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▼ 0.36%	▼ 0.44%	\$1,875.56	\$44.57	▲ 0.52%	▼ 1.10%	▲ 0.36%	▲ 0.22%	BUY TK	83.95	98.52	110.34	12.62
4,887.12	8,421.96	(per ounce)	(per barrel)	44,180.05	25,728.14	2,788.59	3,347.30	SELL TK	84.95	102.32	114.14	13.27

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Covid Fighter: How the humble home textile is beating the odds

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That the novel coronavirus has brought down many businesses is nothing new. Tourism firms and hotels are some of the first victims to come to mind, considering all the non-stop ruckus with isolation.

But similar to the proverbial saying of necessity being the mother of innovation, this quagmire is forcing some to shift focus and find ways to keep operations running.

The home textiles industry has done exactly that.

This story is about how people's need to stay for more extended periods at homes, and even at hospitals, is resulting in a booming trade for the seemingly inconspicuous fabric.

And data from the Export Promotion Bureau says it all.

Analysis of the July-October period shows that home textile export soared 47.86 per cent to \$354.25 million this year from \$239.59 million last year.

And the list does not solely comprise everyday items required at homes such as bed sheets, curtains, kitchen linen, napkins and covers for quilts, blankets, comforters and cushions.

Demand has skyrocketed for hospital bed sheets and gowns in tune with the rise in the number of Covid-19 patients worldwide.

The export figure is also 18.24 per cent higher than the quarterly

KEY POINTS

- Exports soared by **48%** in Jul-Oct of FY21
- Entrepreneurs fetched **\$354m**
- Long-stay at home fuelled demand for home textile
- Asian markets emerge as major export destinations apart from the west
- US-China tariff war has become a boon
- Buyers shift orders from China to Bangladesh
- Investment in home textile is **Tk 25,000cr**



target of \$299.61 million set by the government earlier.

The annual target for the current fiscal year has been fixed at \$960 million after the country earned \$758.91 million the previous fiscal year.

"The shipments from Bangladesh increased mainly because its use has

increased," said Rashed Mosharraf, general manager for marketing and head of operations of Zaber & Zubair Fabrics.

Because of the pandemic, people are staying indoors for longer periods, and this has increased the use of home textiles a lot, said the official of the country's largest home textile exporter with annual figures reaching some \$200 million.

Although sales of garment items declined in retail stores in the European and American markets, that of home textiles increased, he said.

Apart from the American, European and Canadian markets, the export of home textile has been booming recently in Asian and

Australian markets, exporters said.

This, in turn, is countering the decrease in sales of fabrics and sheets used in hotels and airplanes during the pandemic because of the decline of businesses in the aviation, tourism and hospitality sectors.

This trend of an increasing inflow of work orders from international retailers and brands is being propelled by higher demand, especially from hospitals, said Mosharraf.

So much so that Mosharraf says his company would be fully occupied with work orders for hospital bedsheets from international retailers and brands up to January next year.

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Overpriced bidding puts small investors at risk of loss

AHSAN HABIB

Some rogue institutional investors are jeopardising the way prices are determined for stocks for their launch in the stock market, detrimentally affecting general investors.

Their modus operandi: placing inflated price bids in the book-building process.

This simple tampering disrupts the whole process designed to determine cut-off prices of initial public offerings properly.

The book-building method comes to play when a company wants to issue stocks at a price higher than the face value.

The process involves an underwriter, usually an investment bank, inviting institutional investors such as fund managers to submit bids for the number of shares they want along with the prices they are willing to pay for it.

The book is "built" by listing and evaluating the demand, and the average price is taken as the final price in the IPO.

Apart from the book building method, there is also a "fixed pricing" method where the price is set prior to investor participation. Here the face value is taken as the issue price.

If the bids are inflated, it unnecessarily raises the stock prices, forcing general investors to pour in more money than they would have otherwise to obtain the shares, explained stock investor Arifur Rahman, who has a decade's experience of the market.

This mishandling is usually brought about by the companies issuing the stocks in connivance with some rogue institutional investors, he said.

As to what was driving this practice, he said the companies were getting higher amounts of money in the listing process and having a "pricy" stock while the institutional investors could not care less.

Asset management companies are paid a fixed annual fee for managing mutual funds, which pool money from investors

KEY POINTS

- Six companies completed bidding in 2020
- Asset managers are the top bidders
- Number of asset management companies: **43**
- Listed mutual funds: **37**
- Non-listed mutual funds: **58**

and channel those into securities such as stocks, bonds and other assets.

The asset managers get a management fee at the end of the year, irrespective of whether or not they were able to make a profit and distribute those among unitholders of the mutual funds.

The exorbitant investments from mutual funds ensuing from inflated prices are depriving unit holders, Rahman said.

Mutual funds are unable to log higher profits, so the unitholders are also being deprived of good dividends, said another merchant banker. Whoever places inflated prices in bids should be investigated, he said.

"This is manipulation," said one stockbroker, pointing out general investors were mainly the ones to end up suffering because they had to buy the stocks at a higher price.

Come to think of it, asset managers are not putting their own money on the line; it is that of investors, for which there is no sense of attachment to drive a proper analysis and valuation, said one merchant banker.

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Target set for 42pc higher corn production

Need greater yields to achieve self-sufficiency and export, agriculture minister says

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MAHMUDUL HASAN

The government is looking to produce 42 per cent higher corn at 56.93 lakh tonnes in the current fiscal year to meet the growing demand for grains in the feed industry.

"Work is underway to increase the annual maize production to one crore tonnes within the next five years," said Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque.

The production of corn, also known as maize, rose 12.50 per cent year-on-year to 40.15 lakh tonnes in the fiscal year 2019-20. The agriculture ministry has set a target to produce one crore tonnes of the grain by 2025 through innovation and modern technical assistance.

"If we can do this, the country will not only achieve self-sufficiency but will also earn a lot of foreign currency through exports," Razzaque said in a press release recently.

Over the past decade, many farmers in

farms.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently predicted that corn production in Bangladesh would reach 45 lakh tonnes by the end of 2020-21 marketing year, up 1 lakh tonnes from the official forecast of the agency.

If this prediction is realised, the corn production would be a 9.7 per cent higher than USDA's official 2019-20 estimate. The agency's marketing year starts in May and ends in April.

The agriculture ministry has targeted to produce 56.93 lakh tonnes maize in the current fiscal year.

Some farmers are reporting lower yields due to heavy rains before harvest, said the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) in its Grain and Feed Update on Bangladesh.

Corn imports are forecast to increase slightly to 15 lakh tonnes.

According to the Trade Data Monitor, global corn exports to Bangladesh rose 39.2 per cent over the first five months in

NRB Commercial Bank gets nod to go public

IPO subscription set for February

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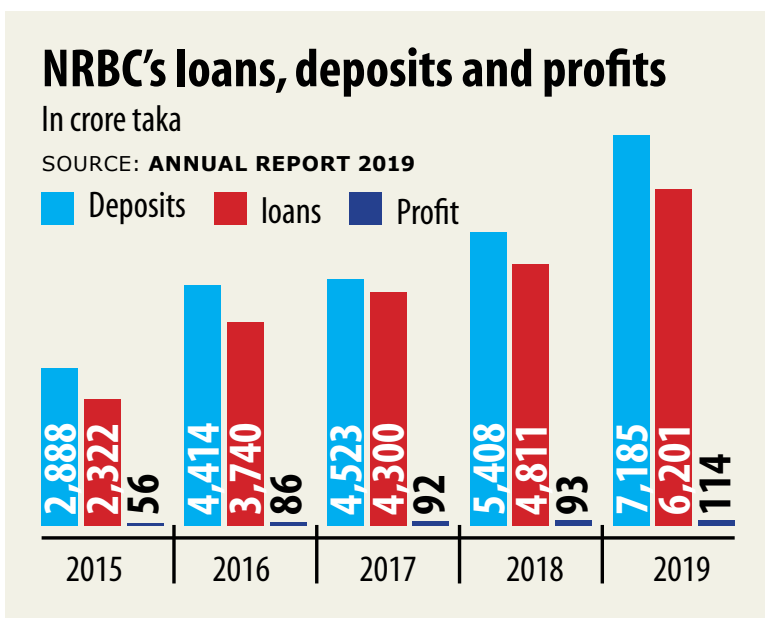
NRB Commercial Bank is going public to raise Tk 120 crore from the stock market, a move that would make it the first bank in Bangladesh in 12 years to be listed on the bourse.

The initial public offering was approved at a meeting of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) yesterday.

With the consent, the country's bourses are set to get a bank's stock for the first time in 12 years, the BSEC said in a press release. The bank will issue 12 crore ordinary shares at face value.

The bank began its journey on April 2, 2013, as a scheduled bank.

NRB Commercial Bank registered deposits of Tk 7,185 crore in 2019. Its total loans and advances amounted to Tk 6,201 crore.



The IPO proceeds will be used to buy government securities and enhance the lender's investment in the stock market, the press release added.

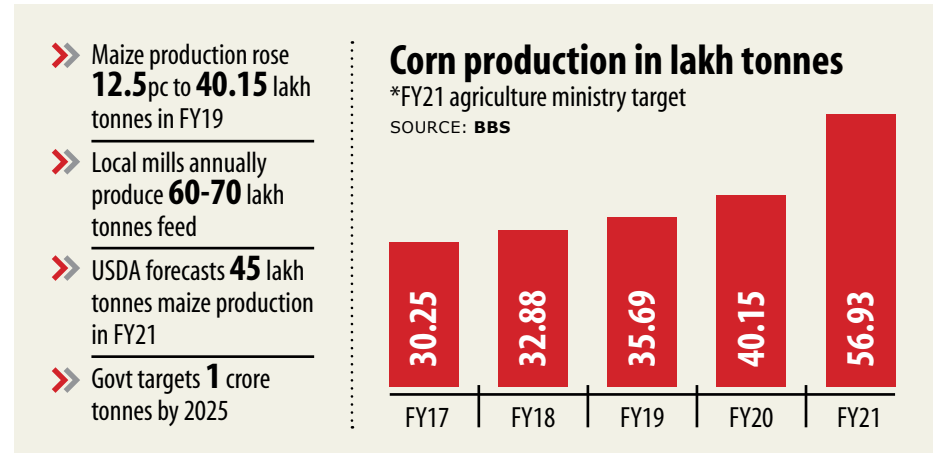
The bank's weighted average earnings per share for the last five years was Tk 1.55. Per-share net asset value stood at Tk 13.86 as of June 30, 2020.

NRB Commercial Bank's return on the asset was 1.46 per cent.

For the betterment of the stock market, the bank's IPO subscription will be completed next February, the BSEC said.

The commission set a later date for the subscription following demands from investors, who said they were facing liquidity shortage because of an increase in the IPOs in recent times.

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Bangladesh switched from other crops to maize to profit from the burgeoning demand of the produce from the local feed mills.

These mills annually produce nearly 60-70 lakh tonnes of feed for the country's sizeable livestock and aquaculture sectors.

Maize accounts for about 50 to 60 per cent of the raw material required to make feed, which is mostly consumed by poultry

the current marketing year compared to last year.

The retail price of corn has also increased compared to its value last month because of the recent floods and the Covid-19 pandemic.

In October, the average corn retail price was Tk 22 per kilogram, 28 per cent higher than in last year, the USDA report said.

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Govt to introduce green factory award

30 to be recognised for ensuring workplace safety, compliance

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MAHMUDUL HASAN

The government has decided to introduce a Green Factory Award to ensure workplace safety for the workers, safeguard the environment from pollution and maintain compliance with international standards.

On Sunday, the labour and employment ministry issued a gazette notification on the "Green Factory Award Policy" as the country looks to attain the Sustainable Development Goals, which require urgent actions to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions.

The award will be presented to the entities considering the use of eco-friendly construction materials, access to sunlight, the use of solar power in the factory, accommodation, schools, markets and bus stands for the workers within acceptable distances from the factory, adequate free space on the factory premises, and the firefighting system.

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Women are seen working in a green factory of Remi Holdings inside Adamjee Export Processing Zone in Narayanganj.

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Purchase committee approves 4 projects of Tk 127cr

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The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase yesterday approved four proposals involving Tk 127 crore, including one of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) to lay 35 kilometres of underground cables.

BBS Cables, the lowest bidder, will provide the 11 kilovolt (kV) and 33 kV cables.

The project will cost Tk 16.52 crore, according to a meeting of the purchase committee chaired by Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal.

Briefing reporters, Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary to the cabinet division, said all four proposals placed at the meeting were from the power division.

The purchase committee also approved a BREB plan to purchase 17,040 km of conductors from the lowest bidder, Rangpur Metal

Industries, at a cost of Tk 47 crore. The third proposal was for the BREB to purchase 295 km of conductors from Partex Cables at Tk 2.56 crore.

In addition, the purchase committee approved a proposal of Bangladesh Power Development Board to buy spare parts and avail special services from BHEL-GE Gas Turbine Services at a cost of Tk 60.89 crore.

The facilities will be used in the operation and maintenance of gas turbine unit 1 and 2 of 330MW Habiganj Shahjibazar Combined Cycle Power Plant.

The committee also sent back a proposal of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistic (BBS) for an increase in the charge of a consultancy firm for a national household database project (third revised) to Tk 13.03 crore.

The committee asked the BBS to submit some supporting documents regarding the proposal.

NRB Commercial Bank gets nod to go public

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AFC Capital and Asian Tiger Capital Partners Investment is the IPO's issue manager.

During the commission meeting, the BSEC also decided to impose a fine on the chairman and three officials of Stylecraft, an export-oriented garments manufacturer, for breaching the securities rules.

"They broke the rules related to insider-trading and will be fined a similar amount to what they earned from illegal trading," the BSEC said.

The stock market regulator also gave its consent to Lub-rref to publish its prospectus to raise Tk 150 crore by issuing 4.52 crore shares through the book-building process.

When a company wants a higher price than face value while issuing new shares, the price is determined through bidding, which is called the book-building method.

The BSEC asked eligible investors to submit bidding analysis and procedure for bids over Tk 50 for each share of the company.

It would look into the process whether the eligible investors follow the due process, the BSEC added.

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Maize was cultivated on 5.40 lakh hectares in the ongoing marketing year, up from 5.10 lakh hectares a year earlier.

FAS Dhaka's forecast for Bangladesh's corn consumption for the 2020-21 marketing year is 50,000 tonnes above the official USDA forecast of 55 lakh tonnes.

If realised, the consumption of corn would increase by 5.8 per cent compared to the previous year.

According to a recent report from the Food and Agriculture Organisation, corn has two distinct uses in Bangladesh: it is a major ingredient in feed for livestock and fish, and for humans, it is used for popcorn and cornflour.

The USDA report said the pandemic had not had a significant impact on Bangladesh's grain production for the marketing year.

However, severe weather conditions in Bangladesh, which started in May and ended in August, has impacted the country's rice production and moderately impacted its corn production, it added.

Maize is the second-largest crop in Bangladesh after paddy and accounted for about 10 per cent of the total grain production in the last fiscal year.

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Besides, the use of modern technologies will also be taken into account while picking the winners.

"Through the award, we want to encourage the factory owners to maintain compliances," said Md Rezaul Haque, an additional secretary of the labour and employment ministry.

"I hope the award will help increase the productivity of factories and ensure workplace safety for the workers."

An evaluation committee will initially submit a proposal or recommendation to the core committee of the ministry for scrutiny of the number of awards to be given in each sector.

A total of 30 awards will be given to various sectors, with the highest five awards for a single industry.

The government approved the policy at a time when the garment sector has about 34 platinum-rated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green garment factories, certified by the US Green Building Council.

Following the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in April 2013, international communities raised concerns over the garment sector's compliance with global standards. Local apparel producers took extraordinary initiatives to construct green factories, improve workplace safety and protect the environment from industrial pollution.

And now, with the new award, the government also wants to ensure proper use of effluent treatment plants, create positive perceptions about green factories in the country and abroad, increase the participation of workers in the development of industries, and generate new opportunities in other industries alongside the garments.

The award has been introduced to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. It will be presented on the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, which is observed on April 28.

LR Global turns to Competition Commission to continue managing two mutual funds

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So, the hearing date has been set for December 9, the press release said.

"Our surveillance team investigated these allegations and found no sign of manipulation on how the funds were traded," said a top official of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) preferring anonymity.

If institutional investors want to remove the fund manager, they have the legal right to do so. Therefore, the removal of LR Global was approved.

LR Global had tried to have the stock market regulator's decision overturned last week, but the Supreme Court upheld the verdict, the BSEC official added.

The mutual funds' units were purchased over a prolonged period of three to five years by different institutions at market rates.

"So, there was no manipulation," said Shahidul

Islam, CEO of VIPB.

Throughout this period, the funds were traded with a deep discount from face value, unlike many scrips that double or triple in months, he added.

In regards to the removal of LR Global, Islam said that they wanted to remove the asset manager while abiding by the law for the betterment of the funds.

The securities rules permit two-third unit-holders of a mutual fund to change its asset manager. The BSEC approved the removal, and the Supreme Court upheld it, as it is permitted as per rules, Islam added.

"The issue should be resolved fast. Otherwise, unit-holders will be impacted by a potential drop in the funds' performance," said Abdur Rahim, an investor.

"As the asset management is a stock market-related issue, it should be solved by the BSEC," he added.

Bill passed giving go-ahead to one-man company

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If the paid-up capital and turnover exceeds the limit, then the one-man company can be transformed to a private limited company or in some cases to a public limited company.

A one-man company has to hold at least one meeting of board of directors every year.

If the directors and the main person of this kind of one-man company is one person then it will get relief in holding board meetings and decision-making processes.

The nominated person will get all the shares if that one person dies, according to the bill.

The proposed law mentioned that for handing over the shares of this kind of company, the presence of the particular person signing the signature on the handover papers through the commission has to be ensured.

As per the proposed law, the notice time for holding a board meeting was increased to a 21-day period from the existing 14-day.

There was a demand from the foreign investors to extend the notice time to 21 days.

The government has got a proposal from different quarters for giving recognition to one-man companies to attract huge investment.



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দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্য

১৪।	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	The Public Procurement Act-2006 and Regulation-2008 ও তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক দরপত্র সিডিউল দাবিলের সময় নিম্নোক্ত দাবিলিক কাগজপত্রাদি জমা দিতে হবেঃ ক। নাগরিকত্ব সনদ, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিআইএনএস হালনাগাদ পরিশোধিত আয়কর সনদ, মূলক (ভ্যাট) রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত কপি। খ। ফর্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সম্পর্কিত একিভেডেন্ট এর মূলকপি অথবা প্রতিনিধির ক্ষেত্রে প্রথম শ্রেণীর ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট/নোটারি পাবলিক প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাপত্র, দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী মালিক এবং প্রতিনিধির সদস্য তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, ঠিকাদারের সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের প্রয়োজনীয় আর্থিক সচ্ছলতা প্রমাণের লক্ষ্যে ব্যাংক লেনদেনের সন্মোহনক বিবরণী (হালনাগাদ) দাখিল করতে হবে। গ। র‍্যাব অথবা অনুরূপ কোন সরকারি সংস্থার মালামাল সরবরাহের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা ও কার্যদেশহাৎ (সংশ্লিষ্ট সংস্থার উপস্থিত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত)। ঘ। দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কোনো তালিকাভুক্ত নয় মর্মে নিজ প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাতে প্রত্যাখ্যকৃত মূলকো দিতে হবে। ঙ। এছাড়াও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে। চ। দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম The Public Procurement Act-2006 and Regulation-2008 ও তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।
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দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী বিবরণ

১৫।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	শেখ কর্ণেল রওশনুল ফিরোজ।
১৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	অধিনায়ক, র‍্যাব-৬।
১৮।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	অধিনায়ক, র‍্যাপিড গ্র‍্যাকশন ব্য‍্যাটালিয়ন-৬, লবণচরা, খুলনা।
১৯।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	০৪১-৯২৯৩১০।

২০। বিশেষ শর্তাবলী

ক। নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
খ। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
গ। দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে।
ঘ। দরপত্র পিপিএ/২০০৬, পিপিআর/২০০৮ ও তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।
ঙ। আইটেমের দর বাজার মূল্যের সাথে সামঞ্জস্যপূর্ণ হতে হবে।
চ। সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দর গ্রহণে কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল ক্ষেত্রে বাধ্য নয়।

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সিভিল সার্জন, ঠাকুরগাঁও এর আওতাধীন স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বৎসরের আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পিপিআর ২০০৬ ও ২০০৮ এবং সংশোধিত-২০১৯ এর আলোকে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত জনবল সরবরাহকারী কোম্পানি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে প্রদত্ত শর্তসাপেক্ষে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামমুক্ত সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃ কঃ মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০।
২।	সংস্থা	স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর/স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়।
৩।	সংগ্রাহক সত্ত্বার নাম	সিভিল সার্জন, ঠাকুরগাঁও।
৪।	সংগ্রাহক সত্ত্বার জেলা	ঠাকুরগাঁও।
৫।	দরপত্রের নাম/যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে	আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল নিয়োগ।
৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের, স্বাস্থ্য সেবা বিভাগ, প্রশাসন-১ অফিস, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকার স্মারক নং-৪৫.০১.০০০০.১৪০.১১.০০৬.১৯-৯৪০ তারিখঃ ১৯/০৭/২০২০ইং এবং স্মারক নং-৪৫.০১.০০০০.১৪০.১১.০১০.১৯-৭৬৬ তারিখঃ ১১/৬/২০২০ইং। উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৭।	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	রাজস্ব/রাজস্ব উন্নয়ন ও স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয়/স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর।
৮।	বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস	০৯/১২/২০২০ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত (বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা)।
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	সিভিল সার্জন অফিস, ঠাকুরগাঁও।
১০।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	সিভিল সার্জন অফিস ও জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, ঠাকুরগাঁও এর রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজে, তারিখঃ ১০/১২/২০২০ইং দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১।	দরপত্রের দলিলাদি দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	সিভিল সার্জন অফিস, ঠাকুরগাঁও এর অফিস কক্ষ, তারিখঃ ১০/১২/২০২০ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	দরপত্রের দলিলাদি খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	সিভিল সার্জন, ঠাকুরগাঁও এর অফিস কক্ষ, তারিখঃ ১৪/১২/২০২০ইং বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা। জনবল সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ জনবল সরবরাহের জন্য কলকারখানা ও প্রতিষ্ঠান পরিদর্শন/অধিদপ্তরের বৈধ লাইসেন্সধারী হতে হইবে ও দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী।
১৫।	আনুষঙ্গিক অন্যান্য সেবার বিবরণ	দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক।
১৬।	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা।
১৭।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা	ডাঃ মোঃ মাহফুজার রহমান সরকার, কোড নং-৪১৬১৬, সিভিল সার্জন, সিভিল সার্জন অফিস, ঠাকুরগাঁও।
১৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	সিভিল সার্জন অফিস ও জেলা প্রশাসক এর কার্যালয়, ঠাকুরগাঁও হতে দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রক্রিয়াক্রম প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ০৯/১২/২০২০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য বাবদ ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা কোড নং- ১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬-এ চালানের মাধ্যমে সোনালী ব্যাংকে জমাদানপূর্বক উহার মূলকপি অত্র দপ্তরের ক্যাশ শাখায় জমাদানপূর্বক সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
১৯।	সংগ্রাহক সত্ত্বার ক্ষমতা ও বিশেষ নির্দেশনাবলী	ক. দরপত্রের সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও কলকারখানা পরিদর্শন অধিদপ্তর হইতে প্রাপ্ত লাইসেন্স প্রদর্শনপূর্বক নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদন করতে হবে। খ. দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলের সাথে সন্নিবেশিত থাকবে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ এই দরপত্র বিষয়ে কোন সংশোধনী থাকিলে শুধুমাত্র অত্র দপ্তরের নোটিশ বোর্ডের মাধ্যমে জানানো হইবে। বর্ণিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি ও দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী হিসাবে গণ্য হবে। গ. কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি/কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

২০। পদ ও জনবলের যোগ্যতার বিবরণীঃ

ক্রম নং	পদের নাম	পদের শ্রেণী বিন্যাস	পদের সংখ্যা	বয়সসীমা	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	অভিজ্ঞতা ও অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা
১।	চিকিৎসা ক্লার্ক	ক্যাটাগরি-১	০৩ (তিন)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	এইচএসসি/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
২।	ক্লক/মশালচী (বাবুচী)	ক্যাটাগরি-৪	৫+৩ = ০৮ (আট)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	অষ্টম শ্রেণী/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
৩।	ওয়ার্ড বয়	ক্যাটাগরি-৫	০৫ (পাঁচ)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	অষ্টম শ্রেণী/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
৪।	আম্বা	ক্যাটাগরি-৫	০২ (দুই)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	অষ্টম শ্রেণী/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
৫।	মালী	ক্যাটাগরি-৫	০১ (এক)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	অষ্টম শ্রেণী/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
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৭।	পরিচ্ছন্নতাকর্মী	ক্যাটাগরি-৫	০৫ (পাঁচ)টি	১৮-৬০ বছর	অষ্টম শ্রেণী/সমমান	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী
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Muhammed Aziz Khan, founding chairman of the Summit Group of Companies, poses with a crest on being recognised as one of Asia's outstanding leaders at the ACES Awards 2020 organised by MORS Group. Bangladesh-born Khan, whom Forbes listed as Singapore's 37th richest person in 2020, was one of only seven winners representing Singapore at this year's ACES awards.

American Airlines says first Boeing 737 MAX flights in December

REUTERS
American Airlines Group said on Wednesday it would make good on its plan to return Boeing Co's 737 MAX jets to passenger flights by the end of 2020 after the planemaker won US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval to fly them again.
The No.1 US airline said it will begin with non-commercial flights in early December before resuming passenger flights later in the month.
The airline said it will operate two flights a day, or one round-trip between Miami and New York from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4.
The FAA detailed software upgrades and training changes Boeing must make in order for it to resume commercial flights after a 20-month grounding, the longest in commercial aviation history.

Overpriced bidding puts small investors at risk of loss

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They are availing illegal benefits through underhand dealings with unscrupulous issuer companies seeking inflated prices in the bids, he said, adding, "Their bidding practice proves it."
The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), which is the stock market regulator, should conduct investigations and punish errant market players, he said.
Otherwise, general stock investors will continue to incur losses and have their confidence in the market eroded, said the merchant banker.
The BSEC brought about the book building method in 2015 to keep in tune with international practices, but this has fallen victim to manipulation, he said.
Before its introduction, the BSEC used to itself determine the value, but that gave rise to a lot of criticisms, he said.
One recent instance of the blatant malpractice took place in the IPO price determination of Index Agro.
The stock had a face value of Tk 10 and many renowned asset managers with good performance records bid with offers ranging from Tk 15 to Tk 20. However, 38 institutional investors bid more than Tk 70. Of them, 21 were of mutual funds. Some went as far as Tk 100.
The BSEC recently formed a two-member investigation committee to identify anomalies in the IPO bidding of Index Agro.
The regulator has long been irritated by such manipulation, for which it had issued a notification last year stipulating that bidders would have to purchase the stocks at the respective price they had placed in the bid.
General investors in Bangladesh are allowed to buy stocks at prices 10 per cent lower than the cut-off price.
Though the notification brought some institutional investors to their senses, there were others who never flinched, presumably because they were not bidding with their own money.
The Daily Star talked to several asset managers, but none wished to speak on the record. However, most said the price finding mechanism was being affected for the malpractices of a few.
So, instead of blaming all the asset managers, the regulator should identify and punish the rogue ones, they said.

Earlier, the stock market regulator had also asked to see the analysis based on which institutional investors bid high prices in book building processes for Walton Hi-tech Industries and Mir Akhter Hossain Company.
Institutional investors cannot come up with a bidding price out of the blue. The procedure involves forming a committee within their institution to analyse the past performance of the issuer company alongside its prospects.
The investors need to conduct the analysis and have a valuation committee who will work on settling on a price, according to a BSEC notification.
"We have already sought an explanation from some institutional investors for their high-priced bids," said Mohammad Rezaul Karim, BSEC spokesperson and executive director (current charge).
"If we find that they have not followed the proper procedure, then we will take action," he said.
"Already, many investors have become alert, and others will also come about when they see that we are strict on this matter. Our market intelligence department is also working on it," he added.

Covid Fighter: How the humble home textile is beating the odds

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He said his company has been receiving a lot of work orders from emerging markets like Australia, while a significant number of work orders are for items required in retirement homes.
Industry insiders say Bangladesh has become a major source for home textile because of massive investments made by local entrepreneurs.
As a result, local manufacturers can also supply a vast quantity of requirements of buyers.
More than Tk 25,000 crore has been invested in the homes textile sector over the last couple of decades in Bangladesh, said Munsoor Ahmed, secretary of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA).
The major exporters from Bangladesh are a bunch of more than 40 big mills, he said.
The BTMA secretary also said local exporters would end up shipping more than \$1 billion worth of home textile from the country in a year.
The dyeing and other businesses

associated with the home textiles sector are employing thousands of workers across the country, said Ahmed.
It is not just the massive investments that are drawing buyers.
Bangladesh had a comparatively shorter lockdown period for the pandemic compared to that imposed in countries such as India and Pakistan. Moreover, most of the factories were in operation during the lockdown, giving much-needed relief to buyers searching for sources open for business.
Another factor has been a shift of a portion of work orders from China because of its trade war with the US. Many of these came from the buyers in the US, looking for alternatives to China. China has been losing work orders for garments and home textiles because of a higher cost of production and shortage of skilled workforce in context to that in Bangladesh.
Shahadat Hossain Sohel, president of the Bangladesh Terry Towel & Linen Manufacturers and Exporters

Association, also cited that the export of healthcare textile items had boomed over the last few months because of the higher use in hospitals for the pandemic.
For instance, the export of medical gowns and patient gowns and towels for hospitals increased a lot from Bangladesh for the spread of the virus, he said.
Moreover, home textile work orders shifted to Bangladesh not only from China but also from Pakistan at the beginning of this year.
Sohel himself received a good quantity of work orders from a buyer who had long been dependent on a source in Pakistan.
This buyer shifted work orders from Pakistan, citing two reasons. Bangladesh is offering a better-quality product, and there is a management problem in the Pakistani company, he said.
The boom in online shopping is another important reason for the higher export of home textiles from Bangladesh, he said.

Senior BB official elected AFI body's vice-chair

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
The Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) has elected Bangladesh Bank General Manager Md Anwarul Islam as vice-chair of its Gender Inclusive Finance Committee (GIFC).
The AFI promotes and develops evidence-based policy solutions in order to improve the lives of the poor by way of bringing unbanked people under financial institutions.
The AFI's members are central banks and other financial regulatory institutions from more than 80 emerging and developing countries, where the majority of the world's unbanked reside. Islam has been serving as general manager of the Financial Inclusion Department of the central bank for nearly one and a half years.
He is also co-chair of the financial inclusion working group of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.
Over his 27-year-long career with Bangladesh Bank, Islam has contributed to the banking regulation and policy regime in several departments.
The AFI also elected Elsie Addo Awadzi, the second deputy governor of the Bank of Ghana, as chair of the GIFC. The duo, appointed through an election last week, will serve the GIFC for the next two years.

Superbrands to recognise country's 'top brands'

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Superbrands is going to recognise what it says are Bangladesh's topmost brands for the year 2020-21 today.
The names of the brands will be revealed through a virtual event. It will also mark the unveiling of Superbrands' publication for the next two years, according to a press release.
Salman F Rahman, the prime minister's private industry and investment advisor, is expected to attend the event as chief guest.
Superbrands says to be a global arbiter for brands operating in 90 countries around the world.
"Recognition from Superbrands has become the biggest success symbol for brands," said the press release.
The publication of Superbrands Bangladesh shares the stories of each brand, it added.
The brands are selected through a process which involves independent and voluntary panels of experts from a range of backgrounds, known as the "Brand Council".

GPH Ispat starts billet export to China

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The minister also urged the entrepreneurs of the steel industry to make an effective contribution to the national economy by increasing the production of MS Billet and its export to the world market.
The government is trying to give an incentive to the steel entrepreneurs to encourage steel and billet exports, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said.
The steel-maker's disclosure came a month after it expanded its annual billet production capacity from 2.1 lakh tonnes in 2018 to more than 10 lakh tonnes this year.
The company also increased its rod production capacity from 1.50 lakh tonnes in 2018 to 7.60 lakh tonnes in this year.
Having started its journey in 2006, GPH began commercial production in August 2008 with an annual capacity to produce 84,000 tonnes of billet and 120,000 tonnes of rod.
Currently, 35 factories of around 400 mills of the sector make billet by importing scrap and scrap ships.
Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission Chairman Munshi Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chattogram Port Authority Chairman Rear Admiral SM Abul Kalam Azad and Chattogram Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Mahbubul Alam were also present.

Bogura handicrafts makers hit hard by back-to-back natural disasters

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This year, around 12,563 hectares of jute worth Tk 101.74 crore got damaged in Bogura, Sirajganj and Pabna districts, according to data of the Department of Agricultural Extension.
"Heavy downpour and floods have damaged a lot of sea grass, kans grass and jute and has created a crisis of the raw materials," said Ahsan, also the president of Bangladesh Handicrafts Manufacturers and Exporters Association (Banglacraft).
That is why the handicrafts production cost has increased by around 30-40 per cent based on the location of the manufacturing factories, he said.
"We have over 400 entrepreneurs who produce handicrafts under Banglacraft and around 92 per cent of them export their goods to nearly 80 foreign countries, earning name and fame for the country."
"The DAE should encourage the farmers to grow raw materials for the handicrafts factories. Otherwise, we will face this kind of crisis again and again."

Garment workers stage sit-in in Ashulia for arrears

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The rest will be paid by auctioning the factory's equipment, but this has not been possible due to the stay order that came on October 20 following an argument of a bank.
The factory authority shut the factory in the middle of April as it had no work orders, said Subhan. "We asked the factory authority to pay the worker dues multiple times."
"As the factory authority failed to pay the workers, we had decided to pay the workers by auctioning off the belongings of the factory," he said.
The bank lent the factory, so it filed the writ petition seeking the stay order, saying if the auction is held, it will face huge losses, he said.
"We are trying to have the stay order vacated through the attorney general," Subhan said, adding that there will be a court hearing on the matter next week.

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NOTICE OF THE 59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the 59th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on **Tuesday, 15th December 2020, at 11:30 a.m.** through digital platform to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. Consideration and adoption of the Directors' and Auditors' reports and the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2020.
2. Declaration of dividend for the year 2019-2020.
3. Election of Directors and appointment of Independent Director.
4. Appointment of Managing Director.
5. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2020-2021 and fixation of their remuneration.
6. Appointment of professional for the certification on Corporate Governance for the year 2020-2021.

By order of the Board
Mohammad Ruhan Miah
Mohammad Ruhan Miah, FCS
Company Secretary

Dhaka, 19-11-2020

NOTES :

1. 12-11-2020 was the Record Date. The shareholders, whose names will appear in the share register of the Company or in the depository register on that date, will be eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting.
2. Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/25 dated 08 July, 2020, the AGM will be virtual meeting of the Members, which will be conducted via live webcast by using digital platform.
3. For the sake of convenience, shareholders are requested to submit their queries on the Directors' report / Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on 30 June 2020, if any, at the Share Office of the Company preferably 7 days before the day of the General Meeting.
4. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her place. The proxy form, stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk. 20, shall be submitted at the Share Office of the Company or through e-mail at mohammad.mosaddaque@transcombd.com / abu.yousuf@transcombd.com 48 hours before the meeting, i.e. by the close of business on 13th December 2020.
5. The Members will be able to submit their questions/comments and vote electronically 24 hours before commencement of the AGM and during the AGM. For logging into the system, the Members need to put their 16-digit Beneficial Owner (BO) ID number/Folio Number and other credential as proof of their identity by visiting the link <http://agm.bll.com.bd>
6. We encourage the Members to login to the system prior to the meeting start time of 11.30 a.m. Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on December 15, 2020. Please allow ample time to login and establish your connectivity. The webcast will start at 11:30 a.m. Bangladesh Standard Time (BST). Please contact at 01712-778840 for any technical difficulties in accessing the virtual meeting and at 01713-082494 for share related issue.

ট্রানসটেক TRANSTEC

জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প
জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশন, মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়
কনকর্ড রয়্যাল কোর্ট (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ২৭৫/জি
রোড-২৭ (পুরাতন), ধানমন্ডি আ/এ, ঢাকা-১২০৫

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জিয়া ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোরের জন্য স্পেস ভাড়ার দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় অধিক সংখ্যক নারী উদ্যোক্তা সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে নারী উদ্যোক্তাদের পরিচালনায় একটি জিয়া ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোরের জন্য প্রশস্ত মেইন রাস্তার পাশে ৩/৪ টি গাড়া পার্কিংয়ের সুবিধাসহ (মীচতলা / দ্বিতীয় তলায়) প্রতি বর্গফুট হিসাবে ভাড়া প্রদানে আগ্রহী বাড়ী/ ভবন মালিকগণের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

- ১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগের নাম : মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়।
- ২। বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থার নাম : জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প, জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশন।
- ৩। কাজের নাম : ঢাকা শহরের ধানমন্ডি, লালমাটিয়া, মোহাম্মদপুর ইত্যাদি বাণিজ্যিক এলাকায় ৫৫০০-৬৫০০ বর্গফুট জায়গা সম্বলিত ভিতরে ফাকা স্থান যা জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের আওতাভুক্ত নারী উদ্যোক্তাদের পরিচালনায় জিয়া ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোরের জন্য ব্যবহৃত হবে।
- ৪। অর্থের উৎস : জিওবি।
- ৫। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান : প্রকল্প পরিচালক, জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প কার্যালয়।
- ৬। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পরের দিন হতে ১৪ দিন পর্যন্ত (সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা)।
- ৭। দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান : ০৬/১২/২০২০ তারিখ দুপুর ২:০০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) জিয়া ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প কার্যালয়ে দরপত্র উন্মুক্ত করা হবে।
- ৮। শর্তাবলী : ক) জিয়া ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোরের জন্য স্পেস ভাড়ার কার্যক্রম পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।
খ) ভাড়া ও ট্যাক্স সহ সর্বমোট ভাড়ার পরিমাণ উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
গ) ভাড়ার মেয়াদ ভাড়া চুক্তি সম্পাদনের তারিখ হতে ৩ বছরের জন্য (মেয়াদ বর্ধনযোগ্য)।
ঘ) ভবনের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে।
ঙ) ভাড়া কৃত স্পেসে বিদ্যুৎ ও পানির সংযোগ থাকতে হবে এবং বিদ্যুৎ বিল ও পানির বিল পরিশোধের সুবিধার্থে আলাদা মিটার স্থাপন করতে হবে।
চ) প্রয়োজনে আগ্রহী বাড়ীর মালিকগণের সাথে আলোচনার মাধ্যমে ভাড়া নির্ধারণ করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।
ছ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতই কে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/ বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ৯। প্রস্তাবনার সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবে : ক) বাড়ী/ভবনের স্থাপত্য নকশা প্রস্তাবনার সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।
খ) স্পেসটি বাণিজ্যিকভাবে ব্যবহারের জন্য মালিক কর্তৃক অঙ্গীকারনামার নমুনা দিতে হবে।
গ) স্পেসটি বাণিজ্যিকভাবে ব্যবহারের জন্য মূল নকশা টিক রেখে প্রয়োজনীয় মোডিফিকেশন/ডেকোরেশন/ পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন করা যাবে মর্মে বাড়ীর মালিক কর্তৃক পাওয়ার অব এটর্নী প্রদান করতে হবে।
ঘ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের প্রমাণক সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- ১০। যোগাযোগ : ক) দরদাতাকে প্রকৃত ও বৈধ বাড়ী'র /ভবনের মালিক হতে হবে।
খ) প্রয়োজনীয় পরিমাণ স্থান সম্বলিত খোলা জায়গাসহ চাহিত সকল তথ্য থাকতে হবে।

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Exporters to get 210 days to repatriate earnings: BB



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Bangladesh Bank yesterday said all exporters irrespective of the products they were trading would be allowed a maximum 210 days to bring their earnings into the country due to the ongoing economic hardship resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

Earlier only exporters of readymade garments and textile sectors were allowed to avail the facility.

The extension will remain effective until March next year, according to a central bank notice.

Exporters have been facing problems in repatriating their receipts on time as per the central bank's regulation as the global economy has been in dire straits.

A good number of foreign buyers are now unable to make their payments against items they are importing from Bangladesh, creating a problem for the country's exporters.

Against this backdrop, the deadline for repatriating the export earnings for the readymade garments and textile sectors was extended from 120 days to 180 days on March 19.

The central bank had initially said the facility would remain effective until September this year.

On July 23, the deadline for the RMG and textiles sectors was extended by another 30 days, which would remain effective until March 2021.

GPH Ispat starts billet export to China

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Steel manufacturer GPH Ispat started billet export to China yesterday with the first shipment of 25,000 tonnes worth \$10.17 million through bulk cargoes.

"It is the biggest ever shipment of raw materials for the rod by any Bangladeshi company," said Md Alamgir Kabir, chairman of GPH Ispat Group.

"After fulfilling our country's demand, we are now exporting billets in large volumes."

The government has taken several initiatives to give a boost to the sector that can ensure easy access of the entrepreneurs in the global market, Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun said at the virtual inauguration ceremony as the chief guest.

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Bogura handicrafts makers hit hard by back-to-back natural disasters

MOSTAFA SHABUI, Bogura

The spiralling prices of raw materials have been taking a heavy toll on the handicrafts makers in Bogura, as the Covid-19 outbreak, incessant rain and the fourth spell of flood have destroyed the whole supply chain in the district.

Businesses in the district now have to spend three times higher to purchase sea grass and kans grass—two most widely used raw materials in the region—to produce different items, including rugs, bags, bucket and furniture.

"Every year, we need at least 4-5 lakhs bundles of kans grass for our Hapunia village factory in Sherpur," said Saiful Islam, manager of Classical Handmade Products BD in Bogura.

"But this year we could hardly collect 2.4 lakh bundles, as the three natural disasters that came one after another have damaged a huge amount of the grass."

The company spent Tk 5 last year to buy each bundle of kans grass, which are naturally grown in the char areas.

"But this year the prices of each bundle went as high as Tk 13."

Classical Handmade could not collect kans grass for two months since March as it had to keep its factory shut for the pandemic.

After that the rains and flood came and damaged the grass in the char area before harvesting, he said.

"Now, we have money, but there is no kans grass to buy."

Bogura has eight handicrafts factory with which around 12,000 artisans are directly or indirectly involved, and handicrafts worth over Tk 150 crore are exported from the district a year.

In Bangladesh, out of the 400 handicraft manufacturers, around 100 produce handicrafts from sea grass, kans grass, jute, palm leaves, date leaves, banana fibre and some have recently started making the products with pineapple fibres.

In 2019-20 fiscal year, Bangladesh earned \$20.52 million by exporting handicrafts products abroad, according to the Export Promotion Bureau.

"I used to sell each bundle of kans grass at Tk 4 before the coronavirus hit Bangladesh," said Sariful Islam, a local grass trader of Bogura's Dhunat upazila.

"But now I have to sell at Tk 12 a bundle to cover up the losses I incurred in the last seven months."

Islam could not find buyers for the grass he collected in March, as most of the factories were closed complying with the nationwide shutdown announced by the government.

"Most of my kans grass got damaged under the open sky. Later, the Jamuna River



MOSTAFA SHABUI

Over 12,000 artisans who are directly or indirectly involved with the handicrafts production in Bogura have become victim of the pandemic, rains and flood this year. The photo was taken from Hapunia village in the district.

overflowed and destroyed the rest of my grass, as they shrunk after remaining under the water for months."

"After all these when the factories reopened, I had to sell the rest of my grass at three times higher prices to earn my living."

Abul Khayer Lato, a local sea grass trader of the Noakhali sadar upazila, said this year he also had to incur huge losses as he could not prepare his collected grass for sale due to continuous rains.

"Floods also restricted me from harvesting the grass in time, which are normally grown beside the rivers in Noakhali and Barishal," said Lato, who supplies raw material to leading handicraft exporters like BD Creation, Classical Handmade Products BD and Sun Trade.

Repeated floods have also disturbed the harvesting of jute, another popular raw material for handicrafts, said Golam Ahsan, owner of Sun Trade.

Last year, the price of the raw jute was Tk 1,800-2,200 a maund, which went up to Tk 3,000-3,500 this year, he said.

"I had cultivated jute in 10 bighas of land in the Jamuna's char area. The prolonged flood destroyed eight bighas of jute, and I could only harvest two bighas of immature jute, which I sold at Tk 3,000 per maund recently," said Anowar Ali, a farmer of the Bogura's Sariakandi upazila.

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Garment workers stage sit-in in Ashulia for arrears

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Workers of A-One BD staged a sit-in in front of the Ashulia Press Club for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding ten months arrears from their factory in the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ).

Around 700 workers have been protesting since 10:00 am on Tuesday.

At least 1,100 people who were employed by A-One BD, owned by Italian national Alessandra Ferry, have been living in dire straits for the past 10 months due to a lack of incomes, according to the workers.

"Besides, even though the factory was closed in March, our wages have not been paid since January," they said during the sit-in.

And despite multiple protests, neither the factory authorities nor the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority and the government have taken the responsibility to ensure payment of the arrears.

Ever since the factory was shut, the workers have been running door to door of DEPZ officials to secure their dues.

"We also held several programmes in various areas, including the National Press Club in Dhaka," said Ashraf Ali, one of the workers.

DEPZ officials have repeatedly assured that the payments would be made, but these promises have not been kept yet.

"While it is difficult to run a family

without even a single month's salary, we have had to do it for the last 10 months amid the Covid-19 pandemic," Ali said, adding that they would continue the protest until the dues are paid.

Ujjal Hossen, another worker, said that DEPZ authorities are yet to resolve the issue even though they spoke to the workers about their demands many times.

Most recently, the DEPZ officials assured that they would pay the arrears by auctioning off the factory's equipment.

However, the DEPZ now says that the auction process has been suspended due to a stay order from the High Court.

"Therefore, we are seeking the prime minister's intervention," Hossen said.

Following the stay order, members of the Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati and some workers of A-One BD rushed to the DEPZ authorities to discuss the issue.

"But they said they could do nothing until the court order is vacated," said Taslima Akter, president of the Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati.

If the prime minister intervenes, the workers' suffering will come to an end, she added.

When contacted, Abdus Subhan, general manager of the DEPZ, said the workers would get salaries for three and a half months as arrears.

"We have already paid two months salaries to most of the workers," he said.

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Workers of A-One BD Limited, a closed factory of Dhaka Export Processing Zone, stage a sit-in protest demanding 10 months' arrears at Ashulia Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. The programme started at 10am on Tuesday which continued till filing the report around 4pm yesterday.

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Bill passed giving go-ahead to one-man company

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The parliament yesterday passed Companies (2nd Amendment) Bill, 2020, keeping a provision related to the formation of one-man companies as part of efforts to boost investment and improve in the global ease of doing business index.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi placed the bill which was passed by voice vote.

The government hopes that this bill, once comes out as a law, will be able to attract huge foreign investment in the country, the minister said while placing the bill.

In the one-man companies, owner and shareholder would be a single entity, according to the bill.

A separate part with provisions over registration, operation and management of one-man companies were incorporated in the bill.

In case of winding up of a company, the repayment of debts of the company shall be given priority, says the bill. Another provision for an online registration system has been kept for companies.

According to the bill, the one-man company has to have a paid-up capital of at least Tk 25 lakh to a maximum of Tk 5 crore. The minimum turnover of that company in the immediate past year should be Tk 1 crore to Tk 50 crore.

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LR Global turns to Competition Commission to continue managing two mutual funds

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

LR Global Bangladesh Asset Management Company has complained to the Bangladesh Competition Commission, accusing a peer company of price manipulation after allegations were dismissed by the Supreme Court and the stock market regulator.

LR Global is the asset manager of DBH First Mutual Fund and Green Delta Mutual Fund. Mutual funds are investment tools that pool a fixed amount of money from investors to be reinvested in stocks for a certain period of time.

The company claimed that some institutional investors, led by VIPB Asset Management Company, are involved in price manipulation of the two listed funds.

LR Global also alleged that VIPB is trying to remove it from the two funds by involving other fund managers.

The Bangladesh Competition Commission issued a press release in this regard yesterday, confirming that it received a complaint from LR Global against VIPB.

The company's lawyer presented the allegations on behalf of his client while the accused party asked for time to prepare for the hearing.

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Turnover tumbles as investors gear up for Robi IPO

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Turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange plunged 31 per cent to Tk 544 crore because of the thin participation of institutional and general stock investors as they are gearing up for Robi's initial public offering.

This is the lowest turnover, one of the key indicators of the market, in the last three and a half months.

Many institutional and general investors were in the selling mood. So, the index dropped along with the turnover, said a stockbroker.

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the bourse, fell 17.97 points, or 0.36 per cent, to 4,887.12.

Investors are selling shares to set aside

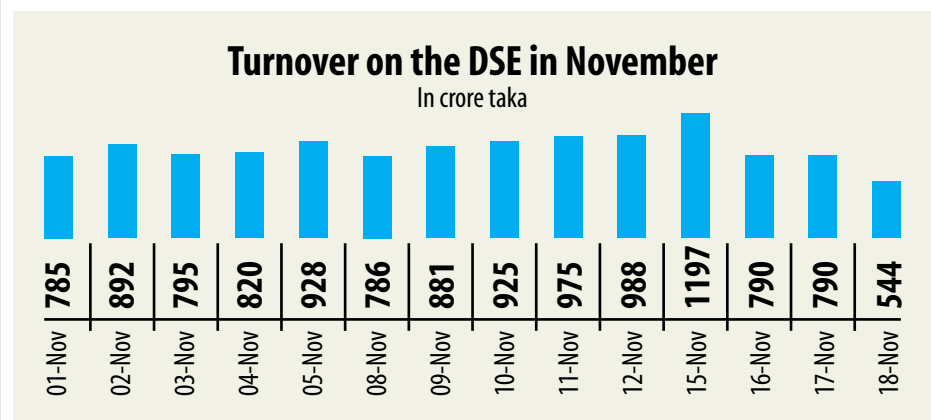
The general investors should not heed to the rumour. But, as the stocks are rising, investors are rushing towards them, he said.

"The stocks of the sound companies are almost immobile," he added.

Well-performing stocks are always good for investment despite lower return, said Mir Ariful Islam, a stock market analyst.

Investment decisions based on rumours may wipe out an investor's capital abruptly, he said. But this is not seen in case of well-performing stocks.

So, institutional investors make money at the end of the year. In contrast, many individual investors fail to count any profits, said Islam, also the head of research of Prime Finance Asset Management Company.



funds for the subscription of Robi Axiata, the stockbroker said.

The subscription of the biggest IPO in the history of Bangladesh began on Tuesday and will continue until November 23. The operator would raise Tk 523 crore.

Though the index was plunging, junk stocks rose. Most of the Z category stocks, the companies that are either not providing dividend or are closed, advanced.

Meghnapt Industries topped the gainers' chart with an increase of 10 per cent. Dulamia Cotton, United Airways, and Jute Spinners were also in the list.

The junk stocks are rising because of a rumour that gambling is taking place involving the stocks, said Abdul Haque, an investor.

Beximco Pharmaceuticals was the most traded stocks on the DSE yesterday, with its securities worth Tk 43 crore changing hands, followed by Square Pharmaceuticals, Brac Bank, Quasem Industries, and Associated Oxygen.

Of the stocks, 79 advanced, 174 declined, and 82 remained unchanged.

Genex Infosys lost the most giving up 9.15 per cent, followed by Hamid Fabrics, Familytex Bangladesh, SEMI IBBL Shariah Fund, and Mobil Jamuna.

Shares on the Chattogram Stock Exchange also fell. The CSEX, the benchmark index of the port city bourse, dropped 37.41 points, or 0.44 per cent, to 8,421.96.

Of the shares traded, 47 rose, 141 declined, and 50 remained unchanged.