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**Report Highlights:**

Weekly report as of August 21, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on India's food retail sector.

## India Food Retail Update as of Friday, August 21, 2020

### INDIA COVID-19 in India: Food Retail Update



- 1. Mumbai:** After two and a half months, the agricultural produce market committee (APMC) in Navi Mumbai lifted all restrictions on the entry of vegetable trucks. Traders expect the increase in arrivals will lead to lower vegetable prices.
- 2. Bhopal:** According to local media reports, rising transportation costs are resulting in a 10-20 percent increase in poultry and vegetables prices.
- 3. Nashik:** As part of a strike, APMCs across Nashik district and the State of Maharashtra were closed for three days beginning on August 21. The local APMC is protesting the Government of India's recent ordinances regarding agricultural produce marketing. According to local media reports, the APMC federation believes these ordinances go against the interests of farmers and only benefit a few traders and major companies.
- 4. Mangalore:** Deputy Commissioner Dr. KV Rajendra ordered the Central Market to close indefinitely due to rising COVID-19 cases. Traders from this market were ordered to shift their operations to the APMC market at Baikampady.
- 5. Cochin:** Aluva wholesale market was reopened after a six-week closure due to numerous COVID-19 cases. Authorities believe the situation is under control and merchants are now adhering to strict safety protocols and surveillance.



**Attachments:**

No Attachments.