



## **Status of women workers in garment industry: A case study of Shahi Garments in Shimoga district**

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***Abstract :** The garment sector has been making an incredible contribution to the Indian economy and the lion's share of the contribution has come from the poor female garments workers who were basically migrated from rural areas. Due to participation in this income generating sector in the urban areas, their decision making power, life and status in the society relatively got upgraded to some extent. However, the condition of female garment workers still leaves a lot to be desired. Although their level of income have relatively increased higher than before, they are finding it difficult to survive due to the increased cost of living in the urban areas. This case study attempts to find out the working conditions, safety measures, financial rewards, and level of work satisfaction of women workers working in Shahi Garments, located in Sagara, a suburb township in Shimoga district.*

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