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Fostering
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66th All India Adult Education Conference

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Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha January 21st-23rd, 2026

Conference Venue:

Auditorium, Campus-5, KIIT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751024



ABOUT THE COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi

With a legacy spanning over 86 years, Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) stands as a beacon of Adult and Lifelong Education in India. Founded by luminaries like Dr. Zakir Husain, the IAEA has been pivotal in eradicating illiteracy through its extensive efforts in organizing seminars, conferences, and publications. Situated at Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi, this iconic institution continues to contribute significantly to the professionalization of adult education nationwide.

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, is a globally acclaimed institution dedicated to the holistic education and empowerment of Indigenous (tribal) children and youth. Established with the vision of eradicating poverty through education, KISS provides free, quality education from kindergarten to higher education, along with accommodation, healthcare, vocational training, and sports facilities to over 30,000 students on campus and 10,000 more through outreach initiatives. The institution stands as a testament to the vision and humanitarian commitment of its Founder, Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, who established KISS in 1992 with only 125 tribal students and minimal resources. Through his relentless dedication and transformative leadership, Dr. Samanta has turned KISS into the world's largest residential educational institution for tribal children. His work has not only transformed countless lives but also set a global example of inclusive and sustainable social development through education.

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Major Subthemes include:

- 1. NEP 2020: Conceptual Framework for Adult and Lifelong Learning for All & Full Employment
- 2. Adult and Lifelong Learning for All for Full Employment: Role of Academic Institutions
- 3. Decoding Multidisciplinary Approach for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development
- 4. Role of Community Organizations for Upgrading Adult and Lifelong Learning
- 5. ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All
- Harnessing RPL for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
- 7. Promotion of Adult and Lifelong Learning by the Government
- 8. Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning
- 9. Opportunities and Challenges for Lifelong Learning
- 10. Reviving Sacred Groves through Participatory Adult Learning and Local Governance
- 11. Gender justice and Literacy Programme for Tribal Women
- 12. Tribal Language, Literature, and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity
- 13. Promoting and Preserving Marginal Literature: An Adult Learning Initiative
- 14. Preservation of Tribal Heritage through Adult Education
- 15. Heritage Ecologies among Indian Indigenous Communities

Paper Presentation

Abstract Submission:

Submit by **December 31, 2025** (max. 500 words) via 66aiaecbhubaneswar26@gmail.com or directoriaea@gmail.com.

Full Paper Submission:

Due by January 15, 2026. (Format: MS Word, Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 spacing).

Registration Details Deadlines and Fees:

Registration Period	Delegates	Students
Till December 31, 2025	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1500/-
January 1 - 15, 2026	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2000/-

Note: For current students/research scholars, and faculty members of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University, the registration fees are set at ₹500 and ₹1,000 respectively, to encourage broad participation and engagement.

Food and accommodation will be provided from the evening of 20th January 2026 to 24th January 2026 morning. Local participants will not be provided accommodation and will be served lunch and tea only.

Payment Methods:

Demand Draft:

Drawn in favour of "Indian Adult Education Association" payable at New Delhi may be sent by post to Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110 002

NEFT:

Bank: Canara Bank, DTC I.P. Depot, I.P. Estate

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Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri



Konark Sun Temple



Lingaraj Temple





Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves

How to reach:

By Train: Located on Howrah-Chennai Main Line and Kharagpur-Puri Line Bhubaneshwar Railway Station (BBS) is one of the major junctions within the East Coast Railway Zone of Indian Railway.

By Car: KISS is around 14 kms away from Bhubaneshwar Railway Station and it takes almost 25 minutes to reach there by car.

By Air: KISS is only 17 Kms away from Bhubaneshwar Airport also known as Biju Patnaik Airport.

Key Attractions:

Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri: Located almost 73 kms from the conference venue Shree Jagannath Temple is one of the four most sacred pilgrimage sites in India (Char Dham), this 12th-century temple is the most famous tourist and pilgrimage destination of Odisha/India.

Konark Sun Temple: Located around 80 kms away from KISS the Konark Sun Temple is a monumental representation of the Sun God Surya's Chariot. Built in the 13th century the Sun Temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a must visit tourist destination of India.

Lingaraj Temple: One of the oldest and most revered temples in the city (18 kms).

Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves: A combination of partly natural and partly artificial caves with inscriptions and Jain temples (around 10 kms).

Nandankanan Biological Park: A large zoo and botanical garden home to a wide variety of species, including a famous white tiger population (8 kms).

Weather Information:

The month of January will be pleasant winter and hence, participants attending the conference may come with adequate woollen clothing for proper protection.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Confirm Your Participation:

Kindly send your complete postal address (both personal and official), e-mail-ID, and mobile number to directoriaea@gmail.com or 66aiaecbhubaneswar26@gmail.com

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