

# U.P. govt to boost silk production, focus on 7,500 rural groups

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**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh has set a target to boost silk production by connecting 7,500 rural groups to the State Rural Livelihood Mission in the 2025–26 action plan, said a press statement issued on Wednesday by the state government.

Under a focused strategy for intensive implementation across 15 districts, support for training, adopting modern technology, and financial assistance will be provided to help silk producers compete globally.

An agreement has already been signed between the State Rural Livelihood Mission and the Silk Department. Under this agreement, a target has been set to connect 50,000 members of 5,000 women's groups with silk production in next five years.

Seeds, equipment, and marketing support will be provided to the groups associated with silk production, which will help increase their income. The step will also help promote silk production under the ODOP (One District, One Product) scheme, giving a new identity to the state's traditional artisans, the statement said.

The state's annual silk production is 400 metric tons, while its consumption has reached 3,500 metric tons. Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency and a key centre under the ODOP scheme, has the highest demand for silk.

Silk exports from the state have grown 28-fold over the past eight years, and this scheme aims to further elevate silk production to new heights.