**EDUCATING THE TRIBAL YOUTHS: A WAY TO EMPOWERMENT**

Govt. Autonomous College, Phulbani is one of the premiere educational institution in the heart of tribal dominated Kandhamal district of Odisha. Since its inception, it caters the needs of tribal young minds through quality education. The academic curriculum incorporates with the cultural heritage, community development, ethical and cultural values. The institutional values are deeply rooted on community involvement, inclusive education, skill development, promotion of local language (KUI) and career counseling programmes. It provides a strong sense of help and support to the tribal youths through life skill promotion and mentor support by the young and dynamic academicians of the institution. It provides essential life skills among the enthusiastic tribal minds through the development of critical thinking, problem-solving and decision making process. The sincere career guidance and counseling service helps the tribal youths in achieving different career options with the preservation of core values and sustainable development. Even though nurturing the young minds of the tribes is a herculean task, yet the college provides all help and support to reach their goal since 1960.