

1st batch of potatoes of EUP takes off for Gulf

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Varanasi: After mango, fresh green vegetables and other agricultural products, now Purvanchal's potatoes are Gulf-bound. The first ever consignment of potatoes grown by the farmers of the region took off for Gulf countries from Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport on Friday.

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on Friday jointly celebrated this first-ever achievement of 100 MT export of agricultural exports from LBSI Airport in a month.

APEDA estimates setting of new benchmarks in perishable goods export from this airport by the end of current financial year as

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On November 16, the first consignment of 400 kg of marigold flowers from east UP had been flown to the markets in the Gulf region. Farm Producer Organisers (FPOs) promoted in the region had started exporting green chilies and other fresh vegetables, Banarasi Langda mangoes, banana plant products and other things to the foreign shores in this fiscal.

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