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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of July 10, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on India's food retail sector.

India Food Retail Update as of Friday, July 10, 2020

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COVID-19 in India: Food Retail Update



- 1. Pune:** Vegetable and fruit traders at Gultekdi Market report continued low demand due to the closure of hotels, restaurants, and function halls. Although the market has seen a steady increase in the demand of fresh produce over the past few weeks, it is still significantly below pre-COVID-19 levels.
- 2. Surat:** Traders and wholesale associations have agreed to restrict their working hours from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to prevent large crowds from gathering at grocery shops, until July 27. These associations are also imposing these restrictions in response to multiple COVID-19 detections and deaths within the food merchant community.
- 3. Hyderabad:** Vegetables prices surged this past week due to a slowdown in supply arrivals at the Bowenpally Market Yard. This is the result of lockdown measures in Telangana state, which have made it cumbersome for supply trucks to deliver product on time. Local media reports that the surge in prices ranges from 25 to 200 percent, depending upon the product.
- 4. Ahmedabad:** According to local reports, municipal authorities are conducting multiple rounds of COVID-19 screenings on 35,000 produce vendors, stall owners and shop owners. So far, 700 have been detected with COVID-19.
- 5. Cochin:** According to local media reports, the closure of major wholesale markets, as part of an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, is expected to result in a shortage of fish supplies and a rise in fresh produce prices. The delivery of essential commodities is being delayed by COVID-19 restrictions, which is forcing truckers to take longer routes to avoid containment zones.
- 6. Kolkata:** A strict seven-day lockdown has been imposed in containment zones across the state of West Bengal. Just prior to the lockdown, residents resorted to panic-buying, leading to long queues and a disregard of social distancing norms, according to local media reports.
- 7. Bengaluru:** According to local media reports, municipal authorities will impose a strict lockdown every Sunday beginning on July 12 until August 2. Nonetheless, grocery shops will be allowed to operate under strict social distancing measures.

Attachments:

No Attachments.