

Swami Hastkala Gruhaudyog: Turning Waste into Wealth with Creativity

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From humble beginnings to becoming a celebrated business icon, **Sangita Mukund Nagwanshi** has carved a unique path in the world of handcrafted furniture and handicrafts through her enterprise, **Swami Hastkala Gruhaudyog**. Her story is one of **self-motivation, creativity, and dedication**, inspiring countless women across Maharashtra.

From Household Challenges to Entrepreneurial Drive

After completing her **Marathi shorthand examination with first-class distinction**, Sangita was actively searching for a job. However, life's course changed with her marriage and the birth of her first child. Like many women, she became primarily responsible for household duties and childcare.

In **1995**, seeking to contribute financially and overcome family circumstances, Sangita joined her family's small shop, **Swami Electrical and Repairing**. There, she learned **switchboard cutting, fitting, and wiring**, gradually developing a hands-on understanding of her craft while balancing home responsibilities and childcare — all without hiring any external help.

Turning Waste into Creativity

Sangita's ingenuity soon transformed into a profitable venture. Instead of discarding leftover plywood from the shop, she began **crafting small toy sofas, dining tables, chairs, and kitchen stands**, gifting them at weddings. One significant creation was a **Lord Krishna throne (Sinhasan)**, made from leftover plywood, satin, lace, and decorative embellishments, which received widespread admiration.

Encouraged by the response, Sangita began designing **decorative thrones** in shapes like peacocks, swans, and elephants, combining intricate assembly with velvet and lace finishes. She launched her first small exhibition, showcasing **10–12 unique designs**, marking the foundation of **Swami Hastkala Gruhaudyog**.

Expansion and Community Empowerment

With growing demand, Sangita expanded her enterprise, sourcing scrap plywood and broken furniture, even procuring materials by mini-truck from **Jalgaon**. She provided **employment to local women**, assigning tasks like lace attachment and finishing touches for the thrones.

Her business now reaches cities like **Khamgaon, Shegaon, Akola, and Jalgaon**, and she sources raw materials like velvet, lace, and decorative patches from wholesale markets in **Jalna, Jalgaon, Mumbai, Surat, and Indore**. Alongside her throne-making business, she also runs the shop's **electrical spare parts supply**, supporting her husband's work.

Diverse Product Line and Social Commitment

Swami Hastkala Gruhaudyog has diversified into **wedding and religious items, festive snacks, and handcrafted bags from discarded fabric**, providing sustainable employment for women. The shop also produces **puja essentials, artificial flower bouquets, bath and cleaning products, and food items for fasting**, reflecting Sangita's philosophy of "turning waste into wealth."

Sangita has successfully balanced her enterprise with family life, raising **two sons, daughters-in-law, a granddaughter, and a grandson**, all of whom actively support the business.

Recognition and Community Leadership

Apart from her entrepreneurial success, Sangita is deeply involved in social work. She is a proud member of the **Somvanshi Arya Kshatriya Lohar community** and serves as **District Women's President (Buldhana)** of the **All-India Somvanshi Arya Kshatriya Federation**. For the past **10 years**, she has led a women's self-help group named "**Ranragini**", empowering women through skill development and employment opportunities.

Her contributions have now earned her a nomination at the **Maharashtra Business Icon Awards**, a recognition she describes as the "**sweet culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and creativity.**"

A Message of Inspiration

Sangita's story is a testament to how **ingenuity, perseverance, and community support** can turn challenges into thriving enterprises. Her journey inspires women to pursue self-reliance, harness creativity, and create meaningful impact while balancing family and social responsibilities.

Selected for Maharashtra's Prestigious Awards

Recognizing her dedication and achievements, she has been selected for the prestigious "**Maharashtra Business Icon 2025 / Maharashtra Style Icon 2025 / Maharashtra Fashion Icon 2025**" awards.

This honour is being presented by **Reseal.in and India Fashion Icon Magazine**, celebrating Maharashtra's emerging entrepreneurs and artists.

The selection marks a proud moment not only for her, but also for the entire region.

Presence of Renowned Film Personalities

The grand award ceremony will be graced by celebrated film personalities:

- **Ms. Varsha Usgaonkar (Bollywood Actress)**
- **Ms. Sonalee Kulkarni (Indian Actress)**
- **Ms. Prarthana Behere (Indian Actress)**

Event Hosted Under Expert Leadership

The event is organized under the leadership of **Mr. Sudhir Kumar Pathade**, Founder & CEO of Reseal.in (Sure Me Multipurpose Pvt. Ltd.), who continues to provide a national platform for Maharashtra's rising entrepreneurs, designers, and creative talent.

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