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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2026

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, January, 2026 over December, 2025 (Month on Month)	0.39
Inflation Rate, January, 2026 over January, 2025 (Year on Year)	5.80
Average Inflation Rate, July- January, 2025-26 over July- January, 2024-25	5.24

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 [January, 2026 over December, 2025]

2. CPI National for the month of **January, 2026** increased by **0.39%** over **December, 2025**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.23%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **0.61%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Jan, 2026	Dec, 2025			Jan, 2026	Dec, 2025			Jan, 2026	Dec, 2025	
General	100.00	281.62	280.53	0.39	100.00	277.41	276.76	0.23	100.00	287.97	286.21	0.61
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	291.63	291.47	0.06	30.42	287.32	288.12	-0.28	40.87	296.48	295.24	0.42
Non-perishable food items	29.60	305.54	299.93	1.87	25.97	300.44	296.56	1.31	35.08	311.24	303.69	2.49
Perishable food items	4.99	209.09	241.30	-13.35	4.46	210.86	238.98	-11.77	5.79	207.03	243.99	-15.15
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.91	399.71	0.05	0.85	423.06	423.08	0.00	1.28	376.56	376.15	0.11
Clothing and footwear	8.60	270.26	269.30	0.36	8.01	259.76	259.13	0.24	9.48	283.64	282.26	0.49
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	257.56	254.79	1.09	27.03	265.90	263.60	0.87	18.49	239.16	235.35	1.62
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	283.90	283.08	0.29	4.09	272.57	272.53	0.01	4.10	300.95	298.95	0.67
Health	2.79	286.76	285.52	0.44	2.31	287.22	286.29	0.32	3.51	286.31	284.75	0.55
Transport	5.91	315.65	320.05	-1.37	6.14	310.77	315.14	-1.39	5.56	323.79	328.23	-1.35
Communication	2.21	135.74	135.72	0.02	2.35	139.10	139.07	0.02	1.99	129.76	129.75	0.01
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.07	264.88	0.07	1.73	249.18	249.17	0.00	1.38	295.21	294.68	0.18
Education	3.79	226.13	225.58	0.25	4.88	218.20	218.20	0.00	2.13	253.53	251.05	0.99
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	297.24	296.37	0.29	7.41	291.46	290.95	0.18	6.19	307.67	306.16	0.49
Misc. goods and services	4.87	368.85	360.59	2.29	4.77	356.81	347.83	2.58	5.02	386.13	378.90	1.91

3. **Top few commodities which varied in January, 2026 from previous month are given below:**

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Chicken (16.14%), Wheat (10.17%), Tomatoes (6.93%), Wheat Flour (4.81%), Wheat Products (2.59%), Fresh Fruits (2.28%), Condiments and Spices (2.02%), Fish (1.53%), Bakery and Confectionary (1.22%), Pulse Moong (1.14%), Dry Fruits (1.04%), Cooking Oil (0.73%), Mustard Oil (0.63%), Milk Powder (0.58%) and Meat (0.52%).

Decreased: Onions (28.48%), Potatoes (28.12%), Fresh Vegetables (16.59%), Sugar (9.60%), Eggs (6.23%), Pulse Gram (5.89%), Pulse Masoor (4.05%), Gram Whohe (3.27%), Gur (2.53%), Pulse Mash (1.93%), Besan (1.89%), Beans (0.60%) and Cigarettes (0.03%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Water Supply (5.83%), Major Tools & Equipments (1.72%), House Rent (1.65%), Construction Wage Rates (1.51%), Transport Services (1.35%), Woolen Cloth (1.35%), Solid Fuel (0.85%) and Readymade Garments (0.70%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (3.31%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (0.72%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (0.12%), Electricity Charges (0.08%) and Footware (0.04%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Chicken (19.24%), Wheat (13.25%), Wheat Flour (7.68%), Dry Fruits (3.28%), Wheat Products (2.69%), Butter (2.12%), Fish (2.03%), Nimco (1.35%), Bakery and Confectionary (1.22%), Pulse Moong (1.07%), Beans (1.00%), Mustard Oil (0.91%), Milk Fresh (0.6%), Cooking Oil (0.57%), Vegetable Ghee (0.49%), Meat (0.49%) and Milk Powder (0.34%).

Decreased: Potatoes (33.14%), Onions (30.92%), Fresh Vegetables (14.67%), Sugar (9.44%), Pulse Gram (4.50%), Eggs (3.57%), Pulse Masoor (3.36%), Gram Whole (3.27%), Besan (2.87%), Pulse Mash (1.39%), Gur (0.42%), Milk Products (0.41%), Fresh Fruits (0.28%) and Rice (0.10%).

Non-Food

Increased: House Rent (2.37%), Solid Fuel (2.34%), Hospitals Services (1.99%), Mechanical Services (1.31%), Marriage Hall Charges (1.27%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (1.20%).

Decreased: Motor Fuels (3.56%) and Electricity Charges (0.08%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [January, 2026 over January, 2025]

4. CPI National for the month of **January, 2026** increased by **5.80%** over **January, 2025**. The Urban CPI increased by **5.81%** while Rural CPI increased by **5.79%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Jan, 2026	Jan, 2025			Jan, 2026	Jan, 2025			Jan, 2026	Jan, 2025	
General	100.00	281.62	266.17	5.80	100.00	277.41	262.17	5.81	100.00	287.97	272.21	5.79
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	291.63	280.69	3.90	30.42	287.32	278.37	3.22	40.87	296.48	283.29	4.66
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	305.54	284.10	7.55	25.97	300.44	282.91	6.20	35.08	311.24	285.44	9.04
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	209.09	260.40	-19.71	4.46	210.86	251.93	-16.30	5.79	207.03	270.25	-23.39
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.91	385.70	3.68	0.85	423.06	406.23	4.14	1.28	376.56	364.99	3.17
Clothing and footwear	8.60	270.26	254.80	6.06	8.01	259.76	246.32	5.46	9.48	283.64	265.62	6.78
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	257.56	240.06	7.29	27.03	265.90	245.50	8.31	18.49	239.16	228.04	4.88
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	283.90	275.04	3.22	4.09	272.57	264.44	3.07	4.10	300.95	290.99	3.42
Health	2.79	286.76	267.65	7.14	2.31	287.22	270.50	6.18	3.51	286.31	264.82	8.11
Transport	5.91	315.65	307.61	2.61	6.14	310.77	302.43	2.76	5.56	323.79	316.24	2.39
Communication	2.21	135.74	134.89	0.63	2.35	139.10	138.38	0.52	1.99	129.76	128.68	0.84
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.07	277.27	-4.40	1.73	249.18	260.67	-4.41	1.38	295.21	308.76	-4.39
Education	3.79	226.13	205.48	10.05	4.88	218.20	200.02	9.09	2.13	253.53	224.34	13.01
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	297.24	283.35	4.90	7.41	291.46	279.39	4.32	6.19	307.67	290.50	5.91
Misc. goods and services	4.87	368.85	304.90	20.97	4.77	356.81	294.76	21.05	5.02	386.13	319.46	20.87

5. Top few commodities which varied in January, 2026 from corresponding month of previous year i.e. January, 2025 are given below:

URBAN:

Food

Increased: Wheat (38.43%), Wheat Flour (23.13%), Butter (22.51%), Fresh Fruits (16.51%), Eggs (16.19%), Condiments and Spices (14.72%), Dessert Preparation (11.29%), Sugar (10.23%), Meat (10.21%), Gur (9.31%), Milk Powder (9.26%), Dry Fruits (7.26%), Fish (6.65%) and Rice (5.77%).

Decreased: Potatoes (42.83%), Onions (40.84%), Tomatoes (36.03%), Pulse Gram (29.97%), Besan (25.64%), Gram Whohe (21.01%), Tea (17.75%), Fresh Vegetables (16.73%), Pulse Mash (14.58%), Beans (9.78%), Pulse Masoor (8.89%), Pulse Moong (5.65%), Chicken (3.79%) and Mustard Oil (3.37%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (22.91%), Postal Services (12.43%), Newspapers (11.93%), Education (9.09%), Woolen Cloth (8.79%) and Transport Services (8.37%).

Decreased: Text Books (10.61%), Electricity Charges (2.73%) and Motor Fuel (0.3%).

RURAL:

Increased: Wheat (47.41%), Wheat Flour (33.31%), Fresh Fruits (13.87%), Sugar (11.70%), Meat (11.66%), Eggs (10.88%), Dessert Preparation (10.52%), Milk Powder (9.15%), Gur (9.05%), Dry Fruits (8.88%), Butter (8.85%) and Wheat Products (6.71%).

Decreased: Potatoes (48.98%), Onions (39.83%), Tomatoes (38.95%), Pulse Gram (28.77%), Besan (23.59%), Fresh Vegetables (20.94%), Tea (18.80%), Gram Whole (18.21%), Pulse Mash (16.66%), Pulse Masoor (8.87%), Pulse Moong (3.71%) and Chicken (2.28%).

Non-Food

Increased: Newspapers (16.67%), Dental Services (15.47%), Doctor Clinic Fee (13.21%), Education (13.01%), Readymade Garments (10.59%) and Medical Tests (10.50%).

Decreased: Text Books (15.30%), Electricity Charges (2.73%) and Motor Fuels (0.36%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **July-January (2025-26)** increased by **5.24%** over **July-January (2024-25)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **5.31%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **5.14%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Jan 2025-26	Jul- Jan 2024-25			Jul- Jan 2025-26	Jul- Jan 2024-25			Jul- Jan 2025-26	Jul- Jan 2024-25	
General	100.00	277.55	263.72	5.24	100.00	274.15	260.32	5.31	100.00	282.69	268.86	5.14
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	289.31	280.34	3.20	30.42	286.46	278.88	2.72	40.87	292.51	281.99	3.73
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	293.49	277.71	5.68	25.97	290.81	276.79	5.07	35.08	296.47	278.74	6.36
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	264.53	296.00	-10.63	4.46	261.11	291.07	-10.29	5.79	268.51	301.72	-11.01
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	398.70	384.44	3.71	0.85	421.50	406.55	3.68	1.28	375.71	362.15	3.74
Clothing and footwear	8.60	267.05	248.84	7.32	8.01	257.12	240.28	7.01	9.48	279.71	259.75	7.68
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	250.83	238.69	5.09	27.03	260.30	244.86	6.31	18.49	229.95	225.08	2.16
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	281.51	271.79	3.58	4.09	271.18	261.56	3.68	4.10	297.07	287.18	3.44
Health	2.79	281.43	257.66	9.23	2.31	282.47	261.40	8.06	3.51	280.40	253.95	10.41
Transport	5.91	318.82	305.86	4.23	6.14	313.80	300.95	4.27	5.56	327.18	314.06	4.18
Communication	2.21	135.53	134.80	0.54	2.35	138.89	138.35	0.39	1.99	129.55	128.49	0.83
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.60	274.59	-3.27	1.73	249.82	259.49	-3.72	1.38	295.52	303.24	-2.54
Education	3.79	223.64	202.94	10.20	4.88	216.32	197.35	9.61	2.13	248.90	222.26	11.99
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	293.56	276.68	6.10	7.41	287.79	272.86	5.47	6.19	303.99	283.57	7.20
Misc. goods and services	4.87	348.73	297.36	17.27	4.77	337.43	288.58	16.93	5.02	364.95	309.98	17.73

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