

Life Skills Beyond 2030:

Learning to Live Together
in an Interconnected World

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on Life Skills Education

5-7 February 2026
at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS DU)
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day One: 05/02/2026

08.00 a.m.– 09.00 a.m.	Registration
09.00 a.m.– 11.30 a.m.	Inauguration
11.30 a.m.– 12.00 noon	Tea Break
12.00 noon – 01:00 p.m.	Master Class I
01.00 p.m. – 02.00 p.m.	Lunch
02.00 p.m.– 04.00 p.m.	Panel Discussion I
	Symposium I
04.00 p.m. – 04.15 p.m.	Tea Break
04.15 p.m. – 05.15 p.m.	Spotlight Session I
05.15 p.m. – 06.15 p.m.	Spotlight Session II
04.15 p.m.– 06.15 p.m.	Thematic Sessions – I to VII
07.30 p.m. – 09.00 p.m.	Cultural Programme

Day Two: 06/02/2026

06.00 a.m. – 7.00 a.m.	Yoga Demonstration & Practice – Dr. G Sureshkumar, Yoga Guru
09.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Symposium II
	Panel Discussion II
	Seminar I
09.30 a.m. onwards	NGO Conclave
09.30 a.m. onwards	Seminar II
11.30 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.	Master Class II
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Master Class III
11.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Tea Break
01.00 p.m. – 02.00 p.m.	Lunch
02.00 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.	Think Tank
02.00 p.m.– 04.00 p.m.	Round Table I
02.00 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.	Voices from the Field I
05:15 p.m. – 06:15 p.m.	Voices from the Field II
02.00 p.m.– 06.00 p.m.	Voices of Youth
04.00 p.m.– 04.15 p.m.	Tea Break
04.15 p.m.– 06:15 p.m.	Thematic Sessions -VIII to XV
04:30 p.m.– 06:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion III

Day Three: 07/02/2026

09.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Symposium III
09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Panel Discussion IV
11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Mindfulness Workshop
10.00 a.m.– 11.00 a.m.	Tea Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Spotlight Session III
11.15 a.m. – 01.00 p.m.	Spotlight Session IV
	Panel Discussion V
	Round Table II
12:15 p.m. – 01:15 p.m.	Spotlight Session V
01.15 p.m.– 02.00 p.m.	Lunch
02.00 p.m.– 03.30 p.m.	Valedictory

DAY ONE			
Date	Time	Session & Venue	Theme
05/02/2026	09.30 – 11.30 am.	INAUGURAL Venue: Auditorium, Campus 6 Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology KIIT DU	
05/02/2026	12.00 – 01.00 p.m.	MASTER CLASS I Venue: Auditorium, Campus 6, KITT DU	Life Skills Beyond 2030: Learning to Live Together in an Interconnected World
05/02/2026	02.00 – 04:00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION I Venue: Seminar Hall I, T&P Cell, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences KISS DU	Reimagining Life Skills Education in the Age of Disruption: Purpose, Paradigms, and Policy Pathways
05.02.2026	02.00 – 04:00 p.m.	SYMPOSIUM – I Venue: Seminar Hall II, T&P Cell, KISS DU	Life Skills for Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health: Agency, Consent, and Rights-Based Learning
05.02.2026	04.15 – 05.15 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT- I Venue: Auditorium Campus 4, KISS DU	System Integration of Life Skills and Experiences of Scaling in India By Room to Read India
05.02.2026	05.15 – 06.15 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT II Venue: Auditorium Campus 4, KISS, DU	Life Skills: Transforming the Lives of Young People. By Child In Need Institute (CINI)
05.02.2026	04.15 – 06.15 p.m.	THEMATIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS	By Researchers/Students/Assistant Professors
05.02.2026	07.30 – 09.00 p.m.	CULTURAL PROGRAMME Venue: Auditorium Campus 4, KISS DU	
	09.00 – 10.00 p.m.	DINNER	
DAY TWO			
Date	Time	Session & Venue	Theme
06/02/2026	09:30 – 11:30 a.m.	SYMPOSIUM II Venue: Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell, KISS DU	Life Skills and Human Rights: Educating for Dignity, Justice, and Global Solidarity
06/02/2026	09:30 – 11:30 a.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION II Venue: Auditorium, Campus 4 KISS DU	Life Skills for Entrepreneurial Mindsets: Fostering Agency, Innovation, and Resilience
06/02/2026	09:30 – 11:30 a.m.	SEMINAR I Venue: Conference Hall 1, Campus 3	Digital Citizenship and Life Skills: Navigating Misinformation, Surveillance, and Disconnection in

		KISS DU	Hyper-connected Spaces
06.02.2026	09.30 a.m. onwards	NGO Conclave Venue: Conference Hall 2, Campus 3 KISS DU	Assessing the Impact of Life Skills Education: Indicators, Innovations, and Interrogations
06/02/2026	9:30 am onwards	SEMINAR II Venue: Seminar Hall 2, T & P Cell KISS DU	Status of Life Skills Education across the States and UTs of India
06/02/2026	11.30 – 12.30 p.m.	MASTER CLASS II Venue: Auditorium, Campus 4 KISS, DU	Reimagining Mental Health and Well-being: Life Skills for Shared Futures
06/02/2026	11.30 – 12.30 p.m.	MASTER CLASS III Venue: Seminar Hall 1, T & P Cell KISS DU	Building Transformative Citizenship through Life Skills: Participation, Advocacy, and Ethics in a Polarised World
06/02/2026	02.00 – 04.00 p.m.	THINK TANK Venue: Conference Hall 1, Campus 3 KISS DU	Life Skills in the National Education Policy (NEP) Era: Opportunities and Challenges for Systemic Integration
06/02/2026	02.00 – 04.00 p.m.	ROUND TABLE I Venue: Conference Hall 2, Campus 3 KISS DU	Wellbeing as an Educational Outcome: Positioning Life Skills as Central to Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
06/02/2026	02:00- 04:00 p.m.	VOICES FROM THE FIELD I Venue: Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell KISS DU	Evidence, Experience and Best Practices of Independent Life Skills Practitioners
06/02/2026	5.15 - 06:15 p.m.	VOICES FROM THE FIELD II (International) Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell KISS DU	Evidence, Experience and Best Practices of Independent Life Skills Practitioners
06/02/2026	02-00 - 06:00 p.m.	VOICES OF YOUTH Venue: Auditorium Campus 4 KISS DU	Insights, Expectations and Reflections of Young People on the Need, Relevance and Practice of Life Skills Education
06/02/2026	04.30 - 06.00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION III (INTERNATIONAL) Venue: Conference Hall 2, Campus 3 KISS DU	Situating Life Skills in Global Contexts: Comparative Perspectives
06/02/2026	04.15- 06.15 p.m.	THEMATIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS	By Researchers/Students/Assistant Professors
DAY THREE			
Date	Time	Session & Venue	Theme
07.02.2026	09.30 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.	WORKSHOP on MINDFULNESS Venue: Conference Room 1	By Prof. Sanath Mahawithanage Sri Lanka

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07.02.2026	09.30 – 11.15 a.m.	SYMPOSIUM III Venue: Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell KISS DU	Holistic Tools for Life Skills Education: Yoga, Art, and Sports as Catalysts for Connection and Well-being
07.02.2026	09.30 – 11.15 a.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION IV Venue: Seminar Hall 2, T &P Cell KISS DU	Life Skills and Climate Resilience: Nurturing Sustainability Mindsets
07.02.2026	09.30 – 10.30 a.m.	SPOTLIGHT SESSION III Venue: Auditorium, Campus 4 KISS DU	School-to-Work Transition- Panel Discussion By Magic Bus
07.02.2026	11.00 a.m. –12.00 Noon	SPOTLIGHT SESSION IV Venue: Auditorium, Campus 4 KISS DU	By Centre For Catalyzing Change
07.02.2026	12:00– 01.00 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT SESSION V Venue: Auditorium, Campus 4 KISS, DU	By Ugam Foundation, Mumbai
07.02.2026	11.30 a.m.– 01:30 p.m. .	PANEL DISCUSSION V Venue: Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell KISS DU	Social Inclusion through Life Skills: Advancing Equity and Participation among Tribal and Disadvantaged Communities
07.02.2026	11.30 a.m. – 01.00 p.m.	ROUND TABLE II Venue: Seminar Hall 2, T &P Cell KISS DU	Gender Justice through Life Skills Education: Disrupting Patriarchy and Building Equitable Futures
07.02.2026	02.00- 03.30 p.m.	VALEDICTORY Venue AUDITORIUM, CAMPUS 4 KISS DU	

SESSION- WISE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 05/02/2026	
08.00 – 9.00 a.m. Venue: Reception	<p style="text-align: center;">Registration</p>
09.00 – 11.30 a.m. Venue: Auditorium, Campus 6 Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, KIIT DU	<p style="text-align: center;">Inaugural</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIGHTING OF THE LAMP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME ADDRESS Dr Gauri Hardikar Vice President, Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE) & Director, ICLSE 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair Founder and President, Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE) & Former Registrar, Central University of Kerala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL ADDRESS Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya CEO, Child In Need Institute, India</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL ADDRESS Ms. Poornima Garg Country Director, Room to Read India</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL ADDRESS Prof. (Dr.) Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty Registrar, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT DU)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KEYNOTE ADDRESS Prof. Terrence Madhujith Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST Prof. Anoop Swarup Secretary General, Association of Universities of Asia Pacific (AUAP) Chairman, Global Knowledge Alliance Chairman WeVenture Chairman, Centre for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AWARD DISTRIBUTION BY CHIEF GUEST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REPLY SPEECH BY AWARD WINNER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Saranjit Singh Vice Chancellor Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KITT DU), Bhubaneswar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE OF THANKS Dr. Prashanta Routray Registrar Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS DU), Bhubaneswar</p>
11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Tea Break

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 12.00 – 01.00 p.m.</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium, Campus 6 KIIT DU KIIT Auditorium</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MASTER CLASS-I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life Skills Beyond 2030: Learning to Live Together in an Interconnected World</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair Founder and President, Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE) & Former Registrar, Central University of Kerala</p>
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<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 02.00 – 04:00 p.m.</p> <p>Parallel Session</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium Campus 4 KISS DU</p>	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION I</p> <p>Re-imagining Life Skills Education in the Age of Disruption: Purpose, Paradigms, and Policy Pathways</p>	
	<p>Chairperson Prof. Padmaja Mishra Former Vice Chancellor Ramadevi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha</p>	
	<p>Keynote Dr. Srikala Bharath Consultant - Adult & Old Age Psychiatry, Bengaluru STEPS 4 WellBeing Initiative Former Professor of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru</p>	
	<p>Discussants</p>	
	<p>Dr. Priscilla Sathianathan (Online) Chair, Centre of Excellence in Health Psychology (CoEHP) Madras School of Social Work, Chennai</p>	<p>Dr. Sunitha Ranjan Life Skills Educator and Master Trainer &Former President, IALSE</p>

	Ms. Poornima Garg Country Director Room to Read India	Dr. Rabindra Kumar Pradhan Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Kharagpur
	Dr. Sreehari Ravindranath Associate Director, Research Dream a Dream Foundation, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Mr. Priyanshu Kumar Student KIIT DU, Bhubaneshwar

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 02.00 – 04:00 p.m.</p> <p>Parallel Session</p> <p>Venue: Seminar Hall II, T&P Cell KISS DU</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SYMPOSIUM – I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life Skills for Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health: Agency, Consent, and Rights-Based Learning</p>	
	Chairperson Dr. Rathnamala Desai President, FPA India	
	Keynote Dr. Preeti Galagali Director Bengaluru Adolescent Care and Counselling Centre & Clinical Lead, Adolescent Clinic, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru	
	Speakers	
	Dr. UNB Rao, IPS (Retd.) Chairman, Urvi Vikram Charitable Trust, New Delhi.	Prof. Dr Nandita Bhan Vice Dean, Jindal School of Public Health and Human Development, Haryana
	Ms. Priyanka Sreenath Deputy Director Certified trainer on 'Gender and Sexuality, MAMTA- Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi	Dr. Ramya Pinnamaneni , MBBS, MPH Director, School of Public Health KIIT University, Bhubaneswar
	Ms. Nikki Kujur Research Scholar KISS DU, Bhubaneswar	

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 4.15- 05.15 p.m.</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium Campus 4, KISS DU</p>	SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS	
	SPOTLIGHT SESSION - I	
	<p>ROOM to READ INDIA System Integration of Life Skills and Experiences of Scaling in India</p>	
	<p>Ms. Prerna Mishra Program Officer Girls' Education Program Room to Read</p>	<p>Ms. Tanushka Sharma Sr. Program Associate Girls' Education Program Room to Read</p>
<p>Mr. Avik Dey Senior Manager Girls' Education Program</p>		

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 5.15- 06.15 p.m.</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium Campus 4, KISS DU</p>	SPOTLIGHT SESSION -II	
	<p>Life Skills: Transforming the Lives of Young People</p>	
	<p>Child in Need Institute (CINI), India</p>	

THEMATIC SESSIONS

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 4.15– 06.15 p.m</p> <p>Venue: Classroom – 001</p>	<p>Thematic Session -I Re-imagining Life Skills Education in the Age of Disruption: Purpose, Paradigms, and Policy Pathways</p>	
	<p>Session Chairperson Dr. T Sunderesan Nair Former Director, State Resource Centre Kerala, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India</p>	
	<p>IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS</p>	
	<p>Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu Asst. Prof., Centre for Medical Sciences Education. Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West</p>	From Problem to Practice: PBL as a Pathway to Life Skills through Critical Thinking and Collaborative Learning in Medical Education

Campus -4, KISS DU Parallel Sessions	Indies, St. Augustine Ms. Saismita Swain & Dr. Sasmita Padhi Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, DU, Bhubaneswar	Digital Disruption and Life Skills: The Imperative Framework for Gen Z
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
	Ms. Priyadarshini Pratap, & Dr. Jayalaxmi Samal, Dr. Nisrutha Dulla KIIT DU, (School of Economics and Commerce)	Integrating Life Skills and Financial Resilience: A Literature-Based Exploration
	Mr. Uttam Kumar Das Assistant Professor Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai, Assam	Life Skills Education and Academic Achievement: An Empirical Study of Learner Outcomes

Date: 05.02.2026	Thematic Session -II Life Skills for Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health: Agency, Consent, and Rights-Based Learning	
	Session Chairperson Mr. Sudhir Kapoor Former Principal, Dept. Of Education, Shiva Institute, Sr. Lecturer, SCERT (Retd.); Life Skills Consultant, New Delhi	
IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Time: 4.15 – 6.15 pm Venue: Classroom – 002 Campus -4, KISS DU Parallel Sessions	Ms. Sima Tudu, PhD Scholar & Dr. Jhilli Mohapatra KISS, DU, Bhubaneswar	Reproductive Health Problems and Their Awareness Among Adolescent Girls: A Study on Khadia Tribe of Mayurbhanj District of Odisha
Mr. Ashok Kumar Nayak & Mohammed Ziauddin Centre For Catalyzing Change, New Delhi		

Mr. Om Prakash Singh, Avinash Kumar and Mohammad Ziauddin Centre For Catalyzing Change, New Delhi	Empowering Adolescents by through Life Skills Education under the School Health and Well-Being Program in Jharkhand	
Mr. Mohammed Ziauddin & Avinash Kumar Centre For Catalyzing Change, New Delhi	Imparting Life Skills-Based Learning to Adolescents Through Interdepartmental Convergence in Jharkhand	
Ms. Samidha Rout & Dr.Bibhabari Bal BJB Autonomous College	An assessment on problems of child marriage among adolescent girls in Mahakalpara Block of Odisha	
Ms. Sangeeta Parida & Tapasi Devi Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KISS DU, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Exploring Underutilized Medicinal Plants Used for Menstrual Disorders in Tribal Odisha	
Ms. Kritii Tikku, Dr Sheila Ramaswamy, Dr Shekhar Seshadri Azim Premji Foundation	From Avoidance to Engagement: A Life Skills Based Approach to Sexuality Education in Schools	
Dr.Maitree Padhi Kalinga Institute of Social Science, DU	Life Skills Based Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) Education as an Effective Model for Adolescent Girls: Evidence from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences	
Dr. Pramila Pudasaini Thapa & Christeena Dhakal Life Skills Education (LES), Nepal	Evaluating Self-Awareness Skills among the Students at Secondary Level	
Ms. Raimat Hansda Ms. Nirashi Bindhani, PhD Scholar, & Dr.Sujata Acharya Associate Professor Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences DU, Bhubaneswar	Enhancing Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health, Agency, Consent, and Rights through Life Skills-Based Learning in Odisha	
Ms. Pankajini Patra, PhD Scholar & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Das Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)	Gond Adolescent Girls' Awareness of Menstruation Health Care	
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION		
Dr. Rekha B. Raveendran, Liya Thasni, Rima Rajesh,	The Effectiveness of Life Skills Training on Adolescent Sexual Health Education: A Quasi-	

	Athulya Krishna, Vismaya P, Gayathri Narayanan, & Afifah Navas Nehru Arts and Science College Coimbatore	Experimental Study
	Ms. Shomini Biswas, Dr. Santwana Adhikari, Sutapa De Child in Need Institute	Menstrual Health Education and its influence on Adolescent Life Skills: A Pre-Post Assessment in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal

Thematic Sessions III, IV, V		
	Session Chairperson Dr. Pragnya Mohanty Asso. Prof., Dept of Social Work KISS, DU	
	Co-Chairperson Prof. Maya S Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram	
Thematic Session -III		
Building Transformative Citizenship through Life Skills: Participation, Advocacy, and Ethics in a Polarised World		
IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Date: 05.02.2026	Ms. Sunanda Mohanty & Dr. Prashanta Kumar Pardia Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), DU, Bhubaneswar	
Time: 4.15 – 6.15 pm	Impact of life skills education on adolescents' socio-emotional development in the TATA CSR project region in Jamshedpur: A research using mixed approaches	
Venue: Classroom – 003 Campus -4, KISS DU	Ms. Madhusmita Das & Dr Bignya Patnaik School of Economics and Commerce Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, (KIIT), DU, Bhubaneswar	
Parallel Sessions	Beyond Compliance: CSR and Life Skills Education as Catalysts for Transformative Citizenship in India	
Mr. Pankaj Barman, PhD Scholar & Dr. Tapan Talukdar Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit And Ancient Studies University		Empowering Responsible Governance: Life Skills For Ethical Administrative Practice
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION		
Ms. Upasna Roy Assistant Professor Department of Special Education, SNDT		Strengthening Citizenship and Inclusion through Participation, Advocacy, and Ethics in Special Education Teacher Training

Thematic Session -IV Life Skills and Human Rights: Educating for Dignity, Justice, and Global Solidarity		
IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Prof. Niraj Kumar Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi & Dr. Umesh Department of Maths, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi		Human Rights Education as Political Formation: Teaching Dignity and Justice in the Global Age
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION		
Mr. Kishan Bhue & Seeman Rani Panda Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur		A study on the influence of Life Skills on attitudes about women's rights of female undergraduate students
Thematic Session -V Gender Justice through Life Skills Education: Disrupting Patriarchy and Building Equitable Futures		
IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Prof. Suman Kumar Department of Political Science & Dr. Umesh Department of Maths Rajdhani College, University of Delhi.		Disarming Patriarchy through Life Skills Education
Mr. Pratyush Dash, Tamal Reja, Ajay K Singh, Santosh Kumar Sharma, Dhanashri Brahme & Preetha Bhakta Magic Bus Foundation		Shaping Adolescent Futures through Life Skills and Gender Equity: Evidence from the Magic Bus Programme in Delhi
Ms. Poornima Narang, Mr. Saktibrata Sen, & Mr. Avik Dey Room to Read India		Understanding Masculinity and Gender Dynamics with a Life Skills Lens - Perspective from Boy's Landscape Study in India
Dr. Kaushlendra Kumar, Abha Mishra & Poornima Garg Room to Read India		Voices of Change: A Qualitative Exploration of Girls' Life Skills Education Program in Telangana and Uttarakhand
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION		
Ms. Tusnim Trushna Mishra Ph.D. Scholar Humanities, KIIT - DU		Reel Life, Real Lessons: Gender Justice and Life Skills in Contemporary Indian Cinema with Reference to Tribhangha (2021) and Laapata Ladies (2024)

	Ms. Prabha E Assistant Professor Nehru Arts and Science College	Empowering College Students to Challenge Patriarchy Through Digital Literacy and Advocacy
	Ms. Lincy Khaikeli & Lalpekkimi Ralte & C.Lalfamkima Varte Mizoram University	A Study of the Relationship Between Positive Psychological Attributes with Mental Well-Being Among Mizo Youth

<p>Date: 05.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 4.15 – 6.15 pm</p> <p>Venue: Classroom – 004 Campus -4, KISS DU</p> <p>Parallel Sessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thematic Session -VI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life Skills and Climate Resilience: Nurturing Sustainability Mindsets</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson Prof. Bindu R.L Dean, School of Education University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Co-Chairperson Dr. Bignya Pattnaik Faculty in Management, School of Humanities, KIIT University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS</p>	
	Dr. Ipsita Mohapatra , Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies & Dr. Bignya Pattnaik Assistant Professor Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) DU, Bhubaneswar	Life Skills for Sustainable Management: Building Human-Centric Workplaces
	Mr. Ramachandran R A , PhD Scholar & Prof. Bindu R.L Department of Education, University of Kerala	Essential Life Skills for Promoting Disaster Resilience and Environmental Adaptability among Secondary School Students
	Ms. Seema Shaikh M.Phil. Scholar Pragnya Bodhini High School, Mumbai	Millet Culture for a Sustainable Future
	Dr. Sujaya Routray Centurion University of Technology and Management	A Cross-cultural Analysis of Life Skill as Climate Intelligence: Integrating Indigenous women's Knowledge into the Modern Management System.

Mr. Sabyasachi Mallik Ph D. Scholar & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Das Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, DU, Bhubaneswar	Role of Indigenous Knowledge and Life Skills in Climate Adaptation among Tribal Communities of Odisha
Prof. Amit Kumar Jaiswal Associate Professor Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University Campus, Government PG College Gopeshwar, (Chamoli), Uttarakhand & Dr. Narendra D. Deshmukh Senior Vice President, Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society	Life Skills Education in Uttarakhand B.Ed. Programme as a Pathway to Education for Sustainable Development
Ms. Minati Biswal, Dr. Lopamudra Lenka, Dr. Tulasi Malini Maharatha Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) DU, Bhubaneswar	Fintech Innovation Driven Green Finance In Indian Emerging Economy: Pathways, Barriers and Future Road Maps
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATIONS	
Ms. Nibedita Kalita & Dr. Krishna Kalita Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University	Environmental Practices: The Essential Life Skills for Nurturing Sustainability Mindsets
Ms. Arya S & Prof. Bindu R.L. Department Of Education, University of Kerala	Environmental Empathy as a Catalyst for Promoting Conservation Ethics among Adolescent Learners through Life Skills
Dr. Simi M & Prof. Bindu R.L. Department Of Education University Of Kerala	Exploring Eco-Reasoning: Nexus of Scientific Reasoning and Environmental Justice among Higher Secondary School Students in the Post-NEP era

Thematic Session -VII	Social Inclusion through Life Skills: Advancing Equity and Participation among Tribal and Disadvantaged Communities
	Session Chairperson Dr. Khusboo Kuddus Associate Professor (English) School of Liberal Studies, KIIT DU

Assistant Professor, KISS DU	
IN-PERSON PAPER PRESENTATIONS	
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	Inclusive Development of Persons with Disabilities through Community-Level Institutions
	Life Skills Education as a Catalyst for Social Inclusion: Insights from Tribal Adolescents in Odisha, India
	Empowering Adolescent Girls in Gumla, Jharkhand through the Integration of Digital Literacy and Life Skills
	Promoting Social Inclusion through Life Skills Education: An Analysis of Diverse Tribal Students in KISS
	Learning to Live Together: An Experiential Psychology Review of How the Tutor-Mentor System at KISS Fosters Future-Ready Life Skills in Tribal Scholars
	Mankirdia tribe and forest conservation: A case study of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha
	Necessity of Life Skills Education for Children with Special Needs: A Systematic Review.
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	Core Life Skills for Today's Graduate: Identifying Priorities for Inclusion in Higher Education

Baniya Tribhuvan University, Nepal	
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATIONS	
Ms. Alankhrithi Sivasubramanian, Kabilan R & Dr. Subasree Vanamali School of Social sciences, VIT University, Chennai	Qualitative enquiry on - The level of life skills, opportunities and challenges among first-generation learners and others among tribal communities in Tamil Nadu
Dr. Gargi. P. Sinha Professor Dnyanvardhini Divyang Traiining College Sanjay Centre For Special Education, Bogda, Goa	A Study on the Impact Of 7E Learning Cycle Utilising Life Skills on Language Development of Learners at Beginners Level Studying in Middle School.

07.30 – 9.00 p.m. Cultural Programme
09.00 – 10.00 p.m. Dinner

Day Two: 06/02/2026

06.00 – 7.00 am Yoga Demonstration & Practice – Dr. G Sureshkumar, Yoga Guru

Date: 06/02/2026 Time: 09:30 – 11:30 a.m. Venue: Seminar Hall 1 T & P Cell KISS DU Parallel Session	<p style="text-align: center;">SYMPOSIUM II Life Skills and Human Rights: Educating for Dignity, Justice, and Global Solidarity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson Prof. Swarnamayee Tripathy Professor Emeritus Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS DU)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar (Online) Senior Prof., Indian Law Institute, New Delhi Former Member, Law Commission of India; President and Trustee, CLEA Chairman, MILAT</p>	
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	<p>Chairperson Prof. Surendra Jena School of Rural Management, KIIT DU</p>	
	<p>Keynote Prof. Kanishka Bedi President, World Council of Comparative Education Societies Geneva, Switzerland</p>	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">SEMINAR I Digital Citizenship and Life Skills: Navigating Misinformation, Surveillance, and Disconnection in Hyperconnected Spaces</p>							
	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson Dr. Snigadharani Panda Chairperson of the Council of Deans Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KISS DU</p>							
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<p style="text-align: center;">SEMINAR II Status of Life Skills Education across the States and UTs of India</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson Shri Jagadananda J Mentor & Co-Founder, CYSD Bhubaneswar, Odisha</p>			
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<p>Date: 06.02.2026</p> <p>Time: 11.30 – 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium KISS DU Campus</p>	<p>MASTER CLASS II Re-imagining Mental Health and Well-being: Life Skills for Shared Futures</p> <p>Dr K Ellangovan, IAS Managing director, INKEL Ltd. Addl. Chief Secretary, (Retd.) Government of Kerala</p>
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<p>Date 06/02/2026</p> <p>Time: 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>Venue: Seminar Hall 1, T & P Cell KISS DU Campus</p>	<p>MASTER CLASS III</p> <p>Building Transformative Citizenship through Life Skills: Participation, Advocacy, and Ethics in a Polarised World</p> <p>Chair Prof. Suman Kumar Professor Department of Political Science, Rajdhani College, New Delhi Managing Trustee, Public Media Tech Foundation, Delhi</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Aditya Kumar Mohanty North East Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya</p>
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<p>Date: 06/02/2026</p> <p>Time: 02.00 – 04.00 pm</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall 1, Campus 3 KISS DU</p> <p>Parallel Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THINK TANK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life Skills in the National Education Policy (NEP) Era: Opportunities and Challenges for Systemic Integration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson Mr. Saktibrata Sen Senior Director, Programs Room To Read India</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussants</p>	
	<p>Prof. Vinod Chandra Former Principal Sri Jai Narain Misra Post Graduate College, Lucknow. Head of the Sociology Department, Sri JNMPG College Vice-President, Research Committee of Sociology of Youth (RC34), ISA & Former President, IALSE</p>	<p>Prof. Bindu R L Dean School of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram</p>
	<p>Dr M S Geetha Former Dean, Faculty of Education University of Kerala</p>	<p>Dr. V. Reghu M.Ed. Course Director Mar Theophilus Training College Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Former Professor & Dean RGNIYD, Tamil Nadu.</p>
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<p>Voices from the Field II (International Evidences)- ONLINE</p>		

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<p>Date 06/02/2026</p> <p>Time: 2.00 to 6:00 pm</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium Campus 4 KISS DU</p> <p>Parallel Session</p>	<p>VOICES OF YOUTH</p> <p>Sharing Experiences</p>	
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	Chairperson	Dr. Narendra Deshmukh
	<p>Senior Vice President, Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society, USA</p>	
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THEMATIC SESSIONS

	<p style="text-align: center;">Thematic Session -VIII - (a)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Well-being as an Educational Outcome: Positioning Life Skills as Central to Mental, Emotional, and Social Health</p>	
	Chairperson	Dr. Saramma Chandy
	<p>Former Principal, The Lords Universal College of Education University of Mumbai</p>	
	Co Chairperson	Dr. Sasmita Patanaik,
	<p>Head, Department of Psychology, KISS DU</p>	
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	<p>Ms. Karabi Das PhD Scholar & Dr. Alaka Das</p>	<p>Professional Commitment and Role Conflict of Female Secondary School Teachers in Relation to Their Life Skills</p>

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	Dr. Abha Mishra, Mr. Kaushlendra Kumar & Mr. Saktibrata Sen Room To Read India Trust	Empowering Girls: Evidence from a Life Skills Education Program in Maharashtra
	Ms. Barnali Nath PhD Scholar & Dr. Alaka Das Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University	Exploring the Interplay between Life Skills, Mindfulness, and Subjective Well-Being among the Higher Secondary Student
	Ms. Swornagni Nayak PhD Scholar & Dr Apramita Chand Department of Education, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	Effectiveness of Group-Based Scenario Learning Approach in Facilitating Pre-Service Teachers' Competence in Life-Skills Education for Adolescent Well Being
	Ms. Gurtej Kaur & Shalmali Naik URIVI VIKRAM Charitable Trust	Understanding Life Skills, Coping Mechanisms, and Psychological Wellbeing in Community-Based Youth Programs: A Mixed-Methods Study
	Dr. Sasmita Pattanaik & Mr. Bikash Pradhan Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, DU, Bhubaneswar	Influence of Gender on Adjustment of Adolescents: A Study on Educational Adjustment
	Dr. Prasanta Parida & Ms. Siddhiswarupa Swain School Of Rural Management, KIIT DU	The Impact of Life Skills Education on Socio-Emotional Development and School-Related Outcomes among Adolescents in India
	Dr. Ashis Saha Associate Professor Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai, Assam	Life Skills Education for School Teachers in implementing the Inclusive Education: A case study of Hojai District, Assam
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
	Mr. Raghav Agarwal, Nishta Toshniwal, Aadhit D. Naidu, Kavyaa Shah, Kahaan Modi Social Sciences, Nalandaway	Real Talk: What Life Skills Do Indian Teens Need?
	Prof. (Dr.) Geetha Prasanan and Ms. Shilpashri RD Former Senior Faculty, Dept. Of Science, RIE, Mysore	Development and try out of a Model Community School-Part II
	Ms. Nikita Rajput, PhD Scholar & Dr. Sangeeta Yaduvanshi Social Sciences	Integrating Life Skills into Education: Promoting Wellbeing, Inclusion, and Holistic Growth of Learners

	Central University of Rajasthan	
	Ms. Suchandra Gupta & Rumeli Das Child in Need Institute	Impact of Life Skill Training on Adolescents Living with HIV

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	Prof. Vinod Chandra & Pankhuri Bajpai Sri J N M Post Graduate College, Lucknow	What Children Tell Us About Wellbeing: Implications for Creating Inclusive Digital Learning Environments
	Mr. Kaji Minhajul Hoque Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education	Reflective Journaling as a Transformative Tool for Life Skills Development in Teacher Education
	Ms. Bhnaumati Biswal , PhD Scholar & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Das Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, DU, Bhubaneswar	Holistic Student Development through Life Skills Education in Odisha- A case study on KISS Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar
	Ms. Olivia Haldar , PhD Scholar & Dr. Soma Parija KIIT, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar	Generation Z Perspectives on Parenting Styles
	Dr. Anuradha Mahapatra Manam Foundation	Educating for Wholeness: Life Skills as the Core of Holistic Learner Development
	Ms. Jyotirmayee Rath PhD Scholar & Dr. Rooplekha Khuntia National Institute of Science Education and Research	Beyond Academics: Integrating Sports, Yoga and Arts as Core Life Skills for the 21st Century
	Ms. Sunita Maharajan & Mr. Pawan Saud Rawal	Prevalence and Risk Factors of Nomophobia Among Students

	Life Skills Education (LES), Nepal	
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Ms. Hema Upadhyay & Prof. Sunita Singh Banaras Hindu University	Empowering learners through Life Skills: Education for Happiness and Well-being	
Prof. Divya Nair, Shreya Prabhu and Pooja Vardharaj School of Education and Research MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune	Coping with Stress, Coping with Emotions and Resilience as Key Skills for Adolescent Wellbeing: A Narrative Review	
Ms. Raghavi Reddy Sangu & Gowtham Nalluri Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam software Solutions Private Limited	Counsellors As Catalysts of Emotional Safety: Re-Imagining Life skills Delivery Beyond 2030	
Dr. Soumi Mandal Professor Department Of Education, Vinaya-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal	Culturally responsive teaching practices as life skill education for teacher trainees: A study on Santiniketan	
Dr. Prabhudas Karsunkal Uva Ahead Chennai	“Home is the First and Best University”: A Multipronged Approach to Holistic Development of Adolescents	
Ms. Deepti Singh, PhD Scholar & Dr. Rashmi Soni University of Lucknow	Life Skills Education and Adolescent Well-Being: Understanding High-Risk and Suicidal Vulnerability Through Stakeholder Perspectives	

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	Life Skills in the National Education Policy (NEP) Era: Opportunities and Challenges for Systemic Integration	
	Chairperson Dr. Vimal Pandey Dean, CIST, KISS, DU	
	Co-chairperson Dr. Rudra Narayan Mohanty Assistant Professor, KISS DU	
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Parallel Sessions	Dr. Narendra Dadarao Deshmukh Senior Vice President, Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society	Developing Life Skills in the Science Classroom: Reflections from My Experience

<p>Mr. Raj Ballav Panda, Ruchismita Gahir, Soumyamayee Ratha, Ghanashyam Sahu PhD scholar Faculty of Education, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh</p>	<p>Awareness, Perception, and Readiness towards Life Skill Education: An Empirical Study on Pupil Teachers of Western Odisha</p>
<p>Dr. Sunita Acharya Associate Professor Hindi Teacher's Training Institute Cuttack</p>	<p>Integration Of Life Skill Education In National Education Policy 2020- Opportunities and Challenges</p>
<p>Dr. Muttu Vemula Assistant Professor Dept. Of Education, Mizoram University</p>	<p>Life Skills in the NEP 2020 Era: Opportunities and Challenges for Systemic Integration through the INSPIRE Instructional Framework</p>
<p>Ms. Khaleda Yasmin Mazumder Assistant Professor Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai, Assam.</p>	<p>Life Skills in the NEP 2020 Era A Policy Analysis of Systemic Integration and Implementation Challenges</p>
<p>Ms. L.K Lalbiakfeli PhD Scholar & Dr. Muttu Vemula Dept. Of Education, Mizoram University</p>	<p>Integrating Life Skills in the Science Curriculum: A Comparative Analysis of CBSE and MBSE Textbooks in the NEP 2020 Era</p>
<p>Dr. Sukanti Behera Assistant Professor KISS Deemed University</p>	<p>Nyaya Darshan for Life Skill Empowerment: Bridging Ancient Knowledge and the NEP 2020 Vision</p>
<p>Ms. Sonali Debnath Ph.D Scholar Central University of Karnataka Assam University, Silchar</p>	<p>Awareness of Pre-service Teacher- Trainee towards Life Skill Education with Special Reference to NEP 2020</p>
<p>Ms. Deependiayee Malik Durgaprasad Sahoo PhD Scholar Central University of Karnataka</p>	<p>Preparing Future Teachers for Life Skills Education: Theoretical Perspectives in the NEP Framework</p>
<p>Mr. Abu Mahomed Shumsuz Zaman Assistant Professor Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education</p>	<p>Incorporating Life Skills in the Era of the NEP: Possibilities, Challenges, and Implications for Teacher Education</p>
<p>Ms. Vyjanthi Trimal Assistant Professor, & Dr. Pooja Prabhavalkar Fergusson College, Autonomous, Pune</p>	<p>Learning Beyond the Classroom: A Qualitative Inquiry into Life Skills Development through Student-Led Psychology Clubs</p>
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	Dr. Balbinder Kumar Assistant Professor UILS PUSSGRC HOSHIARPUR	National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Life Skills: A New Era for Opportunities and Development-+
	Ms. TC Rakil Ramhmachhuani , PhD Scholar & Dr. Lalchhuanmawii Mizoram University	Life Skills Perception Among the Undergraduate Students in the light of NEP 2020
	Ms. Preeti Nara , PhD Scholar & Prof. Raj Kumar Chaudhary Devilal Univrtsity, Sirsa	21st Century Skills Through STEAM: A Holistic Approach to Learning”

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	Holistic Tools for Life Skills Education: Yoga, Art, and Sports as Catalysts for Connection and Wellbeing	
	Chairperson Dr. G Sureshkumar Chairperson, FPA India (Kerala Chapter), Treasurer, IALSE	
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Parallel Sessions	Ms. Titas Chakraborty, Paromita Ghosh, Nandini Chatterjee Post-Graduate Social Sciences University of Calcutta	Does Dance Influence Big Five Traits and Life Skills?
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	Ms. Shweta Manghnani, Sharon Solomon PhD Scholar Shoolini University	Integrating Art-Based and Somatic Practices into Life Skills Education for Resilience and Well-being in Marginalised Communities

Ms. Savidamol V. R Ph.D Scholar & Dr. Sethu S Nath N.S.S Training College, Pandalam	Art Integration in Mathematics: A Holistic Tool for Life Skills Education in Secondary School Learners.
Ms. Leena S N Post Graduate Central University of Kerala	Art therapy: an important intervention for inculcating life skills among school students
Mr. Jugal Chutia Assnt. Professor Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education Hojai, Assam	“Impact of Performing Arts Education for Creativity Enhancement and Holistic Development on Modern Education”
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Ms. Tapaswini Sarangi, Sneharani Sahoo , Post Graduates & Ms. Lucy Sonali Hembram Assistant Professor Utkal University	Loneliness in Hyper-connected Societies: A Comparative Study of Adults across Gender and Residential Backgrounds.
Dr. Sunitha Kuppuswamy Dr. P.B. Shankar Narayan Associate Professor, Pondicherry University	Impact of social media on the Interpersonal Communication Skills of Indian Youth
Dr. Snehaprava Sahoo & Mr. Sabyasachi Rout Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, DU, Bhubaneswar	Digital Literacy as pathway to digital resilience: managing misinformation, online risk and well being
Suvechhya Dewan, Pooja Paudel, Prakash Sharma, Dr. Pramila Pudasaini Thapa Yeti Health Science Academy, Nepal	Factors Associated with Internet Addiction among Adolescents
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Ms. Malavika Kishore Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti	Learning Together: A Study of Collaborative Intelligence as a Life Skill for the Future

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	Dr. Sandhya Thakur & Ms. Surabhi Thakur SKSVM Junior College	Self-Awareness - as a Foundational Life Skill for Student Mental Health
	Ms. Asima Patra, PhD Scholar Prof. Paromita Ghosh and Prof. Nandini Chatterjee University of Calcutta	Prediction of Science Attitude Based on Academic Motivation and Life Skills of Higher Secondary Boys and Girls
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	Ms. Shivani, PhD Scholar & Prof. Meenakshi Singh Banaras Hindu University	Communication, Interpersonal, and Leadership Skills of Pupil Teachers: A Study of Status and Correlation

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	<p>Senior representatives from</p> <p>The Department of School & Mass Education/OSEPA and SCERT The Vocational/Skill Development Ecosystem (including OSDA) Industry/CSR or Sector Skill Council Representatives Civil Society Organisations working on Skills and Employability and Magic Bus India Foundation</p>

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	<p>Mr. Mohammed Ziauddin Senior Specialist – Adolescent & Young People</p>
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	<p>Chairperson</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Akhil Bihari Ota, IAS (Retd.) Former Director and Special Secretary, Tribal Research Institute, Government of Odisha</p> <p>Keynote</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Zoengpary (Online) Dept of Applied Psychology Mizoram University.</p>					
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<p>Date: 07/02/2026</p> <p>Time: 02:00p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Venue AUDITORIUM CAMPUS 4 KISS DU</p>	<p>WELCOME ADDRESS Dr. Gauri Hardikar Vice President, IALSE & Executive Director, Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society</p> <p>REPORT PRESENTATION Ms. Rama Bhide Secretary, Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE)</p> <p>REFLECTIONS from CONFERENCE DELEGATES</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair President, Indian Association of Life Skills Education</p> <p>ADDRESS Prof. (Dr.) Raju K.D Pro Vice Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT DU)</p> <p>Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera Sr. Adviser Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS DU)</p> <p>ADDRESS BY GUEST OF HONOUR Sr. Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar Vice Chancellor Jammu Cluster University, Jammu</p> <p>Honoring Dr. Achyuta Samanta with the Honorary Membership of IALSE by the President, IALSE</p> <p>VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST Dr. Achyuta Samanta Founder, KIIT, KISS & KIMS</p> <p>VOTE OF THANKS Dr. Bignya Patnaik Convener, ICLSE2026 Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management School of Humanities, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT DU)</p> <p>NATIONAL ANTHEM</p>