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**A STUDY ON THE STATUS OF MULBERRY CULTIVATION AND
EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN AURANGABAD DISTRICT,
MAHARASHTRA STATE**



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Abstract :

India is the second largest producer of silk in the world sericulture is one of the important potential agro-based rural industries in the world. There are many agro-allied sectors which provide ample opportunities to farmers. In Maharashtra state Aurangabad District is one of the leading districts in sericulture. The Sericulture industry is an important means for generating employment, income enhancement,

crop enterprises and is a most appropriate household activity. The focus on the study has farmers' economic-empowerment, cultivation of mulberry, employment and production of concoon. The present study deals with the sericulture Activities and discussed to how to participate in details from Aurangabad district.

Key Words : *Cultivation of mulberry, farmers economic- empowerment, employment, production of yarn.*

RESEARCH PAPER

I) Introduction :

India is the second largest producer of silk after China. Mulberry cultivation is practiced in 1299 Sericulture villages in 22 districts of Maharashtra comprising Vidarbha, Marathwada and Western Maharashtra. Sericulture is bestowed with congenial agro-climatic conditions, Suitable To Sericulture, quite similar to those in premier Sericulture Neighbouring state Karnataka.

India has the unique destination of being the only country producing all the five know commercial silk, Namely - mulberry, tropical tasar, Oak Tasar, eri and muga.

II) Research Methodology :-

The present study was conducted from Aurangabad district. This study is design on descriptive analytical method and secondary data were collected from various sources like - Published articles, journals, News papers, and Sericulture office, Aurangabad.

III) Results and Discussion:

The Aurangabad district is a largest and fastest developed district of Maharashtra. Main source of income is farming and agriculture based applied activities presently farmer's have improved their financial condition by sericulture. This also provides gainful work to the people and they are doing the sericulture side business very successfully. Government has also providing many to farmer for their dubble income. It has given great success to the farmer's for their economic stability.

Recently, data shows that, in Aurangabad district. In district total sericulture farmer 890 are involved in agro -based Industry since 2020-2021, and they have cultivated mulberry on 890 acres of land. The present study indicated the vital role of sericulture in farmer's empowerment in Aurangabad district and in helps them in development of their family and Indian economy also.

Table No. 01

Year wise cultivation of Mulberry and Cocoon production from Aurangabad district.

Sr. No.	Year	Number of Farmers	Cultivation of Mulberry	Cocoon production (Metric Tone)
1	2015-16	593	693	116.571
2	2016-17	565	618	95.040
3	2017-18	667	705	705
4	2018-19	1984	2022	135.400
5	2019-20	1692	1700	146.750
6	2020-21	1309	1308	151.500

Table No.1 Indicates year wise. Mulberry cultivation and silk cocoon production are shown year wise in Aurangabad district from 2015-16 to 2020-21. In the year 2018-19 and 2020-21 the number of farmers increased to 1984 and 1309 respectively, while at the same time the highest Cocoon Production of 151, 500 was recorded in 1308 acres. Also, since the silk fund is getting increased price, the farmers are being financially empowerment.

Table No. 02

Year wise cultivation of Mulberry and Cocoon production from Aurangabad district.

Sr. No.	Year	Cultivation of Mulberry	Cocoon production (Metric Tone)
1	2015-16	11653	183183
2	2016-17	13577.14	149349
3	2017-18	16177.77	177954.84
4	2018-19	19342.86	212771.43
5	2019-20	20964.29	230607
6	2020-21	21642.6	238071

Table No. 2 showed the status of Employment generation and yarn production from Aurangabad district from the year 2015-16. 18653 were Yarn production, and the same year 183183 Employment were created. From year 2020-21 Total 21642.86 were yarn production in district and the same time 238071 increased Employment from silk Industry. It mainly silk, as namely mulberry cultivation are very gainful and day it is develop very fast and successfully in Aurangabad district.

IV) Conclusion:

In developing countries agriculture and agro based Industries play a vital role in improvement of rural economy. Sericulture is providing very good gainful and lucrative employment for farmers and the best occupation for women's as well as all age persons in family in present area of changing environment of Aurangabad district. It is possible to rural farmer's empowerment through sericulture industry and this is to promote to of Maharashtra state, Sericulture in all the area and also Government have implement to New scheme. Under MNREGA and RKVY due to farmers attract to adopting this side business and Gross production and also in increase Employment.

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