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**The Ministry of Textiles Notifies "Samarth"
(Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles
Sector)**



On 03rd March 2023, the Ministry of Textiles issued a Press Release in regard to "Samarth" (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector).

The Press Release highlighted the following -

- 1.50 lakh persons imparted skill (70% employed) under the Scheme.
- More than 85% of beneficiaries are women, and the majority are from marginalised sections of society.
- The Scheme aims at employment linkage through Textile Industry collaboration.

The Scheme is deemed to be operational till March 2024. The Scheme was formulated under the broad skilling policy framework adopted by M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

Samarth aims to incentivise and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organised textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving. The training programme and course curriculum have been rationalised keeping in view the technological and market demand of the domestic and international economies. In addition to the entry-level skilling, a special provision for upskilling/ re-skilling programme has also been operationalised under the Scheme towards improving the productivity of the existing workers in the Apparel & Garmenting segments. Samarth also caters to the upskilling/ re-skilling requirement of the traditional textile sector, such as handloom, handicraft, silk and jute.

The Scheme is implemented through Implementing Partners (IPs) comprising Textile Industry/ Industry Associations, State government agencies and Sectoral Organizations of the Ministry of Textiles like DC/ Handloom, DC/Handicrafts and Central Silk Board.

Samarth has been formulated with advanced features such as Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), Training of Trainers (ToT), CCTV recording of the training programme, a dedicated call centre with a helpline number, mobile app, Web-based Management Information System (MIS), online monitoring

of the training process etc. The State, District, and Training Centre-wise information/ data in the dashboard is available in the public domain.

The major processes/procedures adopted in implementing the Scheme are - Training Centres proposed by the implementing partners are to be physically verified through dedicated Government agencies to ensure the adequacy of requisite infrastructure as per the protocol adopted for each course under the Scheme.

Furthermore, a total of 184 courses aligned with the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) have been adopted under the Scheme across various textile segments covering the traditional sector like Handloom/ Handicrafts to a conventional sector like Garmenting to an advanced sector like Technical Textiles.

In addition, end-to-end Digital solution for ease of implementation and monitoring.

Employment linkage is mandated in the courses under the organised textile sector with the mandatory placement of 70% in entry-level & 90% for Upskilling programmes. Also, a mobile app for physically verifying the training centres with Geo-tagging/time-stamped photographs.

Besides, third-party assessment trainees and QR code-enabled e-certificate has been operationalised for this purpose. Additionally, through due process, all trainers are accredited through the Training of Trainers (ToT) (Online & Offline mode) programme.

Wage compensation in traditional sector courses undertaken by the sectoral organisation of the Ministry.

The Ministry has partnered with 116 Textile Industries / Industry Associations, 12 Central / State Government Agencies and 3 Sectoral Organizations of the Ministry to undertake training programmes under Samarth. The Scheme has penetrated across 28 States and 6 Union territories of the country and caters to all sections of society, including SC, ST and other marginalised categories. Out of the skilling target of 3.47 lakh beneficiaries allocated so far, 1.5 lakh beneficiaries have been provided training. More than 85% of the beneficiaries trained so far under the Scheme

are women. More than 70% of the beneficiaries trained in organised sector courses have been provided placement.

In order to broad base the panel of implementing partners, Ministry has invited proposals for empanelment from the textile industry and industry associations related to the textile sector. The portal for submission of applications is open till 14th March 2023.

Details of the RFP floated for the purpose may be accessed through the below-given links -

Ministry of Textile website - <https://www.texmin.nic.in/coming-tender>

समर्थ/Samarth website - <https://samarth-textiles.gov.in>

Official Notification Attached [Here](#)



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