

**“Webinar on Wonder Nut - Groundnut” on June 19, 2021 from 10:45 hrs.**

**SEA - IOPEPC WEBINAR**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

**CLFMA of India & SOMA**

ON

**Wonder Nut - Groundnut**

**Prosperity Through Productivity**

FOCUSING ON Cultivation, Production Technology, Marketing, Export and Value Addition

**Saturday, 19th June, 2021 | 10.45 am to 1.00 pm IST**

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**ESTEEMED SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS**

  
**Shri Sudhanshu Pandey**  
Secretary (Food & Public Distribution)  
Min. of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution,  
Government of India

  
**Smt. Shubha Thakur**  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,  
Cooperation & Farmers Welfare,  
Government of India

  
**Shri Kishore Tanna**  
Chairman,  
SEA Groundnut Promotion Council &  
Convener, Groundnut Panel, IOPEPC

  
**Shri Atul Chaturvedi**  
President,  
SEA

  
**Shri Khushwant Jain**  
Chairman,  
IOPEPC

  
**Shri Govindbhai Patel**  
Managing Partner,  
GGN Research

  
**Shri Angshu Mallick**  
MD & CEO,  
Adani Wilmar Ltd.

  
**Shri Tushar Thumar**  
Director,  
Shreeya Peanuts Pvt. Ltd.

  
**Dr. Pradeep P. Mahajan**  
Consulting Animal Nutritionist &  
Member Dairy Technical Committee,  
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**Smt. Manisha Gupta**  
Editor – Commodity & Currency  
CNBC TV18 & CNBC Awaz

  
**Shri Priyam Patel**  
Vice President,  
N.K. Proteins Pvt. Ltd.

  
**Shri Nagraj Meda**  
Managing Director,  
TransGraph Consulting Pvt. Ltd.

  
**Shri Mayur Mehta**  
Editor,  
Commodity World

  
**Shri Mukesh Nathwani**  
Chairman,  
Gulab Oils & Foods Pvt. Ltd.

  
**Shri Vivek Pathak**  
Director,  
Athena Tradewinds Pvt. Ltd.

  
**Dr. B. V. Mehta**  
Executive Director,  
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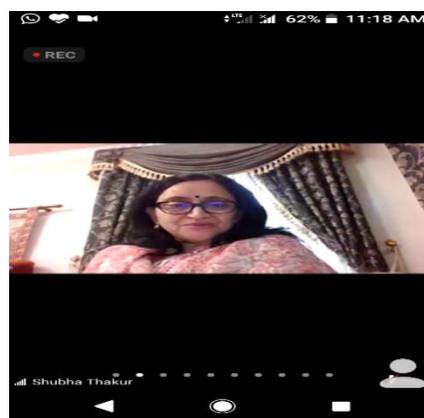
  
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**CLFMA OF INDIA, the apex organization and the voice of the Country's dynamic livestock industry supported the webinar on "Wonder Nut – Groundnut" Prosperity Through Productivity: Focusing on Cultivation, Production Technology, Marketing, Exports and Value Addition in Groundnut, conducted by The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC). The webinar was also supported by Saurashtra Oil Mills Association (SOMA).**

**Welcome address** was delivered by **Shri. Atul Chaturvedi, President, SEA** and **Shri. Khushwant Jain, Chairman, IOPEPC.**

Shri. Atul Chaturvedi, President, SEA welcomed all the participants to the first webinar being organized on Groundnut by SEA in association with IOPEPC and **supported by CLFMA** of India and SOMA. He stated in his welcome address that they were honored at the presence of **Food Secretary, Shri Sudhanshu Pandey & Ms. Shubha Thakur, Secretary in Agriculture Ministry.**



Their presence reflected the importance, which policy makers in the Government are giving to Groundnut. They said that groundnut has been christened as a 'wonder nut' on account of its multiple uses.

They were of the opinion that, over the last few decades this Wonder Nut has not received much importance as compared to other oilseeds like Soya, but off late due to COVID and the huge upsurge in edible oil prices worldwide has once again brought the focus back on this important oilseed. To give Groundnut its due, SEA along with IOPEPC supported by CLFMA and SOMA decided to conduct this webinar.

Groundnut occupies a very important place in the Oilseed basket of India. He further said, with the opening up of the oil imports under OGL in nineties the pre-eminent position of Groundnut got seriously compromised. It would come as a shock to many, that Groundnut, which contributed about 60% in India's overall edible oil consumption in Seventies now is now less than 1.5% of our consumption. The solvent plants engaged in Groundnut have long

been either scrapped or diverted to other oilseeds. The onslaught of imported oils at practically NIL duty in the last two decades gradually sounded the death knell of Groundnut oil. The situation now has undergone a sea change. Years of neglect of our oilseed cultivation by the decision makers who were lulled into complacency by low world prices ended up, creating a situation where 70% of our consumption is now dependent on imports. No nation can afford to compromise its edible oil security to such an extent and this realization is getting driven in the minds of our policy makers with the unprecedented price rise of last few months.

Groundnut is bound to benefit with prices ruling much above MSP and after a very long time Groundnut oil is selling at par or lower than imported oil. Exports of ground nut oil are booming and India will end up exporting in excess of 2.40 lakh mts of oil, which is an all-time record. Even the exports of HPS are booming and we would see exports of close to 6.00 Lakh mts.

At SEA, they had mentally started treating Groundnut as a dry fruit as opposed to being an oilseed. However, the recent changed equation has once again stressed the importance of Groundnut if India has to achieve the concept of Atmanirbharta in edible oils. Being a high oil-bearing oilseed like mustard with a very strong acceptability in our country time has come to promote it big time & we are happy to state that GOI. has included Groundnut promotion as one of their main agenda under National mission on edible oilseeds.

To give Groundnut the required thrust SEA has decided to promote Groundnut on a war footing and once again help create the right eco-system, which will promote this important oilseed.

As the Hon'ble Prime Minister is from GUJARAT, we trust the required push at policy level would be given by the agriculture ministry.

**Key Note address was delivered by Shri. Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary (F&PD), Min. of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India on the Topic "National Mission on Oilseeds with special reference to Groundnut".**

**A Special Address was delivered by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Jt. Secretary (Oilseeds), Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation, Min. of Agriculture, Govt. of India on the Topic "Atmanirbhar in Oilseeds – A Way Forward".**

Special Presentations was delivered by **Shri Angshu Mallick - MD & CEO, Adani Wilmar Ltd** on "Rebranding of Groundnut Oil as Premier Cooking Oil". **Shri Kishore Tanna - Chairman, SEA** Groundnut Promotion Council delivered an excellent presentation on "Export Potential for HPS Groundnut, Groundnut Oil and Meal".

**CLFMA Technical Expert & Consulting Animal Nutritionist Shri Pradeep P. Mahajan** delivered and useful and excellent presentation for the Livestock Industry on the topic "Groundnut Extraction – Usage in Feed Formulation" & in the end **Shri Tushar Thumar -**

**Director, Shreeya Peanuts Pvt. Ltd** delivered presentation on the useful topic “ Addition in Groundnut Chain”.



After that, there was a panel discussion on the Topic “Price Outlook for Edible Oil with Special reference to Groundnut Oil” **Smt. Manisha Gupta** – Editor-Commodity & Currency, CNBC TV18 & CNBC Awaz moderated the session successfully. Panel Members present for the Session were **Shri. Atul Chaturvedi - President, SEA, Shri. Govindbhai Patel - Managing Partner, GGN Research, Shri Priyam Patel- VP , N.K. Proteins Pvt. Ltd., Shri Nagaraj Meda - MD, TransGraph Consulting Pvt. Ltd., Shri.Mayur Mehta - Editor, Commodity World, Shri Vivek Pathak - Director, Athena Tradewinds Pvt. Ltd., Shri Mukesh Nathwani - Chairman, Gulab Oils & Foods Pvt. Ltd.**

Key objective of the Webinar was to discuss on demand of peanut oil and realizing its nutritional benefits. Peanut Oil is consumed as Raw / Virgin / First Press / Natural Oil in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Although India has a share about 20% in World Markets (About 7 Lakh Tons), its share in EU is less than 1% (About 7000 Tons). Argentina and US are dominant suppliers with major share of EU market. EU has fixed very stringent levels of Aflatoxin (2/4ppb) for Ground nuts which acts as a Non-tariff barrier. IOPEPC has pitched for rationale limits in Codex (10 ppb). EU offers a tremendous potential for growth for Indian Exports, which can be achieved by fixation of 10 ppb Aflatoxin limits.



Dr. B. V. Mehta, Executive Director of SEA of India concluded the webinar by thanking the panelists for their valuable inputs and the audience for participating and making the event a success.

CLFMA OF INDIA will support and organize for more such programs for the benefit of the feed industry at large and livestock sector as a whole in future as well.

The webinar attracted interest not only from India but also internationally. Almost 500 delegates attended the Webinar from India and almost from 20 other Countries. Total registrations for the event were 522.

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