

Towards Self-Reliance

A case study of Madanaleela



Madanaleela, aged 26 years, from Koyalakonda village of Krishnagiri Mandal, is a physically challenged lady affected by polio when she was three year old. She is the fifth child in birth order and has sisters and three brothers.

Her parents, Ramudu and Hanumakka, were very poor and worried when the doctor told them about incurable polio. They felt no hope in their daughter's future and got so disappointed when friends and relatives cursed their daughter in the name of fate.

She had her education up to the primary level in the Government High School in her village and later dropped her education. They kept her with a local tailor to train her in tailoring. All her sisters and brothers got married and settled.



In due course, she lost her father and used to stay with her mother. In 2019, Sacred with the cooperation of Dr.Christoph PPF, organized 14 persons with disabilities into two groups.

Madanaleela joined one of her groups, namely Sri Krishna Vikalangula Sangham. Sacred provided a sewing machine, and it helped her for **economic development** She gained good skills in tailoring.

Sri Krishna Vikalangula Sangham

Apart from making her livelihood through tailoring, she conducts training girls interested in tailoring. She has good knowledge of embroidery. She is planning to use a zig-zag machine and wants to improve her knowledge in embroidery and intends to improve her business.



Trailoring Training for Girls

All those who belittled her based on her disability now started recognizing her strength and strong willpower to grow independently and lead a dignified life.

“The entry of Sacred in my life has created hope, and my membership in SHG of PWDs made me stronger to prove that disability is not a barrier to living independently. Like there is a will, there is a way, there are problems, and there is also a solution. Why worry about the problems, and suffer? Look for solutions, tackle the problems, and continue our journey hoping for a bright future.”