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Citation

EDGE (Emerging Directions in Global Education) is a forum collectively conceptualised by prestigious institutions from India and overseas, with a view to bringing higher education in India on par with the best in the world. The Vision Group and Academic Programme Committee for EDGE have decided to honour visionaries & leaders who have made significant contributions to Indian education sector.

Young EDGE Award 2010

for Education Leadership is being conferred upon

Shri Achyuta Samanta

Founder, KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar

Shri Achyuta Samanta was born into a very poor family at village Kalarabanka, of District Cuttack, Orissa. Under the adverse conditions, he strived to complete his M.Sc. (Chemistry) from Utkal University. This battle against all adversities he fought gave him a vision and mission of his life to deliver education to those least served. He made a modest beginning by establishing an ITI and transformed it into a full fledged University, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, within a very short time.

Shri Achyuta Samanta has established Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), the largest Residential Institute exclusively for the most deprived primitive tribal children where 10000 students are provided with education from K.G. to P.G., food, accommodation, health care and all the basic amenities of life absolutely free. It is all set to be the only free residential tribal university of the world.

Shri Samanta has also developed a non-descript model village, delivering education from primary through postgraduate and all modern amenities including health care, creating a comprehensive approach to holistic education and care.

Shri Samanta is presently a Professor in the Dept. of Chemistry, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. He holds many prestigious positions and is presently Member of UGC, AICTE, CAPART, IIE and more.

Shri Samanta is a recipient of several Awards and recognitions. Young EDGE Award is the latest feather in his cap.

All the members of EDGE Forum join me in Congratulating Shri Achyuta Samanta and wish him best for his future endeavours.

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