

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), a household name, has become a soughtafter destination in India for professional education. It is admired all over for its Community outreach work and as a university of compassion and humanitarianism.

KIIT has become a case study because no other educational institution in India has grown in its scope and scale as much as KIIT has become in a short span of time – just 25 years. It's incredible transformation is truly a journey from Soil to Silver.

It started in 1992-93 as an Industrial Training Institution. 1997 is considered the base year for the University as undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Engineering, Management and Computer Applications were added. But practically, in 2007, many new schools were added to its umbrella- School of Law, Biotechnology, Medical Sciences, Dental Sciences, Nursing, Mass Communication, Film and Media, Fashion and KiiT International School. Since then there has been no looking back. The rest is history!

Today, KIIT offers professional education to around 35,000 students from across India. The student strength also comprises 1800 international students from 65 countries. An institution is known by its alumni. Likely so, the alumni of KIIT, over a lakh of them, have made their mark in their respective positions in academics, Corporate organisations, Civil Services and Enterprise.

One would seldom imagine that such a celebrated institution of monumental dimension was established by an unassuming humble being, Dr Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT and KISS, who started the institute with all of Rs. 5000 in his pocket. He had big dreams in his eyes and a fiery passion in his heart.

Dr Samanta started KIIT in two rented rooms with 12 students and 2 staff. The modest institution has grown to incomprehensible propositions and is spread over a vast 25-square-kilometre academic township. It consists of 25 lush green campuses spanning over many crore sq ft built-up area, over 2500 eminent faculty and researchers and 15000 staff. The campus has an attached 2600 bedded super speciality hospital, KIMS, a multi-storey central library and libraries in each school, a central research facility, 22 storey research and innovation wing, auditoriums- the largest one with 5000 seating capacity, 16 sports complexes, many international standard stadiums covering all sports, 25 food courts, rose garden and takes pride in being the greenest campus in India.

It has got all accreditations and affiliations from prestigious national and international bodies such as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA and the Institution of Engineering and Technology, (IET), UK because of its quality research, innovation, and publications and citations. KIIT has had an excellent placement record since its inception because of its quality teaching and learning process and the brand value that it carries.

Overall, KIIT is ranked in the cohort of 601-800 in the Times Higher Education 'World University Ranking'. It's Computer Science Engineering ranks in the cohort of 301-400 and its overall Engineering ranking is 401-500 in the world.

KIIT has been accredited with A++ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an all-India 20th rank by the National Institution of Ranking Framework, NIRF, Ministry of Education. It has also been the top university for innovation among private institutions for two consecutive years (2020,2021) according to AICTE, Government of India.

KIIT has colossal contributions to the field of Sports. The University has been conferred the Sportstar Award and FICCI India Sports Award for the promotion of sports. KIIT and KISS are the nodal centres for the FIFA Football For Schools Programme in Asia. For the year 2022, KIIT has been selected to receive Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022 for encouraging sports by Government of India.

KIIT's sister institute, KISS, (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences), a home to 70,000 indigenous children (40,000 alumni and 30,000 currently pursuing education on the campus) is a fully free fully residential institution. Its higher education wing, KISS Deemed to be University is the only exclusive university in the world for indigenous scholars. Recently, KISS has been conferred with UNESCO International Literacy Prize 2022.

Besides its monumental contribution to the development of the state and the city, KIIT has an unmatched contribution towards art, culture, sculpture, rural development, literature and spiritualism.

All the achievements of KIIT have been possible because of its founder - Dr Achyuta Samanta - lovingly called Samanta Sir- the epitome of principles, discipline, hard work, selfsacrifice, and selfless service. One will not believe how a humble man has steered two institutions to glory facing hardships, humiliation and indescribable struggle and yet remaining very humble.

And as our Founder says, where KIIT is today -- is the combined effort of the students, staff and well-wishers coupled with the blessings of God.