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<b>உள்ளாட்சி தேர்தலில் போட்டி: விசைத்தறியாளர்கள் திட்டம்</b>	<b>Dinamalar</b> <a href="http://www.dinamalar.com/news_detail.asp?id=1610463">http://www.dinamalar.com/news_detail.asp?id=1610463</a>
<p>திருப்பூர்;உள்ளாட்சி தேர்தலில் போட்டியிட, விசைத்தறியாளர்கள் முடிவு செய்துள்ளதால், அரசியல் கட்சியினர் கலக்கமடைந்துள்ளனர்.கொங்கு மண்டலத்தில், கரூர், ஈரோடு, சேலம், திருப்பூர், கோவை உள்ளிட்ட மாவட்டங்களில் ஏறத்தாழ, 5 லட்சம் விசைத்தறிகள் இயங்குகின்றன. இதில், நேரடியாகவும், மறைமுகமாகவும் பல லட்சம் பேர் பயனடைகின்றனர்.</p> <p>நூல் விலை, மின் கட்டணம், டிசல் விலை, உதிரி பாகங்கள் விலை உயர்வு, கூலி பிரச்சனை என ஏராளமான பிரச்சனைகளை, விசைத்தறியாளர்கள் சந்திக்கின்றனர்.மக்கள் பிரதிநிதிகள், தங்கள் கட்சியை காரணம் காட்டி, எவ்விதமான நிலைப்பாட்டையும் எடுப்பதில்லை என கூறும் விசைத்தறியாளர்கள், வரும் உள்ளாட்சி தேர்தலில் தாங்களே போட்டியிட முடிவு செய்துள்ளனர்.</p> <p>விசைத்தறியாளர் சங்க மாவட்ட நிர்வாகி ஒருவர் கூறுகையில், 'தேர்தல்களின் போது, ஓட்டு கேட்டு வரும் கட்சியினர், வெற்றி பெற்ற பின், எங்கள் பிரச்சனைகள் குறித்து பேசுவதில்லை. நாங்களே போட்டியிட்டு வெற்றி பெற்று, எங்கள் தொழில் பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு தீர்வு காண முடிவு செய்துள்ளோம். வரும் உள்ளாட்சி தேர்தலில், போட்டியிட ஆலோசித்து வருகிறோம்' என்றார்.</p> <p>கொங்கு மண்டலத்தில் விசைத்தறி தொழிலில், பல்லாயிரக்கணக்கானோர் ஈடுபட்டுள்ளதால், தேர்தலில் வெற்றி பாதிக்கப்படுமோ என, அரசியல் கட்சியினர் கலக்கம் அடைந்துள்ளனர்.</p>	

<p><b>NOW BACK IN PROFIT: TANTUJA GEARS UP TO GIVE THE BRAND A FACELIFT</b></p>	<p><b>The Economic Times</b>  <a href="http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/garments/-/textiles/now-back-in-profit-tantuja-gears-up-to-give-the-brand-a-facelift/articleshow/54406426.cms">http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/garments/-/textiles/now-back-in-profit-tantuja-gears-up-to-give-the-brand-a-facelift/articleshow/54406426.cms</a></p>
<p>KOLKATA: Tantuja, a state initiative under the West Bengal State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society, has embarked on giving the brand a facelift after posting profit for three years in a row.</p> <p>The brand revival plans include expanding the product range, adding more outlets, going for online ventures and a working out marketing strategy.</p> <p>Tantuja, which has been marketing a wide range of handloom products such as jamdani sarees, baluchari sarees, tangail sarees, dhaniakhali sarees, dhotis, lungis, bed sheets and towels, is planning to introduce a range of organic cotton products and diversified linen products. Tantuja is also planning to take up marketing of India Handloom Brand products.</p> <p>Three more outlets will be added to the brand's existing spread of 68 stores in West Bengal and 15 showrooms in other states. While Digha and Balurghat will have two new Tantuja stores, the brand will add one store in Mumbai.</p> <p>The new stores are expected to come up in the next three months at an investment of Rs 3 crore. Alongside retailing portals like Amazon and Flipkart, Tantuja products would now be available on their own portal that is expected to be operational by this month end.</p>	

<p><b>TEXTILE SHARES IN FOCUS; RAYMOND HITS 52-WEEK HIGH</b></p>	<p><b>Business Standard</b>  <a href="http://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/textile-shares-in-focus-raymond-hit-52-week-high-116091900135_1.html">http://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/textile-shares-in-focus-raymond-hit-52-week-high-116091900135_1.html</a></p>
<p>Shares of select textile companies were trading higher by up to 8% on the BSE on expectation of pick- up in sales in coming months in light of good monsoon, 7th pay commission payouts and festive season.</p> <p>Raymond, Alok Textiles, Himatsingka Seide, Aarvee Denims, Trident, DCM and Maxwell Industries were up between 2%-7% on the BSE, as compared to 0.21% rise in the S&amp;P BSE Sensex at 10:14 am.</p> <p>Raymond has rallied 9% to Rs 519 on the BSE in intra-day trade on back of five-fold jump in trading volumes. A combined 687,033 shares changed hands on the counter so far against an average sub 500,000 shares that were traded daily in past two weeks on the BSE and NSE.</p> <p>The stock quoting at its 52-week high and outperformed the market in past one-week by surging 18% against 1% rise in the benchmark index.</p> <p>“We feel that the company is on the right track with a clear strategy towards a profitable growth and the necessary steps required for executing the strategy are in place too. With the renewed focus on driving scale, operating efficiency and premiumisation in textile/ apparel/ retail businesses, we expect improvement in profitability of these businesses,” Antique Stock Broking said in a recent report.</p>	

<p><b>H&amp;M'S \$6.5M EFFORT TO ADVANCE TEXTILE RECYCLING</b></p>	<p><b>Environmental Leader</b>  <a href="https://www.environmentalleader.com/2016/09/19/hms-6-5m-effort-to-advance-textile-recycling/">https://www.environmentalleader.com/2016/09/19/hms-6-5m-effort-to-advance-textile-recycling/</a></p>
<p>Recycling blended textiles is a huge challenge because no commercially viable separation, sorting and recycling technologies are available for many of the most popular materials, such as cotton and polyester blends.</p> <p>While single-fiber fabrics such as denim jeans can be recycled, meaning these garments can be reused to make new apparel and textiles, used apparel and textiles made from blended or unknown materials are usually either discarded in landfills, or downcycled into insulation, carpeting and other low value applications.</p> <p>In a €5.8 million (\$6.5 million) effort to develop a new textile recycling technologies, H&amp;M Foundation — the nonprofit foundation funded by global fashion retailer H&amp;M — and the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel have formed a four-year partnership with the aim of recycling blended textiles into new fabrics and yarns.</p> <p>The organizations say the technology will be licensed widely to ensure broad market access.</p> <p>Under the partnership, H&amp;M Foundation will contribute financially to help develop a series of research projects. The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel will conduct the research and work to commercialize the outcomes. The Innovation and Technology Fund of the Hong Kong SAR Government will provide additional research funding and support.</p>	

<p><b>BUCKING THE TREND: TEXTILE COMPANT STEPS UP EXPORTS IN DIFFICULT TIMES</b></p>	<p><b>The Express Tribune</b>  <a href="http://tribune.com.pk/story/1184477/bucking-trend-textile-company-steps-exports-difficult-times/">http://tribune.com.pk/story/1184477/bucking-trend-textile-company-steps-exports-difficult-times/</a></p>
<p>FAISALABAD: In the midst of falling exports and shrinking revenues of the textile sector, one company continues to thrive and multiplies its export earnings, while also adding to its production capacity.</p> <p>“We have expanded the production capacity in all segments,” said Best Exports Private Limited Group Director Sheikh Danish Ali, while talking to The Express Tribune.</p> <p>He said the group had been registering an increase in exports of up to 10% every year, adding the company’s annual exports reached Rs10 billion, up 7%, this year.</p> <p>Talking about the group’s structure, Ali said the company was focusing on a single production line, unlike other industrialists who were investing in multiple businesses including the areas where they did not have any experience.</p> <p>Pakistan’s annual textile exports are declining for the past few years. In fiscal year 2014-15, textile exports stood at \$13.4 billion, which decreased to \$12.4 billion in 2015-16.</p>	

<b>MYANMAR ALLOCATES LAND FOR TEXTILE &amp; APPAREL SPECIAL ZONE</b>	<b>Fibre2fashion.com</b> <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/myanmar-allocates-land-for-textile-apparel-special-zone-191644-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/myanmar-allocates-land-for-textile-apparel-special-zone-191644-newsdetails.htm</a>
<p>The Myanmar ministry of industry which had initially mooted the idea of creating a special zone for textile and garment industry earlier in August has decided to allocate 3,000 acres of land for the project.</p> <p>The project was earlier planned to be setup near Tadaoo in Mandalay, but challenges of transportation, forced the ministry to find another place.</p> <p>“We have discussed the first part of the project. The union government plans to provide 3,000 acres of land for the special zone and we are now choosing the project area,” U Thein Lwin, general manager at the ministry of industry, told Myanmar Business Today.</p> <p>The ministry of industry had formed the Myanmar Textiles Manufacturers Association in June to strengthen the development of the textile and garment sector by bring all textile-related business under one umbrella.</p> <p>“The special zone will collectively organise all textile-related businesses at the same place, which will be advantageous for the sector,” U Myo Aung, member of the Myanmar Textiles Manufacturers Association said.</p>	

<b>FTA WITH VIETNAM SET TO BOOST EUROPEAN TEXTILE AND GARMENT RETAILERS</b>	<b>Knitting Industry</b> <a href="http://www.knittingindustry.com/fta-with-vietnam-set-to-boost-european-textile-and-garment-retailers/">http://www.knittingindustry.com/fta-with-vietnam-set-to-boost-european-textile-and-garment-retailers/</a>
<p>The EU’s free trade agreement with Vietnam is expected to boost European growth and job creation in the retail sector, and specifically in the textiles and garments sector, according to EU trade negotiators, experts and business leaders.</p> <p>“The EU retail sector has a double interest in Vietnam as it is our second largest source of fast-moving consumer goods after China and because of growing interest for investment in retail stores in Vietnam,” said Pierre Gröning, trade policy director at the Foreign Trade Association. “For retail, the FTA with Vietnam is more important than TTIP [with the US], CETA [with Canada] and the Japan agreement combined.”</p> <p>Among key export items, garments and textiles witnessed an increased turnover of US\$ 15.5 billion, up 4.2% year-on-year in the first eight months of 2016, and footwear (US\$ 8.6 billion, up 8.1%). Even without the FTA, EU clothing imports from Vietnam increased by 3.2% in 2015.</p> <p>Goods produced in Vietnam will have duty-free access to the 630 million plus strong Asian Economic Community and with the impending Trans-Pacific Partnership to the largest free trade area in the world. “Vietnam is a very attractive destination for investment,” said Vietnamese Vice-Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Tran Quoc Khanh. “Anything produced in Vietnam enjoys tariff-free export to most of world.”</p>	

**TEXTILE MINISTRY STARTS PEST, CROP  
MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME  
FOR COTTON GROWERS**

**Business Recorder**

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/business-a-economy/318424-textile-ministry-starts-pest-crop-management-training-programme-for-cotton-growers.html>

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Textile Industry has started a training programme for cotton growers about pest control and crop management to enhance the cash crop output in the country.

About 5,000 progressive farmers and workers of field extension departments of the provincial agriculture departments would be trained initially about the pest control and crop management, said Cotton Commissioner Dr. Khalid Abdullah.

Talking to APP here on Monday, he said, in first phase of the training programme about 5,000 cotton farmers across the crop growing areas would be trained and the numbers would be multiplied in next phase of the programme.

The main objective of the programme was the capacity development of local farmers against the pest attacks on cotton crop and usage of proper pesticides in proper quantity to control the outbreak, he added.

The other aim of the training was to train the farmers and field extension workers about the crop management to enhance per acre crop production and minimizing the input cost, he added.

He informed that Ministry of Textile Industry had already trained about 5,000 cotton farmers about climate change and control of pink bollworm attack on crop.

**GERMAN €50M PROJECT UNDERWAY TO  
IMPROVE GARMENT WORKERS' SKILL**

**Dhaka Tribune**

<http://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2016/09/20/german-e50m-project-underway-improve-garment-workers-skills/>

German government is providing Bangladesh with 50m euro in assistance to improve garment workers' skills, said commerce ministry sources.

The project work got underway in July after signing an agreement between two governments. The project is expected to be completed by the end of January, 2018.

A meeting in this regard was held at the commerce ministry office recently, presided over by Senior Commerce Secretary Hedayetullah Al Mamoon. Germany is the second largest single export destination for Bangladesh's garment products after the United States, accounting for \$4.33bn in the fiscal year 2014-15, according to the Export Promotion Bureau.

The German government has launched a website on Bangladesh exports where the development stories of the country's garment sector. The standard of the Bangladeshi garment products are displayed on the website.

According to the project proposal, workers' inefficiency in the garment sector will be reduced with the completion of the project. Workplace safety and the standard of workers' living is also expected to be improved.

<b>COTTON MARKET: RATES UP TO HECTIC TRADE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Business Recorder</b> <a href="http://www.brecorder.com/cotton-a-textiles/185/86417/">http://www.brecorder.com/cotton-a-textiles/185/86417/</a>
<p>A sustained buying pushed prices slightly higher on the cotton market on Monday in the process of hectic trade activity, dealers said. The official spot rate was slight higher by Rs 50 to Rs 5,950, dealers said. In Sindh, seed cotton prices at Rs 3000-3200 and in Punjab rates of Phutti were at Rs 3000-3150, as per 40 kg, they said.</p> <p>In ready business, over 30,000 bales of cotton changed hands between Rs 5900 and Rs 6300, they said. According to the market sources, volume of business increased due to fresh buying interest by spinners and mills. Cotton analyst, Naseem Usman said that prices gained momentum after fresh rains in Indian state of Gujrat and surge in global markets.</p> <p>Many buyers indulged in fresh buying amid rising fears of further rise in the rates, other experts said and adding the global trend impacted the domestic cotton market. Despite rising trend in the rates, some experts said that spinners and mills were not very much optimistic about the declining trend in the cotton yarn and fabric slowing down.</p> <p>Besides, they said that global cotton markets were facing uncertainties due to conflicting reports about cotton production and consumption, Pakistan is also facing the same situation, as well, they said.</p>	

<b>MILLS SEEN MAKING FRESH BUYING AMID HOVERING FEARS OF RISE IN RATES</b>	<b>Yarnsandfibres.com</b> <a href="http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/mills-seen-making-fresh-buying-amid-hovering-fears-rise-rates#.V-CLgYh97Dc">http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/mills-seen-making-fresh-buying-amid-hovering-fears-rise-rates#.V-CLgYh97Dc</a>
<p>Mills and spinners were seen making fresh buying amid hovering fears of rise in rates to replenish their stock at cotton market, dealers said. The official spot rate remain unchanged at Rs 5,900.</p> <p>In Sindh, seed cotton prices at Rs 3100-3200 and in Punjab rates of Phutti were at Rs 2900-3100, as per 40 kg, dealers said. In ready business, over 13000 bales of cotton changed hands between Rs 6000 and Rs 6250.</p> <p>Cotton analyst, Naseem Usman said that no major change was seen in the present outlook in the absence of motivating factors. If cotton yarn prices not improves it may cause further loss to the traders, other experts said.</p> <p>The following deals were reported to have changed hands as per dealers: 600 bales of cotton from Kotri at Rs 6000, 1200 bales from Hyderabad, 1000 bales from Tando Adam, 1400 bales from Sanghar all done at the same rate, 1800 bales from Shahdadpur at Rs 6000-6050, 200 bales from Pithoro at Rs 6025, same number from Sarhari at Rs 6050, 1000 bales from Khairpur at Rs 6100, 200 bales from Bakhar at Rs 6150, 200 bales from Chistian at Rs 6150, 1000 bales from Hasilpur at Rs 6150-6200, 1500 bales from Haroonabad at Rs 6150-6250, 600 bales from Muridwala at Rs 6200, 200 bales from Samundri, 400 bales from Vahari, 200 bales from Chichawatni at Rs 6200, same number from Mian Chano at Rs 6250 and 400 bales from Khanewal at the same rate.</p>	