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Dhaka Day by Day

A Symbolic Interplay of Values and Ideals

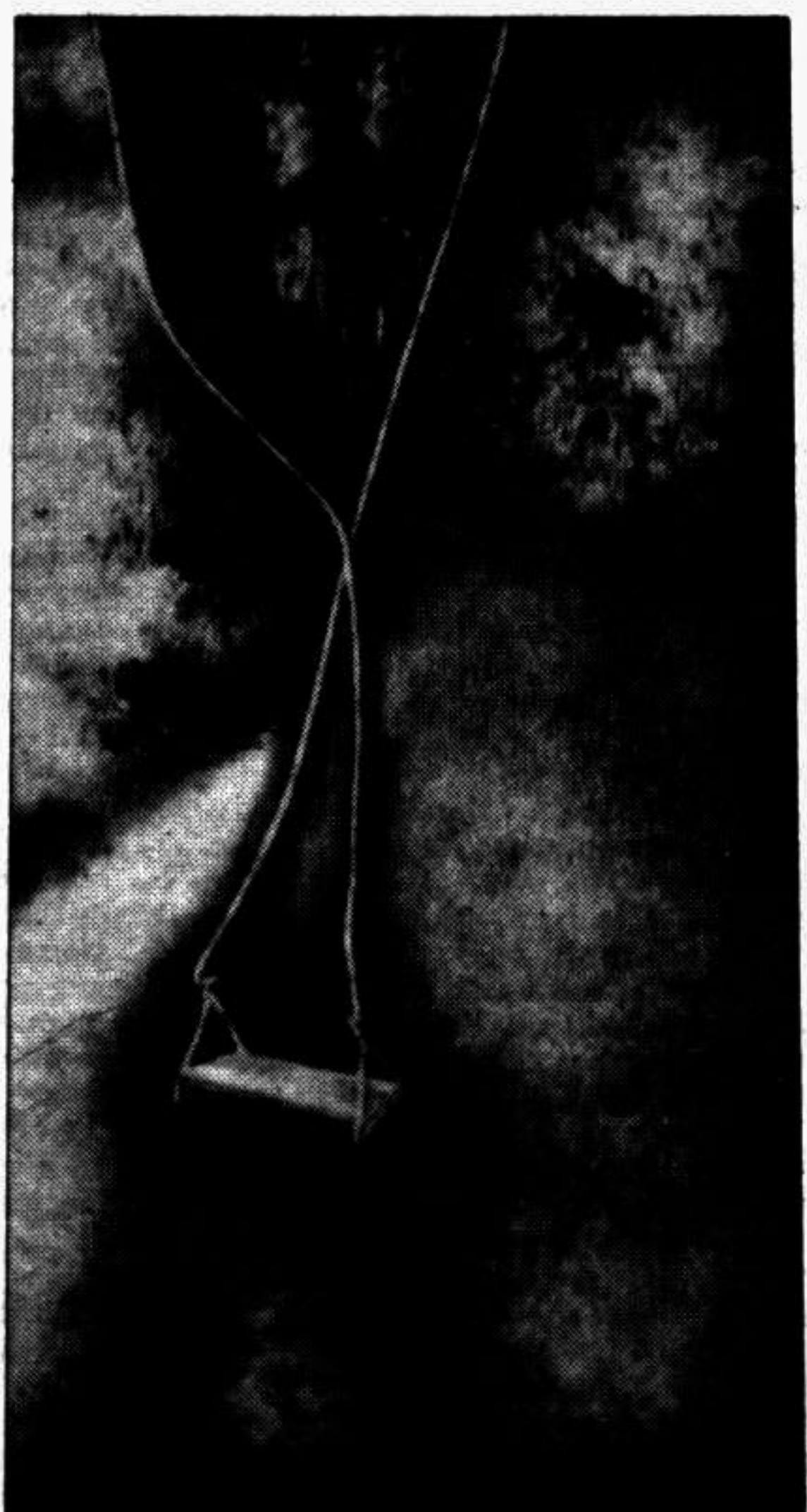
by Dali Islam

At first glance at Mominul Islam Reza's accomplishments as a painter, one would get the impression that this art has been his passion from a very early age. It is surprising to know that the artist had kept his talent only after joining Bangladesh College of Arts and Crafts in 1973. Though there is no doubt of his partiality to Fine Arts, he did not begin his career as a painter until after his graduation from University of Baroda, India, where he completed his Masters of Fine Arts while specializing in Creative Painting.

Mominul Islam's achievements as a painter are impressive. Apart from participations in various numerous group exhibitions in Bangladesh as well as Japan, China, Malaysia and India, Mominul Islam has had three solo public displays of his works. His first major solo exhibition was held at the Bangladesh College of Arts and Crafts in 1982. Alliance Francaise hosted his second exhibition in 1986 which was closely followed by his third solo at Hotel Sheraton in 1987. His fourth exhibition is currently being held at Alliance Francaise.

Mominul Islam has received many recognitions for his painting. Among other awards, he received a special prize from Bangla Academy in painting in 1974 and was awarded the Best Young Artist prize by Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy in 1982.

Islam is currently a part time lecturer at the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. According to him, the educational system is rather restricting to the future of painting in Bangladesh. The syllabus offered by the Fine Arts institutions do nothing to liberate and help the artists to realize their potential. Very little emphasis is given on self expression and



Cradle

The uncertainty of future is shown in "Cradle" — a cradle suspended in mid-air against a background of infinite space.

The emotions that Mominul Islam has brought into his paintings make his work well worth viewing. His solo exhibition "My Works" being held at Alliance Francaise from 12th July to 31 July is yet another achievement in his already noteworthy career.

Owners conceal real rent : 2,517 served with notices

Huge revenue losses for building houses in 3 residential areas

Education Minister Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury told the Jatiya Sangsad Sunday that since the stated costs were less than the real costs of construction of many houses in Gulshan, Baridhara and Banani, it was causing huge revenue losses to the government, reported BSS.

Answering a question from Col (Retd) Shawkat Ali (Al-Shariatpur), the Minister said the government was also apparently suffering substantial revenue loss as there was a big gap between the declared and real rent of a huge number of houses in the areas. He said in

some cases two different cases for rents were executed. He said a total of 2,517 houses owners in the three residential areas were served with notices to furnish necessary information.

Prof Chowdhury said five-member committee was instituted with the Director of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption. M Shahidul Islam Chowdhury as the Chairman.

The terms of reference of the committee was to collect information on the names of the owners of the houses in Gulshan, Baridhara and Banani,

the date and cost of construction of the houses, the quantum of rental received, if rented, and the process of renting.

The committee was also to determine, whether or not, the realisation of the quantum of taxes from these houses were lawful and proper and also give recommendations or make comments on any other relevant matter.

The other members of the committee were: Major M Asadul Islam, army engineers battalion, Dhaka Cantonment, later Major Mohammed Shahjahan, engineers, 7, AE battalion, Postagola, Dhaka, as representative of the Supreme Commander Headquarters.

Rafiqul Alam, Deputy Director, National Security Intelligence Department, House No. 4, Road No 84, Gulshan, Dhaka representing the National Security Intelligence Department.

MA Rashid, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Mohakhali, Dhaka as a representative of the Public Works Department.

Badiul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, North Zone, second 12-storey building, Office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka as a representative of the National Board of Revenue.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Answer to Previous Puzzle



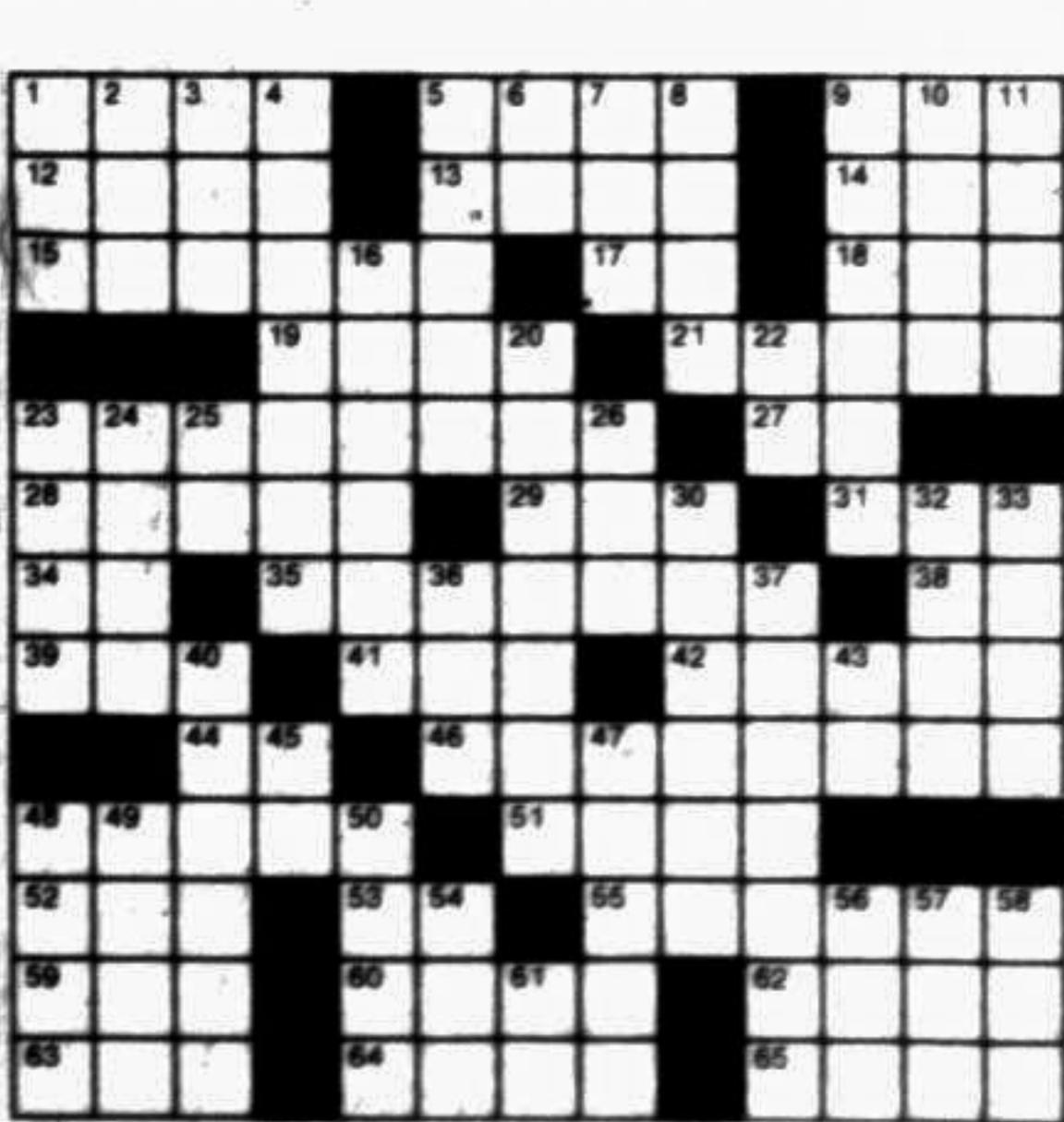
Monday

5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme Summary
5.15 Recitation from the Geeta
5.20 News in Bangla
5.30 Cartoon Film : The Yarling
5.55 Sports programme
6.30 Educational programme
7.05 TV debate competition
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Probano
9.00 Ottazah : Special programme
10.00 News in English
10.25 Parliament roundup
10.40 Film : Man from U. N. C. L. E.
11.30 Khabar/The News closing
11.45

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

1 Mend with cotton
5 Jog
9 Wager
12 Chilli and fever
13 Unusual
14 Anglo-Saxon money
15 Cloak
17 Tellurium symbol
18 Surname
19 Rip
21 Roadside hotel
23 Church dignitaries
27 Spanish article
28 Green citrus fruits
29 Gratuity
31 Large bird
34 "Total Recall"

star: inits.
35 Not sacred
38 —, T. —, R.
39 Decimal base
41 The Big-
42 Plague-
44 Prohibition
46 Secured the support of
48 Rents
51 Rational
52 Sudsy brew
53 Babylonian deity
55 Intractable person
58 Metal
60 One opposed
62 Weather cock
63 Greek letter
64 Principal
65 Send forth
DOWN
1 Obstruct
2 Moham-
median leader
30
31 Large bird
34 "Total Recall"



CPB congress from Oct 3

By Staff Correspondent

The fifth congress of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will be held from October 3 to 8 in the city. The decision to this effect, taken during the four-day Central Committee meeting of the party ending on July 7, was disclosed on Wednesday.

A CPB statement issued Wednesday night quoted the political resolution of the meeting saying although progress had been initiated to institutionalise democracy through establishing parliamentary democracy but the consequences left by the autocratic regime which entangled the society in continued crisis would hamper the process of transition to democracy unless the crisis was overcome.

The resolution viewed that resolution of the present crisis lay in a national consensus. Presided over by the Convenor of the Samity, Firoz Kabir, the meeting condemned the 24-point accusations against the present elected chairman's by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

The meeting also criticised the move to abolish the post of Upazila Chairman and replacing the elected chairman by appointing advisers.

What's on today . . .

Tejgaon College polls

The election to the Tejgaon College Students Union will be held today (Monday). Major student organisations including Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Awami League-backed Chhatra League (S-A) will contest the polls for the year 1991.

Chhatra Shibir press confce

Islam Chhatra Shibir called a press conference today (Monday) at 5.30 pm at its central office at 48/1-A Purana Palton in the city. Shibir leaders will brief the newsmen about their participation in the July 31 DUCSU and hall unions elections.

Film show at Alliance Francaise

"Juliette et L'air du Temps" will be screened at the Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, corner of Road No. 3, Dhammendi in the city today (Monday) at 11 am.

Description of the film: Juliette is a young girl of eighteen. Leaving her small-town life for the big city, she moves to Paris and a dilapidated flat. She lives on next to nothing with a gang of friends, drifting.

(Starring Agnes Chateau and Jacques Zanetti). The film is in the French version with English subtitles. Ticket is Taka 15 for each.

Bima Officers' Council

Jibon Bima Field Officers Welfare Association holds its council session today (Monday) at the Jibon Bima Bhaban at 10 am. Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder will attend the function as chief guest.

Sramik Party rally

A rally of Jatiya Sramik Party will be held today (Monday) at 10 am in front of the National Press Club.

The rally has been convened to protest against imposition of Value Added Tax (VAT), and to demand publication and implementation of the Pay Commission report and also for changing office-timing in the government bodies.

Lions Club meeting

A regular and Board of Directors meeting of Lions Club of Daka Central will be held today (Monday) at 5 pm at 51/A Purana Palton in the city. All the members have been requested to attend the meeting in time.

Farewell of SSMC students

The farewell ceremony of the 13th batch of outgoing students of Sir Salimullah Medical College will be held today (Monday) at 9 am at the Gallery-1 of the institution.

UNDP Education Adviser Abdulla al-Muti Sharifuddin will attend the ceremony as chief guest and the college Principal AKM Aftabuddin will be the special guest. The farewell ceremony was to be followed by a cultural function.

.... and tomorrow . . .

Discussion on TV serial "Oshin"

Radio Japan Listers' Club in Dhaka has organised a discussion on popular television serial "Oshin" produced by NHK at the auditorium of the Community Development Library (Road No. 25, Dhammendi) in the city tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

The club's executive committee has requested the regular viewers of the serial to participate in the discussion.

Preclinical seminar

A seminar on "Endocrine functions of the pancreas" will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10 am at the Gallery-1 of Sir Salimullah Medical College.

Prof Kastmuddin will chair the seminar while it will be addressed among others by Mahmud, Hasan, Sheira Choudhury, Sadia Foujunnissa and Sharmin Jahan. SSMC Medicine Club arranged the seminar.

Rotary Club installation

The annual installation meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury will attend the function as chief guest while State Minister for Energy and Mineral resources Dr Khondaker Mosharrif Hossain will be the special guest.

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Weather

Gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid till 6 pm of Monday says: Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions. No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country.

Meanwhile, rain or thundershower occurred at a few places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions. Chief amount of rainfall recorded are Sylhet and Bholia 5 cm each.

The highest temperature of 35.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Satkhira. Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall activity likely to increase. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change.

The temperature and humidity of some cities on Sunday:

| City | Temperature in Celsius | Humidity |
|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| | Max | Min |
| Dhaka | 33.4 | 27.9 |
| Chittagong | 33 | 26.4 |
| Rangpur | 34.2 | 26.4 |
| Khulna | 33.8 | 27.5 |
| Jessore | x | 26.8 |
| Sylhet | x | 24.3 |
| Comilla | 34.5 | 26 |
| Cox's Bazar | x | 26.5 |
| Rajshahi | 35 | 27 |

UZ Chairmen call for half-day hartal July 21

The Dhaka division unit of Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Chairman Samity has called for a half-day nation-wide hartal on July 21 to press home their 12-point demands.

In a meeting held at the Samity office on Sunday, members of the Samity resolved to hold protest meetings and demonstrations on July 19 and 20.

Presided over by the Convenor of the Samity, Firoz Kabir, the meeting condemned the 24-point accusations against the present elected chairman's by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

The meeting also criticised the move to abolish the post of Upazila Chairman and replacing the elected chairman by appointing advisers.

Licence of liquor shops won't be cancelled, JS told

The government has no plan to cancel the licence of liquor shops in the country, Education Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury told parliament Sunday, reports UNB.

Chowdhury, who is in charge of the President's Secretariat in the House, was replying to a question from Tabibur Rahman Sardar of Awami League.

In a supplementary Awami League member Mohiuddin Ahmed wanted to know as to why the government did not cancel the liquor licence in a country where the state religion is Islam.

Prof Chowdhury explained that besides Muslims, there were other religious groups like Hindu, Buddhists, Christians and tribals who had no religious restrictions on drinking wine.

Another reports adds: Outstanding dues of about Tk

123.26 crore to the government are lying with 35 denationalised jute mills, State Minister for Jute Abdul

Ershad visited Atrashi 87 times

Deposed President Ershad undertook trips to Atrashi in Faridpur 87 times on official expenditures, reports UNB.

This was stated in the House on Sunday by Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury replying to Asaduzzaman of AL.

The trips cost Tk 16 lakh 34 thousand 464.

Prof Chowdhury told Nizamuddin Khan of BNP that there was no official decision for the First Lady post enjoyed by Begum Raushan Ershad.

In reply to another question from Shamsuddoha of CPB the Education Minister said as many as 37 educational institutions were named after former President Ershad, his wife Raushan and members of his cabinet.

Mannan Bhutian informed Parliament during question hour.

Bhutian listed the major defaulters as Ashraf Jute Mills (Tk 12.35 crore), Nawab Ashkari Jute Mills (60 crore), Taj Jute Mills (5.68 crore), Mohens Jute Mills (5.12 crore), Anwara Jute Mills (7.32 crore), Dhaka Jute Mills (5.37 crore) and Allied Jute Mills