

Objectives of Kalinga Foundation Trust

In my dream of the 21st century for the state of Orissa, I would have young men and women who put the interest of the state before them. They will have pride in themselves, confidence in themselves. They will not be at anybody's mercy, except their own selves. By their brain, intelligence and capacity they will recapture the history of Kalinga. I would like my Orissa of the 21st century to have excellent artisans, superb craftsmen and sculptors, great musicians and poets.

Shri Biju Patnaik

Founder President, Kalinga Foundation Trust

Kalinga Foundation Trust (KFT) was founded by the legendary Late Shri Biju Patnaik, Hon'ble former Chief Minister of Odisha and former Union Minister, Govt. of India. The innovative idea of extracting petrol from coal was the brain child of Shri Patnaik and he implemented this project through KFT by sending six bright meritorious young Indian students to Paris for research on the subject. The objectives of the society are Public Charitable & Literary viz: To diffuse useful knowledge in arts, science, scientific research, engineering, technology and promotion of literature, political education and allied subjects both inside and outside the Indian Union; To organise relief works in times of flood, famine, earthquake, cyclone, fire, tempest, epidemic and such other calamities; To promote, encourage foreign studies and researches by Indian students;

To provide medical and welfare facilities and other amenities to children, disabled and infirm persons, the destitute and the orphans; To make arrangements for the poor and deserving persons for free medical treatment and to provide stipends scholarships, grants for enabling meritorious and deserving students to pursue higher studies in India or abroad etc. All the above objectives are being implemented by KFT for the last 60 years.

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- To popularize Science and Technology among the people in general and the student community in particular of our State so as to inculcate in them a Scientific temper and attitude.
- Encouragement to and funding of application oriented research in the field of Science & Technology.

- To propagate, develop and extend the use of renewable energy sources / devices in the State.
- To promote and popularize remote sensing technology and make it's effective use.
- To undertake research in frontier areas of Life Sciences, Materials Sciences, Bio-technology, Molecular and Environmental biology etc.
- To undertake fundamental research in Mathematics and its applications and to support inter-disciplinary research through interaction between Mathematicians and Physical / Biological/ Engineering/Social Scientists.
- To create awareness among the people in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Sciences.
- Science and Technology communication through awareness promotion, support to

Institutions/Organizations to conduct Seminars/ Workshops/ Science competitions/ Science Exhibitions etc.

- To provide financial support to Scientists of the State to enable them to participate and interact in the higher forums of International Conferences by presentation of their research/ technical/scientific paper.
- To provide financial assistance to Technical Institutions for conducting of Entrepreneurship Development Training Programmes for the benefit of technically qualified unemployed youths of the State.

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