

ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Achyuta Samanta was born with burden of poverty in a non-descript village of Odisha (one of the most backward states of India) and rising to where he stands now has no parallel elsewhere in the world. Among his countless contributions Dr. Samanta has had an outstanding role in school, higher, professional, and health education by establishing **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)** - A multi-disciplinary University with a current student strength of **25,000, a home for 25,000 poorest-of-the-poor indigenous aborigine (tribal) children- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)** which provides free accommodation, food, healthcare and education from kindergarten to post-graduation (**KG to PG**) with vocational training, **KIIT International School (KIS)**- the one and only one with International Baccalaureate Affiliation in the eastern part of India, and **Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS)**- a medical college with 2000 bedded hospital and other allied institutes like Dental and Nursing Colleges attached.