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World Anthropology Congress Concludes at KISS



Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs speaking at the closing ceremony of the World Anthropology Congress 2023 at KISS on 13th August 2023.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS felicitating Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs at the closing ceremony of the World Anthropology Congress 2023.

Indigenous people should do self-reflection, research on themselves: Shri Arjun Munda

Bhubaneswar, August 13: The World Anthropology Congress (WAC) concluded today at KISS Deemed to be University. Joining as the Chief Guest in the valedictory session, Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, delivered a brilliant and insightful speech on the significant role of Emperor Ashoka in spreading world peace. He discussed Ashoka's transformation in the historic land of Kalinga, as well as the intricate relationship between the cult of Jagannath and tribal culture.

He said, the indigenous people should engage in self-reflection, researching on their own communities and it would be only possible through quality education. "If we could empower them with proper education, they would be able to solve their issues on their own," he observed.

On establishing a world-class museum for the indigenous people at KISS University, the Minister said, "The Tribal Affairs Ministry is ready for this collaborative project, but it could only be initiated following a formal proposal from the Odisha Government."

Praising the efforts of the Founder of KIIT-

KISS, the Union Minister said, "Dr. Achyuta Samanta is the best human being in the world and he is a genuinely sensitive individual. He personifies how, with determination, dedication, vision and selfless hard work, success could be achieved. Every one of us should learn this from him."

On learning Anthropology, he said, "We have to interact with the indigenous people as they understand nature from the very first day. Without the Mother Nature our survival is also at stake."

In his address, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, "For World Anthropology Congress, KISS is the ideal venue and best place for research on Anthropology". He recounted an international conference he attended in Europe, where a renowned Japanese anthropologist hailed KISS as the "largest anthropological laboratory of the world."

Dr. Samanta also drew attention to the fact that KISS was home to 2,000 students from Jharkhand, the home state of Union Minister Shri Arjun Munda. He proudly mentioned

that the 2023 Class X topper was also from Jharkhand.

Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS-DU and President, United India Anthropology Forum (UIAF) said, "KISS University organised the WAC 2023 in collaboration with the UIAF, Delhi University, Utkal University and Sambalpur University. In the grand five-day event there were 350 sessions, 20 round-table meetings, 20 workshops and 120 panel discussions. More than 1,100 anthropologists from 51 nations around the world joined and presented 1,200 research papers. There were 8 pre-congresses before the WAC and there will be 10 post-WAC sessions, he informed.

Prof. Anand Singh, Professor of Anthropology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, applauded Dr. Samanta's leadership in providing free education to tribal students.

Prof. P. C. Joshi, WAC Chairman and former Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University said "This world congress was perhaps the most accessible and affordable anthropology

congress ever. It dealt with all the aspects of the subject and KISS is the best place for it to happen. The Tribal Advisory Council, Professor of Practice like initiatives has made KISS unique."

Professor Charlotte Ann Roberts, a Fellow of the British Academy, Department of Archaeology Durham University, UK praised the astounding success of the Congress.

Prof. Amareswar Galla of the UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, Anant National University, Ahmedabad and Emeritus Faculty, Australian National University believed that the Congress would mark a turning point in tribal empowerment, enabling them to lead dignified lives. He recommended KISS to consider launching an international programme on applied museum anthropology, producing qualified professionals to manage tribal museums.

The Congress concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. S. Gregory, Secretary General of UIAF.



WAC 2023:

Glimpses from the exhibition...



Cultural Program



Technical Sessions

12th August 2023



Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS)



Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) had a humble beginning in a rented house. After the consolidation of KIIT, Dr Achyuta Samanta aspired to set up a medical, dental and nursing college named Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) to extend healthcare support to the people of Odisha and neighbouring states. Setting up a medical, dental and nursing college is a big challenge in itself and a huge contribution to society. But Dr Achyuta Samanta was committed to serving the people with quality healthcare facilities and nurturing medical students by providing them with a proper education at KIMS. KIMS, which was established in 2007 as a small medical college & an attached hospital, has grown in scope and scale and has become a large medical college with 250 Undergraduate and 150 Post Graduate seats with around 3000 Medical, Dental and Nursing students besides a state-of-the-art attached hospital.

Within fifteen years of existence, KIMS has built a stellar reputation with an infrastructure of international standards. Renowned physicians and doctors from the country and abroad have joined to serve at KIMS. KIMS has earned recognition for research, innovative approach in treating ailments and being at the forefront of introducing healthcare-led solutions for the welfare of society. It is among the few hospitals that has consistently made headlines for pathbreaking research and breakthrough surgeries.

The beauty of KIMS is its 2600 multi-speciality hospital including a 300-bed Super Speciality Hospital, 300-bed Cancer Care Centre and 1600-bed General Hospital for the economically disadvantaged sections, who get the best of healthcare services on a corporate-styled air-conditioned campus and a patient-friendly hospital. KIMS has not only emerged as one of the premier hospitals in Odisha and Eastern India, but it has also struck an emotional connection with

the people because of the care and compassion of the doctors. The hospital doctors, staff and students continue to serve the society in an efficient and caring manner.

Other key features of KIMS include -

- KIMS is an empanelled hospital for Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, ECHS, and CGHS among others.
- The NABL-accredited central laboratory offers the fastest test results
- The blood bank has state-of-the-art facilities catering to the requirements of one and all.
- KIMS offers special packages for routine health check-up for all segments of society, 24x7 ambulance services to nearby and neighbouring cities, medicine counters that remain open throughout the day.
- KIMS undertakes a campaign of doing routine health checkups in all remote districts of Odisha

Food was a struggle and healthcare was a daydream when Dr Samanta was growing up. He understands how important it is to provide quality healthcare to poor people who lose their fortune to get themselves or their family members cured. He remembers an incident when he was probably nine or ten years old and his left eye was injured in an accident. His mother had inadvertently hit his eye with a stick. She was upset and was running after him in the house as he ate his elder brother's food. His eye was saved by the doctors; otherwise, today he would have only one eye. This incident made him realise that providing health services at the right time and in the right place is paramount. KIMS has been conducting healthcare camps in rural areas across Odisha - all free of cost for poor people. KIMS has 10 satellite centres functioning in different districts of Odisha. It has planned to add ten more 200-bedded hospitals in the coming years.

Uniqueness of KIMS

- Best doctors of national repute including Padma Awardees
- KIMS patient care coordinator for facilitating inter-departmental coordination
- State-of-art Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) matching leading institutes of India in survival rate of premature babies
- Advanced equipment to offer best of care and treatment
- Pioneer in breakthrough surgeries

