

## Leading life through Tailoring Activity

Leading a life with dignity and maintaining a family is very much difficult for a widow. But a tribal woman proves that, it is possible for a strong will power, interest and dedication towards for family.

Pratima Mahanta, wife of late Tareswar Mahanta is a live example of a woman who is financially independent and live her life with dignity by earning her bread and butter from Tailoring Shop, tailoring training center and garment shop. Her husband Shri Tareswar Mahanta died due to kidney failure. After his death Smt. Pratima Mahanta was completely dipressed, she thought, how she can live and feed her family. She has a son who is studying in class 4. Her mother-in-law and father-in-law is depending on her. Her husband was only earning member in her family. After death of her husband she was working hard to get income. She joined in a tailoring training center and completed 6 month training course. In the financial year 2018-19, OPELIP extended financial support of Rs.30,000/- (Rupeed Thirty thousand) to open a tailoring unit. VDC of Harekrushnapur bought 2 nos. of Tailoring Machine, one for Stitching & other for inter-lock. Along with this VDC supported for providing cotton, threads, needles, measurement items and other required item which was necessary to run a tailoring unit.

After getting support from OPELIP, she started a full-fledged tailoring unit. At the beginning, she was work alone but after 2 months she was stared a tailoring training center. In the tailoring training center, she trained 4 nos. of trainees. She trained them for 6 months. After completion of their training these trainees have worked with her as employees. Lat year she started a garment shop adjacent to her tailoring unit and sell their own stitching items. Apart from that, she buys ready made garments from Rourkela, Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar for garment shop. During COVID-19 pandemic from last year she has started making different verity of mask in her tailoring unit and selling in



her garment shop as well as at Barkote, Banei, Deogarh and Sundargarh market. She has also prepared mask as per order of different vendors. During 2nd phase lock down, she has prepared 4000 nos. of mask and sold at different places. she is earning Rs.15,000/- to Rs.20,000 per month from her tailoring unit-cum-garment shop.

From this earning she is getting her livelihood and feed her family. She is thankful to OPELIP for providing necessary support in the need of the hour. Now-a-days she leads her life with dignity and able to manage her family requirement.

