

## **Availability of Materials and Finishes Used in Kitchen Gadgets in Rural and Urban Markets of Ludhiana**

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**ABSTRACT** Due to the dual responsibility of the homemakers, there is a great pressure for productivity enhancement and quality work. It was felt important to know the kitchen gadgets of different materials and finishes that are available in the market. A study was planned to find the different materials and finishes that are used for the kitchen gadgets, are available in the market. It was observed that rural and urban shops had good stock of aluminium, hindalium and stainless steel gadgets. Only 3 rural shopkeepers kept glass, food-grade plastics and chinaware items that too especially made available during festival season. In urban area thirteen shopkeepers were selling non-food grade plastic and chinaware items throughout the year. It was further found that kitchen gadgets of fourteen finishes were sold in the rural and urban markets. None of the rural shops was found having high and satin polish or porcelain enamel finished products.