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Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India



1st Annual Convocation

27th June 2021 (Sunday) | Time: 10.00 a.m.

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Chief Guest

Professor Ganeshi Lal

Hon'ble Governor of Odisha

Honoris Causa Degrees will be conferred on:



Professor Ganeshi Lal
Hon'ble
Governor of Odisha



Shri Girish Chandra Murmu
Hon'ble
Comptroller and
Auditor General of India



Hon. Swarup Ranjan Mishra
Member of Parliament
for Kesses Constituency,
Kenya and Founding
Chairman, Medihealth
Group of Hospitals, Kenya



Shri Bibhu Mohapatra
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KIIT Convention Center, Campus - 6



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|| Profile ||

Prof. Ganeshi Lal was sworn in as Governor of Odisha on 29th May 2018.

Prof. Lal was born at Sirsa, Haryana on 1st March, 1942 and holds a degree in English Honours. He went on to gain a postgraduate degree in Mathematics. He was brilliant in studies and stood First Class First in FA, BA and MA and was a Gold Medallist. After completing his education, he joined academic profession and served as Professor in different Government Colleges in Haryana between 1964 and 1991. Since 1962, Prof. Lal is actively associated with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and held posts in Hisar, Rohtak Wing of RSS.

On his political assignments, Prof. Lal was associated with grassroots organisations of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He is a former State President of Haryana BJP, a former Chairman of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Haryana and former National President of BJP Disciplinary Committee. During the Emergency period in the country in 1976, Prof. Lal was sent to jail. He also actively participated in the Ram Janmabhoomi Movement.

In 1996, Prof. Lal was elected as MLA from Sirsa constituency and became a Minister in the Haryana Vikas Party (HVP) - BJP Government in Haryana from 1996-99.



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Most Honourable **Professor Ganeshi Lal**

Sir,

The Rede Lecture of 1959 would not have discussed 'The Two Cultures', if the British Scientist C. P. Snow would have met a genius like you, who despite having studied English literature went for Masters in Mathematics and then authored a critically acclaimed book on The Bhagvad Gita. While many distinguished academicians find it hard to correlate complex mathematics to Bhagvad Gita, you could show the world that the relation has been strong enough to influence a mathematician to delve into the Gita. Your interests both in academics and cultural heritage; and your experience in politics have made you an outstanding First Citizen of the culturally rich state of Odisha. Your coming from Haryana, where Lord Sri Krishna enlightened Arjun through Bhagvad Gita, to the land of Geet Govinda is not a mere coincidence; rather it was destined for Odisha to have you as its Governor.

In recognition of your versatility and knowledge in varied fields, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University unanimously resolves and feels proud to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon you, this day the 27th June 2021, on its 1st Annual Convocation.

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Most Illustrious

Shri Girish Chandra Murmu

Sir,

The juggernaut of your conviction and the dedication to your work have elevated you to such an enviable position that could inspire every young man to aspire big, despite being born in any nondescript village. Born in a Santhal family of Kunchishol, Betanati, Odisha, you have proved that nothing is unachievable if one works with strong determination. With an MA from Utkal University and an MBA from Birmingham, you have become the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. You have shown your acumen as the youngest Lieutenant Governor of any state of India to handle the situation in Jammu and Kashmir with courage and conviction, when it became a Union Territory after abrogation of Article 370. Your appointment to the post of CAG proves how much the country reposes faith in your honesty and integrity. Your vast administrative experience and amicable personality have endeared you to every fellow Odia and the State is proud to have its illustrious son as the CAG of such a great country aspiring for becoming a five-trillion Dollar economy. Despite being in a comfortable position, where you could live in a relatively luxurious way, you never forgot your own people living much below the poverty line. Your love and compassion for the poor in your town bring you there every year to stand beside them. Distribution of blankets and other necessities of life during the hard days of winter demonstrates your feelings of how much you care for them.

In recognition of your gigantic persona, versatility and your compassion for the people in need, despite reaching the zenith of accomplishment, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University unanimously resolves and feels proud to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon you, this day the 27th June 2021, on its 1st Annual Convocation.

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Most Honoured

Dr. Swarup Ranjan Mishra

Sir,

Some individuals are blessed to provide basic health care to millions of people defying geographical borders; and there are no two opinions about the fact that you are one of those illustrious persons who stands out as a beacon of hope for millions in African continent. Your journey from Panchapalli, Erasama, Odisha to Kenyan Parliament was not merely a coincidence, but destined. Your education and medical training in kaleidoscopic Odisha helped you understand the fascinating multicultural Kenya which elected you to its Parliament. As a trained specialist in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, you served the people for decades before introducing post graduate curriculum in Obstetrics & Gynaecology as the Head of the Department in MOI University, Kenya, besides making provision for fellowship in the subject and in Oncology for the first time in East and Central Africa. Your professional experience in US, Toronto and Germany helped you change the health scenario of African continent; and no wonder that you opened new vistas in the field through opening Mediheal Group of Hospitals in Kenya, Rwanda and Addis Ababa, which has been the pioneer of many super specialties and advanced medical fraternity like Neuro, IVF, Imaging, Kidney Replacement, Cardiac, Clinical care, etc. Your commitment to the African cause prompted you to open up Meditech University for professional studies. Your selfless dedication and love for the people helped you to enter Kenyan Parliament. Your connect to Kenya is amply demonstrated through your work being the Director of Economic Diplomacy at Kenya Chamber of Commerce and Industries and through establishment of several primary and high schools in various parts of Kenya. When the world looks at Africa as a hunger-stricken underdeveloped continent, you showed to the world that the paradise is not lost because there still exists love and care to raise the children with hope and there still exists space for millions of Africans to be educated and stay healthy. Despite reaching the pinnacle of glory, you have never forgotten your people at home and no wonder that whenever Odisha faces any major mishap you come back to stand with the people as you did during the devastating Super Cyclone.

In recognition of your multidimensional persona, your empathy for the people devastated by natural disasters and your resolve to serve the society beyond border, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University unanimously resolves and feels proud to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon you, this day the 27th June 2021, on its 1st Annual Convocation.

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Illustrious Creative Genius **Shri Bibhu Mohapatra**

Sir,

Very few people have the vision to imagine that the 'World is not done dressing up yet' and there are no two opinions about the fact that you are one of those illustrious geniuses who stands out as a catalyst in believing that artists play a role in change beyond culture and beyond boundaries. Your journey from a sleepy township of Rourkela to the busy New York City to become a cultural and heritage ambassador has been both awe-inspiring and fascinating. Every Fashion Magazine from Vogue to Bazar, from Essence to Elle appears incomplete without a feature on you and your creation. With every fashion diva from Jennifer Lopez to Priyanka Chopra and from Freida Pinto to Deepika Padukone vying with each other to be in your designer dress, you have made every one of us in India proud. It is not a small achievement for an Odia to dress the former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama during her visit to India. You made Odisha proud through your acknowledgement that vibrant Odia cultural heritage is in your DNA and how emphatically you said that despite your training in the West, your heritage has given you an edge in the fashion world. No wonder that you have received numerous honours and accolades including 'The Young Innovator Award' and 'Hall of Fame Award' in Global Talent category because of your firm conviction in the Vedic ideology which prompted you to think about the idea of cosmic alignment of the Sun, Moon and other stars determining people and their compatibility with each other; by thus creating new stories showing their lives being intertwined with each other. No wonder that brand 'Bibhu Mohapatra' and Artemis have become synonyms with fashion and jewellery design. Your benevolence, reflected in helping the traditional hand-weavers in Odisha and assisting students pursuing studies in Fashion Design and Fine Arts through 'India Society', amply demonstrates your compassion and love for the people in need.

In recognition of your versatility and the courage to acknowledge the importance of your roots, socio-cultural values in shaping your persona, despite reaching the pinnacle of glory, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University unanimously resolves and feels proud to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon you, this day the 27th June 2021, on its 1st Annual Convocation.

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Founder

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By Prof. Achyuta Samanta

Founder, KIIT & KISS

It is indeed a pleasure throwback of the memory when I recall the days I had conceived the idea about stepping into the field of social service with a signature nature. That is reaching out to the unreachable.

And today, I feel extremely grateful to the Almighty and humbled and overjoyed when I recall the day I had started the Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS). It all started like a garden and it didn't take much for the flowers to smile. KISS was kick-started as a small sapling and during years time, it grew into a gigantic tree spreading shadow to many and with an extraordinary outreach of the huge canopy-like spread giving protection to millions today.

It's the story of a dream-come-true which took off with 125 students on board in 1992-93 and rose like a phoenix, an inspiring tale of transformation now really beyond my imagination. As a common man, when I laid the foundation of KISS, I simply had the confidence but it was not in the wildest of my imagination that, its growth would be so exponential, impact considerably and revolutionise the pattern of education for tribal boys and girls, never detaching from its core belief - Education empowers.

Focusing on its formula of 3E - Enable, Educate and Empower, KISS is a residential educational institution providing free education, accommodation, medical care, vocational, athletic & artistic training to 60,000 indigenous children.

The students come from 62 different tribal communities within the region, of which 13 are Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Of these, 30,000 students study at the main campus in Bhubaneswar.

A Milestone Now

It has a strong alumni base of 30,000 empowered boys and girls and soon over 10,000 students will study at 10 satellite centers of KISS across Odisha. KISS has indirectly impacted over a million tribal children and youth.

Which is in itself a milestone in the history of tribal children who could wriggle out of the years old backwardness and here are they.

An Instrument of Empowerment

While dropouts still remain a aching sore in our educational system, KISS in its course of existence, for over 30 years, has substantially checked dropouts, child marriage, gender-based harassment, left-wing extremism, proselytization, ignorance and superstition in a massive scale with its passive intervention through education and empowerment.

It has stimulated awareness on the importance of education, girl-child empowerment, upskilling and vocational empowerment, entrepreneurship, and in collaboration with the tribal communities KISS made them real caretakers of the ecosystem, nature and fulfilling its SDGs.

Scaling New Global Highs

For its unimpeachable record, KISS became the first exclusive tribal Deemed to be University in 2017 - a status given by the Ministry of erstwhile Human Resource Development, Government of India. With its growth, I always aspired for University status for KISS to elevate its credibility as an institution committed to research for tribal studies by tribal scholars.

KISS scaled a new high when in 2015 it received international recognition and support. Since 2015, it has been accorded Special Consultative Status by UN-ECOSOC. Then on a record spree of climbing up, it found itself among the comity of topmost organizations. It has worked in collaboration with many UN agencies and bodies like UNFPA, UNEP, UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women, US Consulate and so on various capacity-building projects and its implementation.

Knowledge Destination

Achievement speaks for itself and soon profound appreciation poured in from Nobel Laureates, Legal Luminaries, Academicians, Policymakers, Statesman, Writers and celebrities who visited KISS and felt so after an immersive experience. KISS has also institutionalized the KISS Humanitarian Award for awarding men and women of distinction for their service to humanity.

Soon KISS became a destination and its giant leaps helped it scale new highs. For the achievement of KISS it grew to be phenomenally a point of attraction and a very distinguished panel has joined KISS Deemed to be University at the helms.

Mr. Satya S. Tripathi has joined as the Chancellor. He was the former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Other distinguished members in the panel of leadership are- Dr. Upendra Tripathy, IAS (Retd) as Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Deepak Behera as Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo as Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali as Director-General. Under their tenure, KISS Deemed to be University will certainly scale new heights in terms of student achievements, research, collaboration and academic excellence.

The first is first and always special, and so is the first convocation of KISS Deemed to be University on 27 June 2021. The ceremony will be held in a hybrid mode - both physical and virtual taking into consideration the Covid-19 protocols. 143 students will get degrees for completing their Masters and M. Phil courses successfully. The brightest and the most promising graduates will be conferred with Founder's Gold Medal, Chancellor's Gold and Vice Chancellor's Silver medal at the ceremony.

The virtual ceremony will be graced by his Excellency the Governor of Odisha, most affable and erudite, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, who will be conferred with Honoris Causa, Doctor of Letters at the first convocation of KISS Deemed to be University.

The other Honoris Causa degree recipients, Odia men of high standing, achievements and accolades are Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, pride of tribals, Odisha and India, Hon. Swarup Ranjan Mishra, Member of Parliament for Kesses Constituency, Kenya and Founding Chairman, Mediheal Group of Hospitals, Kenya and Mr. Bibhu Mohapatra, Fashion Designer and Costume Designer, New York.

On this historic occasion, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the stakeholders of KIIT for their unflinching support. I would like to express my thanks to all the well-wishers of KISS for their love, affection and belief in our cause. I owe a debt of gratitude to the staff and students of KIIT and KISS for their untiring efforts to help KISS reach the level it is today.

KISS, which started as an idea turned into a revolution calling for the creation of more prototypes, has always vouched to provide a local solution to a global problem. We envisage the KISS Deemed to be University to stand as a think tank for tribal related issues of importance, to academic debate, discuss and critically analyse the tribal policies, laws, culture and importance and offer solutions to KISS for its continuous improvement in course of evolution in particular and to the wider society in general.

And as Earnest Hemingway puts, 'There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.', KISS Deemed to be University will always go forward and get better with all humility in its endeavor towards excellence.

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Shri Satya S. Tripathi

Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University



Chancellor's Address

It is indeed a proud moment for the KISS fraternity as we hold our 1st Convocation Ceremony in blended mode. The unprecedented covid pandemic has made us improvise and innovate, and this blended ceremony is the best evidence of our ability to rise to the challenge in the most creative of ways. I would like to thank the numerous luminaries gracing the ceremony and showering their blessings on our graduating students this morning.

For our graduates, today is your Convocation Day. Few occasions in life will ever hold as much pride and significance for you and for those who supported you along the way. You are unique in your self-discipline, resourcefulness and the ability to finish what you started. As you transition from student to graduate, please remember that your alma mater is a pillar of compassion and humanity and it is on your shoulders to carry forward this unparalleled legacy and tradition of selfless service with grace and conviction.

In all your years at KISS, you must have interacted frequently and learned a lot from our own founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta who exemplifies the saying: deeds always speak louder than words. His imaginative and humane 'Art of Giving' and 'Hope Stories' have reinforced our faith in humanity, and made us believe that we are indeed 'stronger together'. May you continue to draw inspiration from his life's philosophy of service before self.

An institution is only as strong as its weakest link, and I am delighted to see the inspiring teamwork and leadership of each one of our teaching and non-teaching staff on display - as we try to keep the morale high amidst an immensely challenging work environment owing to the pandemic. KISS has risen to the challenge admirably, thanks to their spirited contributions.

My heartiest compliments to the graduating students! As you graduate today, do remember that every ending heralds a new beginning. As you spread out across the planet to carve your own niche and help build a more inclusive and equitable world, please know that our alumni are our pride. Their outstanding contributions as true ambassadors of KISS at both national and international levels has our unreserved admiration and appreciation.

Lastly, graduation should never mean goodbye. As KISS alumni, I sincerely hope you will remain connected to your university in more ways than one. On behalf of all our faculty and alumni, please accept my warmest congratulations and the very best for a purposeful life ahead.

Shri Satya S. Tripathi
Chancellor

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Dr. Upendra Tripathy

Pro-Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University



Pro-Chancellor's Address

Today's India is a platform for the youth to exhibit their talent, creativity, and energy. They are the ones who are going to make a better tomorrow. The dreams and imagination of the youth can translate into reality through knowledge and education. KISS Deemed to be University has a unique vision and mission and the batches graduating this year will be ambassadors of this vision and mission. Young minds are full of aspirations, hopes, and dreams, this will translate into reality only through knowledge and education. Amidst the pandemic this year will write a chapter in golden letters of KISS Deemed to be University holding its 1st Annual Convocation Ceremony and I am delighted that I could be a part of this crowning moment for my students.

The graduates of this pristine university have an important role to play. They have to take their learnings back to their villages to bring in change. Apart from teaching, the students can pursue research on their subjects keeping tribal concepts as thrust areas, development of society and community, spreading awareness on various issues including Covid-19, bringing basic technology to villages, improving medical facilities so on and so forth. As you walk on the ladder of life and become alumni of this university, the university needs you to keep propelling the ideas, thoughts, and learnings of your juniors and help them in paving their way to success and glory, just like you did. Alumni is the greatest strength of an educational institution and it is important to stay united and connected to the place which taught you how to hold a pencil.

This university has shown how to lead the way from the front and I express my happiness as we have collectively marched to this day. I congratulate all the students on their big achievements. I also avail this opportunity to see the blessings in (a) enhancing the number of KG to PG tribal and poor students from existing 30000 to 100001, (b) actively participating in the organisation of the global event - World Children Forum (WCF), modelled over World Economic Forum of Davos in Odisha, and (c) developing a ten year vision document that makes KISS a rich and global academic centre under the guidance of world academic leaders, including the esteemed Founder of KISS. The three dreams are ambitious aspirations, but nothing is impossible for those who can dream big, as KISS has done so far.

With this, I wish the Convocation a huge success.

Dr. Upendra Tripathy

Pro-Chancellor

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Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera

Vice Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University



Vice Chancellor's Report

In the 1st Convocation of KISS Deemed to be University, the students have passed out with flying colors and the recipients of Masters Degree and M.Phil. Degree students. I take this opportunity to congratulate the students and the teachers for putting their best foot forward and adding jewels to the crown to the only tribal university: KISS Deemed to be University, which is the brain child of Professor (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta whose only aim was to provide education to the deprived tribal children as he believes in the fact that, “Education is the Third of a Child”. It is great to note that, on this historic day of KISS Deemed to be University, Honoris Causa is being conferred upon His Excellency Professor Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Hon'ble Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Hon'ble Swarup Ranjan Mishra, Member of Parliament for Kesses Constituency, Kenya and Founding Chairman, Mediheal Group of Hospitals Kenya; Sj. Bibhu Mohapatra, Fashion Designer and Costume Designer New York.

From a tiny institution, KISS has grown into a considerably mighty size to cater to the educational needs of 30,000 tribal students. This institution earned university status in the year 2017 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, making it the first university exclusively for tribals. The university focuses on teaching and research in unique and emerging areas of knowledge related to Tribal Culture, Philosophy, Heritage, Language and Literature, Science and Technology, Tribal Resource Management, Tribal Legal Studies, and Tribal Rights. It is one of its kind that offers specialization in innovative tribal centric areas and encourages research scholars to pursue their work on the indigenous population and topics close to their hearts. The soaring number of female students is an indication of positive social transformation catalyzed by KISS.

We take pride in sharing with the world that we successfully introduced online teaching through various platforms like Zoom Cloud Meetings, Google Meet, Youtube and Whatsapp. The Tutor-Mentor system introduced by our Hon'ble Founder made the students feel that the entire KISS fraternity is with them during the unprecedented time of pandemic as they are in their native places. In addition to pure academics, the students actively participated in social service, cultural and volunteering activities in their villages. Vocational training units, NSS Bureau, Youth Red Cross, Rovers, and Rangers have also taken a driver's seat during the pandemic. The university has hosted many seminars/webinars, lectures, talks, conferences, training, and capacity-building programs since its inception and continues the same through virtual mode. Besides being instrumental in the production of local community knowledge and social transformation as part of its institutional social

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responsibility, KISS has also had a transaction with a larger world of knowledge, The wheels of organizing the prestigious World Anthropology Congress in 2023 have already started rolling at KISS Deemed to be University. Our national and international collaborators have been with us throughout this endeavour. Green Campus initiatives and closely working with all the UN Agencies have helped KISS Deemed to be University earn a place on the global map. Our students including the alumni have brought laurels to this university in academic, sports and other co-curricular aspects in both national and international sphere.

Hats off to the academically charged faculty members, responsible administration, and support staff for their contribution in keeping the system active even during the pandemic. Our first batch of students under the umbrella of KISS Deemed to be University is all set to fly and as the Vice Chancellor of the university, it gives me immense pleasure in sharing this with everyone.

With this, I wish the students and their parents all the very best on the occasion of the 1st Annual Convocation of this University. The graduating scholars and students, I am sure, will carve a niche for themselves in their respective academic and professional careers and take KISS Deemed to be University to greater heights of glory.

I hope and pray that we will continue our efforts in taking the university into the next stature of recognition.

Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera
Vice Chancellor
KISS Deemed to be University



Prof. Pitabasa Sahoo

Pro-Vice Chancellor, KISS Deemed to be University

Pro-Vice Chancellor's Address

Today we are going to write a very important chapter of KISS Deemed to be University. This day (27 June 2021) will be remembered in golden letters, as the whole university comes together to celebrate this awaited academic event: that is Convocation Day. I am delighted to congratulate all the graduands receiving their degrees today at the ceremony from this university. You are graduating from the only tribal university in the world and we hope that upon passing out, you become advocates of the aim, vision, and mission of KISS Deemed to be University. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Hon'ble Founder KISS and KIIT had created this institution intending to bring in social transformation in the world and the onus lies upon us to carry forward the legacy and heritage. I personally feel proud that 143 Students are going to receive the degrees on this historic occasion who have put in years of energy, effort, dedication, and hard work. You have graduated to become social, academic, literary, and scientific leaders in society. Our chest swells with pride and nostalgia in our eyes.

We know that you joined this university with great expectations, aspirations and to grow academically, personally, and socially. I am certain that you all have benefitted from your time here. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you that this university is yours and we are always there with you during your thick and thin. I would also like to congratulate the parents and guardians for investing their faith and confidence in the university. The key to success is a strong value system and principles. Some of you may opt for higher studies and some may start seeking jobs and to do so just pause and ponder get into the mode of self-reflection and analyze your strengths and weaknesses, this will help in sailing smoothly. Most importantly don't forget your alma mater, it is your strength. Keep visiting the campus whenever you find the time and share your real life experiences with your juniors. You are a role model for them and they will learn from your experiences.

I wish the Convocation all the success and the graduates, parents, and guardians for the support shown during your entire journey.

Prof. Pitabasa Sahoo

Pro-Vice Chancellor
KISS Deemed to be University



Dr. Prashanta Ku. Routray

Registrar, KISS Deemed to be University

Registrar's Address

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, our Founder has very profoundly said “Education is the third eye of a child”, I can feel this philosophy translating into truth today as we witness the first Convocation of KISS Deemed to be University. This quote explains the importance of education as it has become the essential prerequisite of the youth of India in leading a meaningful life. The dreams of the students can only be acquired by quality education, as mentioned in the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal – 4) of the United Nations. I am sure that the graduating students will become change agents in society and contribute to the growth and development of the nation.

KISS Deemed to be University has always strived to create a conducive academic and research environment honing the skills and technical abilities of the students. It is an inimitable organization walking on the path shown by Prof. Achyuta Samanta who believes in the mission of “Eradication of poverty through education” and “Education for All”. The university lays focus on innovative education, practical learning, skill-based training, flexibility in the choice of subjects, focus on technology, sports, three-language formula, teacher's training and internships, etc. We have been practicing these things since our inception in 1992. Since the declaration of university in 2017, the university has been under taking a number of academic and research activity. Four Research Chairs in the name of great sons of the soil: Gopabandhu Das Research Chair, Madhusudan Das Research Chair, Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi Research Chair, and Biju Patnaik Research Chair is a shining example of how KISS Deemed to be University is marching ahead in the right direction by facilitating research work on persons of state and national eminence. National and international research-based projects are our forte. I am proud to share that we have always churned our gray matter and undertaken projects on Nano Centre for Excellence, Identification of indigenous medicinal plants, AURORA project, and many more innovative and unparalleled initiatives that allow us to convert theory into practice.

As the Registrar of KISS Deemed to be University, I take the opportunity to thank Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Hon'ble Founder, KISS & KIIT for Conferring Honoris Causa upon His Excellency Professor Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha; Hon'ble Sj. Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Hon'ble Swarup Ranjan Mishra, Member of Parliament for Kesses Constituency, Kenya and Founding Chairman, Mediheal Group of Hospitals Kenya; Sj. Bibhu Mohapatra, Fashion Designer and Costume Designer, New York., Academic Council, Board of Management, Board of Studies, Senior Functionaries, Faculty Members, Project Staff Members, Administrative Staff Members and Support Staff Members for playing a significant role in making KISS Deemed to be University an ace university. Last but not least my blessings to all the students who are graduating today, you are today's star attraction. May you achieve all the success in the world. I request all of you to join the Alumni Association and continue being a part of this university.

Dr. Prashanta Ku. Routray
Registrar
KISS Deemed to be University

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MEDAL WINNERS

FOUNDER'S GOLD MEDAL

Malho Mardi, School of Tribal Resource Management: For securing highest CGPA in the whole University across all Post Graduate Programs (2019 pass out)

Prashant Majhi, School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology: For securing highest CGPA in the whole University across all Post Graduate programs.(2020 Pass out)

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL(2019 PASS OUT)

Bidyasmita Bodosa: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights

Malho Mardi: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Tribal Resource Management

Viswanath Puala: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Comparative Indic Studies and Tribal Sciences

Chakrapani Badamundi: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Comparative Tribal Language and Literature

Sudhir Kumardar: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Technology

Surendra Sabar: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology

Namita Dharua: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Ecospiritualism

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL (2020 PASS OUT)

Jadu Nath Hansdah: For securing highest percentage of marks in School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights

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