

ABSTRACT
PARALLEL WORKING SESSION

EDUCATION

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**KISS Model to be Replicated in all Indian States: A unique way of
addressing all the aspects of MDGs through Education**

Realising the growing problems of illiteracy, poverty, malnutrition, growing Maoism/ insurgency, environment issues etc in the poverty stricken districts of Orissa which consist of large no of tribal population, the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) was established in the year 1993. It provides formal and vocational (in both farm and non-farm sector) education to thousands of neglected and deprived tribal children who are the most under developed and disadvantaged social groups of the country living in abject poverty and in some of the most inaccessible remote corners of the country.

As a model institution in the country which is only meant for the indigenous people, offers education facilities from Kindergarten to Post Graduate level to 10 thousand tribal children from various parts of India representing 62 tribes (including 13 primitive tribes) and whose family income is much more below poverty line. The concept of residential school is replete with total self-development of a tribal child so that she/he can return to her/his roots and chalk out a descent living for herself / himself and entire family. The Institute advocates on tribal development by creating an appropriate forum for debates and promoting the awareness on right to education among the tribal communities.

The institute provides modern education to the tribal children and at the same time passing on the rich traditional tribal culture of their ancestors to them. Emphasis is given in innovative methodologies for educating the tribal students most of whom are exposed to formal education for the first time. The institute provides the students with Accommodation, Food, Health Care, Study Material, Clothing, vocational training on both farm and non-farm sector, Games and Sports, Computer Education etc. totally free of cost.