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Key Highlights of Capital Market Analysis: March 2026

- In March 2026, the broad index of DSE and all share price index of CSE decreased by 7.53 percent and 6.53 percent, respectively, than that of the previous month.
- In March 2026, the total turnover value of traded securities of DSE decreased by 24.31 percent than that of the previous month while the total turnover value of traded securities of CSE increased by 109.44 percent over the same period. The fall in turnover in DSE was due to cautious investor sentiment in the context of the ongoing global and domestic uncertainties.
- At the end of March 2026, the market capitalization of DSE and CSE were 4.11 percent and 2.06 percent lower, respectively, than that of the preceding month. This decrease in market capitalization was primarily due to a decline in share prices across major sectors driven by weak investor confidence and adverse macroeconomic expectations.
- Turnover velocity ratio (TVR)¹, a key measure of market liquidity, decreased to 17.80 percent at the end of March 2026 from 22.54 percent at the end of February 2026 but increased as compared to 13.85 percent at the end of March 2025. The fall in turnover velocity results from decreased trading frequency and tightened liquidity conditions driven by cautious investor behavior.
- The P/E ratio of all securities of DSE and CSE decreased to 9.37 and 9.96, respectively, at the end of March 2026 from 10.10 and 10.75 at the end of previous month. On the other hand, the yield of all securities of DSE and CSE increased to 6.22 and 4.42 respectively at the end of March 2026 from 5.73 and 4.12 at the end of previous month. The simultaneous increase in yields and decrease in P/E ratios reflect a decline in stock prices and cautious investor sentiment in the market.

$${}^1\text{TVR} = \frac{\text{Total Values of Shares traded in a month} \times 12}{\text{Month -end Market Capitalization}} \times 100$$

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Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) regulates country's two stock exchanges, the Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) and the Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC (CSE), to ensure smooth functioning of the country's capital market. This report gives some insights into overall activities of capital market in Bangladesh for the month of March 2026.

In March 2026, the broad index of DSE and all share price index of CSE decreased by 7.53 percent and 6.53 percent, respectively, than that of the previous month. The total turnover value of traded securities of DSE decreased by 24.31 percent than that of the previous month, while the total turnover value of traded securities of CSE increased by 109.44 percent over the same period. The fall in turnover in DSE was due to cautious investor sentiment in the context of the ongoing global and domestic uncertainties.

The trend of some of the important indicators of DSE and CSE for the months from March 2025 to onwards is shown in Table-1, while the number of listed securities, major indices, P/E ratio and yield are shown in Table-A in Annexure-1.

Table-1: Status of Some Important Indicators of DSE & CSE

End of Month	Issued capital (Billion BDT)		Total Market Capitalization ² (Billion BDT)		Total Turnover (Billion BDT)	
	DSE	CSE	DSE	CSE	DSE	CSE
Mar-25	4571.55	4664.79	6738.66	7020.03	77.80	1.32
Apr-25	4596.85	4689.09	6565.69	6877.31	71.61	1.72
May-25	4651.46	4743.00	6469.85	6743.99	70.18	2.08
Jun-25	4675.78	4787.49	6622.71	6911.93	53.63	3.48
Jul-25	4710.80	4783.00	7122.23	7260.24	154.30	3.06
Aug-25	4698.90	4771.12	7280.49	7342.53	186.53	4.05
Sep-25	4715.92	4753.14	7250.63	7204.21	192.28	3.58
Oct-25	4674.30	4711.87	6991.34	6987.04	103.22	3.02
Nov-25	4724.61	4703.63	6850.94	6940.55	93.00	3.50
Dec-25	4733.17	4712.29	6781.83	6847.86	76.86	2.26
Jan-26	4694.31	4673.45	6950.82	7014.67	104.18	2.12
Feb-26	4692.31	6593.10	7183.65	9154.30	134.96	2.33
Mar-26	4644.69	6635.48	6888.33	8965.59	102.15	4.88

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC and Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC

²Total market capitalization of DSE includes companies, mutual funds, corporate bonds, govt. treasury bonds and debentures whereas total market capitalization of CSE does not include debentures.

Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC (DSE): March 2026

The total number of listed securities in DSE declined to 647 at the end of March 2026 from 650 at the end of February 2026. Among the listed securities, there were 360 companies, 36 mutual funds, 227 government bonds, 8 debentures and 16 corporate bonds. Among companies, there were 36 banks, 23 finance companies, 58 insurance companies and 243 other companies.

The market capitalization of DSE stood at BDT 6888.33 billion at the end of March 2026 which was 4.11 percent lower than that of the preceding month but 2.22 percent higher than that of the same month of the previous year. This decrease in market capitalization was primarily due to a decline in share prices across major sectors driven by weak investor confidence and adverse macroeconomic expectations.

The ratio of market capitalization of DSE to GDP (at current market prices) stood at 12.49 percent at the end of March 2026 which was 13.03 percent at the end of the preceding month and 12.22 percent at the end of the same month of the previous year (Table-2).

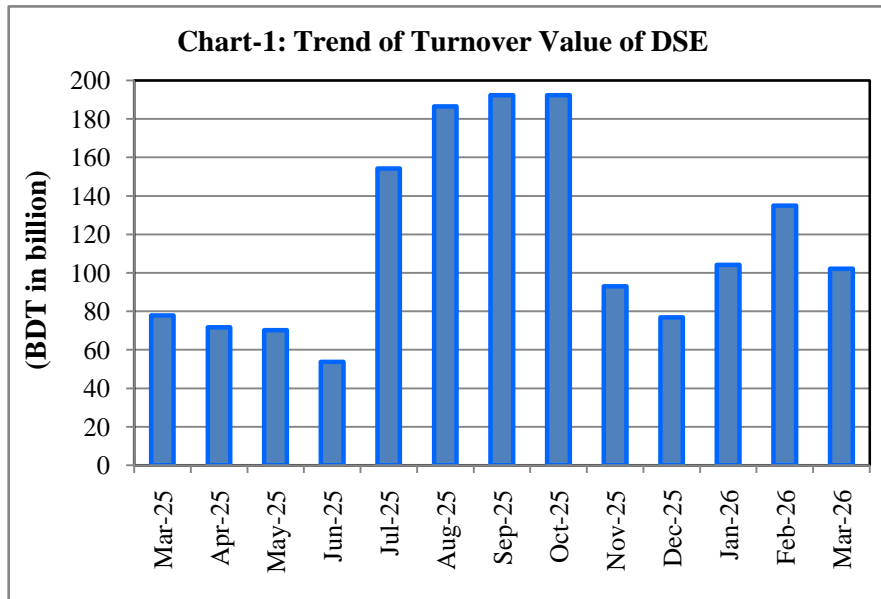
Table-2: Ratio of Market Capitalization to GDP³

End of Period	Ratio of Market Capitalization to GDP
March-2025	12.22
April -2025	11.91
May -2025	11.73
June-2025	12.01
July-2025	12.91
August-2025	13.20
September-2025	13.15
October-2025	12.68
November-2025	12.42
December-2025	12.30
January-2026	12.60
February-2026	13.03
March-2026	12.49

Source: Own calculation by the officials of RD, BB

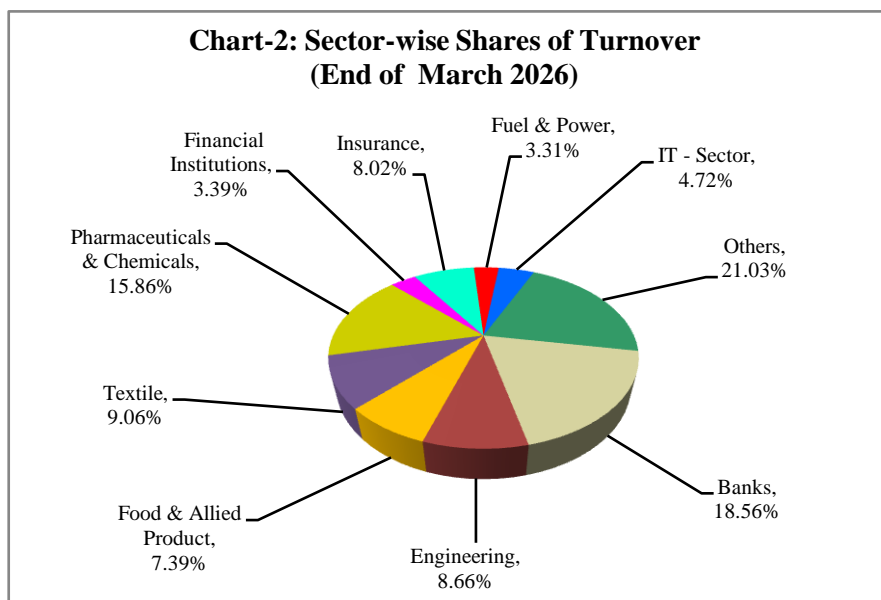
During March 2026, the value of total turnover of the traded securities of DSE stood at BDT 102.15 billion which was 24.31 percent lower than that of the preceding month but 31.30 percent higher than that of the same month of the previous year. The fall in turnover was due to cautious investor sentiment in the context of the ongoing global and domestic uncertainties. The trend of total turnover in DSE is shown in Chart-1.

³The ratio of market capitalization to GDP is calculated as market capitalization divided by final GDP of FY25 at current market prices multiplied by 100 [Example: $(6888.33/55150.26) \times 100 = 12.49$ for March 2026]. It may be noted that the final GDP of FY25 has been taken from National Accounts Statistics published recently by BBS.



Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

Among different sectors, banks dominated the market during March 2026 in terms of turnover which recorded 18.56 percent of the total turnover followed by pharmaceuticals & chemicals 15.86 percent, textile 9.06 percent, engineering 8.66 percent, insurance 8.02 percent, food & allied product 7.39 percent, IT sector 4.72 percent, Financial Institutions 3.39 percent, fuel & power 3.31 percent, and others 21.03 percent. The sector-wise share of turnover is shown in Chart-2.



Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

Turnover velocity ratio is the ratio of the traded turnover to market capitalization which measures the breath and liquidity in the stock market. It indicates how frequently shares are traded relative to the total market capitalization. The turnover velocity decreased to 17.80 percent at the end of March 2026 from 22.54 percent at the end of February 2026 but

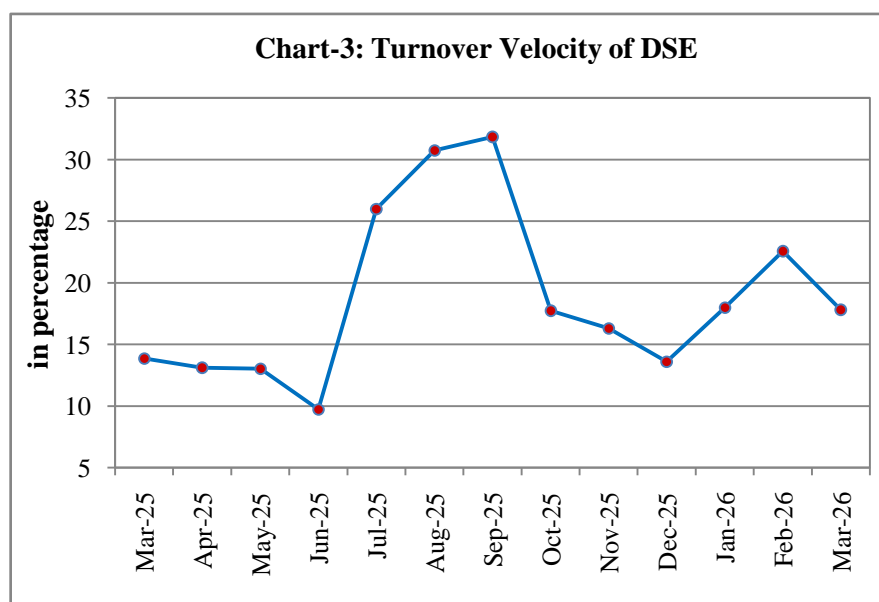
increased as compared to 13.85 percent at the end of March 2025. Table-3 presents the turnover velocity ratio of DSE for the period of March 2025 to March 2026.

Table-3: Turnover Velocity Ratio (TVR)

End of Period	Turnover Velocity Ratio
March-2025	13.85
April-2025	13.09
May-2025	13.02
June-2025	9.72
July-2025	26.00
August-2025	30.74
September-2025	31.82
October -2025	17.72
November -2025	16.29
December -2025	13.60
January-2026	17.99
February-2026	22.54
March-2026	17.80

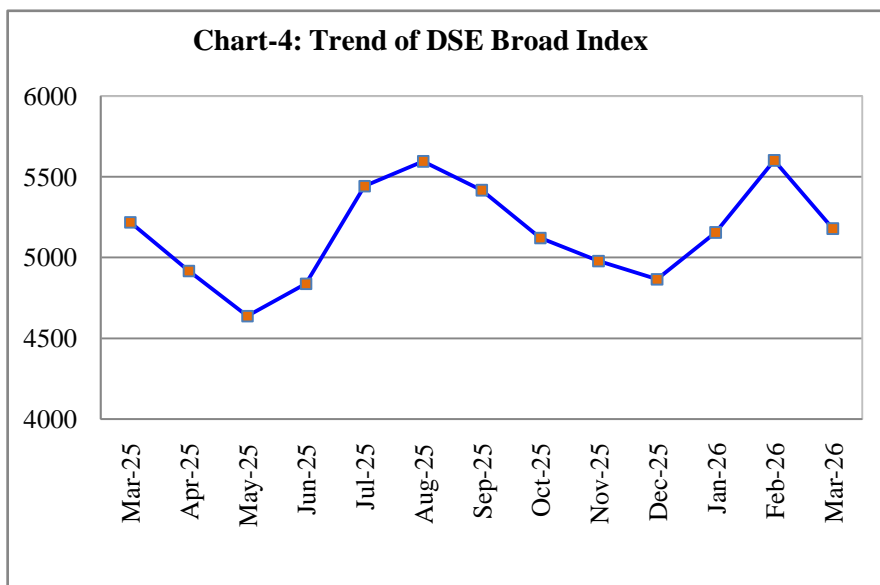
Source: Own calculation by the officials of RD, BB

The fall in turnover velocity results from decreased trading frequency and tightened liquidity conditions driven by cautious investor behavior. The trend of the turnover velocity ratio of DSE is shown in Chart-3.



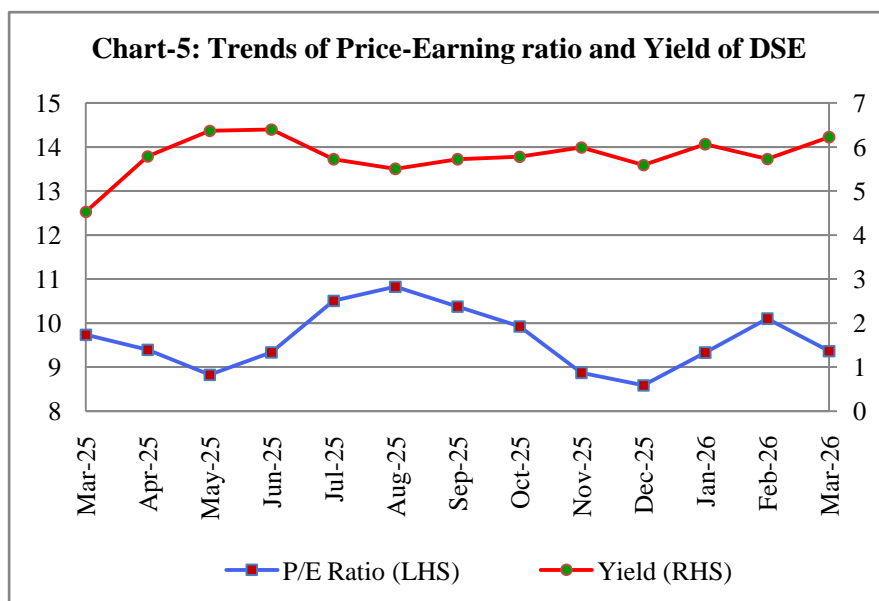
Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

At the end of March 2026, DSE broad index (DSEX)⁴ stood at 5178.31 which was 7.53 percent and 0.78 percent lower, respectively, than that of the previous month and the same month of the preceding year. The trend of the DSE broad index (DSEX) is shown in Chart-4.



Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

The price-earning (P/E) ratio indicates the shifting of investors' sentiment and market dynamics. The P/E ratio of all securities of DSE decreased to 9.37 at the end of March 2026 from 10.10 at the end of February 2026 and 9.74 at the end of March 2025. On the other hand, the yield of all securities of DSE increased to 6.22 at the end of March 2026 from 5.73 at the end of February 2026 and 4.53 at the end of March 2025. The simultaneous increase in yields and decrease in P/E ratios reflect a decline in stock prices and cautious investor sentiment in the market. The trends of price-earnings ratio and yield of DSE are shown in Chart-5.

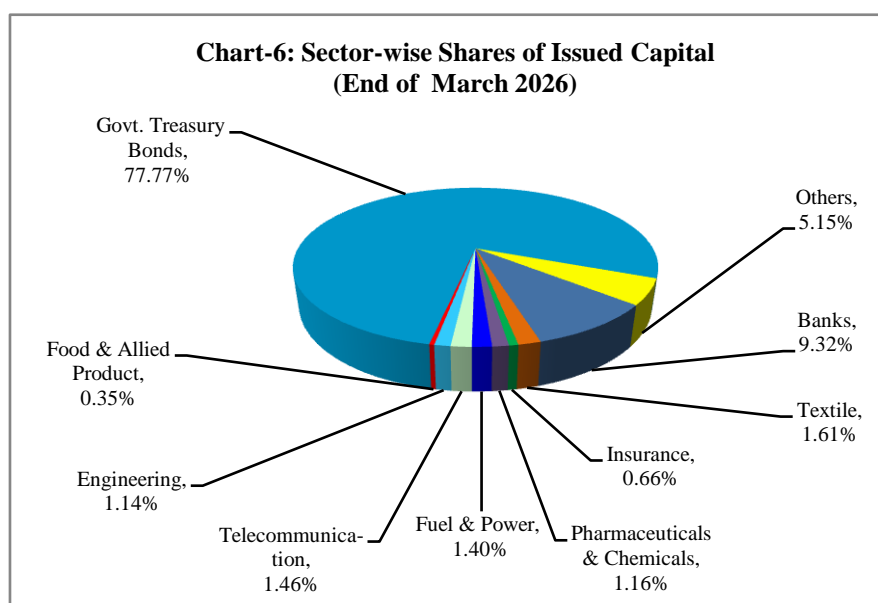


Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

⁴Includes all stocks listed in the DSE

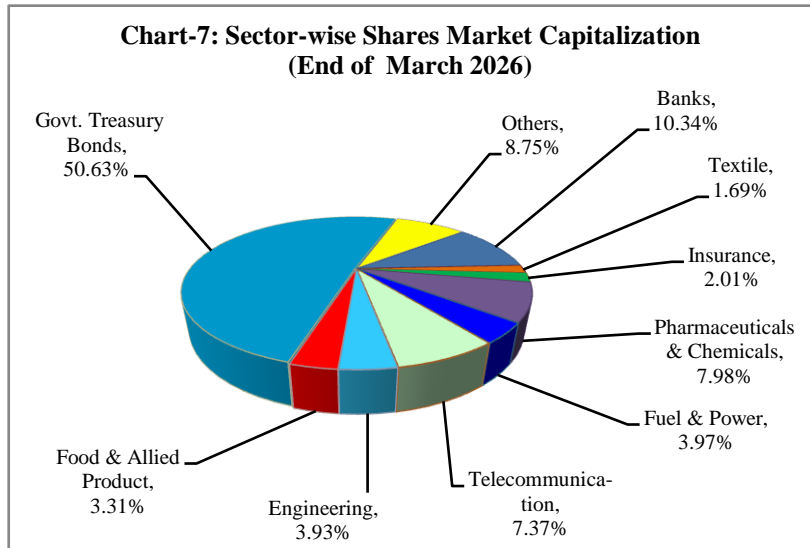
Sector-wise Shares of Issued Capital and Market Capitalization of DSE

The total amount of issued capital of DSE slightly decreased to BDT 4644.69 billion at the end of March 2026 from BDT 4692.31 billion at the end of February 2026 but increased as compared to BDT 4571.55 billion at the end of March 2025. Among different sectors, Bangladesh Govt. Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) dominated, as usual, in terms of issued capital at the end of March 2026 which alone occupied around 77.77 percent of the issued capital. Of the remaining sectors, 9.32 percent was issued by banks, 1.61 percent by textile, 1.46 percent by telecommunication, 1.40 percent by fuel & power, 1.16 percent by pharmaceuticals & chemicals, 1.14 percent by engineering, 0.66 percent by insurance, 0.35 percent by food & allied product and 5.13 percent by others. The sector-wise share of issued capital is shown in Chart-6.



Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

The market capitalization varies mainly with the changes in prices of shares. The total amount of market capitalization of DSE decreased to BDT 6888.33 billion at the end of March 2026 from BDT 7183.65 billion at the end of February 2026 but increased as compared to BDT 6738.66 billion at the end of March 2025. Among different sectors, Bangladesh Govt. Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) alone recorded the highest contribution, accounting for 50.63 percent of market capitalization, followed by banks 10.34 percent, pharmaceuticals & chemicals 7.98 percent, telecommunication 7.37 percent, fuel & power 3.97 percent, engineering 3.93 percent, food & allied product 3.31 percent, insurance 2.01 percent, textile 1.69 percent and others 8.75 percent. It may be noted that debentures are not included in the sector-wise market capitalization of all listed securities because these products are not currently being traded in the market. The sector-wise distribution of market capitalization is presented in Chart-7.



Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC

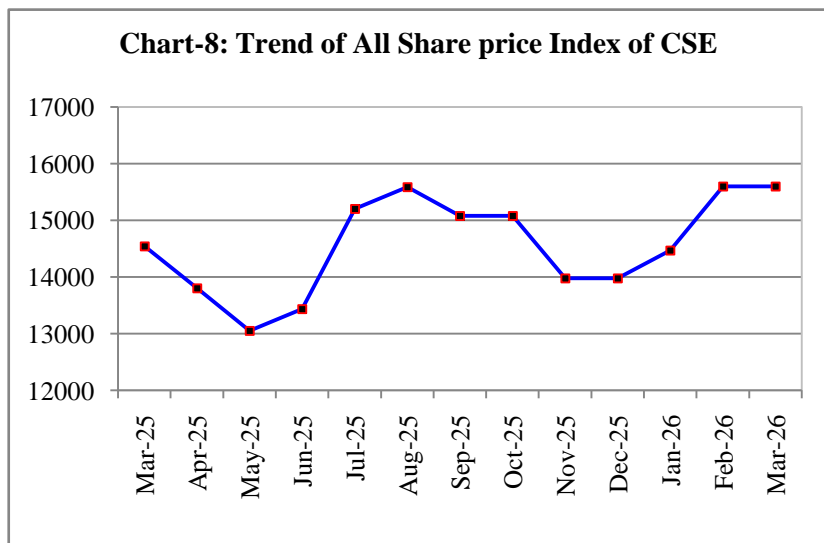
Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC (CSE): March 2026

The total number of listed securities of CSE decreased to 605 at the end of March 2026 from 608 at the end of the previous month. The total amount of issued capital increased to BDT 6635.48 billion at the end of March 2026 from BDT 6593.10 billion at the end of the preceding month and BDT 4664.79 billion at the end of the same month of the previous year.

The market capitalization of CSE stood at BDT 8965.59 billion at the end of March 2026 which was 2.06 percent lower than that of the preceding month but 27.71 percent higher than that of the same month of the previous year.

At the end of March 2026, CSE all share price index (CASPI) stood at 14578.75 which was 6.53 percent lower than that of the preceding month but 0.26 percent higher than that of the same month of the previous year.

The trend of CSE all share price index (CASPI) is shown in Chart-8.



Source: Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC

The value of total turnover of traded securities of CSE increased to BDT 4.88 billion during March 2026 from BDT 2.33 billion at the end of the preceding month and BDT 1.32 billion at the end of the same month of the previous year.

Price-earnings (P/E) ratio of all securities of CSE stood at 9.96 at the end of March 2026 which was lower than 10.75 at the end of February 2026 but higher than 9.46 at the end of March 2025. The yield stood at 4.42 at the end of March 2026 which was higher than 4.12 at the end of February 2026 and 4.31 at the end of March 2025.

Recent Steps for Developing Capital Market

- Bangladesh Bank issued guidelines on 11 March 2026 allowing banks extending loan facilities against Treasury Bonds held under lien. Bangladesh Bank has allowed borrowers to take loans by keeping government bonds or Treasury Bonds as collateral. As per the guidelines, before sanctioning overdraft or term loans against Treasury Bonds, the bond must be marked as 'lien' in the Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI) system. Banks may provide overdraft or term loan facilities up to a maximum of 75 percent of the face value of the bond. However, the total outstanding loan, including interest and applicable charges must not exceed the bond's face value. The tenure of such loan facilities must not exceed the maturity period of the underlying bond and no loan facility shall be provided for the purpose of purchasing bonds (the detailed information is given on the web link: <https://intranet.bb.org.bd/openpdf.php>).
- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) formally issued a circular on 9 February 2026, establishing a structured framework for enhancing financial literacy through short, mid, and long-term programs targeting investors and the general public. These initiatives are executed via formal education integrated into academic curricula and non-formal methods like digital media, distance learning, and seminars. To lead these efforts, the Bangladesh Academy for Securities Market (BASM) was established under the supervision of a 17-member Board of Governors to conduct professional training, diplomas, and post-graduate courses. The rules mandate the creation of specific "Investment Education" and "BASM" funds supported by grants, CSR contributions, and mandatory fees from market entities, which are subject to strict annual audits by recognized firms. Furthermore, all capital market institutions, including stock exchanges and issuers, are required to maintain dedicated education departments, train their staff on regulations, and implement customer grievance mechanisms to ensure a transparent and informed investment environment (the detailed information is given on the web link: https://sec.gov.bd/slaws/Notification_09.02.2026.pdf).

Table-A: Status of Some Other Important Indicators of DSE & CSE

End of Month	Number of listed Securities		Major Indices				Price/Earning Ratio		Yield	
	DSE	CSE	DSE		CSE		DSE	CSE	DSE	CSE
			Broad Index	Shariah index	All Share Price Index	Shariah index				
Mar-25	656	620	5219.16	1168.11	14541.35	942.17	9.74	9.46	4.53	4.31
Apr-25	656	619	4917.92	1094.18	13805.31	897.98	9.40	9.78	5.79	5.35
May-25	656	619	4637.92	1011.36	13051.80	846.06	8.33	8.15	6.37	5.87
Jun-25	656	620	4838.39	1060.76	13438.38	864.66	9.34	8.40	6.40	5.94
Jul-25	656	619	5443.42	1170.61	15202.38	948.19	10.51	9.31	5.72	4.32
Aug-25	656	619	5594.39	1227.71	15589.69	983.16	10.83	9.85	5.50	4.20
Sep-25	656	619	5415.79	1171.98	15079.99	955.21	10.38	9.63	5.72	4.38
Oct-25	654	617	5122.22	1082.63	14286.05	898.92	9.93	9.34	5.78	4.36
Nov-25	654	612	4978.77	1045.30	13976.39	878.18	8.87	11.65	5.99	4.41
Dec-25	653	611	4865.34	1000.72	13610.82	850.89	8.59	9.58	5.59	4.62
Jan-26	651	609	5154.31	1034.49	14469.37	880.46	9.33	10.19	6.06	4.37
Feb-26	650	608	5600.27	1116.19	15597.14	933.85	10.10	10.75	5.73	4.12
Mar-26	647	605	5178.31	1053.20	14578.75	890.51	9.37	9.96	6.22	4.42

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC and Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC