



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### SAMARTH: Empowering Textile Sector through Skill Development

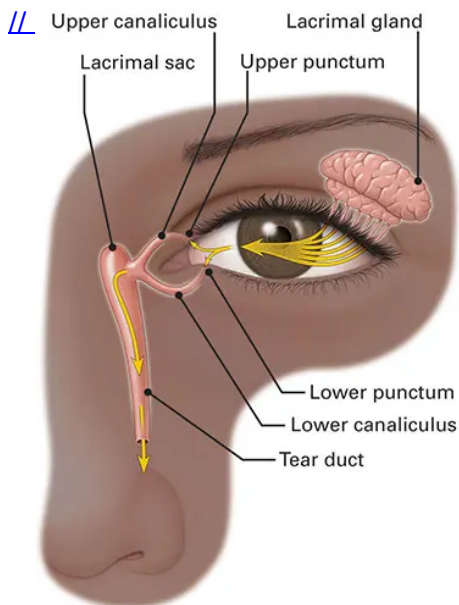
In a recent meeting, the Empowered Committee for the [Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector \(SAMARTH\)](#) announced significant developments to **enhance skill development in the textiles industry**. With 43 new implementing partners and an additional **target of training 75,000 beneficiaries**, SAMARTH aims to impart essential skills to the workforce. The **Funding pattern has also been revised** with an increment of **5% in cost norms** which will give much **needed additional financial support** to industries imparting skill under this Scheme. SAMARTH covers 28 states and 6 Union territories, benefiting various sections of society, including SC, ST, and marginalized categories, with a focus on women.

SAMARTH is a demand-driven and **placement-oriented umbrella skilling programme** of the Ministry of Textiles formulated under the broad skilling policy framework adopted by **M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**.

Read more: [SAMARTH Scheme](#)

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### Science of Crying: Tears Drain into the Nose



In the process of **crying**, **tear fluid is produced by the lacrimal gland**, causing the **conjunctiva** (the **membrane covering the white of the eye and inner eyelids**) to bulge. These tears then traverse a network of ducts in the **conjunctival sac**. Eventually, they reach the **lacrimal sac** and are channeled into the **nasal cavity** through the **lacrimal duct**, which connects the **eyes to the nose**. This drainage process can sometimes cause a feeling of **congestion or a blocked nose**. However, there is a **flap valve** at the end of the lacrimal duct that **prevents the tears from flowing back into the eyes**.

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## 34th International Biology Olympiad

India topped the medals tally at the **34<sup>th</sup> International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2023** held in **Al Ain, UAE** from 3 July to 11 July 2023. There were **293 students from 76 countries** in this year's IBO.

This is the first time that India has turned in an **all-gold performance at IBO**. It is also the **first time that India has topped the medals tally at the [Olympiad](#)**

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### Ker Puja

**Ker Puja** is religious festival that celebrated in the **state of [Tripura](#)**. The guardian God, called Ker, is worshipped at this time. It is held few days after the **[Kharchi Puja](#)**.

The **celebration is primarily centered in Agartala**. On the day of the festival, the **city's entrance is locked** and people from outlying areas are restricted from entering the area.

**Read more:** [Kharchi Puja](#)

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