

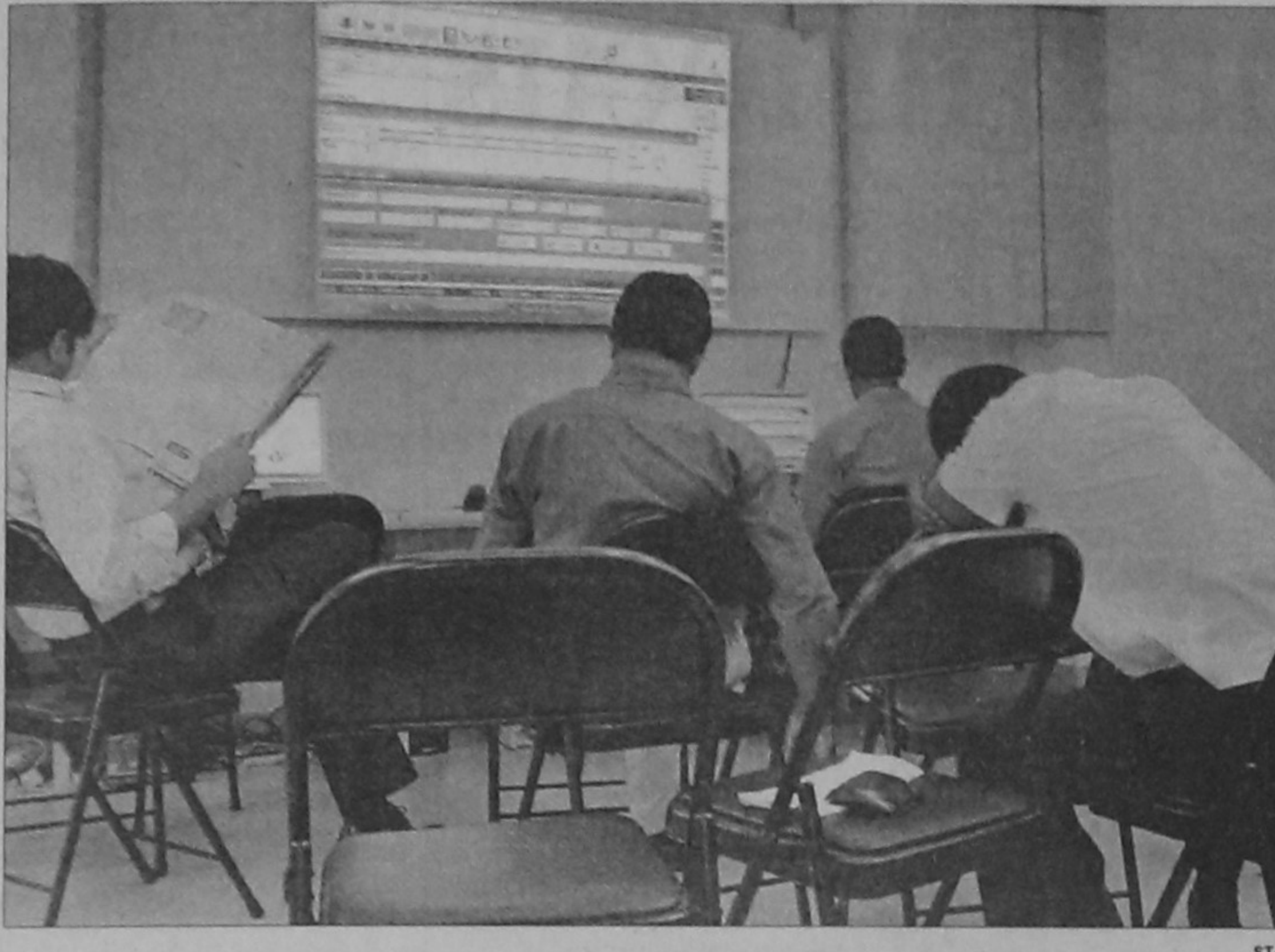
DSE turnover plunges below Tk 2b mark

Turnover on Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) plunged below the Tk 2.0 billion mark yesterday, touching the lowest in the last two and a half months.

The bourse fell for a second day, though marginally. Turnover stood at Tk 1.83 billion at the close of the day's trading, which is lowest since August 14 when it was recorded at Tk 1.82 billion.

Turnover declined by more than two-thirds in only one month's time from a high of Tk 5.91 billion recorded on November 12.

Market insiders said the merchant banks might have forced their clients to adjust loans apparently to protect the bank's investments in a sluggish market.



The presence of retail investors is thin in a brokerage house in Dhaka yesterday as stocks fell for a second day.

Merchant banks are not playing their due role in the market. They are not serving the clients in true sense... only doing the business of charging interest," said an asset manager, requesting anonymity.

Beximco Pharma, Beximco, Islami Bank, Titas Gas, Uttara Bank, ACI, Lankabangla Finance, DESCO, Beximco Textiles and Square Pharma were the day's turnover leaders in terms of value.



M Ghaziul Haque, chairman of International Brands Limited (IBL), and Anand Menon, market manager of Procter & Gamble (P&G) Bangladesh, pose for photograph with a distributor-and-leadership team of IBL after a joint meeting at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre recently.



Mir Delwar Hossain, corporate affairs and administration manager of Coats Bangladesh, and Tasnim Hussain, corporate manager (Business Development) of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, exchange documents after signing an agreement.

Table titled 'Currency' showing major currency exchange rates and USD forward rates against BDT for Thursday, Nov 6, 2008.

Shipping

Table titled 'Chittagong Port' showing berthing position and performance of vessels as on 06/11/2008.

Table titled 'Vessels at Kutubdia' showing details of vessels including name, cargo, last port call, local agent, and date of arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels awaiting employment instruction' and 'Vessels due at outer anchorage' showing vessel details and their respective agents.

STOCK MARKET

Large table titled 'TRADED ISSUES November 06, 2008' containing detailed stock market data including company names, volume, price, and turnover.

Market Highlights

Table titled 'Market Highlights' showing DSE All Share Index, DSE 20 Index, and CSE All Share Index with their respective values and changes.

Turnover Leaders

Table titled 'Turnover Leaders' listing the top performing stocks and their turnover figures.

Capital Gainers

Table titled 'Capital Gainers' listing stocks that have shown significant price increases.

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