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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2025

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, December, 2025 over November, 2025 (Month on Month)	-0.45
Inflation Rate, December, 2025 over December, 2024 (Year on Year)	5.61
Average Inflation Rate, July- December, 2025-26 over July- December, 2024-25	5.15

Analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year (2015-16)

1. The CPI on new base (2015-16) comprises of urban CPI and Rural CPI. The Urban CPI covers 35 cities and 356 consumer items. The Rural CPI covers 27 Rural Centers and 244 consumer items. In the base year (2015-16) National CPI for 12 major groups is also computed by taking weighted average of Urban CPI and Rural CPI.

Monthly Analysis [December, 2025 over November, 2025]

2. CPI National for the month of **December, 2025** decreased by **0.45%** over **November, 2025**. The Urban CPI recorded a decrease of **0.36%** while Rural CPI recorded a decrease of **0.57%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2025	Nov, 2025			Dec, 2025	Nov, 2025			Dec, 2025	Nov, 2025	
General	100.00	280.53	281.78	-0.45	100.00	276.76	277.77	-0.36	100.00	286.21	287.84	-0.57
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	291.47	297.90	-2.16	30.42	288.12	294.42	-2.14	40.87	295.24	301.81	-2.18
Non-perishable food items	29.60	299.93	298.67	0.42	25.97	296.56	295.31	0.42	35.08	303.69	302.43	0.42
Perishable food items	4.99	241.30	293.35	-17.74	4.46	238.98	289.28	-17.39	5.79	243.99	298.07	-18.14
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.71	399.67	0.01	0.85	423.08	422.93	0.04	1.28	376.15	376.21	-0.02
Clothing and footwear	8.60	269.30	268.48	0.30	8.01	259.13	258.42	0.27	9.48	282.26	281.31	0.34
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	254.79	253.10	0.67	27.03	263.60	262.30	0.50	18.49	235.35	232.79	1.10
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	283.08	282.83	0.09	4.09	272.53	272.54	0.00	4.10	298.95	298.32	0.21
Health	2.79	285.52	284.42	0.38	2.31	286.29	285.70	0.21	3.51	284.75	283.16	0.56
Transport	5.91	320.05	320.24	-0.06	6.14	315.14	315.13	0.00	5.56	328.23	328.76	-0.16
Communication	2.21	135.72	135.68	0.03	2.35	139.07	139.02	0.04	1.99	129.75	129.74	0.01
Recreation and culture	1.59	264.88	264.55	0.13	1.73	249.17	248.81	0.14	1.38	294.68	294.40	0.10
Education	3.79	225.58	223.61	0.88	4.88	218.20	216.38	0.84	2.13	251.05	248.58	0.99
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	296.37	294.70	0.57	7.41	290.95	288.70	0.78	6.19	306.16	305.53	0.21
Misc. goods and services	4.87	360.59	354.92	1.60	4.77	347.83	343.10	1.38	5.02	378.90	371.89	1.88

3. Top few commodities which varied in December, 2025 from previous month are given below:

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Fresh Fruits (6.78%), Wheat (3.48%), Dry Fruits (3.29%), Eggs (3.27%), Cooking Oil (2.84%), Milk Powder (2.03%), Wheat Flour (2.01%), Vegetable Ghee (1.92%), Fish (1.89%), Wheat Products (1.53%), Beans (0.63%) and Condiments & Spices (0.57%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (45.20%), Onions (32.99%), Fresh Vegetables (21.30%), Potatoes (17.88%), Sugar (6.96%), Gram Whole (3.07%), Gur (2.93%), Chicken (2.79%), Besan (2.65%), Pulse Gram (2.40%), Pulse Mash (1.17%), Mustard Oil (0.81%), Pulse Masoor (0.74%), Rice (0.21%) and Pulse Moong (0.12%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (16.37%), Personal Effects (3.77%), Solid Fuel (2.76%), Woolen Readymade Garments (2.44%), Marriage Hall Charges (1.96%), Mechanical Services (1.92%), Household Servant (0.97%), Transport Services (0.96%), Education (0.84%) and Electricity Charges (0.53%).

Decreased: Motor fuel (0.66%) and Washing soap/detergents/match box (0.54%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Fresh Fruits (5.12%), Wheat (4.94%), Fish (2.71%), Eggs (2.36%), Wheat Flour (1.81%), Vegetable Ghee (1.19%), Sweetmeat (1.07%), Milk Powder (0.94%), Beans & Milk Fresh (0.83%) each and Wheat Products (0.69%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (33.50%), Onions (32.62%), Fresh Vegetables (19.65%), Potatoes (19.03%), Sugar (7.06%), Chicken (4.12%), Pulse Gram (3.09%), Condiments and Spices (2.60%), Besan (2.44%), Gram Whole (2.27%), Gur (1.86%), Pulse Masoor (1.28%), Pulse Mash (0.85%) and Rice (0.65%).

Non-Food

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (8.14%), Woolen Readymade Garments (1.83%), Doctor Clinic Fee (1.63%), Construction Input Items (1.30%), Cleaning & Laundering (1.28%) and Solid Fuel (1.27%).

Decreased: Motor Fuels (0.71%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [December, 2025 over December, 2024]

4. CPI National for the month of **December, 2025** increased by **5.61%** over **December, 2024**. The Urban CPI increased by **5.77%** while Rural CPI increased by **5.38%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2025	Dec, 2024			Dec, 2025	Dec, 2024			Dec, 2025	Dec, 2024	
General	100.00	280.53	265.63	5.61	100.00	276.76	261.67	5.77	100.00	286.21	271.60	5.38
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	291.47	282.32	3.24	30.42	288.12	279.90	2.94	40.87	295.24	285.04	3.58
Non-perishable food items	29.60	299.93	279.03	7.49	25.97	296.56	277.20	6.98	35.08	303.69	281.07	8.05
Perishable food items	4.99	241.30	301.87	-20.07	4.46	238.98	295.67	-19.17	5.79	243.99	309.07	-21.06
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.71	384.67	3.91	0.85	423.08	405.62	4.30	1.28	376.15	363.54	3.47
Clothing and footwear	8.60	269.30	253.53	6.22	8.01	259.13	245.42	5.59	9.48	282.26	263.86	6.97
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	254.79	238.43	6.86	27.03	263.60	244.15	7.97	18.49	235.35	225.79	4.23
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	283.08	273.77	3.40	4.09	272.53	263.20	3.54	4.10	298.95	289.68	3.20
Health	2.79	285.52	265.00	7.74	2.31	286.29	268.54	6.61	3.51	284.75	261.49	8.90
Transport	5.91	320.05	304.98	4.94	6.14	315.14	300.02	5.04	5.56	328.23	313.24	4.79
Communication	2.21	135.72	134.89	0.61	2.35	139.07	138.40	0.48	1.99	129.75	128.64	0.86
Recreation and culture	1.59	264.88	276.71	-4.28	1.73	249.17	260.51	-4.35	1.38	294.68	307.45	-4.15
Education	3.79	225.58	205.25	9.90	4.88	218.20	199.96	9.12	2.13	251.05	223.51	12.32
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	296.37	280.75	5.57	7.41	290.95	277.24	4.95	6.19	306.16	287.08	6.65
Misc. goods and services	4.87	360.59	302.35	19.26	4.77	347.83	292.40	18.96	5.02	378.90	316.64	19.66

5. Top few commodities which varied in December, 2025 from corresponding month of previous year i.e. December, 2024 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Sugar (26.69%), Wheat (25.27%), Butter (24.12%), Fresh Fruits (19.62%), Wheat Flour (17.76%), Condiments and Spices (12.52%), Gur (12.36%), Chicken (12.05%) and Meat (9.96%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (52.56%), Potatoes (42.79%), Onions (28.85%), Pulse Gram (26.41%), Besan (26.03%), Fresh Vegetables (20.11%), Gram Whole (19.51%), Tea (17.75%), Pulse Mash (15.19%), Beans (8.67%), Pulse Masoor (5.11%), Mustard Oil (2.44%) and Pulse Moong (1.65%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (22.91%), Newspapers (11.93%), Postal Services (10.48%), Medical Tests (10.45%) and Education (9.12%).

Decreased: Text Books (10.61%) and Electricity Charges (3.42%).

RURAL:

Increased: Sugar (29.28%), Wheat (28.67%), Wheat Flour (24.82%), Fresh Fruits (23.12%), Meat (11.21%), Gur (9.5%), Chicken (9.01%) and Milk Powder (8.76%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (42.32%), Potatoes (42.07%), Pulse Gram (28.46%), Onions (26.56%), Besan (22.35%), Fresh Vegetables (21.50%), Tea (18.80%), Pulse Mash (17.96%), Gram Whole (16.01%), Pulse Masoor (4.31%) and Condiments & Spices (2.32%).

Non-Food

Increased: Education (12.32%), Medical Tests (12.23%), Readymade Garments (11.61%), Woolen Readymade Garments (10.62%), Personal Grooming Services (10.17%), Tailoring (7.99%) and Solid Fuel (7.97%).

Decreased: Text Books (15.30%) and Electricity Charges (3.42%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [July-December, 2025-26 over July- December, 2024-25]

6. CPI National for the period **July-December (2025-26)** increased by **5.15%** over **July-December (2024-25)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **5.23%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **5.04%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Dec 2025-26	Jul- Dec 2024-25			Jul- Dec 2025-26	Jul- Dec 2024-25			Jul- Dec 2025-26	Jul- Dec 2024-25	
General	100.00	276.88	263.31	5.15	100.00	273.61	260.01	5.23	100.00	281.81	268.30	5.04
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	288.92	280.29	3.08	30.42	286.32	278.96	2.64	40.87	291.85	281.78	3.58
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	291.48	276.64	5.36	25.97	289.21	275.77	4.88	35.08	294.01	277.62	5.90
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	273.77	301.93	-9.33	4.46	269.48	297.59	-9.45	5.79	278.75	306.97	-9.19
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	398.50	384.24	3.71	0.85	421.24	406.61	3.60	1.28	375.57	361.68	3.84
Clothing and footwear	8.60	266.52	247.85	7.53	8.01	256.68	239.28	7.27	9.48	279.06	258.78	7.84
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	249.71	238.46	4.72	27.03	259.36	244.75	5.97	18.49	228.41	224.59	1.70
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	281.12	271.24	3.64	4.09	270.94	261.08	3.78	4.10	296.43	286.55	3.45
Health	2.79	280.54	256.00	9.59	2.31	281.68	259.88	8.39	3.51	279.41	252.14	10.81
Transport	5.91	319.34	305.57	4.51	6.14	314.30	300.70	4.52	5.56	327.75	313.69	4.48
Communication	2.21	135.50	134.79	0.52	2.35	138.86	138.35	0.37	1.99	129.51	128.45	0.82
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.68	274.14	-3.09	1.73	249.93	259.29	-3.61	1.38	295.57	302.32	-2.23
Education	3.79	223.22	202.52	10.22	4.88	216.01	196.91	9.70	2.13	248.13	221.91	11.81
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	292.95	275.56	6.31	7.41	287.18	271.77	5.67	6.19	303.38	282.42	7.42
Misc. goods and services	4.87	345.37	296.11	16.64	4.77	334.20	287.55	16.22	5.02	361.42	308.40	17.19

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