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## THE TREND

India's Natural Rubber (NR) production during April 2024 has increased by 2.6 percent, year-over-year, to 40,000 tonnes. Preliminary estimates indicate that 41,000 tonnes of NR was produced during May 2024.

As the financial year 2024-25 starts, the manufacturing industry consumed 115,500 tonnes of NR during April 2024 compared to 120,000 tonnes consumed during March 2024, down by 3.8 percent. This represents a 5.7 percent dip in the auto-tyre sector and 0.8 percent rise in the general rubber goods sector. Preliminary estimates for May 2024 reveals that NR consumption would be 122,000 tonnes.

During April 2024, NR imports increased to 40,166 tonnes,

up from 35,796 tonnes in April 2023. NR exports from the country was 237 tonnes during April 2024, compared to 369 tonnes in April 2023.

These trends in production, consumption, imports, and exports suggest that at the end of April 2024, the total NR stock held in the country amounted to 334,000 tonnes, distributed among growers, processors, traders, and manufacturers.

Coming to Synthetic Rubber (SR) sector, production in April 2024 was 49,184 tonnes, decreased by 1.1 percent from 49,733 tonnes produced in March 2024. SR consumption also decreased to 66,500 tonnes in April 2024 from 68,725 tonnes in March 2024.

### 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
June	2023	15218	15470	13999	20670	14972	12274	10980
July	"	15078	15394	13356	21842	14827	13213	10790
August	"	14308	14724	12839	20048	14347	12633	10780
September	"	14292	14667	13163	18305	14453	12876	11844
October	"	14667	14992	13893	19170	15800	13430	12089
November	"	15125	15352	14193	18600	16530	13698	12363
December	"	14900	15198	14431	17973	16277	13348	12186
January	2024	15538	15913	16247	19185	17610	13868	12817
February	"	16126	16518	18285	20173	20137	14448	12997
March	"	17288	17734	21239	21285	22057	15353	13713
April	"	17929	18229	19826	21645	21722	15878	13594
May	"	18011	18311	19370	22117	22222	15546	14180
June	"	19721	20067	19388	23642	23260	17158	14691

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.

## PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NR & SR

(Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	April 2024	April 2023	April 2023 to March 2024	April 2022 to March 2023	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	19475	21900	542175	541195	
Solid Block Rubber	12500	10050	190920	172710	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7050	6000	101895	104115	
Others	975	1050	22010	20980	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40000</b>	<b>39000</b>	<b>857000</b>	<b>839000</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	25924	25228	298729	249063	
Poly Butadiene (BR)	11450	11200	134375	126200	
Others	11810	9450	113461	92355	
<b>Total</b>	<b>49184</b>	<b>45878</b>	<b>546565</b>	<b>467618</b>	<b>16.9</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>89184</b>	<b>84878</b>	<b>1403565</b>	<b>1306618</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION *</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	51800	48275	589345	559335	
Solid Block Rubber	53500	61300	684010	658550	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7600	8225	108405	100190	
Others	2600	2200	34240	31925	
<b>Total</b>	<b>115500</b>	<b>120000</b>	<b>1416000</b>	<b>1350000</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	78361	82305	952495	948395	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	33100	31750	390330	392020	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	20500	19640	245370	237270	
Others	12900	13110	148365	130600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>66500</b>	<b>64500</b>	<b>784065</b>	<b>759890</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	44760	43826	532805	517776	2.9
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>182000</b>	<b>184500</b>	<b>2200065</b>	<b>2109890</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	123121	126131	1485300	1466171	1.3

\*: indigenous and imported

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

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	April 2024 (1)	April 2023 (2)	April 2023 to March 2024 (3)	April 2022 to March 2023 (4)
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>				
Production @	12500	11490	154940	156710
Consumption	12260	11575	154300	156065
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4844	4397	56261	53929
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	18245	17280		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

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

Natural Rubber	40166	35796	492682	528677
Synthetic Rubber	33520	30860	353845	341279
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>73686</b>	<b>66656</b>	<b>846527</b>	<b>869956</b>

**Export (p)**

Natural Rubber	237	369	4199	3700
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**IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING APRIL 2024p**

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	2580	6.4
Solid Block Rubber	37200	92.6
Latex Concentrates (drc)	170	0.4
Others	216	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>40166</b>	<b>100</b>

**EXPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING APRIL 2024p**

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	3	1.3
Solid Block Rubber	100	42.2
Latex Concentrates (drc)	117	49.4
Others	17	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>

p: provisional

**STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF APRIL 2024**

(Tonnes)

Natural Rubber	Tradable	Non- tradable	Total Stock
With Growers	77000	12000	89000
With Dealers & Processors	86500	16500	103000
With Auto Tyre units©		100000	100000
With other manufacturing units		42000	42000
<b>Total</b>	<b>163500</b>	<b>170500</b>	<b>334000</b>

©: including stock in transit

**TYPE-WISE STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF APRIL 2024**

(Tonnes)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet	202450
Solid Block Rubber	79500
Latex (drc)	26550
Others	25500
<b>Total</b>	<b>334000</b>

**STOCK OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER AT THE END OF APRIL 2024**

(Tonnes)

**Synthetic Rubber\*\***

With Producers <sup>(d)</sup>	50230		
With Auto Tyre units	46200	SBR	89100
With other manufacturing units	39400	Others	46730
<b>Total</b>	<b>135830</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>135830</b>

<sup>(d)</sup>: including their accredited stockists

\*\*: including export