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### ICMBL Best Paper Award

A Certificate + Cash prize + Memento will be awarded to the best paper written and presented in the conference. The winner will receive the award during the valedictory program.

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A Certificate + Cash prize + Memento will be awarded to the best paper written and presented in the conference. The winner will receive the award during the valedictory program.

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A certificate + cash prize + memento will be given to the awardee. It will be selected by an independent committee from the submitted nominations.

### ICMBL Young Librarian Award

A certificate + cash prize + memento will be given to the awardee. It will be selected by an independent committee from the submitted nominations.

**\*The organizers have planned a half-day sightseeing to visit the holy place Puri to get blessings of LORD JAGANNATH after the conference on 24th January 2027 at free of cost.**

### Climate at Bhubaneswar

January brings a full-fledged winter to Bhubaneswar. The weather is cool and enjoyable, providing a refreshing change from the scorching heat of the summer and the humidity of the monsoon. The highest temperature might be 28 degrees Celsius, and the lowest is 15 degrees Celsius. The participants are advised to bring woollen clothes/apparel with them.



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# ICMBL 2027



## International Conference

ON

# Marching Beyond the Libraries: Create, Connect, and Continue

**22-23 January, 2027**



*Organised by*

**Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)**  
Deemed to be University  
Bhubaneswar-751024, Odisha

## About the Conference :

The International Conference on Marching Beyond the Libraries (ICMBL) has emerged as a prestigious global platform for Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, academicians, researchers, and practitioners to deliberate on emerging trends, challenges, and innovations in the field. KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, is organizing the ICMBL series that reflects the institution's continuous commitment to academic excellence, research advancement, and professional engagement in the LIS domain.

Since its inception, ICMBL has successfully hosted four landmark international conferences, each focusing on contemporary and transformative themes in librarianship:

**ICMBL 2016:** The Role of Social Media and Networking (25–26 November 2016) emphasized the growing influence of digital platforms and virtual communities in information sharing and user engagement.

**ICMBL 2018:** Managerial Skills and Technological Competencies (16–17 November 2018) highlighted the importance of leadership, management practices, and technological expertise in modern libraries.

**ICMBL 2024:** Leadership, Creativity and Innovation (20–21 December 2024) focused on redefining libraries as dynamic knowledge hubs driven by innovation and creative practices.

**ICMBL 2025:** Talent, Technology, and Transformation (18–20 December 2025), organized in association with MANLIBNET, explored the evolving roles of talent management, emerging technologies, and transformative library services in the digital era.

Each edition of ICMBL has witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 350 delegates, including eminent LIS professionals, policymakers, scholars, and international experts. The conferences have served as vibrant forums for exchanging ideas through keynote sessions, technical paper presentations, panel discussions, and workshops. The consistent success of ICMBL reflects its relevance, academic rigor, and global outreach.

## ICMBL 2027: Create, Connect, and Continue

Building on the remarkable success of previous editions, KIIT Deemed to be University is proudly announcing the International Conference on Marching Beyond the Libraries: Create, Connect, and Continue (ICMBL 2027) during 22-23 January 2027.

The theme of the International Conference reflects the evolving role of libraries in shaping knowledge societies in the digital era. Libraries today are not merely repositories of information but vibrant ecosystems that encourage creativity, facilitate meaningful connections, and ensure the continuous flow of knowledge across communities and generations.

In a rapidly changing information landscape, libraries must move beyond traditional boundaries and embrace innovative approaches to knowledge creation, collaborative networking, and sustainable information services. Moreover, this theme emphasizes the importance of fostering creative thinking, strengthening professional and technological connections, and sustaining the mission of libraries as enduring pillars of education, research, and social development.

## Key Sub-Themes

### Create

Creation has become a central aspect of modern libraries. Libraries are increasingly transforming into spaces where knowledge is not only accessed but also generated. Through digital tools, maker spaces, research support services, and open knowledge initiatives, libraries empower users to create new knowledge, content, and innovative solutions.

This sub-theme focuses on how libraries can cultivate creativity, support scholarly production, encourage digital content development, and promote innovation in information services. It also highlights the role of librarians as facilitators of knowledge creation and intellectual growth.

### Connect

In the knowledge-driven world, connectivity plays a vital role in expanding the reach and impact of libraries. Libraries act as bridges that connect people with information, institutions with communities, and ideas with opportunities. Through digital platforms, collaborative networks, and global partnerships, libraries strengthen the exchange of knowledge beyond geographical boundaries.

This sub-theme explores strategies for enhancing connectivity through information communication technologies, collaborative research networks, resource sharing, and community engagement initiatives that strengthen the role of libraries as inclusive knowledge hubs.

## Continue

Sustainability and continuity are essential for the long-term relevance of libraries. As information environments evolve, libraries must continuously adapt their services, technologies, and professional practices to meet emerging user needs. The commitment to lifelong learning, preservation of knowledge, and sustainable development ensures that libraries remain enduring institutions serving future generations.

This sub-theme emphasizes the importance of continuous innovation, sustainable information services, capacity building, and the preservation and dissemination of knowledge in a rapidly transforming digital world.

In a nutshell, the conference theme serves as an invitation to the global library community to collectively explore new pathways for creativity, collaboration, and sustainability in library and information services. Participants can expect engaging discussions, scholarly exchange, and collaborative opportunities that will contribute to shaping the future direction of libraries in the knowledge society.

**ICMBL 2027** aims to bring together a diverse community of LIS professionals, academicians, technologists, and industry experts from across the globe to share insights, research outcomes, and best practices. The conference will provide a dynamic platform for discussing future-ready libraries, emerging technologies, open knowledge systems, and the role of libraries in fostering inclusive and connected societies.

With its strong legacy and forward-looking vision, ICMBL 2027 is expected to further strengthen global collaborations and contribute significantly to the advancement of Library and Information Science.

## KIIT: An Overview

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar is among India's most sought-after universities, sprawling over 25 sq. km. area with 12 million sq. ft. of built up area, attracting students from all over India and more than 65 countries to pursue professional and technical education. From a modest beginning in 1997, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University has evolved into a multi-disciplinary

University, respected worldwide for its culture of educational excellence. Currently the University has 30 constituent schools, contiguously located in impeccably landscaped and modern-technology-enabled

campuses, offering graduate, post-graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral programmes in a wide range of disciplines. Currently KIIT has 40,000+ learners, 3000+ researchers, and 1 Lac alumni. The excellent academic ambience, quality faculty, adherence to strict academic rigor and plethora of other academic activities led to grant of university status under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956 to the institute by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India in the year 2004, within just six years of its inception. It is also accredited in 'A++' Grade by NAAC. KIIT DU emerged as no 1 among all the self-financing institutions in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) for the second consecutive time. KIIT Deemed to be University has made a significant jump in Times Higher Education "World University Ranking" for 2013, being placed in the cohort of 601-800 as against 801-1000 in the previous year, reflecting its sustained focus on quality teaching, research activities a remarkable rise in its global reputation. KIIT Deemed to be university has created its image and reputation in the global level through higher rankings awarded to the university by different national and international accreditation bodies. India's first QS five stars rated university, Workplace of the year THE Awards Asia 2020, Accredited by IET UK, ranked 301 in



The Times Higher Education Young University Ranking 2019, 8th among reputed private universities in India by World University Rankings, 2018. KIIT bagged 'THE Awards Asia' Leadership and Management Team of the Year for its phenomenal pandemic response and relief work by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2021.

It has received all accreditations and affiliations from prestigious national and international bodies such as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA and the Institution of Engineering and Technology, (IET), UK because of its quality research, innovation, and publications and citations. KIIT has had an excellent placement record since its inception owing to its quality teaching and learning process, and the brand value that it carries. KIIT is ranked in the cohort of 601-800 in the Times Higher Education 'World University Ranking 2024'. Its Computer Science Engineering ranks in the cohort of 301-400 and its overall Engineering ranking is 401-500 in the world. KIIT has been accredited with an A++ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an all-India 17th rank by the National Institution of Ranking Framework 2025, NIRF, Ministry of Education. It has also been the top university for innovation among private institutions for two consecutive years (2020, 2021) according to AICTE, Government of India. It has been ranked among the top 151-200 universities in the world as per the Times Higher Education Young University Ranking 2022. It has been ranked 501-600 in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, 6th best among Indian Universities, 169 in Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2026. Top 101-200 in Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025. It has been ranked 20th globally and 3rd in India in Quality Education (SDG 4). KIIT has been ranked 15th globally and No. 1 in India in Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10). It has been ranked 29th globally and No. 1 in India in Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions. Ranked among the top 401-600 globally and 19th in India in partnerships for the goals (SDG 17).

## Central Library

Central Library plays an integral role in supporting the academic programmes of the university. The library resources of KIIT Deemed to be University comprises excellent collections of books, reports, journals, electronic resources, institutional repository and items in all conceivable areas to encourage interdisciplinary and value added research. Library facilities and services are offered to students, research scholars and faculty members of different schools through 22 well established independent school libraries located at respective schools of KIIT Deemed to be University as well as from the Central Library that is located in an independent campus. The Central Library, housed in an 8 storied building spread over an area of 10, 000 sqm acts as the main learning resource centre of the University. The university library is steadily growing under the aegis of Hon'ble Founder KIIT & KIIS Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta. The vision and mission of KIIT central library is not just to cater to the academic and research needs of the institution but to render services to the society. Steps are being taken to expand the domain of services and facilities of the library in line with the vision and mission of Honourable Founder to set it as a unique world class library for institutions of different parts of the country and world to follow suit.

## Department of Library & Information Science

The Department of Library and Information Science at KIIT Deemed to be University is dedicated to nurturing future leaders and professionals in the dynamic field of library and information science. With a strong emphasis on both academic excellence and practical training, the department equips students with advanced competencies in information organization, management, retrieval, and digital librarianship, preparing them to excel in diverse information environments such as academic libraries, public institutions, cultural organisations, and corporate information centres. Offering postgraduate programmes including the Master of Library and Information Science (M.Lib.I.Sc.) and Ph.D. in Library and Information Science, the department fosters a vibrant learning ecosystem supported by expert faculty, research opportunities, and exposure to emerging technological trends in information science. With a mission to develop dynamic professionals capable of leading modern information services and a vision to be a premier hub for innovation and scholarship in the discipline, the department integrates hands-on experience, research orientation, and industry engagement to broaden students' career prospects and impact.

## Important Sub-Themes: Create (Innovation & Content Generation)

This focuses on the library as a "maker" space and a generator of new knowledge.

### • **Makerspaces and FabLabs:** Integrating 3D printing, robotics, and DIY culture into the library.

- ✳️ Design & development of makerspaces in academic and public libraries
- ✳️ Role of FabLabs in promoting experiential learning
- ✳️ 3D printing applications in library services
- ✳️ Robotics and STEM learning in libraries
- ✳️ DIY culture and community-driven innovation in libraries
- ✳️ Skill development through makerspace initiatives
- ✳️ Budgeting and sustainability of makerspaces
- ✳️ Case studies of successful library makerspaces
- ✳️ Inclusive makerspaces for diverse user groups
- ✳️ Future trends in maker culture within libraries

### • **Digital Scholarship:** Supporting researchers in data visualization and digital humanities.

- ✳️ Libraries as digital scholarship hubs
- ✳️ Data visualization tools and services in libraries
- ✳️ Role of libraries in digital humanities research
- ✳️ Research data management services
- ✳️ Supporting open digital research platforms
- ✳️ Digital curation and scholarly communication
- ✳️ Integration of digital tools in research workflows
- ✳️ Bibliometrics and altmetrics in digital scholarship
- ✳️ Collaborative digital research environments
- ✳️ Capacity building for digital scholarship services

### • **AI and Generative Tools:** How libraries can facilitate the ethical use of AI in content creation.

- ✳️ Ethical use of AI in libraries
- ✳️ Generative AI for content creation and summarization
- ✳️ AI-driven information retrieval systems
- ✳️ Chatbots and virtual assistants in libraries
- ✳️ AI literacy programs for users
- ✳️ Bias and transparency in AI tools
- ✳️ Automation of cataloguing and metadata generation
- ✳️ AI in academic writing support
- ✳️ Policy frameworks for AI adoption in libraries
- ✳️ Future of AI-integrated library services

### • **Institutional Repositories:** Preserving and showcasing locally produced research and creative works.

- ✳️ Development and management of institutional repositories
- ✳️ Open access repositories and scholarly visibility
- ✳️ Metadata standards and interoperability
- ✳️ Preservation of theses, dissertations, and grey literature
- ✳️ Repository-based research impact measurement
- ✳️ Copyright and licensing issues in repositories
- ✳️ Integration with global indexing systems
- ✳️ Enhancing discoverability of institutional research
- ✳️ Repository analytics and usage metrics
- ✳️ Role of repositories in knowledge preservation

## Connect (Engagement & Collaboration)

This explores the library's role as a bridge between people, data, and global networks.

### • **Libraries as Social Infrastructure:** Strengthening community ties & providing safe spaces for dialogue.

- ✳️ Libraries as inclusive community spaces
- ✳️ Role of libraries in social cohesion and civic engagement
- ✳️ Libraries supporting marginalized communities
- ✳️ Public libraries and community development
- ✳️ Safe spaces and mental well-being initiatives
- ✳️ Cultural programs and community outreach
- ✳️ Libraries in disaster and crisis response
- ✳️ Digital inclusion and bridging the digital divide
- ✳️ Community-driven library services
- ✳️ Libraries as hubs for public discourse

### • **Open Access & Open Science:** Breaking down paywalls to connect the public with high-quality information.

- ✳️ Open access publishing models and challenges
- ✳️ Transformative agreements and scholarly communication
- ✳️ Impact of open access on research visibility
- ✳️ APCs and sustainability issues
- ✳️ Open educational resources (OER)
- ✳️ Role of libraries in promoting open science
- ✳️ Open data repositories and FAIR principles
- ✳️ Policy frameworks for open access
- ✳️ Citizen science and public participation
- ✳️ Ethical issues in open science

### • **Cross-Sector Partnerships:** Collaborating with NGOs, Tech Companies, and Government Bodies.

- ✳️ Library collaboration with industry and academia
- ✳️ Partnerships with NGOs for community development
- ✳️ Public-private partnerships in library services
- ✳️ Collaborative research and innovation networks
- ✳️ Libraries and government policy engagement
- ✳️ International collaborations and knowledge exchange
- ✳️ Funding opportunities through partnerships
- ✳️ Role of libraries in smart cities initiatives
- ✳️ Multi-stakeholder engagement models
- ✳️ Case studies of successful collaborations

### • **The Hybrid Library:** Seamlessly connecting physical collections with virtual user experiences.

- ✳️ Integration of physical and digital library services
- ✳️ User experience design in hybrid environments
- ✳️ Remote access to library resources
- ✳️ Virtual reference and digital services
- ✳️ Blended learning and library support
- ✳️ Digital library platforms and systems
- ✳️ Accessibility in hybrid library models
- ✳️ Mobile-based library services
- ✳️ Cloud computing in libraries
- ✳️ Future of hybrid library ecosystems

## Continue (Sustainability & Preservation)

### • **Digital Preservation:** Strategies for saving "born-digital" content for future generations.

This looks at how libraries ensure longevity, both for their collections & their relevance in society.

- ✳️ Preservation of born-digital resources
- ✳️ Digital archiving standards and practices
- ✳️ Long-term access to electronic resources
- ✳️ Preservation metadata and formats
- ✳️ Institutional strategies for digital preservation
- ✳️ Preservation of Digital and Cultural Heritage
- ✳️ Role of cloud storage in preservation
- ✳️ Digital obsolescence and migration strategies
- ✳️ Preservation of multimedia and web content
- ✳️ Legal and ethical issues in digital preservation
- ✳️ Case studies in digital archiving
- ✳️ Archiving Indigenous Knowledge and Local Resources

### • **Resilient Leadership:** Preparing the next generation of library professionals for a shifting landscape..

- ✳️ Leadership skills for modern librarians
- ✳️ Change management in libraries
- ✳️ Crisis management and continuity planning
- ✳️ Strategic planning and decision-making
- ✳️ Leadership in digital transformation
- ✳️ Emotional intelligence in library leadership
- ✳️ Capacity building and professional development
- ✳️ Future leadership models in LIS
- ✳️ Organizational resilience in libraries
- ✳️ Leadership case studies in LIS

### • **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** How libraries contribute to environmental and social sustainability.

- ✳️ Libraries' role in achieving SDGs
- ✳️ Green library initiatives and practices
- ✳️ Environmental sustainability in library operations
- ✳️ Libraries supporting education and literacy
- ✳️ Gender equality and inclusive services
- ✳️ Digital inclusion and reduced inequalities
- ✳️ Community awareness programs on sustainability
- ✳️ Sustainable resource management in libraries
- ✳️ Libraries as agents of social change
- ✳️ Measuring library impact on SDGs

### • **Lifelong Learning:** Moving beyond formal education to support continuous skill-building.

- ✳️ Libraries as lifelong learning centers
- ✳️ Information literacy and digital literacy programs
- ✳️ Skill development and reskilling initiatives
- ✳️ Libraries supporting online and distance education
- ✳️ Community learning and outreach programs
- ✳️ MOOCs and library integration
- ✳️ Personalized learning support services
- ✳️ Learning analytics and user engagement
- ✳️ Role of libraries in career development
- ✳️ Future trends in lifelong learning through libraries

## Other Related Subthemes of the conference.

### Innovation and Emerging Technologies in Libraries

- Semantic Web and Linked Data in Libraries
- Industry 5.0 and Human Centric Intelligent Systems
- Sustainable Digital Innovation in Green Libraries
- Internet of Things (IOT) and Smart Library Infrastructure
- Machine Learning, and Automation in Libraries
- Smart Libraries and Digital Transformation
- Blockchain
- Big Data and Data Analytics in Information Services

### 2. Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation

- Artificial Intelligence in LIS
- Digital Humanities and AI Enabled Research Support
- AI for Scholarly Communication and Publishing
- Copyright, Licensing, Intellectual Property, Data Privacy, Surveillance, and Ethics in Digital Environments.

### 3. Libraries as Creative and Knowledge Innovation Spaces

- Digital Labs, and Creative Learning Environments
- Libraries Supporting Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
- Role of Libraries in Knowledge Creation and Open Innovation

### 4. Connecting Communities through Libraries

- Libraries as Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Hubs
- Building Collaborative Networks among Libraries

### 5. Open Knowledge and Scholarly Communication

- Open Access, Open Science, and Institutional Repositories
- Research Data Management and Knowledge Sharing
- Transforming Scholarly Communication in the Digital Era

### 6. Future of Academic and Research Libraries

- Next Generation Library Services and User Experience
- Role of Librarians in the Age of AI and Automation
- Transforming Library Leadership and Professional Skills

### 7. Library Marketing, Outreach, and Visibility

- Branding and Marketing of Library Resources and Services
- Social Media and Digital Engagement Strategies
- Building Library Advocacy and Impact Measurement

The Library Professionals are also encouraged to submit the papers in any area of Library and Information Science, which will be included in the pre-conference proceedings and will be allowed to present the paper at the conference.

## How to submit papers?

- The length of the paper should not be more than 5000 words.
- Papers should contain full name, affiliations along with email of author(s), abstract, keywords author biography and references properly cited in the text of article as per APA style.
- The paper submitted should be an unpublished document in any media and of any format.

### Full papers can be mailed to: [icmbl.kiit@kiit.ac.in](mailto:icmbl.kiit@kiit.ac.in)

- Paper presenters will receive certificates during the conference. The accepted papers should be submitted along with the registration fee paper for including in the Conference Proceedings.
- \*Only theme based selected papers will be included in Open Access Post Conference Proceedings published by Atlantis Press- a part of Springer Nature (likely to be indexed in SCOPUS)

## Who can participate?

- LIS Practicing Professionals, LIS educators, and Researchers
- IT professionals
- Knowledge managers and corporate librarians
- Academicians/Users in technical and management institutions

## Important Dates and Venue

|                                  |                                                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Conference Date                  | : 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2027 |
| Last Date of Submission of Paper | : 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2026                  |
| Venue                            | : KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar        |

## Registration & Accommodation Registration Fee

| Category                                                                                 | Registration Fee |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Indian Delegates and Research Scholars                                                   | Rs.2250.00       |
| Foreign Delegates                                                                        | \$60.00          |
| Regular BLISc/MLISc students (a certificate from the Head of the Department is required) | Rs.1200.00       |

- \* TA / DA and charges as per the category opted will have to be borne by sponsoring organizations / participants.

The Registration fee includes Conference kit, Conference Proceedings, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Tea for two days only. The conference kit will be provided to the participants who are physically present during the conference. **Registration Fee once paid will not be refunded.** However, e-copy of the conference proceedings will be provided to all the paper contributors. **One paper will be accepted against one registration.**

## Accommodation Charges

Limited rooms are available for accommodation at KIIT Guest Houses and will be allotted on first come first serve basis. Charges will have to pay extra in advance along with registration fee. The Package tariff includes complimentary breakfast and check out time is 12 noon.

## KIIT Guest House Charges

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Single Room Accommodation | : Rs.3600.00 per day        |
| Shared Room Accommodation | : Rs.1800.00 per day        |
| Hostel Accommodation      | : Rs.750.00 per day per bed |

However, participants are advised to book their accommodation in nearby low cost guest houses and other hotels directly as per their requirement and choice.

**Organizing Committee will try to provide free accommodation for the regular students of BLISc and MLISc in University Hostels. Recommendation letter is required from the head of the department.**

## Mode of Payments (Registration & Accommodation)

### \*Through NEFT / RTGS / Fund Transfer as per details given below:

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|------------------|------------------------|
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| Name of Bank     | : Punjab National Bank |
| Account No       | : 1849010226530        |
| Branch Name      | : KIIT UNIVERSITY      |
| IFSC Code        | : PUNB0184920          |
| Swift Code       | : PUNBINBBBBN          |
| MICR Code        | : 751024072            |

\*Through Demand Drafts drawn in favour of CENTRAL LIBRARY KIIT, Payable at Bhubaneswar

## How to Reach Bhubaneswar

**By Air :** If you are planning to travel to Bhubaneswar from a place that is way farther, then it is recommended that you travel by flight since it is the best mode of transport to reach Bhubaneswar for those traveling long distances. Biju Patnaik International Airport is the airport situated 15km away from KIIT. There are daily flights for Bhubaneswar from cities like New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Guwahati, Lucknow, Raipur, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Varanasi, Ranchi, Jaipur, Kochi, Goa and from other places. There are also direct flights from international destinations like Kualalampur, Dubai, Singapore, Bangkok. One can easily avail taxis and local buses from the airport to reach your destination. From Airport, you can reach KIIT within 30 minutes.

**By Rail:** Bhubaneswar Railway Station is the main railhead connecting the city with several Indian cities. There are regular express and superfast trains available from Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Amritsar, Lucknow, Allahabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam, Bangalore, Jaipur, Guwahati, Raipur etc. From the station, one can take private cabs or taxis, city buses, or Autorickshaw to reach anywhere in the city. From Railway station, you can reach KIIT within 25 minutes.

**By Road:** Bhubaneswar bus depots are heavily flocked with passengers. Out state bus service is available from Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The distance between Baramunda bus stand (Main Bus stand of Bhubaneswar) to KIIT is 10 km that can be easily covered within 20 minutes.

## Places of Interest In and Around Bhubaneswar

### Bhubaneswar “Temple City of India”

With the architectural legacy of the Kalinga dynasty, Bhubaneswar boasts up with hundreds of temples including Lingaraj, Mukteswar, Raja Rani, Brahmeswar, Vital etc. dating from 6th-13th century AD. Apart from remarkably sculptured temples, the Jain caves of Khandagiri and Udayagiri, Nadankanan Zoological Park, the peace pagoda ‘Dhauili’ on the bank of river Daya attract visitors from all over the world. Puri, Konark along with capital city of Bhubaneswar form the three vertices of Golden Triangle of Odisha tourism circuit

**NANDANKANAN**, literally meaning “The Garden of Heaven”, is located near the capital city, Bhubaneswar, in the environs of the Chandaka forest. The zoo is home to many animals of different species. Major attractions are Bengal tigers, Asiatic lion, Indian leopard, Indian python and King cobra.

**LINGARAJ TEMPLE** is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and is one of the oldest temples in Bhubaneswar, the capital of the state of Odisha. The temple represents the quintessence of the Kalinga architecture and culminating the medieval stages of the architectural tradition at Bhubaneswar.

**UDAYAGIRI AND KHANDAGIRI CAVES**, formerly called Cuttack caves, are partly natural and partly artificial caves of archaeological, historical and religious importance near the city of Bhubaneswar in Odisha, India. The caves are situated on two adjacent hills, Udayagiri and Khandagiri, Total 18 caves are present in Udaygiri and 15 caves are present in khandagiri.

**BARABATI FORT.** The Barabati Fort reflects the culture of Odisha and the diverse tradition of India as well.

**The BARABATI STADIUM**, situated in Cuttack, Odisha is an Indian sports stadium. It is used mostly for conducting cricket matches, association football, and sometimes even field hockey. A truly rich sporting heritage, it’s been the location for a number of international matches

**DHABALESWAR TEMPLE** is dedicated to the worship of Lord Shiva. It is situated at a distance of 27 km from the city of Cuttack. The temple, located on an island on River Mahanadi, is embellished with stone carvings that date back to the early 10th and 11th century. The serene ambiance, in which the temple is situated, inspires spiritual feeling among one and all.

**DHAULI** is located on the banks of the river Daya, 8 km south of Bhubaneswar. Dhauili hill is presumed to be the area where the Kalinga War was fought. The dome structure of the Shanti Stupa also known as possesses five umbrellas and they symbolize the five essential parts of Buddhism.

**The JAGANNATH TEMPLE** is a world famous Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Jagannath, a form of Sri Krishna, situated in Puri in the state of Odisha on the eastern coast of India. It is one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites. Devotees from all around the globe visit the temple for darshan of the deities and have chappanbhog mahaparasad.

**GOLDEN BEACH PURI** is present at a distance of only 1 km from Sri Jagannath Temple. It is one of the major attractions for the tourist. Activities can be done are speed boat ride, camel ride, sand arts; tourists can also experience the magnificent scenic beauty of sunrise and sunset and enjoy the exotic sea food.

**KONARK SUN TEMPLE** is a 13th-century temple dedicated to the Hindu Sun God (Suryadev). The temple has appearance of 100 feet high chariot with 24 wheels and 7 horses, all carved with stone. Various sculptures present on the walls depicts Hindu deities, apsaras, narrating the Hindu texts. The wheels of the chariot acts as sundial which is worth experiencing on a sunny day. At evening tourist can enjoy the light and sound show.

**CHILIKA LAKE** is a brackish water lagoon, it is the largest coastal lagoon in India and the largest brackish water lagoon in the world. It is the largest wintering ground for over 160 species of migratory birds. Tourist attractions are Kalijai temple, Dolphin fish, Red crab island, Bird Sanctuary.

**BHITARKANIKA NATIONAL PARK** is located in northeast Kendrapara district. It is surrounded by Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary, The national park and wildlife sanctuary is inundated by the rivers Brahmani, Baitarani Major attractions are the saltwater crocodiles, Indian python, king cobra.

**GOPALPUR** is a coastal town situated in Ganjam district, it has a commercial port, a famous sea beach. Activities can be done are wind surfing, scuba diving, paddle boat

**SIMILIPAL NATIONAL PARK** is a national park and a tiger reserve in the Mayurbhanj district. The park is home to Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, gaur, and chausingha Visitors can enjoy the view of various flora and fauna present here.

**CHANDIPUR BEACH** is present in the Balasore district. This pristine beach has some of the most mouth-watering sea-foods to offer. A dedicated region of the beach is a certified missile launching site for the Indian Army under the Defense Research and Development Organization. Akash, Surya, Agni and Prithvi ballistic missiles were launched from here.

**The PADMASAMBHAVA MAHAVIHARA MONASTERY** also known as Thupten Mindolling Monastery located at Jeerango, Gajapati district, It is said to be the largest Buddhist monastery in Eastern India. It was inaugurated by the Dalai Lama in January 2010. Tourist can experience the beauty of this place.

