



Resham Sakhi Scheme

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** launched the **Resham Sakhi Yojana** with the aim of **economically empowering** rural women.

Key Points

- **About the Scheme:**
 - Under this scheme, women will be able **to earn income** from [sericulture](#) at home.
 - This scheme is being implemented with the joint efforts of [State Rural Livelihood Mission](#) and **Silk Department**.
 - Under **this scheme**, women of rural areas will be given training in **silkworm rearing** so that they can produce [mulberry silk](#) and [tussar silk](#) at their homes.
 - Training **on mulberry silk rearing** will be given in **Mysore, Karnataka** and **tassar silk rearing** in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.
 - The scheme aims to connect **50,000 women in the next 5 years**. In the first phase, **7500 women from 15 districts** will be connected by the year 2025-26.
- **Importance:**
 - **The rural economy** will improve as women will be able to earn income from local resources.
 - [Women empowerment](#) will be promoted, which will help in reducing social inequalities.
 - The silk **industry will expand and diversify**, which will give a new dimension to the economic growth of the state.
 - [Urban migration](#) will decrease as women will be able to get employment in their own villages.

Silk Production

- This is an **agriculture based industry**. In this industry, **silkworms are reared for the production of raw silk**.
- The main activities of silk production include **cultivation of food plants for the diet of silkworms** and **extraction of silk fibres** from the cocoons woven by the insects, its processing and weaving etc.
 - The **rearing** of silkworms to produce raw silk is called sericulture or silkworm rearing.
 - **Domesticated silkworms (Bombyx mori)** are raised for the purpose of sericulture.
- **Silk Production in India:**
 - There are five major types of silk of commercial importance obtained from different species of silkworms.
 - These are - **Mulberry, Oak Tasar, Tropical Tasar, Muga and Eri**.
 - Apart from mulberry, other varieties of silk are wild types, commonly called 'Vanya'.
 - All these commercial varieties of silk are produced in India.
 - South India is the major silk producing region of the country and this region is also quite famous for weaving Kanchipuram, Dharmavaram, Aarni etc.

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