Call money. ranges from 4.25 pc to 8.50 pc

Money rates in the call money market during the week ended May 5 from 4.25 to 8.50 per cent, reports BSS.

During the same week interest rates offered by the bank of certificate of deposits varied from 6.50 per cent to 10.25. The bank rate, however, remained unchanged at 6.50 per cent, according to a Bangladesh Bank press release Tuesday.

Afforestation plan taken up

MYMENSINGH, May 11: Mymensingh Forest Division has taken afforestation programme for raising 12,280 acres of woodlot at a cost of Taka ten crore with the help of Asian Development Bank (ADB), reports BSS.

Under this project the lot will be raised throughout the greater Mymensingh districts. The raising of plantation works are progressing as per programme.

Official sources say that 75 pc of the afforestation works have been completed so far. The project will be completed during 1993-94. The project area covers Rasulpur Range and Bhaluka Range of Mymensingh district, Rangti Range and Balijuri Range of Sherpur and Jamalpur districts, and Durgapur Range of Netrakona district.

Procurement of wheat begins in Rangpur

RANGPUR, May 11: The Food Department has fixed a target to procure 3,500 metric tons of wheat in the district during the current season, reports BSS. An official source said sev-

eral purchasing centres have been established to procure wheat from the farmers. The procurement rate has

fixed at Taka 602.83 per quintal of wheat.

This year about 25,000 hectares of land were brought under wheat cultivation. About 47,000 metric tons of wheat was produced in the district.

BDR seizes Indian goods in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, May 11: Bangladesh Rifles seized Indian goods worth about Taka nine lakh from different Satkhira border areas in an anti-smuggling drive on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the seized goods included 50 cattlehead, motor engine, spare parts of wrist watches, sarees and spectacle

The contrabands were handed over to the local customs officials and four cases were filed. None was, how ever, arrested in this connec-

Another message from Noakhali adds: Indian sarees are openly being sold in different markets of Maijdee Court and Choumahani towns.

A large number of male and female hawkers are carrying the sarces door to door and the price is comparatively lower than the indigenous ones. Indian sarees are also abundantly available in shops

There is no mobile court for checking the stock and sale of smuggled goods in the district

Gold firmer in London

LONDON, May 11: Gold was firmer on Monday following the release of an annual survey by gold fields mineral services showing record world con sumption of gold jewellery in 1992, reports Reuter.

The metal was fixed a 356.80 US dollar an ounce in the afternoon, 55 cent above the morning setting but below nine month highs of 358 seen last week.

The market shrugged off news that Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith and British Investor Lord Rothschild had sold another 9.5 per cent of leading US gold producer Newmont Mining Corp. News of a similar-sized sale two weeks ago to Hungarian-born investor George Soros, coupled with goldsmith simultaneously buying call options, triggered the bull run.

Dealers aid there was no sign of heavy gold call-option buying on Monday.

The consultants gold fields said in the survey that western world gold jewellery demand would rise further in 1993, outpacing increases in

production. Fabrication of gold jewellery rose 15 per cent in 1992 to a record 2,461 tonnes and continued to grow strongly in the first quarter of 1993.

Reforms to bring progress

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Tuesday said her government has initiated reforms in all sectors to ensure people's welfare and na-

PURCHASE FOR SHOW-CASES: The home-made toys and

other articles attract the buyers for its quality and cheaper

prices.

SAVAR May, 11: The tradi-

tional handloom industries of

four thanas of the Dhaka dis-

trict are facing multifarious

problems due to price hike of

necessary inputs, reports

in Dhamrai, Savar, Dohar and

Nababganj thanas are being

hampered due to high price of

yarn, weaving ingredients.

ree, lungi and blouse piece are

available in the local market at

cheaper rate which reduced the demand of local handloom

Earlier, the demand for lo-

eal handloom products was

high as the price was cheap

But now the price of the prod

ucts have gone beyond the

Indian clothes including sa-

dyes and shortage of fund.

products to a great extent.

The handloom production

tional progress, reports UNB. The Prime Minister was talking to he newly appointed Hungarian Ambassador to Bangladesh Laszlo Varkonys who called on her at the Prime Minister's office this afternoon.

She told the Hungarian envoy that the government had adopted the privatisation policy and introduced market economy to create investment climate for local as well as foreign entrepreneurs.

Terming Bangladesh's relation with Hungary as old and traditional, Begum Zia hoped that the cooperation between

the two countries would be further strengthened in days

She recalled the role of Hungary during the war of independence and mentioned that it was one of the first countries to recognise Bangladesh.

The Hungarian Ambassador, referring to reforms in Bangladesh, said his country was also going through many changes. Hungary switched over to democracy from communism and introduced market economy.

Varkonys said although geographically far apart, Bangladesh and Hungary are very close and reliable partners in development. He mentioned the trade and economic agreements between

the two countries.

Responding to the ambassadors appreciation for successful holding of the recent SAARC Summit, Begum Zia said Bangladesh is working to strengthen the regional forum.

The Prime Minister men-

tioned the programmes taken up for poverty alleviation and the SAPTA for enhancement of trade among the regional countries. She recalled the contribu-

tion of the past Chairman of SAARC late President Premadasa who, she said, will be remembered for his bold initiatives.

Begum Zia assured her govcrnments cooperation to the Hungarian envoy during his tenure here.

Sydney hopeful of transferring stockpile of wool to foreign mills

SYDNEY, May 11: Australian wool industry officials said Monday they were hopeful of transferring some of the nation's huge stockpile of wool into equity in loreign mills, reports AFP.

Australian Wool Corporation (AWC) Chairman Mac Drysdale said swapping some of Australia's 3.9 million excess bales of wool for a share in a foreign mill would be a breakthrough. . . and the sooner it comes the better."

He singled out Russia and Mexico as two strong potential hopes for a mill equity deal but stressed that it was "absolutely vital" Australia was involved at ground level.

"It would be a breakthrough as far as the Russian market is concerned, but whether it comes in the form of equity with the Russians or some other enterprise ... that remains to be seen," Drysdale told a media conference.

"And it's not only Russia, there are other markets in eastern Europe and Asia where we are looking to develop proposals where we could use greasy wool for equity in mills."

Drysdale said he expected the projects to be "either put to bed or come to fruition" in next few months.

Development Board, 3,57,000

bales of cotton worth abut

Taka 26 crore are expected to

lint cotton would be utilised in

various textile mills of the

country by which a consider-

able amount of foreign ex-

The thanas are Dhamrai,

Savar, Dohar, Nababganj of

Dhaka district and Sadar, Sin-

gair, Saturia, Ghior, Shivalaya,

Daulatpur and Harirampur of

with the introduction of new

variety of cotton in the zone

the yield was very encourag-

ing. The growers have been

provided with necessary

credit facilities to boost pro-

Cotton Board sources said

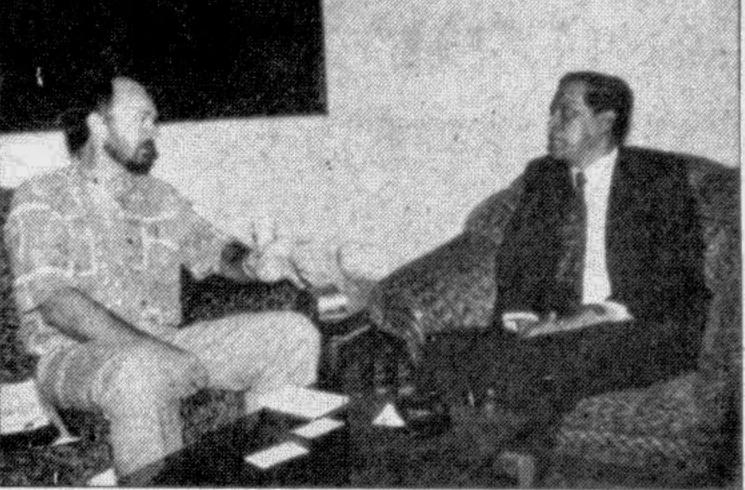
Of the total, 25,000 bales of

be produced this season.

change would be saved.

Manikganj district.

duction.



Norm Wall, Director of Trade and Investment Promotion Services of Australia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs called on Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, president of the BGMEA on Monday. They discussed the possibility of expansion of Bangladesh's garments, exports to Australia through special trade shows.

Dhaka Stock Prices

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 11.05.93

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	LPort .	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Bo Tong Gang	Cement	Sing	ASIL .	27/04	14/05
J/2	Simara Express	R Seeds	Rouen	Royal	25/04	11/05
J/3	Norbulk Namir	Cement	Visa	BOAL	15/04	14/05
J/4	Menado	GI (Copra)	Sing	AML	09/05	12/05
J/5	Banglar Moni	Repair		BSC	R/A	12/05
J/6	Dubat Glory	GI	Sing	Prog	06/05	18/05
J/7	Eastern Pearl	GI	Mong	BBA	10/05	11/05
J/8	Safina-e-Najam	GI (Food)	Sing	ASLL	01/05	11/05
J/9	Ternovsk	S Scrap	Sing	Prog	10/05	15/05
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agaba	CIA	25/01	20/05
J/11	Arti	GTSP (P)	Ind	H&SL	16/01	14/05
J/12	Eponyma	Cont	Sing	CTS	07/05	11/05
MPB/1	l Yamburenko	Cont	Sing	CT	10/05	13/05
ŒJ	Navick	C Clink	Sing	UMAL	25/04	18/05
GSJ	Banglar Sampad	Wheat (G)	13.70	BSC	R/A	14/05
TSP	Iran Sabr	R Sulp	Al Jeb	NNL	08/05	17/05
RM/4	Altair Lee	Cement	Sing	Bright	22/03	14/05
RM/6	Ronjay Victory	Cement	Jaka	USTC	07/05	20/05
DOJ	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	1985	BSC	R/A	11/05
DDJ/1	Barge: Labroy-90	GI	Sing	ILA	31/01	17/05
DDJ/2	Banglar Asha *	Repair	1000	BSC	R/A	15/05
CURJ	Smit Lombok	P Mat	Sing	Anchor	31/03	31/08

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Last Port		Local	Cargo	Loading	
	Arrival	Call	Agent		Port	
Banglar Robi 2/5	11/05	Stng	BSC	Cont	Sing	
Banglar Gourab	11/05	Mong	BSC	Repair		
Meng Lee 22/4	11/05	Sing	AML	Cont	Cal	
Bintang Harapan	11/05	Busa	Prog	GI	8	
Ingenuity 22/4	13/05	Mong	RSL	Cont	Col	
NGS Express 2/5	14/05	Mong	BDShip	Cont	Sing	
Agra	14/05	Sing	PSAL	Cement	SARAHAN T	
Victorious Mariner	14/05		Anchor	5.20		
Komsomolets Rossii Vishva Kaumudi	14/05	2	Sunbeam	GJ (Copra)		
(E/L) 8/5	15/05	Mong	SSL		UKC.	
Un Bong	15/05	Yanta	Litmond	Cement		
Grietje	15/05	3.00.300	Prog	P Equip		
direge	10/00	276	1108	&Mater		
Gold Asta	16/05	Bang	AML	GI	Mom	
	200	222	(#		Mapu	
Optima 9/5	16/05	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing	
Tug Dara	16/05	Sing	B.A	P Materials	10.00000000000000000000000000000000000	
Meng Kiat 2/5	17/05	Sing	AML	Cont	Cal	
Kota Buana 10/5	18/05	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing	
Petr Starostin 9/5	18/05	V. V	CT	Cont	Sing	
Fong Yun 9/5	19/05	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing	
Sokol	20/05	Kara	ĆT	GI		
Margaretha	20/05	181	Prog	P Equip	3	
Safina-c-Ismail-2 Andrian	20/05	Kara	ASIL	GI/GI	Karachi	
Goncharov 9/5	21/05		CT	Cont	Sing	
Smolny	25/05	Col	BSA	GI	Harb &	
©					Poli	
Nezabudka	25/05	*	USTC	Cement	-	

TANKER DUE

Mekhanik Yuryev 18/05

Ready On

Orsha

Sea Rhapsody

			Section 1 March 1985	SERVING SERVING	
	Vessels	at	Kutubdia		
Name of Vessels	Cargo		Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Saint Dimitrios Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	=	Jebel -	DSLL BSC	06/05 R/A (10/05)

Seacom CDSO

04/05

06/05

Aftab Automobiles

Bangladesh Lamps

B. Thai Aluminium

Bengal Carbide

Bengal Steel

Karim Pipe

Eastern Cables

Howlader PVC

Mctalex Corp.

Monno Jutex National Tubes

Panther Steel

A.B Biscuit

Apex Food

Aroma Tea

Alpha Tobacco

Aman Sea Food

B.D. Plantation

Ctg. Vegetable

E.L. Camellia

Frogleg Export

Hill Plantation

Rabeya Flour

Rupan Oil

Tulip Dairy

BD Oxygen

Yousuf Flour

Gemini Sea Food

Modern Industries

FUEL & POWER (04)

Eastern Lubricant

National Oxygen

Padma Oil Co.

JUTE (12)

Ahad Jute

Delta Jute

Islam Jute

Gawsia Jute

Anowara Jute

Dhaka Vegetables

Bengal Food

B.L.T.C.

N.T.C

Quasem Drycells

Singer Bangladesh

FOOD & ALLIED (23)

Renwick Jagneswar 100/5

Monno Stafflers

Bangladesh Autocars 100/5

Atlas Bangladesh

Aziz Pipes

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

C Clink

Fong Shin Samudra Raj	Cont GI	Sing Kara	BDShtp SSL	10/05 11/05
	VESSELS	NOT RE	EADY	
Xin Ji	Cement	Lach	Khansons	15/04

Khansons USTC Sing Cement

Chipsam	Cement	Titiz	PSAL	14/04
v	ESSELS NO	T ENTE	RING	
Fleistella	Cement	Sing	Bright	23/03
Astra	Cement	Sing	USTC	22/04
Stern	Scraping	Mong	NFT (P)	09/04
Al Rahman	Scraping	Cal	KSL	04/05
Hang Cheong	1500 MES	*	H&H	R/A (5/4)
Loyal Bird	Repair	20	Litmond	R/A (8/5)

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 12/05/93

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting		
J/4 Menado J/5 Banglar Mont	DOJ Banglar Shourabh J/12 Meng Lee	RM/6 R Victory to RM/4		
	J/4 Banglar Marapan			

The above were the Tuesday'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 Banks' BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on May 12.

		(Figures in Taka)				
Currency	Selling B. C.	т. т. (с)	Buying OD Transfers			
US Dollar	39.9326	39.7087	39.4556			
Pound Sterling	61.1726	60.8557	60.4898			
DM	24.4814	24.6945	24.5371			
FF	7.3738	7.3283	7.2816			
S Riyal	10.6740	10.6142	10.5465			
D Guilders	22.1479	22.0054	21.8651			
S Kroner	5.3898	5.3560	5.3218			
Singapore Dollar	24.7108	24.5722	24.4156			
UAE Dirham	10.9096	10.8485	10.7793			
Kuwait Dinar	133.6864	132,9368	132.0895			
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.2741	1.2684	1.2621			
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.4909	1.4842	1.4768			
Authorised dealers	will apply	T T clean bu	ying rate for			

purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad.

Note: AMU-Asian Monetary Union.

Shipping Intelligence

At the close of trading on May 11, 1993

Boost in transactions

Business at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) met with a remarkable recovery on Tuesday. Figures settled down to a firm position but yet not enough to dig deep foundations. The inflow of figures gave value a 383.64 per cent jump from Monday's Tk 528307.25 to Tk 2555119.00. Eleven thousand 584 issues traded on the day against Monday's 5,179 issues. The jump was accounted for 123.67 per cent.

Such boost in transactions however, did not bring any good news to the Price Index, the main score board of the day's trading. It suffered a fall of 1.18 points from Monday's 377.5230 to 376.3410.

Thirty five companies played their cards on the floor out of which losers took the lead. They outstripped gainers by 12 to ten while 13 companies traded at previous rates.

The company Froglegs Export was worst hit from the day's trading. The company's share price suffered a loss of more

than 23 per cent. The closing price stood at Tk 2.30 from Tk

Changes in other prices were relatively smaller. DAV'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Market Capitalisa Turnover in Volum Turnover in Value	×	10	376.3410 10,759,464,669.00 11584 2555119.00		
Company's Name	Previous		Change absolute)	Change	Number of shares
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Gains (10)	n/\$	20			
Shares:				į.	
Peoples Ins	260.00	265.00	5.00	1.923	80
B That Alm	74.00	74.50	0.50	0.675	60
Dhaka Veg	81.13	81.48	0.35	0.431	110
Tallu Spinning	91.00	92.28	1.28	1.406	90
Aftab Auto	169.83	170.00	0.17	0.100	50
IFIC	165.00	165.15	0.15	0.090	117
Al Baraka	922.00	923.00	1.00	0.108	01
Bextmco Pharma	432.00	435.00	3.00	0.694	5015
Usmania Glass	246.32	247.75	1.43	0.580	40
Ctg Cement	244.45	245.95	1.50	0.613	20
Losses (12)		-Bonnier ben 20 - 100 mm	10 76 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70	kozaonin-in-cele	
Shares:					
Froglegs Export	3.00	2.30	0.70	23.333	50
Padma Textile	174.11		8.36	4.801	40
Ctg Vegetables	78.00	74.56	3.44	4.410	
BCIL		270.00	10.00	3.571	30
B Oxygen	68.00	67.00	1.00	1.470	50
Zcal Bangla	6.90	6.80	0.10	1.449	I DESCRIPTION
Beximco	21.43	21.10	0.33	1.539	
Bex Infusion		248.00	0.75	0.301	30
Eagle Star	14.50		0.30	2.068	
Singer Bd	1490.00		10.00	. 0.671	25
IDICIH		230.64	0.99	0.427	
Bengal Fd		121.06	0.01	0.008	133

Traded at previous prices (13) Shares: National Bank Ltd (25), Aziz Pipes Ltd (130), Atlas

Bangladesh (350), Bangladesh Autocars (105), Renwick Jajneswar (10), Howlader PVC (20), Rupan Oil (900), Ashraf Textile (232), Dulamia Cotton and Spinning (230), Eagle Box (600), Bangladesh Shipping (20), United Insurance (60), Beximco Pharma Deb (01).

Company	FV/ML Tk		Northern Jute Shamser Jute	10/50	100.0	
			Spcialised Jute	10/50	105	
BANKS (10)	(A) = 1	in a	Shine Pukur Jute	100/5	125	
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	923.00	Sonalt Aansh	100/5	105.	
A.B. Bank	100/5	176.00	TEXTILE (20)			
City Bank	100/5	305.33	Alhaj Textile	10/50	1	
IDLC Ltd	100/20	230.64	Arbee Textile	100/10	112	
I.F.I.C	100/5	165.15	Ashraf Textile	10/50	29	
Islami Bank	1000/1	1699.00	Chand Textile	10/50	1	
National Bank	100/5	100.00	Chand Spining	10/50	N	
Pubali Bank	100/5	90.00	Desh Garments	100/10	50	
Rupali Bank	100/10	70.00	Dulamia Cotton	100/10	75.	
U.C.B.L.	100/5	105.88	Eagle Star Textile	10/50	14	
Uttara Bank	100/5	94.00	GMG Ind. Corp.	10/50	10	
			Modern Dying	100/5	33.	
INVESTMENT (08)		Padma Textile	100/20	165.	
I.C.B	100/5	95.00	Quasern Silk	10/100	2	
1st ICB M.Fund	100/5		Quasem Textile	10/50	4	
2nd ICB Fund	100/5	176.00	Rahim Textile	100/5	80.	
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5		Satham Textiles	100/10	67	
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10		S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	40.	
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10	93.00	Stylecraft	100/5	130.	
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10	61.50	Swan Textile	100/5	16	
ICB Unit Cert.		Market Market Market	Tallu Spinning	100/10	92	
Sales Price		120.00	Tamijuddin	100/10	159.	
Re-purchase		115.00				
INSURANCE (04)	(#)		PHARMACEUTICA	LS &		
BGIC	100/10	183.00	CHEMICALS (18)			
Green Delta	100/10	183.00	Ambee Pharma	10/50	12.	
Peoples	100/10	265.00	Bangla Process	100/5		
United	100/10	196.00	BCIL	100/10		
			Beximeo Infusion	100/00		
ENGINEERING (I	9)		Bevimeo Pharma	100/5		

100/5 170.00

100/5 228.00

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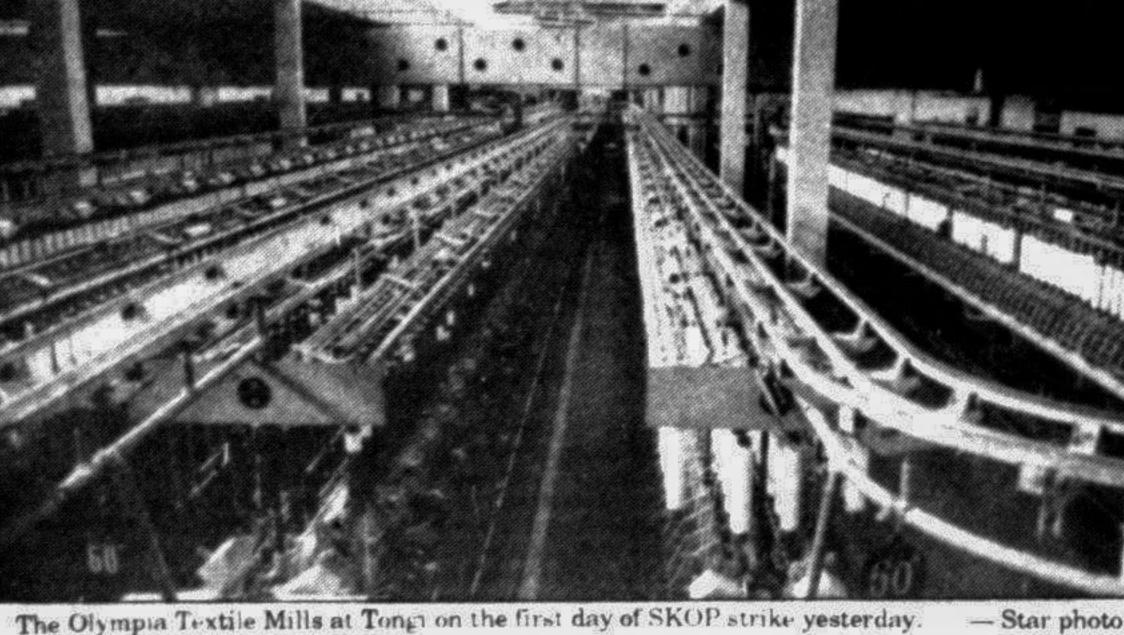
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ata Shoe	10/100	34.50	
eximeo	10/100	21.10	
SC	100/5	55.00	
hittagong Cement	100/5	245.95	
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igh Speed	100/5	80.00	
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tion Tannery	100/5	8.50	
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DEBENTURES (04)		1880.00
Ismania Glass	100/5	247.75
expick Ind	100.10	100.00
he Engineers	100/5	100.00
lavar Refractories	100/5	77.00
heonix Leather	100/5	90.00
lew Dhaka Refac	100/20	70.00
fonno Ceramic	100/5	290.00
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l. Q. Ball Pen	10/50	
Chittagong Cement	100/5	245.95
3.S.C	100/5	55.00
Carlo		

67.00 14.00 55.00 17% 1998 10/50 41.00 Beximco Infusion 1500/2 Beximco Pharma 1428/1 1240.00 (17% 1998) 1500/1 1150.00 Quasem Silk NT (17% 1994) 8.50

Note : FV * Face Value ML= 40.00 Market Lot NT= Not Traded 75.00 AL = Allotment Letter 100/5 105.00



Handloom inputs costlier

purchasing capacity of the

factories of Jalsha, Sanora,

Nannar, Simolia, Ashloa, Agla,

Galimpur, Charipara, Jamsha,

Dhar, Komarganj, Bodorganj

have been closed rendering

concerned authorities to take

positive measures to supply

cotton yarn directly to them at

fair prices and step selling of

Indian clothes in the markets.

Cotton farming

least 3457 acres of land have

been brought under cotton

cultivation programme this

year in 12 thanas of Dhaka and

According to Cotton

Manikgani districts.

Another report adds: At

The weavers urged the

25,000 workers jobless.

Meanwhile, some handloom

common people.

Fishermen need patronisation

NARAIL, May 11: The fish ermen of the district are faced with manifod problems due to lack of patronisation and fund constraints, reports UNB.

Indiscriminate fishing by non-professionals, unplanned irrigation projects and use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides in the cropfields have multiplied their problem.

The fishermen are often subjected to exploitation by the village touts, thugs and some influential people. They have been resorting to coer cive measures to take the lease of waterbodies depriving the helpless genuine fisher-

The pisciculture is at a stake in the district as the Fisheries department failed to supply fish fry to interested farmers as per their demand. As a result a large number of waterbodies are lying unculti-Most of the fishermen of

the district are being faced with problems in procuring the fishing appliances as they do not have sufficient capital. With the abnormal price hike they find it difficult to procure boats, nets and other necessary inputs.

Finding no other alternative, they often borrow money from the local money lenders at a very high interest rate.

Besides, the leasing of the jalmahais is erratic and most of these waterbodies have been grabbed by the vested quarters. Moreover, the practiee of the sub-lease to the fake fishermen has been prevailing. The touts also often

snatch away nets along with other fishing appliances from the genuine fishermen, it is alleged.

The allotment of yern for making nets is manipulated by village touts due to flaw in distribution system. The fisher men cooperative societies have become ineffective due to lack of cooperation and patronisation from the concerned authorities.

A reports from Netrakona says: The local unit of Bangladesh Krishi Bank has already been disbursed agri loan amounting to Tk 1.4 crore among the 1741 farmers.

The loans were given through 18 branches of the bank in all the 10 thanas of the district during the current season, official sources said.