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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the press release titled "NIIT conducts seminar on 'Digital Transformation: Impact, Challenges & Opportunities' for engineering aspirants at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar."

This is for your information and records.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

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Press Release

## **NIIT conducts seminar on ‘Digital Transformation: Impact, Challenges & Opportunities’ for engineering aspirants at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar**

*- Session organized to familiarize students with opportunities in IT, Banking & Engineering domains*

**Bhubaneswar, July 22, 2017:** NIIT Limited, a global leader in skills and talent development, conducted a seminar on ‘Digital Transformation: Impact, Challenges & opportunities’ for engineering aspirants in the city. **Prof (Dr.) P.P Mathur, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT University; Dr. Saranjit Singh, Director IEC, KIIT University and Dr. Prachet Bhuyan, Associate Dean T&P, KIIT University** were present to grace the occasion. The seminar was addressed by **Chief Guest, Mr. Sapnesh Lalla, CEO Designate, NIIT Limited.**

The seminar highlighted how digital transformation along with the new technological advancements will impact the IT & Banking industry and the engineering profession in the future. It also familiarized students with the current challenges and the opportunities available in the field of digital transformation. This session threw light on different fields of digital transformation available for students, thereby helping them choose the right field based on their interest and aptitude, and enlightened them on the plethora of career opportunities available to the graduates. NIIT invited all the engineering students from 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year, Management and Academia from KIIT University for the seminar.

According to a recent release by NASSCOM, the skills of the future would be Big Data Analytics, Cloud & Cybersecurity Services, IoT, Artificial Intelligence and many other Digital Technologies. A huge demand is foreseen for roles such as mobile app development, social media, data scientists & platform engineering. According to a McKinsey report on ‘Technology Jobs & the Future of Work’, digital technologies could contribute \$550 billion to \$ 1 trillion of economic impact per year in India by the year 2025. According to another renowned survey, 69% of IT leaders expect huge surge in the job market in the next 3 to 5 years due to digital technologies.

Elaborating on the seminar, **Mr. Sapnesh Lalla, CEO Designate, NIIT Ltd.,** said ***“Digital transformation is opening up unprecedented opportunities and challenges. The future workforce will need to align its skillset to keep pace with the growing economy. We see a huge requirement for Next Gen skills like Big Data, Cloud, Internet of Things, Analytics etc. creating an urgent need for digitally-skilled engineers. Through this seminar we hope to create awareness about the immense opportunities that digital transformation presents.”***

Digital Transformation is playing a key role in the industry today. To address the needs of the digitally-skilled industry, NIIT introduced **StackRoute**, which aims to create multi-skilled and multi-disciplinary programmers who can become key members of high-performance teams in top notch product engineering companies, start-ups and IT firms. **DigiNxt**, another pioneering product launched by NIIT, as a follow through of StackRoute to service the needs of the Fresh Graduate who wanted to equip themselves with digital skills and thereby improve the chances of getting a good job at a good salary.

**Training.com** is a multi-modal learning platform from NIIT which offers programs designed in association with premier institutes like IIM's that are uniquely positioned to meet the changing requirements of the digital economy.

**Prof (Dr.) P.P Mathur, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT University, said, "At KIIT University, we have been working towards creating a pool of industry-ready engineers through a research centric approach. However, over the years, unemployment amongst engineers has been a major issue. We are focusing on the new-age skills to create a pool of digitally skilled engineers that the industry needs."**

**Dr. Saranjit Singh, Director IEC, KIIT University, said, "We have always worked towards establishing and promoting close interaction with industry to keep abreast with state-of-the-art technology. We are glad to organize this seminar in collaboration with global leader in education NIIT, and we hope this seminar will encourage youth to think critically while opting for a professional career."**

According to All India Council for Technical Education more than 60% of the engineers graduating from technical institutes across India remain unemployed. There is a huge variation in standards of technical colleges in the country, a majority of whom churn out graduates who are not employable. While the higher education institutes are grappling with these issues, the skill sets required by the industry has undergone a change. IT now requires higher levels of leading-edge skills like cloud analytics, robotics, process automation, and so on, and engineering graduates of today do not always come qualified.

To help universities and higher education institutions keep pace with changes in the global and local IT industry, and equip its students with the latest, in-demand skills that make them relevant in today's work scenario, NIIT introduced **NIC (NIIT Inside Campus)**, a globally successful on-campus, customized education delivery model that is integrated with the institution's bachelor degree programs, aiming to bridge the technological gap. Through this model, NIIT provides its content, methodology, platform, technical know-how, pedagogy and also support university professors and lecturers by providing necessary training to deliver the latest curriculum. After the completion of the course, the students get a degree from the University/Government and also receive a certificate from NIIT. This model has been implemented successfully in more than 200 Universities and colleges across China, Vietnam and Nigeria.

During his visit Mr. Sapnesh Lalla also met key academia from Bhubaneswar & Cuttack and discussed the current challenges faced by both academic intuitions & students with the emerging Digital Transformation trends, along with the various new opportunities for the student community.

NIIT Bhubaneswar has been working closely with global leaders in Technology to provide training on state-of-the-art technology platforms over last 28 years and has trained more 50,000 students in IT, Banking & Skills Domain, Corporate Executives, Professionals and BPL candidates. The alliances with some of the most eminent names in the industry like Cisco, Microsoft, Oracle, SAS Institute and many more has been established to ensure that the students capitalize on the latest skills and technology trends, so that they are better able to meet the ever-increasing industry requirements. Currently NIIT has two centers in Bhubaneswar City at Nayapally & Sahidnagar along with centers at Cuttack Badambadi, Rourkela, Barbil & Behrampur in the State of Odisha.

## **About KIIT University**

Established in 1992 and opened five years later as a centre for higher learning, KIIT University is today one of the most prestigious universities in India. Its commitment to teaching excellence led to the grant of university status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India in 2004, within only seven years of its inception. KIIT is relatively young, but prizes excellence and ambition. The contributions of KIIT's faculty, students and alumni have been earning national and international recognition.

It serves more than 27,000 students through its 19 Schools imparting globally recognised bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programmes in 100 plus disciplines, spanning engineering, medicine, management, biotechnology, law and more. Apart from global recognition and pedagogical excellence, the University provides the best possible academic and non-academic grooming and empowerment that enable one to become a global citizen and make an impact in the global workplace.

KIIT is an internationally-focussed university and welcomes students from all corners of the globe. With international students enrolled from around 45 countries, it prides itself on being a cosmopolitan and multicultural campus. Laying claim to a global mindset, the university actively partners with other leading higher education institutions around the world to provide international opportunities to its students and faculty. With tie-ups with 140 leading institutions of the world, KIIT has a presence in over 50 countries, including USA, UK, Germany, Russia, Czech Republic, Japan, South Korea and Kenya. KIIT is a multi-campus university. Its 23 campuses span 25 sq. km. and have a built up area of 12 million sq. ft. Apart from academic blocks, administrative blocks and student residences, attractions on campus include a Rose Garden, Art Gallery, Sculpture Garden, Tribal Museum and a 35000-capacity multisport stadium.

KIIT emphasises close collaborations between faculty and students to address academic, technological and societal challenges. A strong and effective tutor-mentoring system is among many innovative teaching-learning and student-friendly initiatives taken by KIIT. Students of the University have not only gone on to join some of the world's most successful companies, but also excelled in fields of their choosing, including participating in Olympic games as a member of Indian contingent.

KIIT University is unique in integrating professional education with social concern. Its protégé, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), provides holistic education from KG to PG, food accommodation, health care and all basic necessities absolutely free to 25,000 poorest of the poor tribal children.

## **About NIIT**

NIIT is a leading Skills and Talent Development Corporation that is building a manpower pool for global industry requirements. The company, which was set up in 1981 to help the nascent IT industry overcome its human resource challenges, today ranks among the world's leading training companies owing to its vast and comprehensive array of talent development programs. With a footprint across 40 nations, NIIT offers training and development solutions to Individuals, Enterprises and Institutions.

NIIT has three main lines of business across the globe – **Global Corporate Business**, **Global Retail Business Skills** and **MindChampion Learning Systems Limited**.

**NIIT's Global Corporate Business (GCB)** offers Managed Training Services (MTS) to market-leading companies in North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. The **Global Retail Business (GRB)** delivers a diverse range of learning and talent development programs to millions of individual and corporate learners in areas including **Digital Transformation**, Banking, Finance & Insurance, Soft Skills, Business Process Excellence, Retail Sales Enablement, Management Education, Multi-Sectoral Vocational Skills, Digital Media Marketing, and new-age IT. As NIIT's wholly owned subsidiary for its K-12 school learning initiative - **MindChampion Learning Systems Limited (MLSL)**, provides futuristic NIIT nGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprising, interactive Classrooms with digital content, technology-driven Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School - an Education Resource Planning software. The **Training.com** learning platform is an NIIT initiative for advanced career programs, which are delivered live by industry experts in an immersive and interactive online mode, combining instructor-led classrooms with the convenience of accessing the training sessions from anywhere.

As the Most Trusted Training Brand in India for 5th year in a row (Brand Trust Report, 2017), NIIT's learning and talent development solutions, continue to receive widespread recognition globally. NIIT has been named among the Top 20 Training Outsourcing Companies for the past nine consecutive years by Training Industry, Inc. USA. Further, leading Indian ICT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category. NIIT has also been featured as the 'Most Respected Education Company'- 2016 by leading financial magazine, Business World. NIIT.tv – a disruptive innovation by NIIT, won the prestigious award for 'Educational Technology, at the Indo-American Education Summit 2016.

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