

KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS)

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2.3.2 ICT Teaching

Q: Teachers use ICT- enabled tools including online resources for effective teaching and learning processes

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Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, like any other institution of higher education in contemporary times, has developed the system of knowledge transmission with the help of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Teachers at KISS-DU use ICT in knowledge delivery in multiple ways. There are smart classrooms, each one fully equipped with an internet-enabled projector. The classrooms are furnished with short-throw projectors with smart-pen devices for effective display of texts, and visual material as teaching contents. Field-study data, video texts, and seminar lectures of academics in India and abroad are transmitted through LAN in well-furnished conference halls and a well-capacitated auditorium.

During the pandemic shut-down period, teaching-learning continued uninterrupted, and teachers reached out to the students in far-flung and remote locations, primarily because of a robust ICT infrastructure, including Wi-Fi-enabled systems in their desks or digital writing pads for their teaching purposes. However, some of the students residing in remote locations faced great hardship to participate in the online teaching-learning due to unstable internet connectivity. Virtual interactive platforms like Google Meet, ZOOM etc. were widely used for Meetings, Conferences, Webinars, online Orientations and Workshops. Those were widely used for conducting classes during the pandemic-induced shutdown. Taking advantage of the ICT-enabled teaching-learning process, hand-notes, study materials were shared online to the students on the same day. Documentary films depicting tribal life and culture are screened as part of the course curriculum. Such initiatives motivate the students to stay connected to their cultural roots.

All the documentaries shared by the Central Agencies like UGC, MoTA and Ministry of Culture are shown to the students from time to time to enhance their enthusiasm and spirit. E-resources, e-books, e-journals are made available to faculty and students through KISS-DU library which is now a member of National Digital Library of India (NDLI). Many SAGE Publication Print Journals with e-access (e-Journals); South Asia Archive e-Resources; Statistical e-Database named Indiastat; good number of print Journals for different subjects; various types of magazines are available for the students. The Web link of such e-access journals are updated in the Library page of the University Website. Open Educational Resources are also used for effective teaching-learning. Faculty of KISS-DU have registered themselves for MOOCs on online Course Development training for SWAYAM through the partnership with CEMCA (Commonwealth Education Media Centre for Asia). The School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights, KISS-DU, launched a two-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Development of Online Courses for SWAYAM' in collaboration with CEMCA in May, 2022. KISS-DU has also developed its own Learning Management System (LMS) through which the faculty of the Schools offer their course packs. Some of the faculty members of KISS-DU have designed and offered MOOC courses, both at the institutional Learning Management System (LMS) and on external platforms.

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