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KIIT Student Excels in Dance Competition



Ms. Sarbani Sengupta, a sophomore pursuing B.A. English (Honours) at KIIT Deemed to be University, has achieved the second position in a Dance Competition hosted by SALVATION, the General Awareness Society of Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi (DU). The event, held on July 26, 2021, in honor of Kargil Vijay Diwas, saw Ms. Sengupta's remarkable rendition of a Patriotic Dance. This accomplishment underscores her talent and dedication to the art form, earning her recognition in a competitive environment. The achievement reflects positively on both Ms. Sengupta and the School of Languages at KIIT University.



KIIT Student Wins Silver Medal in Tolly-Fest Dance Competition



Ekantika Chowdhury, a 2nd year Aerospace Engineering student of KIIT, won the second prize (Silver Medal) among more than 100 participants at Tolly-Fest Dance Competition in Kolkata on 27th March 2022. She performed a dance fusion between two major dance forms - Semi-classical and Bharatanatyam. The three mini performances were admired by the judges. The Tolly-Fest Dance Competition, organized by the Tollygunge Club, was judged by Tanushree Shankar, Indian dancer and choreographer, creative dance style; Preeti Patel, Eminent Manipuri dancer; and Sohini Roychowdhury, Dancer, Choreographer & Artistic Director-Bharatnatyam. Ekantika extended her gratitude to KIIT-DU, the Hostel-in-Charge, Dean-School of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty Members, KSAC, and friends for their support and guidance.



Team Kzarshion from KSAC Wins at Birla Global University



Team Kzarshion, the Fashion Society of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), won the 2nd Prize at the fashion event, 'Cosmos', organized by Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar recently. Kzarshion team members, Shruti Biswal, Kunika Sahu, Sakshi, Preeti, Shuvangani, Zed, Kanish, Ronak, Animesh, Dipta, Samikshya, Amritha Rath and Akansha participated at the event. The backstage was managed by Abhishek, Aditi, Ishani, Shaima Ahmed, Aishi and Ishika, while Shova, Shubhanki, Sonali, Shemusi, Sibangi and Ashlesha were the makeup artists. Photography was done by Ishan, Aryan, Swapnil and Tushar. Shaima Ahmed was the Runway Director and the overall coordination of the Team was done by Kumar Abhishek, Shaima Ahmed and Aditi Singh. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, SS congratulated the team for the wonderful feat.





Team Kzarshion of KSAC Wins Fashion Competition



Team from Kzarshion, the Fashion Society of KIIT functioning at KSAC, won the 1st Prize in the Fashion Designing & Modeling Competition, 'Celestia', held at the Annual Fest of Sri Sri University, Cuttack on 27th March 2022. This was the first offline team event attended by students from KSAC. 'Kzarshion' members, Sonali Dutta, Sudeshna Panda, Sibangi Basu, Mahak Agrawal, Aishi Ghosh, Manisha Maity, Shemusi Sen, Md. Talha Aziz, Sabyasachi Mishra, Shaima Ahmed, Abhishek, Anany Mathur and Sagarika Meher participated as models and designers. Students involved in planning and executing the entire show were: Aditi Singh, Parnashree Kundu, Shova Chowdhury, Ishika, and Kumar Abhishek. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director and other senior functionaries congratulated the team for the feat.





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KIIT Alumni Association Organizes Alumni LIVE Series with Ved Choudhury



The Alumni LIVE Series with Ved Choudhury, 2016 Batch.-B.Tech Mechanical Engineering, was organized by KIIT Alumni Relations Cell, KSAC and KIIT Alumni Association on KIIT Facebook page on 26th June 2021. He is a dancer and currently working as Software Development Consultant at Capgemini, Hyderabad after serving in Accenture for three and a half years.

Ved also performed LIVE in three dance numbers, one of which is his hallmark Free Style with Skates. Ved stressed on the fact that everyone should give time for their interest and passion, as this is the best way to balance life. Moreover, participating in events and taking an active role in organizing events enhances leadership skills, he insisted. Ved Choudhury has performed in International Youth Fellowship and has represented KIIT in various dance competitions and won accolades. He received the Student Achiever Award during his stay at KIIT and had won the Red FM Tashanbaaz. During his corporate career, he has won First prize in group dance in Inter-Corporate competition, Wavefest in December 2018 and 2020.

He thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS for creating KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) that is helping groom many KIITians and giving them a platform to carry forward their passion.



KSAC Hosts 5th Episode of “Koffee with Kalliope”



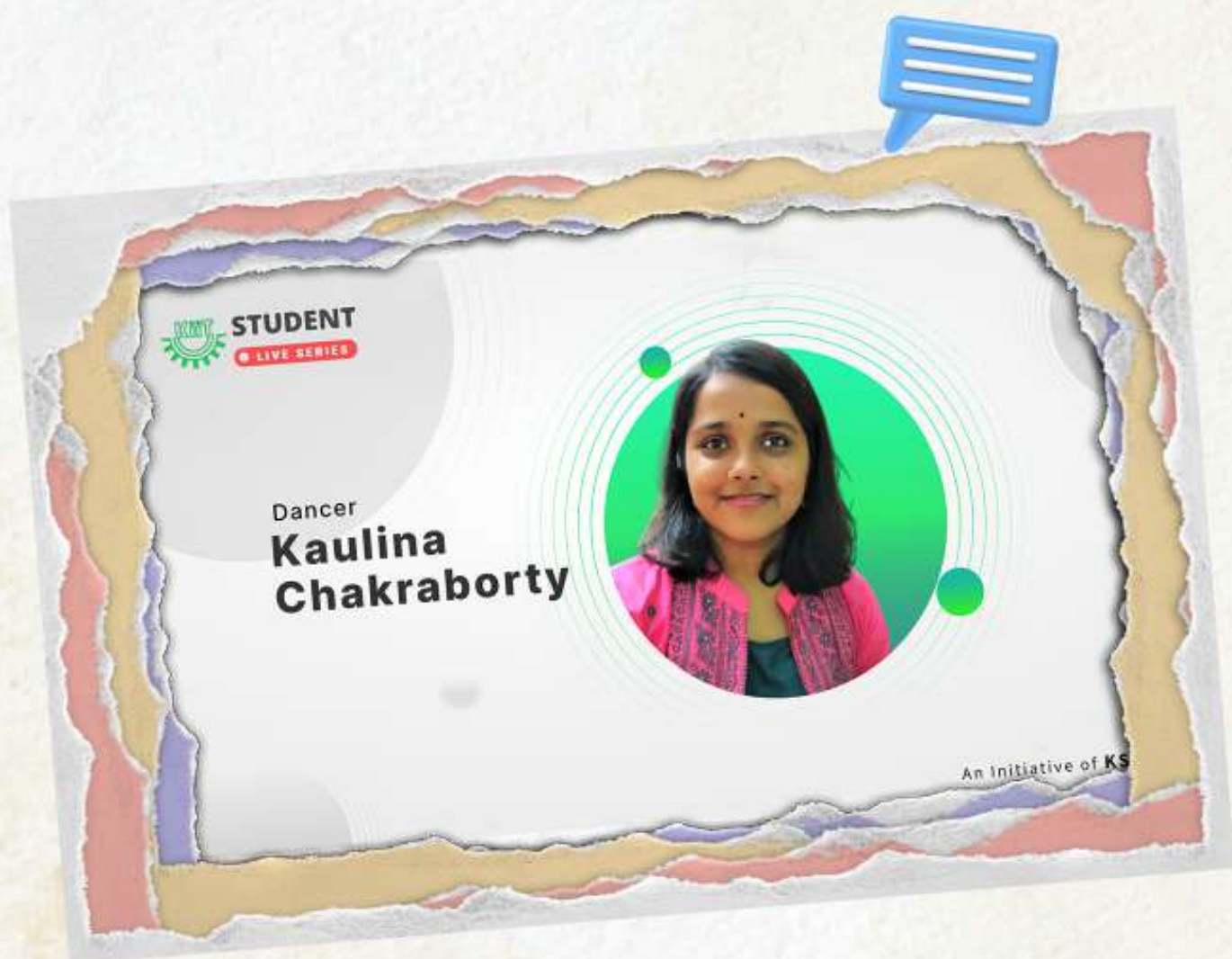
Considering the success of the previous episodes of 'Koffee with Kalliope', expectations were high on the organizing team for the upcoming episode. The efforts of the Public Relations team were answered by the generosity of one of the rising stars of Indian entertainment domain. The Kalliope team welcomed Mr. Abhilash Thapliyal, popular radio jockey and actor, as guest at the latest episode of its virtual talk show held on 6th June 2021.

Mr. Abhilash Thapliyal is a renowned radio jockey and a distinguished actor. He commenced his career as a radio jockey at a juvenile age and since then has faced several opportunities and struggles. Today, the people of our country recognize him as the beloved SK sir from the popular web series, 'Aspirants', but his reputation is not confined to the frame of just a single show. He had been the host of the World Kabaddi league, in-stadium host of Formula1, and host of the IPL franchise Delhi Daredevils.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director thanked Mr. Abhilash Thapliyal for accepting the invitation and being a part of the show and also extended the congratulations to Ananya Dev Choudhury and Rishav Yadav for hosting the event brilliantly.



Student LIVE Series' Episode-5



The fifth episode, aired on June 15, 2021, brought to the forefront the extraordinary talents of dancer Kaulina Chakraborty in a captivating 30-minute broadcast. Ms. Chakraborty not only mesmerized the audience with her exceptional dancing skills but also engaged in insightful discussions, shedding light on her profound passion for the art of dance. The program was a mesmerizing blend of performance and conversation, offering a rich and nuanced glimpse into the enchanting world of dance.

During the broadcast, Ms. Chakraborty's performance went beyond mere choreography, serving as a powerful expression of her artistic prowess. The program delved deep into the intricate facets of her artistic journey, providing viewers with a profound understanding of the dedication and creativity that underlie her contributions to the realm of performing arts. Through this episode, audiences were not only entertained but also gained a heightened appreciation for the depth and beauty inherent in Ms. Chakraborty's artistic expressions, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.





KSAC Organizes Virtual Farewell for Outgoing Student Coordinators & Members of KSAC Societies



A virtual farewell event, "ADIOS," bid adieu to the outgoing Coordinators and final-year student members of various Student Societies at KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) on June 12, 2021. Hosted by Zenab Habib and Debjyoti Barman, the event featured a Tabla performance by Richik Roy Chowdhury, a Quiz-cum-Interaction session, and a nostalgic video highlighting their time at KSAC and KIIT.

An open Bollywood quiz by Nivedita Basu and Yash Singh and a solo song performance by Subhojeet Bhattacharjee added a touch of entertainment. Coordinated by Sudeshna Dutta and Subhojeet Bhattacharjee, the program concluded with faculty coordinators Dr. Kajal Parashar and Dr. Kshyana Prava Samal encouraging the outgoing students to stay connected to their alma mater. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services, expressed gratitude for the students' contributions during the pandemic, thanking all participants and acknowledging their innovation. Dr. Behura, along with the students, expressed gratitude to KIIT & KISS Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta and other university leaders for their unwavering support.





SPIC MACAY KIIT Chapter Hosts “Great Master Series” - A Rendition to Carnatic Music



In cherished remembrance of the beloved Mysore T Chowdaiah and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, KIIT Chapter of SPIC MACAY hosted the “Great Master Series” celebrating the 125th and 100th anniversary of the musical giants on 10th July 2021 via zoom platform. Audiences from all over the country attended the event. The afternoon series began with a few brief words by the host about SPIC MACAY. Homage was paid to Prof. T. N. Krishnan, Violinist Maestro along with an introduction. Smt. Charumathy Raghuraman, violinist, the Guest of the event, littered the afternoon with delightful tidbits and wisdom of her guru, T. N. Krishnan. The event also featured an interactive Q/A session that was followed by snippets of performance pieces by Prof. Krishnan. The musical afternoon came to an end with Dy. Director Student Services, Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura saying a few words about the event followed by a word of thanks.



KSAC Host's 6th Episode of 'Koffee with Kalliope'



The remedy to a turbulent heart resides in the tranquil lyrics of a song. The depth of a composition can elude the most tragic of sorrows and unending spells of chaos. However, when we get absorbed into the illusory dimension of the lyrics, we at times forget to express the amazement at the credibility of the composer. After a series of highs and lows, our surroundings have finally begun to re-embrace the peace of mind and heart. Over the last few months, to comfort our worlds from the disastrous spells of catastrophic news, all of us have sought the help of such musical therapies through the playlists of our mastery. And one song in particular that has touched the deepest corners of our heart is Dhaaga from the aspirants. It was the fortune of Kalliope Society, KSAC that they could reach out to the composer of this melodious masterpiece and invite him to be the Guest of the 6th episode of 'Koffee with Kalliope' series.

He also appreciated the Founder's concept of having a Student Activity Centre at KIIT and said such support is essential in pushing the talents to reach their destination. Apart from the formal proceedings, Mr. Nilotpal Bora, was generous enough to introduce to us his newborn daughter and in return we showered every bit of grand wishes for the journey of parenthood.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services thanked Mr. Nilotpal Bora for accepting the invitation and being a part of the show and also extended the congratulations to Alankrita and Yash for hosting the event brilliantly.





Bharat ki Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) organized the 1st episode of India @75 – The Cultural Evolution to commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The event focused on Indian Dance forms by the name “The Unfolding of Indian Dance” and premiered on YouTube. Students of KIIT showcased classical dance in the form of Bharatnatyam, Odissi and Kathak which was followed by folk dance such as Bihu, Bhangra and Sambalpuri. They also showed the transition to the semi-classical forms and Bollywood styles of the present era.

The hosts described the entire event and performances and thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS for keeping the culture and tradition of every state thriving at KIIT. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura thanked all the students who performed and the hosts for their efforts and contribution towards Bharat ki Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative of the Government of India.



Jashn-e-Azadi'



‘Khwahishein’, Hindi Society of KIIT, organized ‘Jashn-e-Azadi’, a poetic meet, on the occasion of 75th Independence Day Celebration as part of ‘Bharat ki Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. The celebration started with patriotic songs playing in the background. The event had amazing poetry performances by poets of ‘Khwahishein’ and an awesome performance by a poet from S.S. Memorial College, Ranchi. It was a joyful evening and the audience enjoyed thoroughly. The event ended with the word of thanks from Dr. Pallavi Kiran, Faculty Coordinator, Khwahishein. The event was conducted and coordinated by Tarun Maheshwari and Harsh Bhardwaj. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services also spoke on the occasion.



KIIT School of Fashion Technology Organizes Alumni Talk Series 'Karwan'



KIIT School of Fashion Technology organized an Alumni Talk Series, "KARWAN," on August 15, 2021. Mr. Rajat Ranjan, Regional Manager from Aditya Birla fashion and retail limited, shared his insights on retail market management, market strategies, and future trends. He emphasized the importance of commitment and integrated experiences for career success. Mr. Ashutosh Dixit discussed luxurious and commercial brands, and Mr. Sayan Mishra shared his internship experience. Mr. Partha Sarathi Bal welcomed the speaker, and Ms. Biswaranjita Mohapatra proposed the vote of thanks. Students from semesters III, V, and VII participated.





International Youth Day 2021

KIIT and KISS Celebrate International Youth Day on Virtual Platform



KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) hosted an open mic session on “The Role of Youth in Ensuring Health and Well-being for Future India” and cultural evening on the occasion of International Youth Day on 12th August 2021. Students of KIIT and KISS participated in both the events. The event was hosted by Pratyasha and Debarghya Mukherjee who took the audience through the different perspectives of young minds in the open mic session and the musical notes of the cultural evening. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura welcomed the participants, faculty members of KIIT and KISS and the audience. Ms. Tripura Mishra, Vice Principal, KISS also spoke on the occasion.

Priyambada Sabar, Sobin Kumar Majhi and International Rugby player and Captain of the Under 20 Indian Rugby Team Sumitra Nayak from KISS and Amita Banerjee, Ishaani, Ananya Dev Choudhury and Sameer Sekhar from KIIT opined on the role of youth in the health and well-being of the society. They emphasized remaining fit and working on innovations that would promote health in the community. This was followed by musical performances by Sanchari Bhowmick, Annisa Dutta and Subhangi Rout from KIIT and Amita Khandei and Biduprava Soren from KISS celebrating Youth. There was a special performance at the end by Sadhak Karjee from KISS who is also a



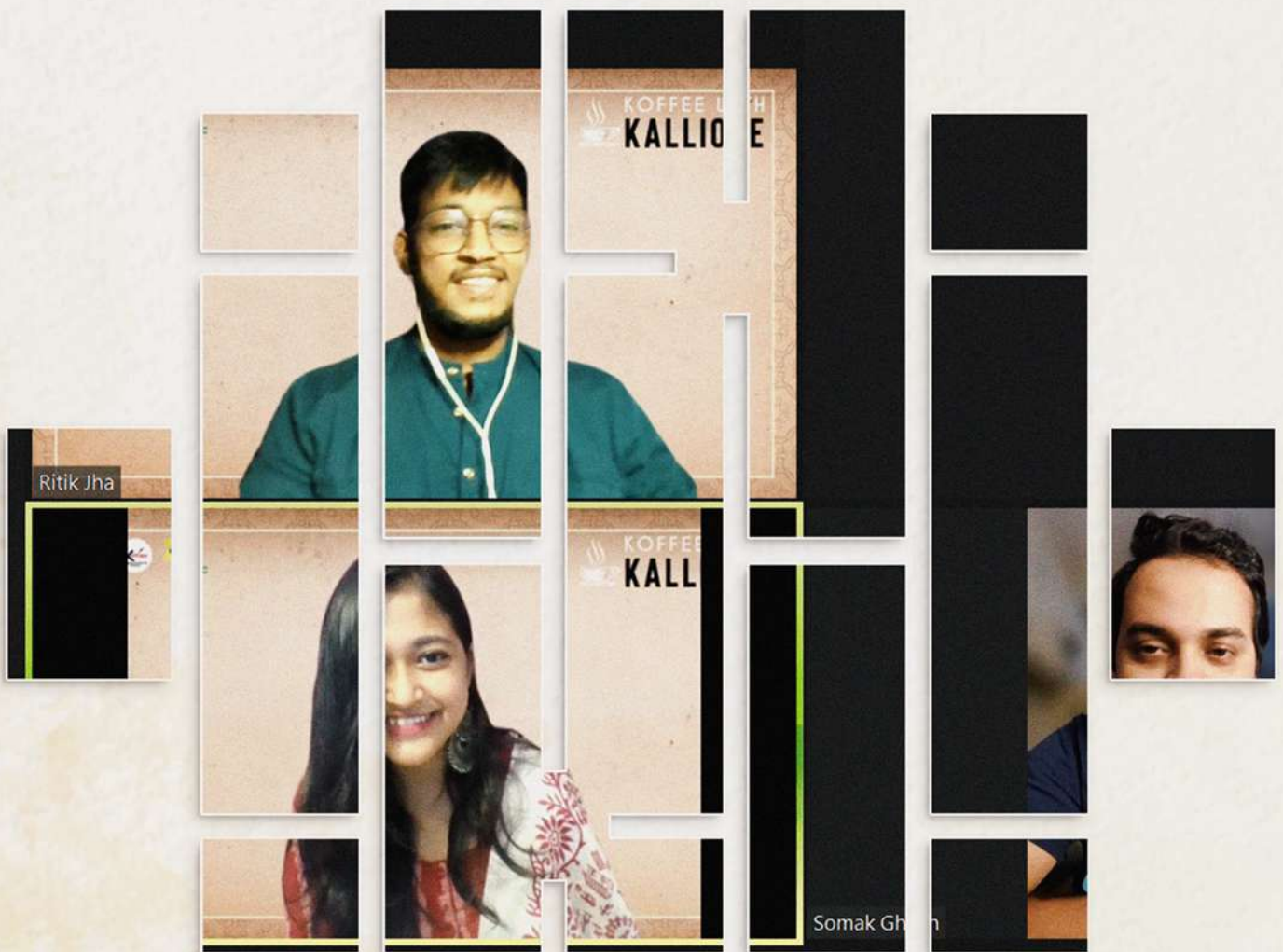
KSAC Hosts 6th Episode of Student LIVE Series



The 6th Episode of Student LIVE Series was organized by KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) with a talented painter and artist, KIITian Achintaya Srivastava on 28th July 2021. It was held LIVE on the KSAC Facebook page. He had a great conversation with the host Mayank Kumar about his experiences, participation and also exhibited his paintings to the audience. He also did a live painting in the show, which was a wonderful experience for the audience. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura thanked Achintaya and Mayank for the colourful evening.



KSAC Hosts 7th Episode of Koffee with Kalliope



The occasion of Raksha Bandhan holds a lot of significance to Indians. Traditionally, this day is celebrated to treasure the irreplaceable bond that exists between brothers and sisters. But when the British decided to partition the territory of Bengal in 1905, the Indian leaders protested against this ominous act by tying Rakhi, a sacred colorful thread, onto the wrists of fellow Indians. It has been since then that the occasion of Raksha Bandhan is celebrated to highlight the feeling of oneness by breaching the boundaries of caste, creed and religion.

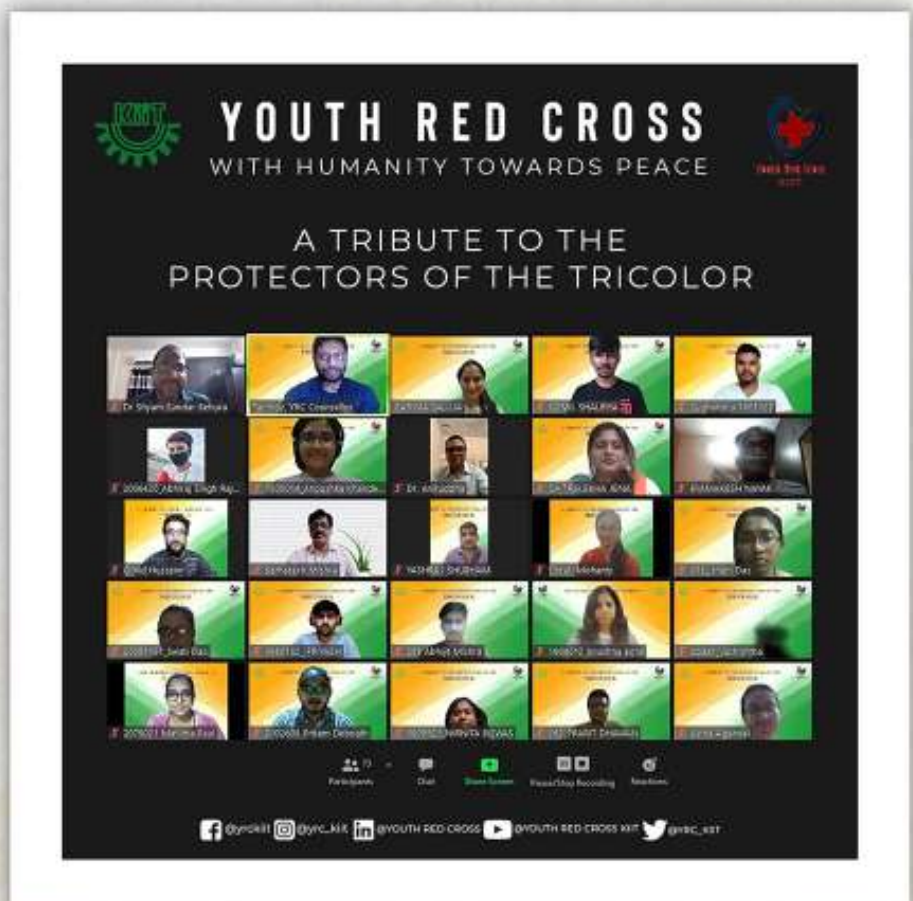
In the 7th episode of “Koffee with Kalliope”, Team Kalliope, the Anchoring Society of KIIT, invited RJ Somak Ghosh. Almost every Bengali household shares a special attachment with Radio Mirchi and, to tag along, RJ Somak is the name that holds equal gravity. It has been through this iconic gentleman that the youth of Bengal today have realigned to the radio shows despite being surrounded by more advanced gifts of technology.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director expressed his sincere gratitude to RJ Somak Ghosh for accepting the invitation and being a part of the show. Additionally, he also extended congratulations to Nivedita Basu and Ritik Jha for marvelously hosting the guests and regulating the course of the event.





Youth Red Cross KIIT Celebrates 75th Independence Day



Youth Red Cross (YRC), KIIT celebrated the 75th Independence Day virtually on the theme, “A tribute to the protectors of the Tricolour”. Speaking on the occasion, Maj. (Dr.) Aniruddha Bhattacharjee, Army Medical Corps shared his hardships and experiences during Special Posting at Siachen Base Camp, and the struggles of other soldiers posted there.

The event was mentored by Dr. Chitralkha Jena and Dr. Tanmoy Roy Choudhury, Counsellor of YRC KIIT with the active involvement of YRC volunteers Mr. Abhishek Dey, Mr. Somil Shourya, Ms. Anoushka Khandelwal. It was moderated by Ms. Garima Saluja and Ms. Sikruti Mohanty, YRC Volunteers.



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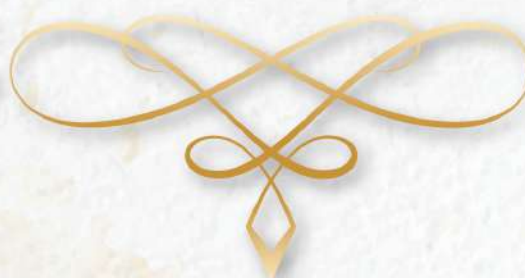


In a world striving for gender equality, KIIT Student Activity Centre recognized a powerful voice - Rida Tharana. This Bangalore-based video creator and influencer, known for her impactful social media content, addressed students in September 2021.

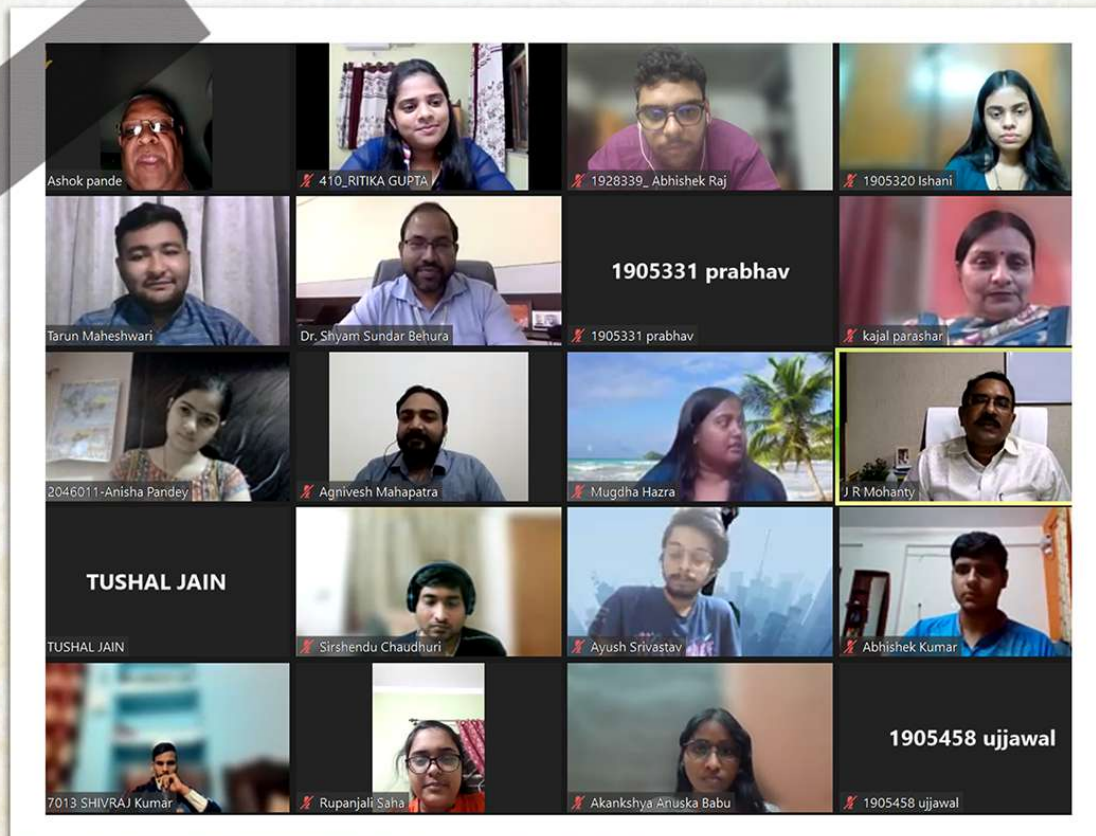
Tharana's journey began in April 2020, when she challenged the unhealthy obsession with productivity as a measure of self-worth. This sparked a continuous fight against societal stereotypes and misogyny. Through her content, she advocates for women's rights and dismantles the ideology behind sexism.

Tharana's message is one of empowerment and self-belief. She emphasizes the importance of respecting traditions while rejecting limitations imposed on women. Her story resonates with many, making her an inspiration for those seeking to break free from societal shackles.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, the Dy. Director, expressed his gratitude to Tharana for sharing her message and to the event's hosts. This event served as a platform to celebrate Tharana's courage and the importance of defying stereotypes for a more just and equitable world.



KSAC Celebrates “Hindi Diwas”



Khwahishein, the Hindi Society of KIIT along with the KIIT Film Society functioning under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized a celebration along with a string of events 'Abhiwyakti' on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. Students enthusiastically participated in the events that spanned over four days from 11th – 14th September. It reflected their respect, love, interest and indulgence for the Hindi language.

'Abhiwyakti' had sub-events like 'Ekalap Pratiyogita', 'Kavyansh Pratiyogita' (poetry competition), 'Ba se Bollywood' (Bollywood Quiz), 'Dangal' (Debate Competition), etc. The closing ceremony of 'Abhiwyakti' was held on 14th September 2021, Hindi Divas.

Several faculty members judged the participants. Mr. Agnivesh Mahapatra was the Guest Speaker at the closing ceremony. It was graced by Mr. Ashok Pandey, Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU; Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, SS; Dr. Kajal Parashar, Dy. Director, CEC; and Dr. Pallavi Kiran, Faculty Coordinator, Khwahishein. A video on Hindi Diwas celebrations from the yesteryears was also screened. Ms. Ritika Gupta hosted the event.

The event was curated by the Student Coordinators and Asst. Coordinators of the Society, Harsh Bharadwaj, Tarun Maheshwari, Abhishek Raj and Ishani among other organizers and members. It was anchored by Ritika Gupta. Dr. Pallavi Kiran proposed the vote of thanks.



Nrityanand" by Students of KIIT



Students of KIIT Deemed to be University and Sri Sri University presented "Nrityanand" on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, jointly hosted by KIIT Student Activity centre (KSAC) and Virya, the Dance Club of Sri Sri University. The event went LIVE on KIIT and Sri Sri University Facebook pages and had an overwhelming 4100 views.

The evening started with Yash from KIIT and Tamanna from Sri Sri hosting the event with their introductory note. The welcome address was given by Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services, KIIT. This followed a sequence of dances dedicated to Lord Krishna.

Team Navarasa of Korus Society presented 'Krishna Vandana' followed by 'Janmleela' in three different Indian dance forms. Smritiparna Datta portrayed the role of Devaki in Creative Odissi, showing her pain, agony and anxiety as Krishna is born in prison. At the end there was a solo performance by Sonakshi Bhowmik.

Sri Sri University had three performances namely Madhurashtakam - The traditional Sanskrit composition glorifying the beauty of Lord Krishna, a solo performance by Swagatam Krishna and Natkhat Kanhaiya in the song "Kanha Soja Zara". Ms. Arupa Gayatri Panda, Asst. Professor, FACIS (Odissi) from Sri Sri University proposed the vote of thanks.



International Day of the Girl Child 'Kamakshi' & 'HeForShe Society' of KSAC Organize Talk Show

11-Oct-21



'Kamakshi' & 'HeForShe,' the women's Society under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), held a virtual Talk show on the International Day of the Girl Child. Mr. Shyam Sundar Tripathy, District Program Manager, National Health Mission, Ganjam, shared insights on the social situation of girls in India and urged awareness and action. Tripathy emphasized the importance of family awareness on girls' safety and rights. The event featured an impactful video by society volunteers, addressing challenges faced by young girls, followed by an interactive Q&A session. Swati Das, Shubhadita Roy, and Rodoshie Ghosh participated in the discussion.

Tripathy thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, for supporting KSAC and its societal initiatives. The event, mentored by Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura and Asst. Prof. Parthiba Chakraborty, was organized by Society Coordinator Simran S. Bhuyan and Asst. Coordinators Alok Mishra and Anvesha Kanodia, with moderation by Anwesha Mishra. The insightful talk show engaged students from various schools, fostering dialogue and understanding on the challenges faced by girls in society.

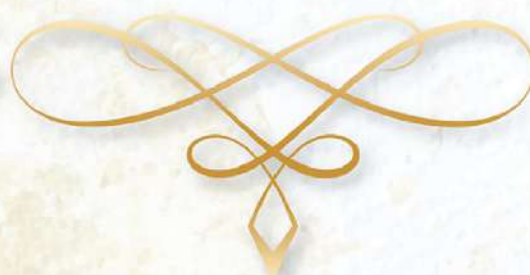


'Keurig' Hosts Live Talk Show on Nutrition with Ms. Nidhika Bahl



Keurig, the Food Society of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized a live talk show, "The Nutrition Story with Nidhika Bahl," on October 30, 2021. In the one-hour show hosted by Tanisha, Ms. Nidhika Bahl discussed the key principles for a healthy lifestyle. Emphasizing the importance of smart eating, consuming a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables, maintaining a balanced diet, timely meals, achieving 10,000 steps daily, 7-8 hours of sleep, and cultivating a positive mindset for overall well-being.

Ms. Bahl addressed questions on student diets, supplements, organic foods, nutrition, and mental health. The Q&A session included inquiries on gaining weight, workout routines, optimal times for specific foods, and stress management. Nidhika Bahl, an internationally acclaimed life coach and bestselling author, shared insights garnered from her extensive experience. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services, expressed gratitude for highlighting the importance of a healthy diet in achieving overall well-being.



Khwaab Society of KSAC Organizes “Cleanliness Drive”



Cleanliness and sanitation are an integral part of the Gandhian way of living. On the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Team members of 'Khwaab', the Social Responsibility Society of KIIT functioning under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized a cleanliness drive at their respective places. The members enthusiastically participated in the drive and cleaned their neighborhoods. As one of the philosophies of 'Khwaab' is "Art of Giving", an initiative of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, the team made an effort to give back to the environment.

"In exchange for the resources that our environment provides us, the least we can do is to keep it clean", a member said. Team Khwaab urges everyone to follow the Gandhian way of living and develop the will of doing greater good. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services thanked the students for taking up such initiatives that would benefit one self as well as the society.



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The 9th episode of Koffee With Kalliope was held on 3rd October 2021 with Mr. Sandeep Jain, Founder, GeeksforGeeks as the guest. GeeksforGeeks, one of the largest engineering ed-tech platforms of India, has revolutionized the entire approach towards an engineering career.

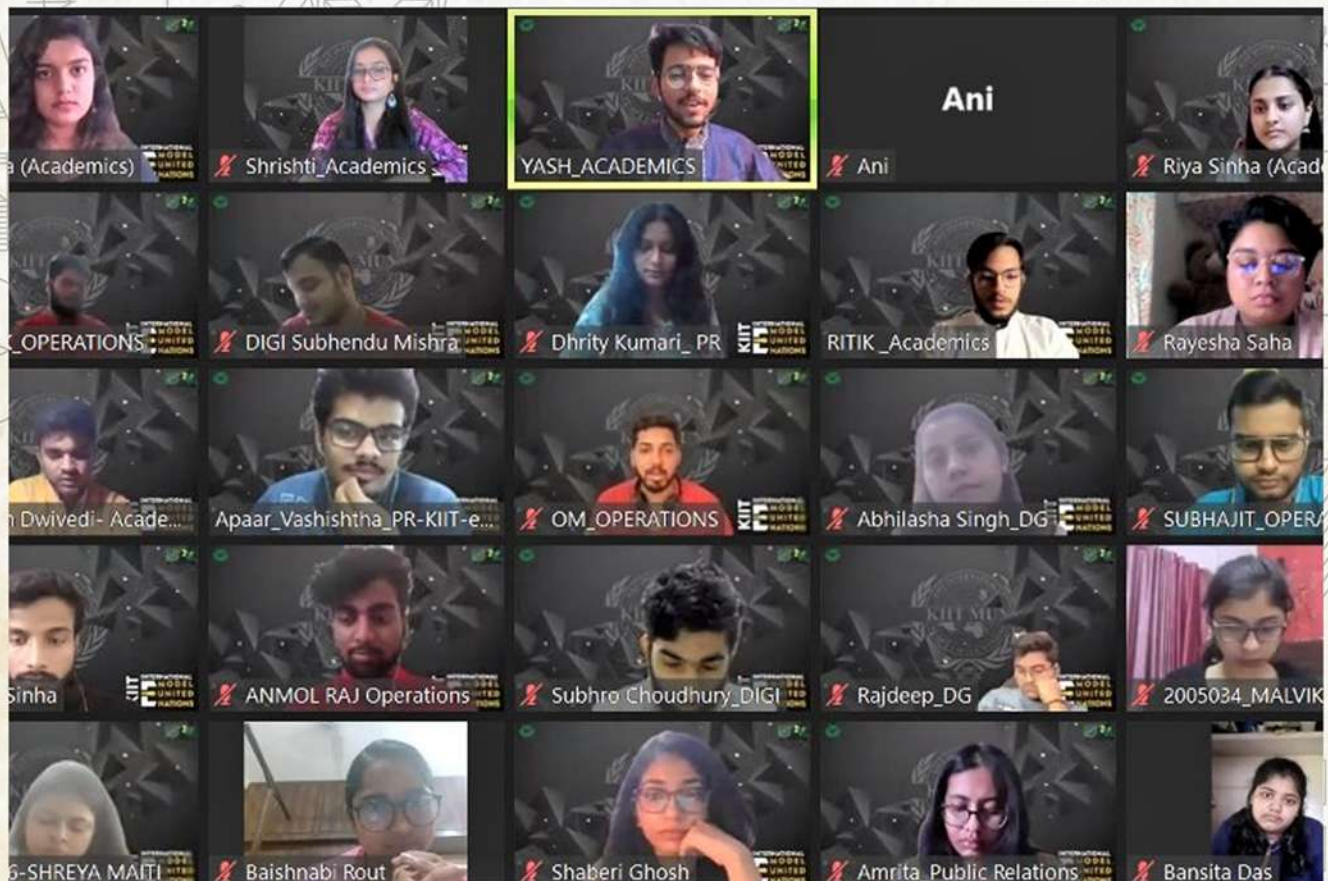
After pursuing B. Tech from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Mr. Jain went on to complete M. Tech. from IIT Roorkee. He was placed at the reputable DE Shaw & Co. A couple of years later, following his passion for teaching, he joined IIIT, Noida as an Assistant Professor. Ultimately, it was during this tenure that the GeeksforGeeks came into existence.

Through the entire stretch of the show, multiple queries regarding the dilemmas of placements and interview preparations were explicitly discussed. Mr. Jain emphasized the importance of identifying one's passion as it serves as the best motivation of all. Mr. Jain demystified some of the common myths about placements and suggested ways to improve one's profile. He also suggested a few strategies for students who are preparing for the placements within a restricted time-frame.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director thanked Mr. Sandeep Jain for accepting the invitation and being a part of the show and also extended the congratulations to Ashwani Singh and Debjyoti Barman for hosting the event brilliantly.



KIIT Model United Nations-Workshop



The Secretariat of KIIT International Model United Nations (MUN) successfully conducted the first National Workshop "Peek 'a' Mun" for KIIT-e-MUN 2021 on 23rd October. KIIT International MUN is one of the largest simulations of the United Nations in the world, organized annually by KSAC, KIIT Deemed to be University.

In this era of globalization, being aware of the economic, cultural, social, and environmental crises that affect all sections and species of the world is more crucial than ever. Besides boosting the confidence and enhancing the perception of the delegates regarding the burning issues, KIIT International MUN also serves as a melting point for future diplomats and leaders.

The workshop started on a high note with over 500 potential delegates and a brief introduction of the KIIT-MUN. The participants were acquainted with the legacy of KIIT-MUN.

The Director-General of the conference Nishita Sareen started the workshop with a warm introduction. It was led further by their academics team where they explained about the different committees and their short and long-term objectives.

Then the workshop was geared up with two interactive quiz sessions complemented by two video representations and a small debate among the participants on 'crypto-currency'. The delegates were given a demonstration on how to participate in MUNs. Finally, the workshop concluded with a Q/A session.



First Episode of 'Kandid with Kzarshion' Hosted by Kzarshion Society of KSAC

10/11/2021



'Kzarshion,' the Fashion Society under KSAC, presented the inaugural episode of "Kandid with Kzarshion," delving into lesser-known aspects of Fashion and Lifestyle. Guest speaker Ms. Pooja Kanth, owner of 'Pooja ki potli,' commended 'Kzarshion' for spotlighting Macramé art, expressing its potential to raise awareness about this traditional craft. The discussion centered around various facets of Macramé arts.

Beginning with a modest investment of ₹5000, 'Pooja ki potli' has evolved into a leading Macramé Arts brand. Ms. Kanth's efforts have not only empowered rural women with Macramé skills but also provided them financial independence. The show, smoothly conducted by hosts Mayank Kumar and Alankrita, featured a Q&A session. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, expressed gratitude to Ms. Kanth for her participation and congratulated the hosts for their excellent event management. The initiative not only shed light on Macramé art but also highlighted its socio-economic impact.



KAEWS and Khwahishein Society of KSAC Conduct Inter-College Open Mic

09/11/2021



A Virtual Open Mic 'Kuch Alfaaz Kudrat Ke' was organized by KIIT Animal & Environmental Welfare Society (KAEWS) and 'Khwahishein', the Hindi Society functioning under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC). The event was based on the theme 'The Home We Call Earth', which focused on how Humanity has forgotten that the Earth isn't just their planet to live on, but it is also the home of millions of plants and animals, and it is the need of the situation to stand against the atrocities on the name of evolution.

Students from KIIT Deemed to be University, SNDT University, Mumbai and THK Jain College, Kolkata came together and participated in the virtual Open Mic Event. They addressed the audience about the beauty of nature through their creative poetry and speeches and also discussed the ways by which people can come together to tackle the ecological imbalance, to make the planet Earth a better place to live for every living being.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services thanked all the participants for their active involvement in the event.



Kalakaar Society of KSAC Organizes Talk Show with Alumni

15/11/2021



‘Kalakaar’, the Dramatic Society of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized ‘KRITRIM’, a talk show on acting skills, with alumni Mr. Yash Singh and Mr. Sagar Raj Singh. The assistant coordinators were the hosts of the event. Yash and Sagar started with their experience in ‘Kalakaar’ during their college life. They enlightened the members on how to go about acting and the steps to improve resonance and skills. He suggested the members of the Society to improve the character sketch of the role.

“One should look at the 5 W’s to enhance the skills - When, Where, Why, Who and What”, he stated. Yash also showcased his acting spectrum with a piece from one of his theatre’s MARAD. It also became an interactive session when the participants took an initiative to ask questions. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director SS thanked the alumni for grooming the new members of the society.



Oscar Nominee Mr. Börje Lundberg & Actor Mr. Nalneesh Neel Grace Orientation Programme of KIIT Film Society 18/11/2021



The KIIT Film Society, under KSAC, virtually hosted an orientation for new members with special guests Oscar nominee Mr. Börje Lundberg and Bollywood actor Mr. Nalneesh Neel. Lundberg, renowned for films like *The Third Day* and *A Man Called Ove*, shared insights, emphasizing hard work and self-belief. Neel, known for *The White Tiger* and *Chhichhore*, discussed his journey from theatre to Indian cinema, engaging with society members' queries. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Deputy Director of Student Services, welcomed the guests, providing an overview of the society. Lundberg's narrative of life experiences served as motivation for perseverance.

Neel, elaborating on his transition to Indian films, interacted with society members, offering valuable insights. The event featured the premiere of "JAANLA," a captivating film by a society member. Prof. Ajaya Kumar Mishra, Faculty Coordinator, Ms. Abantika Pattanayak, AAO (Cultural activities), and Student Mentor Dr. Yannam Deepak added their presence, enriching the orientation with cinematic perspectives and industry wisdom.





KIIT International Student's Podcast

Organized by KSAC

20/11/2021



The KIIT International Student Society, functioning under KSAC, organized the 2nd episode of Student's podcast featuring Nepal. The event was hosted by Miss Shreya Mallik, a first year student. Nitesh Kumar Mehta presented on the geography and climate of Nepal, while Raj Shah described its culture, ethnicity and festivals. Naresh Khatiwada took the audience through the monuments and history, while the traditional dance and music was explained by Pratik Mishra. The journey of environment and tourism was lucidly explained by Suraj Karn, traditional games and sports by Siddhartha Suman.

The videos, creative and editing were done by Rahul Pal, Smriti Priya Shah and Ajay Khatri. The event was well organized by the Coordinators and Assistant Coordinator of KIIT International Student Society, Miss Sugee Geethama, Miss Suweni Rajapakshe and Mr. Selim Sarowar. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Deputy Director Student Services, Mr. Vikas Kumar Sabata, Joint Director KIIT International Relations, Ms. Abantika Pattanayak, Staff- In-charge and Mr. Sidharth Roy, Asst. Liaison Officer, KIIT International Relations were also present. The entire show was LIVE on KSAC Facebook page.



Kronicle Society of KSAC Organizes Founder's Cup Oratory Competition

23/11/2021

Grand Finale

The house believes that post-conflict countries should set a history curriculum that emphasizes the wrongs done by their own community during that conflict.



Kronicle, the debating society under KSAC, organized the 2021 Founder's Cup Annual Oratory Competition, attracting 155 students from all KIIT Schools. The event featured diverse activities, including extempore, faceoff, and a presidential debate, showcasing enthusiastic participation. Faculty members, including Mr. Subhrangshu Mohanty, Ms. Sadhna Sudershana, Mr. Amarendra Pattnaik, and Ms. Debolina Deb, served as judges in Round 1, assessing content, delivery, and topic interpretation. Round 2, a one-on-one debate, saw judging by Ms. Seema Kumari Ladsaria, Mr. Sahel Md Delabul Hossain, and Mr. Swayam Sikha Srichandan. The final round, presided over by Mr. Kaish Q Khan and Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, determined the winners.

Sulagna Dasgupta, Harshil Gupta, and Somagni Roy secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively, showcasing remarkable skills. The judges' encouragement and participants' talent made the event a success, highlighting the vibrant debating culture at KIIT.



KSAC Organizes Student Society Induction Programme 2021

17/11/2021



The KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) organized the virtual Student Society Induction Programme on November 15, 2021. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, expressed gratitude to the newly-inducted Student Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, School Representatives, and KSAC members for their dedication during the pandemic. He commended the staff's efforts and acknowledged their commitment.

In attendance were Prof. Hrushiksha Mohanty, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU; Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Pro-Vice Chancellor; and Prof. Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar. The dignitaries released the Coffee Table e-Book of KSAC, 'Kritika-2021' (University Student's Magazine), 'Kirti 2021' (Annual University Women's Magazine), 'Kompendium' (Year Book of KSAC), and 'K-STAR - the Champion's Pride' for 1st-year students. The Founder also launched the KSAC Student's App "Kampaign" for updates on student events.

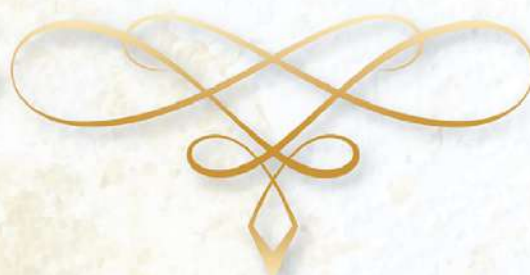
With over 1000 participants, Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, delivered the vote of thanks. The event, hosted by Ritik Jha, marked a significant induction for the KSAC community.



SPICMACAY KIIT Chapter Organizes “Prajjwalan”



KIIT SPICMACAY Chapter functioning under KSAC organized 'Prajjwalan', a five-day event, with the active participation of all members on 3rd November 2021. A classical dance and music evening was presented by the new members of the society. The next day the audience was mesmerized by the beautiful Shyama Sangeet performance by the coordinators, assistant coordinators, and one of the senior members of Spicmacay, Richik Roy Chowdhury. The following two days were all about the stunning art and craft created by the members of the society. The event ended on 7th November with a bang with a dance drama showcasing three different dance forms - Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Kathak. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director SS congratulated all members of SPICMACAY for keeping the link active between the present generation and the rich cultural heritage of our country.



Qutopia Society of KSAC Holds Annual Induction Quiz

06/11/2021



Qutopia, KIIT-DU's quizzing society under KSAC, recently hosted its virtual Annual Induction Quiz, Launchpad 2k21, on Oct 30-31, 2021. The event drew positive responses from all University Schools, sponsored by LOOM CIRCLE and PAGEBYPAGE.IN. With 1034 student registrations, the Zoom-based quiz featured two rounds: prelims and finals.

Subham Pattnaik, a senior society member, served as the quizmaster for the prelims on Oct 30. The top eight teams from this high-energy battle advanced to the grand finale on

Oct 31, jointly hosted by Shubham Pattnaik and Gaurav Sahoo. Team Cheems Lomvers, comprising Adarsh Raj Singh and Rachit Verma, emerged victorious, with Team Nimo and Team Quiz Ninjas securing the 1st and 2nd runner-up positions, respectively.

Winners received prize money and coupons from sponsors.

Gaurav Sahoo concluded with thanks, highlighting the event's impact on youth quizzing, and Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services, congratulated the winners, expressing gratitude to Qutopia for sustaining the quizzing culture at the University.



Workshop on Stock Market by Kraya & Kuber Society of KSAC



Kraya & Kuber, KIIT's Marketing and Finance Society under KSAC, partnered with Money Mange Academy in Assam for a two-day online Stock Market Workshop. Mr. Ahmed Abid Abbas, the Academy's Founder, shared valuable insights into Indian stock market investment, covering essential aspects for beginners, including technicalities and the psychological aspects of trading.

The workshop, attended by 320 students, facilitated a comprehensive understanding of stock market dynamics. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, expressed gratitude to the guest speaker and commended Team Kraya & Kuber for organizing a highly productive workshop. The initiative mirrors KSAC's commitment to enhancing students' financial literacy and understanding of the stock market.

This collaborative effort exemplifies KSAC's dedication to financially empowering students, ensuring they acquire skills for informed investment decisions. By fostering an environment for learning and engagement, Kraya & Kuber and Money Mange Academy significantly contribute to preparing students for the complexities of the financial landscape, furthering their knowledge and expertise in the realm of finance.



Alumni LIVE Series with Swapnil Roy Chowdhury



The 9th episode of Alumni LIVE Series was hosted by KSAC on 26th December 2021 with Mr. Swapnil Roy Chowdhury, a 2018 batch alumnus of School of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering. He is an Indian classical singer and composer by passion who has received numerous awards and accolades. The one hour programme consisted of interaction and LIVE performance by Mr. Swapnil. The event was hosted by Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services.

Mr. Swapnil is currently working with Accenture Solutions Pvt. Ltd. as a Software Development Analyst in the Communication and Media Technology domain. He received the Apex Award in 2019 from Accenture for Delivery and Profitability in the individual category. Mr. Swapnil represented India in South Korea in 2016 and once again in South Korea and Japan in 2017 at various prestigious conferences and reputed Universities. He was awarded with "The Student Achiever Award" for exemplary contribution in academics as well as extra-curricular activities in 2018. He had won the first prize in the band competition at Spring Fest organized by IIT-Kharagpur in 2018 and third prize in Acapella singing in Mood Indigo organized by IIT Bombay. Mr. Chowdhury thanked Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS for providing the best ambience for his academic as well as extracurricular pursuits.





Curtains Brought Down on Asia's Largest Online KIIT International Model United Nations 2021



The KIIT International e-Model United Nations (MUN) was organized by KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) from 17th to 19th December 2021. With over 670 delegates and 22 Executive board members from every corner of the world, the conference started with a blast. 11 committees deliberated on various agendas involving education, economic empowerment of women, human rights, climate change, international cooperation, health and many more.

The Inaugural ceremony was graced by H.E. Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of Mexico to India as the Chief Guest and Ms. Esther Karema Mutua, Education Attache, High Commission of Kenya, India as the Guest of Honour. They congratulated the Conference Secretariat for organizing MUN in the time of COVID and appreciated the involvement and interest of so many delegates in International relations. The guests were welcomed by Prof. Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU. Prof. Hrushiksha Mohanty, Vice Chancellor KIIT-DU emphasized the role of youth in International relations. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS and Hon'ble MP Loksabha addressed the delegates and thanked them for joining the conference. He wished them for a productive 3-days deliberations. He also congratulated the Conference Secretariat and KSAC for making the event happen on such a large scale. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services gave the closing remarks and thanked all dignitaries including Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Pro Vice Chancellor KIIT-DU.





KSAC Organizes Event to Highlight
Cultural Evolution of Indian Music
“Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”



Someone has rightly said, “Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit and never dies”. Music, being the ultimate euphony of life, has always carried its essence since generations. As a part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, Team Korus, the music and dance society of KIIT functioning under KSAC, organized a musical event on 26th January 2022 to highlight the cultural evolution of Indian music.

The students enthusiastically performed classical music, folk (bollywood) music and many others, which premiered on YouTube. Annisa Dutta, Kushan Sen Gupta, Sanchari Bhowmick, Dishani Basak, Mihir Chaudhary, Siddhant Serel, Ritoja Basu, Arpita Nath, Subhangi Rout, Arpita Das, and Indrani Chakraborty presented the song performances. Instrumental music performance was presented by Ankush Das, Amritansh Tiwari and Siddhant Serel. Sabyasachi Mishra, Lekhansh Ruprela and Ankush Das were the video editors, while Anshul Jain, Ankush Das and Rohit Mishra were the audio editors.

The event was hosted by Ashwani Singh, Debarghya Mukherjee and Yash from Kalliope, the Anchoring Society under KSAC. It was coordinated by Sudeshna Dutta and Subhojeet Bhattacharjee. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services congratulated the entire team for their flawless performance.

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Kzarshion Society of KSAC Organizes Orientation Program for its Members



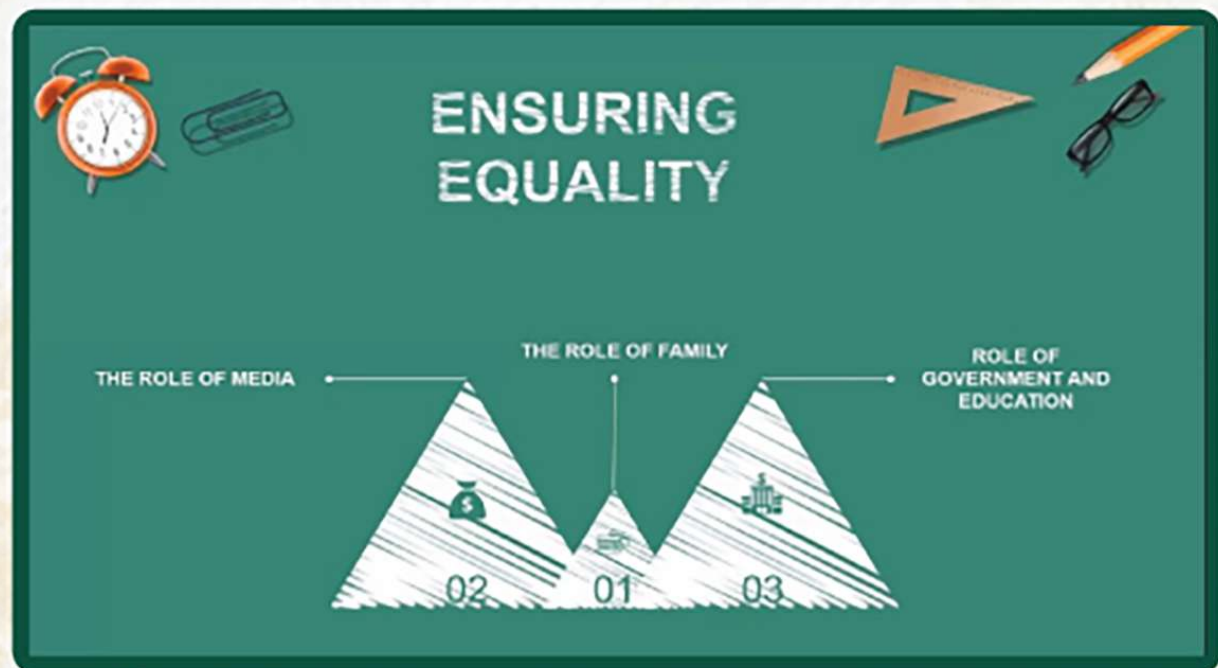
Kzarshion, the Fashion Society of KIIT functioning under KSAC, organized an orientation program for its members on 16th January 2022. It was a LIVE session with Mr. Jameel Khan, a versatile Indian Actor, as a special guest. Mr. Khan moved to Mumbai to pursue his acting career. He has acted in renowned films such as Asambhav, Gangs of Wasseypur, Goliyon Ki Rasleela, Ram-Leela and Baby. He also acted in Beneath the Sea of Lights starring Academy Award Nominee Barkhad Abdi and Jim Sarbh. Among his 2017 projects are the Kapil Sharma-starrer historic comedy drama Firangi and the Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif-starrer Tiger Zinda Hai. His 2019 release includes Setters, directed by Ashwini Chaudhary.

His story is not one of luck or overnight success. Mr. Khan was kind enough to talk about his own experience and interacted with the members of the society. The show was carried out smoothly by the host Mayank Kumar. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services thanked Mr. Jameel Khan for accepting the invitation and being a part of the show and also extended congratulations to Mayank Kumar for hosting the event so well.





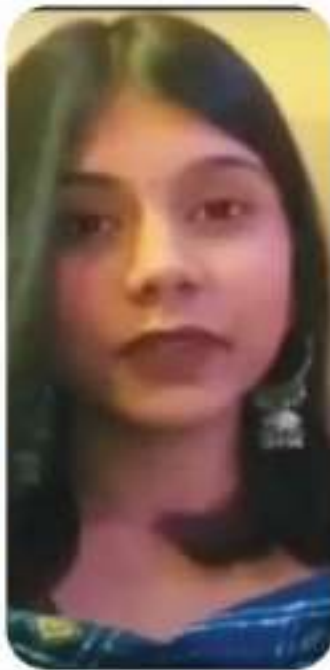
Women's Society of KSAC Organizes Open Mic Event "National Girl Child Day"



'The Women's Society 'Kamakshi' at KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) organized a virtual open mic discussion on January 24, 2022, in observance of National Girl Child Day. Aligned with the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the event focused on the theme "Empowerment of Girls" in the context of 75 years of Indian Independence. The society highlighted influential women, from Amelia Earhart to Asha Bhosle, who defied expectations and became pillars of strength for girls across society.

The event featured a video where society members shared inspirational stories, followed by a comprehensive presentation by faculty coordinator Ms. Parthiba Chakraborty. She presented statistics on the status of the girl child, covering literacy rates, employment, rights, societal treatment, government schemes, and media impact. A lively open mic session followed, with KIIT students expressing views on crucial topics like National Girl Child Day's significance, child marriage, child molestation, early education, and the role of boys in empowering girls. Moderated by Asst. Prof. Parthiba Chakraborty, the discussion garnered support from Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services. The society expressed gratitude to Prof. Achyuta Samanta, KIIT & KISS Founder, for advocating girl child education and recognized KIIT's leadership for fostering an inclusive environment. The event was skillfully organized by Society Coordinator Simran S. Bhuyan and Asst. Coordinator Anvesha Kanodia.





Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Keurig Society of KSAC Organizes
“The Zaika of India”



The Food Society of KIIT Deemed to be University, known as 'Keurig' and operating under the KIIT Student Activity Center (KSAC), recently hosted an event titled "The Zaika of India." This culinary extravaganza, celebrating the diverse Indian cuisines, premiered on YouTube on January 26, 2022, as part of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" festivities.

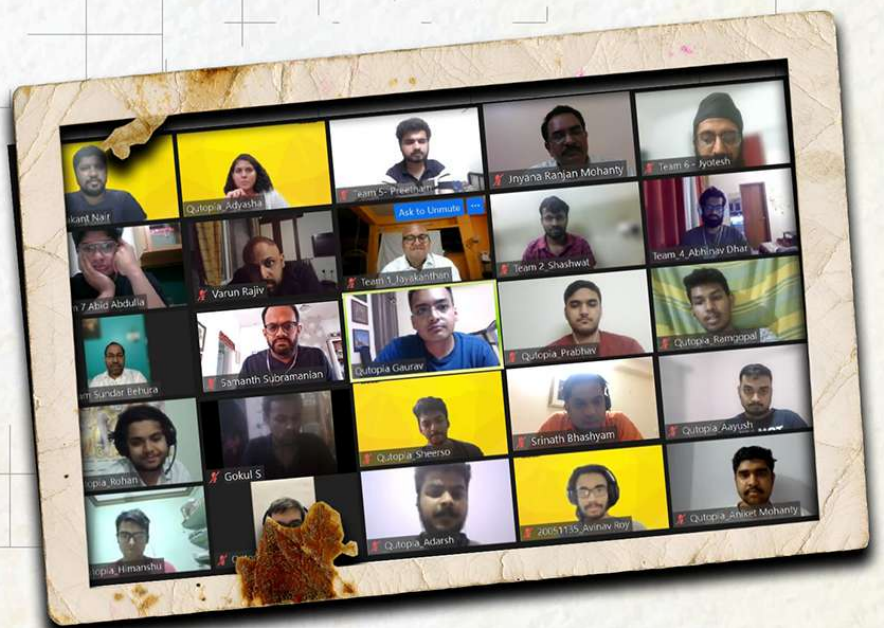
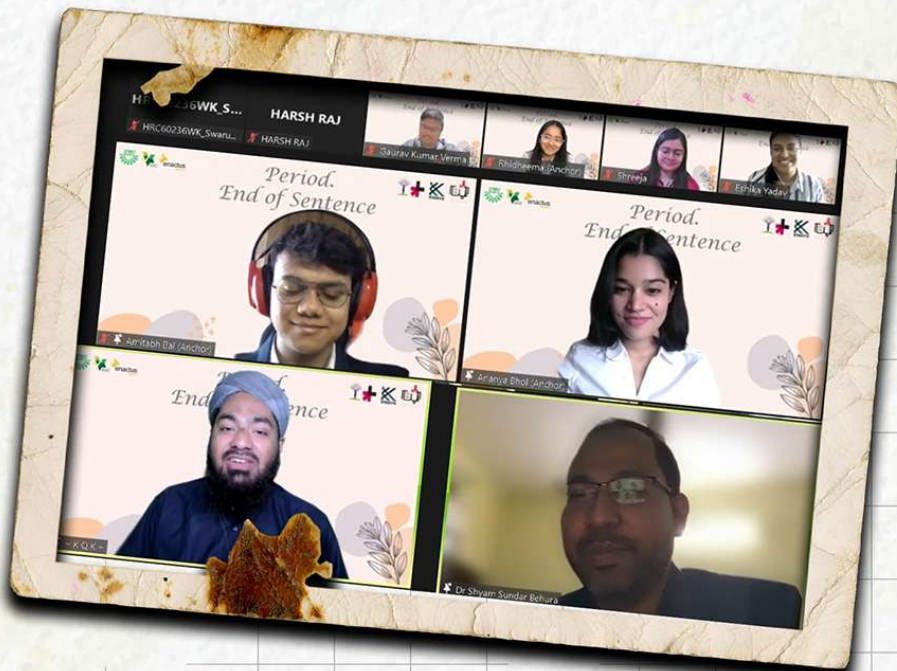
Representatives from nine states showcased their culinary skills in preparing iconic dishes. Participants included M.Sai Praveen, a 3rd Year ETC student, presenting Andhra Pradesh's Vadas; B. Jukta Atulya from 1st Year BA Psychology (Hons.) preparing Hyderabad Biryani; and Shidhatri Banerjee from 1st Year M.Sc Applied Microbiology making Gujarat's Dhokla.

Other notable dishes featured were Odia Thali by Sushree Mohapatra (2nd Year CSE), Chicken Kasha-Kolkata style by Prakriti Roy Chowdhury (2nd Year Aerospace Engineering), and Aalu ke swale of Uttarakhand by Ayush Negi (2nd Year CSE). Shreya Nath (3rd Year CSE) presented chicken vindaloo of Goa, Satyakam Nayak (1st year CSE) prepared Chole Bhature of Punjab, and Ishita Arya (2nd year CSCE) showcased Maharashtra's Pav Bhaji.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director-Student Services at KIIT, expressed gratitude to the participants, as well as the coordinators and assistant coordinators of Keurig for successfully organizing the event.



Interactive Session by KSAC under SDG-3



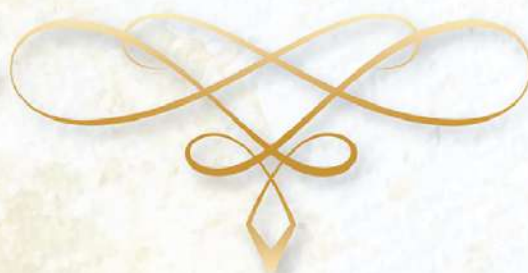
“Awareness is all about restoring your freedom to choose what you want instead of what your past imposes on you.”

--Deepak Chopra

Menstruation is just another biological process; but has a great impact on our society as a whole. To break the shackles of such ideologies, Enactus KISS-KIIT, functioning under KSAC, conducted an informative and immersive interactive session on “Period-End of Sentence” under the social-media campaign #mypadmystory and Sustainable Development Goal 3 on 20th February 2022.

This event was organized with the joint effort of the other student societies of KIIT, namely Kamakshi, the Women’s Society, Kimaya, the Medical Society and Wordsmith, the Literary (Writing) Society. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Parul Sinha, MBBS, MS (Obstetrics and Gynecology), AIIMS Raebareli.

Dr. Parul Sinha articulated on how to maintain optimal health and hygiene, addressed and debunked the myths prevalent among the attendees regarding anti-depressants, painkillers, period suppression medication, as well as a few superstitious beliefs. The talk followed a Q&A session that gave an opportunity to the curious audience to ask various queries regarding lifestyle changes. Responding to a question, Dr. Sinha suggested adding 30 minutes of workout five days a week, lowering caffeine intake, and taking warm baths to gradually decrease the pain of abdominal cramps.

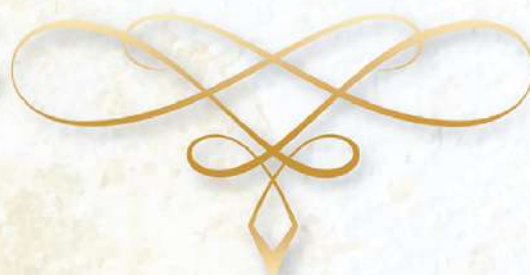


Kandid with Kzarshion 3



‘Kzarshion’, the Fashion Society of KIIT Deemed to be University functioning under KSAC, hosted the 3rd Episode of “Kandid with Kzarshion” LIVE on 18th February 2022 with a very special guest Ms. Divija Gambhir, who was crowned as Miss Multinational India 2021 and Glamanand Supermodel India.

She is living the dream of her mother as a pageant winner and aims to bring more glory to India in the years to come. For Divija, it is all about competing with her inner self and achieving her dreams.



Koffee With Kaliope 2



The 2nd episode of Koffee with Kalliope Season 2 was hosted on 27th February 2022 with Guest Ms. Anaheez Patel, a prominent fitness blogger and marketing professional at Vogue & Condé Nast Traveler. Ms. Patel discussed a myriad of topics such as student health and breaking fitness stereotypes.

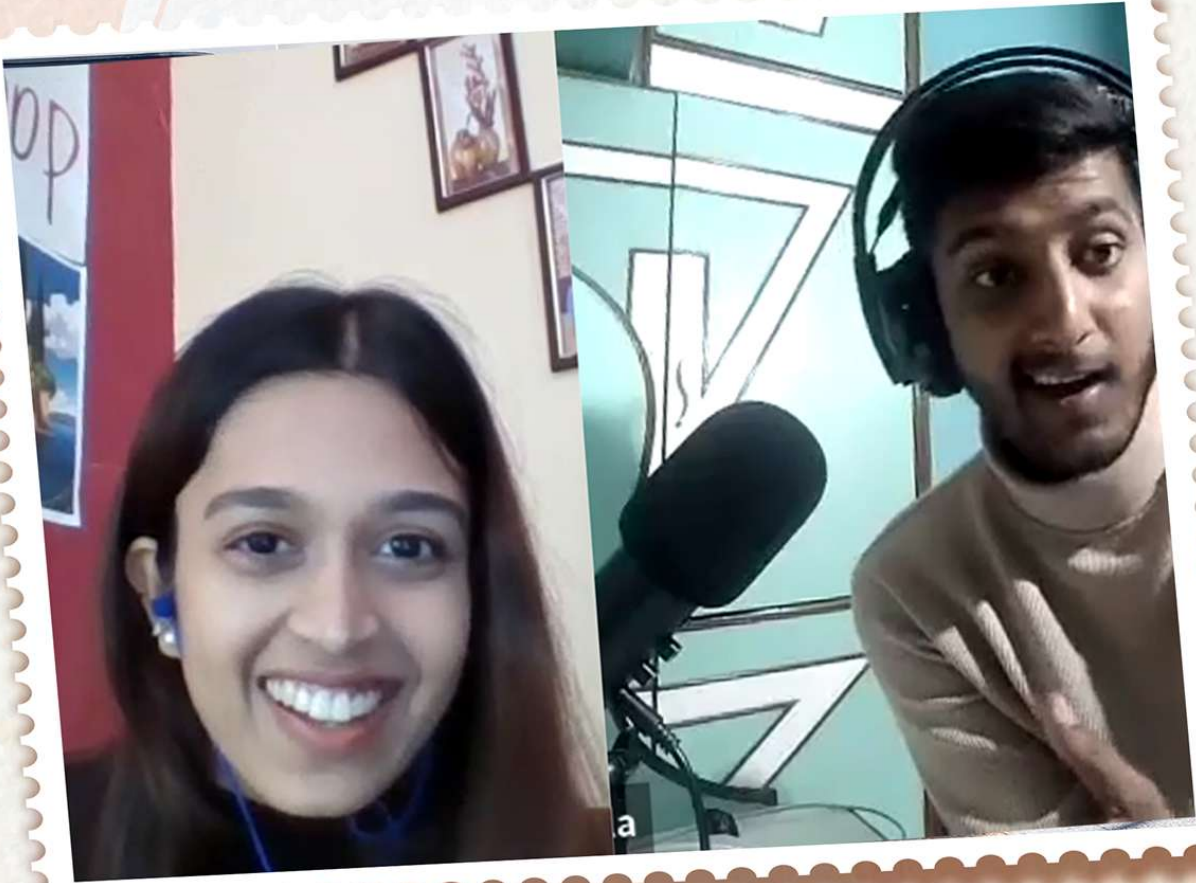
She focused on how determination and resilience are essential to break the stereotypes imposed by society. She also emphasized how fitness is not merely a trend or job you do for a few weeks and give up once you've lost weight. Instead, it's about consistency and the will to do better. She also insisted on encouraging unadulterated ways of living and loving oneself, irrespective of their appearance.

At the age of 23, Ms. Anaheez Patel has accomplished popularity in the field of fitness & healthy well-being. Possessing a follower count of more than 47k, Ms. Patel contributes to creating awareness among the youth to live a healthy and fit life for the better.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services thanked the guest for being a part of the show and also extended congratulations to Team Kalliope for organizing this show so well and to Nivedita Basu and Amita Banerjee for effortlessly hosting the event.



Konverse with Kalliope” – A Workshop on Public Speaking by KSAC

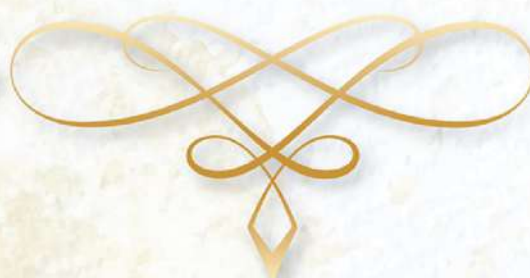


‘Kalliope’, the official Anchoring Society of KIIT Deemed to be University functioning under KSAC, held the first session of “Konverse with Kalliope”, a free-for-all workshop aimed at mastering the art of Public Speaking on 13th February 2022. Mr. Aman Shukla, a TEDx Speaker and an exceptional Public Speaking Coach graced the event as the guest.

Mr. Shukla gave invaluable advice and key pointers regarding various aspects of public speaking and the key to overcoming stage fright. He emphasized the importance of body language and suggested practicing power poses before going on stage.

Keeping the audience engaged and interactive by making eye contact was a significant suggestion. His use of practical examples and real-life anecdotes made the audience listen in rapt attention and interact enthusiastically. He stressed the need to ask, follow up and relate while communicating.

The workshop concluded following an interactive Q&A session with Mr. Shukla, focusing on implementing the key takeaways from the session into our daily lives. The event was a success and was hosted by Zenab Habib. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, KIIT-DU thanked Team Kalliope for organizing the event.



Kraya & Kuber Society of KSAC Conducts Finance Workshop 2.0



PILLARS OF A GOOD BUDGET

- Allocation : General, Economic, Social Sector
- Distribution : Degree of Progressivity in tax
- Stabilisation: Inflation, Unemployment, Exchange rate Variation, All <5%

Richard Musgrave

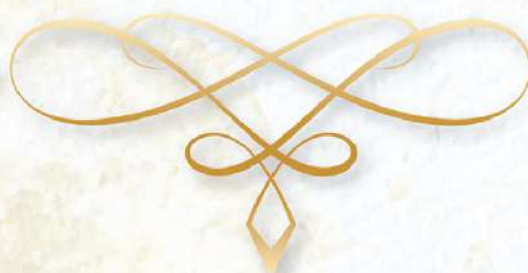
‘Kraya & Kuber’, the Marketing & Finance Society of KIIT functioning under KSAC, organized the “Finance Workshop 2.0” on 6th February 2022 virtually on Zoom platform.

The workshop, which had “Current Trends of Economics” as its theme and “Financial Budget-2022” as topic, was graced by Prof. S. N. Mishra, Dean, KSOM as the guest speaker and mentored by Prof. Biswajit Patnaik and Prof. (Dr.) Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director-Student Services, KIIT.

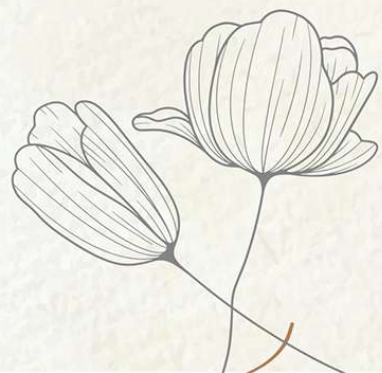
Providing an overview of the current situation of the Indian economy vis-a-vis global trends, Prof. Mishra discussed the various indicators of the economy and pointed out areas that the government needs to focus on.

He summarized the Budget-2022 and its thrust areas. He threw light on provisions on various sectors like food, education, MSME, tax, etc. and predicted the impact of the Budget on them. Prof. Mishra concluded his presentation with the hits and misses of the Budget, while sharing his views on what could have been done. The talk was followed by a Q&A session.

As many as 250 students from KIIT and other institutions attended the workshop, which was managed by Miss Limarani Nayak and Mr. Ashfaq Ali, Coordinators, “Kraya & Kuber” along with other members of the Society, and hosted by Miss Tannya Gorai.



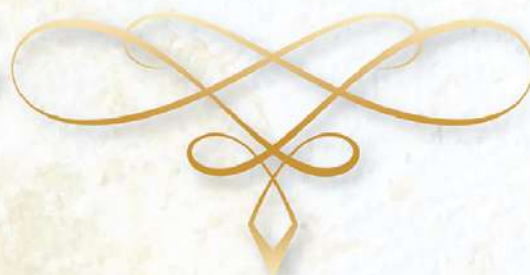
KSAC Celebrates “Matrihasha Diwas”



The student members of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) celebrated "Matribhasha Diwas" on 21st February 2022 on virtual mode to promote and preserve mother languages.

The cultural meet started with a melodic Sanskrit song sung beautifully by Shaswat Singh. Sudeshna Rath, with her soulful voice, sang a sweet-sounding Marathi and Odia song. The meet was beautifully ended with Indrani Chakraborty's lovely Bengali song highlighting the linguistic diversity of our country.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura Dy. Director SS spoke about the relevance of different languages and thanked the organizers of the event.



Talk Show by Keurig Society of KSAC



‘Keurig’, the KIIT Food Society functioning under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized “Dawat-e-Keurig 2.0”, a Talk Show with Chef Muraleedharan Parammal. Currently working as an Executive Chef at Radisson, Goa, Mr. Parammal has a career spanning 28 years. The 40 minute interview went LIVE on KSAC Facebook page.

Chef Parammal talked about his career and special dishes which he loves to prepare giving tips to the students. Conversations and bright ideas were exchanged. The talk show ended with a Q&A session where Chef Parammal answered questions posed by the Keurig members. Aniket Patro hosted the talk show.

The event was coordinated by the Coordinators and Asst. Coordinators of ‘Keurig’. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director-SS, KIIT-DU thanked the speaker for sharing his expertise with the young mass and congratulated Team Keurig for the wonderful show.



Tech-Expo Organized by KIIT Electrical Society



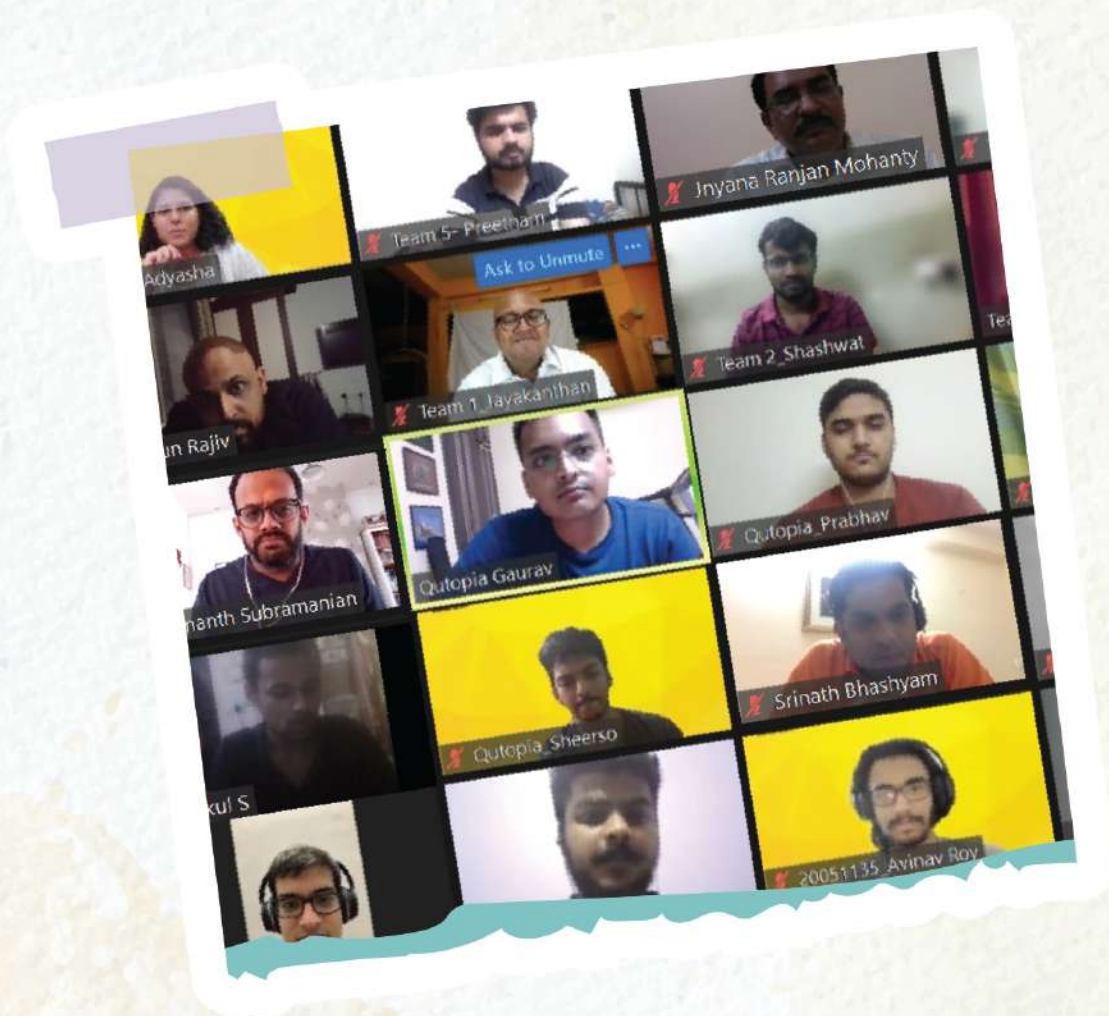
A two-day Tech-Expo was organized by KIIT Electrical Society (KES), functioning at KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), on 26th & 27th February 2022. With the motto 'build Small, Think Big', KES aims to design and develop state-of-the-art electrical products, with distinctive characteristics and to promote social and intellectual benefits.

The Expo, hosted by Mr. Bishwayan Ghosh, Ms. Riya Aditya and Mr. Arinban Sadhukhan, had six teams; namely, Team Gold Diggers, Team Code it out, Team Brute Force, Team Mood Busters, and Team Malbros. They showcased their projects on Hotel Automation System, Automatic Attendance System, Light Tracking Solar Panel using Arduino, Emotion Detection Using Speech and Motion and Light Based Room Operating System respectively.

Three teams, Team Marv 0259, Team Headshot, and Team Soul Saver, displayed their projects like Anti Sleep System with auto generative breaking, Automatic Fire and Gas Leak Detection and Triggering of ventilation and alert, and Controlling DC Motor with IR sensor respectively. There was also a fun quiz and Q&A session on projects shown during the event.



“Udghosh, the Open Quiz Contest, Hosted by KSAC Goes International



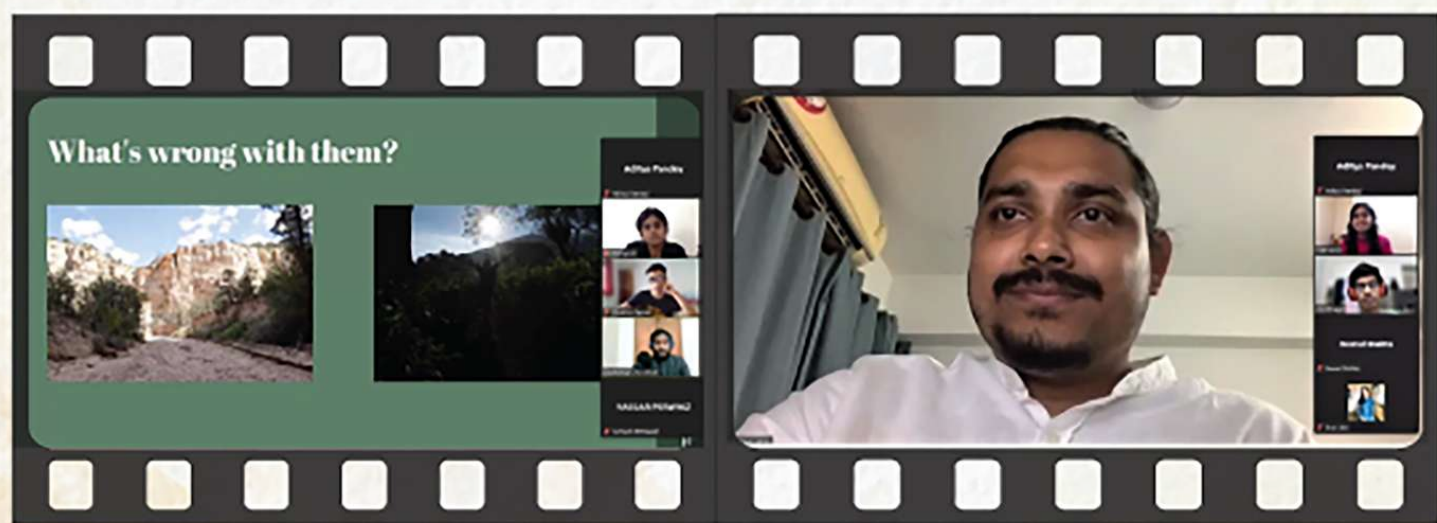
With the tagline "Valiant Warriors Seek Worthy Opponents", the 16th Edition of Udghosh, the International Level Open Quiz organized by Qutopia, the Quizzing Society of KIIT functioning at KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), was conducted with spirited participation from quiz enthusiasts. This year, Udghosh was conducted in three phases to refine the best amongst the challengers. Total 945 teams from India and abroad participated in the screening round of the quiz, out of which 100 teams qualified for the prelims. Out of those 100, 10 teams qualified for the finals held on 27th February 2022. The entire quiz was conducted by Quizmaster Major Chandrakant Nair, a prominent figure in the quizzing circuit.

Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU and Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services congratulated the winners and thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS for initiating this quiz contest 16 years back. They also thanked Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU for all her support and Team Qutopia for taking Udghosh to the next level.





KIIT Film Society Organizes Cinematography Workshop

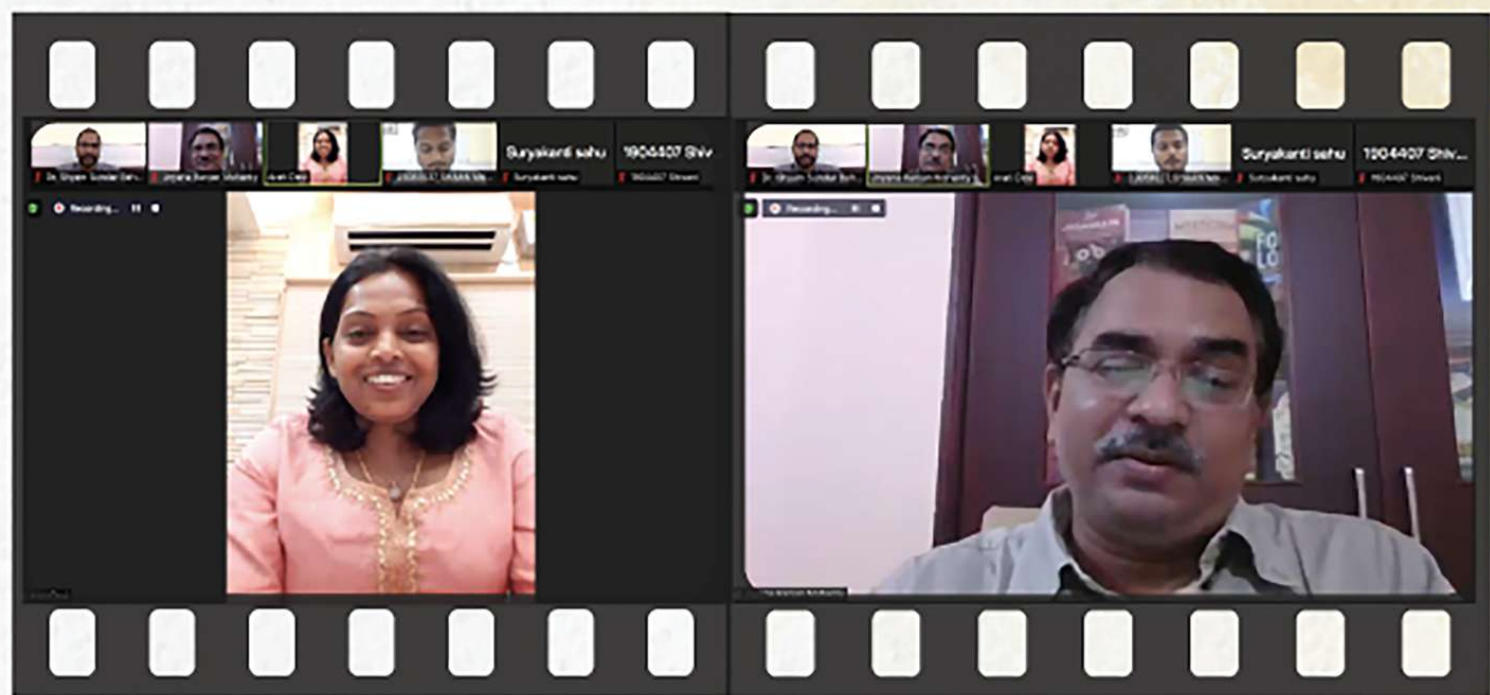


The KIIT Film Society and Miranda House's Celluloid Film Society collaboratively hosted a dynamic two-day cinematography workshop, "Behind the Screens," at KSAC from March 12th to 13th, 2022. Facilitating insightful conversations between esteemed guests and eager participants, the event explored the nuances of cinematography and a shared devotion to filmmaking.

Commencing with a student-led session by Sirshendu Chaudhari from KIIT Film Society and Ananya Gupta from Celluloid, the workshop covered cinematography basics, encouraging interactive discussions and participant queries. The subsequent segment featured Mr. Arjun Kukreti, a seasoned cinematographer, elucidating technical aspects and recounting personal experiences from diverse projects.

On the concluding day, Mr. Manish Nihalani underscored the importance of meticulous attention in cinematography, drawing from his experiences in documentary film making and outlining distinctions from conventional film projects. The workshop provided an enriching platform for participants to engage with seasoned professionals. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Deputy Director of Student Services at KIIT, also addressed the gathering. The Society expressed gratitude to key figures, including Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, and other contributors pivotal to the workshop's success.



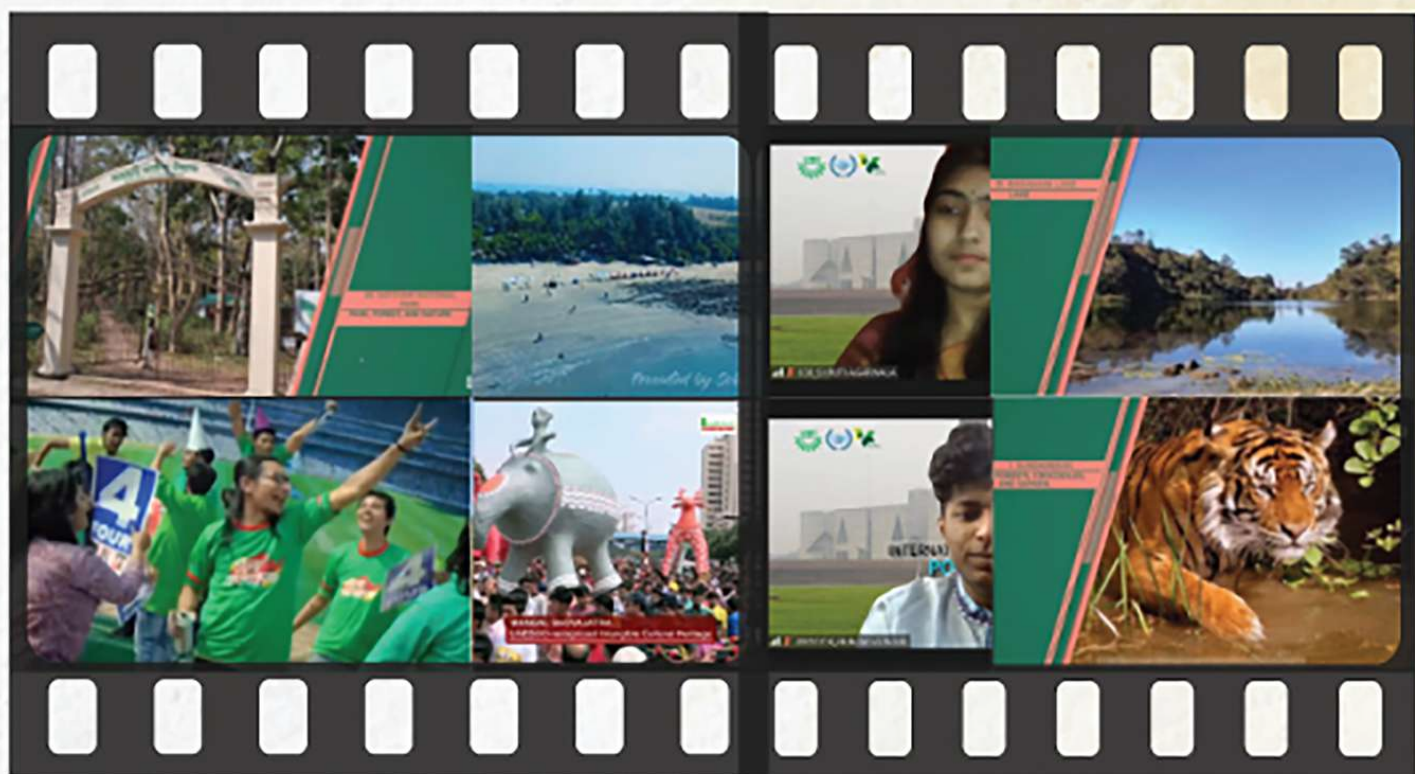


KSAC Hosts Annual Social Awareness Event, Kritarth 6.0



'Khwaab', the Society for Social Cause working with the philosophy of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, hosted the two-day annual social awareness event, Kritarth 6.0 with the theme "Be the Change for a Sustainable Tomorrow" on 19th - 20th March 2022. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Ms. Arati Devi, India's Youngest & Fmr. Sarpanch of Ganjam, Odisha and a social activist. Prof. Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT-DU delivered the opening remarks. Ms. Arati Devi spoke about her inspiring journey and addressed the young audience on the importance of girls' education in rural areas to build a strong and independent society. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Deputy Director, Student Services, KIIT proposed the word of thanks. This year, Kritarth 6.0 hosted seven distinct online events with contribution from different societies such as Klick It, Kosumbre, Kanvassing, Devil's Advocate, Rocket Singh, Tech Warz and Kritarth Got Talent with the goal of bringing about the change they want to see for a more sustainable future.





KSAC Organizes International Student Podcast



The KIIT International Student Society functioning at KSAC organized a Podcast (episode-3) featuring Bangladesh. The event was hosted by Tasnimur Rahman Anas, a second year student. Different attractions and features of Bangladesh were presented by 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students at the event. Geography and climate were presented by Shruti Agarwala; Culture, Ethnicity and Festivals by Abdullah Al Nakib; History by Muhit Khan; Traditional Dance and Music by Mithila and Kotha; and Environment & Tourism by Tanvir Ahmed. The videos and poster works were contributed by Swagata Roy and Al Nafis Fuad Shuvo.

The event was well organized under the guidance of the Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators of KIIT International Student Society, Miss Sugee Geethama, Miss Suweni Rajapakshe and Mr. Selim Sarowar. The event went LIVE on Facebook by KSAC. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Deputy Director, Student Services and Mr. Vikas Kumar Sabata, Jt. Director, KIIT International Relations Office thanked the participants for all their efforts. They also thanked Ms. Abantika Pattanayak – Staff In charge of International Student Society, Sidharth Roy - Asst. Liaison Officer, KIIT International Relations Office and Mr. Aniruddha Roy, Executive KSAC for their support.



Koffee with Kalliope 3

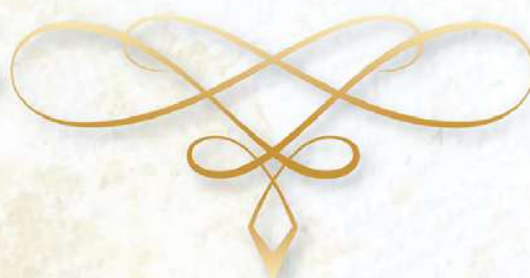


The third episode of the second season of “Koffee with Kalliope” was hosted by Shuvrانشu Kar and Sharoni Bose and it featured

Ms. Sujata Biswas and Ms. Taniya Biswas, Co-founders of the Fashion Brand, Suta. Suta is a Mumbai-based fashion brand which works with weavers from all over India to create hand woven and handcrafted products. The women behind this brand,

Ms. Sujata Biswas and Ms. Taniya Biswas have deep roots in Bhubaneswar. Both have done their undergrad from Odisha and then worked at separate places before collaborating on Suta.

The show focused on their childhood, their bond as sisters and business partners, how Suta came into being, the challenges faced early on and how different factors influenced their journey. It also included a fun segment before ending with some tips and advice to young and aspiring entrepreneurs.



Suhana Safar



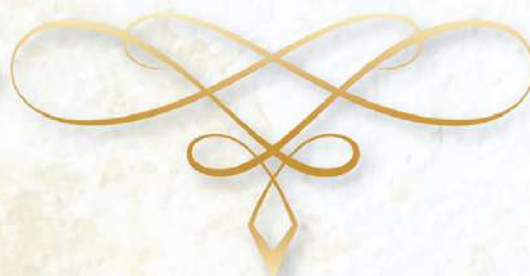
Treat yourself to the nostalgia, witness Suhana Safar with Rafi & Kishore on April 22, 6 PM at Auditorium Campus-6 KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology.

The Auditorium of Campus-6 of KIIT came alive on April 22 at 6 PM as music enthusiasts gathered to witness the enchanting event, "Suhana Safar with Rafi & Kishore." The evening unfolded as a mesmerizing journey through the annals of musical history, paying tribute to the timeless melodies of two iconic voices.

The air within the auditorium resonated with the magic of Rafi and Kishore's legendary songs, transporting the audience to a bygone era of musical brilliance. The event, which had been eagerly anticipated, surpassed expectations, becoming a celebration of the enduring legacy these maestros left behind.

As attendees immersed themselves in the soulful tunes, a palpable sense of nostalgia permeated the atmosphere. The camaraderie among music enthusiasts further heightened the experience, creating an unforgettable evening filled with the harmonious threads of timeless melodies.

"Suhana Safar with Rafi & Kishore" succeeded in bridging the past and present, serving as a melodic haven that celebrated the rich musical treasures of yesteryear. The event became a record of the indelible mark left by Rafi and Kishore, ensuring that their contributions to the world of music continue to resonate with audiences for generations to come.





KFS Short Film Fest



On April 25, 2022, the KIIT Film Society launched The KFS Short Film Fest '22, accepting submissions until May 2, 2022, from both national and international entrants. The festival featured diverse categories, including Best Under 30 Minutes Short Film, Best 2 Minute Short Film, Best Documentary, and technical awards. On May 7, 2022, the selected films were screened at the School of Architecture and Planning's Auditorium, starting at 10:30 am.

Esteemed judges, Asutosh Pattnaik, the 63rd national award winner for "Sahi Jatra," and actor Ashwini Ray Mohapatra, presided over the event. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Prof. Ajay Mishra, Ms. Abantika Pattanayak, Dr. Yannam Deepak, and Mr. Sirshendu Chaudhuri added prestige to the occasion alongside a packed auditorium.

The festival began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the judges, followed by a classical dance performance. The opening film, "What You See In The Dark," set the tone for the event. Culminating with the screening of the closing documentary "Udyanavanam," the festival concluded with the announcement of winners and expressions of gratitude from the judges.





TEDxKIITUniversity 2022: Ingenious Talks That Inspire TEDxKIITUniversity Hosts National & International TED Speakers



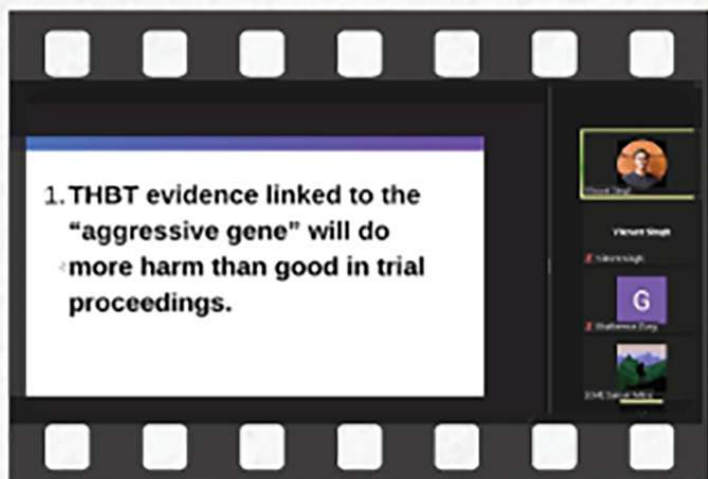
TEDxKIITUniversity 2022, hosted by the Student Activity Centre of KIIT Deemed to be University on May 8, marked the 6th edition of the event, centered around the theme 'Beauty of Ingenuity.' The theme aimed to underscore the pivotal role of creativity and innovation in paving the way for monumental success in an individual's life. Since its inception in 2016, TEDxKIITUniversity has consistently empowered and guided the inquisitive minds of its audience.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT & KISS, who engaged with the esteemed speakers. The inaugural session featured addresses from key figures including Prof. Sasmita Samanta (Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU), Prof. Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty (Registrar), Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura (Deputy Director, Student Services), and Ms. Arushi Mishra (CEO of TEDxKIITUniversity).

With a total of 11 speakers, including five joining virtually from overseas via Zoom, TEDxKIITUniversity showcased diverse perspectives. Eminent personalities like ex-ISRO scientist Dr. Vasudevan Gnanagandhi, wildlife conservationist Dr. Shailendra Singh, and Hollywood choreographer Mr. James Combo Marino contributed to the rich lineup. The event left an indelible mark on the audience, prompting introspection and adding another golden chapter to the legacy of successful events hosted by Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar.

In essence, TEDxKIITUniversity 2022 epitomized the spirit of TED, weaving together inspiration, knowledge, and





Asian Parliamentary Debate, Pratijja v17.0, Organized by KSAC



“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debate”

~Joseph Joubert

Every year, KIIT Deemed to be University hosts Pratijja, an annual international parliamentary debate drawing prodigious debating talent globally. Pratijja v17, conducted from June 3rd to 5th, 2022, brought together 27 institutes and universities from India and abroad, along with independent teams from various nations. The three-day event featured 35 participating teams engaging in five preliminary rounds, exploring diverse topics from Law to Gaming, Beliefs, and Politics, enriching the debates.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event adopted an online format. After intense debates, 8 teams out of 40 advanced to the Quarterfinals, showcasing neck-and-neck competition that evoked both disappointment and joy. The climax arrived with the final round between Hansraj College, Delhi, and the non-institutional team "Current Status Quo." After a fierce battle, Status Quo emerged victorious by a narrow margin.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, SS, extended congratulations to the Organizing Committee, 'Kreative Eye,' and KSAC staff for the event's resounding success.





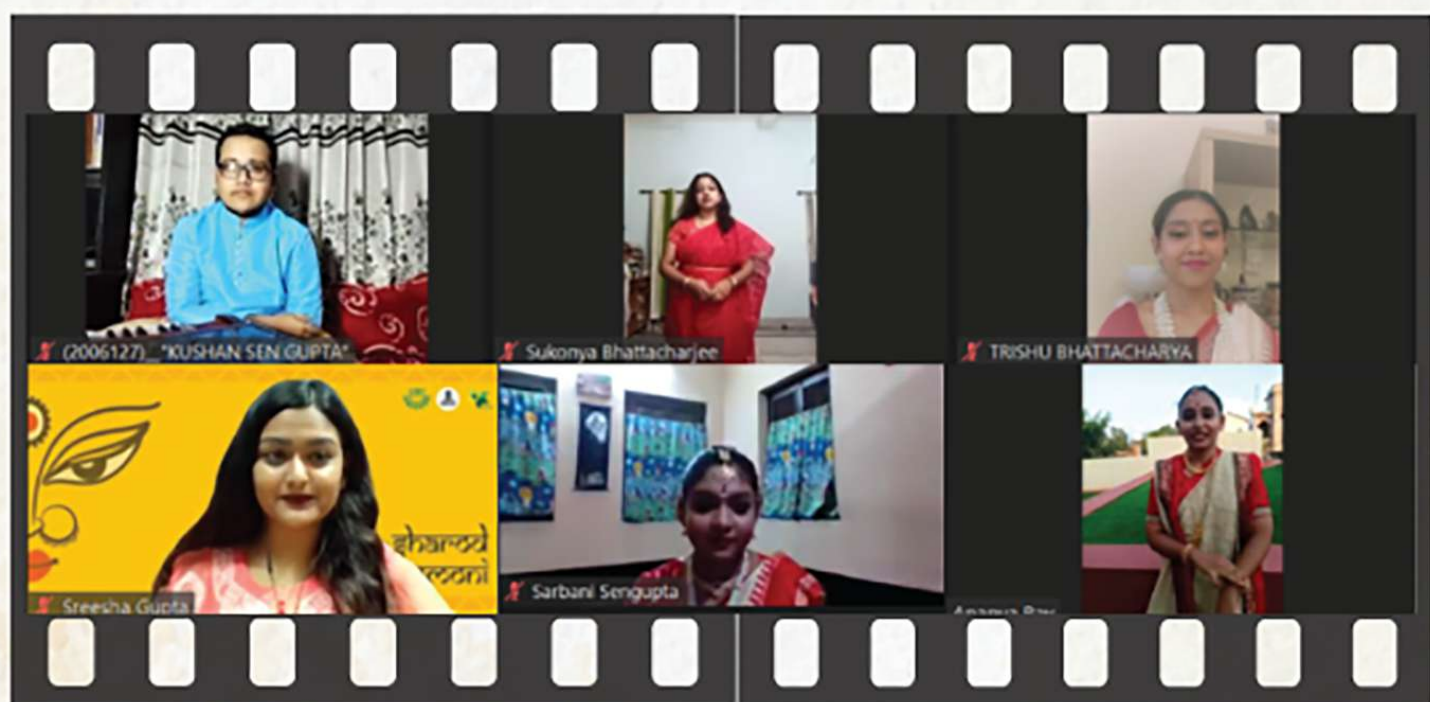
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KSAC Celebrates “Sharod Agomoni”



On the auspicious occasion of Mahalaya, the members of Korus, the Music & Dance Society under KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), along with the anchors of Kalliope, the anchoring society, presented a Live Performance “Sharod Agomoni” through the Official Facebook page of KSAC.

The show garnered over 1.5k viewers. The programme was introduced by the anchors Debarghya Mukherjee and Sreesha Gupta. The inauguration dance was performed by Sukanya Bhattacharjee. Mahalaya without chanting isn't complete. So, the majestic song “Narayani Namastute” was sung by Birendra Krishna Bhadra. Annisa Dutta gave a mesmerizing performance on the song “Bajlo tomar alor”.

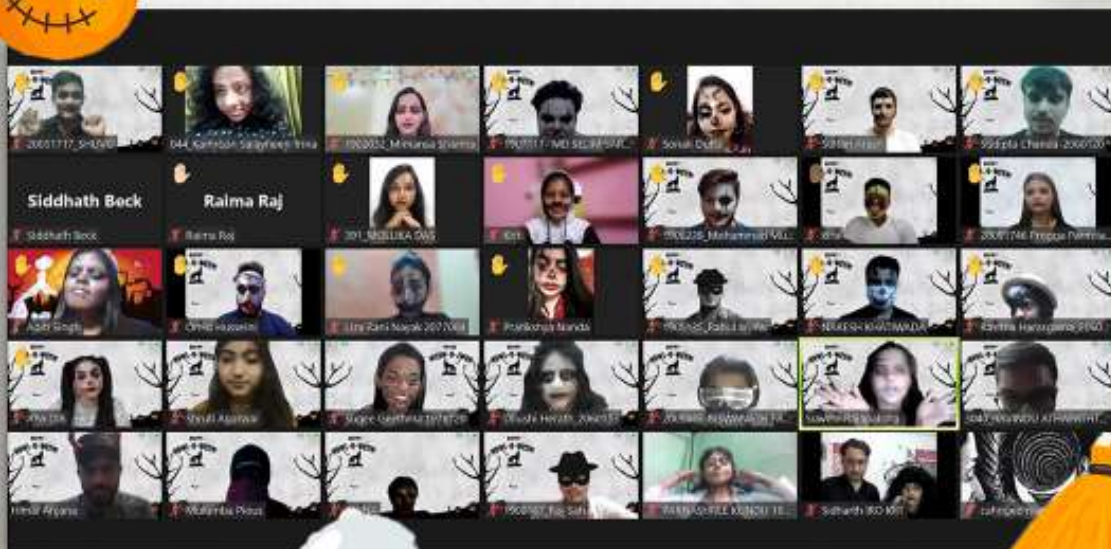
The programme continued with Annanya Ray's sumptuous dance on the song “Ogo amar agomoni” followed by Kushan Sengupta's opulent voice on the song Jog Maya. Sarbani Sengupta then gave a resplendent dance performance on the song ‘Aaj baaje mono majhe’, followed by Trishu Bhattacharya's dance on the song ‘Jaya jaya jayya jaye’.

The event concluded with a delightful performance by Ritoja Basu on the song Elo Elo durga and with a sublime endnote by the anchors. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director Student Services thanked the students for keeping the legacy of celebrating all festivals in KIIT as envisioned by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.



KIIT International Student Society of KSAC Celebrates Halloween

05/11/2021



KSAC's KIIT International Student Society celebrated a virtual Halloween in 2021, commencing with a spooky video and featuring ghostly clips from Kenya, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Nepal, Bhutan, and Uganda. The virtual talent show showcased diverse performances, including Sri Lankan traditional dances, a song from Afghanistan, a short act from Sri Lanka, and a song from Bangladesh.

Exciting events included Mr. & Miss Halloween selection, a Halloween persona game, Creepy mask decoration, a virtual haunted house tour, and a Spine thriller murder mystery game.

Suweni announced the winners, followed by gratitude expressed by Ravindu and Dilushi. They thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, and KIIT's senior officials, as well as Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services, Mr. Vikas Kumar Sabata, Jt. Director, International Relations, Mr. Sidharth Roy from KIIT International Office, and Ms. Abantika Pattanayak for their support. The event concluded with a dance and a Halloween song, with Suweni, Dilushi, and Ravindu as hosts.





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Sustainable Development Goal 5 KSAC Staff Observe International Women's Day



The staff of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) observed International Women's Day with the unprivileged women of Nilapadia Basti, Sailashree Vihar, Bhubaneswar. Under the banner of SDG 5 (Gender Equality), the women were sensitized on their rights and responsibilities and the importance of health and hygiene. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura Dy. Director-Student Services, KIIT explained to them their rights to privacy and confidentiality, be treated ethically with dignity and respect, live without violence and fear and make their own choices. The other staff members Sonali Pradhan, Jayalaxmi Mishra, Mrutyunjay Panda and Aniruddha Roy sensitized them on the need to help break the silence, raise awareness and change negative social norms surrounding menstrual hygiene. This will help women and girls feel empowered to manage their periods safely, hygienically, with confidence and without embarrassment. All women were also informed about the Kanya Kiran initiative of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. The staff distributed new sarees and sanitary napkins among them.



Plantation Drive by KSAC



Khwaab, the Society for Social Responsibility of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), recently spearheaded a Plantation Drive that transcended borders, spanning the verdant landscapes of both India and Sri Lanka. In a collective effort to combat Ozone Layer depletion and amplify the eco-conscious vision set forth by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the revered Founder of KIIT & KISS, Khwaab members planted saplings at carefully chosen sites in each country.

Motivated by the overarching "Go Green" initiative championed by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Khwaab's members understood the gravity of their mission. Their hands-on approach to planting saplings was a symbolic gesture, underscoring the urgent need for global environmental responsibility. As these young minds nurtured the growth of new life, they embodied the core values of KIIT & KISS, showcasing the institution's commitment to fostering a generation that actively contributes to sustainable practices.

In planting the seeds of change, Khwaab envisioned a future where greenery thrives, and the delicate balance of the ecosystem is preserved. Through their small-scale yet impactful actions, the society echoed the profound truth that collective efforts, no matter how modest, can ripple into a more sustainable and resilient planet. The Plantation Drive stood as a testament to the potential for positive change when driven by a shared commitment to safeguarding the environment.



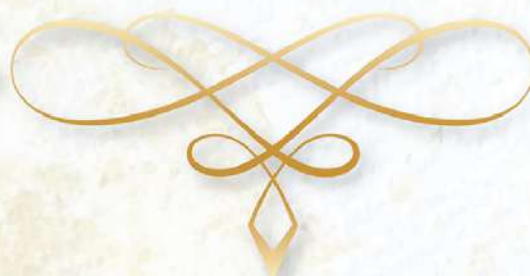
KSAC Conducts Painting Competition



‘Kraftovity’, the Art and Craft Society of KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC) under the banner of ‘Art of Giving’, conducted a painting competition, Chhavi, at Tapovan Basti, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on 3rd October 2021.

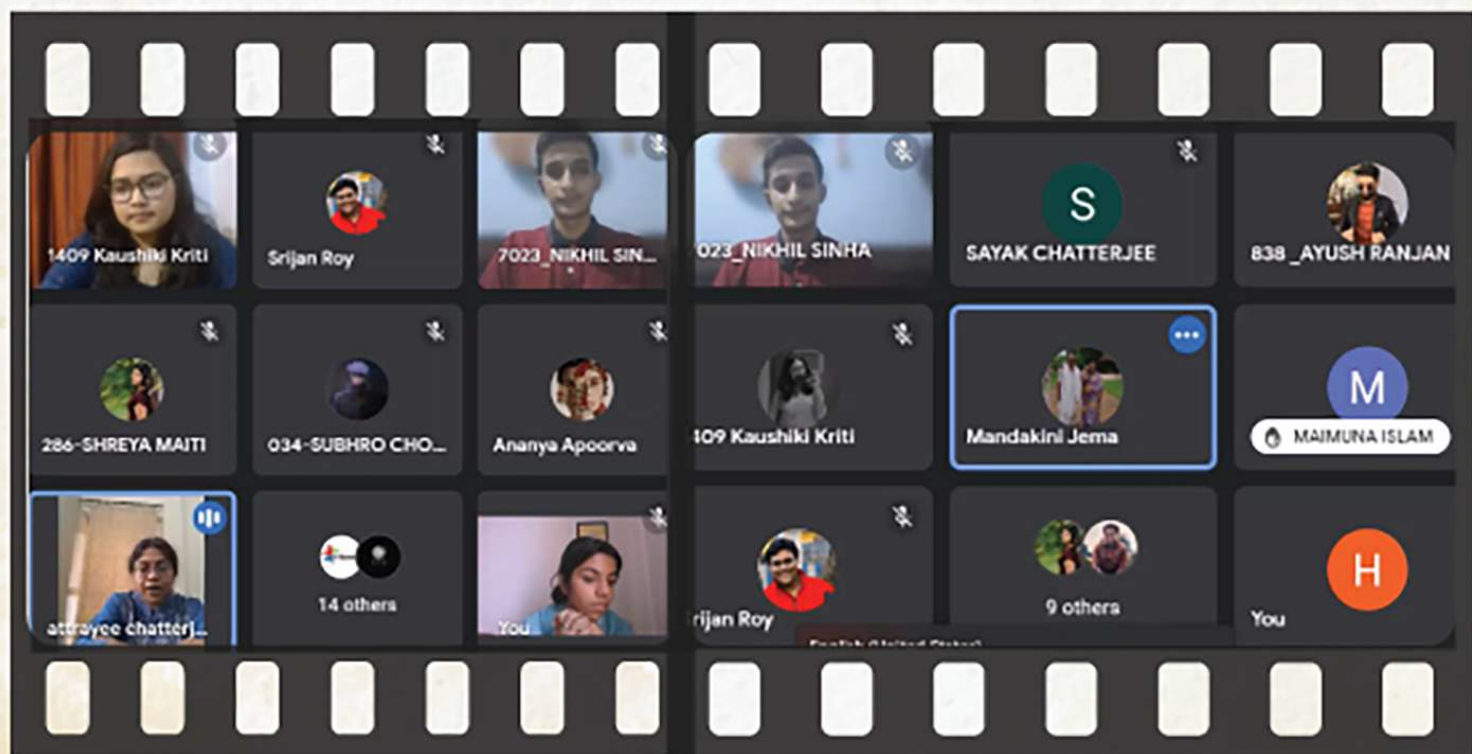
Many students participated in the event and the top three winners were awarded with Certificates and Framed Paintings made by the student members of ‘Kraftovity’. All children were given file folders, learning stationeries and food packets in the ‘Art of Giving’ bags.

Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services addressed the children about the concept of ‘Art of Giving’ initiated by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. He also gave away the prizes to the winners. He thanked Ms. Jaylaxmi Mishra and Ms. Sonali Pradhan, staff of KSAC for coordinating the event.





KSAC Organizes Women's Special Event "International Women's Day"



In celebration of International Women's Day, KIIT Wordsmith, the Official Literary Society of KIIT, orchestrated a special event titled "Adi Shakti: Dreamers and Achievers" at KSAC. The event aimed to honor the essence of womanhood, featuring Dr. Attrayee Adhya Chatterjee, Associate Professor of English at G. D. Binani P. G. College, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, as the distinguished speaker. Dr. Chatterjee eloquently emphasized the power of womankind across diverse fields, delving into the mythological significance of "Adi Shakti" and its contemporary relevance in feminism. The discussions spanned various facets of feminism, including overlooked topics such as casual sexism, workplace injustice against women, and the erosion of feminist ideals.

Thought-provoking questions posed by the speaker sparked engaging discussions, with participants from diverse fields contributing intriguing viewpoints. The event incorporated creative writing exercises, prompting attendees to compose letters expressing gratitude to impactful women in their lives. Participants also shared the challenges they encounter due to the fragile foundation of feminism in their daily lives. The event concluded with a resonant take-home message and a heartfelt vote of thanks. Dy. Director Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura extended congratulations to the organizing team for orchestrating a thought-provoking and impactful gathering..

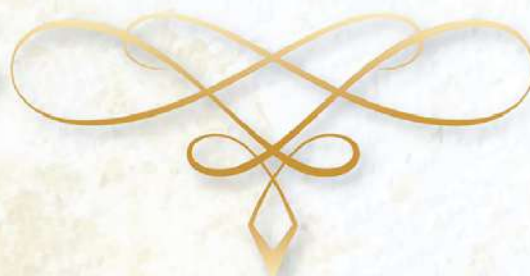


Earth Day



Investing in nature is the best thing one can do for the future generations. The KIIT Animal and Environmental Welfare Society (KAEWS), functioning at KIIT Student Activity Centre (KSAC), organized a Plantation Drive on World Earth Day, the 22nd of April 2022, at Andharua, Bhubaneswar.

This was a noble gesture to fight the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution and also supports the “Go Green” initiative of Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS. All arrangements were done for the proper nurturing of the saplings which were provided by the Horticulture Department of KIIT.



World Health Day



‘KIMAYA’, the Medical Society of KIIT functioning at KSAC, organized a Health Awareness Programme promoting Sustainable Development Goal-3 at Tapovan Basti, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on the occasion of World Health Day.

Student members of KIMAYA, who belong to medical, dental and nursing courses, informed the inhabitants of the basti about general health, hygiene, nutrition, oral health and first aid measures through live demonstrations and interactive sessions. They educated the mass through video demonstrations of first aid techniques, tooth brushing techniques and oral hygiene measures.

This was followed by a Health Quiz session for the students. All participants were given certificates and a health and first aid kit.

The event was organized by the Student Coordinators of the Society, Shamanish Goutam, Ashwani Mishra, Subhadeep Bakra and Assistant Coordinators, Deyasinee Paul and supported by the KSAC staff, Ms. Jaylaxmi Mishra and Sonali Pradhan. Dr. Shyam Sundar Behura, Dy. Director, Student Services addressed the gathering and thanked the local organizers and Team KIMAYA for conducting the health outreach programme.





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