

GLOSSARY

Bedsheet	A rectangular piece of cloth used as bedding, being placed immediately below or above the bed occupants.
cocoon	Silken enclosure of the pupae from which silk is derived.
Eri	Local name (in Assam) for silk producing worm.
Gamosa	Assamese traditional towel.
Instar	Stage between two moults of the larval life.
Larva	Caterpillar stage.
Loom	A frame for holding the wrap ends under tension, so weaving can take place.
Muga	It is the variety of wild silk geographically tagged to the state of Assam in India.
Mulberry	It is the highest quality silk available for purchase.
Mekhela-sador	Traditional Assamese female dress.
Raw silk	Silk as reeled from the cocoons. It contains its original sericin coating.
Reeling	Process of unwinding yarn from cocoons or bobbins andrewinding onto revolving reel, in the form of hand making.
Riha	A narrow piece of cloth worn by women with mekhela-sador.
Saree	A garment that consists of a long piece of cloth that women, particularly in India wear draped around their bodies.
Shawl	A long piece of cloth that is worn by a woman around her shoulders or head or put around a baby.
Shirt	A piece of clothing worn on the upper part of the body.
Silk	Fluid substance which is secreted by silk worms and which in exposure to air hardens in the form of yarn.
Spinning	Process by which silk worms produce cocoons.
Tasar	It is an exquisite thread obtained from a wide winged moth.

Uni-voltine	Single brooded silkworm, especially applicable to mulberry silkworms.
Waste silk	The short un-reelable filaments of cocoons including the waste produced during the various processes of silk reeling and throwing.