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## THE TREND

India produced 26,000 tonnes of Natural Rubber(NR) during May 2020 as compared to 41,000 tonnes produced in May 2019. The total quantity of NR produced during the first two months of 2020-21 has decreased by 43.8% at 41,000 tonnes compared to 73,000 tonnes produced during the same period a year ago. During June 2020, the country is estimated to have produced 41,000 tonnes, as against 50,000 tonnes produced during the same month a year ago. Consumption of NR picked up to 52,000 tonnes during May 2020 from the low quantity of 5000 tonnes consumed during April 2020. The total quantity of NR consumed during the first two months of the current fiscal has decreased by 71% to 57,000 tonnes compared to 196,620 tonnes consumed during the same period a year ago. According to preliminary estimates, the country has consumed 84,000 tonnes of NR during June 2020.

As per the data published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, India imported 38,324 tonnes of NR during May 2020 making the total volume during the first two months of the current fiscal at 62,535 tonnes as against 66,652 tonnes during the same period last year. India exported a quantity of 414 tonnes of NR during May 2020 compared to 309 tonnes exported in May 2019. With the above trends in production, consumption, import and export, the closing stock estimated for May 2020 is 342,000 tonnes.

Coming to Synthetic Rubber (SR), the cumulative production diminished by 36.7%, year-on-year, during the first two months of the current fiscal to 43,025 tonnes from 67,942 tonnes. The total quantity consumed during April and May 2020 has decreased by 71.5% to 32,125 tonnes from 1,12,850 tonnes, consumed during the same period a year ago.

### PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER ( Rupees per 100 Kg)

Month/year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex (60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
July	2019	14726	14956	12555	16312	13442	12389	9836
August	"	13972	14336	10766	16582	12568	11760	9315
September	"	12913	13317	10908	17697	12653	10990	9551
October	"	11906	12140	10280	16835	12208	10784	9234
November	"	12577	12817	10799	15222	12797	11762	9866
December	"	12744	13140	11372	14798	13222	11683	10379
January	2020	13010	13512	11468	14287	13597	11702	10480
February	"	12992	13536	11166	14213	13275	11740	9586
March	"	12545	13047	11106	14080	12725	11631	9067
April	"	NT	NT	10394	NT	12248	NT	8405
May	"	10980	11573	10538	13372	12745	10592	8319
June	"	11610	12013	11438	14185	14400	10584	8720
July	"	12321	12683	11518	13547	13925	10766	8903

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international RSS 3 refers to Bangkok market and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

NT: No Transaction

**PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NR & SR**

(Metric Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	May 2020	May 2019	April 2020 & May 2020	April 2019 & May 2019	April 2019 to March 2020	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	16600	26510	27350	45065	487265	
Solid Block Rubber	5000	8670	6850	16735	121180	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	3800	4480	5500	9180	80300	
Others	600	1340	1300	2020	23255	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26000</b>	<b>41000</b>	<b>41000</b>	<b>73000</b>	<b>712000</b>	<b>-43.8</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	12193	22766	20708	45497	250172	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	10552	11274	21487	21395	129920	
Others	650	600	830	1050	18848	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23395</b>	<b>34640</b>	<b>43025</b>	<b>67942</b>	<b>398940<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>-36.7</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>49395</b>	<b>75640</b>	<b>84025</b>	<b>140942</b>	<b>1110940</b>	<b>-40.4</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION *</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	23400	42840	25450	86790	504200	
Solid Block Rubber	23525	48180	24975	92020	519400	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4225	6850	5505	13420	84320	
Others	850	2250	1070	4390	26200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52000</b>	<b>100120</b>	<b>57000</b>	<b>196620</b>	<b>1134120</b>	<b>-71.0</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	34716	72364	36146	141865	756265	-74.5
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	15720	31000	17805	61865	359055	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7750	16050	8380	31685	185285	
Others	5285	9950	5940	19300	105270	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28755</b>	<b>57000</b>	<b>32125</b>	<b>112850</b>	<b>649610</b>	<b>-71.5</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	17727	38631	18952	76329	427774	-75.2
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>80755</b>	<b>157120</b>	<b>89125</b>	<b>309470</b>	<b>1783730</b>	<b>-71.2</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	<b>52443</b>	<b>110995</b>	<b>55098</b>	<b>218194</b>	<b>1184039</b>	<b>-74.7</b>

\*: indigenous and imported      R: Revised

**PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RECLAIMED RUBBER (RR)**

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	May 2020	May 2019	April 2020 & May 2020	April 2019 & May 2019	April 2019 to March 2020
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>					
Production @	8500	11650	9850	22755	137010
Consumption	8850	11595	10105	23030	136110
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2183	3980	2253	8102	43953
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	13950	13030			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

**IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR****Import (p)**

Natural Rubber	38324	33669	62535	66652	457223
Synthetic Rubber	16935	2800	26803	54248	314378
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>55259</b>	<b>36469</b>	<b>89338</b>	<b>120900</b>	<b>771601</b>

**Export (p)**

Natural Rubber	414	309	1160	1136	12872
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**IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING MAY 2020p**

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	4415	11.5
Solid Block Rubber	33440	87.3
Latex Concentrates (drc)	310	0.8
Others	159	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38324</b>	<b>100</b>

**EXPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING MAY 2020p**

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	18	4.3
Solid Block Rubber	396	95.7
Latex Concentrates (drc)	..	..
Others	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>100</b>

p : provisional

**STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2020**

(Tonnes)

Natural Rubber	Tradable	Non- tradable	Total Stock
With Growers	81500	20500	102000
With Dealers & Processors	86000	23000	109000
With Auto Tyre units©		103000	103000
Others		28000	28000
<b>Total</b>	<b>167500</b>	<b>174500</b>	<b>342000</b>

©: including stock in transit

**TYPE-WISE STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2020**

(Tonnes)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet	212250
Solid Block Rubber	72700
Latex(drc)	21500
Others	35550
<b>Total</b>	<b>342000</b>

**STOCK OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2020**

(Tonnes)

**Synthetic Rubber\*\***

With Producers <sup>(d)</sup>	51875		
With Auto Tyre units	40990	SBR	65950
With other manufacturing units	28035	Others	54950
<b>Total</b>	<b>120900</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>120900</b>

(d): including their accredited stockists

\*\*:including export