

Silk Samagra scheme

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Silk Samagra is an Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry which was launched to sustain and strengthen the Sericulture activities in the country.

Components of the scheme

- Research & Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and I.T. Initiatives
- Seed Organizations
- Coordination and Market Development and
- Quality Certification Systems (QCS) / Export Brand Promotion and Technology Upgradation.

Key highlights

- It emphasis on Collaborative research to strengthen genetic base and hybrid vigour
- It promotes R&D to increase crop cycles, increase systematic plantation of Vanya Silks for controlled rearing.
- The scheme promotes **horizontal expansion of Sericulture in non traditional areas including North East** through Cluster approach.
- It promotes **Soil testing** and issue of Soil Health Card to beneficiaries.
- It promotes **organic farming** and eco friendly Silk – **Vanya Silk.**
- The scheme provide critical input support to the beneficiaries from Kissan Nursery to Fabric production for productivity and quality improvement.
- Use of Silkworm by-products (pupa) for poultry feed, Sericin for cosmetic applications and product diversification into non-woven fabrics, Silk denim, Silk

knit etc for added value realisation.

- Upgrade State Seed Multiplication facilities and **encourage Private Participation** in Seed production to match the raw Silk production target.
- Strengthening Seed Act through registration and reporting by seed production centres, basic seed farms and extension centres automated by developing web based software.
- Upgrade Reeling Technology and promote indigenously developed ARM & Improved Vanya reeling devices under “Make in India” Programme.
- **Promote credit flow to Sericulture** – promote SHG / Cluster approach.
- **Brand promotion** – Generic promotion of Indian Silk & Create global image for Indian Silk products.
- Extension of single window based **SILKS (Sericulture Information Linked Knowledge System) portal** to cover more districts for Sericulture expansion.
- Ensure Development of Sericulture Database for better planning. Free SMS Service on Cocoon & Raw Silk Price to all Registered Farmers & Reelers, and State functionaries.
- Mobile apps, audio, video spots, Institute Village Linked Programme and Cluster Promotion Programme to farmers