

# Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector

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## Background

The textile and apparel industry is one of the earliest industries developed in India. Its entire value chain from fiber to apparel manufacturing has a strong presence within the country. It is the **biggest employer after agriculture**. In order to meet the skill gap in the industry and also to supplement its efforts initiated through the Special Package for Garments and Made-ups, the Government has approved the new scheme titled "**Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)**" for the entire value chain of textile except Spinning and Weaving in the organized sector, for a period of **three years** from 2017-18 to 2019-20

The 'Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)' shall be **known by the name Samarth**, signifying the broad objective of the scheme to **skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textile sector**

## Objective

- **To provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textile, excluding Spinning and Weaving.**

- To promote **skilling** and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of **handlooms, handicrafts, sericulture and jute**.
- To enable provision of **sustainable livelihood either by wage or self employment** to all sections of the society across the country.

### **Implementing agencies**

The skilling programmes would be implemented through following Implementing Agencies:

- Textile Industry.
- Institutions/Organization of the Ministry of Textile/State Governments having training infrastructure and placement tie-ups with textile industry.
- Reputed training institutions/ NGOs/ Societies/ Trusts/ Organizations/ Companies /Startups / Entrepreneurs active in textile sector having placement tie-ups with textile industry.