

Industrial Evolution in Odisha

KIIT University: Symbol of Excellence, Knowledge & Trust

Convocation is an important annual affair in the calendar of every University. It is important because on this day, the University looks back towards its achievement. The University feels proud seeing the smiling faces of its graduates coming out with the ceremonial gowns holding their Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates. This day marks the beginning of a new journey for the students and KIIT as a University will be experiencing a feeling of pride for yet another time when it will have its 10th Convocation on 8th November 2014. In ten years since KIIT became a University, it has proved that University education, intellectual endeavour and world-class educational facilities are not only the preserve of the rich, but of everybody, including the poor and marginalized. This is a proud cornerstone of KIIT that it is determined to strive for a better world where knowledge would rule supreme.

In the last one decade KIIT University has carved a niche for itself both in academics and research. The benchmark of KIIT's quality is amply demonstrated by the accreditation of NBA of AICTE and NAAC of the UGC to provide education from ITI to PhD under one umbrella. The University, which has been accredited as 'A' Category University by the Ministry of Human Resources Development of the Government of India and has now been included under Washington Accord. It is indeed a great achievement for KIIT that despite being a young institution, it could find a berth in the Washington Accord along with only six other Indian Universities. The Washington Accord, signed in 1989, is an international agreement among bodies responsible for accrediting engineering degree programs. It recognizes the substantial equivalency of programs accredited by those bodies and

recommends that graduates of programs accredited by any of the signatory bodies be recognized by the other bodies as having met the academic requirements for entry to the practice of engineering. It is definitely an opportunity for the students passing out from KIIT that they can directly take employments and go for higher studies in as many as 17 most advanced countries like Australia, Canada, USA, UK, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey without going through the process of equivalence and recognition.

Excellence has become the middle name of KIIT, so say various independent surveys which put KIIT in league with top Universities of the country. KIIT's excellence was put to test, during so many great events including the 99th Indian Science Congress in its campus, attended by as many as 18000 scientists from all over the world. Because of its excellence world class academicians like Prof. N. L. Mitra, a pioneer in legal education and the architect of many National Law Schools joined KIIT as its Chancellor while a scientist of repute Prof. Mathur came to head the University as its Vice-Chancellor.

Since, knowledge plays a vital role in the globalised world; there has been a growing need for international collaboration between Indian institutes of higher learning and the foreign Universities. In order to make its presence felt in the global education scenario and to promote knowledge sharing and collaborative research, KIIT embraced memberships of several important institutions. Besides it has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) as well as established academic partnership with as many as 110 world class



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Universities across the globe. Education delegates from many countries frequent KIIT and the latest was the delegation from Czech Republic. As many as 19 Rectors and Vice Rectors from nearly 14 Czech Universities visited KIIT. While there has been a talk of International cooperation, KIIT finds itself much ahead of others. Under the Mevlana Exchange programme, a number of teachers from the University are all set to go to various Universities of Turkey. Similarly students from Czech republic, Kyrgyzstan and other non-English speaking countries are coming to KIIT to get enrolled its unique Intensive English training programme.

Besides, KIIT has been a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), International Association of Universities President (IAUP), International Association of Universities (IAU), Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU),

University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), Institute of International Education (IIE), and Eurasian Silk Board Universities Convention (ESRUC), etc. The 400 odd Universities body UMAP has been so impressed by KIIT that it decided to have its India Office in KIIT University.

Excellence and global reputation of KIIT attract students from newer nationalities every year. Reputation and popularity of KIIT can be accessed from the fact that, students from all over India and abroad applied for KIITEE-2014 (An All India Entrance Test) conducted by the University for admission into its various programmes held April 25 to May 5, 2014, attracted as many as 2,20,000 applications. This is in fact a record for highest number of applicants in an entrance test for a single campus of any institution.

Like every year, KIIT has achieved cent percent placement for its 2014 passing out students which once again proves that KIIT continues to be one of the most favored talent hunting grounds for the corporate world. About 90% of the total 2101 registered students of 2014 passing out batch in various schools of KIIT University are already placed. As many as 191 companies and organizations participated in the campus placement process. Students were also successful in GATE, CAT and other competitive examinations and took admission in IIMs and other reputed national and international institutions.

The University has a proactive International programme cell. The University has established a language laboratory to improve the communication skills of the students in eight foreign languages including English. Last year, KIIT University had received 250 students from Afghanistan and 40 exchange students from Ataturk University, Turkey to study English. Students of KIIT, too have ample opportunities to participate in credit transfer and exchange programs, through which they experience a new way of learning and get a chance to see the world.

The humane face of KIIT is best illustrated through its protégé Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) that provides food, accommodation, healthcare and education from KG to PG nearly 20,000 poorest of the poor tribal children absolutely free. KISS is an unique experiment to eradicate poverty and to empower the under privileged people by providing them education and sustainable employment.

The Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award instituted by KISS in 2008 is given annually to people across the globe with

great contribution to the society in various fields relating to social

issues. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF and UNESCO etc. have come forward to join hands with KIIT and KISS in implementing various welfare projects for the benefit of the state.

Every year the University honours distinguished persons by conferring Honorius Causa on them in recognition to their outstanding contribution to the society this year also is no exception. Some outstanding persons with superb contributions in different fields like Prof. Ferid Murad, Nobel laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1998), USA, Prof. (Dr.) Asyibek Aidaraliev, a great Scientist and the Academician from Central Asia, Ms. Angela Gomes, Eminent Social Activist, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakanta Mohapatra, Eminent Poet and Literary Critic, and Mr. Ranjib Biswal Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajyasabha) and Chairman, Indian Premier League have accepted to be conferred on the Degree of D.Sc. / D.Litt (Honorius Causa).

From now onwards, a myriad of new challenges and options are to be on the horizons of the young degree recipients. They must remember that, today's achievement may fade or even forgotten and may become a distant memory as certificates and medals may gather dust on a shelf or displayed on the wall, but they would be remembered, for helping someone and for making someone feel special.

