

# Jute Market Report for May 2025

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## Bangladesh

**Raw Jute:** During the month under review, raw jute demand from India as well as from Pakistan and Nepal remained stable. Indian buyers were actively in the market for BTR NB KS, BTR NB CS, BTR NB BS, BTR CS, BTR BS, and SMR, as well as jute cuttings like BTCA and BTCB, and placed orders in the range of 5.000 to 5.500 mtons.

Pakistan placed orders of about 1.000 mtons of all grades of Long Tossa Jute and Long Meshta fibre, as well as Tossa cuttings BTCA and BTCB and Meshta cuttings OMC, representing significantly lower purchasing interest compared to previous months. In addition, Nepal placed orders for Long Tossa Jute grades such as BTR HD CS, BTR NB CS, BTR NB BS as well as BTCA and BTCB cuttings.

Other international buyers from importing countries such as China, Russia, Korea, Japan and Tunisia were in the market but did not place bigger orders during the month under review in view of the continuously rising market prices.

During the month under review, local jute yarn and twine spinning mills as well as composite jute mills and raw jute processing units were actively in the market to cover their requirements. Most of the financially less solvent mills though faced difficulties to cover their raw jute demand due to the high market prices.

As the end of the season approaches and fibres of higher qualities become increasingly scarce, export prices for raw jute of higher grades increased further by about USD 40,00-50,00 per mton during the month under review. Export prices of lower grades remained stable as local stockists started to release stocks now that arrival of new crop draws nearer.

Raw jute exports from July to December 2024 amounted to 411.967 bales against 503.864 bales during the same period in 2023.

**New Crop:** Sowings for Meshta, Tossa and White Jute was completed in all growing areas during the month under review and it is reported that growth of the plants has been so far satisfactory with a height of around 2 to 4 feet. Quite favourable weather conditions with a good mix of sunshine and rain in combination with warm temperature were supporting the development of the plants. As already stated above, local stockists start to release their inventories, which is a good indication for an optimistic view on the outcome of the forthcoming jute crop. For obvious reasons these traders want to assure that warehouses are emptied prior arrival of new crop fibre. In recent years the offloading of existing stocks took place a couple of weeks later compared to this season.

**Weather:** Overall weather conditions during the month under review were favourable. During the first half of the month under review, the entire country enjoyed sunshine, interspersed with moderate rainfall. During the second half of the month, a mix of sunshine with heavier rainfall was witnessed all over the country.

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**Jute Yarn and Twine:** Export demand for jute yarns and twines of both higher and lower grades from regular importing countries like Turkey and Iran was ruling on a stable level, during the month under review. Same applies for demand from India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, countries of the Middle East, African countries, Europe, and the USA.

Local demand for both Sacking and Hessian quality jute yarns and twines for packaging purposes continued to remain stable as well during the month under review.

During the month under review export prices for both high and low quality of jute yarn and twine increased by about USD 30,00 to 40,00 per mton.

In view of increasing demand from international as well as local markets, both medium sized and larger mills continued to operate more or less in full swing, running on two to three shifts per day, according to their confirmed orders. Especially the forthcoming Eid holidays from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> during which the production sites as well as offices remain closed, forced the mills to finish the production of their pending orders during the month under review.

**Jute Goods:** During the month under review, export demand for sackings from buyers in African and Middle Eastern countries increased compared to previous months. Demand for hessians from markets such as Europe, Australia, and the USA remained steady.

India maintained a steady demand for unstitched Binola and B-Twill fabrics.

Demand for Jute CBC (Carpet Backing Cloth) from major importing countries such as Europe, UK, New Zealand and Japan was significantly lower during the month under review.

Local demand for hessians and sackings for packaging purposes remained stable during the month under review.

During the month under review, export prices developed as follows:

Hessians:	increased by approx. 2 %
Sacking:	increased by approx. 2 %
CBC:	remained stable

**Miscellaneous:** The Financial Express reported about a plan to push jute growing in Khulna region on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025:



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Farmers have taken extensive plans to bring a vast tract of land into jute cultivation in Khulna region and grow the cash crop on a massive scale this season. Jute is a cash crop which is known as golden fibre in the country whose climate and soil are suitable for its production. According to official sources, jute sowing began in Khulna region in the first week of April.

In order to increase jute production, intensive cultivation is now underway. They believe if weather is favourable, it will be possible to start harvesting jute in mid-July to the first week of September.

Farmers will be able to achieve the target, which will create interest among other farmers for jute production. The huge jute production will play an important role in the country's economy. According to sources from the Department of Agricultural Extension, Khulna region has set a target for jute cultivation and production in the current 2025-26 Kharip-1 season in order to increase jute production in this region. Some 1.447 hectares of land will be brought into jute cultivation in Khulna district, 1.960 hectares in Bagerhat, 12.550 hectares in Satkhira and 23.900 hectares in Narail.

DAE sources the target has been fixed to grow jute on 38.078 hectares in Khulna region. In the current Kharip-1 season, initiatives have been taken to achieve the target on 1.471 more hectares of land in Khulna region compared to last year's.

Shahbuddin, a farmer of Dighlia, said, this year I have cultivated jute on 5 hectares of land. I have given water to the field. Local upazila agricultural office provides overall assistance, he added. Md Amirul Islam, deputy assistant agriculture officer of Kalia Upazila Agriculture Office, said jute has been cultivated on 150 hectares of land in different villages of Dhushati, Bil Bauch, and Baladanga blocks in my Salamabad Union. Jute cultivation began in mid-April of this year, which has already been completed.

After sowing, various works including weed control, thinning to increase the height of the trees, application of chemical fertilizers, and disease and insect control are underway. Khulna's Dighalia Upazila Agriculture Officer Kishore Ahmed said that in order to increase jute production in Dighalia, 50 hectares of land have been brought into jute production. The upazila agriculture office is providing overall support for farmers to grow jute.

Khulna Region DAE Additional Director Md Rafiqul Islam said that the target of jute cultivation and production has already been set for the current 2025-26 Kharip-1 season. The target of jute cultivation in the Khulna region has been set at 39.857 hectares of land. Against the production target, the cultivation in this region has already progressed by 38.078 hectares, which is 95,5 per cent. This season, initiatives have been taken to achieve the target on 1.471 more hectares of land in Khulna region compared to last year's.

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## India

**Raw Jute:** Market prices quoted by the Jute Balers Association (JBA) end of last month were fixed as follows: TD-4 IRs 7.100 and TD-5 IRs 6.600 per 100 kgs, representing a small decrease of raw jute prices. The Indian government has announced a 6% increase in the MSP for jute for the new season well in advance of the sowing season. This shows that Govt. is keen to support and encourage raw jute cultivation, farmers and labourers. Minimum support price for season 2025-26 will accordingly be ruling around IRs 5.650 per 100kg.

Local supplies of raw jute to Indian jute mills were ruling around 528.000 bales during the month of April (against 530.000 bales in March). At the end of April, raw jute stock with jute mills were 879.000 bales.

**Crop:** In previous reports we had mentioned that the expected area to be brought under cultivation in season 2024/25 may be representing a decline of about 15 per cent in comparison with season 2023/24. Latest information indicates a decline of 30 per cent, but the reliability of that figure is questionable, as there seems to be a lot of uncertainty about the total land brought under cultivation, right now.

The carry forward estimates were revised from earlier estimated with 3 to 3,5 Mio bales to 1,6 Mio bales, only. With the end of the season drawing nearer, it is feared that crop production may be short, which impacts the carry forward quantity. In order to regulate the situation, the Indian Jute Commissioner has advised that stock levels of the mills should not exceed 2 months of consumption. The assumed decline of land brought under cultivation in combination with the decreased estimates of carry over stocks will most likely cause a continuation of firm market prices. However, the higher prices in combination with the promising weather conditions may be beneficial for a better outcome of the forthcoming crop than currently expected. The month of June will definitely be decisive to assess a realistic picture of the forthcoming crop.

**Weather:** Rains during May were sufficient and beneficial for soil preparation and sowing. The expected early arrival of Monsoon will additionally support growth of the plants.

**Jute Goods:** Situation during the month under review presented itself as follows:

Prices for Hessians presented themselves unchanged at IRs 134,000 per mton at the time when this report was published. Selective mills are asking for premium of 3 per cent against prices quoted by „standard“ mills. Price of Sackings is prevailing at IRs 105.000 per mton with selective mills asking for premium of 5 per cent for exports against prices quoted by „standard“ mills.

**B-Twills:** The Indian government ordered around 100,000 bales of B-twill sacks during the month under review. Order volume for June is expected to be significantly higher at about 300,000 bales. The reported backlog is almost cleared, now.



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Orders for Jute Carpet Backing Cloth were slow and not consistent.

Jute goods production of IJMA jute mills and jute mills reporting to IJMA for March 2025 were 103.300 mtons in total of which 2.800 mtons were jute yarns/twines. Figures for April 2025 were 102.500 mtons in total of which 2.700 mtons were jute yarns/twines.

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