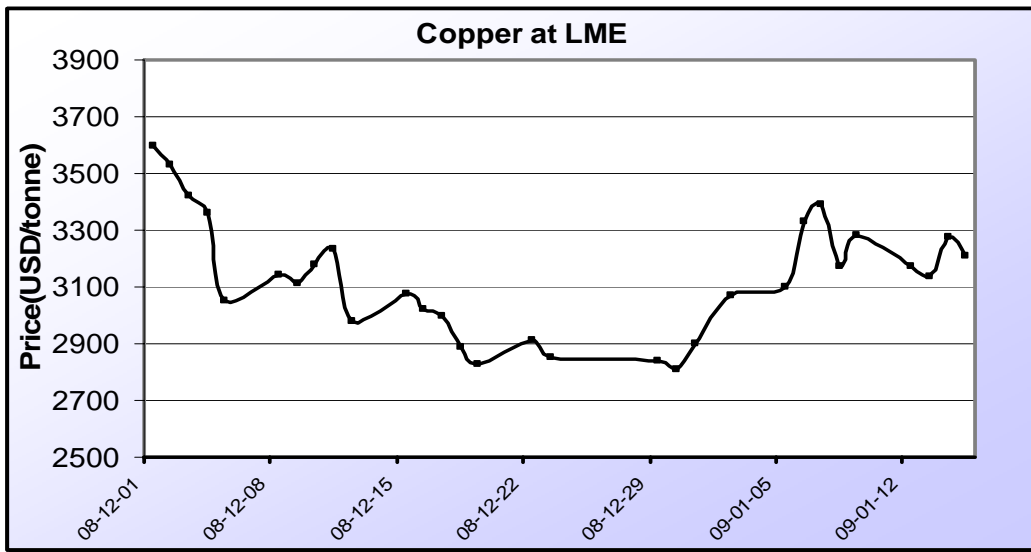


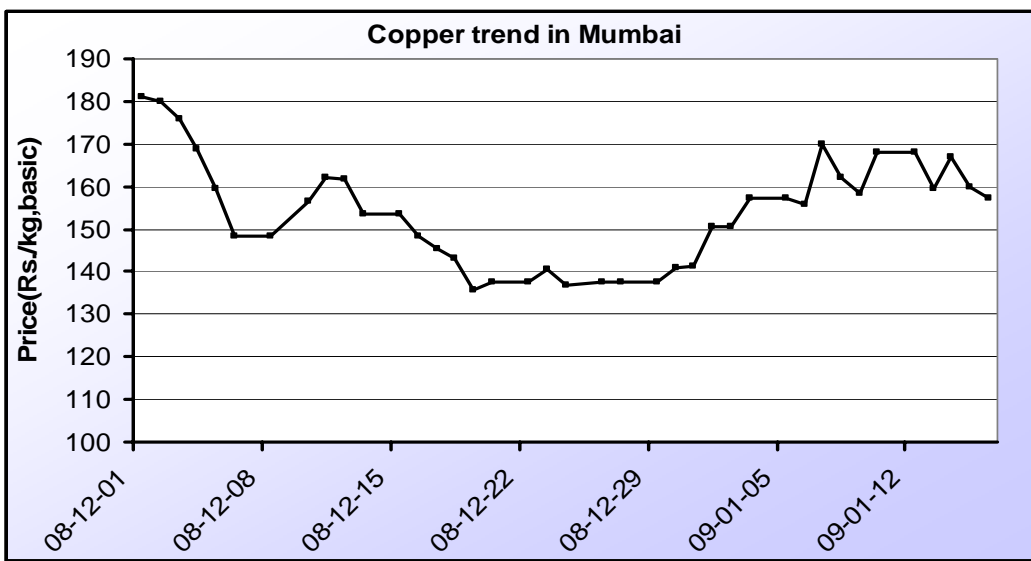
Metals on a reviving note beginning of New Year with demand improving slightly and some buyers replenishing stocks. Nickel gained 24% since Dec 31, 2008 till Jan 12, Zinc gained 14%, and Copper gained 15% at the London Metal Exchange. However, prices again saw a dip since the second week as there is still lack of actual demand in the market.

**Copper Market Overview**

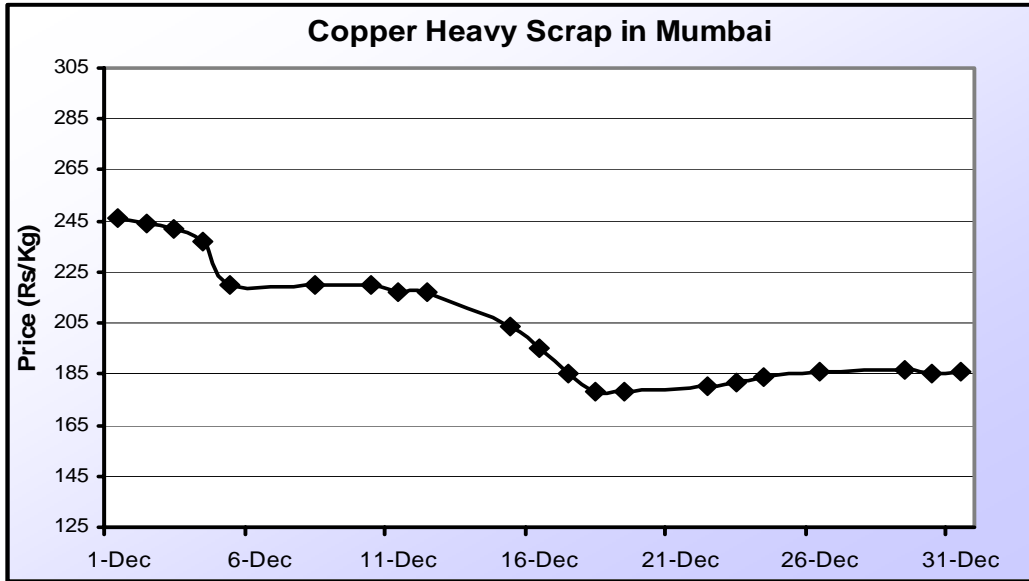
After a continuous downward trend, Copper prices regained to some extent in the beginning of New Year. Over a week the Copper in Mumbai market witnessed a rise of around 10 per cent and prevailed at Rs. 156.00/ Kg (basic) on Jan 06, 2009. In LME, since its last trading in December'08, Copper started on a positive note with a positive change of around 9 percent and traded at 3331 USD/tonne on Jan 06, 2009. However, the second week has again witnessed a declining trend as demand continues to remain weak accompanied by lack of vigor in the market.



Source: LME



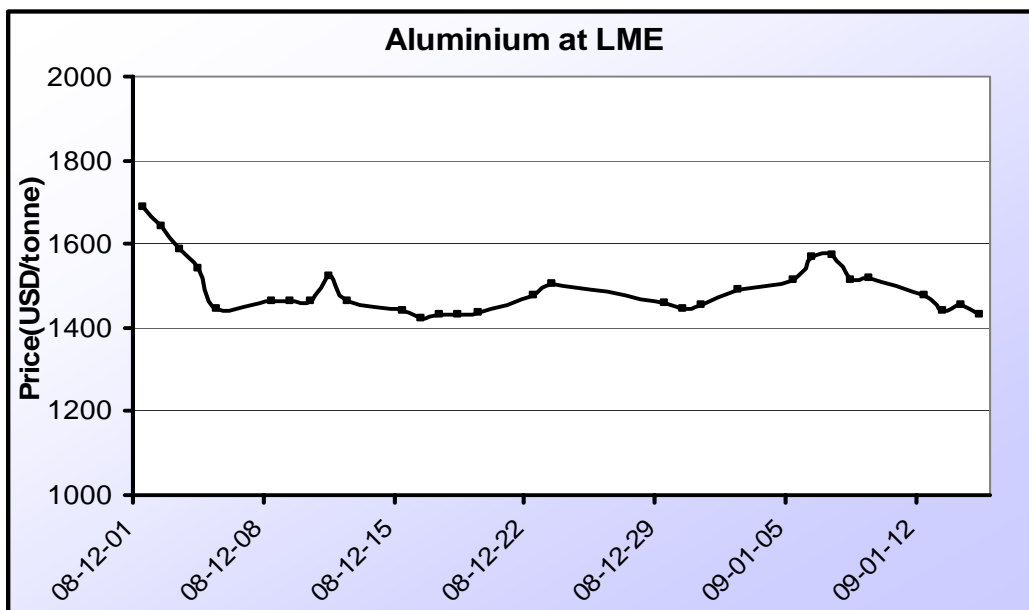
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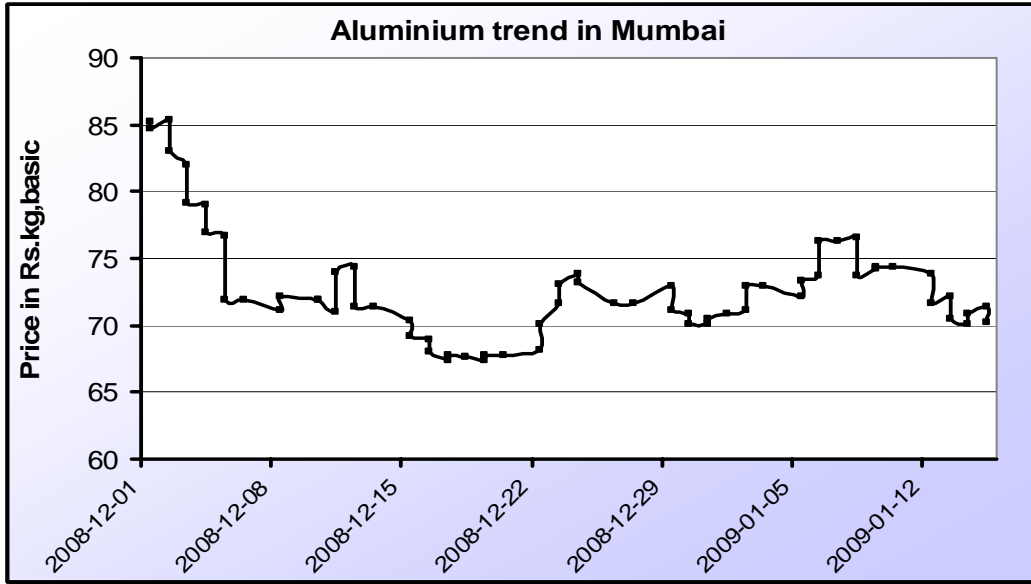
Price is in Rs/ Kg & all inclusive in Mumbai market Source: Metal Trade Intelligence

### Aluminium Market Overview

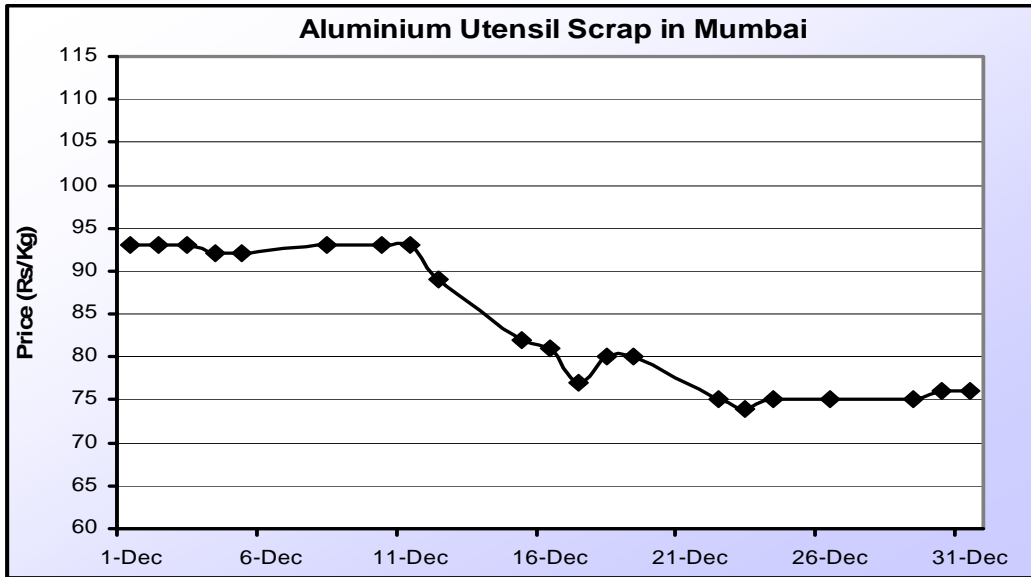
After remaining at a low for a long time, the aluminum prices exhibited a slightly improved trend in the last week of December and beginning of January. Over a week, the Aluminum in Mumbai market witnessed an increase of around 3 per cent and prevailed at Rs. 76.25/ Kg (basic) on Jan 07,2009. In LME, Aluminum saw an increase of around 8.00 per cent over a week and prevailed at US\$ 1574.5/tonne on Jan 07,2009. However, prices have again seen a dropping trend in the second week as the demand in the aluminum market still remains sluggish.



Source: LME



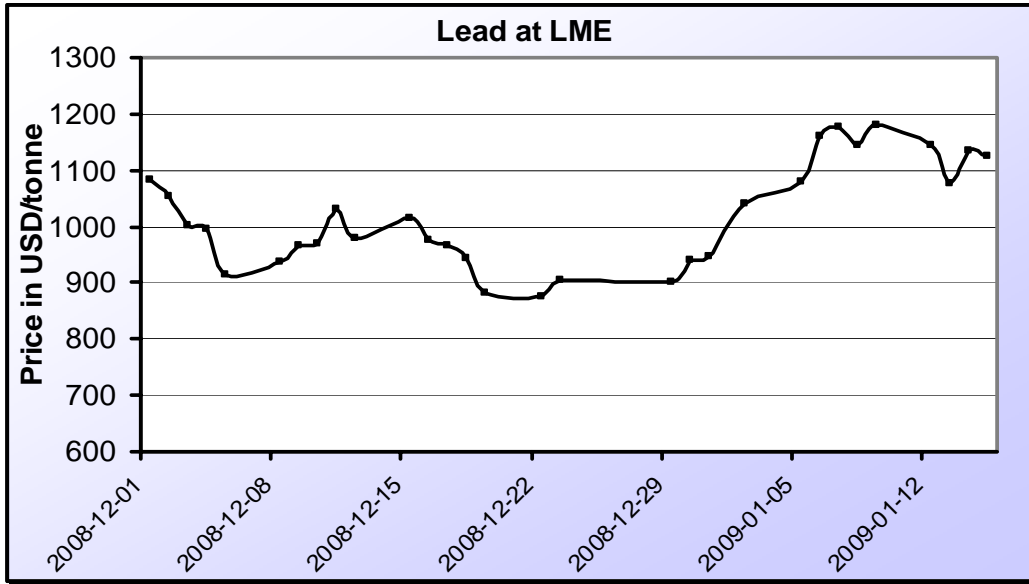
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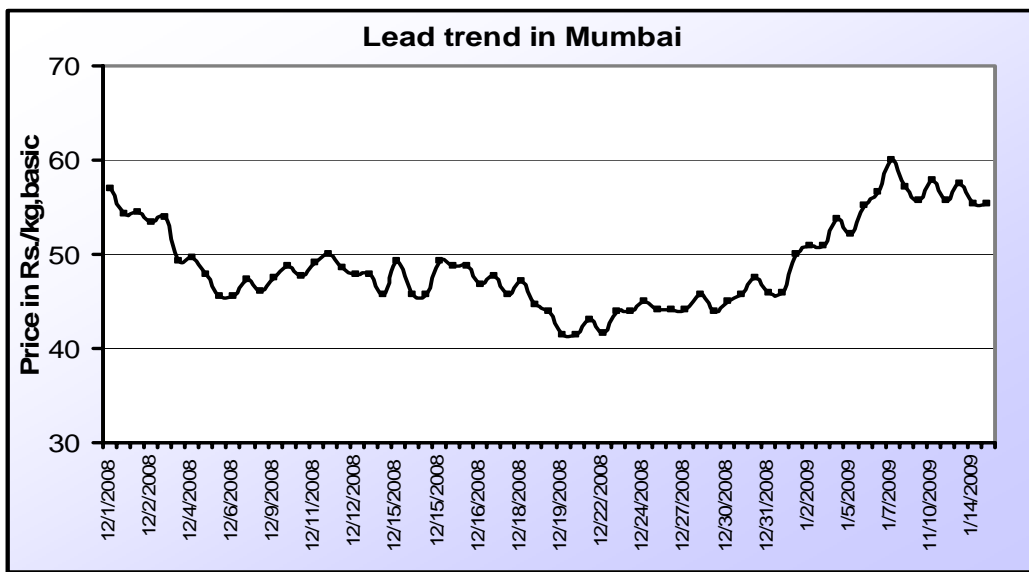
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**Lead Market Overview**

After remaining at a low, lead prices recovered in the beginning of January, 2009. In LME, Lead saw an increase of around 24.00 per cent over a week and prevailed at US\$ 1176/tonne on Jan 07, 2009. However, prices have again seen a dropping trend in the second week and last traded at 1125USD/tonne. The domestic market too witnessed a similar trend and saw a rise of 19 percent in the first week since Dec 31, 2008. However, prices have fallen since then and last traded at Rs.56/kg, basic.



Source: LME

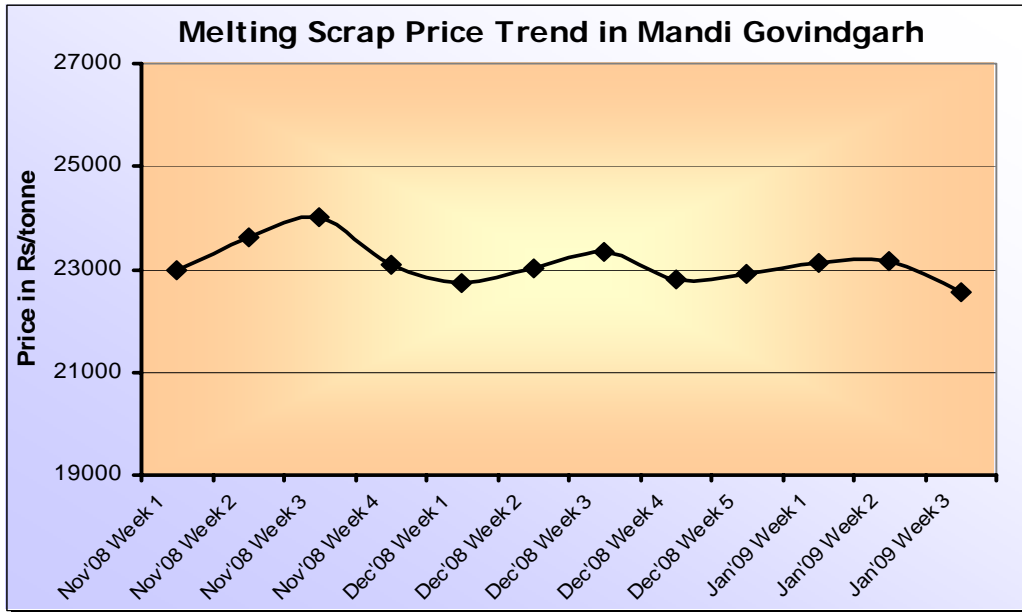


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**Melting Scrap Market Overview**

**Steel scrap:** The first week of the year 2009 exhibited a stable price trend across the steel market of the country though the demand in the market still remains a matter of concern as buyers are buying only specific amounts to meet their requirements. According to the market sources, the steel scrap market runs slow and sluggish in India due to weak demand from steel mills and dim steel market conditions. At present, the price of scrap HMS1 imported from European countries is prevailing at around USD285/tonne, unchanged since the middle of last month.

The steel market across the country experienced a slightly softened trend in the last week as the demand in the market continues to run slow and sluggish. The ingot prices exhibited a decline in the range of 1 to 3 per cent in the last week. Melting scrap at Mandi Govindgarh too reflected a weakening trend exhibiting a drop of 2.5 per cent over a week. Finished long steel items have witnessed a drop of Rs.1000 to Rs.2000/tonne in the last few days. The beginning of this week witnessed a declining trend for Sponge Iron too with prices falling by Rs.200/tonne in the last three days.



Price in Rs/tonne is including excise duty

Source: Steel Town Weekly

**Melting Scrap at Mandi Govindgarh** is currently prevailing in the range of Rs. 22,000/tonne (incl. excise duty) to Rs. 23,000/tonne (incl. excise duty).

### Auction Prices:

**MS Scrap** fetched a price of Rs.21,500/MT (basic) in the auction held on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2009.

**Melting Scrap** fetched a price of Rs. 21,500/MT (basic) in the auction held on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2009.

### **Steel Ingot Market Overview**

The domestic steel market experienced a slightly softened trend in the last week as the demand in the market continue to remain slack with the buyers still not interested to make fresh purchases and have adopted a wait and watch attitude for the time being.

Market sees a drop in the range of Rs.800 to Rs.900/tonne across various places beginning of this week with demand continuing to remain poor.

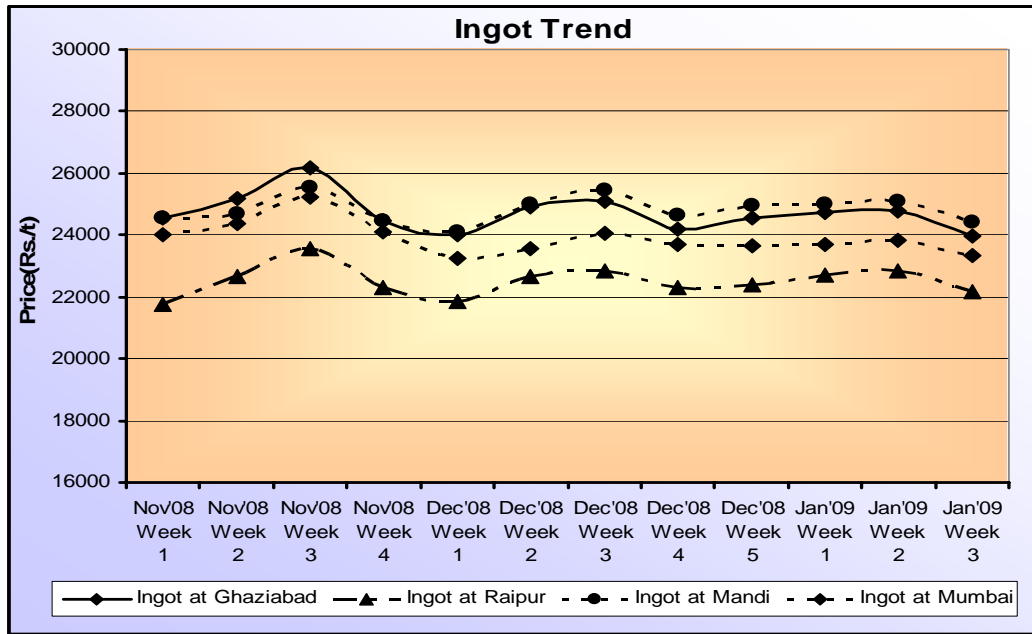
**Ingot Price Trend over a Week:**

Places	15-Jan	14-Jan	13-Jan	12-Jan	10-Jan	09-Jan
<b>Mandi</b>	<b>23890</b>	<b>24300</b>	<b>24660</b>	<b>24660</b>	<b>24840</b>	<b>24840</b>
Kolkata	21500	21600	23000	23000	22900	22900
<b>Ghaziabad</b>	<b>23500</b>	<b>23480</b>	<b>24000</b>	<b>24050</b>	<b>24380</b>	<b>24500</b>
Raipur	21370	NA	22266	22326	22523	22474
<b>Mumbai</b>	<b>22800</b>	<b>23200</b>	<b>23500</b>	<b>23500</b>	<b>23700</b>	<b>23700</b>

Price in Rs. /tonne is basic

Source: www.ncdex.com

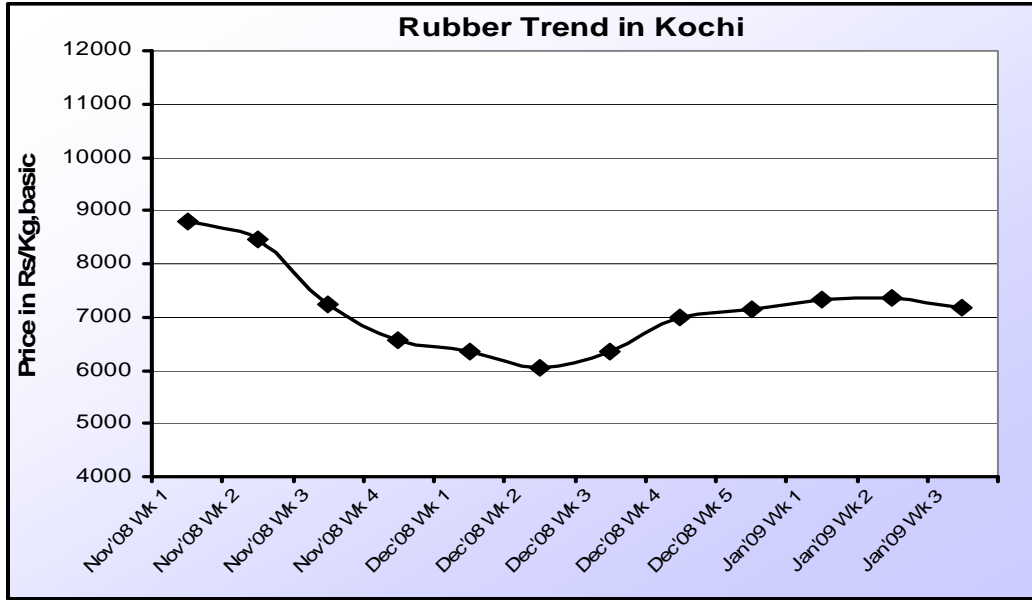
Note: Kolkata Price is from market sources



Source: NCDEX

**Rubber Market Overview**

**Spot rubber hit by lack of demand:** The spot rubber prices finished flat in the first week. Moderate gains in the Japanese futures failed to cheer the domestic sentiments as there were no follow up buying from the major consuming industries. A mixed trend has been noticed since the second week of the month. According to sources sentiments were partially affected by a weak closing in Japanese futures. Sheet rubber slipped to Rs 71 from Rs 71.50 a kg on buyer resistance. Most of the grades finished flat but latex 60 per cent closed better on sustained demand. Buyers stayed back following the declines in oil futures and the yen's strength against dollar.



Source: NCDEX