

Polyester prices down

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, NOV. 15--

The polyester spinners have announced a reduction in polyester prices.

The polyester staple fibre (PSF) prices have been reduced by Rs. 6000 per tonne while partially oriented yarn (POY) has been declined by Rs. 3000 per tonne, informed industry sources.

British PM wear khadi poppy in honour of Indian soldiers

LONDON, NOV. 15-(PTI)

British Prime Minister Theresa May joined a number of other members of the Parliament in wearing the khadi poppy in honour of the Indian soldiers killed during World War I.

The Poppy Appeal is an annual fundraising campaign for war veterans was held in the lead up to Armistice Day on November 11, 1918 when the war came to an end and politicians and members of the public across the country wear a cloth-based poppy on their lapels as a sign of respect for the war dead.

A khadi version of the poppy was launched by Indian-origin peer Lord Jitesh Gadhia and the Royal British Legion for the first time this year as an "evocative symbol" of undivided India's contribution to the war effort.

"Over 74,000 soldiers came from undivided India and lost of their lives; 11 of them won the Victoria Cross for their outstanding bravery and played a crucial role in the war across multiple continents," said May, during her weekly Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) in the House of Commons recently.

The British PM was addressing a question by Conservative Party MP Tom Tugendhat, himself a former Army officer, if she would join him in wearing a khadi poppy.

"I would like to congratulate the Royal British Legion and Lord Gadhia for recognising this special contribution with the khadi poppy and I will certainly be interested in wearing a khadi poppy as we lead up to Armistice Day," May said.

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Changing landscape of cotton and textile engineering education

By Seshadri Ramkumar, Texas Tech University, USA

Cotton and textile engineering education's landscape has been changing to better reflect the change and growth of the field.

Recently, a chat with Professor Gajanan Bhat, Chairperson of the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, at Athens-based University of Georgia (UGA) in his office clearly presented a picture on how the education in the field of fiber science and textile engineering has evolved and is changing.

Interestingly, it is pleasing to report that University of Georgia is celebrating 100 years this year of offering courses in textiles and clothing. With the ending of World War-I in 1918, University of Georgia created the Division of Home Economics that offered textiles course.

Bhat stated, today UGA offers graduate degrees in polymer and fiber science and international merchandising.

Undergraduate level education focuses of fashion merchandising and design in many institutes in the United States and Europe.

Advanced level research and education focuses on smart

materials, polymer and fiber science and management, showcasing that the focus has shifted from the traditional offering of textile engineering courses. The shifting of textile manufacturing in

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India's First Award for Sustainability - 'Circular Design Challenge' invites entries for its inaugural edition

By Our Staff Reporter

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The 'Circular Design Challenge', launched earlier this year as part of R Elan's 'Fashion for Earth' initiative, is now open for entries. The design challenge, launched in August at the Winter Festive 2018 edition of Lakmé Fashion Week in partnership with the United Nations in India, puts a spotlight on circular fashion. With the upcoming Summer Resort 2019 season, Lakmé Fashion Week will continue its focus on fashion and sustainability.

The Circular Design challenge, open to all fashion/ accessory designers and entrepreneurs in India, aims to recognize environmental champions of tomorrow in the Indian fashion and textiles

industry. This initiative will unravel the country's first award for sustainability, and it will inspire innovation through circular design and offer solutions to reduce the environmental impact of the fashion and textile industry in the country.

The registration for the challenge is now open till 5th December 2018 at www.circulardesignchallenge.net.

Applicants must incorporate circular components across the textile value chain in their design through the application of circular-design principles and demonstrate a positive impact on the environment and on society. The designers will need to submit a proof concept of their sustainable

collection, which must encompass key principles of circularity, sustainability, aesthetics and scalability. They can use any material for their collection, as long as it is up-cycled from diverse waste sources - including plastics.

The shortlisted entries will be judged, and a final winner will be announced by an eminent jury on 31 January, which is the Sustainable Fashion Day at Lakmé Fashion Week Summer Resort 2019. The winning collection will be showcased on Sustainable Fashion Day at Lakmé Fashion Week in August 2019.

Commenting on the partnership Mr. Vipul Shah, COO - Petrochemicals, Reliance Industries Ltd. said, "As an



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industry leader, we have embraced circularity and sustainability in our core values and operations, aiming to make the world a better place for the generations to come." "We are confident that the Circular Design Challenge will provide enormous opportunities for budding concept creators,

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TEXTILE WORLD**MUMBAI**ALL PRICES ARE EX-MILL
(GST FOR FABRIC AND TERRY : 5%)

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Cotton Market Fundamentals & Price Outlook

Most benchmark prices were unchanged over the past month. An exception was the CC Index, which moved lower.

* Values for the December NY futures contract were range-bound, generally trading between 76 and 80 cents/lb.

* The A Index has been steady since mid-October, maintaining levels near 87 cents/lb.

* The Chinese Cotton Index (CC Index 3128B) moved lower in both international and domestic terms, dropping from 105 to 102 cents/lb and from 16,000 to 15,700 RMB/ton.

* Indian spot prices (Shankar-6 quality) were stable in international and domestic terms, holding to levels near 81 cents/lb and near 46,400 INR/maund.

* Pakistani spot prices were also stable. In international terms, values held near 80 cents/lb. In local terms, values held near 8,750 PKR/candy.

SUPPLY, DEMAND, & TRADE

This month's USDA report featured reductions to world production (-2.3 million bales, from 121.7 to 119.4 million) and world mill-use (-875,000, from 127.8 to 126.9 million). With the decrease in production outpacing the decrease in consumption, the estimate for global ending stocks decreased (-1.8 million bales, from 74.4 to 72.6 million). All of the global decrease was a result of declines in forecast stocks outside China (from 44.6 to 42.7 million bales). Nonetheless, ending stocks for the world-less-China are still projected to increase 400,000 bales year-over-year in 2018/19 and to set a new record.

This month, the USDA made their first adjustment to U.S. production since observing damage from hurricane Michael, which hit the largest producing states in the southeast U.S. Due to the storm, the U.S. crop forecast was lowered 1.4 million bales, from 19.7 to 18.4 million. Harvest projections also decreased for India (-700,000 bales, from 28.7 to 28.0 million), Pakistan (-500,000, from 8.5 to 8.0 million), and Turkmenistan (-100,000, from 1.3 to 1.2 million). The only notable increase was for Benin (+425,000, from 850,000 to 1.3 million).

Country-level reductions to mill-use estimates were widespread. The largest changes included those for India (-200,000 bales, from 25.5 to 25.3 million), Pakistan (-200,000, from 11.0 to 10.8 million), Turkey (-200,000, from 7.3 to 7.1 million), Brazil (-100,000, from 3.6 to 3.5 million), Indonesia (-100,000, from 3.7 to 3.6 million), and the U.S. (-100,000, from 3.4 to 3.3 million). There were no country-level increases over 100,000 bales.

The global trade forecast decreased slightly (-325,000 bales, from 41.4 to 41.1 million). In terms of imports, the largest revisions were for Turkey (-200,000, from 3.1 to 2.9 million), Indonesia (-100,000, from 3.8 to 3.7 million), Vietnam (-100,000, from 7.7 to 7.6 million), and Pakistan (+100,000, from 2.5 to 2.6 million). For exports, the largest revision was for the U.S., where the smaller crop pulled the U.S. export forecast 500,000 bales lower (from 15.5 to 15.0 million bales). Other notable revisions to export figures included those for Benin (+375,000, from 800,000 to 1.2 million), Brazil (+100,000, from 5.4 to 5.5 million), India (-100,000, from 4.4 to 4.3 million), Turkmenistan (-100,000, from 625,000 to

525,000), and Uzbekistan (-100,000, from 800,000 to 700,000).

PRICE OUTLOOK

As more fiber is pulled from fields with the northern hemisphere harvest, uncertainty is being removed from the supply side of the balance sheet. At the same time, questions appear to be mounting regarding demand. The U.S., China, and the E.U. all reported slower economic growth in the third quarter. The slowdown in these major markets were reflected in last month's widespread set of downward revisions to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) forecasts for GDP growth in both 2018 and 2019. A consequence of slower economic growth tends to be slower consumer demand for apparel and home textiles. As a result, it is associated with slower growth in mill-use, and the weaker outlook for GDP may have driven this month's widespread set of downward revisions to consumption estimates.

Imports are another component of demand, and the trade relationship between the U.S. and China continues to present a major source of uncertainty. In recent weeks, the outlook has wavered between expectations of further escalation and hope for compromise, but the effect on U.S. export commitment to China has been increasingly negative. Initially, the response of Chinese mills to the tariff increase on U.S. cotton appeared to be one of wait-and-see, maintaining existing contracts but holding off on purchases of new ones. More recently, cancellations have begun. Despite starting the crop year with 36% more cotton contracted for shipment to China than last year, the current U.S. commitment to China is now 12% below the volume one year ago.

Weakness in U.S. export sales extends beyond China. Most notably, U.S. sales to Turkey, who traditionally ranks among the top three destination for U.S. exports, are down significantly (-46% year-over-year). Sales to other markets have also been slow in recent weeks. This is notable because this is the time of year when U.S. export sales generally start to accelerate as more cotton has been harvested, classed, and prepared for shipment.

With cancellations from China, and weaker than average sales to other markets, the trendline in U.S. export commitment has been more horizontal than average. If maintained, the level of U.S. contracted sales will fall below the level from one year ago at some point in the next few weeks. The smaller U.S. crop resulting from hurricane damage is a mitigating factor, but fewer U.S. exports suggest higher U.S. ending stocks. With the U.S. being the world's largest exporter, this can put downward pressure on prices globally. Longer-term, stabilization of Chinese reserve stocks can be expected to be an eventual source of support. Simple maintenance of Chinese reserves requires Chinese imports to match China's production deficit.

This implies a tripling of Chinese imports from recent levels near five million bales to those close to fifteen million bales. It is notable that even though this strong increase in demand is foreseen, and that Chinese mill are facing the constraint of higher tariffs on supplies from the world's largest exporter, Chinese prices have been decreasing. This suggests that demand may currently be a greater concern than supply.

**Indian-origin minister leads resignations
in fresh Brexit turmoil for Theresa May****LONDON, NOV. 15-(PTI)**

British Prime Minister Theresa May's uneasy Brexit truce was shattered Thursday as Indian-origin Shailesh Vara became the first of the four ministers to resign over a "half-way house" divorce deal with the European Union.

Minutes after Vara stepped down as Northern Ireland minister, Prime Minister May was hit by a bigger blow as her Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab resigned from the Cabinet saying he "cannot in good conscience" support the draft of the withdrawal agreement with the 28-member bloc.

"We are a proud nation and it is a sad day when we are reduced to obeying rules made by other countries who have shown that they do not have our best interests at heart. We can and must do better than this. The people of the UK deserve better," said Vara, Conservative Party MP for North-West Cambridgeshire, who has been a minister in the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) since January.

He attacked the draft withdrawal agreement which would form the basis of the UK's exit from the EU by March 2019 as a "half-way house with no time limit on when we will finally become a sovereign

nation".

Raab, who took charge as Secretary of State for Exiting the EU after his predecessor David Davis stepped down in protest over May's Brexit negotiations in July, said the proposed arrangement to avoid a post-Brexit border with Northern Ireland is a "very real threat to the integrity of the United Kingdom".

"I cannot support an indefinite backstop arrangement where the EU holds a veto over our ability to exit. No democratic nation has ever signed up to be bound by such an extensive regime, imposed externally without any democratic control over the laws to be applied, nor the ability to exit the arrangement," he said.

Raab's resignation was followed by another pro-Brexit minister, work and pensions secretary Esther McVey, announcing that she is resigning from the Cabinet over the issue.

Another junior Brexit minister Suella Braverman quit over Brexit, shortly after her former boss Raab quit office.

"It is with deep regret and after reflection that I have had to tender my resignation today as a Brexit Minister. Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to working to support

Brexit from the Backbenches. This has not been an easy decision," Braverman said in a tweet.

The resignations are being seen as a sign of bigger troubles ahead for May, who is set to defend the agreement before MPs in the House of Commons on Thursday.

"I firmly believe that the draft Withdrawal Agreement was the best that could be negotiated, and it was for the Cabinet to decide whether to move on in the talks," she said in her statement at the Downing Street doorstep after hours of talks with her top team on Wednesday evening.

"The choices before us were difficult, particularly in relation to the Northern Ireland backstop. But the collective decision of Cabinet was that the Government should agree the draft Withdrawal Agreement and the Outline Political Declaration this is a decisive step which enables us to move on and finalise the deal in the days ahead," she said.

There were already rumblings that while she claimed the Cabinet had collectively given its backing to her deal, many ministers had spoken out against it and were not entirely happy with the final text.

The biggest sticking point

remains over what is termed as a Northern Ireland backstop, which leaves the EU with the option of keeping the whole of the UK within a common Customs Union if a future trading relationship fails to be thrashed out during the 21-month transition period, set to run until December 2021.

The resignation of Raab, the man involved with the actual drafting of the agreement with EU counterparts, throws Prime Minister May's leadership in turmoil.

"Raab's resignation marks the end of the PM's Withdrawal Agreement. This is very serious; the PM will clearly be considering her position. My own view is that we need a government of national unity and we need it now," Remain-backing Conservative MP Anna Soubry tweeted.

The markets also reacted sharply, with the Pound falling heavily against most major currencies after Raab's decision to resign.

Meanwhile, European Council president Donald Tusk confirmed November 25 as the date of an emergency summit where the remaining 27 EU member states are set to formally approve the withdrawal agreement.

North firm

By Cotton Man

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15—

The cotton prices in the northern region firmed up while a steady trend prevailed at central and southern markets.

	Quality	Rate	Arrival in Bales
NORTH ZONE (RATES IN MAUND)			
Punjab	J-34 SG	4520 / 4550	7000
	J-34 RG	4570 / 4600	
Haryana	J-34 SG	4540 / 4600	13000
	J-34 RG	4590 / 4650	
Rajasthan	J-34 SG	4500 / 4550	8000
	J-34 RG	4550 / 4600	
Lower Raj in bales	H-4 28-29 mm	44300 / 45800	10000

CENTRAL ZONE (RATES IN BALES)

Gujarat	V-797 (Kalayan) 22mm	37500 / 39000	27000
	S-6 Average Grade	45500 / 46000	
	S-6 29 mm	46000 / 46500	
Maharashtra	Old - MECH 1 - 29 mm	45700 / 46200	32000
	New - MECH 1 - 29-30 mm	46200 / 46700	
	New - MECH 1 - 31 mm	47000 / 47500	
Madhya Pradesh	Old Crop MECH -1 29-30 mm	45500 / 46000	14000
	New Crop MECH - 1 29-30 mm	46000 / 46500	
	DCH-32 33-35 mm	57000 / 61500	

SOUTH ZONE (RATES IN BALES)

Andhra Pradesh (Ready Crop)	MECH - 1 (Telgana) 29-30mm	45500 / 46800	25000
	MECH - 1 (AP) 29-30 mm	46000 / 46800	
	MCU-5 (AP) 30-31 mm	48500 / 47300	
Karnataka (Ready)	MECH-1 29 mm	46000 / 46500	8000
	MCU-5 30 mm	46500 / 47000	
	DCH-32 34-35 mm	58500 / 61500	

OTHER (RATES IN BALES)

Andhra Pradesh (Ready Crop)	MCU-5 30/31 mm	46200 / 47000	500
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Total Arrivals 1,44,500

Indian Cotton Federation

(Per Candy 2017018 Crop)

V-797	-----	Sankar-6 (New)	46000
Jayadhar	-----	MCU-5 (old)	47400
J-34 (RG) (New)	43838	DCH-32 (old)	61500
MECH-1/H-4 (New)	45800	MECH (New)	46000

COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

State	Grade	Staple	Mic	Per Candy
P/H/R	ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	42800
P/H/R	ICS-201	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	43300
GUJ	ICS-102	22mm	4.0-6.0	-----
KAR	ICS-103	23mm	4.0-5.5	-----
M/M	ICS-104	24mm	4.0-5.5	42000
P/H/R	ICS-202	26mm	3.5-4.9	-----
M/M/A	ICS-105	26mm	3.0-3.4	-----
M/M/A	ICS-105	26mm	3.5-4.9	-----
P/H/R	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	44300
M/M/A	ICS-105	27mm	3.0-3.4	-----
M/M/A	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	-----
P/H/R	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	44600
M/M/A	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	-----
GUJ	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	-----
M/M/A/K	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	45700
GUJ	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	46000
M/M/A/K	ICS-105	30mm	3.5-4.9	46000
M/M/A/K/T/O	ICS-105	31mm	3.5-4.9	47000
K/A/T/O	ICS-106	32mm	3.5-4.9	47300
M(P)/K/T	ICS-107	34mm	3.0-3.8	57900

U.S. Futures Daily Cotton Market

14 November 2018

Contract	Open	* High	Low	Close *	Settle	Change
Dec '18	76.08	76.79	75.86	76.43	76.39	+0.53
Mar '19	77.55	78.67	77.55	78.40	78.35	+0.69
May '19	79.25	79.87	79.18	79.63	79.63	+0.64
Jul '19	80.34	80.95	80.34	80.80	80.75	+0.60
Oct '19	0	0	0	0	78.22	+0.60

*Open and Close prices reflect the first and last trade in the market and do not correlate to any opening or closing period

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Entries invited for India's First Award for Sustainability Circular Design Challenge

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fashion designers and the entire textile value chain to exhibit their innovative ideas, designs with a focus on circularity and sustainability. The initiative will help the entire Indian textile value chain to become a global leader in ingraining circularity in their business strategy and operations," Mr Shah added.

Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator in India, said: "From cultivation to weaving, from design to execution and transportation, fashion touches every part of the economy, affecting the lives of thousands of people along the way. It is vital that this process be sustainable, fair, and inclusive. The Circular Design Challenge is an opportunity for innovative young designers to combine sustainable design practices with new circular business models, rethinking how we design our products for their next use — not for 'end of life,' but rather 'end of use.' I am confident that this platform will encourage more design-led research to reduce textile waste and environmental impacts, helping accelerate the shift to circular fashion."

Atul Bagai, UN Environment, Country Head, India said,

"Total greenhouse gas emissions from textiles production, at 1.2 billion tonnes annually, are more than those of all international flights and maritime shipping combined. As UN Environment, we believe in recognizing innovative solutions as a means of addressing environmental challenges. Creative approaches such as The Circular Design Challenge are a perfect opportunity to promote sustainable textile production and consumption and accelerate sustainable development in general."

Jaspreet Chandok, Vice President and Head of Fashion at IMG Reliance said, "We are committed to bringing new design talent and innovators to the fore season-on-season through creative collaborations. Our partnership with the UN in India and R Elan's Fashion for Earth initiative for the Circular Design Challenge is a step towards identifying and supporting champions in the field of sustainability."

To accelerate the shift to a circular economy, companies and other actors are encouraged to adopt various strategies and to take action.

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developed economies has forced this change, stated Bhat, who has been in the textile academia for 29 years.

While textile engineering has been one of the founding departments of Texas Tech University in 1925, fiber related advanced level degrees are offered through the Department of Environmental Toxicology and Plant and Soil Sciences.

Students with textiles and fiber science backgrounds could get graduate degrees in the Department of Environmental Toxicology focusing on materials science projects that concentrate on countermeasures to toxic chemicals, materials to enhance human health and protect the environment, such as cotton based materials to absorb toxic oils.

Research areas in the UGA's Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors focus on nanocellulose, niche areas in manufacturing such as digital printing, bio-based plastics from algae, stated Professor Bhat.

As with the case of the University of Georgia and Texas Tech University, the landscape of textile engineering education has shifted in its 100 years of offering the course so as to reflect the need and the nature of the field. But still the field offers tremendous opportunities as there are emerging opportunities in integrating electronics with textiles, cost effective biodegradable materials, taking cotton into next phase by infusing functional capabilities at the farm level, to name a few.

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She agreed that the gesture would recognise the "vital contribution" made by soldiers from around the Commonwealth, including India.

Tugendhat, chair of the Commons' Foreign Affairs Committee which is currently conducting a "Global Britain and India" inquiry into India-UK ties, told Parliament that the "home-spun cotton remembers Gandhi's and India's contribution to the war effort" and is a vital reminder of the UK's links to India.

The MP will be on a tour of India this weekend, during which he said he would lay a wreath in New Delhi to pay "tribute not only to our own war

dead from this country but to those 3 million who came from the Commonwealth to serve in the cause of freedom".

Earlier this year, the Royal British Legion had announced that the massive contribution of Commonwealth forces 100 years ago, particularly from undivided India, would be a key focus during this year's 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.

More than 1.3 million Indian soldiers served in the war across continents and Indians also made a generous financial contribution of over 20 billion pounds in today's money, as well as providing 3.7 million tonnes of supplies, over 10,000 nurses and 170,000 animals to the war effort.

"But figures alone don't do

justice to the human dimension. These were predominantly young men, who had travelled thousands of miles by ship from their homeland to fight a distant war," the charity notes.

"The khadi poppy is a hugely symbolic and highly appropriate gesture to recognise the outsized contribution of Indian soldiers during World War I," adds Lord Gadhia.

Armistice Day, which refers to the armistice treaty signed by the Allies and Germany in France on November 11, 1918, is marked annually in an elaborate wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in central London led by Queen Elizabeth II, as well as other smaller events around the country.

EU's Prez says summit to sign Brexit deal Nov 25

BRUSSELS, NOV. 15-(AFP)

EU President Donald Tusk on Thursday confirmed the bloc would hold a special summit to seal the hard-fought Brexit agreement with Britain on November 25.

Tusk's announcement will come as a boost to British Prime Minister Theresa May as she begins the daunting task of selling the deal to a fractious parliament where she faces resistance from arch Brexiters and EU supporters alike.

Ambassadors from the 27 remaining EU states will meet by the end of the week to share their analysis of the withdrawal deal, Tusk said, adding that he hoped "there will not be too many comments".

They will also take stock of work on the "Joint Political Declaration" about future relations between Brussels and Britain, which Tusk said should be finalised with London by Tuesday and then analysed by member states' officials.

"Then if nothing extraordinary happens, we will hold a European Council meeting in order to finalise and formalise the Brexit agreement. It will take place on Sunday the 25th of November at 9:30 am," Tusk told the press alongside EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier a day after the 585-page withdrawal agreement was approved by the British cabinet.

Tusk paid tribute to the work of Barnier and his team,

who he said had "ensured the limitation of the damage caused by Brexit" and secured the interests of the EU.

Barnier said the deal was "fair and balanced", though it has caused uproar among Brexit supporters in May's government who accused her of betraying the June 2016 vote to leave the bloc.

The deal covers citizens' rights, Britain's financial settlement and plans for a post-Brexit transition period during which both sides hope to agree a new trade deal.

The most controversial element is a "backstop" plan to keep Britain in a customs union with the EU until a trade deal is agreed that avoids the need for border checks with Ireland.

Sensex ends 119 pts higher, Nifty breaches 10,600 mark

MUMBAI, NOV. 15—

The BSE benchmark Sensex ended 119 points higher Thursday and the broader Nifty went past the 10,600 mark on positive investor sentiment amid easing crude oil prices and firm rupee.

The 30-share index opened a shade higher at 35,145.75 points, hovered in the range of 35,402 and 35,118.42, before ending the session at 35,260.54, with a gain of 118.55 points, or 0.34 per cent, over its previous close.

The gauge had shed 2.50 points Wednesday in a highly volatile session.

The NSE Nifty also closed

40.40 points, or 0.38 per cent, higher at 10,616.70 after shuttling between 10,646.50 and 10,557.50.

The appreciation in rupee, firming trend in other Asian markets and a higher opening of European equities too influenced market mood here.

Traders said falling crude prices in the global market was a big boost for the economy as it lightens the country's import bill burden, eases inflation and current account deficit concerns.

Global crude oil prices have fallen nearly 30 per cent to USD 65 per barrel from over USD 86 in early October. Brent crude fell 0.47 per cent to USD

65.81 per barrel.

Meanwhile, the rupee strengthened further by 44 paise to trade at 71.87 against the dollar in late afternoon trade in the forex market.

However, profit-booking at higher levels by speculators at the fag-end of the session trimmed some of the day's gains, traders added.

According to analysts, a drop in US 10-year bond yield, followed by gradual pick up in foreign institutional investor (FII) inflow to domestic market and slide in oil prices eased the concerns of liquidity.

FIIs bought shares worth a net of Rs 277.38 crore, while

domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares to the tune of Rs 272.34 crore Wednesday, provisional data showed.

Uncertainty over the US-China trade deal and next Federal Reserve policy, which is likely to see hike in December, may add volatility in the near term, they added.

Shares of Jet Airways climbed 24.52 per cent amid reports that Tata Group was in talks to buy a controlling stake in the cash-strapped airline.

Adani Ports took the top position among Sensex constituents by surging 4.19 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank rising 2.61 per cent.