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# INDIA TREK

FOR  
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS & ALUMNI



INFORMATION BOOKLET

IDEAL TREK WINDOW: OCTOBER - APRIL



# A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER-CUM-PRESIDENT

We are proud to introduce the India Trek, a flagship initiative by KIIT and KISS that brings global scholars face-to-face with India's cultural richness and grassroots realities.

In just its first year, the India Trek has welcomed nearly 200 students from top universities like Harvard, MIT, Oxford, Virginia Tech, and more. This immersive program offers a unique blend of academic exchange, cultural insight, and community engagement, allowing participants to experience India's diversity while witnessing the transformative models of KIIT and KISS in action.

It aligns with India's National Education Policy 2020, promoting internationalisation and holistic learning. The India Trek is more than an educational journey; it's a bridge between cultures, a catalyst for change, and a celebration of global collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming more change-makers to our campus and community.

## ABOUT DR. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Prof. Achyuta Samanta is a globally respected educationist, humanitarian, and social reformer. Founder of KIIT, KISS and KIMS, he began this journey in 1992 with just ₹5,000 (USD 100). Today, KIIT educates over 40,000 students from 65+ countries, while KISS stands as the world's largest fully residential tribal institution, supporting 80,000 Indigenous children and youth with free education, healthcare, and nutrition.

A former elected Member of Parliament, Prof. Samanta has received 65+ honorary doctorates and over 250 national and international accolades, including the GUSI Peace Prize and top civilian honours from Bahrain and Mongolia. Under his leadership, KIIT and KISS earned UNESCO's International Literacy Prize (2022) and the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar by the Hon'ble President of India.

Beyond education, his impact spans rural development, healthcare, women's empowerment, and job creation, supporting over 300,000 livelihoods and mentoring 100 entrepreneurs. Despite global recognition, Prof. Samanta leads a humble life dedicated to eradicating poverty, hunger, and illiteracy.

His mission continues to inspire millions.

**PROF. (DR.) ACHYUTA SAMANTA**

FOUNDER OF KIIT & KISS



**20-30**  
**DELEGATES**



**10-12**  
**DAYS**

**03**  
**INDIAN STATES**

#### COST

# 100%

sponsored by  
**KIIT University**

(except International flights  
& registration fees)

#### IDEAL TREK WINDOW

## October - April

#### IDEAL COHORT SIZE

# 20-30

delegates

### OUR MISSION

We aim 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.**

# INDIA TREK

### WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

The India Trek is a one-of-a-kind, **fully funded experience** for international students and alumni from top public & private universities around the world. It is **100% subsidised by KIIT University and hosted by the KISS Foundation**, making it an unparalleled opportunity to engage with India's development landscape.  
(except International flights & registration fees)

#### IDEAL PARTICIPANTS

Current students/alumni from prominent international universities with no / limited exposure to India

Young leaders interested in engaging with policy conversations & driving positive impact

Adventurous youth who want to explore Indian culture & traditions

#### US PARTNER

## South Asia Compass

#### CITIES COVERED

# 02-03

cities

New Delhi  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha  
Agra, Uttar Pradesh



## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN OUR INDIA TREK?



### CULTURAL IMMERSION & TOURISM

Dive deep into the Indian way of life, exploring its rich cultural heritage, traditional dances, music, and cuisine. Explore tourist attractions across Delhi, Agra & Odisha!



### MEETING CHANGEMAKERS

Delegates get exclusive opportunities to engage with policymakers, lawyers, activists, business leaders, and politicians connected to India's development. Visit iconic landmarks across major Indian cities like Delhi, Agra etc, as well as the serene beauty of Odisha.



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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



### LEARNING BEYOND CLASSROOMS

The Trek bridges theory and practice, allowing delegates to explore real-world issues like development, education, sustainability, and social equity.



# WHAT WILL THE INDIA TREK LOOK LIKE?

The India Trek is thoughtfully designed to offer a **dual perspective** - from the corridors of power in **New Delhi** to the grassroots innovation hub of **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Each location brings unique insights, making the experience both intellectually rich and emotionally resonant. If a **third city** is added to the itinerary, it will follow a **similar format to Delhi**, combining local cultural exploration with curated meetings with **influential changemakers** from that region.

## DELHI & AGRA

### Phase 1 : Delhi & Agra

*The Heart of Power and Policy*

As the political and administrative capital of India, **Delhi sets the stage for understanding the country's development landscape at the highest levels.** Here, delegates will:

- Engage with Cabinet Ministers, unicorn founders, policymakers, lawyers, activists, business leaders, and politicians driving India's growth and reform.
- Gain insight into national policy, innovation ecosystems, and legal frameworks.
- Explore iconic landmarks such as the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), Red Fort, India Gate, Qutub Minar, and Dilli Haat.
- Take a day trip to Agra to witness the magnificent Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
- Experience the vibrant cultural fabric of Delhi through its museums, food, art, and architecture, offering a window into India's historical complexity and contemporary contradictions.

## ODISHA

### Phase 2 : Bhubaneswar, Odisha

*The Ground of Grassroots Innovation*

The second phase brings delegates to KIIT and KISS in Bhubaneswar, the home ground of this unique initiative. Here, delegates **shift focus from national systems to community-driven change:**

- Visit cutting-edge academic and research centres across KIIT University and engage in dialogue with faculty, researchers, and students.
- At KISS, interact closely with Indigenous youth and learn about education, sustainability, and development from the perspective of tribal communities.
- Understand how grassroots innovations and institutional models like KISS are influencing global discourse on equity and inclusion.
- Optional interactions can be arranged with local business leaders, bureaucrats, and policymakers in Odisha's development space.
- Enjoy cultural and historical excursions, including a visit to the Sun Temple in Konark (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) & local markets, crafts villages & temples.

## **PROGRAMME FUNDING & PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTION**

**KIIT & KISS invest**, on average, between **USD 2,000–3,000 per student** to support the India Trek experience, depending on the duration of the programme and the size of the group.

The **registration fee contributed by participants helps cover aspects of the programme that fall outside the scope of KIIT & KISS' core funding mandate.** These include last-minute changes, cancellations, tips, certain costs associated with social events or cultural visits, and other incidental expenses.

Your contribution ensures that the core programme remains fully funded and accessible while allowing us to maintain a high standard of comfort, flexibility, and overall experience for all participants.



### **WHAT'S COVERED BY KIIT & KISS**

- Accommodation in comfortable & safe 5-star facilities
- Meals featuring a variety of local & international cuisine
- Domestic flights & local transportation for all included activities
- Guided tours to iconic landmarks across major Indian cities (typically Delhi & Bhubaneswar) and entry fees to all attractions
- Engaging academic & cultural programming and interaction with India's movers & shakers

# TRAVEL TO DELHI



## INDIA'S HISTORIC HEART

Delhi, the capital city of India, is a vibrant blend of tradition and modernity, steeped in history and bustling with life. As one of the oldest cities in the world, Delhi offers a rich tapestry of cultural, historical, and culinary experiences. From its ancient monuments and grand architectural marvels to its bustling markets and vibrant street life, Delhi is a city that captivates the senses and leaves an indelible mark on every traveler.

## 5 AMAZING REASONS TO VISIT DELHI



**Historic Landmarks**



**Cultural Extravaganza**



**Culinary Delights**



**Vibrant Markets**



**Educational Hub**

## WHAT TO SEE



### AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE

Registered as the World's largest comprehensive Hindu temple in the Guinness World Record, the temple is an architectural marvel built from intricately carved sandstone and marble.



### RED FORT

Constructed in 1639 by the Mughals, Red Fort gets its name from its massive red-coloured sandstone walls. Set in Old Delhi, the Red Fort also features a museum that holds Mughal-era artefacts, including daggers, curtains, miniature paintings and carpets.



### INDIA GATE

Designed by Edwin Lutyens, India Gate symbolises the sacrifice of 70,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives battling against the foreign army during the World War I. It features the undying Flame of the Immortal Soldier, added later to honour martyred soldiers in the Indo-Pak War.



### HAUZ KHAS

Hauz Khas, earlier known as Hauz-e-Alai, is an affluent neighbourhood in South Delhi which holds historical importance with remnants of Mughal architecture. The place is popular for a 13-century structure, Hauz Khas Complex, which retains the old charm amidst the modernised street.



### CONNAUGHT PLACE

Set in the heart of National Capital and popularly known as CP, Connaught Place is considered as the most expensive commercial markets in the world. It is popular for housing showrooms of national and international brands, luxurious hotels and flea markets.



### DILLI HAAT

An outdoor marketplace located near INA Market, Dilli Haat is a permanent bazaar run by the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation. It has over 62 stalls presenting handicrafts ranging from antiques to jewellery, clothing, home furnishings, and toys.



### QUTUB MINAR

Qutub Minar is a 73-metre tall minaret, named after Qutb-ud-din Aibak. Adorned with red sandstone, marble and sandstone and engraved with decorative Quranic texts, the tower has a spiral staircase with 379 steps, and has a mosque named 'Quwwat-ul-Islam Masjid' at the foot of the tower, which is the first mosque in India.



### JAMA MASJID

Built in red sandstone and marble & located in the heart of Old Delhi, Jama Masjid is the largest and most well-known mosque in India, constructed between 1650 and 1656 under the reign of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. Please note that mosque entry is not allowed during prayers.

# TRAVEL TO AGRA



## THE CITY OF ETERNAL LOVE

Agra, home to the iconic Taj Mahal, is a city that stands as a timeless symbol of love, grandeur, and Mughal elegance. Located on the banks of the Yamuna River in the state of Uttar Pradesh, Agra weaves together awe-inspiring architecture, rich history, and cultural depth. Beyond the Taj, its majestic Agra Fort, bustling bazaars, and intricate artisan work make it a must-visit destination for any traveler seeking India's imperial legacy.

## 5 AMAZING REASONS TO VISIT AGRA



**Stunning  
Mughal  
Era  
Architecture**



**Traditional  
Handicrafts  
& Marble  
Inlay Work**



**Bustling  
Bazaars  
& Local  
Markets**



**Delicious  
Street  
Food &  
Iconic  
Sweets**



**Scenic  
River  
Views &  
Sunset  
Vibes**

## WHAT TO SEE



### TAJ MAHAL

The Taj Mahal is a white marble mausoleum located in Agra, India, built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its stunning architecture, which blends Persian, Indian, and Islamic styles. The complex includes the mausoleum, a mosque, a guest house, and formal gardens, all situated on the right bank of the Yamuna River.

### AGRA FORT

Agra Fort is a historical red sandstone fort located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India, and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was the main residence of the Mughal emperors until 1638, when the capital was shifted to Delhi. Built on the remains of an earlier citadel called Badalgarh, the fort was significantly expanded and fortified by Emperor Akbar, with further additions and modifications by his successors, including Shah Jahan.

### MEHTAB BAGH

Mehtab Bagh, meaning "Moonlight Garden," is a historical garden complex located opposite the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. It's a square-shaped, Charbagh-style garden with water bodies, fountains, and walkways. The garden was once envisioned as the site for a black Taj Mahal, but was later restored by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). This garden complex is known for its stunning views of the Taj Mahal, especially at sunset or under moonlight.

# TRAVEL TO ODISHA



## INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Odisha is a state of India known for its rich heritage and lineage of vibrant and diverse culture. For avid road-trippers and adventurers, Odisha is a dream come true with pristine beaches, dense forests, exotic wildlife, stunning waterbodies, serene hill stations and more.

## 5 AMAZING REASONS TO VISIT ODISHA



**Intricately carved temples & monuments**



**Untouched serene beaches**



**Stunning ecotourism & wildlife**



**Glorious Cultural Heritage**



**Extraordinary arts, crafts & artefacts**

## WHAT TO SEE



### JAGANNATH TEMPLE

Odisha is known as the land of Lord Jagannath. The temple, built in the 12th Century AD, sees pilgrims flocking to Puri year-round. Constructed in such a way that no shadow of the temple falls on the ground at any time of the day, the temple is both a religious and architectural marvel.



### KONARK SUN TEMPLE

This pinnacle of Odisha temple architecture is an UNESCO World heritage Site. Dedicated to the Sun God, this structure leaves one spellbound with its massive structure, symmetry, precision & intricate detailing.



### SIMILIPAL NATIONAL PARK

Adorned with beautiful flora & fauna, this national park and tiger reserve in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha once used to be a hunting ground for the rulers of the province. Now, this is India's largest wildlife sanctuary & an integral part of the country's Tiger Project.



### EKAMRA HERITAGE WALK

This guided introductory walking tour of the ancient temples in the old town area ('Ekamra Kshetra') of Bhubaneswar offers an intimate, close-up look at Bhubaneswar's heritage through fascinating stories on temple architecture, history & mythology.



### MAHENDRAGIRI HILLS

Located in Gajapati district of Odisha, Mahendragiri peak is the second highest peak of the Eastern Ghats, and Odisha's 2nd biodiversity Heritage Site, boasting dense forests & natural waterfalls, along with points of mythological & archaeological interest.



### GAHIRAMATHA BEACH

Located in Kendrapara district of Odisha, this beach separates the Bhitarkanika mangroves from the Bay of Bengal, and is the world's most important nesting beach for Olive Ridley Sea Turtles. It is Odisha's only marine wildlife sanctuary.



### DARINGBADI, KANDHAMAL

Known as the Kashmir of Odisha, Daringbadi has unparalleled views of lush greenery with dense forests and scenic mountainous viewpoints located amidst the Eastern Ghat Ranges in Kandhamal.



### CHANDRAGIRI MONASTERY

Chadragiri Buddhist monastery is one of India's most famous Buddhist temples, inaugurated in 2010 by His Highness the Dalai Lama. Situated in the lap of nature, amidst greenery & a waterfall, this monastery in Gajapati district of Odisha offers a glimpse of Tibetan culture.



Let's take a dive into some  
previous editions of the

# INDIA TREK





# GLIMPSES FROM OUR PAST INDIA TREKS



**Curious about what makes the India Trek such a once-in-a-lifetime experience?**

Take a glimpse into the energy, learning, and unforgettable moments captured across the last few editions of the Trek. From vibrant cultural performances to thought-provoking dialogues with India's change-makers, each video tells the story of a journey that sparks inspiration and lasting connections. Click below to relive the magic and imagine yourself as part of the next chapter!

**CLICK THE YOUTUBE ICON / SCAN THE QR CODES TO WATCH THE VIDEOS !**



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**City University  
of New York**



**Harvard University &  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology**



**Harvard Advanced  
Leadership Initiative**



**University of Oxford  
Saïd School of Business**



**University of  
Washington Bothell**



## Like What You Saw? Let's Connect!

If the spirit of the India Trek spoke to you, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're curious about joining the next cohort or want to collaborate with us, don't hesitate to reach out. The journey is just getting started and you could be a part of it!



**Contact Us**



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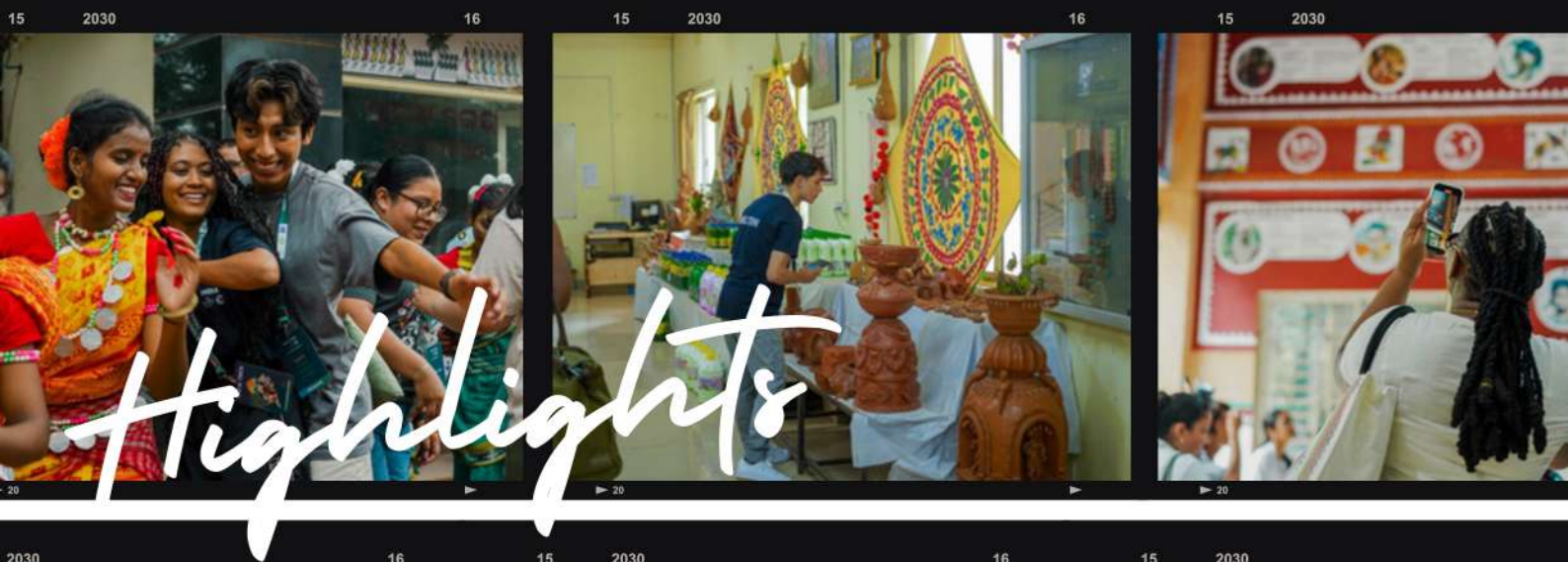
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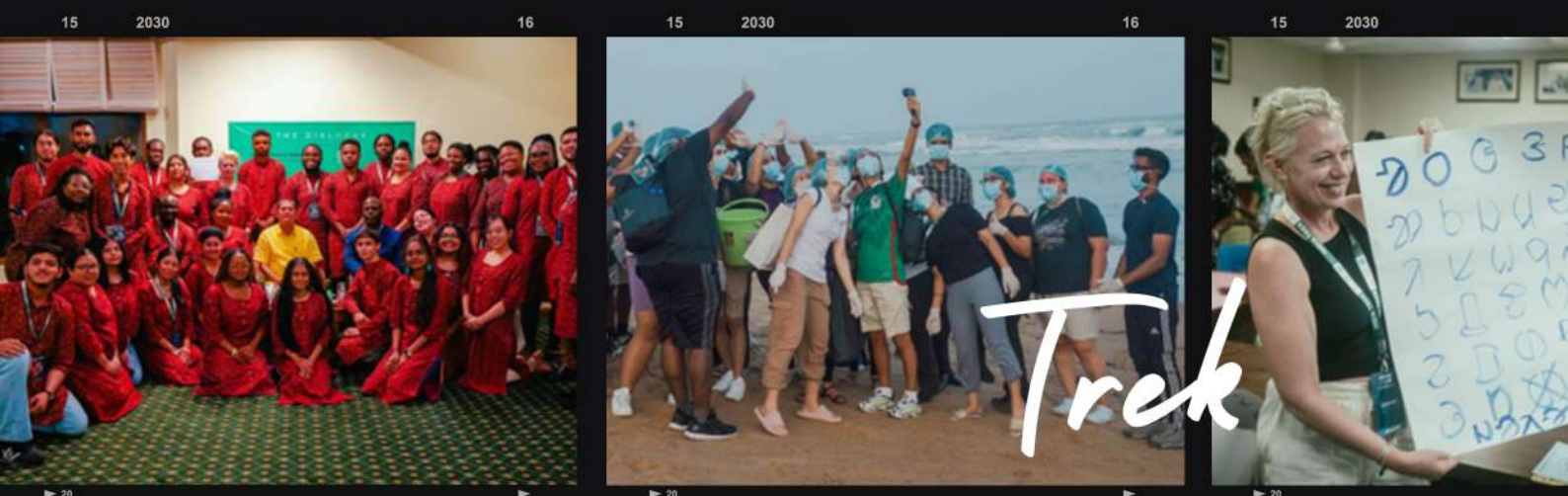
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Above: Meeting with Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs



Above: Meeting with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education

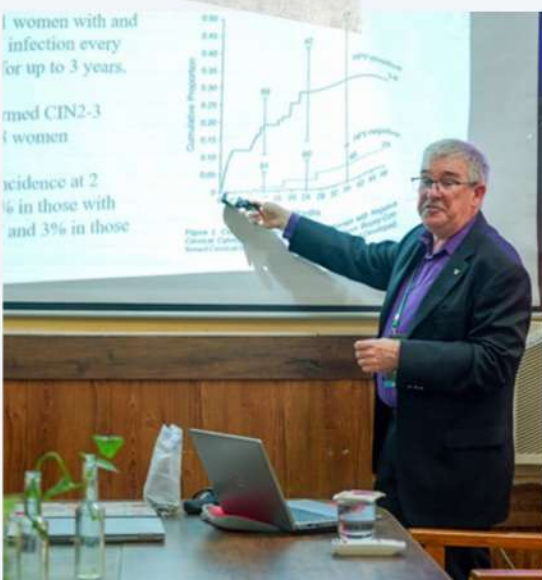




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# WHAT THEY SAID



**Matthew Frisch**

Mid-Career Master in Public Administration  
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Harvard Kennedy School (2023)

**HARVARD TREK**

Last week I had the unique opportunity to meet with and speak to students at KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and KISS - Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in India's eastern state of Odisha as part of the Harvard India Trek.

The two schools are very different, but what they share in common is that they represent a window into India's ongoing economic development story for its 1.4 billion people. Education is naturally a critical part of that journey, and institutions such as these are providing the country's youth with an important platform for personal growth and opportunity.

I was very impressed by the level of engagement, curiosity, and aspiration I encountered in my interactions with students there. They have high hopes for both themselves and their country, and it's hard not to walk away intrigued by what that could mean for India's socioeconomic development in the years that lie ahead.

I want to thank my good friend Dwiti Vikramaditya and Achyuta Samanta for the invitation to visit these remarkable institutions, and for your exceptional hospitality throughout.



**Neal Phillip**

Chairperson Professor - Chemistry, Earth Sciences & Environmental  
Sciences  
Bronx Community College, City University of New York

**CUNY TREK**

CUNY - India Study Abroad students and faculty representing 7 CUNY campuses are being hosted at KIIT University & KISS, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. Our students and faculty had the opportunity to tour the two campuses [...] and to see all the initiatives that are taking place particularly with the education of tribal youth. There are over 60 tribes in Odisha alone and India's current President is from the Santhal tribe. Students had an eye opening experience. Two of the students were also interviewed by the local TV station about their experiences. 7 CUNY campuses are represented among the 30 students and the 6 faculty/staff members.

Key highlights:

- Visit to KIIT Academic Departments and Research Facilities: CUNY students engaged in fruitful discussions with faculty and student counterparts about educational experiences and potential academic/research collaborations.
- Beach Clean-up at a Beach: Working with KIIT student volunteers, plastic pollution was removed, addressing the significant issue of methane gas emission and climate change.
- Sun Temple Visit: Students explored the rich architecture and intricate design, reminiscent of cultural sites like the Taj Mahal and Qutub Minar in Delhi.

Exciting opportunities for student internships and faculty research collaborations are emerging at KIIT. [...] Eternally grateful to Dr Achyuta Samanta and VP Dwiti Vikramaditya of KIIT and KISS for the opportunity.

# WHAT THEY SAID



**Ekin Yasin**

**WASHINGTON TREK**

Teaching Professor, Department of Communication  
Director, Communication Leadership - Master's Program  
University of Washington

Global connections matter more than ever.

I recently returned from an unforgettable trip to India with colleagues from the University of Washington. In over a week, I gave 9 talks to students and collaborated with faculty across disciplines at KIIT School of Mass Communication School of Computer Engineering, KIIT DU KIIT School of Liberal Studies KISS - Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences.

The conversations echoed something powerful: we are all navigating similar disruptions, wondering how technology will shape our world and how we can move forward—not divided, but united.

What gave me hope?

- ☀ The curiosity, creativity, and care I saw from students.
- ☀ The collaborations with faculty on AI policy in education.
- ☀ The joint class between KIIT and University of Washington Bothell where students built real-world solutions in just days.

It proved that when we connect globally, we can learn, solve, and thrive together. [...] Also, a huge thank you to the KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology who made us feel part of their campus, students, and community! We are looking forward to continuing our collaborations. Now back in Seattle, I'm energized to develop new scholarly initiatives that foster meaningful global engagement and empower students to collaboratively shape the future of knowledge, leadership, and innovation at Communication Leadership at the University of Washington.



**Valerie Shen**

**OXFORD TREK**

MPP Student  
University of Oxford

I'm back at Oxford for my final(!!) term, surrounded by beautiful weather (maybe we got lucky, but my controversial opinion is complaints about British food and weather are overblown 🙄). As I dive back into campus life, I wanted to reflect on three incredible treks I got to attend over spring break, all organized by Oxford friends who welcomed us to their home countries.

🇮🇳 India Trek led by [...] KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology / KISS - Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences. After a few days of business meetings and tourism in / near Delhi, we spent the bulk of this trip in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha. It was really interesting to experience a smaller city in a less well-known part of the country (although small is relative, we were still constantly surrounded by people and cars). We were greeted by 10,000 (incredibly well behaved) students at KISS (<https://kiss.ac.in/>), a school providing free education for 40,000 poor indigenous students, funded by fees from KIIT (<https://kiit.ac.in/>), a for-profit university, also with 40,000 students. Both schools were started <30 years ago, it was incredible to see the scale of operations they've built up in such a short amount of time, and the resources provided to the indigenous students (especially in terms of sports facilities).

# ABOUT KIIT

## KALINGA INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

KIIT is one of India's youngest universities to earn a global reputation for academic excellence, innovation, and inclusive growth. With an A++ NAAC grade, Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC, and students from over 65 countries, KIIT is a truly international university rooted in Indian values. It is also India's first QS 5 Stars Rated University.



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**3000+**  
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Researchers



**18+**  
Research Centres of  
Excellence.



**40000+**  
Students



**2000+**  
International students  
from **65 Countries**



**1000000+**  
Alumni

## INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS



among private  
institutions in Odisha

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS 2026



among India's top  
private universities



QS WORLD UNIVERSITY  
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in Asia

THE ASIA UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS 2025



Globally

THE YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS 2024



among India's top  
private universities



THE YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS 2024

THE IMPACT RANKINGS 2025



globally



in India  
for SDG 10 & 16



in India  
for SDG 4



in India  
for SDG 17

## NATIONAL RANKINGS & ACCREDITATIONS



among Indian  
universities

NATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONAL RANKING  
FRAMEWORK (NIRF) 2024



grade

NAAC  
ACCREDITATION



among private higher education  
institutions in India

ATAL RANKING OF  
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## OTHER DISTINCTIONS

SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UNITED  
NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (UN  
ECOSOC)

INDIA'S FIRST QS 5 STARS RATED UNIVERSITY  
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INCEPTION

# ABOUT KISS

KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



KISS is the world's largest fully free residential educational institution for **Indigenous children**, serving over 80,000 students from kindergarten to PhD. Established in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, KISS combines quality education with holistic development — **providing food, accommodation, healthcare, and skill training** — **completely free of cost** to children from some of the most marginalised tribal communities.

KISS is globally recognised as a model institution for its **integrated approach to education, empowerment, and sustainable development**. It **works at the intersection of education, grassroots development, policy advocacy, and indigenous rights**, with strong partnerships across governments, civil society, academic institutions, and international agencies.

It is the **first and only university in the world exclusively for tribal students** and is in **Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)**.

## OUR GOAL





















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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

## RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

### TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS 2025

| OVERALL RANKING   | SDG 1<br>NO POVERTY   | SDG 4<br>QUALITY EDUCATION  | SDG 5<br>GENDER EQUALITY  | SDG 10<br>REDUCED INEQUALITIES   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
|  <b>1001-1500</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>Global Band |  <b>301 - 400</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>Global Band |  <b>401 - 600</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>Global Band |  <b>101 - 200</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>Global Band |  <b>801 - 1000</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>Global Band |
|  <b>50</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>India Rank       |  <b>8</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>India Rank          |  <b>26</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>India Rank         |  <b>6</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>India Rank          |  <b>26</b> <sup>TH</sup> <br>India Rank          |
| <b>UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY PRIZE 2022</b><br>Official recipient for innovative, inclusive, mother tongue based multilingual education efforts for Indigenous children.  | <b>GREEN RANKINGS – SUSTAINABLE INSTITUTIONS OF INDIA</b><br>Platinum Band for ecological sustainability and campus operations  | <b>SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)</b>   | <b>GUIDESTAR INDIA PLATINUM CERTIFICATION</b><br>Highest level of transparency & accountability for NGOs & social sector institutions in India  | <b>LEADERSHIP AWARD - NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES 2019</b><br>Conferred for exemplary service and impact in advancing tribal education and welfare  |



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**TOP 500**

NGO'S OF THE WORLD

RANKED AMONG

**TOP 10**

NGO'S OF INDIA BY NGO ADVISOR, GENEVA

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**18TH ENERGY GLOBE AWARD**

AT TEHRAN, FOR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

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