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1 Cabinet's Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) recently approved import of cotton from Afghanistan and central Asian countries through the land route to meet its shortfall in the textile sector.

2 The Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) has demanded immediate release of outstanding duty drawback of taxes (DDT) claims to enhance exports. PTEA Chairman Khurram Mukhtar said the cash crunch had squeezed the financial stream, making it tough for exporters to meet commitments.

3 Central Cotton Research Institute's (CCRI) variety Bt CIM-632 received the commercial license recently and farmers

can now cultivate this variety to increase production. The license was issued by the Punjab Seed Council. The variety was tested by CCRI for two years and approved by the National Coordinated Varietal Trial (NCVT), a national level forum of scientists.

4 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has urged the government to ensure low cost of inputs to cotton farmers, implement a law relating to zoning system. This will ensure a quick supply of quality cotton seed and extension services to farmers.

5 Archroma Pakistan, a global leader in colour and specialty chemicals was granted the award in recognition of Archroma's best practice in human resource management, ethi-

cal marketing management, and corporate social responsibility. Archroma always strives to maintain the highest standards in occupational safety and health fostering environmental protection through recycling and reuse.

6 Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders said troubled Pakistani textile industry considered as the backbone of the export sector is facing new challenges which should be dealt with promptly.

7 The textile industry crumbling under high energy prices, stuck up refunds and tight monetary policy is facing tough competition from India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Thailand and other countries in the international market.

8 Textile exports remained flat at \$5.506 billion during the first five months of the current fiscal year of 2018-19 as the value-added sector couldn't perform up to the mark despite constant rupee devaluation against the US dollar.

9 Pakistan's cotton production can be raised up to 15 million bales if the Cotton Control Act is properly implemented, said Haji Muhammad Akram, Chairman of Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA). He said Cotton production would be around 11.5-12 million bales this year with production in Punjab expected to rise and that in Sindh likely to fall. ♦

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1 According to the report, the global technical textile market generated US\$ 234.71 billion in 2017, and is expected to reach \$334.94 billion by 2025, registering a CAGR of 4.5% from 2018 to 2025.

2 Bangladesh has launched various support schemes for textile and apparel manufacturers to make them globally competitive. The schemes targets are technology up gradation, infrastructure development, to develop more EPZ zones, export promotion etc.

3 The jute industry in India is predominantly dependent on the public sector, which purchases jute bags of value of more than Rs 6,500 crore every year for packing food grains.

4 In fiscal 2017-18, Bangladesh's RMG exports to India stood at US\$ 279.19 million, up by 115% compared to US\$ 129.81 million in the FY17, according to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data. Of the total amount, knitwear products earned US\$71.05 million, which is 89.75% higher than the US\$ 37.44 in the same period a year ago.

5 Many apparel millers in Bangladesh are using the latest technology for better productivity to cope up with fast fashion trends. Machinery companies also continuously working on bringing new featured machinery, said H N Ashiqur Rahman, General Manager, Brother International Singapore Pte Ltd.

6 The government of China pays growers a subsidy amounting to about US\$ 150 million a year for using high-quality seeds, although small-holder farmers do not benefit significantly from this policy.

7 Indonesian President Joko Widodo offers a new incentive to entrepreneurs in Indonesia's textile (and textile products) sectors that employ at least 2,000 workers and export 50% of their total sales.

8 The European Parliament passed a resolution on 15 November 2018 urging the Bangladesh government to extend the tenure of the Transition Accord. The Transition Accord is set to be expelled from Bangladesh on 30 November 2018. The EU Parliament passed resolution

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9 According to the Bangladesh Terry Towel & Linen Manufacturers Exporters Association (BTTLMEA) China, Pakistan, India and Turkey are the main competitors of Bangladesh home textile exports where the country is in the 5th position.

10 The government of India has increased the duty for cotton yarn from 1.2% to 1.7%, from 1.3% to 1.6% for cotton fabric and from 2% to 2.6% for made-ups. Welcoming the new duty drawback rates, the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) said the revision will boost the exports of cotton textiles. ♦