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Gujarat Markets Reopen as Ahmedabad, Rajkot Yards Resume Trade

Gujarat markets reopened on November 14 after the Diwali and New Year holidays, with trading activity resuming in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot and Gondal as merchants returned to work and agricultural marketing yards restarted auctions and transactions.

The reopening took place on Labh Pancham, a day regarded by traders in Gujarat as an important occasion to begin business activity for the new year. According to Sandesh, shopkeepers across the state opened their establishments after performing traditional prayers and ledger-book worship, marking the return of regular commercial operations.

In Ahmedabad, traders reopened shops in Ratanpol and Lal Darwaja, two of the city's oldest and busiest commercial areas. The markets had remained relatively quiet during the holiday period. Activity began early on November 14, with shopkeepers conducting prayers before resuming business.

Vadodara's Mangal Bazaar and surrounding commercial areas also began reopening after the holiday break. Traders returned to their shops and expressed hope that customer footfall would increase as markets moved back towards normal operations. The report described the reopening as a return of activity to areas that had been subdued during the festival vacation.

The restart extended beyond city shopping districts to agricultural market infrastructure in Saurashtra. The Gondal marketing yard resumed operations after a week-long Diwali holiday, with the purchase and sale of new agricultural produce beginning again. Rajkot marketing yard also restarted auctions and trading on Labh Pancham.

The Rajkot yard recorded arrivals of wheat, groundnut, soybean and sesame, according to the report. Groundnut prices were quoted at between Rs 1,500 and Rs 1,700. Farmers arrived at the yard early, hoping to secure favourable prices as the new trading cycle began.

The reopening of these markets links two distinct but connected parts of Gujarat's commercial system: city retail markets, where traders and consumers meet, and agricultural yards, where farmers bring produce for auction and sale. The simultaneous restart means that both retail and wholesale activity have resumed after the holiday interruption.

For traders, the first business day after the festive break is also an operational reset. Shops reopen, market transactions restart and agricultural arrivals begin moving through the yard system again. In the marketing yards, the return of auctions provides the next formal point of sale for farmers bringing fresh produce after the holiday closure.

The report did not provide figures for total customer footfall in the city markets, the volume of produce arriving at the yards or the number of transactions recorded during the first day. It also did not specify whether the quoted groundnut prices represented a daily average or individual auction quotations. Further market activity and arrivals will determine how quickly trading returns to regular levels.

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