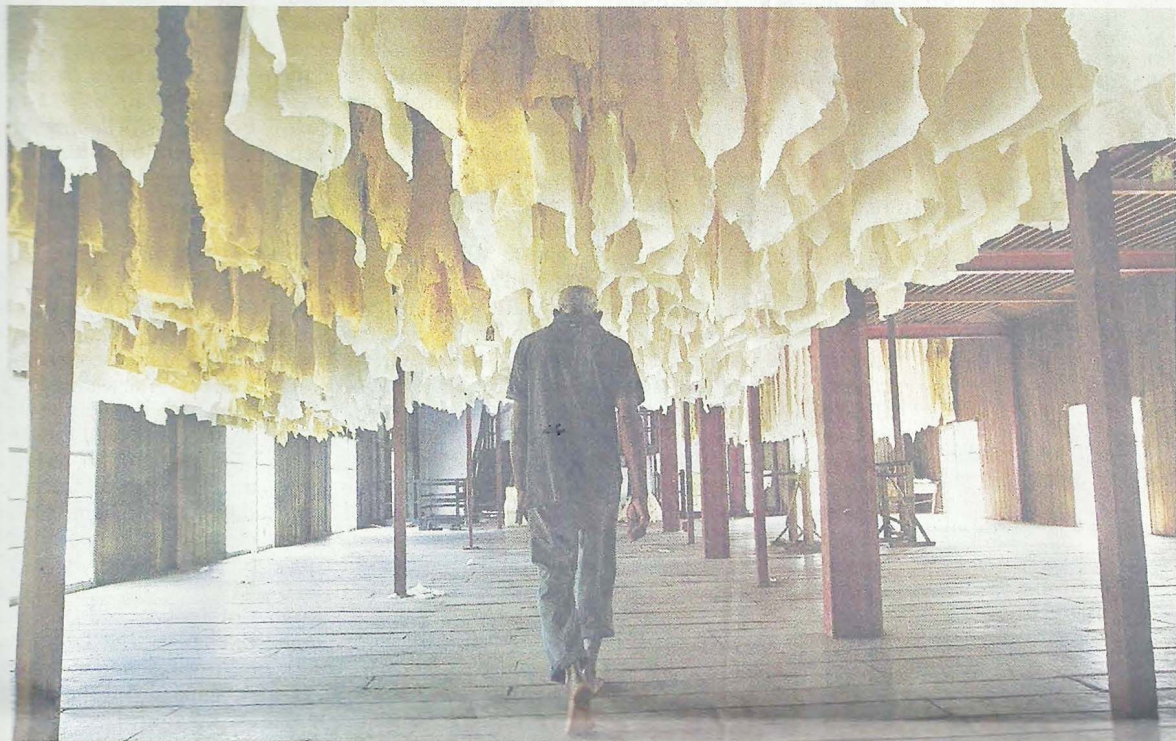


## Rubber bounces



**Riding on optimism:** A worker walks under sheets of crepe rubber hung up to dry at the Wariyapola Rubber Factory in Matale, Sri Lanka. Rubber posted its first monthly advance since January on optimism that demand will remain strong in Japan and the US, and China may increase purchases to replenish stockpiles. — Bloomberg