

## India ground nut crop increases

*(The following report was provided by JAOCS Correspondent K.S. Krishnan, managing director for L.S. Krishnan Associates Ltd. in New Delhi.)*

About 800 delegates from all over India, representing oil-seed growers, cooperative societies, trade and industry, and government organizations connected with oilseeds and oil trade, attended the 19th All India Convention of Oilseeds & Oil Trade Industry on Nov. 15, 1981, at the Grand Hotel in Calcutta, India.

A paper on "Harvest Survey Estimates of Groundnut Crop 1981-82" was based on information and opinion gathered through an extensive tour of leading groundnut-producing districts and important market centers, followed

by personal interviews with about 900 farmers and 275 traders.

The area under groundnut cultivation for the Kharif season of 1981-82 has been estimated at 6,340,000 hectares, which is the same acreage as last year. Expected production is 5,160,000 tons of nuts in shells for the 1981-82 Kharif season, representing a production increase of 775,000 tons over last year. Consequently, general trade sentiment across the country is that prices for groundnut oil will decrease. Prices reached an all-time high in the last year, with a peak value of Rs.165 per 10 kg of oil. News of a good crop of groundnut caused the price of groundnut oil to fall sharply; the price at the time of the survey (i.e. during third-fourth of October) was in the range of Rs.120 to Rs.130 per 10 kg.

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## Chevreur medals to Seher, Flanzy

The 1981 Chevreul Awards from the Association Francaise Pour l'Etude des Corps Gras were presented during a December meeting to Prof. Dr. Seher of the West Germany Fats and Oils Research Center in Munster and to M. Flanzy, manager of the nutritional research program of the French Agricultural Research Institute (INRA).

The medal is named for the famed French chemist Chevreul, considered the father of fats and oils chemistry, and is

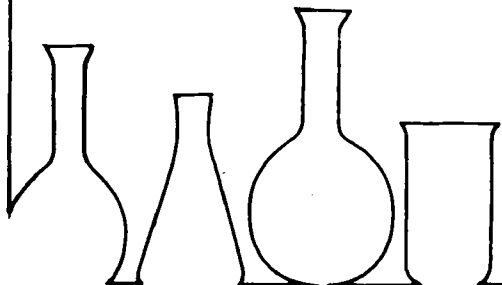
presented each year to two researchers. Past recipients include three former presidents of the AOCS, A.R. Baldwin (1965), W.O. Lundberg (1970) and J.C. Cowan (1975).

The AFECG will meet April 22-23 in Bordeaux and Dec. 13-14 in Paris. Programs will be published in the *Revue Francaise des Corps Gras*. Current president of the society is M. Pore.

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