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Personal Message to the Chief Minister

Most Respected Shri Naveen Patnaik ji,

As we are passing through the most testing times, with the threat of the second wave looming large, we stand in solidarity to face the crisis under your able leadership and guidance. We are assured that under your guidance we will overcome this crusading wave of infection efficiently and effectively.

Your mantra of every life is precious is an emotional shield that strengthens our battle. When you say you consider every Odia as your family member, we feel your love and care. From deciding not to hold public rallies and campaign meeting in Pipli Bypoll to prepping up the hospital infrastructure at grassroots to ensuring social security packages to the marginalised, to facing Cyclone Amphaan to ensuring life saving oxygen supply to other states through decentralisation of powers to local bodies, collaboration with SHGs, you have proved how political will wins over every situation, come what may.

With the blessings of Lord Jagannath and cooperation of the people of Odisha and untiring efforts of the Covid Warriors, we will be able to tackle all the unique challenges posed by the public health crisis, manage the situation well and provide critical healthcare to the patients with your direction.

Thanking You.

Yours sincerely,

Achyutananda Samanta

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Committee Meetings

S.No.	Date of Sitting	Committee	Subject Considered
1	30/06/21	Railways	Briefing by the representatives of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) on the subject “Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects of Indian Railways”.
2	29/06/21	Privileges	(1) (i) Complaint of violation of protocol norms dated 23 July, 2020 from Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP against the District Administration and Chief Medical Officer, Sirohi. (ii) Complaint dated 24 August, 2020 given by Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP against Shri Bhoora Ram, Officiating Principal, Seth Mangal Chandra Government College, Sirohi, Rajasthan for not inviting him to the inaugural function of a New Building and Road:- Oral evidence of Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP. (2) Notice of question of breach of privilege dated 7 November, 2019 given by Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, MP against In-charge Commissioner of Police, Shri Sathyanarayana, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Shri Sanjeev and certain other Police Officers for allegedly assaulting him while he was in a funeral ceremony of a TSRTC driver - Consideration and adoption of Draft Report in the matter.

Ame Achhu - We are Together for You

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Foundation and KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar have been at the forefront in providing relief and assistance to the most vulnerable and marginalized populations affected by the raging COVID-19 pandemic since March, 2020. “Ame Acchu” in Odia translates as ‘WE ARE THERE FOR YOU’ – is an initiative by KISS Foundation and KIIT to reach out to the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of the society who are severely impacted by the pandemic.

In the words of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS and Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha - “To take advantage of demography for its revival, India has to focus on the young generation who are in immense trauma by this unprecedented pandemic. One time assistance is just like immediate remedy but not a holistic solution for comprehensive development. Many civil society organisations have come forward to help the state forces to cope with this rising problem exacerbated by Coronavirus. KISS Foundation, the NGO affiliate of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (home for 60,000 indigenous) children who receive education free of cost has extended a helping hand of parental affection and adopted 100 orphan children from all over Odisha”.

While keeping focus on the major tenants of SDGs like Leaving no one behind, mobilizing adequate and well-directed financing, strengthening institutions for integrated solutions & effective implementation and harnessing science, technology and innovation; both the institutions have been working relentlessly for the ‘greater good’.

The first wave of the pandemic saw KISS Foundation and KIIT University undertake various initiatives like -

1. Setting up of a dedicated 500 bedded COVID Hospital with 50 critical care units in the capital city of Bhubaneswar in collaboration with the State Government.
2. The satellite schools of KISS Foundation in various districts of the state were converted into COVID hospitals and quarantine centres in collaboration with the State Government.
3. Delivery of food items, books and other necessary items to the students of KISS residing in different districts of the state.

4. Using virtual mediums and television to ensure that the education of students do not get hampered and
5. Awareness creation and information dissemination about COVID-19 and associated concerns in the remotest parts of the state.
6. Providing counselling support using Tele-counselling cell to meet the needs of people all across the State.
7. KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) is recognised as a Centre for Augmenting War with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH) under Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. KIIT-TBI is responsible for implementing this program in East & NE.
8. Research and surveys on behalf of UN agencies for policy impact to strengthen governance structures for meeting exigencies like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Apart from continuing with the above-mentioned initiatives, KISS Foundation and KIIT University under the “Ame Acchu” initiative have further expanded their scope to reach out to the unreached.

1. Providing dry ration and nutritious cooked food to the most vulnerable and marginalized in 16 most backward districts of the state. The districts include Bolangir, Gajapati, Ganjam, Boudh, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabrangpur, Nayagarh, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sonepur and Sundargarh. Some of the groups catered to include residents in orphanages, leper homes, people living on the streets, widows, elderly and old aged residents in old age homes and indigenous populations. Two meals are provided every day to those in need. It not only addresses hunger, but also ensures adequate nutrition. We have reached around 2,00,000 individuals through this initiative.
2. Providing cooked meals and other daily use necessities to families battling COVID-19 and unable to venture out to meet their daily needs and necessities.
3. Pick up and drop facilities for the elderly and vulnerable for COVID-19 testing and vaccination programmes in Bhubaneswar. We have reached out to approximately 1000 people under this initiative.
4. Facilitating in getting access to essential medicines and treatment for individuals that is difficult to obtain in certain instances.

5. Facilitating return of individuals stuck in different parts of the country back to their hometowns in Odisha. We were instrumental in getting back a family with no financial resources or support, who were stuck in Goa. They were brought back to their home town Malkangiri in Odisha. The wife was 8 months pregnant and the family had appealed in social media for help.
6. Feeding stray animals like dogs, cattle, monkeys, etc. who are unable to get easy access to food due to prolonged lockdowns in the state.
7. A functional IVRS system in 2 districts of the state that has been providing relevant and upto date information on various COVID-19 related concerns, safety protocols to be followed, interviews with concerned officials to update communities about the do's and don't's amongst other useful and relevant information.

This initiative is unique in a way that it was designed and driven by the youth volunteers of KISS foundation working in different districts of the state. The youth volunteers who have been trained as 'agents of change' under Project UDAY (an initiative by KISS Foundation with support from UNFPA and REC Foundation) have been at the forefront in reaching out to those 'at the margins'. From raising resources to identifying those at need, to sourcing goods, preparation and distribution – the youth volunteers of KISS Foundation have been the real '(S) HERO'S who have risen to the occasion as true 'Catalysts of Change'.

Being compassionate, kind and empathetic are the 3 pillars on which 'Art of Giving' – a humanitarian movement engaged in spreading peace and happiness, kindness and generosity was initiated by KISS Foundation and KIIT University in 2013. Under the aegis of Art of Giving and the humanitarian efforts and civic engagement of the institutions exhibited during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it has won the second place in the 2021 Mac Jannet Prize for Global Citizenship by Tailloires Network & Mac Jannet Foundation, USA.

Snippets from tribal districts of Odisha

Balangir



Bargarh



Boudh



Kalahandi



Kandhamal



Koraput



Malkanagiri



Mayurbhanj



Nabarangpur



Rayagada



Sambalpur



Subarnapur



Sundargarh



Keonjhar



Kandhamal Constituency - Efforts and Roadmap

Guided by the values of kindness and compassion, Hon'ble MP, Kandhamal left no stone unturned to provide food relief and all kinds of support during the second wave of pandemic. His interventions in Kandhamal are as follows-

May 2021

8th May 2021

1. Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food at Association of the Visually Challenged at Bhubaneswar during COVID-19 Lockdown and Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



2. Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food at Koraput and Malkangiri District during COVID-19 Lockdown and Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



3. Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food in the vicinity of BMC and KPC



9th May 2021

Successful operation of 120 Bedded dedicated KIMS COVID hospital in Dist. Headquarter of Phulbani under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



10th May 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived residing around Phulbani Municipal Corporation during COVID-19 Lockdown



11th May 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived in 14 tribal populated districts during COVID-19 Lockdown and Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



13th May 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived in Harabhanga block of Boudh district during COVID-19 Lockdown under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



15th May 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived during COVID-19 Lockdown in the areas under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



19th May 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived during COVID-19 Lockdown in G.Udayagiri NAC and the areas under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



June 2021

9th June 2021

Distribution of Cooked Nutritious Food to the economically deprived during COVID-19 Lockdown in G.Udayagiri NAC and the areas under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



11th June 2021

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended the meeting of Western Odisha Development Council



24th June 2021

1. Representative of Hon'ble MP handed over the token of honour for the family of the martyr of Kandhamal Sanjaya Pradhan



2. Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta met Hon'ble MLA, Baliguda Shri Chakramani Kanhar and PRI members under Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency



3. Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta met Dr. Subhranshu Kumar Hota and discussed in detail regarding the functioning of the KIMS COVID hospital at Phulbani



4. Foundation Stone Laying for establishment of Oxygen Plant at DHH, Phulbani



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