

IN SAURASHTRA

Groundnut crop floods APMC yards, overseas demand keeps prices firm

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RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 4

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE market committees (APMCs) in Saurashtra region of the state are flooded with groundnut arrivals. The price of the seed crop has held firm with China aggressively importing the Indian variety.

The APMC at Gondal, Rajkot, Halvad, Jasdan, Jamnagar, Amreli, Visavadar and Junagadh — the eight largest wholesale markets of groundnut — have already recorded cumulative arrivals of more than eight lakh quintals in the first two months of the Kharif marketing season of 2020-21. Around six lakh tonnes of the arrivals were recorded in October, generally considered the beginning of the groundnut marketing season.

These arrivals are significantly higher than the corresponding period in 2019 which saw a bumper harvest of groundnut in Gujarat, also the biggest producer of the oilseed in the country.

Despite the supply glut, the average price of groundnut at Gondal APMC, the oilseed's biggest market in the state that sets the benchmark price, the modal price (the price at which most of groundnut is sold) has been around Rs 5,000 per quintal, marginally lower than the government-fixed minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 5,275, but higher than around Rs 4,750 during the corresponding period last year.

In fact, prices at Rajkot APMC, the second biggest market of the oilseed in Gujarat, are ruling at the MSP level till last week, with some varieties like G-9 selling as high as Rs 6,500.

At Jamnagar APMC, the price touched the peak of Rs 7,000 as traders from Tamil Nadu went broke to secure G-9 variety stocks for being used as seeds for sowing. "More than 30 traders



Trucks loaded with groundnut line up outside the yard of Gondal APMC in Rajkot district. Express

ARRIVAL OF GROUNDNUT IN YARDS (IN QUINTALS)

	2019		2020	
	Sept	Oct	Sept	Oct
Gondal	7493	147356	1,10,752	1,83,905
Rajkot	11,992	80,550	30,846	1,17,100
Halvad	4,110	42,545	31,778	65,141
Jasdan	-	-	13,535	57,680
Jamnagar	-	-	10,145	46,109
Amreli	-	-	2140	35,494
Visavadar	-	-	7638	20,390
Junagadh	-	-	-	15,616
Total			2,06,384	5,95,435

Source: APMCs of Gondal, Rajkot, Halvad, Jasdan, Jamnagar, Amreli, Visavadar and Junagadh

from Tamil Nadu are still camping in Jamnagar and are buying aggressively the smaller varieties... This has ensured that the prices of these varieties are still around Rs 6,000," Tulsu Nandana, a groundnut trader at Jamnagar APMC, said.

Groundnut is the second-most important cash crop of Gujarat. Last year, the state govern-

ment had estimated the groundnut crop size to be 45.03 lakh tonnes (lt) while industry bodies, like Saurashtra Oil Mills Association and the Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) of India, had pegged it at 30 lt and 32.5 lt, respectively. This year, the state recorded sowing in record 20.72 lakh hectare, an increase of around 34 per cent as compared

to the previous year. The First Advance Estimate of the state government has pegged the total groundnut production in the state to 54.64 lakh, whereas SEA has pegged it at 35.45 lakh.

The central government began procurement of groundnut from farmers of Gujarat from October 26 onward and, by Wednesday, it had procured total of 1.94 lakh quintal of the oilseed from 10,626 farmers. Notwithstanding the government intervention, APMCs in Saurashtra are struggling to cope with the arrivals of the oilseed on their yards.

Except for Halvad, Amreli and Visavadar, other APMCs are allowing farmers to unload their groundnut only once or twice a week as their systems are struggling to trade the large volumes. Both Gondal and Rajkot APMCs have been recording arrivals of more than one lakh bags (each containing average 30 kg of groundnut-in-shell) on days the yard opens its gates to farmers, generally once a week.

Despite the glut, prices have remained firm due to overseas demand, say market functionaries. "China has been aggressively importing groundnut this season. India has already exported an estimated 20,000 tonnes groundnut oil in recent months. This is helping the prices in the domestic market. The generally high prices of all commodities and ground oil finding traction among Indian consumers is also an important factor which is supporting the current price levels," Atul Chaturvedi, president of the Mumbai-based SEA, said.

Navmit Kavathiya, an oil-mill based in Gondal, said import demand by China is influencing the prices in Gondal. "As China is importing groundnut oil big time, we are purchasing groundnut from APMCs anticipating the scenario is not going to change very soon," Kavathiya said.

Two FIRs against seven for pasting photos of French President on road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

DAYS AFTER posters of French president Emmanuel Macron were pasted on a road stretch in Juhapura of Ahmedabad, protesting his recent remarks on Islam, police filed two first information reports (FIRs) on Tuesday night at Vejalpur and Shahpur police stations against seven accused, including a Congress corporator.

On November 1, five persons were taken into custody by the Vejalpur police under section 151 of CrP for pasting posters of Macron on the road in Juhapura.

According to police, an FIR was filed on Tuesday against seven persons, including Haji Asrar Beg Mirza, Congress councillor from Maktampura ward, under Indian Penal Code sections 188 (disobedience to order given by public servant), 209 (negligent act likely to spread infection of a disease), 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of a disease) and 120b for criminal conspiracy apart from sections of the Disaster Management Act, Press and Books Registration Act and Prevention of Damage to Property Act.

The other six accused are Mohammad Yunus Qadri, resident of Juhapura, Nazimben Qureshi, a resident of Fatehwardi, Mohammad Yunus Shaikh, a resident of Juhapura, Mustakem Master, a resident of Sarkhej, Mohammad Salim Shaikh, a resident of Vishala in Ahmedabad and Abdul Shaikh, a resident of Juhapura. The FIR states that 15 persons, under a planned conspiracy, pasted 150 photos of Macron, with boot mark imprinted on it, on the road in Juhapura.

Another FIR was lodged at Shahpur police station on Tuesday night against two unknown accused under IPC sections 188, 209, 270 and 120b and sections, the Disaster Management Act, Press and Books Registration Act and Prevention of Damage to Property Act after 50 posters of Macron were pasted on the road near Shreyas School in Shahpur on November 2 night.

In both the FIRs, police personnel are the complainant.



During three days of operations, an estimated 100-odd persons flew on the seaplane between the Statue of Unity and Ahmedabad. Nirmal Harindran

'ROUTINE MAINTENANCE'

Within 3 days, service of seaplane suspended

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

THREE DAYS after beginning commercial operations, the seaplane service between Statue of Unity and Ahmedabad was suspended on Wednesday for a "routine maintenance" of the aircraft.

Spicjet has wet-leased a 18-seater Twin Otter 300 seaplane from Maldivian Aero, the national airline of Maldives. A wet lease is an agreement between two airlines, where the lesser agent provides an aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance to the lessee. "The aircraft will undergo routine maintenance for two days. There will be no seaplane operations on Wednesday and Thursday," said an official of Spicjet who did not wish to be identified. The aircraft is expected to be back in operation on November 6.

The aircraft, which is being operated by Maldivian crew, can accommodate two pilots, one attendant and 15 passengers. It took off from Male, Maldives, before October 25 and landed on Ahmedabad on October 27, 2020. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seaplane service on

October 31. The seaplane is 49 years old. As part of the lease agreement, "one set of crew and engineers with back up" have come with the seaplane.

"It has been flying continuously for the past one week and hence some maintenance was needed," the official said. Spicjet has planned four flights on the route between Sabarmati Riverfront and Statue of Unity. However, only two flights were being operated daily (11 am and 2:30 pm) from the riverfront since November 1.

"The Twin Otter 300 is a small turboprop aircraft. These aircraft need more maintenance on bigger jets. Since the operations have just begun, maintenance is being done during the daytime. The aircraft is fitted with remarkably efficient Twin Turboprop Pratt & Whitney PT6A-27 engines, known for their reliability. The aircraft has an incredible accident-free history," Spicjet stated in response to a questionnaire mailed to them regarding the aircraft's maintenance.

"The seaplane chosen by Spicjet is one of the safest and most widely used aircraft the world over and in Maldives. The aircraft has been serviced at regu-

lar intervals and is in top class condition," the airline stated.

The seaplane is docked at jetty at the water aerodrome in Sabarmati Riverfront, where the maintenance work will be undertaken. "As per the lease agreement, maintenance is the responsibility of the Maldivian firm," the Spicjet official added.

Despite the break in operations, inquiries continued to pour at the booking window of Spicjet at the Sabarmati Riverfront water aerodrome. PK Gohil, a resident of Ambawadi who came to inquire about the seaplane bookings, said, "I was not able to place a booking request on the Spicjet Shuttle website and so visited the water aerodrome in person. I was told that the seaplane is under maintenance. They asked me to place my booking request online."

Gohil and his family is looking to travel one way to Soli. "The lady at the booking window told me that the tickets will be priced differently and it will cost us on an average Rs 2,500 per person for a one-way ticket," he added.

During three days of operations, an estimated 100-odd persons have already flown the seaplane between the two locations in Gujarat.

Subordinate courts to start physical functioning from Nov 23

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THE GUJARAT High Court issued a circular Wednesday notifying that subordinate courts would resume physical functioning from November 23.

The circular, issued by the Registrar General, stated all subordinate courts, except those at district headquarters of Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodra and Rajkot, and within micro-contain-

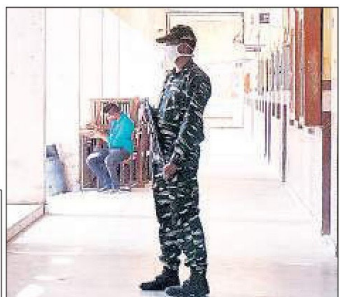
ment zones, would start functioning physically at full strength of all judicial officers and staffers. All categories of cases, it said, would be taken up for hearing on all working days. Judicial officers, however, could exercise their discretion, and subject to the agreement of all parties involved in the case, conduct virtual proceedings, the circular said.

The guidelines issued by the Gujarat High Court earlier directing that physical copies of fresh cases filed should be kept un-

touch in an envelope for 24 hours before being sent to the filing centre would continue, it added. The HC also said principal district judge or principal judicial officer should not issue any separate circular with respect to the physical functioning of courts without prior permission of the high court.

Issuing standard operating procedure (SOP) for resuming physical functioning in subordinate courts, the HC directed the principal district judge or the prin-

cipal judge to appoint a 'Covid-officer' along with dedicated staff to "plan, oversee, execute and supervise all activities related to Covid-19 in each and every court establishment", which would also include taking a round of the court buildings every day. Frequent sanitisation of frequently touched surfaces, especially door handles, railings and seats, should be followed, it said. Premises with multiple gates or entry points would have to restrict to a single point of entry, it added.



Security forces monitor the strong room at the Polytechnic College where the ballot boxes for Karjan Assembly bypolls are kept. Anupendra Kano

Final turnout in bypolls to 8 seats is 60.75 per cent

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AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

THE FINAL vote turnout in the by-elections for the eight Assembly seats in Gujarat held on Tuesday was 60.75 per cent. The highest turnout was in Kapradia seat of Valsad district — 77.5 per cent.

According to the updated figures published by the Election Commission on Wednesday, of the total 18.75 lakh voters in eight seats, over 11.39 lakh voters exercised their franchise. Over 63 per cent males and 57

per cent of the females voted.

While Kapradia recorded 77.5 per cent turnout, during the 2017 Assembly polls, it was much higher at 84.15 per cent. Similarly, the voting percentages in Abdasa, Limbdi, Morbi, Dhari, Gadhadra and Karjan were lower than that of 2017 polls.

Only Dang with 75.01 per cent turnout, recorded more than the 73.7 per cent recorded in 2017 Assembly elections. In Dang, number of women voters exceeded that of men. Compared to 66,716 male voters, 66,943 female voters exercised their franchise.

HC gives clean chit to BJP MLA in 2014 bypoll 'bribery' case

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AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

THE GUJARAT High Court gave a clean chit to state BJP legislator and former state minister Parshottam Solanki in a 2014 bribery case Wednesday. It also quashed and set aside a magistrate court's order whereby the offence, under IPC section 171E (bribery), was registered against Solanki and summons was ordered to be issued.

In April 2014, Solanki was designated a star campaigner for the BJP in the state Assembly bypoll. At Jasdan, he was found in possession of Rs 2.75 lakh in cash, which is above the Rs 1 lakh-limit prescribed by the Election Commission of India. During the inquiry, Solanki could not provide a satisfactory explanation, thereafter the case was seized and a police complaint at Jasdan police station was filed in 2015, alleging that Solanki had aimed to malign the election process and entice voters.

A November 2015 police inquiry report submitted before the Jasdan magistrate court had stated that no offence, as alleged, was made out against Solanki. However, the magistrates in December 2015 had directed registration of non-cognisable complaint under section 171E of IPC.

led before the Gujarat High Court in 2016.

While giving a clean chit the high court bench of Justice Gita Gopi held Wednesday that ingredients of the offence of bribery was not made out and there was nothing on record to show that the petitioner (Solanki) had either given or had offered the said amount as a bribe to someone or had accepted the same from anyone, much less any evidence to show that the petitioner had given or had offered any gratification by way of cash amount to any person with the object of inducing him or any other person to exercise any electoral right or of rewarding any person for having exercised any such right.

Quashing and setting aside the magistrate court's order as well as any consequent proceedings that may have been initiated, Justice Gopi observed that the order was passed "without any basis" and was based on "assumptions and pre-suppositions".

Relying on the investigating officer's records of bank statements and statements of Solanki, his son and security personnel, who was then accompanying the BJP leader, the HC verdict stated: "No cogent reasons have been assigned by the court below while directing registration of complaint under section 171E of IPC."

Amreli: 5-year-old boy killed in leopard attack

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A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy died after being attacked by a leopard at Panyia village of Dhan Taluka in Amreli district on Wednesday. Forest officers said that efforts were on to rescue the wild animal involved in the attack. The leopard attacked five-year-old Parag Chhapanyia at Panyia village, which is part of Panyia range in Gir (East) wildlife

division, at 3:30 pm. Dushyant Vasavada, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) of Junagadh wildlife circle said, "The boy succumbed to injuries on the way to community health centre in Dhan", the CCF further said. Vasavada said that Chhapanyia was son of Kunvarsinh Chhapanyia, from Madhya Pradesh, who is working as an agricultural labourer in Panyia village. He said that cages were being placed in Panyia in effort to rescue the leopard.

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