



Remarkable Women In Fair Trade

Six stories from CREATIVE HANDICRAFTS

Creative Handicrafts, Mumbai, India, began in 1984 – the inspiration of Sister Isabel Martin who started to work with just 2 women. Since then it has evolved into a Fair Trade Organisation, independent, non-religious, non-profit, cooperative, aiming to change the world, one woman at a time. It now employs more than 700 women in both full and part-time work. Check out the website for further information:

www.creativehandicrafts.org

Safina Ansari



Safina is 42 years old and has been associated with one of the co-operatives of Creative Handicrafts for past 7 years. Safina works as a tailor and states that components like safe and healthy working conditions, fair wages for work and equal treatment to all women encourages her and many other women like her to continue their work with a Fair Trade organization like Creative Handicrafts.

Rama Thapa



Rama is 33 years old and has been working with Creative Handicrafts for 8 years now. She is a skilled tailor. She is grateful for her association with Creative Handicrafts as, being a Fair Trade organization, there is no discrimination based on religion or caste and women are able to earn fair wages. Apart from the skills to earn their living, women are also encouraged to strengthen their overall capacities through different capacity building programs.

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Smita Patel



Smita Patel is 43 years old and has been associated with Creative Handicrafts as a tailor for past 14 years. She gives credit for her continuous affiliation with CH to its work with underprivileged women from slum and tribal communities. Smita emphasizes that CH's work has helped many women like herself to become economically independent. The children have been supported for education and consequently moving towards a better future.

Sandhya More



Sandhya is 37 years old and she has been working with Creative Handicrafts for almost 19 years now. She joined CH as a trainee and has become a skilled tailor over the years. Sandhya feels that she has been able to earn a fair income for her work throughout her association with Creative Handicrafts. The safe working conditions, equal treatment to all women and facilities like a day care center, educational sponsorship for children, capacity and skill training programs for women have resulted in her long association with Creative Handicrafts.



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Archana Patel



Archana is 37 years old and she has been associated with Creative Handicrafts for 15 years now. She works as a tailor. She states that there is no discrimination and all the women at CH are given equal rights and opportunities to earn their living and there is a transparency in all the functions of the organizations.

Urmila Yadav



Urmila is 38 years old. She has been working with Creative Handicrafts for past 10 years. She emphasizes that being associated with Fair Trade organization like CH, she has been able to support her family financially and many women from disadvantaged background have been economically and socially empowered as a result of their association with Creative Handicrafts.