

Textile industry set to get boost with Sangha Textile Development Association, Akola

Problem Statement



- ▶ Cotton cultivated in the fields of Akola is exported as there is a dearth of processing industry in the region.
- ▶ Consequently, farmers in Akola do not receive substantial profits.
- ▶ To tackle this issue, the Akola District Industries Center has undertaken the initiative to find a solution..

Key Intervention



- ▶ The Akola District Industries Center has taken a commendable step by bringing together approximately 40 small-scale industries in Akola, aiming to establish a comprehensive process starting from cotton cultivation to fabric manufacturing.
- ▶ This integrated approach enables the local industries to produce finished cloth from the raw cotton sourced within the region.
- ▶ As a result, they have successfully supplied clothing items to traders in both Akola and Amravati.
- ▶ This significant development marks the implementation of the 'cotton to cloth' policy, which aims to enhance the value chain and promote economic growth within the cotton industry in Akola.
- ▶ It has units for making and dyeing cloth from yarn at Shelapur
- ▶ At Borgaon Manju, yarn is made from cotton and garments are made from cloth.
- ▶ All the equipment's installed here are state of the art.

Impact



- ▶ The cluster successfully supplied T-shirts to an international company.
- ▶ Processing approximately two and a half tons of cotton daily.
- ▶ Furthermore, 600 women have received training through this initiative.
- ▶ Initially, 110 employees were involved in the project, but currently, there are 308 workers directly and 42 workers indirectly employed under the cluster.
- ▶ Additionally, around 103 units have benefited from the CFC cluster.
- ▶ The need for skilled women workers in this industry is being met from Borgaon and nearby villages.

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“Due to Sangha Textile cluster, a lot of manual work is reduced. The focus shifted to production of value-added products derived from cotton, such as cotton yarn, cotton bales, cotton fabric, cotton garments, and other items, thereby enhancing the value chain.”

- Mr. Nilesh Nikam

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