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Each week, significant economic activities and developments occur across various sectors in Afghanistan. The Afghanistan's Economic Development Newsletter covers these important and latest economic activities and advancements.

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INCREASE IN HONEY PRODUCTION IN HERAT



The increase in honey production in Herat Province is considered an important indicator of the expansion of domestic production in the agriculture and livestock sector. According to information provided by local officials, approximately 250 tons of honey have been produced in the province this year, representing a

50 percent increase compared with last year. This growth in production does not merely indicate an increase in honey output; it also carries economic significance in terms of expanding beekeeping, increasing the incomes of rural households, and diversifying agricultural activities. According to officials, around 30,000

beehives are currently active in Herat. Due to the quality of Afghan honey, its natural resources, and the country's extensive flower-rich areas, this product has the potential to compete not only in the domestic market but also in foreign markets. If honey exporters strengthen quality standardization, packaging, processing, labeling, and compliance with export-related standards, the honey industry can play an important role in increasing revenues. In addition to marketing, standardized packaging, enhancing producers' capacities, and identifying export markets, expanding opportunities to attract investment and engage the private sector is essential for the growth of this industry. In this way, honey production can evolve from a small-scale agricultural activity into a valuable export-oriented industry.

THE JEWELRY INDUSTRY: ECONOMIC POTENTIAL FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS

The establishment of the first exhibition of Afghanistan's jewelry industry in Kabul is an important economic initiative aimed at expanding domestic production, investment, and marketing in this sector. The exhibition has been organized for three days. Various

gold products made using Afghan designs are being displayed in 26 exhibition booths. Jewelry is not merely an artistic industry for Afghanistan; it also has considerable economic potential in terms of employment generation, investment, domestic production, and adding

value to precious stones. Afghanistan possesses deposits of gold as well as precious and semi-precious stones, but the economic value of these natural resources can be multiplied when their extraction, processing, design, and manufacturing are expanded within the country. Exports are an important component of the growth of the jewelry industry. By adhering to international standards, standardized designs, quality requirements, and proper packaging, Afghan producers can create greater opportunities to export their products to regional and international markets alongside the domestic market and expand their presence abroad. This will contribute to increased revenues and the creation of employment opportunities for Afghanistan.

