

SOME IMPORTANT COLLABORATIONS

UNFPA

KISS, in partnership with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is implementing a project on "Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) and Life Skill Education (LSE) for about 10,000 adolescents at the institute and more than 2,00,000 across the state. The program aims to ensure provide vulnerable tribal children with a safer, informed and rewarding upbringing.

US Embassy India

Recognizing KISS' mission and contribution towards empowering the poorest of poor, the US Embassy has sponsored an "English Access Micro Scholarship Program". The program has been successful in gradually building up writing, reading, listening & speaking skills in English, for a group of selected students of KISS. The program provides a foundation of English language skills to over 550 talented students.

UNDP

UNDP, in association with KISS, has started a Skill Development programme in Odisha. Under this project a plethora of skill associated training will be provided to youth in remote regions, through online connectivity and having on-the-job training through local partnerships. The goal of the program is to provide livelihood options to underprivileged youth.

Guide-Star India

KISS is accredited with Guide-Star India because of its commitment towards enhancing Accountability and Transparency in the sector through good governance

UNICEF

UNICEF, in association with KISS, has established a **Children Development Resource Centre (CDRC)** as part of the larger UNICEF-KIIT University joint initiative for the **Centre for Children Studies (CCS)**. The goal is to promote evidence-based policy making, by building a knowledge base through action-research and other development programmes on children's issues, focusing on the state of Odisha. Hence, a resource centre at KISS has been established for students and research scholars.

Oracle

Oracle has granted a project to KISS for the creation of Smart Classrooms. Under the project, 200 classrooms will have interactive smart projectors and boards. This will provide interactive learning for Science, Technology, English and Math (STEM). These classrooms will augment the teaching learning capacities of teachers and students alike. Students from Class 1 to Class 10 can avail a new and enhanced form of learning.

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University of East Anglia

KISS, in collaboration with the University of East Anglia has launched Project CHIRAG. This project will conduct evidence-based advocacy for building and reinforcing Sustainable Food Systems, under the overall rubric of achieving SDGs in India, at the national, state and local level.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

The MoU between TISS and KISS is aimed at establishing a framework for collaborative partnership on mutually agreed areas by promoting and co-opting human resources for undertaking research, curriculum and pedagogy development, livelihood & skill building, counselling, training program, seminar and workshops for teachers and students. This also aids capacity development of teachers along with providing holistic education to the tribal children.

Bernard van Leer Foundation

: KISS, in collaboration with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, has started the Mother-Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MT based MLE) to aid indigenous children enrolled in school.

The organization has set up a language lab in which indigenous children are taught in their mother tongue so that they relate to their own culture when they first enrol in school. At a later age, they are gradually transitioned into Odiya-medium and English-medium education.

Give India

KISS is accredited with Give India. The main aim of Give India is to promote an effective and efficient giving culture that provides greater opportunities to the poor in India. It is a vibrant 'philanthropy marketplace' to ensure that the most effective and efficient non-profits get access to resources. After a thorough scrutiny, KISS has been listed under Give India and will now receive support for various activities.

University of Cambridge

KISS has initiated an exciting new research project 'Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable Food Supplies (TIGR2ESS)'. Awarded by Cambridge University, UK, KISS is a Lead Partner for this multi-year project. The project is the first of its kind, focusing on new technological innovations in the area of sustainable agriculture and nutrition security, going beyond the seed-fertiliser-water package of the Green Revolution.

British Council

British Council, in partnership with Diageo, has launched the Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme which is being implemented at KISS. British Council also provides E-library facilities which are availed by the tribal students, who can now access academic, non-academic literature and reference materials.

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AIESEC

AIESEC provides students with the opportunity to pursue internships in international destinations. KISS annually receives approximately 15 international interns, who come through the AIESEC Internship Program.

FXB Suraksha

Both KISS and FXB are working for the common cause of promoting education for less privileged children of India. This association has made KISS work with large organizations working on similar grounds and concerns.

AFS Intercultural Programs, India

KISS, along with KIIT University and KIIT International School, has collaborated with AFS India, to provide opportunities for students to study abroad, while also creating opportunities for international students to pursue internships and volunteering at KISS.

Child & Youth Finance International

KISS has collaborated with Child & Youth Finance International to help strengthen the skills of students studying at the institute. The cooperation will also target children and youth in 20 districts of Odisha where KISS has operations.

CAF India

Charities Aid Foundation has validated KISS as one of the few Indian NGOs committed to demonstrating and maintaining financial transparency. CAF is also partner to Oracle and thus is looking after the compliances of the projects that we have with Oracle.

National Slum Dwellers Federation

In association with Mr. Jockin Arputham, Magsaysay award winner, KISS will conduct development work in the slums of Odisha and India.

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EMAMI

Emami and KISS joined hands to establish a residential school at Balasore. Under the agreement, Emami will provide full financial support related to infrastructure development and recurring expenditure on an annual basis. KISS, on the other hand, will be responsible for managing the school. The “Emami-KISS Residential School” was launched at Balasore, Odisha in the presence of Mr. RS Agarwal and Mr. R.S Goenka, Co-Founders, Emami Limited for the underprivileged tribal children.

EdCIL (India) Ltd.

EdCIL (India) Ltd. is associated with KISS under its CSR program, whereby, EdCIL provides assistance for KISS to purchase text books for its current academic session. EdCIL has also shown interest in providing support to KISS towards building Smart classrooms in the future.

Tata Steel Limited

KISS and Tata Steel have agreed to strengthen the relationship between the industry and the institutions by collaborating for various academic, research, training and staff development activities. They will also facilitate education of the children of the displaced families at KISS and work for upliftment of marginalized vulnerable sections of the population.

NALCO Foundation

Nalco Foundation has been partnering with KISS since 2013. The group has sponsored 240 students in the first year from its peripheral location in Koraput district. It added another 100 students the subsequent year. NALCO Foundation has also envisaged an interest to come forward and extend help towards the school at Koraput.

General Insurance Corporation of India

GIC is associated with KISS through its sponsorship of 80 Post-Graduate students. Through this, GIC is engaged in substantial and sustained efforts towards providing higher education to underprivileged students at KISS.

GIC may, in the future, also consider providing financial support in projects of KISS – through terms and conditions as per subsequent agreements that are yet to be developed – for the betterment of tribal students through its CSR arm.

Max Foundation

Max Foundation has been partnering with KISS over the last four years to provide vaccination to children enrolled at KISS. The group provides vaccinations such as MMR, Typhoid, Hep-B, etc on a yearly basis to nearly 2000 children.

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

TCS is associated with KISS to provide training in soft skills through their Affirmative program. Under this program, the graduating students will undergo a vast course to develop and improve their ability to communicate and demonstrate other leadership qualities. This will, in turn, improve their employability skills.

Collaborations with International Universities

- Hanseo University, Republic of Korea
- University of Cambodia, Cambodia
- University of Tübingen, Germany
- University of East Anglia, UK
- College of Charleston, US
- Cambridge University, UK
- Kingston University, UK
- Northumbria University, UK
- University of Central Lancashire, UK
- Leeds University, UK
- Helsinki Espana – University Network, Spain

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