

# **COVERAGE REPORT**

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**Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center  
Announce More Than 12,000 Women Trained in 'Women in  
Factories' Program in India**

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Walmart India official says Indian merchandise scores high on cost too

**SANGEETHA CHENGAPPA**  
Bengaluru, December 16

American multinational retail giant Walmart, which sources billions of dollars worth of merchandise from around the world including India and China, is looking to source plastics, iron and steel products from India.

"China has traditionally been strong in plastics; however, India is getting better in plastics than China, both in terms of quality and cost parameters. India is also stronger when it comes to metals such as iron and steel products, which we source from here," Ashwini Sharma, Chief Merchandising Officer, Walmart India, told Businessline.

Some of the other categories that Walmart sources from India for its stores around the world are: home décor, pet consumables, apparel, jewellery, stationery and seasonal merchandise such as Christmas and New Year decorations.

**Farmer training**  
Walmart India owns and operates 20 Best Price wholesale, cash-and-carry stores in India since it opened the first one in Amritsar in 2008. Sharma said 95 per cent of the merchandise for the Best Price stores across the country are locally sourced and the rest comes from outside India.

"We sell everything from consumer products and electronics to perishables and, at any given point in time, the total merchandise value stocked per store is ₹75-20 crore,"

The retail giant has trained 34,000 vegetable and fruit farmers, who are its suppliers across India, in good agricultural practices. This has helped them increase production as well as transition from growing everyday vegetables such as onion and potato to exotic produce such as zucchini and broccoli, that command better prices.

**Women in factories**  
The company aims to train nearly 1 million women in farms and factories and increase sourcing from women-owned businesses. The Walmart foundation has partnered with Bengaluru headquartered Swasti Health Resource Centre to train 12,448 women who work in 30 garment factories in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat in life skills. And there are plans to train another 12,500 women by 2016.

Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, who was in Bengaluru for a national conference on 'Women in factories', said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it's important to us that this training empowers underserved women around the world to handle their personal and professional lives better. \$10 million has been allocated to our global 'Women in factories' programme. Besides India, we are working with women in Bangladesh, China, El Salvador and Honduras to meet our goal of reaching 60,000 women working in 150 factories."

Walmart plans to source \$20 billion worth of merchandise from women-owned businesses in the US and has committed to double its sourcing from 50 women-owned businesses around the world.

In India, Walmart sources from Welspan, a women-owned business.



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**जयपुर।**

भारत में वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन की ओर से वित्तपोषण के साथ स्वास्ति द्वारा शुरू किए गए इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में कम्युनिकेशन, स्वच्छता, प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य, स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा, व्यक्तिगत शक्तियों और लैंगिक संवेदनशीलता सिखाई जाती हैं। नैसी किल्टी, वोपी ग्लोबल सोर्सिंग, वॉलमार्ट ने कहा, "हम अपनी सप्लाइचेन में समुदायों और लोगों के प्रति प्रतिबद्ध हैं। इसलिए हमारे लिए यह बात महत्वपूर्ण है कि यह प्रशिक्षण दुनियाभर की महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाने में मदद कर रहा है। हम भारत में स्वास्ति द्वारा की गई प्रगति और 12,000 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने की उपलब्धि शामिल करने पर रोमांचित हैं।" वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम विशाल वॉलमार्ट वूमन्स इकोनामिक एम्पॉवरमेंट (इक्यूआई) प्रयास का हिस्सा है, जिसका लक्ष्य लगभग एक मिलियन महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करना, महिलाओं के सक्षमता को बढ़ाना और इस तरह अधिक महिलाओं को

जिंदगियों में सुधार लाना शामिल है। अपनी शुरुआत के साथ ही, इक्यूआई पहल ने दुनिया भर में महिलाओं को नौकरी के लिए प्रशिक्षण उपलब्ध कराने, बाजार तक पहुंच बढ़ाने और महिलाओं के लिए करियर अवसर बढ़ाने में सहायता प्रदान की है। भारत विश्वक वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम में शामिल देशों में से एक है, जिसका लक्ष्य 2016 के अंत तक भारत, बंगलादेश, चीन, अल सल्वाडोर और होंदुरस में 150 फैक्ट्रियों में 60,000 कामकाजी महिलाओं तक पहुंचना है। अब तक कार्यस्थलों, घरों और समुदायों में 40,000 से अधिक महिला फैक्ट्री लाइन श्रमिकों को सफल होने के लिए आवश्यक कुशलताओं के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है। इसके अलावा, केयर द्वारा विकसित किए गए, वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन द्वारा वित्तपोषित, एक वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज पाठ्यक्रम केयर द्वारा ऐसी सभी फैक्ट्रियों सा संगठनों को उपलब्ध कराया जाता है जो अपने कर्मचारियों को नौकरी की तैयारी और जीवन कुशलताएं उपलब्ध करने की इच्छुक हैं। बिना किसी खर्च के इस पाठ्यक्रम को उपलब्ध करने से, यह प्रशिक्षण पूरी वैश्विक सप्लाइ चेन में और अधिक श्रमिकों तक पहुंच कर और ज्यादा प्रभाव डालेगा।

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### वॉलमार्ट का 'वुमेन इन फैक्ट्रीज' प्रशिक्षण लॉन्च

जयपुर। भारत में वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन की ओर से वित्तपोषण के साथ स्वास्ति द्वारा शुरू किए गए 'वुमेन इन फैक्ट्रीज' प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में कम्युनिकेशन, स्वच्छता, प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य, स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा, व्यक्तिगत शक्तियों और लैंगिक संवेदीलता सिखाई जाती हैं। नैसी किल्टी, वीपी ग्लोबल सोर्सिंग, वॉलमार्ट ने कहा, कि हम अपनी सप्लाईचेन में समुदायों और लोगों के प्रति प्रतिबद्ध हैं, इसलिए हमारे लिए यह बात महत्वपूर्ण है कि यह प्रशिक्षण दुनियाभर की महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाने में मदद कर रहा है। हम भारत में स्वास्ति द्वारा की गई प्रगति और 12,000 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने की उपलब्धि हासिल करने पर रोमांचित हैं। वुमेन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम विशाल वॉलमार्ट वुमेन्स इकोनामिक एम्पावरमेंट (डब्ल्यूईई) प्रयास का हिस्सा है, जिसका लक्ष्य लगभग एक मिलियन महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करना, महिलाओं के संसाधनों को बढ़ाना और इस तरह वंचित महिलाओं की जिंदगियों में सुधार लाना शामिल है।

### Important messages in the articles

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- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.
- Speaking at the conference, Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, said that Walmart is committed to the communities and people in its supply chain and that it is important for Walmart Foundation that this training helps to empower women around the world.

## 12. Spasht Awaz : Thousands of women trained to be self-dependent



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- To date, more than 40,000 female factory line workers have been trained in the types of skills needed to be successful in the workplace, at home and in their communities.



### 13. Aaj : Walmart Foundation and Swasti to train women



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#### 14. Rashtriya Swaroop : Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center Announce More Than 12,000 Women Trained in 'Women in Factories' Program in India

### वालमार्ट फाउंडेशन और स्वास्ति हेल्थ रिसोर्स सेंटर ने घोषणा की

स्वास्ति हेल्थ रिसोर्स सेंटर (स्वास्ति) ने घोषणा की कि 2012 में स्थापित की शुरुआत के बाद से तीन राज्यों-कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और गुजरात में 12,000 से अधिक महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है। यह घोषणा बंगलौर में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान की गई। भारत में वालमार्ट फाउंडेशन की ओर से स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में घोषणा शुरू की गई है। इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में, कमजोरिकरण, स्वस्थता, जीवन स्वास्थ्य, अवैधान्तिक स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा, व्यक्तिगत स्वच्छता और लैंगिक स्वास्थ्य शामिल की जाती हैं। कर्नाटक में 12,000 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना है। गुजरात में 12,000 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना है। तमिलनाडु में 12,000 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना है।



भारत में स्वास्थ्य प्रदान की है। चंद्रशेखर गौड़, कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष स्वास्ति हेल्थ रिसोर्स सेंटर ने कहा, वालमार्ट फाउंडेशन की पहल स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा है। इस पहल में शामिल होने की गई महिलाओं की संख्या 12,000 है। इस पहल में शामिल होने की गई महिलाओं की संख्या 12,000 है। इस पहल में शामिल होने की गई महिलाओं की संख्या 12,000 है।

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**15. The Financial Express : Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women in 30 units across 3 states**

## Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women in 30 units across 3 states

**fe Bureau**

**Bengaluru, Dec 16:** Walmart Foundation, the CSR arm of world's largest retailer, on Tuesday announced training of more than 12,000 women in 30 factories across three states—Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat — while another 12,500 will be trained before 2016. The programme, "Women in Factories", was launched in the country with Swasti Health Resource Centre in 2012.

Nancy Kieley, vice-president, global sourcing, Wal-

mart, said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women around the world."

The US-based retail giant offers this programme under its larger Walmart Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Initiative, which aims to train nearly one million women and increase sourcing from women. Walmart Foundation has contributed more than \$79 million in grants toward programmes to empower women.

## 16. The Hindu Business Line : Quality of plastic and metal products better in India

### *Quality of plastic and metal products better in India*

Walmart India official says Indian merchandise scores high on cost too

**SANGEETHA CHENGAPPA**  
Bengaluru, December 18

American multinational retail giant Walmart, which sources billions of dollars worth of merchandise from around the world including India and China, is looking to source plastics, iron and steel products from India.

"China has traditionally been strong in plastics; however, India is getting better in plastics than China, both in terms of quality and cost parameters. India is also stronger when it comes to metals such as iron and steel products, which we source from here," Ashwani Sharma, Chief Merchandising Officer, Walmart India, told *Business Line*.

Some of the other categories that Walmart sources from India for its stores around the world are: home

décor, pet consumables, apparel, jewellery, stationery and seasonal merchandise such as Christmas and New Year decorations.

#### **Farmer training**

Walmart India owns and operates 20 Best Price wholesale, cash-and-carry stores in India since it opened the first one in Amritsar in 2008. Sharma said 95 per cent of the merchandise for the Best Price stores across the country are locally sourced and the rest comes from outside India.

"We sell everything from consumer products and electronics to perishables and, at any given point in time, the total merchandise value stocked per store is ₹15-20 crore."

The retail giant has trained 14,000 vegetable and



**Empowering women** Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, with trainees in Bengaluru on Tuesday. GAN SOMASHEKAR

fruit farmers, who are its suppliers across India, in good agricultural practices. This has helped them increase production as well as transition from growing everyday vegetables such as onion and potato to exotic produce such as zucchini and broccoli, that command better prices.

#### **Women in Factories**

The company aims to train nearly 1 million women in

farms and factories and increase sourcing from women-owned businesses. The Walmart Foundation has partnered with Bengaluru-headquartered Swasti Health Resource Centre to train 12,448 women who work in 30 garment factories in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat in life skills. And there are plans to train another 12,500 women by 2016.

Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, who was

in Bengaluru for a national conference on 'Women in Factories', said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it's important to us that this training empowers underserved women around the world to handle their personal and professional lives better. \$10 million has been allocated to our global 'Women in Factories' programme. Besides India, we are working with women in Bangladesh, China, El Salvador and Honduras to meet our goal of reaching 60,000 women working in 150 factories."

Walmart plans to source \$20 billion worth of merchandise from women-owned businesses in the US and has committed to double its sourcing from 50 women-owned businesses around the world.

In India, Walmart sources from Welspun, a women-owned business.



17. Raj Express : Walmart's Women in factories programme

## वॉलमार्ट का वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम

बैंगलुरु। वॉलमार्ट फाऊंडेशन और स्वास्ति हेल्थ रिसोर्स सेंटर ने बताया कि 2012 में स्वास्ति की शुरुआत के बाद से तीन राज्यों कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और गुजरात में 30 कारखानों में 12,000 से अधिक महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है। यह घोषणा बैंगलुरु में आयोजित लाइफ रिकल्स एजुकेशन फार वूमैन इन फैक्ट्री कांफ्रेंस में की गई। नैसी किल्टी, वीपी ग्लोबल सोर्सि, वॉलमार्ट ने कहा, भारत वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम में शामिल देशों में से एक है, जिसका लक्ष्य 2016 के अंत तक भारत, बंगलादेश, चीन, अल सल्वाडोर और होंडुरस में 150 फैक्ट्रियों में 60,000 कामकाजी महिलाओं तक पहुंचना है।

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## 18. Dainik Nayi Dunia : Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women

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तक कार्यस्थलों, धर्म और समुदायों में ६०,००० से अधिक महिला फैक्ट्री लाइन प्रमियों को सफल होने के लिए आवश्यक कुशलताओं के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है। इसके अलावा, कंधर द्वारा विकसित किए गए, वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन द्वारा वित्तपोषित, एक वूमन इन फैक्ट्री लाइफ स्किल्स केयर ट्राय पैमी सभी फैक्ट्रियों सह संगठनों को उपलब्ध कराया जाता है जो अपने कर्मचारियों को नीकरी को बेगारी और जीवन कुशलताएं उपलब्ध करने को इच्छुक हैं। बिना किसी खर्च के इस लाइफ स्किल्स को उपलब्ध करने से यह प्रशिक्षण पूरी वैश्विक सफलता में और अधिक अभिकर्त तक पहुंच कर और ज्यादा प्रभाव डालेगा। कॉन्फ्रेंस में बोले हुए, सुझी मैसी किल्टी, वीपी ग्लोबल सोर्सिंग, वॉलमार्ट ने कहा, "हम अपनी गारंटीकरण में समुदायों और लोगों के प्रति प्रतिबद्ध हैं, इसलिए हमारे लिए यह बात महत्वपूर्ण है कि यह प्रशिक्षण दुनिया भर की महिलाओं को संशक्त बनाने में मदद कर रहा है। हम भारत में स्वास्ति द्वारा की गई प्रगति और १२,००० महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित करने को उपलब्ध होना करने पर प्रभावित हैं।"

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19. Pradesh Today: Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women

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- The announcement was made at the 'Life Skills Education for Women in Factory' conference held in Bangalore.



## 20. Sandhya Prakash: Walmart Foundation announces 'Women in Factories' Program



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« बंगलौर। वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन और स्वास्ति हेल्थ रिसोर्स सेंटर ने घोषणा की कि 2012 में स्वास्ति की शुरुआत के बाद से तीन राज्यों - कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और गुजरात में 30 कारखानों में 12,000 से अधिक महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है। यह घोषणा बंगलौर में आयोजित लाइफ स्किल्स एजुकेशन फॉर वूमैन इन फैक्ट्री कांफ्रेंस में की गई। भारत में वॉलमार्ट फाउंडेशन की ओर से वित्तपोषण के साथ स्वास्ति द्वारा शुरू किए गए इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में, कम्युनिकेशन, स्वच्छता, प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य, अकूपेशनल स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा, व्यक्तिगत शक्तियों और लैंगिक संवेदशीलता की जैसी कुशताएं सिखाई जाती हैं। भारत वैश्विक वूमैन इन फैक्ट्रीज कार्यक्रम में शामिल देशों में से एक है, जिसका लक्ष्य 2016 के अंत तक भारत, बंगलादेश, चीन, अल सल्वाडोर और होंडुरस में 150 फैक्ट्रियों में 60,000 कामकाजी महिलाओं तक पहुंचना है।



**Important messages in the articles**

- The Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center (Swasti) announced more than 12,000 women in 30 factories in three states - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat - have been trained since the program launched with Swasti in 2012.
- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.
- India is just one of the countries included in the global Women in Factories program, which is on track to meet its goal of reaching 60,000 women working in 150 factories in India, Bangladesh, China, El Salvador and Honduras by the end of 2016.

## 22. Dainik Jagran : Walmart Foundation has trained women



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Edition: Bangalore

23. The Financial Express : Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women in 30 units across 3 states

## Walmart Foundation to train 12,000 women in 30 units across 3 states

**fe Bureau**

**Bengaluru, Dec 16:** Walmart Foundation, the CSR arm of world's largest retailer, on Tuesday announced training of more than 12,000 women in 30 factories across three states — Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat — while another 12,500 will be trained before 2016. The programme, "Women in Factories", was launched in the country with Swasti Health Resource Centre in 2012.

Nancy Kielty, vice-president, global sourcing, Wal-

mart, said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women around the world."

The US-based retail giant offers this programme under its larger Walmart Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Initiative, which aims to train nearly one million women and increase sourcing from women. Walmart Foundation has contributed more than \$79 million in grants toward programmes to empower women.



## 24. The Hindu Business Line : Quality of plastic and metal products better in India

### Quality of plastic and metal products better in India

Walmart India official says Indian merchandise scores high on cost too

**SANGEETHA CHENGAPPA**  
Bengaluru, December 16

American multinational retail giant Walmart, which sources billions of dollars worth of merchandise from around the world including India and China, is looking to source plastics, iron and steel products from India.

"China has traditionally been strong in plastics; however, India is getting better in plastics than China, both in terms of quality and cost parameters. India is also stronger when it comes to metals such as iron and steel products, which we source from here," Ashwani Sharma, Chief Merchandising Officer, Walmart India, told *Business-Line*.

Some of the other categories that Walmart sources from India for its stores around the world are: home

décor, pet consumables, apparel, jewellery, stationery and seasonal merchandise such as Christmas and New Year decorations.

#### Farmer training

Walmart India owns and operates 20 Best Price wholesale, cash-and-carry stores in India since it opened the first one in Amritsar in 2008. Sharma said 95 per cent of the merchandise for the Best Price stores across the country are locally sourced and the rest comes from outside India.

"We sell everything from consumer products and electronics to perishables and, at any given point in time, the total merchandise value stocked per store is ₹15-20 crore."

The retail giant has trained 14,000 vegetable and



**Empowering women** Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, with trainees in Bengaluru on Tuesday. *CRN SOMASHEKAR*

fruit farmers, who are its suppliers across India, in good agricultural practices. This has helped them increase production as well as transition from growing everyday vegetables such as onion and potato to exotic produce such as zucchini and broccoli, that command better prices.

#### Women in Factories

The company aims to train nearly 1 million women in

farms and factories and increase sourcing from women-owned businesses. The Walmart Foundation has partnered with Bengaluru-headquartered Swasti Health Resource Centre to train 12,448 women who work in 30 garment factories in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat in life skills. And there are plans to train another 12,500 women by 2016.

Nancy Kielty, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, who was

in Bengaluru for a national conference on 'Women in Factories', said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it's important to us that this training empowers underserved women around the world to handle their personal and professional lives better. \$10 million has been allocated to our global 'Women in Factories' programme. Besides India, we are working with women in Bangladesh, China, El Salvador and Honduras to meet our goal of reaching 60,000 women working in 150 factories."

Walmart plans to source \$20 billion worth of merchandise from women-owned businesses in the US and has committed to double its sourcing from 50 women-owned businesses around the world.

In India, Walmart sources from Welspun, a women-owned business.

25. Business Standard : Walmart's programme on critical life skills trains 12000 women in India

## Walmart's programme on critical life skills trains 12,000 women in India

Part of project across India, Bangladesh, China & Central America, it aims to train one million women

BS REPORTER

Bengaluru, 16 December

The Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center (Swasti) on Tuesday announced that over 12,000 women working in 30 factories across three states — Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat — have been trained as part of a programme it has been conducting along with Swasti from 2012.

The training programme in India, launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive and occupational health and safety, identifying personal

strengths and gender sensitivity.

The Women in Factories programme is part of the larger Walmart Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) initiative, which aims to train nearly 1 million women, increase sourcing from them, and in doing so, improve their lives. Since its launch, the WEE initiative has helped provide job training, market access and career opportunities to women across the globe.

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have contributed more than \$79 million in grants toward programmes to empower women. Of this, about \$10 million has been spent in India, one of the coun-

tries included in the global Women in Factories programme.

Nancy Kielty, vice-president, Global Sourcing, Walmart, told reporters: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain. So it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women."

The programme would touch 60,000 women in 150 factories in India, Bangladesh, China, El Salvador and Honduras by the end of 2016. To date, over 40,000 female factory line workers have been trained in the types of skills needed to be successful in the workplace, at home and in their communities.

In addition, a Women in Factories curriculum, developed by CARE with funding from the Walmart Foundation, is being made available to any factory or organisation interested in providing job readiness and life skills training to its workers. By making this curriculum available at no cost, the training will enable greater impact by reaching more workers throughout the global supply chain.

Chandra Shekhar Gowda, director, Swasti Health Resource Center, said: "We have so far trained 12,448 women. Including men, the number of trained people goes up to 14,481. By 2016, we would have trained 24,500 people."

26. Deccan Herald : Walmart Foundation to impart life skills to 12.5 L women

## Walmart Foundation to impart life skills to 12.5L women

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Walmart Foundation will train 12,500 women factory workers in India by 2016.

The Foundation has tied up with Swasti Health Resource Centre (Swasti) and has already trained more than 12,000 women working in 30 factories in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

The training program launched in India by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.

### 'Empowering women'

Speaking at "Life Skills Education for Women in Factory" conference here on Tuesday, Nancy Kiely, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain. So it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women around the world. We are thrilled with the progress made by Swasti here in India and reaching a milestone of more than 12,000 women trained."

The Women in Factories program is part of the larger Walmart Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Initiative, which aims to train nearly one million women, increase sourcing from women, and in doing so improve the lives of underserved women.

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27. The Hindu: Life-skills trainings to women in 30 factories

## Life-skills training to women in 30 factories

Staff Reporter

**BENGALURU:** Walmart Foundation, the philanthropy arm of retail major Walmart, and Swasti have trained 12,488 women in 30 factories across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat as part of the "Women in Factories" programme.

The programme that was launched by Swasti in 2012 with funding from Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life-skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, and gender sensitivity.

Commenting on the programme, Nancy Kielty, vice-president global sourcing, Walmart, said: "We are committed to the communities

12,500 people in India to be trained by the end of 2016

and people in our supply chain, so it is important for us that this training is helping to empower women around the world."

As part of the initiative, Swasti will train another 12,500 people by the end of 2016. The NGO has so far trained 8,000 women from 15 factories in Bengaluru. Walmart Foundation launched the programme in 2011 to train 60,000 women working in 150 factories in India, Bangladesh, China, El Salvador, and Honduras by the end of 2016.

## 28. The New Indian Express: Programme to train, help create community leaders

### Programme to Train, Help Create Community Leaders

Express News Service

**Bengaluru:** The past few months have been a life-changing experience for Nethra from Bagalur.

An employee of a garment factory, Nethra has moved from being a simple employee to a community leader and even takes classes on safety for children in her local school.

She is one amongst 12,448 women across the states of Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu who are being given life skills training by Swasti Health Resource Centre, which is being funded by Walmart Foundation. Globally, the Foundation aims to impart skills to 60,000 women across 150 factories as part of its 'Women in Factories' programme.

"There are two levels or modules in the course. The first module is a 15-hour foundation course while the advanced module is between 80-100 hours in duration. This module includes effective communication, health and hygiene as well as safety. We have implemented the programme across 30 factories in Phase 1 and trained 12,448 women and 14,481 people including men till date," said Chandra Shekar Gowda, director, Swasti, at a conference held in the city on Tuesday.

Walmart Foundation and Swasti now aim to impart training to 12,500 more women by 2016. "We also



Picture for representation only

"We have implemented the programme across 30 factories in Phase 1 and trained 12,448 women and 14,481 people till date

— CHANDRA SHEKAR GOWDA,  
Director, Swasti

have the trainer programmes where we work with leaders in each factory so that they can carry out training for other staff members. Our aim is to become independent from any factories we work with, within 18 months," he added.

Nancy Kielty, vice-president, Global Sourcing, Walmart, said, "We will be making the curriculum for these courses available to all companies free of cost so that they can carry out these programmes too. Globally, the Foundation has allotted 10 million dollars to the 'Women in Factories' programme, which is being held across India, Bangladesh, China, Honduras and El Salvador," she said.

29. Dinamani: Event Private company should come forward to Lift women skill development



Important messages in the articles

- Speaking at the conference, Nancy Kieley, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, said: “We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women around the world. We are thrilled with the progress made by Swasti here in India and reaching a milestone of more than 12,000 women trained.”
- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.

### 30. Eenadu: Skill training program for women



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### 31. Kannada Prabha: Skill development to train 12,000 women by Swasti

## 12 ಸಾವಿರ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ತರಬೇತಿ

**ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು:** ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಜಂಟಿಯಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿರುವ 'ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ 12 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥ ನಂದಲಾಲ್ ನಾರಾಯಣನ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ ಕನ್ಸೆಪ್ಷನ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ 'ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, 2001 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾದ ಈ ಯೋಜನೆ ಯುಕ್ತ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು, ಹಾಗೂ ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ನ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ತರಬೇತಿ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಕಿಣ್ವ, ಸಂವಹನ, ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟತೆ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ, ವೃತ್ತಿ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ, ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ

**'ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನ್ಯಾಸ್ತಿ ಕಿಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವರೂಪಂಜಿ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು**

ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಭದ್ರತೆ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಸಲಹೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಉತ್ತಮಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಿಧಾನಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೆರವನ್ನೂ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದರು. ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣದ ಗುರಿ ಇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

2016 ರ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಭಾರತ, ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾದೇಶ, ಚೀನಾ, ಸಾಲ್ವೆಡಾರ್, ಹೊಂಡುರಾಸ್ ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ 150 ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ 60 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರು. ತರಬೇತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆ ರೇವತಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಉದ್ಯೋಗದ

ನಡುವೆಯೇ ನಿತ್ಯ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂವಹನ ಕಲೆ ಬೆಳೆಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ತರಬೇತಿಯಿಂದ ಕಲಿತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಎಂದರು. ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಕೇವರ ಗೌಡ, ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನ್ಯಾಸ್ತಿ ಕಿಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿರಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಅಶ್ವಿನಿ ಕರ್ಮಾ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು.

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## 32. Vijayavani -Good Morning: Women's Economic Empowerment initiative

**ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲದಿಂದ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ**

ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ ಕುರಿತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಹಾಗೂ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ ಸುಲೀಕರಣ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಗೌಡ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಏಷ್ಯನ್ ಲೈವ್ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಜಂಟಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ 'ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯ ಕುರಿತು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಿದ್ದು ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ಜನ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅಸಂಘಟಿತ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಾಗಿರುವ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಜ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಾಗಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಓಗೂ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಸುಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲು ಮುಂದಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರು.

ಸಂವತ್ 2012ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆರಂಭಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಗುಜರಾತ್, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಮೊದಲ 12 ಸಾಮಿರತ್ನ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 60 ಸಾಮಿರತ್ನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಕೌಶಲ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸುಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಈವರೆಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು 79 ದಶಲಕ್ಷ ಡಾಲರ್ ಪಣಿ ವ್ಯಯಿಸಿದೆ ಎಂದರು. ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಿಂದ ತರಬೇತಿಗೊಂಡು ಸ್ವಾವಲಂಬಿ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಗಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ ಲಾಹಿ ಎಲ್ ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಗಾಮೆಂಟ್ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಿ ಸುಮತಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಚಿಕ್ಕ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಮದುವೆಯಾಗಿ ಕೌಟುಂಬಿಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಿದ್ದಳೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅಂತಹ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ತರಬೇತಿದಾರರು ಸಮಾಜ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೌಟುಂಬಿಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಿ, ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಆತ್ಮವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ತುಂಬಿದರು ಎಂದರು.

ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷೆ ನ್ಯಾಸ್ತಿ ಕೆಲಿ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಕೌಶಲ ತರಬೇತಿ ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ವಾವಲಂಬಿ ಜೀವನ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ನೇತ್ರಾ, ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ನಿಂದ ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ್ದ ಉಷಾ ಉಪ್ಪಿತರಿದ್ದರು.



ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಗೌಡ, ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಸಂವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷೆ ನ್ಯಾಸ್ತಿ ಕೆಲಿ ಇದ್ದರು.

### Important messages in the articles

- Mr. Chandra Shekhar Gowda, Director Swasti Health Resource Center, said: "The Walmart Foundation's commitment to economic empowerment of women through a partnership approach is impressive and we appreciate the partnership and support provided to Swasti by Walmart Foundation to successfully implement this training in India.
- The announcement was made at the 'Life Skills Education for Women in Factory' conference held at NIMHANS Convention Center in Bangalore.
- The Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center (Swasti) announced more than 12,000 women in 30 factories in three states - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat - have been trained since the program launched with Swasti in 2012.
- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.

### 33. Hosadigantha: Women's Economic Empowerment initiative

**ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ**

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ನೇರ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆಗೆ ವಿಫಲ ವಾದ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್‌ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್, ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಪರೋಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹಣ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಹಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನೇರ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಸಿಕ್ಕದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕಳೆದ ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಸರಕಾರೇತರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ 10 ಮಿಲಿಯನ್ ಬಂಡವಾಳವನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಪರೋಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು, ಗುಜರಾತ್ ಗಳ 12,448 ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯದ ಕುರಿತು ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

**ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯದ ತರಬೇತಿ**

ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 2011ರ ನವೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ನೆರವಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಶಿಬಿರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಶಿಬಿರದಲ್ಲಿ 15 ಗಂಟೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಮತ್ತು 100 ಗಂಟೆಗಳ ಮುಂದುವರಿದ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಕಲಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರನ್ನೇ ಗುರಿಯಾಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು, ಸಂವಹನ, ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ, ವೃತ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ, ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ, ರಕ್ಷಣೆ, ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಗುರುತಿಸುವಿಕೆ, ಲಿಂಗ ಸಂವೇದನೆ ಇತರ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

**25 ಸಾವಿರ ತರಬೇತಿಯ ಗುರಿ**

ಭಾರತ, ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾದೇಶ, ಚೀನಾ, ಇತಿ ಸಾಬ್ಜೆಪಾರ್, ಹೊಂಡೂರಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ 150 ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ 60 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಗುರಿ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 2016ರ ಅಂತ್ಯದೊಳಗೆ 25 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಗುರಿಯನ್ನಿಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿನ 15 ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ 10 ಹಾಗೂ ಗುಜರಾತ್ 5 ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಗೌಡ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

**ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿ**

ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಸರಪಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರನ್ನು ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಇಂತಹ ತರಬೇತಿಗಳು ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ, ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ವೃತ್ತಿ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್‌ನ ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷಿ ನ್ಯಾನ್ಸಿ ಕಿಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

#### Important messages in the articles

- Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts that draw on the strengths of Walmart in the arenas of sustainability, economic opportunity, and community.
- The Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center (Swasti) announced more than 12,000 women in 30 factories in three states - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat - have been trained since the program launched with Swasti in 2012.
- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.



#### 34. Samyuktha Karanataka: Women's Economic Empowerment initiative

**ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ**

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಡಿ. 17: ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್, ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ 'ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಎಂಬ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಅಡಿಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ 12 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್‌ನ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನ್ಯಾನ್ಸಿ ಕಿಲ್ಟಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ನೆಗರದ ನಿಮ್ಮಾನ್ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ 'ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ' ಎಂಬ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ನೆರವಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು ಮತ್ತು ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 12000 ಸಾವಿರಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಜೀವನಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಅಡಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಸಂವಹನ, ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ, ವೃತ್ತಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ರಕ್ತಕೆ, ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಗುರುತಿಸುವಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಲಿಂಗ ಸಂವೇದನೆ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಮೊದಲಾದ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರು.

ಸಮುದಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ಜನತೆಯ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಬದ್ಧವಿದ್ದು, ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ವ್ಯಮೆನ್ ಎಕಾನಾಮಿಕ್ ಎಂಪವರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಭಿಯಾನದ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿರುವ 'ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು' ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವು ಒಂದು



'ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಜೀವನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ' ಎಂಬ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಎಂಬ ಕಿರುಬೋಧನೆಯನ್ನು ವಾಲ್‌ಮಾರ್ಟ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್‌ನ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನ್ಯಾನ್ಸಿ ಕಿಲ್ಟಿ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಗೌಡ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

ದಶಲಕ್ಷ ಒಡ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಜೀವನಮಟ್ಟ ಸುಧಾರಿಸುವ ಗುರಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ ಸುಖಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಈವರೆಗೂ 79 ದಶಲಕ್ಷ ಡಾಲರ್ ವೆಚ್ಚ ಮಾಡಿದೆ ಎಂದರು.

ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಗೌಡ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಮತಿಕರರು ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

#### Important messages in the articles

- Speaking at the conference, Nancy Kieley, VP Global Sourcing, Walmart, said: "We are committed to the communities and people in our supply chain, so it is important to us that this training is helping to empower women around the world. We are thrilled with the progress made by Swasti here in India and reaching a milestone of more than 12,000 women trained."
- The announcement was made at the 'Life Skills Education for Women in Factory' conference held in Bangalore.
- The Walmart Foundation and Swasti Health Resource Center (Swasti) announced more than 12,000 women in 30 factories in three states - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat - have been trained since the program launched with Swasti in 2012.
- The training program in India, which was launched by Swasti with funding from the Walmart Foundation, teaches critical life skills related to communication, hygiene, reproductive health, occupational health and safety, identifying personal strengths and gender sensitivity.

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