

Justice Patnaik lauds efforts of Shraddha NGO in empowering handloom weavers

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A handloom enthusiast himself, Justice Anang Kumar Patnaik, retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, has lauded the efforts of the NGO Shraddha in empowering handloom weavers of Odisha.

During his recent visit to the Nuapatna handloom cluster, Justice Patnaik saw the great "Khandua," handloom products of Maniabandh-Nuapatna village with Geographic indicator (GI).

This village has been recently recognized as the best craft village of the country by the Ministry of Tourism.



While interacting with functionaries of Shraddha in the nearby branch office, Justice Patnaik expressed his deep sense of appreciation for the NGO's unflinching dedication in promoting handloom and increasing earnings of the weaver artisans.

Sarat Patra, the

national award-winning weaver showed him his wide-ranging fabrics from original "Khandua pita" offered to Lord Jagannath in Puri temple, which was displayed in Chennai on the first National Handloom Day celebrations, on 7th August 2015, which was graced by Narendra



Modi, the Prime Minister.

Surendra Kumar Patra (former Deputy Director Weavers Service center) Vice President of Shraddha explained various initiatives taken up by Shraddha for imparting skill to women weavers for weaving quality fabrics with

modern designs and color and running yardage in place of saree which led to increase in wage by about 50pc.

Technical aspects of handloom weaving have been dealt in detail in the new website of Shraddha "sraha.org" developed by Dr Sanjay Kumar Panda, former Union Secretary of Textile and President Shraddha with passion and commitment. Justice Patnaik dedicated the new website and appreciated its content.

Srikanta Nayak, Assistant Director of Textiles, Athgarh was present during Justice Patnaik's visit which generated lots of interest and enthusiasm among the weavers.