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FLYING THE FLAG HIGH FOR EXCELLENCE

From humble beginnings as a small educational institute, KIIT in Odisha has come a long way in its 15 years. M.Y.O.D Odisha visits the institute to trace its growth over time



The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) began as a small institute, with 12 students and a couple of lecturers, in 1997. Today, this institute has grown into a university and counts more than 800 faculty, scientists and researchers on its rolls, along with 2,500 management staff, and is spread over 26 sq km.

The university

KIIT has 22 constituent schools, 17,000

students enrolled full-time and more than a lakh connected through 50 programmes.

Located in Odisha, KIIT has grown beyond just another institute, and is today a force to reckon with in its home state. It has managed to secure recognition from the UGC, the AICTE, the Bar Council of India, the Medical Council of India, the Dental Council of India and such other organisations. It has also been awarded university status by the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India in 2004.

KIIT has academic partnerships with



Education at the university

KIIT offers a vast range of subjects, including management, technology, law, bio-technology, languages, fashion and design, film-making, tourism, hospital management, medicine and sculpting, among others. The university has responded to globalisation, in providing subjects and specialisations followed around the globe. Students from 20 countries are pursuing their studies at the university, while KIITians, by the thousands, are serving in more than 17 countries.

Like most international universities, KIIT also gives its students the option of choosing from among academic pursuits and other, complimentary activities. Meritorious students are awarded the Pradyumna Bal (architect and KIIT founder) Memorial Scholarship. Students are taught the importance of contributing to society and helping the downtrodden.

Facilities

This eco-friendly, green city has 17 wi-fi and wireless campuses, well-equipped hostels, 24-hour internet connectivity, special hostels for international students, air-conditioned multimedia classrooms, labs, conference halls, open-air and indoor theatres and auditoriums, and a very well-stocked, well-maintained library. The KIIT chapter of SPICMACAY promotes classical Indian music, dance and culture. Various other co-curricular activities provide students joy and entertainment.

KIITians have won several laurels in sports, both in indoor as well as outdoor games. The university has one of the biggest indoor stadiums, and the junior rugby team of KISS, a sister concern of KIIT, has been a world beating side. Various academic and sporting events, cultural fests, national and international seminars, industry interface and field visits enhance the skills of the students, and motivate them to perform better.

M.Y.O.D.

60 world-class national and international universities. It is also a member of the International Association of Universities, the Association of Commonwealth Universities and the International Association of University Presidents. KIIT's students are making their mark, not just in academics, but also in co-curricular activities such as cultural events, theatre, films, quizzes and others.

Record breaker

This multi-disciplinary university has secured a place for itself in the Limca Book of World Records for the following reasons:

1. Its chancellor Dr Achuta Samanta is the youngest head of any university at his designation.
2. KIIT's related organisation KISS is the only residential tribal school with more than 5,000 students studying free of cost, with classes from kindergarten to twelve. This institution is now aspiring to get into the Guinness Book of World Records.
3. It is the only university in the country to offer education from the ITI-level up until the Ph.D level.

STUDENTS SPEAK

KIIT is one of the best private universities, armed with world-class infrastructure and latest technology. It nurtures talent and promotes artistic growth. I have grown immensely here, and this exposure has prepared me to take on the challenges of my professional life.

Nivedita Veladaleti, 19
Student of Electronics,
from Hyderabad

KIIT is one of the most prominent institutions in the eastern Indian region. It has excellent placements. The electronics lab here is excellent; it has made me very techno-savvy. The faculty are cooperative. I'm also very happy to be involved with the KIIT dramatics and literary society.

Gitanjali Singh, 20
Student of telecom engineering,
from Kolkata

Engineering students prefer KIIT because it provides 100% placements and is growing fast. It promotes a healthy mix of academics and co-curricular activities. Its infrastructure is of the highest quality as well.

Dushyant Panda,
telecom student

Why go to another college when Odisha itself has a world-class university, growing by the minute? KIIT prepares you for every challenge of life, and conducts events and talks with eminent personalities, which works to boost your morale.

Satyashiv Das,
from Talcher

I enjoy being at KIIT so much that I barely miss my family. I have a lot of friends here. Being the best in this region, KIIT has some of the best amenities and cultural and dramatics societies, which are now an integral part of my life.

Sama Bali
Telecommunications student,
from Delhi