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tunability, presence of plenteous functional groups, mechanical strength, ease of regeneration, biocompatibility and biodegradability has enabled silk to grow beyond textile materials over last few decades making it an excellent alternative to synthetic polymers.