



UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

IIT Bhubaneswar



Nurturing Dreams and Stitching Futures: A UBA Initiative

At the heart of Kansapada Village, a small yet vibrant tailoring centre stands as a testament to the transformative power of skill development. Launched under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative, the centre, equipped with state-of-the-art sewing machines and expert guidance, has provided a platform for women to develop their tailoring skills. This tailoring initiative aims to provide the necessary training—from basic stitching techniques to complex embroidery patterns to turn the women's passion into profession. Local trainees, Amara Biswas (NGO), and the UBA initiative joined hands to create a sustainable environment for local women aspiring to become financially and socially independent.

The initiative led by Dr. Seema Bahinipati (Coordinator, UBA), Dr. Madhusmita Dash (Faculty Theme Leader of Self Reliance), Ms. Joyasree Mahanti (Founder of Amara Biswas) aims to empower women with valuable tailoring skills under the guidance of Ms. Rina Kumari Pattanaik of Bhumika Tailoring Centre, Jatni.



The UBA tailoring centre has not only imparted technical skills but has also instilled a sense of confidence and self-reliance among the women. The success of the tailoring centre is a testament to the collaborative spirit of the community. The women of Kansapada Village are now using their newfound skills to not only transform their own lives but also contribute to the economic growth of their community. The UBA tailoring centre stands as a symbol of hope, demonstrating the power of education and skill development in empowering women and uplifting society.



The tailoring training classes were scheduled from 4th March, 2024 to 25th January, 2025 for 16 registered participants. The classes were led by a trained resident of the same village from March 2024 to July 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, Monday to Saturday. Remaining classes from August 2024 to January 2025 were led by Ms. Rina Kumari Pattanaik and ran on Saturdays and Sundays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The assessment test for the tailoring training program at Kansapada village was held on 25th January, 2025 wherein 11 registered participants appeared and successfully cleared the test.



The tailoring course successfully concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony on 01 February 2025. The program was attended by 11 participants, Coordinator, UBA, Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Faculty Theme Leader of Self Reliance, Dr. Madhusmita Dash and UBA Volunteers, Jyoti Kumary and Rohit. With support from UBA IIT Bhubaneswar's Self Reliance team, rural women have equipped themselves with skills to achieve self-sufficiency.

