

A TAILORING CENTRE IS ESTABLISHED WITH YOUNG GIRLS' INITIATIVE

- A Case Study of Mahantapuram village

There is high demand for garments in the surrounding areas of Settur. Two girls Roja and Shilpa of Mahanthapuram village in Settur area used to go to the Mandal head quarters for learning tailoring. Daily they used to leave at 8.00 a.m. and return by 6.00 p.m. to their village. They felt it difficult to do so every day. They gathered 23 girls who were also interested in tailoring, contacted AF staff, expressed their problem and asked for a solution.



AF staff, in turn contacted JSS (Jana Shikshana Samsthan) a Government Agency in Anantapur which provides skills training for rural youth. Then AF staff conducted a meeting for the girls and their parents and explained the terms and conditions involved for establishing tailoring center in their village.

Within a week's time the contribution amount was collected from the members and handed over to JSS official, who got the proposal sanctioned.

"We are thankful to AF for helping us in the establishment of a tailoring center in our village. It saved our time and money. Our parents are also feeling relaxed as there is no need for us to go to far-off places to learn tailoring. We are thankful to JSS for the help they have extended to our village.

Girls of Mahanthapuram.

The center was started on September 13th and AF staff took the responsibility of follow-up, checking the attendance of the members and the tutor regularly, conducting tests every month etc.

Here they learn not only normal cloth stitching but also the fancy hand works, Zig Zag, embroidery etc. After completing this training the interested girls will be sent to nearby towns and cities for learning advanced courses in fashion designing. The other girls can do the garments in the village itself and sell in their village as well as in surrounding villages.