JPDEPC

Annual Report of Jute Products Development and Export Promotion Council for 2025-26 (1st April, 2025 to 31st March, 2026)

The year 2025-26 had been the 16 Year of Jute Products Development and Export Promotion Council (JPDEPC).

Meetings of Committee and General Body:

1. Committee of Administration (the managing body) held 10 meetings in 2025-26 on (i) 10.05.2025 (ii) 30.05.2025 (iii) 02.08.2025 (iv) 14.01.2026 (v) 06.03.2026

2. The 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 26th September, 2025 at the Council's Head Office in Kolkata.

3. The Election (11th) of Managing Body (CoA) was held as per Ministry's directives.

4. The Central Management Committee was reconstituted, with the following members representing the industry, while the last two represented as Govt. of India Nominees.

Industry Members:

1. Shri Gopal Saraf, Vice-Chairman (S.L. Packaging Pvt Ltd), Kolkata.
2. Shri Manish Kajaria, Vice-Chairman (Green Earth International), Kolkata
3. Shri Siddharth Lohariwal, Member (Eco Packaging Pvt Ltd), Kolkata.
4. Shri Vivek Agarwal, Member (KTC Export Pvt Ltd), Kolkata.
5. Shri Rajesh Kumar Khemka, Member (R.Kumar & Company), Kolkata.
6. Shri Neel Kamal Kankani, Member, (India Glazes Ltd) Kolkata.
7. Shri Ajay Buchasia, Member (Amrit Impex Pvt Ltd), Kolkata.
8. Shri Sandip Bhojgarhia, Member (OSB Overseas Pvt Ltd), Kolkata.
9. Shri Sanjay Goel, Member (Juco Products), Kolkata.
10. Shri Pankaj Saraf, Co-opt Member (Gobind Ram Saraf & Sons), Kolkata.

Nominees appointed by Govt. of India:

1. Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles (Vacant)
2. Director (Jute), Ministry of Textiles (Vacant).

Ex-Officio Member:

1. Executive Director, JPDEPC (Vacant)

Constitution of Sub-Committee

1. **Export Promotion & Events:**

   Members: Shri Gopal Saraf**,** Shri Manish Kajaria, Shri Rajesh Kumar Khemka and Shri Vivek Agarwal.

2. **Finance & Administration:**

   Members: Sri Gopal Saraf, Shri Vivek Agarwal and Shri Manish Kajaria and Shri Siddharth Lohariwal.

3. **Member Co-ordination:**

   Members: Shri Sanjay Goel, Shri Sandeep Bhojgaria, Shri Siddharth Lohariwal and Shri Pankaj Saraf.

4. **Government Related Policy:**

   Member: Shri Gopal Saraf, Shri Neel Kamal Kankani, Shri Rajesh Kr Khemka, Shri Vivek Agarwal and Shri Ajay Buchasia.

Adoption of Annual Report for 2024-25 and ratification of Audited Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2025 with Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending & Auditors Report thereon

In the Annual General Meeting (15th) held on 06.09.2025; the General Body (i) adopted Annual Report for 2024-25 and ratified Audited Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2025 & Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending & Auditors Report thereon, as approved by the Central Management Committee.

Appointment of Auditors for 2025-26 (F.Y):

The General Body in its Annual General Meeting (15th) held on 26.09.2025 appointed, as recommended by Central Management Committee, CA D.K. Chhajer & Co. Chartered Accountants as the Auditors of the Council for the year 2025-26 with a remuneration of Rs.50,000/- plus taxes.

Membership and Member - Related Matters:

The Director-General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) issued Trade Notice No.35/2021-2022 for Mandatory Electronic filing of Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC) or Registration Certificate (RC) through DGFT Common Digital Platform with effect from 01.04.2022.

Year-wise status of Membership Position had been, as below:

Year (F.Y)	Membership Strength (Cumulative)
2010-11	52
2011-12	86
2012-13	116
2013-14	112
2014-15	147
2015-16	187
2016-17	220
2017-18	237
2018-19	256
2019-20	272
2020-21	281
2021-22	308
2022-23	386
2023-24	618
2024-25	652
2025-26	682

Export Related Matters:

India's major jute products export performance and % Growth

(Values in USD Million)

Sl. No.	Name of Products	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	% Growth
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	
1	Hand / Shopping Bags	109.91	98.35	79.16	78.52	67.90	-13.53

2	Floor Coverings	122.11	87.32	85.09	92.13	76.32	-17.16
3	Hessian Bags & Cloths	148.17	132.66	94.53	102.58	112.46	9.63
4	Yarns	19.39	11.38	9.63	18.34	17.50	-4.57
5	Raw Jute	29.84	23.38	14.65	15.83	25.22	59.36
6	Other Jute Products	77.58	84.91	55.94	77.60	58.60	-24.48
	Total	**507.00**	**438.00**	**339.00**	**385.00**	**358.00**	

Source :Ministry of Commerce & Industry

India's top destinations and product-market priorities:

Value in USD Mn

Country	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
U S A	118.40	90.60	78.80	89.00	73.10
FRANCE	49.20	33.80	31.50	37.20	32.20
GHANA	46.00	47.40	16.00	34.20	26.50
U A E	6.10	7.50	9.10	10.63	8.88
U K	27.80	21.30	19.90	19.10	20.20
AUSTRALIA	15.20	14.90	11.40	10.33	9.71
GERMANY	22.30	18.70	13.00	19.50	16.10
NETHERLAND	26.10	22.20	20.80	17.70	15.50
TANZANIA REP	2.40	5.90	4.30	5.00	14.10
COTE D' IVOIRE	20.70	25.10	9.10	13.20	13.10

Source : Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Promotional Activities undertaken during 2025-26:

E&MPA Scheme – (NJB):

1. Council's substantial number of members participated under the banner of National Jute Board (NJB) in prominent international exhibition such as (1) Hong Kong Gift & Premium Fair in Hong Kong (April 27-30, 2025) (2) Melbourne Gift Fair-2025, Melbourne, Australia(August 02 to 06, 2025) (3) ASD Market Week, Las Vegas, USA (Aug 03-06, 2025) (4) FORMEX-2025, Sweden (Aug. 26-28, 2025) (5)International Gift & Decoration Fair-2025, Madrid, Spain (Sept 10-13, 2025) (6) Foire Int De Marseille 2025. Marseille, France (Sept 26 to Oct 06, 2025) (7) Hong Kong Mega Show, Hong Kong (Oct 20-23, 2025) (8) Gift & Lifestyle Middle East-2025, Dubai, UAE (Nov.11-13, 2025) (9) AFL Artigiano 2025, Milan, Italy (Dec 06 to 14, 2025) (10) Heimtexil-2025, Frankfurt, Germany (Janu. 13-16, 2026) (11) AMBIENTE-2026/Christmas World at Frankfurt, Germany from Feb. 06 – 10, 2026).

Office and Administration**:**

Council retained professional services of CS Abhishek Kr Pandey for Company related advices and compliances for the FY 2024-25.

Nomination of GOI Officials on Council's Managing Body:

The Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles and The Director (Jute) Ministry of Textiles were the two nominees the Government of India on the Board of the Council during the year under report.

Other Initiatives Taken By the Council:

1. Council had been pursuing its members to avail the benefits as provided by National Jute Board (NJB) under their various schemes like PLI, CSAPM, EMPA & Jute Mark Logo etc.

2. Council scrutinized and forwarded substantial number of claims of its members under Capital Subsidy Scheme on Acquisition of Plants & Machinery (CSAPM) Scheme to NJB for final settlement.

3. Council scrutinized and forwarded substantial number of scholarship claims of Girl Children of MSME JDPs units during FY 2025-26 for availing financial benefits under NJB's Scholarship Scheme for Girl Children.

4. Council submitted several representations to NJB for direct participation of JDP units in international fairs, enhancement of reimbursement of cost of participation in overseas fairs under E&MDA scheme, removal of bank loan clause under CSAPM scheme and inclusion of some machines under CSAPM scheme, etc.,

5. Council had been actively involved for implementation BIS recommendation for IS specifications Jute Mark Logo for Jute Hand & Shopping Bags.

6. Council had settled old pending dues of National Jute Board (NJB) as on the communication received from them.

7. Council had been pursuing with D C (Handicrafts) for settlement of old pending claims, but no response received so far.

8. Council had made representations to Jute Commissioner's Office/Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of MSME & other Government departments for redressal of problems hampering export of jute goods.

9. Council attended to all Ministries queries and attend meetings / physical / hybrid mode from both Department of Commerce and Ministry of Textiles particular reference to Country or Regional/Trade, Agreements/Investments, Trade Barriers, Free Trade Agreements, Export Trends and Regulations related issues received from the Government, from time to time.

10. Council attended all virtual/physical meetings, called by Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Secretary (Textiles), Commerce Secretary, Jute & others Govt. departments (NJB/MSME etc.,) from time to time on various issues relating to export of jute goods.

11. Council attended all meetings called by the various departments of Govt. of West Bengal, DGFT from time to time and in touch with them for any problem faced by the jute goods exporters while exporting their goods from Kolkata.

12. Council attended all meetings called by the MSME Department of Govt. of West Bengal and forwarded the list of Champion Districts in Jute Sector as identified by the Council.

13. Council had taken-up the issue on imposition of port restrictions on import of raw jute, yarn etc. from Bangladesh.