

A National Webinar was held at Mathakaragola College on “**India’s Response to COVID-19: A Soft Power Perspective**” organized by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Mathakaragola College, Mathakaragola, Dhenkanal, Odisha on 10th of December 2020. The webinar was graced by **Dr. Aliva Mishra**, Senior Faculty Member, MMAJ, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi as **(Chief Guest)**, **Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta**, Senior Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, School of Social Science, Sikkim University, former faculty (Director), Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi as **(Chief Speaker)** and **Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra**, Director, CSIRB (Centre for Studies in International Relations & Development, Kolkata, West Bengal). Guest Lecturer in Dept. of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta as **(Guest of Honour)**.

Prof. Chittaranjan Dash, Principal of the Mathakaragola College addressed the session as Chief Patron. Dr Kailash Chandra Das, coordinator IQAC also joined the webinar as the Facilitator. The webinar has been attended by more than 300 participants. The Vote of Thanks was presented by **Prof. Prabir Kumar Biswal, H.O.D**, Dept. of Political Science, Mathakaragola College, Mathakaragola, Dhenkanal, Odisha.