



## REGAINING THE SHINE OF GOLD

After months of backbreaking labour, a better jute harvest is bringing smiles to farmers' faces this year. Encouraged by potential profits, growers have cultivated jute on about 23,340 hectares of land in Narail this season, up by 5 percent than the previous season. The crop, once called the golden fibre of Bangladesh because of its success in the export market, is being sold for Tk 2,700 to Tk 3,500 per maund, about 37.3kg, at wholesale markets, depending on quality. The photos were taken in Jashore and Narail recently.

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