

Little Flower Khadi Village Industry Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre



Little Flower Khadi Village Industry Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre (LFKVILRC) is located in north India in the state of Bihar on the border with Nepal. The centre provides work for about 62 members of Little Flower Leprosy Colony spinning silk, dyeing cotton and silk and then weaving and finishing.

The Eri silk moth leaves the cocoon before the silk process begins so Little Flower buys empty silk cocoons from small scale farmers in Assam. The

artisans boil the silk cocoons to release the fine fibres which are spun on foot operated spindles. The delicate threads are then dyed before going for hand weaving. After the cloth comes off the loom it is stitched, finished, steam pressed and packed ready to be exported around the world. This is sustainable and ethical fashion at its best.

MESH has been working with Little Flower for about 13 years providing design, capacity building and marketing support. We are delighted that LFKVILRC became a provisional member of the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) in 2015. Visit <http://www.mesh.org.in/section773927.html> for more details.