

# Indian Muslin from the Glorious Past to the Present Revival Status

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## **Abstract:**

*Cotton textile fabrics are the most fabulous and preferable products of India owing to its hot and humid climate. There is a long historical base of cotton textile fabrics in India. Muslin of Dacca was the finest form of cotton. It was famous for its delicacy all over the world from ancient to medieval times. Among all figured muslins, Jamdanis are the most beautiful. After the battle of Plassey Company policies in Bengal led to the deindustrialization of Bengali textile industry.*

*Overtime, cheaper substitutes and other weaves became popular across the world and the demand for Indian muslin plummeted. Those who were attached to muslin compelled to shift to other professions as they were not getting the benefit. Due to lack of storage and lack of proper marketing it has become a seasonal occupation. For the revival of muslin cloth a number of steps are taken by the Government of West Bengal.*

*No doubt the historical muslin cannot compete the technologies of today's India but the fineness of muslin cloth of India was legendary. Indian muslin will probably never return to its glory days. But several initiatives are taken by the government and the individuals to prevent this magical fabric from going into nescience.*

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## **Introduction:**

Muslin was the main production of cotton weaving industry of India and it was produced all over the country. But it was the famous cloth of Eastern India. It is a woven cloth which was used in history as a luxury cloth. Muslin is a cotton fabric with plain weaving. The word muslin is derived from Mosul<sup>1 2</sup> a city of Iraq where it was first manufactured, while other opinion is that muslin was connected with Musulipattam, sometimes headquarter of European trading companies. Early muslin was hand woven of uncommonly delicate handspun yarn.

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