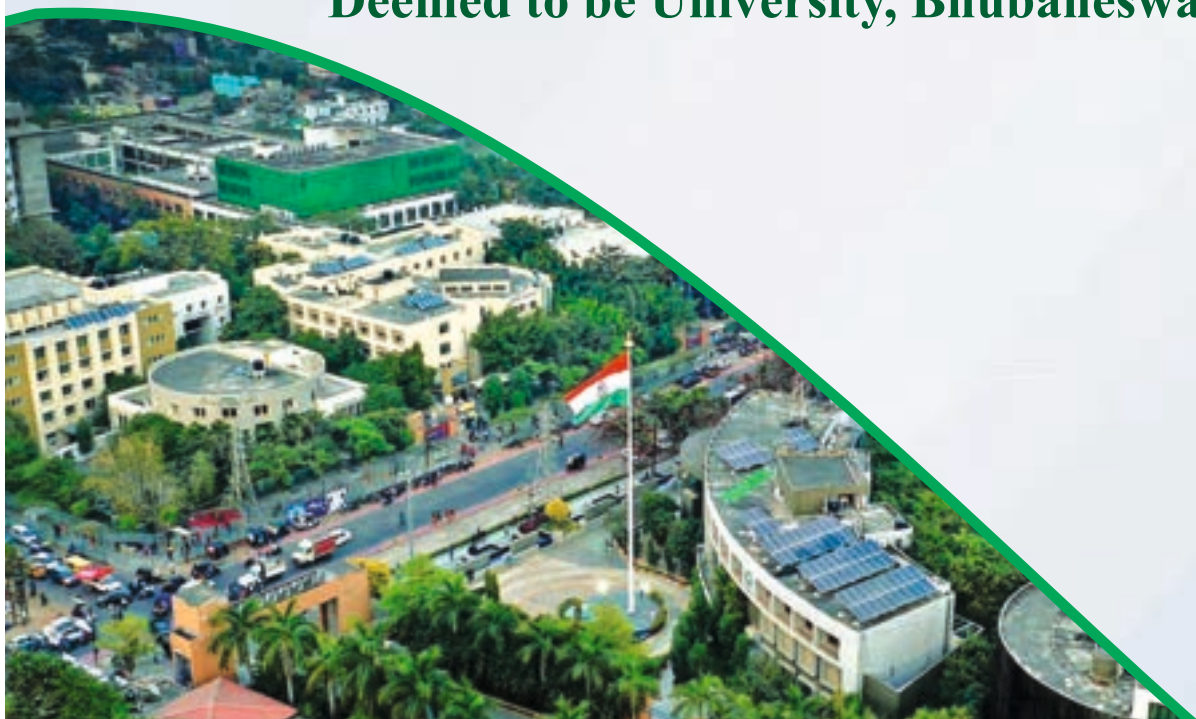


Activities and Achievements towards Societal Sustainability



**Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)
Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar**



Major Activities and Achievements Related to Societal Sustainability 2023-2024

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) has continued its meaningful contributions toward societal sustainability through a diverse range of initiatives in education, healthcare, cultural preservation, and social development. The university has undertaken programs focusing on tribal health, youth empowerment, and women's education, exemplified by the launch of 'THRIVE' and the observance of Safe Motherhood Day.

KIIT DU has also played a key role in global engagement and knowledge exchange, hosting international delegations such as the Harvard India Trek and organizing bilateral collaborations like the German Day and Australian University Fair. The institution has emphasized public health and awareness through events like the Pulse Polio Immunization Drive, Hepatitis Awareness Camp, and World AIDS Day programs.

KIIT DU has further strengthened its academic and cultural excellence by hosting the Odia Language Conference, National Pharmacy Week, and the prestigious Kalinga Global Film Festival. The university has also been recognized globally, ranking among the most impactful universities. Through these initiatives, KIIT DU continues to foster sustainability by integrating education, healthcare, social awareness, and global collaboration, reinforcing its commitment to societal well-being and inclusive development.

Seminar on Gender in Economic

The Department of Economics, School of Social, Financial & Human Sciences (KSFH), KIIT Deemed to be University, organized a seminar on 'Gender in Economics' on 25th August, 2023. Prof. Tara Nair, an eminent economist currently heading the Work Fair & Free Foundation, Bangalore, graced the seminar as the Speaker. Prof Keshab Das, Dean, KSFH chaired the seminar and welcomed the speaker and the participants. Using socio-cultural traits of gender, Prof. Nair explained the concepts of a household, labour markets, and the macroeconomic policies to highlight low female labour-force participation rate in the country. The seminar witnessed encouraging participation from students and faculties across the disciplines, and was organized under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Jayant Kumar Parida, Director, KSFH. Prof. Nair also interacted with the faculty members of the School.





Fig.: Seminar on Gender in Economic

More details can be found in link below: [KSFH Organizes Seminar on Gender in Economic](#)

KiiTIS MUN Concludes with 800 students participation On Aug 22, 2023

The 10th Model United Nations (MUN) at KiiT International School (KiiTIS) concluded after two days. Over 800 students from major state schools participated, focusing on the theme 'Global Sustainability: Collaborative Actions for a Resilient Future-SDG 17'. Chief Guest William Hanlon, UNICEF's Chief of Field Office in Bhubaneswar, highlighted the relevance of discussing global sustainability for achieving UN's Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. He emphasized the need for collaborative action to address climate risks and praised MUN for instilling understanding of international issues.

Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson of KiiTIS, mentioned the UNHCR Refugee Challenge and UN75 collaboration. Rory Mcnamara, Head of International Curriculum, emphasized MUN's role in nurturing global perspective and life skills. Director Sanjay Kumar Suar stated that MUN discussions on energy crisis, public health, terrorism, disarmament, and climate change will shape future global citizens.

The valedictory event included speeches by Vice-Principal Priya Wadhwa and Narinder Singh, who was also honored. Stand-up comedian Rahul Dua added humor to the event.





Fig.: KiiTIS MUN

More details can be found in link below: [KiiTIS MUN Concludes with 800 students participation](#)

KIIT joins G20 University Connect Program

In a momentous event, KIIT joined the G20 University Connect Program, as per the directive the UGC in a letter dated September 25, 2023. The program, which took place on September 26, 2023, at 2 PM, saw extensive preparations to ensure a seamless experience for all stakeholders. Large LED screens were strategically placed across the university campus, including the Auditorium, Classrooms, Seminar Halls, and Conference Halls across all schools. These arrangements were made to accommodate students, faculty members, and staff who eagerly anticipated the live streaming of the G20 University Connect Program. The event provided an enriching experience for all attendees, allowing them to connect with the global academic community and gain insights from the program. The successful hosting of the G20 University Connect Program reaffirmed our dedication to advancing education, knowledge exchange, and global engagement.



Fig.: KIIT joins G20 University Connect Program



More details can be found in link below: [KIIT joins G20 University Connect Program](#)

ASCI Praises the Impact of KISS, a sister concern of KIIT DU

The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) in Hyderabad highly appreciated the impact of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister institute of KIIT DU which has been empowering tribals through education for the last 30 years. ASCI, which carried out impact assessment of various programmes of KISS over the last one year and conducted a thorough review of various functions of KISS, expressed its confidence in the institute as it presented a related report to the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta at its premises in Hyderabad. KISS, the world's largest tribal institute, has always been working towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. It was against this background that ASCI carried out an assessment of KISS. In this report, the programmes and all kinds of impacts of KISS were praised by the ASCI. Dr. Samanta expressed his gratitude to ASCI for appreciating KISS's work. ASCI is the oldest research and training institute of the Government of India. It is the third institute of its kind in the world and the only institute in Asia. During his visit, Dr. Samanta also delivered lectures at two places in Hyderabad.



Fig.: Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta with the ASCI officials

More details can be found in link below: [ASCI Praises the Impact of KISS | KIIT University News & Events](#)

KINS Observes World Suicide Prevention Day

The Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS), a constituent of KIIT-DU, observed World Suicide Prevention Day on September 9, 2023 at Psychiatric Ward of Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) with the theme for the year



“Creating hope through action”. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually to raise awareness on prevention of suicide throughout the globe. The event started with a note on importance of celebrating the day and the theme of the year by third-year B.Sc (Nursing) students. Then the programme was extended to an outstanding role play on “Suicidal prevention day Strategies” by the third-year students of BSc Nursing, which was about to take a crucial role on creating awareness and disseminate useful information on preventive measures, warning signs, role of support systems of preventing suicide among psychiatric patients and their care givers, who were admitted in the wards of KIMS, Bhubaneswar.

The students put forth messages that people with stress should have thought about their life’s value as the first priority for self and not to set value of self by the judgment of others. Around 90 participants (patients, family members, students and staff) attended the programme. Next to this, poster presentation was done by B.Sc. (Nursing) third-year students to improve the knowledge of the public on causes of suicide and supportive system for prevention of suicide, and value for one’s own life. The programme ended with the speech about importance of suicide-free society, familial support as well as creating hope within a person to live his or her life, even though it has ups and downs. The observance was very effective and enriched with knowledge, awareness and really a fruitful one as the patients and their family members also got engaged enthusiastically in it.



Fig.: KINS Observes World Suicide Prevention Day

More details can be found in link below: [KINS Observes World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

World Physiotherapy Day

Physiotherapy plays a crucial role in the modern era. Physiotherapy is not just about treating the symptoms but about restoring hope and improving quality of life. On the occasion of World



Physiotherapy Day on Sept. 8, 2023, let's join hands to celebrate with the Physio Fraternity in making a pain-free world. Greetings to all Physiotherapists at KIMS and thanks for your dedication and sincerity.



Fig.: World Physiotherapy Day

More details can be found in link below: [Message on World Physiotherapy Day | KIIT University News & Events](#)

First Lady of Kenya Rachel Ruto E.G.H Receives Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2022 On Oct 2, 2023

KIIT Deemed to be University, through its sister institute KISS, honored H.E. Rachel Ruto, First Lady of Kenya, with the KISS Humanitarian Award 2022 for her outstanding commitment to humanitarian efforts, particularly for women, children, and vulnerable communities. The award, conferred in the presence of Odisha Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal, reflects KIIT's dedication to global social impact. Rachel Ruto commended the visionary work of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, in providing free education to 40,000+ underprivileged students. The event reinforced KIIT's mission of equity, empowerment, and sustainability, aligning with global humanitarian values. The KISS Humanitarian Award, established in 2008, has recognized distinguished leaders worldwide, including Nobel Laureates and global policymakers, reinforcing KIIT's commitment to societal transformation.





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

More details can be found in link below: [First Lady of Kenya Rachel Ruto E.G.H Receives Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2022](#)

YRC KIIT Volunteers Win 2nd Prize in a Competition on HIV Awareness On Oct 6, 2023

Volunteers from the Youth Red Cross (YRC) KIIT participated and won the 2nd prize in a District-level drama competition organized by the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, Government of Odisha on 3rd October 2023. The event, called “YOUTH FEST: Abhivyakti – The Red Show,” was a Red Ribbon Club members’ programme and was hosted by BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar. The drama was performed with the intention of raising awareness on the theme “Myths and Misconceptions Related to HIV”. The team included Shreya Chowdhury, Samiksha, Kushagra, Riya, Aditi, Sankalp, Maitreyi, Abhay, Aryan, and Shreya Singh, who were supervised by volunteers Isshika Sinha and Anuska Chakraborty. The volunteers were guided by YRC KIIT-DU Counselor, Dr. Chitralkha Jena.



Fig.: YRC KIIT Volunteers Win 2nd Prize in a Competition on HIV Awareness



More details can be found in link below: [YRC KIIT Volunteers Win 2nd Prize in a Competition on HIV Awareness | KIIT University News & Events](#)

The lives of 4 orphan sisters changed by KISS Foundation

Four sisters from Puri District, who were orphaned some years ago following the demise of their parents, were handed over appointment letters to three of them by the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta here on Thursday. The appointment letters were presented in keeping with the promise made by the Founder when the sisters were hit by the greatest tragedy of their lives. The four sisters of Raghurajpur village near Chandanpur of Puri District were left destitute after the death of their parents Lakshmidhar Mahapatra and his wife. The KISS Foundation and Dr. Samanta came to their rescue after the media highlighted their plight. Dr. Samanta had promised them the necessary support for their livelihood and education.

Today, the eldest sister, Ramamani is a Post-graduate, while the other two sisters have obtained bachelor's degrees. The youngest sister is studying in the 8th standard. Dr. Samanta made it a point to meet the sisters regularly to inquire about their well-being and encouraged them to focus on their studies. He also provided financial assistance to help the elder sister complete their house, which was under construction under a government scheme. Keeping his promise, Dr. Samanta has provided employment to the three sisters in KIIT and KISS. They expressed their profound gratitude to Dr. Samanta and the KISS Foundation for standing behind them rock solid over these years and providing them employment. The local community has also widely praised the KISS Foundation and Dr. Samanta for their noble work.



Fig.: Lives of 4 orphan sisters changed by KISS Foundation

More details can be found in link below: [KISS Foundation changes the lives of 4 orphan sisters | KIIT University](#)



[News & Events](#)

KiiT-IS Inspiron Exhibition and Fun Binge: A Colourful Learning Experience On Oct 14, 2023

KIIT DU, through KiiT International School (KiiT-IS), actively promotes societal sustainability by fostering creativity, innovation, and community engagement. The *Inspiron Exhibition and Fun Binge 2023* featured vibrant student-led initiatives, including literary activities, science projects, and cultural performances. Notably, the Archimedes Science Club presented a hand gesture robot prototype to prevent road accidents, aligning with SDG goals. The event also showcased diverse clubs like Spectrum Photography, Infinity Math, and Green Brigade Eco Club. A major highlight was the Mission Shakti food stalls promoting millet-based dishes, with proceeds supporting digitalization of the Shyamsundarpur village library. The exhibition, inaugurated by eminent educators, was praised as a holistic platform for student excellence, reinforcing KIIT's commitment to societal progress and the visionary mission of Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta.



Fig.: KiiT-IS Inspiron Exhibition and Fun Binge

More details can be found in link below: [KiiT-IS Inspiron Exhibition and Fun Binge: A Colourful Learning Experience | KIIT University News & Events](#)

'Pratibimb' – A Street Theatre Festival

In a remarkable effort to address issues of women's empowerment and gender discrimination in rural areas, the Cultural and Communication Club of KIIT School of Rural Management (KSRM) organized 'Pratibimb,' a vibrant street theatre festival, on 14th October 2023. The event



saw active participation from 63 enthusiastic KSRM students pursuing MBA in Agri-Business Management and MBA in Rural Management. The festival employed a rich tapestry of artistic elements, including puppets, masks, and traditional dance forms representing diverse Indian states. These captivating elements were effectively used to underscore the immense potential of “Nukkad Natak” or street theatre as a powerful tool for rural marketing communication. Professor Nishith Parida, Director, KSRM and Dr. Damodar Jena, Dean along with the faculty and staff of the institute were present.



Fig.: KSRM Organizes 'Pratibimb' – A Street Theatre Festival

More details can be found in link below: [KSRM Organizes 'Pratibimb' - A Street Theatre Festival | KIIT University News & Events](#)

KiiT-IS Signs MoU with Action for Autism for SEN Globe On Oct 18, 2023

KIIT International School (KiiT-IS) signed an MoU with New Delhi-based Action for Autism (AFA) to develop its Special Educational Needs (SEN) department into a Centre of Excellence. The initiative, supported by the Government of Odisha, reflects KIIT's commitment to inclusive education. Founded in 2014 with seven children, SEN Globe now serves 150 students with 55 special educators and 15 therapists. It follows a structured screening and teaching approach based on Identification, Intervention, and Inclusion (IQ3). KIIT-KISS Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta announced sponsorship for underprivileged children, ensuring equitable access. The partnership underscores KIIT's global impact in compassionate education, social inclusion, and holistic development. The event also featured a cultural performance by special children and a



documentary showcasing SEN Globe's transformative work.



Fig.: KiiT-IS Signs MoU with Action for Autism for SEN Globe

More details can be found in link below: [KiiT-IS Signs MoU with Action for Autism for SEN Globe](#)

'5G Use Case Lab' Awarded by Hon'ble Prime Minister to KIIT-DU On Oct 28, 2023

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday awarded a '5G Use Case Lab' to KIIT-DU, enabling students and faculties to exploit opportunities and develop solutions in this lab for various sectors using the 5G technology. Along with KIIT-DU, 99 other educational institutes across the country were awarded the 5G Use Case Labs by the PM. Awarding the labs during the inauguration of the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2023 in Delhi, Modi exuded confidence that the 5G use labs will have a similar impact as the 10,000 Atal tinkering labs exposing about 75 lakh children to cutting-edge technology. "These labs prompt the youth to dream big and give them the confidence to achieve them," he added. According to a government statement, the labs are an endeavour to realise the opportunities associated with 5G technology by encouraging the development of 5G applications that cater, both to India's unique needs as well as the global demands. The unique initiative will foster innovation across various socioeconomic sectors like education, agriculture, health, power, transportation etc, and propel the country into the forefront of usage of 5G technology. The initiative is also a pivotal step for building a 6G-ready academic and start-up ecosystem in the country. More importantly, the initiative is a step towards developing indigenous telecom technology which is critical for national security.





Fig.: 5G Use Case Lab' to KIIT-DU

More details can be found in link below: [PM Modi Awards '5G Use Case Lab' to KIIT-DU](#)

Regional Audition of 'KIIT Nanhipari Little Miss India' held at Bhubaneswar

KIIT-DU organized the regional audition of the 23rd KIIT Nanhipari Little Miss India Competition on November 19, 2023, in Bhubaneswar. This national talent hunt for girls aged 14-16, initiated in 2001, empowers young talents with confidence. Patronized by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, it became a national event in 2004. The grand finale is scheduled for December 26-27, 2023. The competition offers ₹21 lakh to the winner, including full academic fee waivers at KIIT-DU. Various talent-based titles, including Miss Rapunzel, Miss Photogenic, and Miss Whizkid, are awarded. Through this initiative, KIIT-DU promotes societal sustainability by nurturing young talent and fostering self-confidence, aligning with its broader social outreach efforts.



Fig.: 'KIIT Nanhipari Little Miss India' held at Bhubaneswar



More details can be found in link below: [Regional Audition of 'KIIT Nanhipari Little Miss India' held at Bhubaneswar](#)

National Children Literary Fest (NCLF) 2023: A Landmark Initiative by KIIT DU

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) reaffirmed its commitment to societal sustainability through the ninth edition of the National Children Literary Fest (NCLF) 2023, organized by KiiT International School on November 25-26, 2023. As India's first and only literary fest for school students, NCLF hosted 1,000+ students from 75 schools nationwide, fostering creativity and intellectual growth. Eminent personalities like Dr. Ricky Kej, Amitabh Kant, Ruskin Bond, and others engaged with young minds. The fest featured literary discussions, storytelling, competitions, art workshops, and cultural performances, promoting freedom of expression, ethics, and creativity. A prelude event, 'Lit-o-Fest', encouraged artistic expression among children. This initiative reflects KIIT DU's dedication to education, culture, and societal development, enhancing its global reputation for academic excellence and community engagement.



Fig.: KiiT International School National Children Literary Fest

More details can be found in link below: [KiiT International School National Children Literary Fest to Kick-off from Nov 25](#)

FDP on Universal Human Values UHV Held at KIIT

A three-day face-to-face Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Universal Human Values (UHV) was held at KIIT Deemed to be University from 8th to 10th December 2023. The program, facilitated by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, was



organized and sponsored by KIIT-DU. Speaking at the inaugural session, Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU shared insightful perspectives on the significance of promoting universal human values within the educational realm, emphasizing their transformative impact on individuals and societies. Dr. Debnath, resource person from AICTE, delved into the essence of universal human values, sharing profound insights on their importance in fostering understanding, compassion, and cooperation across cultural and societal boundaries.

Earlier, Prof. (Dr.) Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU, welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of fostering universal human values as a cornerstone for a harmonious and inclusive global society. Expressing heartfelt appreciation, Dr. Diptikanta Das, Associate Professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering and the Local Program Coordinator of the FDP, conveyed gratitude to participants, speakers, and organizers. He emphasized the shared dedication to advocating and embodying universal human values. The Deans, Directors, and faculty members from various schools attended the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Satyaranjan Jena, Assistant Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and the Local Program Coordinator of the FDP, hosted the inaugural session. Total 108 participants registered for this FDP.



Fig.: FDP on Universal Human Values UHV Held at KIIT

More details can be found in link below: [FDP on Universal Human Values UHV Held at KIIT](#)

KIIT Faculty Makes Presentation at G20 Think Tank Workshop On Dec 12, 2023

Professor Keshab Das, Dean, KIIT School of Social, Financial & Human Sciences (KSFH) made a presentation on “MSMEs & GVCs: Some Issues in the Indian Context” at the Panel on ‘Addressing



Challenges to Inclusive Trade’ at the G20 Think Tank Workshop on ‘Inclusive Trade for Growth and Prosperity’ organized by NITI Aayog with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and held in New Delhi recently. Professor Das was invited as a panellist to contribute his expertise to the workshop.



Fig.: KIIT Faculty Makes Presentation at G20 Think Tank Workshop

More details can be found in link below: [KIIT Faculty Makes Presentation at G20 Think Tank Workshop](#)

KSPH Organizes a Workshop on “Organization Development Training Program for NGOs from Nuapada District, Odisha”

The KIIT School of Public Health (KSPH) organized a five-day “Organization Development Training Program for NGOs” under the NPI-EXPAND Project (Dec 18-22, 2023) in collaboration with the Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3), India. The workshop enhanced the capacities of 10 district-level NGOs in Nuapada, Odisha, across health, education, environment, agriculture, and social justice. Key focus areas included project proposal writing, governance, monitoring, reporting, documentation, fundraising, and donor relationship management. Facilitated by Prof. (Dr.) Bhuputra Panda and KSPH faculty, with expert insights from C3, the program empowered NGOs with hands-on sessions and best practices. Participants appreciated the initiative, fostering networking, peer learning, and sustainable development efforts. KIIT DU remains committed to societal impact through skill-building and capacity enhancement initiatives.





Fig.: Workshop on “Organization Development Training Program for NGOs from Nuapada District, Odisha”
More details can be found in link below: [Workshop on “Organization Development Training Program for NGOs from Nuapada District, Odisha”](#)

NSS Unit of KSFH Conducts a Seven Day Awareness Camp at Barimund Village, Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar

The NSS unit of KSFH, KIIT DU, organized a seven-day Winter Special Camp (Dec 20-26, 2023) at Barimund village, Bhubaneswar, fostering community engagement and social responsibility. Under the supervision of Dr. Smruti Ranjan Das, the camp featured initiatives like plantation drives, tobacco awareness rallies, fire safety training, and dental checkups in collaboration with KIDS. A cleanliness drive at Baliyatra ground promoted environmental responsibility, while awareness sessions on menstrual hygiene and elections empowered local communities. A compelling Nukkad Natak highlighted the dangers of superstitions. The camp concluded with a cultural program and prize distribution, reinforcing KIIT DU's commitment to sustainable societal development and youth empowerment.



Fig.: Seven Day Awareness Camp at Barimund Village, Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar



More details can be found in link below: [Seven Day Awareness Camp at Barimund Village, Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar](#)

‘THRIVE’ To Enhance Tribal Health & Youth Empowerment

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) and Jhpiego, a Johns Hopkins affiliate, launched the Tribal Health Research Innovation & Vocational Empowerment (THRIVE) initiative on October 3, 2024. This initiative reinforces KIIT DU’s commitment to societal sustainability by addressing critical health and social challenges within Indigenous communities.

Under THRIVE, two pioneering centres will be established the Centre for Tribal Health and Research (CTHR) and the Centre for Youth Innovation and Inclusiveness (CYII). These centers will serve as hubs for indigenous-led research, cultural preservation, and youth empowerment, contributing to the holistic development of tribal communities.

Through THRIVE, KIIT DU continues its impactful role in promoting inclusive education, healthcare advancements, and skill development, aligning with its broader mission of sustainable societal development in 2024.



Fig: Launch of ‘THRIVE’ To Enhance Tribal Health & Youth Empowerment

More details can be found in the link: [‘THRIVE’ To Enhance Tribal Health & Youth Empowerment](#)



YRC KIIT Volunteers Organize Drug Awareness Rally Under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

As part of KIIT Deemed to be University's commitment to societal sustainability, the Youth Red Cross (YRC) Volunteers organized a Drug Awareness Rally under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in 2024. The rally, led by counselors Dr. Chitralekha Jena, Dr. Junali Jasmine Jena, and Dr. Ramesh Chandra Sethi, saw active participation from 80 YRC volunteers.

The rally commenced from KIMS Hospital, Bhubaneswar, and proceeded to KIIT Square, resonating with impactful slogans such as "Say no to drugs, say yes to life", "Choose health, not drugs", and "Choose passion, not addiction". The volunteers effectively engaged with the public, spreading awareness about the severe consequences of drug addiction and reinforcing the importance of a healthy, addiction-free life.

This initiative reflects KIIT DU's dedication to social responsibility, youth empowerment, and sustainable societal development. By actively participating in national campaigns like Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, KIIT continues to contribute towards a healthier and more informed society, aligning with the university's broader goals of holistic development and social impact.



Fig: YRC KIIT Volunteers Organize Drug Awareness Rally Under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

More details can be found in the link: [Awareness as Part of Nasha Mukta](#)

KIIT Hosts 40th All India Rose Convention and Exhibition

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) hosted the 40th All India Rose Convention and Rose Exhibition, emphasizing its commitment to societal sustainability and environmental awareness.



The event, organized by the KIIT Rose Society in collaboration with the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology and other institutions, showcased four new rose varieties—Lord Jagannath, Lord Lingaraj, Sephali, and Radha. The three-day convention featured a mega rose exhibition, displaying diverse rose varieties and ornamental plants, open to the public. Dr. Samanta highlighted the historical and cultural significance of roses, underscoring their role in enhancing well-being. The event reflects KIIT DU's dedication to promoting horticulture, biodiversity, and mental wellness, aligning with its broader initiatives in sustainability and community engagement. The Vice President of the India Rose Federation, Mr. N.K. Dadlani, praised KIIT for hosting the event successfully.



Fig: 40th All India Rose Convention and Exhibition

More details can be found in the link: [All India Rose Convention and Rose Exhibition](#)

National Transition Council of Guinea President Dansa Kourouma Bestowed KISS Humanitarian Award

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues its commitment to societal sustainability through the KISS Humanitarian Award, recognizing global leaders for their humanitarian contributions. In 2019, Dr. Dansa Kourouma, President of the National Transition Council of Guinea, received this prestigious award from Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS. Dr. Kourouma lauded Bhubaneswar's spiritual essence and the transformative work of KIIT & KISS in uplifting underprivileged communities. Highlighting the power of education in shaping



societies, he praised Dr. Samanta's dedication to empowering marginalized sections. The event, attended by global dignitaries, reinforced KIIT DU's role in fostering education, compassion, and social responsibility. Through initiatives like this, KIIT DU continues to be a leader in societal sustainability, aligning with its global recognition in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024.



Fig: National Transition Council of Guinea President Dansa Kourouma Bestowed KISS Humanitarian Award 2019

More details can be found in the link: [National Transition Council of Guinea President Dansa Kourouma](#)

KIIT Bags Odisha State Energy Conservation Award - 2024

KIIT Deemed to be University was honored with the Odisha State Energy Conservation Award 2024 as the "Top Performer" in the Educational Institute category on National Energy Conservation Day (December 14, 2024). The university implemented 14 energy-saving projects, including LED replacements, solar power and biomass energy generation, sensor-based lighting, and smart AC systems, achieving a total saving of 264.28 lakh kWh. The specific electricity consumption (SEC) was reduced by 16.40%, with an overall energy saving of 57.33% for 2023-24. KIIT integrates sustainability into academics through courses like Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Audit and Management, fostering environmental stewardship and energy efficiency on campus.





Fig: KIIT Bags Odisha State Energy Conservation Award - 2024

More details can be found in the link: [THE Impact Rankings 2024 KIIT Tops](#)

KIIT NSS Volunteers Shine at National Youth Festival 2024

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues its commitment to societal sustainability through active participation in national events. Two NSS volunteers from KIIT School of Social, Financial and Human Sciences (KSFH), Naibedya Mohanty and Amit Kumar Das, were selected to represent Odisha at the National Youth Festival in Nashik from 12th to 16th January 2024.

Amit Kumar Das will share the success story of NSS Odisha and compete in Declamation, while Naibedya Mohanty will participate in the Essay Writing Competition and Photography. Their selection reflects KIIT DU's dedication to youth empowerment, leadership, and community service. By encouraging students to engage in national platforms, KIIT DU strengthens its role in fostering social responsibility and sustainable development, aligning with its recognition in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for contributions to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Fig: KIIT NSS Volunteers Shine at National Youth Festival 2024



More details can be found in the link: [KIIT NSS Volunteers Selected to Participate in National Youth Festival](#)

KIIT Women Employees in Traditional Sarees Participate in 'Pattathon' Mini Marathon

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues to champion societal sustainability through initiatives promoting women empowerment and education. On January 28, 2024, around 5,000 women employees of KIIT participated in Pattathon, a mini-marathon. This annual event, held across 55 locations in Odisha and other cities, aligns with KIIT's commitment to 'Education for All' and gender inclusivity.

The Bhubaneswar edition of the marathon began at Shikharchandi Temple Square and concluded at KIIT Cricket Stadium. The event was attended by notable personalities, including Odisha Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board Chairman Srimayee Mishra, BMC Mayor Sulochana Das, and International Cyclist Minati Mohapatra. Awards were distributed to outstanding participants by Dr. Samanta and other dignitaries.

The event, organized by K3 Breakfree, highlights KIIT DU's broader commitment to sustainable development, social inclusion, and empowerment. By integrating education, sports, and community participation, KIIT DU continues to set benchmarks in societal sustainability and gender equality in 2024.



Fig: KIIT Women Employees in Traditional Sarees Participate in 'Pattathon' Mini Marathon

More details can be found in the link: [KIIT Women Employees in Traditional Sarees Participate in 'Pattathon' Mini Marathon](#)



The First Odia Language Conference At KIIT

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) successfully hosted the first-ever World Odia Language Conference, demonstrating its commitment to societal sustainability through the preservation and promotion of linguistic heritage. The two-day event featured the inaugural Odia Poets' Meet, where eminent poets and scholars discussed the significance of poetry translation in fostering cultural and emotional development.

The conference underscored the challenges and responsibilities of translating poetry while ensuring the essence and originality of the language remain intact. Notable literary figures, including Bhagaban Jayasingh, Amaresh Patnaik, Deepak Samantaray, Prabhasini Mahakud, Dr. Mihir Kumar Sahu, Kshirod Parida, and Sharat Chandra Acharya, shared their insights on translation literature and its role in language preservation.

By organizing this event, KIIT DU reinforced its role as a leading institution promoting linguistic and cultural sustainability. Such initiatives align with its broader mission of fostering societal development through education, research, and cultural preservation, contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).



Fig: The First Odia Language Conference At KIIT

More details can be found in the link: [Curtains Come Down On The First Odia Language Conference At KIIT](#)



Bill Gates Receives the Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues its remarkable journey in societal sustainability by recognizing global humanitarian efforts. On February 28, 2024, Mr. Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was honored with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2023 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This award acknowledges his unparalleled contributions to global health, education, and climate change mitigation.

A key highlight was Mr. Gates's discussion on gender equality. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS & KIMS, emphasized that Mr. Gates's recognition elevates the award's global stature. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Gates commended Dr. Samanta's vision for empowering indigenous communities through education and civic engagement.

Instituted in 2008, the KISS Humanitarian Award reflects KIIT DU's commitment to social responsibility. The gold-plated trophy symbolizes humanitarian virtues such as kindness and hope. This recognition further strengthens KIIT DU's global engagement in societal sustainability and its mission to foster inclusive education and social upliftment.



Fig: Bill Gates Receives the Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award

More details can be found in the link: [Bill Gates Receives the Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award](#)

KIIT International Relations Office Celebrates German Day

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) organized German Day on 14th March 2024 in



collaboration with GOETHE-INSTITUT Kolkata, highlighting its commitment to global engagement and societal sustainability. The event featured interactive activities, including "News Says: Learn German the Fun Way", a Virtual Reality tour of Germany, and an information session on living and working in Germany. Students also participated in a cooking/baking workshop and a quiz session, promoting cultural exchange and skill development. The celebration concluded with a short film screening and a valedictory ceremony. Ms. Astrid Wege, Director of GOETHE-INSTITUT Kolkata, and her team graced the occasion and were felicitated by Amb. Debraj Pradhan, DG – International Relations Office, KIIT DU. This initiative reflects KIIT DU's dedication to fostering cross-cultural learning and enhancing global opportunities for students.



Fig: KIIT International Relations Office Celebrates German Day

More details can be found in the link: [KIIT International Relations Office Organizes German Day](#)

KIMS Dietician Honoured with the AARYA Award for Societal Contributions

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2024, Sushree Tapaswini Das, a Dietician at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), was honored with the prestigious AARYA Award by Parichay Foundation. Recognized among 18 exceptional Odia women achievers, Das has made significant contributions to education, health, and nutrition, benefiting vulnerable groups, including infants, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, and the elderly. Her initiatives align with national missions such as Anemia Mukt Bharat and Kuposhan Mukt Bharat,



contributing to a reduction in infant and maternal mortality rates. This recognition reflects KIIT DU's ongoing commitment to societal sustainability, particularly in healthcare and social welfare. The award was presented by distinguished guests, including Padmashri Ustad Gulfam Ahmad Khan, former MLA Priyadarshi Mishra, and Parichay Foundation's founder, Dr. Rosalin Patsani Mishra. KIIT DU continues to lead impactful initiatives promoting health and social equity in 2024.



Fig: AARYA Award for Societal Contributions

More details can be found in the link: [KIMS Dietician Honoured With the AARYA Award](#)

Pulse Polio Immunization Drive 2024 at KIMS: A Commitment to Societal Sustainability

The Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), under KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU), actively participated in the Pulse Polio Immunization (PPI) Drive 2024 on March 3, 2024, with sub-national immunization days on March 4 and 5. As a part of its commitment to societal sustainability, KIMS played a pivotal role in ensuring maximum coverage of children aged 0-5 years.

In preparation, extensive IEC activities were conducted, including posters, banners, social media campaigns, and awareness videos in the OPD foyer. Verbal communication during routine check-ups further boosted participation. On the PPI day, over 350 children received polio drops at the KIMS Immunization Clinic, ensuring adherence to quality service standards. Additionally, an outreach drive at RHTC Kalarabank immunized nearly 100 children.

Led by the Department of Community Medicine, under Prof. (Dr.) Sonali Kar and Dr. Prem Sagar Panda, the event was executed efficiently. Dr. Ipsita Debata contributed as a WHO External



Monitor in Bhubaneswar. The success of this initiative highlights KIIT DU's dedication to public health and sustainable development, reinforcing its leadership in healthcare outreach and disease eradication efforts.



Fig: Pulse Polio Immunization Drive 2024

More details can be found in the link: [KIMS Organizes Pulse Polio Immunization Drive, 2024](#)

Harvard-India Trek Delegation Visit

A 40-member delegation from the Harvard India Trek program visited KIIT and KISS, a sister concern of KIIT DU from March 10-16, 2024, to explore Odisha's art, culture, and socio-economic landscape. The delegation, comprising Harvard alumni and students from diverse fields, engaged with KIIT, exchanging ideas and experiences. They visited various departments, classrooms, and the Central Library, appreciating KIIT's academic excellence and social impact.

The visitors deeply admired Odisha's traditions, reflected in their adoption of Sambalpuri Kurtas. They also praised KIIT as unique institutions promoting education and societal sustainability. .



Fig: Harvard-India Trek Delegation Visit



More details can be found in the link: [A 40 Member Delegation from Harvard-India visit](#)

Department of Community Medicine, KIIT DU Receives Accolades at IPHACON 2024

The Department of Community Medicine at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), KIIT DU, made a significant impact at the 68th Annual National Conference of the Indian Public Health Association (IPHACON) 2024, held in Manali, Himachal Pradesh. Themed "Harnessing Digital Health Advancements: Transforming Health Care Delivery and Research," the conference showcased notable contributions from KIIT DU.

Professor (Dr.) Smrutiranjana Nayak presented insights on competency-based curriculum in medical education, earning recognition from delegates. Dr. Priyanka Mohanty and Dr. Sumelika Das, under the guidance of Dr. Krishna Mishra, presented research on breastfeeding practices in urban slums, receiving commendations from attendees. Their work reflects KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability, healthcare research, and community well-being. The department extended gratitude to institutional leadership for their support in advancing public health initiatives.



Fig: Accolades at IPHACON 2024

More details can be found in the link: [Department of Community Medicine Receives](#)

Safe Motherhood Day Observed by KINS, KIIT DU

The Department of Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing, Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS), a constituent of KIIT-DU, observed National Safe Motherhood Day on April 10, 2024, with the theme "Play Your Part: Together for Respectful Maternity Care." The event aimed to promote



maternal healthcare awareness, aligning with KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability. The program featured a socio-drama by GNM students at UHTC Niladri Vihar, highlighting the importance of institutional deliveries and contraception. An inter-university palm painting competition and quiz contest saw participation from leading institutions, with KINS securing top positions. Eminent guests, including Dr. Dinabandhu Sahoo and Dr. Sudarshan Dash, emphasized reducing maternal mortality and ensuring respectful maternity care. A theme-based dance addressed gender discrimination and social challenges. The event reaffirmed KIIT DU's dedication to improving maternal health and fostering community engagement.



Fig: Safe Motherhood Day

More details can be found in the link: [KIMS Dept of O&G Nursing Observed Safe Motherhood Day](#)

KIIT Humanitarian Award 2024: Recognizing Ratan Tata's Philanthropic Contributions

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues to uphold its commitment to societal sustainability through the KISS Humanitarian Award, which honored Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Group, on April 22, 2024. The award, initiated by Dr. Achyuta Samanta in 2008, acknowledges global leaders in humanitarian efforts.

Due to health reasons, Tata received the award at his Mumbai residence. His dedication to social causes aligns with KIIT DU's mission of transformative education and social upliftment, exemplified through Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), sister concern of KIIT DU. KIIT DU's commitment to sustainability is reflected in such recognitions, reinforcing its global impact in social development, inclusivity, and education.





Fig: KIIT Humanitarian Award 2024

More details can be found in the link: [Ratan Tata Receives KISS Humanitarian Award](#)

Essential Pain Management Workshop Conducted at KIMS Successfully

As part of KIIT Deemed to be University's commitment to societal sustainability and healthcare excellence, the Department of Anesthesia at KIMS organized an Essential Pain Management (EPM) Workshop in 2024. The workshop aimed to enhance awareness and training in pain management among medical professionals, focusing on both acute and chronic pain conditions.

Led by Prof. Dr. Sailesh Mishra (UK) and Dr. Rajendra Sahoo (KIMS), along with faculty members from the Anesthesia department, the session trained 33 postgraduate anesthesia doctors using the globally recognized "RAT" model—Recognize, Assess, and Treat pain. Through interactive discussions, case scenarios, and pre- and post-tests, participants gained practical insights into pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to pain relief.

Prof. Mishra emphasized the importance of assessing "total pain," considering physical, emotional, psychosocial, and spiritual aspects. The workshop significantly improved the trainees' knowledge and understanding, aligning with KIIT DU's mission to advance medical education and societal well-being.

This initiative highlights KIIT DU's dedication to improving healthcare standards and enhancing medical training, further strengthening its impact on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-3: Good Health & Well-being).





Fig: Essential Pain Management Workshop

More details can be found in the link: [Pain Management Workshop](#)

KIIT DU's Commitment to Societal Sustainability: World Health Day 2024

The Department of Community Medicine at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), KIIT DU, organized an extended two-week celebration of World Health Day 2024 under the theme "My Health, My Right." The event, held from April 2 to April 8, aimed at promoting awareness of healthcare rights and good health practices among students and the public.

Key activities included the IAPSM WHD Quiz for MBBS students, with 39 participants competing in a preliminary round followed by a final round on April 8. The winners were Parth Singh Tharkoti, Prateek Kumar, and Tamali Ghosh. A Face Painting event on April 5 saw participation from 20 teams, with students from KIIT School of Law emerging as winners. On April 6, a Debate Competition engaged 23 students, with Trisha Rath from KIIT International School securing first place. A Nukkad Natak performance spread awareness on good healthcare practices in front of the KIMS hospital campus.

The event successfully highlighted KIIT DU's dedication to societal sustainability by promoting public health awareness. The winners will be felicitated at a CME event on April 20, reinforcing KIIT's commitment to healthcare education and community engagement.





Fig: World Health Day 2024

More details can be found in the link: [Department of Community Medicine](#)

CME Organized by Department of Community Medicine, KIMS to Commemorate World Health Day 2024

The Department of Community Medicine, KIMS, successfully concluded a two-week-long event series with a CME on April 20, 2024, aligning with KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability. The event, themed "My Health, My Right," featured esteemed patrons, including Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, and prominent medical experts who addressed critical healthcare topics.

Key discussions covered innovations in healthcare, elderly screening, and social determinants of health. Over 150 faculty members and postgraduates from Odisha's medical institutions actively participated, making the event highly engaging. A panel discussion emphasized the role of public health institutions in fostering healthcare rights for vulnerable groups.

The event also included student-led activities, such as a Nukkad Natak, competitions, and a prize distribution ceremony. The CME reinforced KIIT DU's dedication to public health, medical education, and community welfare, further strengthening its impact on societal sustainability.





Fig: CME Organized by Department of Community Medicine, KIMS

More details can be found in the link: [KIMS Organizes CME to Commemorate World Health Day, 2024](#)

Inter-Hostel Premier League (Badminton & Basketball Tournament) at KIIT DU

The Department of Hostel, KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU), successfully organized the Inter-Hostel Premier League (Badminton & Basketball Tournament) from 11th March to 5th April 2024. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 100 students forming 26 teams in badminton and 240 students across 20 teams in basketball.

This tournament fostered sportsmanship, teamwork, and camaraderie among Indian and international students, aligning with KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability through youth engagement and holistic development. The final basketball match saw KP-8A International Boarders competing against KP-10B International Boarders, with all matches played in a highly competitive yet respectful manner.

The closing ceremony on 5th April 2024 was graced by university officials, who distributed prizes, certificates, and mementos. This initiative highlights KIIT DU's dedication to nurturing talent, promoting diversity, and strengthening student communities through sports and extracurricular activities.



Fig: Inter-Hostel Premier League (Badminton & Basketball Tournament)



More details can be found in the link: [Inter-Hostel Premier League \(Badminton & Basketball Tournament\)](#)

Youth Red Cross, Odisha, and KIIT Host State-Level Training Camp for Counsellors

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT-DU), in collaboration with Youth Red Cross (YRC), Odisha, organized a three-day State-Level Training Camp for Untrained Counsellors from May 10th to 12th, 2024. Over 70 counsellors from across Odisha participated in sessions on climate change, disaster management, first aid, and fire safety, conducted by eminent experts. The event, graced by KIIT-DU leadership, reinforced the university's commitment to societal sustainability by equipping counsellors with essential skills to guide and support youth effectively. The training was managed by faculty members from various KIIT-DU schools, highlighting the institution's dedication to community service, resilience building, and sustainable development initiatives. This initiative reflects KIIT's broader mission of fostering social responsibility and youth empowerment through impactful training and education.



Fig: Youth Red Cross, Odisha, and KIIT Host State-Level Training Camp for Counsellors

More details can be found in the link: [Youth Red Cross Training Camp](#)

KINS Observes International Midwives Day

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecological Nursing, Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS), observed International Midwives Day on 4th May 2024, recognizing the crucial role of midwives in providing compassionate, women-centric care. The event aligned with KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability and healthcare excellence.

With the theme “Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution”, the program focused on enhancing knowledge in maternal and child health (MCH) care, particularly in sexual and reproductive



health. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. S.K. Rath (Department of O&G, KIMS, PBMH), Prof. Dr. Niyati Das (Principal, KINS), and Prof. Kalyani Rath (Vice Principal, HOD O&G). Prof. Kalyani Rath delivered the keynote address, emphasizing midwives' role in sustainable healthcare.

Assistant Professors Rojalin Dash and Monalisa Mall highlighted eco-friendly and climate-resilient midwifery practices. A total of 30 nursing officers attended the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) session.

The celebration underscored KIIT DU's dedication to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), reinforcing its role in improving maternal and newborn health outcomes while promoting environmental sustainability.



Fig: International Midwives Day

More details can be found in the link: [KINS Observes International Midwives Day](#)

KIIT Special Convocation 2024: Advancing Women's Education and Global Collaboration

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) held its Special Convocation on May 30, 2024, celebrating academic excellence and societal impact. The event highlighted KIIT's commitment to women's empowerment and international collaboration, with Mongolian Ambassador Mr. Ganbold Dambajay commending the institution's role in education. A total of 665 students received degrees, including 158 in medicine, 94 in dental sciences, and 96 in nursing. Among international students, three earned Ph.D. degrees, 41 received postgraduate degrees, and 273 were awarded undergraduate degrees.



Ambassador Dambajay emphasized the historical ties between India and Mongolia, linking KIIT's mission to global knowledge exchange. KIIT Chancellor Mr. Ashok Parija and Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh highlighted the university's research excellence and global partnerships, including over 20 MoUs with international institutions. KIIT's Technology Business Incubator (TBI) was recognized with the Successful Incubator Award by Startup Odisha, and five KIIT students qualified for the Paris Olympics.

The convocation reaffirmed KIIT DU's role in societal sustainability by promoting quality education, fostering gender equality, and supporting innovation, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Fig: KIIT Special Convocation 2024: Advancing Women's Education and Global Collaboration

More details can be found in the link: [KIIT Special Convocation - Focus on Women's Education with Mongolian Ambassador](#)

Insights on Museums, Education, and Climate Action

Prof. Dr. Amareswar Galla, former Vice President of ICOM, Paris, delivered a keynote address at the International Seminar on "Museums for Education and Research" on May 18, 2024. Organized by Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with ICOM-INDIA and ICBCP, the seminar highlighted the role of museums in societal sustainability.

Prof. Galla emphasized the need for a National Review of Museum Collections in India to enhance research and accessibility. He underscored museums' role in climate awareness, inclusivity for marginalized communities, and cultural justice. This aligns with KIIT DU's broader vision of societal sustainability, cultural preservation, and academic excellence, reinforcing its leadership in education, research, and social responsibility.



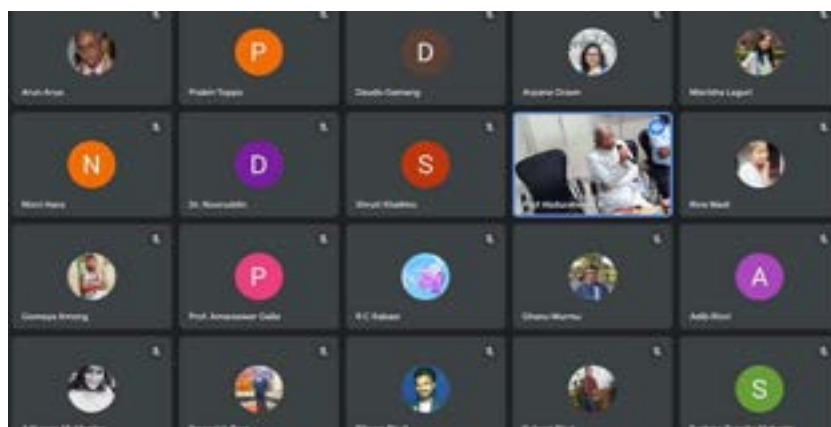


Fig: Insights on Museums, Education, and Climate Action

More details can be found in the link: [Climate Action Insights on Museums, Education](#)

International Museum Day through Project K-MUSE

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues its commitment to societal sustainability through innovative educational initiatives. On May 18, 2024, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT DU successfully completed the first international engagement of Project K-MUSE in collaboration with the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney, Australia. The program focused on object-based learning and cultural exchange. Notable figures, including Dr. Andrew Simpson and Dr. Bernice Murphy, commended the initiative. Coordinated by Prof. Dr. Amareswar Galla the event reinforced KIIT DU's dedication to global knowledge sharing and cultural preservation. Future capacity-building programs are planned to enhance international engagement in museum studies and heritage conservation.



Fig: International Museum Day through Project K-MUSE

More details can be found in the link: [International Museum Day](#)



THE Impact Rankings 2024 KIIT Tops Among Most Impactful Universities in India, Ranks 6th Globally

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) has achieved global recognition for its contributions to societal sustainability, securing the 6th position worldwide in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024 under the 'Reduced Inequalities' category. It ranks 1st in India for this Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and has also attained notable global positions in 'Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions' (71st) and 'Quality Education' (55th).

The university's impact extends beyond academics, focusing on education-driven poverty alleviation, women empowerment, workplace equality, rural development, and tribal upliftment. These efforts highlight KIIT DU's commitment to social progress, making it a leader in sustainable development and inclusive education. Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta commended the faculty, staff, and students for their dedication to these global objectives. KIIT continues to shape a sustainable future through its holistic and community-driven initiatives.

More details can be found in the link: [THE Impact Rankings 2024 KIIT Tops](#)

Faculty Development Program on Universal Human Values at KIIT DU

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University organized an eight-day in-person Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Universal Human Values-II (UHV-II) from 14th June 2024. Sponsored by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the FDP aimed to integrate human values into technical education, fostering ethical leadership and holistic development among faculty members.

As part of its commitment to societal sustainability, KIIT DU consistently promotes values-based education, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This initiative reflects KIIT's dedication to quality education (SDG-4) and reducing inequalities (SDG-10), reinforcing its position in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings. The program emphasized ethical reasoning, societal harmony, and self-reflection, essential for nurturing responsible professionals.

KIIT DU's proactive approach in organizing such programs highlights its role in shaping socially responsible educators and students. The university's sustained efforts in skill development, human values, and inclusive education further solidify its reputation as a globally recognized institution contributing to a better society.





Fig: Faculty Development Program on Universal Human Values

More details can be found in the link: [KIIT Organizes Faculty Development Program](#)

Art of Giving Celebrated Globally – A KIIT Initiative

The 11th International ‘Art of Giving’ Day was celebrated on June 17, 2024, in 25,000 locations across 200 countries. The movement promotes peace, friendship, and happiness by encouraging acts of kindness and selfless giving.

This year’s theme, ‘Let’s AOG’, emphasized global participation, with Odisha hosting events in 35 cities, 30 district headquarters, and 6,500 panchayats. The initiative has grown to over 20 million followers worldwide, with coordinators in every Indian state and every block in Odisha.

The Art of Giving aligns with KIIT DU’s commitment to societal sustainability, fostering inclusivity and community welfare. Under Dr. Samanta’s leadership, KIIT DU continues to drive impactful social initiatives, uplifting marginalized communities through education, skill development, and humanitarian efforts. The university’s dedication to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is reflected in its THE Impact Rankings, recognizing its role in education equity and social transformation.

The Art of Giving remains a beacon of hope, inspiring millions worldwide to embrace generosity as a way of life.





Fig: Art of Giving Celebrated Globally

More details can be found in the link: [Art of Giving Celebrated](#)

World Hypertension Day with Month-Long Awareness Programme

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues its commitment to societal sustainability through various health initiatives. In 2024, the Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS) observed World Hypertension Day with a month-long awareness program aimed at educating the community on hypertension prevention and management. The initiative included health check-up camps, awareness sessions, and interactive discussions involving students, faculty, and healthcare professionals. The program emphasized lifestyle modifications, early detection, and the importance of regular health monitoring. This initiative aligns with KIIT DU's broader mission of promoting health and well-being, contributing significantly to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-3: Good Health and Well-being). Through such community engagement activities, KIIT DU reinforces its dedication to societal betterment, making impactful contributions to public health awareness and sustainable healthcare practices.



Fig: World Hypertension Day with Month-Long Awareness Programme

More details can be found in the link: [KINS Observes World Hypertension Day](#)



KIIT, INSA Bhubaneswar Chapter Organize Symposium on ‘Translational Research for Society and Sustainability’

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU), in collaboration with the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Bhubaneswar Chapter, organized a symposium on “Translational Research for Society and Sustainability.” This event highlighted KIIT DU’s commitment to research-driven societal development and sustainability initiatives in 2024. Experts and academicians discussed innovative research applications addressing environmental challenges, clean energy solutions, and sustainable development goals (SDGs).

KIIT DU, recognized globally in THE Impact Rankings, has been actively contributing to sustainability through interdisciplinary research, fostering young innovators, and promoting eco-friendly technologies. With a strong focus on SDG implementation, the symposium reinforced KIIT DU’s role as a leader in integrating scientific advancements for societal welfare.



Fig: Symposium on ‘Translational Research for Society and Sustainability’

More details can be found in the link: [Translational Research for Society and Sustainability](#)

World Menstrual Hygiene Day Observed at KINS

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) actively contributes to societal sustainability through various awareness programs. In 2024, Kalinga Institute of Nursing Sciences (KINS) observed World Menstrual Hygiene Day to promote menstrual health and hygiene among young women. The event aimed to break taboos, educate participants on menstrual care, and emphasize the importance of accessible hygiene products. Experts conducted interactive sessions on reproductive health, menstrual hygiene management, and sustainable practices. Students and faculty actively engaged in discussions and awareness drives, reinforcing KIIT DU’s commitment



to gender equality and health education. This initiative aligns with KIIT DU's dedication to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG-3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG-5 (Gender Equality). Through such impactful events, KIIT DU continues to foster social awareness and well-being in the community.



Fig: World Menstrual Hygiene Day

More details can be found in the link: [KINS Observed World Menstrual Hygiene Day](#)

KIMS Celebrates World Blood Donor Day 2024

The Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), a constituent of KIIT Deemed to be University, celebrated World Blood Donor Day 2024 with impactful activities promoting voluntary blood donation. The event, themed "20 Years of Celebrating Giving: Thank You, Blood Donors!", highlighted the invaluable contributions of blood donors and emphasized the need for regular, unpaid donations to ensure safe transfusions.

A voluntary blood donation drive was organized, involving hospital departments to strengthen the culture of donation. Senior officials, including Dr. P.K. Pattnaik, Dr. Ambika P. Mohanty, Dr. R.C. Das, and Sri Dillip Panda, graced the occasion. A special cake-cutting ceremony with chronically transfused children added an emotional touch, as they expressed gratitude to donors. This initiative aligns with KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability, reflecting its dedication to healthcare, community well-being, and the Founder's philosophy, "Art of Giving."





Fig: World Blood Donor Day 2024

More details can be found in the link: [KIMS Celebrates World Blood Donor Day 2024](#)

Rath Yatra Celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra: KIIT DU's Commitment to Societal Sustainability

The annual Rath Yatra at Shrivani Kshetra, was celebrated on 7th July 2024 with great religious devotion and community participation. Aligned with KIIT Deemed to be University's (KIIT DU) commitment to societal sustainability, the event showcased cultural preservation, inclusivity, and spiritual engagement.

Thousands of devotees participated in the chariot procession of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra, with the unique tradition of women exclusively pulling Devi Subhadra's chariot. Over 50,000 devotees gathered, creating a vibrant atmosphere of music, chants, and devotion. The Shrivani Kshetra Temple Trust, under the guidance of Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingh Deb, meticulously followed the traditions of Puri Jagannath Temple.

The nine-day festival also includes daily Bhajan Samaroh near Gundicha Temple, reinforcing KIIT DU's efforts in preserving heritage, fostering inclusivity, and promoting spiritual well-being, contributing significantly to societal sustainability in 2024.





Fig: Rath Yatra Celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra

More details can be found in the link: [Rath Yatra Celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra](#)

Commitment to Global Education – Australian University Fair 2024

KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU) continues to foster global education and societal sustainability by organizing the Australian University Fair on 9th March 2024, through its International Relations Office (IRO). The event aimed to provide students with opportunities for international academic exposure and skill development.

Six renowned Australian universities—The Australian National University, Central Queensland University, Engineering Institute of Technology, Griffith University, The University of Adelaide, and The University of Newcastle—participated, offering students direct insights into academic programs, scholarships, and the application process. The fair aligned with KIIT DU's mission of enhancing global partnerships, promoting accessible education, and equipping students with competitive skills.

By facilitating such initiatives, KIIT DU upholds its commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in quality education (SDG-4) and reducing inequalities (SDG-10), reinforcing its standing as a globally recognized institution.





Fig: Australian University Fair 2024

More details can be found in the link: [IRO, KIIT Organizes An Australian University Fair](#)

Roundtable of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia Hosted

The Roundtable of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia on March 18-19, 2024, was hosted by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT DU). The event aimed to strengthen the UNESCO Chairs network and discuss regional priority areas, including sustainable development and environmental sustainability.

Convened by Prof. Amareswar Galla, UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, the gathering welcomed 16 UNESCO Chairs from India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal, along with Mr. Tim Curtis, Director of the UNESCO Regional Office in New Delhi. Discussions focused on higher education's role in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly in environmental conservation.

With UNESCO Chairs playing a crucial role in research, knowledge-sharing, and policy development, KIIT & its sister concern KISS reaffirms their commitment to sustainability, education, and global collaboration for a greener future.





Fig: Roundtable of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia

More details can be found in the link: [Roundtable of UNESCO Chairs in South Asia](#)

Holi celebration with Cultural Grandeur

Holi was celebrated with enthusiasm and cultural vibrancy in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a constituent of KIIT Deemed to be University. The event brought together 40,000 students who enjoyed performances by renowned Ollywood actors, singers, and directors.

The celebration featured artistic performances by Ollywood stars, including Bidusmita, Hara Rath, Bhakta Prahlada Charan Patnaik, and singer Antara Chakraborty. Olympian Anuradha Biswal and other dignitaries were also present. The event showcased KIIT DU's commitment to societal sustainability by fostering cultural heritage and inclusivity. Through such celebrations, KIIT DU continues to uplift underprivileged students, providing them with holistic education and opportunities for artistic expression.





Fig: Holi celebration with Cultural Grandeur

More details can be found in the link: [Students celebrate Holi](#)

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