



PROF. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Founder and Mentor KIIT & 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. He has 34 years of teaching experience and counting
- Youngest Chancellor of any Indian University as chronicled by Limca Book of Records
- Founder Chancellor of KISS University (first Tribal University in the world) and the first person to be a 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 three Apex Educational bodies of India, University Grants Commission (UGC) for two consecutive terms (2008-11 & 2011-2014), Executive Committee of All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
- Served as a Member of several other Govt. of India bodies like NCTE, ISTE, ISCA, COIR BOARD, CAPART etc besides being 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 a **General President of Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) - 2017-18 & president of XXXIX World Congress of Poets (2018-19)**.
- Currently, he is the President of **Volleyball Federation of India**, Designated
- President (India) of **Democracy without Borders**. He has also founded Parliamentarians for Indigenous People
- Honoured with **National Award for the welfare of children 2016 by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India in 2017**
- Art of Giving, his initiative has been awarded The MacJannet Prize 2021
- Awarded Sandipani Maharshi Samman 2020 by Sandipani Vidya Niketan, Gujarat
- Awarded **Personality of the year 2019** by FICCI Higher Education Awards
- Conferred with Green Activist Award by Indian Federation of Green Energy
- Conferred with Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar (Lifetime Achievement Award) at 4th National Teachers' Congress by MIT World Peace University, Pune (2020)
- Conferred with **49 Honoris Causa Doctorate Awards** from prestigious Universities across the globe
- Received 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 International, Manila (Asia's Peace Prize)**
- Received **ISA Award for service to Humanity, the Highest Civilian Award** with One Million Dollar Cash Prize from the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Conferred with the highest **Civilian Award from Mongolia and Bahrain** besides over 50 National and International and over 200 State Honors and accolades
- Founder of **KIIT Deemed to be University (www.kiit.ac.in)**, no. 1 University in India and **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS-Deemed University) (www.kiss.ac.in)**, Bhubaneswar
- Prof. Samanta started KIIT and KISS with only Rs. 5000/- (100 USD) in a two-room rented house. KIIT has now grown into one of the most promising Universities with global acclaim having 35,000 students from India and abroad
- KISS has become the largest Residential Tribal Institute in the world providing free Education from Kindergarten to Post Graduation, a home for 70000 tribal children (30000 students in KISS Bhubaneswar 30000 Alumni, 10000 in 10 satellite centers in 10 districts of Odisha)
- Recipient of UNESCO International Literacy Prize 2022
- KIIT and KISS have been chronicled in the Limca Book of Records on 4 counts. It has also created **4 Guinness World Records**
- Contributed to social upliftment, spiritualism and sports by creating unparalleled sports infrastructure and promoting sportspersons and sports
- 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. He has established 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 two hundred thousand and indirectly created 100 successful Entrepreneurs across the country
- Authored a biography on his mother, "**My Mother, My Hero**"
- Prof. Samanta has been working relentlessly to achieve Zero Poverty, Zero Hunger and Zero Illiteracy since 1987

