic excellence, inclusive growth, and community service. Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta expressed his gratitude to ISTE

for recognising KIIT's contribution to technical education. He congratulated the faculty, staff, and students, acknowledging that their relentless hard work and dedication to institutional development have made this achievement possible.

KIIT Bags Achiever Title at Odisha State Energy Conservation Awards

On **National Energy Conservation Day**, KIIT Deemed to be University received the **Achiever Award in the Educational Institute category** at the **Odisha State Energy Conservation Awards 2025**. Presented at Lokseva Bhawan on December 14, the award recognizes the university's impactful initiatives in **efficient resource utilization**. Through regular energy audits, solar power generation, and sensor-based lighting, KIIT achieved a remarkable **38.68 percent total electric saving for the year 2024-2025**. The university has also integrated courses like **Renewable Energy Sources** into its syllabus to foster environmental stewardship among students. The specific energy consumption reduced by **17.67 percent** over the previous financial year, a testament to the effective replacement of CFLs with LEDs and the implementation of smart AC systems across the campus.



Academic Excellence

Global Gold Standard: KSOM Awarded Prestigious AACSB Membership Certificate

KIIT School of Management (KSOM) has been awarded the Certificate of Membership from AACSB International, marking a pivotal step in its global academic journey. Founded in 1916, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) is revered as the world's longest-serving



and most prestigious accrediting body for business schools. Widely recognized as the “gold standard” in business education, AACSB accreditation is an exclusive distinction held by fewer than 6 percent of the world's 16,000 business programs. The certificate was formally received by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS, from Mr. Prathap Das, Regional Head for South Asia at AACSB International. The ceremony was attended by key university leadership, including Vice Chancellor Dr. Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Rahu K.D., and KSOM Director Dr. Kumar Mohanty. Also present to witness this

milestone were Dr. Arvind Tripathy, Dean of KSOM; Dr. Biswajit Sahoo, Director General of the School of Computer Science Engineering; and Dr. Damodar Jena of the KIIT School of Rural Management, reflecting the institutional commitment to excellence.

KIIT and Apollo Tyres Launch India's First Specialized Course in Tyre Technology

In a significant milestone for India's technical education landscape, KIIT University has become the first institution in the country to introduce a specialized academic course in tyre technology. This initiative follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Apollo Tyres Ltd, creating India's first strategic academic collaboration between a university and a major tyre manufacturer. Through this partnership, KIIT will offer a specialized bucket of electives covering tyre science, design, manufacturing, testing, and sustainability—critical areas that have never before been formally integrated into an engineering curriculum in India. Apollo Tyres will support the university in syllabus development and preparing study materials to align pedagogies with the latest industry trends. Additionally, subject-matter experts from the company will deliver lectures, ensuring students gain exposure to real-world practices and cutting-edge technologies. Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh described the initiative as a “first-of-its-kind partnership,” fulfilling a dream to introduce gold-standard specialized electives. Prashant Kumar S., Head of Product Development at Apollo Tyres, emphasized that the MoU will significantly enhance student employability by providing deep, industry-aligned skills. Anet Chaku, representing Apollo's leadership, noted that the collaboration reflects the company's commitment to nurturing young engineering talent while retaining its “Indianness” during global growth.



Research Ecosystem

KIMS Journal JIMR Achieves Prestigious DOAJ Indexing

In a landmark development for the medical fraternity of Odisha, the Journal of Integrative Medicine and Research (JIMR), published by the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), has been officially indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). This inclusion is a significant validation of the journal's commitment to ethical publication practices and high-quality research. As an internationally respected indexing database recognized by the National Medical Commission (NMC), DOAJ indexing will substantially enhance the journal's global visibility and credibility among researchers and healthcare professionals. This achievement marks a major leap in the state's academic landscape, mak-



ing KIMS the only hospital in Odisha to receive this prestigious global honour. Since its launch in January 2023, JIMR has consistently upheld rigorous academic standards, publishing ten continuous issues as a quarterly journal. The journal's success is attributed to its strong editorial leadership, including Editor-in-Chief Prof. Nirmal Kumar Mohakud, Past Editor-in-Chief Prof. Prasanta Pradhan, and Managing Editor Asst. Prof. Geetachand Acharya. The initiative has also been guided by KIMS Dean Dr. R.C. Das and former Dean Dr. Ambika Prasad Mohanty. This milestone reflects the visionary leadership of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS. His unwavering dedication to academic excellence and provision of world-class infrastructure have been pivotal in the journal's growth. With this global recognition, KIMS is now poised to aim for future indexing in renowned databases such as Scopus and PubMed.



R&D Cell Hosts Workshop on Scientific Publishing with Springer Nature

On December 2, 2025, the KIIT Research & Development Cell organized an expert author workshop titled "Elements of Scientific Publishing," featuring Mr. Aninda Bose, Executive Editor at Springer Nature Group, London. The session, themed "The Author's Journey: From Manuscript to Publication," was designed to demystify the complex world of academic publishing for the university's research community. Mr. Bose engaged the audience with a detailed roadmap of the publication lifecycle. He emphasized that publishing is not merely

about dissemination but is central to scholarly growth and global knowledge exchange. He broke down the timeline into manageable stages, guiding participants from the initial manuscript preparation through the rigors of peer review to final publication. A significant portion of the workshop was dedicated to research ethics. Mr. Bose stressed the necessity of maintaining high standards of integrity, specifically warning against plagiarism. He provided practical advice on the proper structuring of research papers and navigating the submission process effectively. Furthermore, he introduced attendees to modern publishing tools and platforms that streamline writing and submission, alongside valuable information on authorship guidelines and available funding opportunities. The event underscored KIIT's commitment to fostering a culture of quality research. It witnessed active participation from over 200 research scholars and faculty members across various schools, making for a highly interactive session. The program was successfully coordinated by Dr. Amlana Panda, Assistant Registrar (R&D), and was attended by several dignitaries who reaffirmed the institution's focus on academic excellence.

The Thought Corner

Gender Equality: From Principle to Practice



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KIIT-DU

Gender equality does not always arrive with loud speeches or big declarations. It often starts in small, almost unnoticed moments. Who feels invited to raise a hand. Who feels safe to speak honestly. Who looks around and believes they truly belong in the room. In classrooms and corridors, these moments shape confidence and hope. They quietly teach what fairness feels like. Equality is not only about big reports or impressive numbers. It grows out of everyday culture, the choices we make, and the values we practice. When fairness becomes part of daily life, it stops being an idea and begins to shape real experiences.

Universities hold a special responsibility here. They are not only places where facts are taught. They are places where young minds learn how to look at the world. Attitudes are formed. Assumptions are challenged. A sense of duty toward others begins to take root. The kind of environment a university creates affects how students understand respect and dignity. When people feel safe, supported, and included, they begin to stretch themselves. They speak more freely. They learn without fear. They grow into people who carry these values wherever they go.

At KIIT Deemed to be University, this commitment is not treated as a slogan. Inclusion is woven into daily life. There are clear systems to protect safety and dignity on campus. If someone faces a problem, there are trusted spaces to speak, such as grievance committees and the Internal Complaints Committee. Programs that spark conversation about gender, power, and fairness encourage people to think, question, and take responsibility for one another.

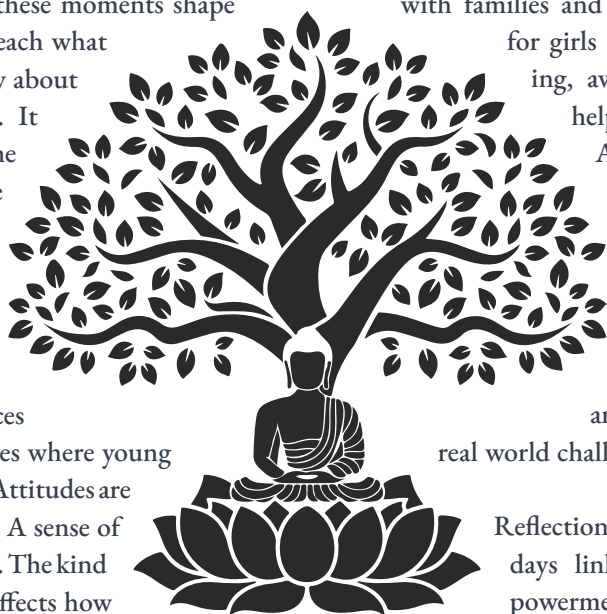
Women at KIIT are not standing at the sidelines. They are leading classes, guiding research, managing offices, and taking part in decisions. Their presence is not only about numbers. It is about real participation and influence. Faculty members shape academic ideas. Administrators build pol-

icies. Students step into leadership roles in clubs, projects, and community initiatives. Each contribution reminds the university that equality strengthens the entire institution. Empowerment here is not limited to allowing access. There is effort put into mentorship, leadership building, and long term support. Workshops help students prepare for careers. Training programs build skills and confidence. Health and counseling services recognize that true empowerment includes caring for the body and mind.

Kanya Kiran, a major initiative linked with KIIT, reaches beyond the campus. It focuses on girls at the community level, encouraging education and self belief. The program works with families and neighborhoods where opportunities for girls can be fragile. By encouraging learning, awareness of rights, and life skills, it helps break barriers before they harden. Alongside this, seminars, outreach programs, and awareness campaigns continue throughout the year. Conversations about education, employment, entrepreneurship, and leadership keep the topic alive. Student voices mix with the guidance of faculty. Ideas are tested against real world challenges rather than kept only on paper.

Reflection is an ongoing practice. Special days linked with women's rights and empowerment serve as moments to pause and think. These observances are not empty rituals. They remind the university community that equality is a journey that needs attention again and again.

What matters most is that these values travel beyond the gates. Students and staff are encouraged to step into social work and outreach. Education then becomes something larger than personal success. It becomes part of social change. By treating gender equality as a shared responsibility, KIIT nurtures a culture built on listening and steady effort. Policies are reviewed. Feedback is taken seriously. Adjustments are made when necessary. In this way, equality remains living, responsive, and meaningful for the future as well as the present.



Highlights of Distinction

Fostering Global Citizens: Founder Interactions with UN Volunteers

Dr. Achyuta Samanta recently engaged with young change-makers from the United Nations Volunteers programme in New Delhi, emphasizing the role of youth in building a better society. Reflecting on the significance of service, he noted that while education provides knowledge, volunteering instills purpose. This interaction highlights the impact of KIIT's landmark partnership with UN Volunteers (UNV), established last year. As the first private university in South Asia to offer the 'National University UN Volunteers' opportunity, KIIT enables its students to serve with UN agencies across India and abroad. This unique initiative provides students with stipends and invaluable professional exposure in international development. Dr. Samanta observed that such experiences are crucial in shaping the empathy, discipline, and values necessary for responsible global citizenship.



Silver Jubilee of KIIT NanhiPari Crowns New Little Miss India

The Silver Jubilee edition of KIIT NanhiPari Little Miss India concluded grandly at KIIT University in December 2025. Samriddhi Tripathy from Karnataka emerged as the winner of this prestigious beauty and talent pageant. Open to girls aged 13-15, the event followed rigorous auditions across major Indian cities including Delhi and Patna. The competition aims to build confidence and showcase young talent. The grand finale awarded scholarships and cash prizes worth Rs 56 Lakhs, with Samriddhi securing awards totaling Rs 28 Lakhs to support her future education.

3rd Global University Fair Strengthens International Pathways

The third Study Abroad Global University Fair was inaugurated at KIIT-DU by Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta, hosting representatives from 50 distinguished global institutions. The three-day event offered students direct access to scholarship and internship opportunities abroad. Dr. Samanta highlighted that in this age of globalization, academic movement fosters essential knowledge exchange. He noted that despite being a young university, KIIT ranks in the top 501 globally. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh emphasized the growing international aspirations of the students, revealing that nearly 30 percent of graduates now pursue higher education overseas. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Raju K. D. added that with over 130 foreign MoUs, the fair aligns perfectly with the university's vision of education without boundaries.



Highlights of Distinction

Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Ramdas Athawale Hails Tribal



Empowerment Model at KISS

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale, visited the KIIT and KISS campuses on November 8, 2025. Known for his trademark wit and rhyming oratory, the Minister captivated a packed gathering of students while lauding Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta's pioneering efforts in transforming tribal lives. Addressing the students, he emphasized that education is the most powerful tool to strengthen the social fabric and take the Adivasi community forward without animosity. "You have to strengthen the fabric of your society," he urged, encouraging them to contribute to national development. Dr. Samanta expressed deep gratitude for the Minister's inspiring words on social justice.

Nobel Laureate Prof. Abhijit Banerjee Graces SEN Globe Foundation Day

KiiT International School's SEN Globe Department celebrated its 11th Foundation Day on December 8, 2025, under the theme "Empowering Beyond Labels". The event was graced by Nobel Laureate Prof. Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee, who championed the cause of inclusive education. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Banerjee criticized rigid learning methods, particularly in mathematics, stating, "We are all different... instead of deciding who is capable and who is not, we should nurture the abilities that each child has". Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta expressed gratitude for the Nobel Laureate's presence, highlighting that KiiTIS SEN Globe is unique in its comprehensive integration of children with special needs into mainstream education. The celebration featured moving cultural performances by the students, including a classical recital by Bal Shakti Puraskar winner Korok Biswas, symbolizing the confidence nurtured within the department.



"Achieve Before 35": L&T Chairman Inspires Students at Industry Symposium

Mr. S. N. Subrahmanyam, Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro, visited KIIT and KISS on November 9, 2025, to address the Industry Symposium 5.0 organized by KSOM. Urging students to tap into emerging opportunities in green hydrogen, AI, and electric vehicles, he described these sectors as the "new frontiers of Industry 5.0".

During his interaction, Mr. Subrahmanyam praised the institutions' "divine spirit" and encouraged students to adopt a "Can do, will do, and will get it done" attitude. Challenging the youth to achieve something significant before turning 35, he emphasized that the global industrial landscape is being rapidly reshaped by renewable energy and sustainable technologies. Sportstar Aces Awards, cementing its status as a premier hub for athletic development.

Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Achyuta Samanta Addresses QS Reimagine Education Conference in London

During a recent visit to London, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS, addressed the prestigious QS Reimagine Education Conference, sharing the institution's remarkable "soil to silver" journey. Speaking to global educators, he highlighted KIIT's distinctive ecosystem—a triple-helix model integrating academia, in-



dustry, and society—that serves 40,000 students from 70 countries. Dr. Samanta emphasized a future-ready education model rooted in his "5C Framework": Critical thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, and Compassion. He advocated for transforming assessments from grades to portfolios, preparing students for an AI-driven world where adaptability is key. He envisioned a future belonging to institutions that balance "high-tech with high-touch," nurturing ethical leaders and responsible global citizens. On the sidelines of the conference, Dr. Samanta met with Prof. Colin Riordan CBE, Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, to discuss collaborative opportunities. He also had a warm interaction with Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to the UK, discussing youth empowerment and the social impact of KIIT and KISS.

KIIT Expands UK Footprint with Southampton & Sheffield Hallam Partnerships

In a strategic move to bolster international collaboration, KIIT has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with two renowned UK institutions: the University of Southampton and Sheffield Hallam University.

The partnership with the University of Southampton, a top-100 global university, aims to augment academic capabilities through robust student and staff exchange programs, joint research projects, and global seminars.

Concurrently, the collaboration with Sheffield Hallam University focuses on fostering co-operation in joint research, program development, and scholarly exchanges. These agreements serve as a statement of intent to facilitate mutually beneficial activities, driving innovation and cross-cultural learning. By linking with these British higher education leaders, KIIT continues to expand its global footprint, offering its community unparalleled opportunities for professional growth and international exposure.



Strategic Partnerships

Strategic Move: KIIT Partners with FIDE and AICF to Promote Chess in Education



In a landmark development for sports education, KIIT University has signed a tripartite MoU with the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and the All India Chess Federation (AICF). The agreement, signed in Goa by FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich, AICF President Nitin Narang, and Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta, aims to integrate chess into educational frameworks across India and Asia. This collaboration establishes a cooperation framework for 2025-2026, focusing on initiatives like teacher training, school competitions, and research into chess as a tool for cognitive development. FIDE President Dvorkovich highlighted that the partnership aligns with FIDE's "2026 Year of Chess in Education," reinforcing the game's social mission globally. Dr. Samanta reaffirmed KIIT's commitment to promoting sports, inviting stakeholders to the upcoming International Conference on Social and Educational Chess in Bhubaneswar in January 2026.



Innovation Hub: Nemetschek Group Establishes AEC Centre of Excellence at KIIT

IKIIT has entered a transformative partnership with the Nemetschek Group, signed during the visit of CEO Mr. Yves Padrines to the campus. The collaboration establishes the Nemetschek AEC Centre of Excellence at KIIT, designed to advance research and skilling in the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) sectors. Supported by industry-leading software like ArchiCAD and Vectorworks, the Centre aims to enhance student employability in emerging roles driven by digital transformation. The agreement, effective from November 22, 2025, integrates cutting-edge technologies into the curriculum of Architecture, Civil, and Computer Engineering schools. It focuses on Building Information Modeling (BIM) and includes faculty development programs for master trainers. During the event, Mr. Padrines was honoured with the KISS Lifetime Achievement Award for his visionary leadership. This initiative reflects Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta's dedication to nation-building through innovation and excellence.



Prof. (Dr.) Siddharth Swarup Rautaray Dean, IQAC, KIIT-DU

Quality, at its core, is the bridge between institutional vision and tangible impact. As we conclude the second issue of KOMMUNIQUE, it is evident that KIIT's journey involves more than just chasing metrics; it is about building a resilient architecture of excellence that sustains itself through rigorous self-assessment and forward-thinking policy. This quarter has been particularly transformative for the Internal

Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). Our convenings in November were not merely administrative checkpoints but strategic milestones. By approving the proposal for AACSB membership and mandating the automation of Course and Program Outcome attainment, we have decisively moved towards a more data-centric and globally aligned academic framework. The implementation of a centralized data collection system is a game-changer, ensuring that our inputs for accreditation are as robust as our outputs in research and innovation. The successful completion of the half-yearly Internal Academic Assessment Audit across all schools in December stands as a testament to our commitment to transparency. These audits are the invisible engines that drive the visible accolades celebrated in this magazine - be it our rise in the QS Asia Rankings or our consistency in the THE World University Rankings. Furthermore, our renewed focus on sustainability audits, including Carbon Emissions and Energy, reflects a University that is conscious of its footprint as much as its fingerprint in the education sector. I extend my gratitude to the faculty, staff, and leadership for embracing these rigorous processes. It is your daily dedication to these standards that allows KIIT to stand tall on the global stage. Let us continue to measure, monitor, and master the art of quality.

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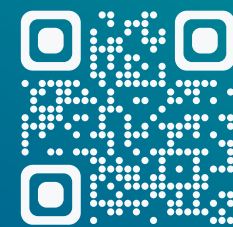
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