



muslin – an overview

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an overview



'the cloth is like the light vapor's of dawn'

Yuan Chwang,
Chinese traveller visiting India,
629—645 CE



Bengal's
legendary
muslin



Muslim Festival

Drik starts to
investigate into
muslin from
early 2014

goals

- raise awareness – stakeholder
- support craftspeople – proof of product
jamdani to muslin
- inspire revival (Government/entrepreneurs



Cotton Development Board,
Bangladesh



(Murshidabad, India)



weavers, Bangladesh

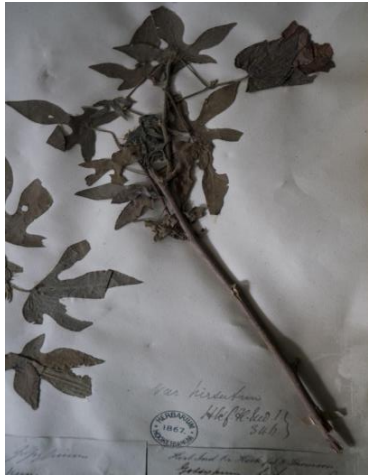


future

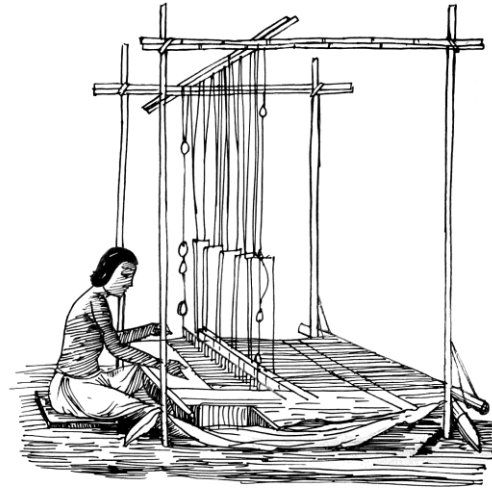
present

past

past – it was all here



material



skill



market (s)

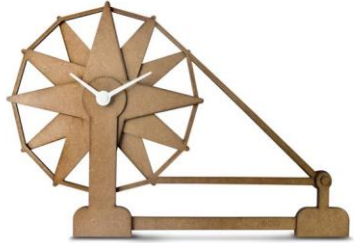
present - cotton



material

- phuti karpas is extinct
- novel cotton varieties found (6), some promising
- with CDB assistance, there is hope of finding the plant

present - spinning



- hand spinning is rare
- India is reliant on amber charka / machine milled
- Bangladesh has to investigate this process



present - market



- India has redefined '*khadi*' as - cotton, muslin (some of us too), wool, silk, polyvesta
- Indian market is large, state support (kvdic) is strong-(*muslin est. 50 crore IRS)
- Bangladesh should be associated with muslin

* All figures are estimated

khadi

"Using *khadi* is the foundation of *swadeshi*, since khadi is the only thing which can be made from **thick yarn**, and made easily"

M K Gandhi

(Navajivan, 8-2-1920; 17:16.)



future – broaden the offering



current
jamdani



future
'muslin'

- *jamdani* recognition, weaving is our strength
- need to invest (training in spinning) and research
- policy support (cotton, yarn,, institute) & private entrepreneurship (develop a premium product)

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