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Dr. Achyuta Samanta's life is an outstanding example of overpowering the perils of poverty and privation to position himself to provide unseen opportunities to deprived sections of society in a spirit of service, kindness and love. He is an inspiration to millions of young people who are looking for a role model to emulate to serve the poor of this country. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, who has no self-interest or personal agenda, has made giant strides in leveraging education for poverty eradication, elimination of social alienation, rural development, socio-economic transformation, and world peace.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta was born in 1965 in an economically struggling family and lost his father at the age of four, which plunged the whole family into poverty and starvation. Enduring profound grief of seven young siblings and a widowed mother, together they struggled for survival. The child Achyuta helped his mother while she worked as a menial worker, collected garden litter, and pounded parboiled rice and other menial jobs. He did errands for fellow villagers, tilled lands and grew vegetables, sold them in faraway markets, but took every opportunity to educate himself that transformed his life later. His story is no less apocryphal than log-cabin-to-the-White House legend of Abraham Lincoln.

His life long struggle for survival led to his realization, "**Poverty creates illiteracy and literacy eradicates poverty**", Dr. Achyuta Samanta committed himself to live a life of self-sacrifice and act as the medium to eradicate ills faced by deprived children, using education as the vehicle of social transformation. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, after a brief stint as an academic following completion of his Masters in Chemistry (1987), started in a very modest scale the two institutions - KIIT and KISS with a paltry sum of 100USD which he had saved penny by penny for the purpose.

KIIT started initially in a rented building, now stands over 400 acres with 13 million sq. ft. of aesthetically built up area. It has become the most promising university in India with "A" category status granted by Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India. With visibility that has spread across the globe, the university today enjoys the trust of over 27000 aspirant scholars from around the world. KIIT today has also created indirect and subsidiary employment opportunities for a lakh of people besides direct employment to ten thousand people.

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences was started as a protégé of KIIT in 1992-93. The institute with 25000 students today has become the world's largest residential institute for the indigenous children providing free education from Kindergarten to post-graduation along with livelihood sustaining vocational and life skills, with free lodging, boarding, comprehensive healthcare and other amenities.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta's vision encompasses rural development. With single handed initiative, he transformed his native village Kalarabanka to become a Model Village in 2005 with all the city amenities.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta has also been promoting and fostering growth of arts, culture, literature, films and media and spiritualism in his bid to bring about a holistic change in the human society.

50-year old Dr. Achyuta Samanta, is an icon of simplicity, modesty and universal brotherhood. Undaunted by 45 years of struggle with adversities, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, has been decorated world wide with coveted awards and Honorary Degrees.

We, the members of NIQR, are privileged to present the **NIQR Bajaj Auto Award for Outstanding Quality Man – 2016 to Dr. Achyuta Samanta**, the founder of KIIT and KISS on this day, 11th June 2016 at Chennai.

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