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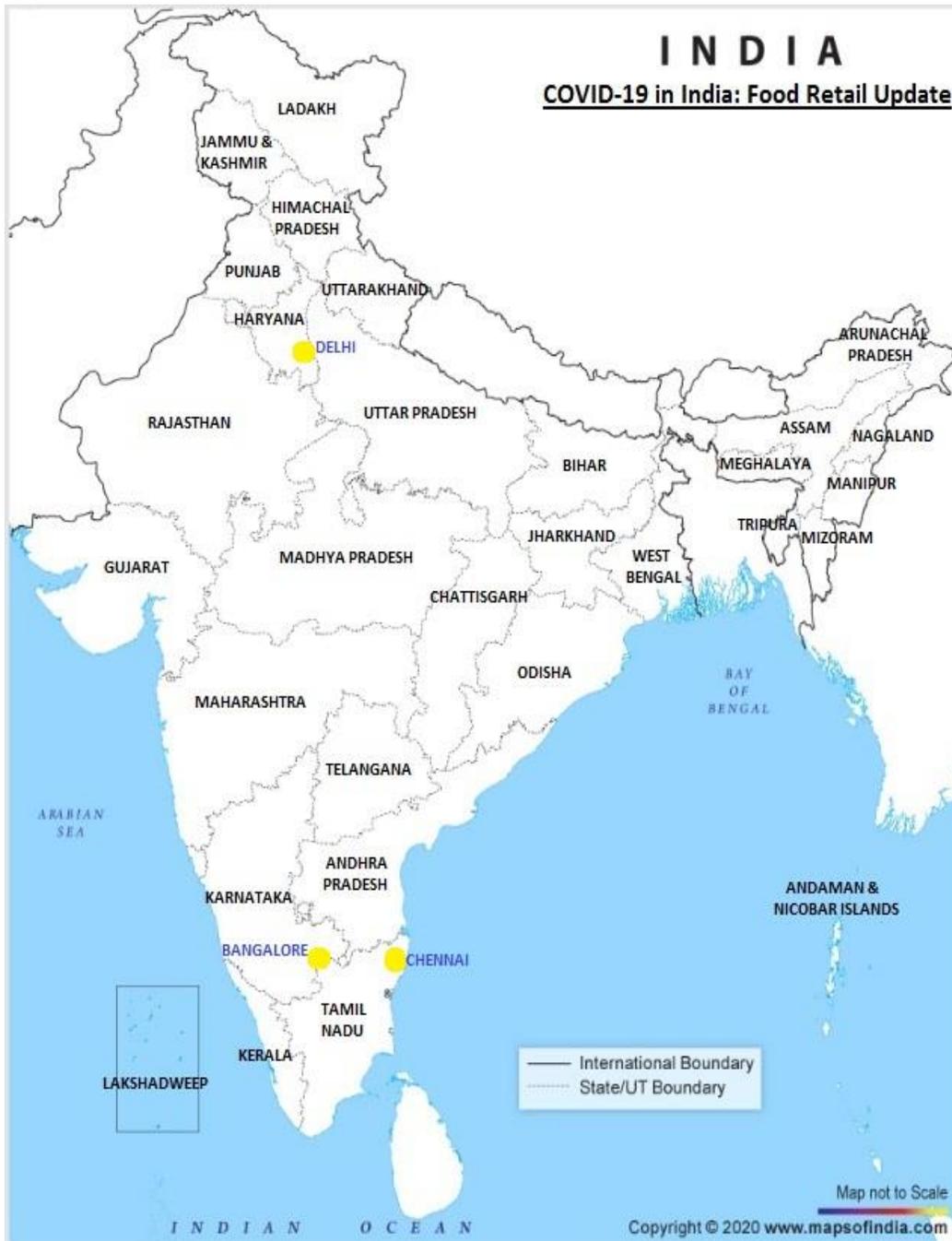
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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of November 20, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on India's food retail sector.



- 1. New Delhi:** According to local media reports, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed its officials to help expedite the import clearance of pulses shipments. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) sought this support from FSSAI in response to rising pulse prices. This inflow of supplies is expected to normalize prices. According to the DoCA, the average prices of pigeon peas and mungo beans have increased by 24 and 29 percent, respectively, over the last year. According to government statistics, food inflation reached 11.07 percent in October, a six-year high, because of excess rains that damaged crops and resulted in limited supplies, in addition to higher cost edible oil imports.
- 2. Chennai:** After seven months, retail and semi-wholesale shops have reopened at Koyambedu market, the city's largest produce and grains market. However, the market is not fully operating, as only 27 percent of the market's 1,860 shops are functioning, with many workers remaining in their home villages. In the meantime, carrot and tomato prices have recently increased by 14 and 33 percent, respectively.
- 3. Bengaluru:** Over the past week, vegetable prices have declined, bringing relief to local consumers before the local holiday season. This price decline reflects production and transportation conditions returning to normal after lengthy COVID-19 restrictions. On average, the prices of onions, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, and beans have declined by 35 percent in the past week.

Attachments:

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