

Workshop stresses need for expansion of fresh water prawn hatchery

By Staff Correspondent

Experts in a workshop Thursday revealed techniques to develop hatchery of fresh water prawns or the "gold-chingri" and stressed on the need for expansion of such hatcheries.

The workshop on "Backyard Fresh Water Prawn Hatchery" organised by the Department of Zoology, Dhaka University, Royal Danish Embassy, Dhaka and Land Reclamation Project (GOB/GON) said that researchers recently achieved success in developing post-larvae of fresh water prawns in hatcheries in Noakhali which would now provide an alternative to marine shrimp culture.

Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah-al-Noman who attended the workshop as chief guest said, "gold hatcheries would create employment for a few people but its culture can now provide employment to

many".

"It will provide increased earning for the nation through export," he added.

Professor Mahmudul Ameen of the Zoology Department of Dhaka University and coordinator of Noakhali experimental prawn hatchery developed commercially viable backyard prawn hatcheries which could be replicated in different areas of the country.

Works of Prof Ameen were supported by the Royal Danish Embassy and the Land Reclamation Project of the government of Bangladesh and was by the Royal Netherlands government.

The workshop was also addressed among others by Secretary of the Fisheries Ministry A Z M Nasiruddin and Acting VC of DU Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, as special guests, Counsellor of the Royal Danish Embassy Paul E Christensen, Counsellor of the Aid Section

of Royal Netherlands Embassy A R M Schuttie, Prof Mahmud-ul-Ameen, Chairman of the Department of Zoology, Prof Shahadat Ali of DU presided over the function.

A R M Schuttie said that such hatcheries would be very cost-effective ecologically sound and it would make better use of wasted lands. Christensen said while sea water prawn hatcheries had some limitations, the success of fresh water prawn hatcheries could easily be expanded throughout the country and would increase the economic output of fish production in the country.

Prof Mahmud-ul Ameen informed that in Noakhali the experimental rearing of prawn larvae was done successfully in small volumes of water from four different shallow tubewells.

After working out means against disease of the larvae

and other problems, he said finally the survival rate of the larvae could be fixed at 62 per cent.

He said through five years of experimentations and trials it was established that, young post-larvae could be transported to long distance without a loss of it and growth and survival of hatchery produced prawns were satisfactory.

Fisheries Secretary stressed on the need for expansion of prawn market in order to make the hatcheries economically more profitable.

Prof Emajuddin expected that the success of raising fresh water prawns gave the nation a hope of economic achievement and international recognition.

The day long workshop was held at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC). It was also attended by about 200 scientists of the country.

Japan to grant Tk 20.57 cr for seamen's training

Bangladesh will receive from Japan a grant assistance of about Taka 20.57 crore equivalent to 643 million yen, reports UNB.

An "exchange notes" to this effect was signed between the governments of Bangladesh and Japan at National Economic Council Bhaban in Dhaka on Thursday, says an official handout.

Additional Secretary of Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance Ayub Quaderi and Charge d'Affaires of Japan in Bangladesh Yasuyoshi Ichihashi signed the exchange of notes on behalf of their respective governments.

The grant will be utilised by Ministry of Shipping to implement the project entitled "development of seamen's training centre at Chittagong". The objective of the project is to improve the training facilities and procure machinery and equipment for the lone Seamen Training Institute of the country.

The institute will be improved in such way that capabilities of Bangladesh ratings would be raised upto interna-

tional standard by providing them with qualifications required by the international convention of standards of training, certificates and watch keeping for seafarers of the International Maritime Organisation.

The project when completed, will provide programmes for fresh rating recruits as well as refresher courses for the old ratings which will open the avenue to employment by foreign vessels.

Emirates voted one of best five airlines

Emirates, the international airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has been voted one of the best five airlines in the world, says a press release.

In a readership poll by the prestigious Business Traveller International magazine, Emirates was the only Middle Eastern airline to appear among the top ten carriers for best long haul business flights.

Environmental problems threaten development

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations has focused the country's different problems of environmental degradation and consequent ecological imbalances caused by natural disasters, staggering poverty and over population, reports UNB.

Addressing a UN session on Environment and Development on Tuesday, Ambassador Humayun Kabir said that lack of environmental awareness and non-availability of alternative resources hindered the country's efforts to address the problems in an effective manner.

He said that Bangladesh government has already taken some important steps in conformity with the principles and objectives of the recently held United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

He said formulation and adoption of National Environment Policy, 1992, is one of those steps in which efforts have been made to integrate environment with development in a policy framework.

The Permanent Representative also referred to the tree plantation programme launched by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and said that the programme has found enthusiastic response from the people.



President of Bangladesh Employers Association Anis Ud Dowla handing over the amendment resolutions on labour laws to the Chairman of National Commission on Labour Laws Justice Abdul Kuddus Thursday.

Janata Bank cuts rate of interest on advances

In order to encourage investment in industrial projects as also to help expansion of trade & commerce Janata Bank has reduced its rate of interest on advances in phases over the last five months, says a press release.

The rates of interest on transport, coldstorage, brick manufacturing, advances against financial obligations which were 18 per cent in June '92 have gradually been reduced to 16 per cent Nov. '92. The rate of interest on advances against work order up to Taka ten lakh has been reduced from 18 per cent to 15 per cent over the same period.

Transportation problem hits Swarupkathi BSCIC estate

From Our Correspondent

PIROJPUR, Nov 5: The industrial units in the BSCIC estate of Swarupkathi of the district are facing serious problems mainly due to lack of transportation and marketing facilities.

The estate was set up in 1961 with an area of 1680 acres for establishing a coir industry. Production of the

coir industry reached a satisfactory level at that time. Its produce were exported to Pakistan, Singapore and Malaysia.

Demand for coir products fell when synthetic substitutes arrived in the world market and the industry faced a serious setback.

The estate was opened to

Sonali Bank lowers its rates on loans, advances

Sonali Bank has lowered the rate of interest on loans and advances. New interest rates came into effect from November 1, reports UNB.

A press release of the bank on Thursday said the downward revision of the interest rate aimed at expansion of agricultural, industrial and commercial activities.

Classes of loans and the revised interest rates are: Agriculture —14.50 per cent. Term loan for large and medium scale industries —14 per cent. Current capital loan for jute industry —14 per cent. Current capital loan for other industries —14 per cent.

Other loans —16 per cent.

Term loan for small scale industries —11 per cent. Rural housing —11 per cent and

Other loans —16 per cent.

Observers said the relaxation of the interest rate followed depressed demand for bank loans in recent months.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 05/11/92

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	L port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Giannis N K	Wheat (P)	Jedda	Dynamic	31/10	9/11
J/2	Lambda	Wheat (P)	Monka	DYNAMIC	19/10	6/11
J/5	Jarbaz-1	GL	Bang	MMI	2/11	7/11
J/6	Pionar	Salt (P)	N Kha	MSA	30/10	12/11
J/7	Komsomo-letsbelorussi	M Seeds	Cal	CT	3/11	8/11
d/8	Banglar Urmi	GI	Col	BSC	21/10	6/11
J/12	Haight	Fert (P)	Tampa	SSST	19/10	6/11
J/13	Banglar Gourab	Cement	Hong	BSC	3/11	7/11
MPB/1	Fong Shin	Cont	Sting	BDSHIP	4/11	8/11
CCJ	Ronald	C Clink	Col	UMAL	12/11	-
GSJ	Banglar Kiron	Repair	Col	BSC	23/10	6/11
RM/6	S E Halder	Cement	Kara	ASL	R/A	16/11
DD	Al Reza	Repair	Pada	KSL	18/10	9/11
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Apaba	EOSL	25/10	16/11
RM/8	Al Salma	Repair	Hong	ASL	13/10	7/11
RM/9	Banglar Jyoti	IDLE	-	BSC	R/A	12/11
CLFJ	Al Tahir	Urea	Vict	KSL	24/10	9/11

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Eastern Pearl	5/11	Cka	BBA	GI	-
Nikos-N	5/11	Sing	BSC	Wheat (G)	CTG
Kota Buana	6/11	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Banglar Robi	6/11	MUK	BSC	GI	-
Karabeverett	7/11	Sing	EBPL	GI	Japa Fe
Chestnut Hill	7/11	N Orlie	LAMS	Wheat	CTG
Halef	10/11	Mong	SSL	GL	Abbas
Mehzudure Chenski	7/11	Sing	Prog	GI	-
Damon	7/11	Mers	Royal	Wheat (P)	-
Banglar Doat	9/11	Perng	BSC	GI	-
Vishva Manata	9/11	Mad	SSL	GI/GL	Japa
Nikoula	8/11	Mong	LAMS	GI	-
Shenton 31/10	9/11	Sing	Omni	Cont	Sing
Eco Scherin	8/11	-	Dynamic	-	-
Samudra Rani	10/11	-	SSL	-	-
Sac Byal	10/11	-	H&H	Cement	-
Stonewall	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson	10/11	-	Karna	GI	N York
Samudra Raj	10/11	-	SSL	GI	-
NGS Ranger	-	-	-	-	-
31/10	10/11	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Hang Loy	11/11	-	H&H	Cement	-
Scandinavian	-	-	-	-	-
Express	11/11	-	SSL	GI	-
Vishva Parag	12/11	-	SSL	-	-
Optima 2/11	12/11	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Yamburenko	-	-	-	-	-
(Cont)3/11	12/11	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun 2/11	13/11	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Petr Starostin	-	-	-	-	-
10/10	15/11	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Shapaleverett	16/11	-	EBPL	GI	Japa
Weiser Star 31/10	16/11	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Cal
Soarer Bellona	17/11	P Land	OWSL	Wheat	-

TANKER DUE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port call	Local agent	Cargo	Date of arrival
Ajon	6/11	Sing	CT	Palm Oil	-
Corstana	6/11	Sing	ECSL	HSD	-
Easo Melbourne	7/11	Sing	MSPL	HSD	-

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
T T Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

VESSELS NOT READY

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	R/A
Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A
Neptune Peridot	C Peas	Poland	MSA	2/11
Thalia	Wheat (P)	Darm	Alamtn	3/11
Maritime Pride	CDGO	Braz	Seacon	3/11
Banglar Aha	-	-	BSC	R/A

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	R/A
Artemis-1	Cement	-	Bright	R/A (2/11)

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	R/A
Malloweverett	Scraping	Cal	EBPL	R/A (27/10)

The above were the Thursday's Shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on November 2 and 3.

(Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B.C.	T.T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound sterling	60.8717	60.5532	60.1486
DM	25.3778	25.2163	25.0382
FF	7.4716	7.4246	7.3722
S Riyal	10.4841	10.4042	10.3307
D Guilders	22.5483	22.4064	22.2481
S Kroner	6.7336	6.6894	6.6421
Singapore Dollar	24.1649	24.0266	23.8869
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	132.4717	131.7137	131.7835
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5035	1.4960
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5480	1.5408	1.5331

Authorised dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad.

Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on November 5, 1992

Shares continue to fall

The share market at Dhaka Stock Exchange met with another gloomy day. Both the turnovers fell again pushing figures further down. Value suffered a loss of 95.4 per cent from Taka 2100118.50 to Taka 965963.00. Volume lost by 24.71 per cent from 25,492 issues to 19191 issues.

Only 28 shares traded on the floor against Wednesday's 41. Losers regained the leadership on the floor. They outnumbered the gainers by 14 to nine, the rest of the five shares traded at previous rates.

The Index suffered a slight loss of 0.7 point and stood at 370.3639 from Wednesday's 371.0638.

DAYS TRADING AT A GLANCE

Company	FV/ML	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)
DSE Share Price Index			370.3639		
Market Capitalisation Tk			10,587,602,830.00		
Turnover in Volume			19191		
Turnover in Value Tk			965963.00		

Gains (09)

Shares:

Company	FV/ML	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)
Monno Ceramic	100/5	350.19	370.00	19.81	5.657
Padma Textile	100/20	177.00	178.92	1.92	1.085
Satham Textile	100/10	78.25	79.00	0.75	0.959
5th ICB M Fund	100/10	105.00	106.00	1.00	0.953
Ambee Pharma	10/50	15.50	15.60	0.10	0.646
2nd ICB M Fund	100/5	165.00	166.00	1.00	0.606
Beximco	10/100	17.34	17.44	0.10	0.577
United Ins	100/10	165.00	165.07	0.07	0.043
Apex Tannery	100/5	481.48	482.00	0.52	0.108

Losses (14)

Shares:

Company	FV/ML	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	53.69	50.92	-2.77	-5.160
Pharmaco	100/5	52.00	50.00	-2.00	-3.847
National Tubes	100/10	85.00	82.08	-2.92	-3.436
Usmania Glass	100/5	309.02	305.75	-3.27	-1.059
B That Aluminium	100/10	82.24	81.00	-1.24	-1.508
Beximco Pharma	100/5	487.73	480.42	-7.31	-1.499
Cig Cement	100/5	341.83	337.63	-4.20	-1.229
Therapeutics	100/5	91.00	90.00	-1.00	-1.099
Bengal Food	100/5	137.61	136.11	-1.50	-1.090
Eastern Cables	100/5	79.50	78.56	-0.94	-1.183
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50	10.10	10.00	-0.10	-0.990
B Autocars	100/5	73.00	72.40	-0.60	-0.822
6th ICB M Fund	100/10	66.00	66.00	0.00	0.757
BGIC	100/10	152.00	151.00	-1.00	-0.658

Traded at previous rates (05)

Shares: Green Delta, Karim Pipe, Monno Stafflers, Wata Chemical, Debuture Bengal Food.

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pukur Jute	Sonali Aarsh	NT	97.00	100/5	100.00
BANKS (10)								
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	900.00						
A.B. Bank	100/5	182.00						
City Bank	100/5	300.00						
LPIC	100/5	178.00						
Islami Bank	1000/1	1700.00						
National Bank	100/5	106.18						
Pubali Bank	100/5	102.00						
Rupali Bank	100/10	79.00						
U.C.B.L.	100/5	150.00						
Uttara Bank	100/5	112.00						
TEXTILE (30)								
Alhaj Textile	10/50	112.00						
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00						
Ashraf Textile	10/50	34.00						
Chand Textile	10/50	NT						
Chand Spinning	10/50	NT						
Desh Garments	100/10	54.00						
Dulamia Cotton	100/10	66.50						
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	22.00						
GM								