## **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS**

Our institution is one of the foremost colleges in Western Odisha in imparting quality education to girls predominantly belonging to Scheduled Caste(SC), Scheduled Tribe(ST) and minority community. Ours is a Women's college established with the aim of making the dream of higher education a reality among girl students from conservative families, especially lower middle class and economically underprivileged families. Students from the minority community take admission in large numbers in our college. Its a locational advantage for them.

Quality and is provided to our students to empower them with relevant knowledge and skills. We believe in 'If a girl is educated her entire family is educated and uplifted' and are successfully implementing the slogan given by our honourable Prime Minister 'BetiBachaoBetiPadhao' since last five years. Many of alumni are well placed in the society and contributing to the development of the nation. Students are sensitised from time to time on issues related to women through seminars and talks.

Another distinctive feature of our college is to provide skill development. Particular focus is given on improvement of Soft skills, Personality Development among the students. The college has the facility of teaching honours in Home Science, Anthropology, Geography and Psychology which are not available in other colleges in Sambalpur District.

The college is selected by the Govt.of Odisha as the Nodal Centre for imparting Self Defence Training Under Sambalpur University. 17 nos of colleges are kept under this nodal centre by the Govt. The entire expenditure is borne by the Govt. under the Higher Education Department under State Youth Policy 2013. A free copy of the manual book 'React' is distributed to each student for practice. Master trainers are selected from among the students. This is a unique programme for the students of the college. Our college has been awarded as the best nodal centre by the University in the Convocation several times. Many students have benefited under the scheme. However our college started its own self defence programme in the year 2012 in association with Shaolin Kumphu Association, Sambalpur which was widely praised by the media.

During the session 2019-20, the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed in the college. National Seminars, quiz, debate essay competitions were organised among the students in order to imbibe patriotism and value education through the thoughts of Bapujee. A special issue of the college magazine BHASWATI was published based on the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi. Students in large number contributed to the special issue. A national seminar on Gandhi was also held in January 2019. Gandhian thoughts echo in every sphere of college calendar.

Our college has a NCC (Army) wing for girls. To Create a Human Resource of Organized, Trained and Motivated Youth, To Provide Leadership in all Walks of life and be Always Available for the Service of the Nation.