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**STORY OF SPLENDID MUGA**

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**Abstract:** *Muga is one of the most important cottage industries of India that flourished on it from time immemorial. For the extension of this sector, potential areas are always in the survey. While understanding the uniqueness of this Vanya silk's nature, an assessment of biodiversity of muga host plants and muga silkworms in selected areas particularly the Cooch Behar district of West Bengal was carried out. Farm and non-farm activities of muga were surveyed. The role of women in the reeling and weaving of muga was appraised.*

**Key Words:** Vanya silk, host plants, silkworms, farm and non-farm activities, potential areas.