



# INDIA TREK

BY KIIT UNIVERSITY & KISS FOUNDATION  
BHUBANESWAR ODISHA, INDIA

# MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER-CUM-PRESIDENT

I am delighted to introduce a transformative initiative that underscores our dedication to **cultural immersion and experiential learning**: the **India Trek**. This program, a collaborative effort by the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), is designed to provide participants with a deep and enriching experience of India's diverse heritage and social fabric.

The India Trek offers international scholars a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in India's vibrant culture while experiencing the distinctive academic and community life at KIIT and KISS. Participants will witness our **innovative educational models** and community-driven approaches, fostering mutual understanding and meaningful cross-cultural dialogues. Through this journey, they will explore India's rich heritage, engage in academic exchanges, and gain a deeper **understanding of local challenges**, contributing to **impactful social development** initiatives and **building lasting connections** with our community.

The India Trek is more than just a program; it is a journey that aligns with our mission to **promote global understanding and collaboration**. It reflects the spirit of India's **National Education Policy 2020**, which emphasises the importance of **internationalisation and holistic education**. We are excited to welcome our international friends to our campus, where they will gain invaluable insights and contribute to our diverse and dynamic community.

Thank you for your unwavering support in making KIIT and KISS leaders in fostering global connections and cultural exchange.

Warm regards,

**Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta**

Hon'ble Founder, KIIT University & KISS Foundation



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Harvard India Trek (March 2024) cohort explores Delhi

# Welcome to an unforgettable journey!

Presented by **KIIT & KISS, Bhubaneswar**

## Experience vibrant culture & rich history

Experience the vibrant culture, rich history and unparalleled educational opportunities in India through our exclusive India Trek supported by KISS foundation India.

Engage with the indigenous students of KIIT and KISS, explore iconic landmarks and immerse yourself in India's diverse traditions.

## Unparalleled educational opportunities

# INDIA TREK

## BY KIIT & KISS

### OUR MISSION

The Trek aims to bring students from around the world to India, particularly Odisha, for cultural and educational experiences over the next five years. We believe it's essential to foster international **understanding and collaboration**.

### ABOUT THE TREK

The **India Trek** focuses on enhancing global engagement through the course of an immersive **curated 07-12 days trip** to India, with a large portion spent in Odisha immersed in the vibrant environment of **KIIT University & KISS Foundation**. The primary objective of this trek is to foster international cooperation between the visiting multinational participants and their Indian counterparts, through a truly enriching and immersive Indian experience. The trek is curated **upto twice a year** (a summer & winter session) allowing for universities to send up to two student cohorts annually.

Participants will delve into best practices, policies, and strategies for internationalisation, focusing on sustainable partnerships, student and faculty mobility, and the integration of diverse global perspectives. The trek includes field visits, Indigenous community interactions, and rich cultural experiences, offering deeper insights into traditional Indian values and philosophies. **Join a community of future global leaders committed to making a lasting positive impact.**

### WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN OUR INDIA TREK?



#### EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Collaborate and learn at KIIT University and KISS, renowned for their innovative education and social impacts



#### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Dive deep into the Indian way of life, exploring its rich cultural heritage, traditional dances, music, and cuisines



#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Interact with students at KIIT & KISS, participate in community projects, and understand grassroots-level social initiatives.



#### TOURISM

Visit iconic landmarks across India. India's diverse culture and rich history await you!

#### COST

# 100%

sponsored by  
**KIIT University**

(excluding international flights & registration fees)

#### DATES

# Oct - Mar

#### DURATION

# 7-12 days

#### NOVELTY

# 1<sup>st</sup>

India Trek by a **private  
Indian university**

#### COHORT SIZE

# 15-30

students  
approximately





## NOTE :

Please note that this **excludes** international flight tickets and registration fee.

### CLICK TO WATCH

Special memories from the previous

**HARVARD  
INDIA TREK**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnjDN8WSjic>

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## 01. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in comfortable and safe facilities

## 02. MEALS

All meals featuring a variety of local and international cuisine

## 03. TRANSPORTATION

Domestic flights and local transportation for all included activities

## 04. TOURS

Guided tours to iconic landmarks across major cities of India (Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and more) and entry fees to all attractions

## 05. PROGRAMMING & ENGAGEMENT

Engaging academic and cultural workshops and interaction with India's movers & shakers

## 06. SUPPORT

24/7 support from our dedicated staff

# TRAVEL TO DELHI/AGRA

## INDIA'S HISTORIC HEART



### RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

The President of India's official residence, formerly the Viceroy's House



### QUTUB MINAR

A 73-meter-tall minaret adorned with red sandstone, marble, sandstone and intricate Quranic inscriptions



### RED FORT

Built in 1639, with its striking red sandstone walls and Mughal-era artefacts



### TAJ MAHAL

A white marble mausoleum built by Shah Jahan, renowned for its exquisite beauty and craftsmanship

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# TRAVEL TO ODISHA

## INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET



### DHAULI SHANTI STUPA

A historic site marking King Ashoka's embrace of Buddhism after the Kalinga War



### KONARK SUN TEMPLE

Odisha's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its stunning architecture and intricate details



### KALABHOOMI CRAFTS MUSEUM

An intriguing showcase of Odisha's rich artistic heritage and traditional crafts



### EKAMRA HERITAGE WALK

An intimate walking tour with storytelling about the rich heritage of Bhubaneswar's ancient temples

# EXPLORE BHUBANESWAR

## OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHOPPING

- **Ekamra Haat, Unit 3** for handicraft/handloom
- **Utkalika & Boyanika** for handloom sarees
- **Market Building** for affordable street shopping
- **Esplanda One Mall** for branded retail therapy



## OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EATING OUT

- **Bocca Café** (Patia)
- **Café 16** (Satyanagar)
- **Kruti Coffee** (Patia)
- **Gelhi's Cafe** (Infocity)
- **Cafe Coffee Day** (XIMB Square)

# ABOUT KISS

KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



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MILLION

Our goal is to help over 2 million Indigenous youth overcome social inequalities, like poverty, by empowering them with free quality education



Over 30,000 students at our main campus in Bhubaneswar, 40,000 alumni and 10,000 students at various satellite centres across the State

RANKED #189  
AMONG THE  
**TOP 500**  
NGO'S OF THE  
WORLD

RANKED AMONG  
**TOP 10**  
NGO'S OF INDIA BY  
NGO ADVISOR,  
GENEVA

## Inspired by Community

Founded to ameliorate difficulties faced by Indigenous communities, KISS was started in the 90's by philanthropist & educator, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, who himself suffered a childhood marred by poverty & deprivation.



## Innovative at its Core

We offer a fully free residential model of quality holistic education from Std. 1 to PhD, to over 30,000 students - central to this model is the Indigenous control of education, where importance is given to safeguarding culture, heritage and traditions of Indigenous communities.



## Impact Driven for Sustainability

Lauded for its unique vision and approach to Indigenous education, KISS has inaugurated campuses in Balangir, Baripada, Balasore & Kalahandi with additional branches being constructed in several districts of Odisha, KISS has directly & indirectly impacted over 150,000 Indigenous people. Every year, the **KISS Humanitarian Award** is conferred upon luminaries doing inspiring, noteworthy work in the fields of philanthropy and social development.



# ABOUT KIIT

KALINGA INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY



**81st rank**

IN QS WORLD UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY 2024

**90th rank**

IN QS ASIAN  
UNIVERSITY RANKINGS,  
SOUTHERN ASIA 2024



KIIT UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN PLACED AMONG THE **TOP 6 MOST IMPACTFUL UNIVERSITIES GLOBALLY & RANKED 1 IN INDIA IN TERMS OF THE SDG OF REDUCED INEQUALITIES (SDG 10)** IN THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS 2024.

Founded in 1992 by Dr. Samanta with a modest investment of Rs. 5000, KIIT has grown remarkably into a **leading educational hub** in India, known for its comprehensive professional courses, extensive community outreach and commitment to humanitarian values. From its inception as an Industrial Training institute, KIIT has evolved to offer a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs across diverse fields, now educating **nearly 40,000 students, including 2000 from abroad**. In fact, KIIT is one of the first institutions in the State of Odisha to attract foreign students into its various academic programmes. KIIT has students from over 65 countries, including most of the South Asian Nations, proving its reputation as a **quality institution of professional education that transcends borders**. Its expansive 36-square-kilometer campus, recognised as India's greenest, houses **over 3000 faculty and myriad facilities**, including a super specialty hospital and sports complexes.

KIIT has been awarded the prestigious **Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)**. It holds A++ Grade accreditation by NAAC and is ranked No. 1 by ARIIA, and 16 by NIRF among all Public and Private Universities in India. THE World University Rankings also ranked KIIT between 601-800 in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 and 168 (10th best among Indian Universities) in Times Higher Education Young University Rankings. Further it holds QS 5 Stars - India's first QS 5 stars rated University 2021.



# ENGAGE & LEARN at KIIT & KISS

## Academic Excellence



### INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Participate in lectures and workshops led by KIIT & KISS faculty



### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Explore research projects and state-of-the-art facilities



### CLASSROOM CONNECT

Engage with students across various disciplines



### HANDS-ON LEARNING & INTERACTION

Tour laboratories & engage in interactive sessions focused on various languages & cultures

## What you can experience



### CAMPUS TOUR

Visit key facilities, including academic buildings, sports complexes, and more



### CULTURAL EVENTS

Enjoy traditional music and dance performances



### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Share your own culture while learning about India's diverse traditions and practices

## EXPLORE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES AT KISS

01

### Language Lab

Explore the innovative Language Lab, a pioneer in multilingual education for Indigenous languages at KISS

02

### English Access MicroScholarship Program

Experience the transformative Access Program, enhancing English skills and cultural appreciation for Indigenous students

03

### Vocational Education

Discover vocational training at KISS, offering hands-on skills in 50+ trades, empowering Indigenous youth

04

### Mega Kitchen

Visit KISS' unique steam-based Mega Kitchen, providing over 100,000 nutritious meals daily to 30,000 students

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### Sports at KISS

Explore KISS' state-of-the-art sports facilities, nurturing Indigenous students into world-class athletes

# PROF. (DR.) ACHYUTA SAMANTA



Hon'ble Founder,  
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Prof. Achyuta Samanta is both an educationist and a humanitarian. He grew up in Kalarabanka, Odisha amidst severe poverty with seven siblings and a widow mother. He managed to complete his Masters, struggling and braving the hardships from the age of four when he lost his father in a train accident.

Dr. Samanta's institutions, KIIT & KISS, are more than just buildings and classrooms; they are testaments to his vision and unwavering commitment to empowering underprivileged and marginalised communities. He has been hailed "Janjati Ra Jananayak", a true champion of the tribal populace.

Dr. Samanta's story serves as a reminder that one's upbringing does not determine one's potential. Instead, his life shows that with hard work and perseverance, one can attain greatness. Dr Samanta's legacy has touched thousands of lives and helped to improve the socio-economic conditions of the region.



**LEARN MORE**

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**“Poverty creates illiteracy  
Literacy eradicates poverty”**

# LEARN MORE

## INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES...

This trek offers a chance to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and diverse experiences of India. You'll have the opportunity to visit multiple cities of India. As the trek is completely sponsored, we will give priority to those who have never been to India or have only had a brief encounter. This journey is designed to deepen your connection and understanding of this incredible country. **Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! Get in touch now to secure your spot on what promises to be a thrilling and enriching adventure**

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