



PROF. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Founder & Mentor- KIIT & KISS
KISS Foundation India, UK & USA
Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Kandhamal, Odisha)

- Born in 1965, obtained Master' Degree in Chemistry in 1987 from Utkal University, Doctorate Degree in Social Sciences and started teaching at the age of 22
- 30 years of teaching experience and counting
- Founder Chancellor of KIIT-Deemed University and the youngest Chancellor of any Indian University
- Founder Chancellor of KISS-Deemed University (first Tribal University in the world) and the first person to be Chancellor of any Tribal University in the world
- He has been the elected Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha in 2018-19. Currently, he is the Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Biju Janta Dal.
- Served as a member of two apex Educational bodies of India, University Grants Commission (UGC) for two consecutive terms (2008-11 & 2011-2014) and Executive Committee of All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- First Odia to become Member of UGC and the first Indian to be Member of both UGC and AICTE simultaneously
- Served as a Member of several other Govt. of India bodies like NCTE, ISTE, ISCA, COIR BOARD, CAPART etc
- Served as a Member of the Academic Council of Central University of Assam and Odisha
- Former **Principal Advisor to the Department of Education**, Govt. of Manipur nominated by the Governor of Manipur
- Served as the **General President of Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) - 2017-18 & President of 39th World Congress of Poets 2019**
- Honoured with **National Award for the welfare of children 2016 by His Excellency, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India in 2017**
- Awarded **Personality of the year 2019** by FICCI Higher Education Awards
- Delivered nearly **100 motivational** speeches, including convocation address, keynote address and foundation day lecture in different institutions and organizations across the country and abroad
- Conferred with **46 Honoris Causa Doctorate Awards** from prestigious Universities across the globe & the country
- 4 National and International Fellowships - ISTE, CSI, ICA & APACH
- Conferred with **Golden Gavel** by World Academy of Arts and Culture (WAAC) recognised by UNESCO
- Decorated with **Gusi Peace Prize from Philippines, Asia's Peace Prize**
- Conferred with **Civilian Award from Mongolia and Kingdom of Bahrain** besides 200 national and international awards
- Received **ISA Award for Service to Humanity from Kingdom of Bahrain** with one million dollar cash prize
- Founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT-Deemed University) – www.kiit.ac.in- and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS-Deemed University), Bhubaneswar - www.kiss.ac.in
- Prof. Samanta – www.achyutasamanta.com started KIIT and KISS with only Rs. 5000/- (100 USD) in a two-room rented house. KIIT has now grown into the most promising professional University in the Country with global acclaim having 30,000 students from across the globe
- KISS has become the largest Residential Tribal Institute in the world providing free Education from Kindergarten to Post Graduation, a home for 60,000 tribal children (30,000 students in KISS Bhubaneswar 20,000 Alumni, 10,000 in 10 satellite centers in 10 districts of Odisha)
- KIIT and KISS have been chronicled in the Limca Book of Records on 4 counts. It has also created **4 Guinness World Records**
- Immense contribution in the field of Education, Professional Education, Health, Art, Culture, Literature, Rural Development, Social Service and Spiritualism
- Transformed the remote village 'Kalarabanka', Cuttack into a **Smart Village** and the entire Manpur Panchayat into a **Model Panchayat** (cluster of villages)
- Working to establish 20 branches of KISS in different districts of Odisha and another 20 branches across the country besides establishing KISS-Delhi in 2013 for the underprivileged sections of the society and 2 branches of KISS in Bangladesh
- Providing employment to around **15,000 people** directly and over **one lakh fifty thousand** indirectly
- Created **100** successful Entrepreneurs across the country
- Hobby is to spread happiness and peace in the society and to see smile in the face of poor children
- Prof. Samanta has been working relentlessly to achieve **Zero Poverty, Zero Hunger and Zero Illiteracy** since 1987

