

**SUCCESS STORY- Preparation of cocoon crafted value added products
imparted vocational skill to ST communities**

Project Title	Drudgery Reduction in Sericulture, waste silk utilization and Product Diversification for Empowering ST Communities
Funding Agency	ICAR-TSP Plan (2023-2024)
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Place/Village Name etc.	Bajpur, Gadarpur, Sitarganj, Kashipur
Intervention done/Initiative	The intervention has imparted skill oriented training for value added artistically designed cocoon crafted products
Major activity	Training on preparation of value added cocoon crafted products from inferior quality cocoons (damaged/cut/pierced) and imparted vocational skill to ST communities.
Total No. of beneficiaries	60
Impact	Vocational skill development of target group in preparing value added artistically designed products through trainings.
Output/Results	- Trained in vocational skill to convert inferior quality cocoons into various types of value added artistically designed products/ handicrafts so as to bargain good economic returns to the ST communities. - Various diversified products has been created with cocoons. The items prepared are as follows- - Academic articles (badges, mementos, bouquet, invitation cards etc.) - Decorative articles (wall decor, brooches, flowers) - Fashion articles (earrings, brooches) - Religious articles (garlands, flowers, rakhi)
Outcome/Impact	- Value addition in cocoon is a novel approach which has created handicrafts/ articles with product diversity and skill enhancement among ST communities engaged in sericulture. - Exhibiting value added diversified products in farmers fair gave recognition and created demand for prepared products

	thus, benefitting the ST communities at District level as artisans/entrepreneurs.
Economic Benefit	The adoption of the vocational skill and demand/sale of value added handicrafts/ products increased the regular flow of income during off season of sericulture workers.
Improvement in livelihood	Sale of cocoon crafted handicrafts/products has economically strengthened the ST communities involved in sericulture.
Photographs	Preparation of cocoon crafted value added products by ST communities in different blocks of Udham Singh Nagar

