# National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation

## Technology Up-gradation of Cluster- Morigaon, Assam

## SUCCESS STORY

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| **SchemeName** | **Technology Up-gradation of Cluster** |
| **Cluster Name** | **Handloom Weaving Cluster** |
| **Year of Sanction** | **2018-19** |
| **Amount Disbursed** | **Rs. 22.00 Lakh** |
| **No. of Members** | **50** |
| **ImplementingAgency** | **Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati** |



National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) under its Technology Up-gradation of Cluster Scheme has sanctioned the project for 50 women members of the Handloom Weaving Cluster. The scheme has been implemented through the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, Assam in FY 2018-19 to provide technical support to the enthusiastic weavers in the District – Morigaon, Assam.

The members of the cluster were from various Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and a total of 50 sets of Framelooms alongwith accessories, which included the jacquard machine, the loom, a wooden frame, and yarn along with necessary accessories, were provided.

The tradition of weaving in traditional loom was passed on from generation to generation. To meet their expenses and even to support their family, a few artisans have started weaving *Mekhela chador and household items for* making money but it was not generating a good income. Earlier, one traditional *Gamosa* took nearly 10 to 11 days and after having new looms, artisans have completed one *Gamosa* in a maximum of 2 to 3 days*.* After the intervention of the NBCFDC under its Technology Up-gradation Scheme, weavers got access to the advanced looms and accessories. With the help of these advanced looms, these beneficiaries have improved the quality of their product and fetch good income. Many women of this cluster are saving a lot of time and producing more pieces of the product after getting new looms and accessories. Currently, the beneficiaries of this cluster earn between Rs.5000 to Rs.6000 per month from their business.