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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, April, 2026 over March, 2026 (Month on Month)	2.48
Inflation Rate, April, 2026 over April, 2025 (Year on Year)	10.89
Average Inflation Rate, July- April, 2025-26 over July- April, 2024-25	6.19

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 [April, 2026 over March, 2026]

2. CPI National for the month of **April, 2026** increased by **2.48%** over **March, 2026**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **2.75%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **2.09%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Apr, 2026	Mar, 2026			Apr, 2026	Mar, 2026			Apr, 2026	Mar, 2026	
General	100.00	292.81	285.73	2.48	100.00	289.61	281.87	2.75	100.00	297.63	291.55	2.09
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	293.41	288.22	1.80	30.42	291.71	284.32	2.60	40.87	295.32	292.61	0.93
Non-perishable food items	29.60	300.30	299.87	0.14	25.97	297.55	295.00	0.86	35.08	303.38	305.32	-0.64
Perishable food items	4.99	252.47	219.07	15.25	4.46	257.64	222.03	16.04	5.79	246.47	215.63	14.30
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	403.13	402.41	0.18	0.85	426.88	426.28	0.14	1.28	379.18	378.34	0.22
Clothing and footwear	8.60	276.19	274.01	0.80	8.01	264.87	262.74	0.81	9.48	290.63	288.37	0.78
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	272.87	266.40	2.43	27.03	278.36	273.89	1.63	18.49	260.74	249.88	4.35
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	287.69	286.14	0.54	4.09	276.49	274.82	0.61	4.10	304.56	303.19	0.45
Health	2.79	290.04	289.16	0.31	2.31	290.64	289.27	0.47	3.51	289.45	289.05	0.14
Transport	5.91	399.70	346.13	15.47	6.14	398.87	340.79	17.04	5.56	401.07	355.04	12.96
Communication	2.21	136.11	135.97	0.10	2.35	139.47	139.25	0.16	1.99	130.13	130.13	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	264.79	265.15	-0.14	1.73	249.80	249.70	0.04	1.38	293.22	294.46	-0.42
Education	3.79	235.62	228.85	2.96	4.88	227.74	221.05	3.03	2.13	262.83	255.80	2.75
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	301.53	299.38	0.72	7.41	296.83	294.18	0.90	6.19	310.03	308.76	0.41
Misc. goods and services	4.87	379.94	381.76	-0.48	4.77	367.68	369.43	-0.47	5.02	397.53	399.47	-0.49

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

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (57.10%), Fresh Vegetables (40.67%), Eggs (14.38%), Onions (9.23%), Potatoes (4.43%), Beverages (4.07%), Milk Products (3.54%), Milk Fresh (2.89%), Chicken (2.69%), Meat (2.66%), Bakery and Confectionary (2.64%), Pulse Mash (2.61%), Readymade Food (1.07%) and Rice (0.99%).

Decreased: Wheat (9.05%), Wheat Flour (4.75%), Fish (1.63%), Fresh Fruits (1.09%), Sugar (0.99%), Wheat Products (0.95%), Gur (0.93%), Beans (0.85%), Pulse Masoor (0.68%), Besan (0.67%), Cooking Oil (0.08%) and Pulse Gram (0.08%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (38.34%), Transport Services (27.86%), Motor Fuel (18.22%), Postal Services (7.54%), Medical Tests (3.06%), Education (3.03%), Construction Input Items (2.03%), Hosiry (1.66%), Woolen Cloth (1.60%), House Rent (1.40%), Major Tools & Equipments (1.32%), Dopatta (1.04%) and Household Equipments (0.93%).

Decreased: Personal Effects n.e.c. (2.27%), Electricity charges (0.71%) and Carpets (0.15%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (44.48%), Fresh Vegetables (25.75%), Chicken (13.27%), Onions (9.80%), Eggs (9.52%), Potatoes (6.70%), Beverages (3.08%), Pulse Mash (2.76%), Fresh Fruits (2.29%), Butter (2.07%), Sweetmeat (1.58%), Cooking Oil (1.38%), Mustard Oil (1.33%), Milk Powder (1.20%), Pulse Moong (1.11%) and Milk Fresh (0.86%).

Decreased: Wheat (10.77%), Wheat Flour (4.98%), Sugar (1.54%), Wheat Products (0.95%), Pulse Gram (0.94%), Beans (0.71%), Honey (0.63%), Gram Whole (0.29%) and Besan (0.23%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (32.94%), Motor Fuels (19.59%), Transport Services (7.87%), Construction Input Items (4.88%), Solid Fuel (3.51%), Woolen Cloth (2.77%), Education (2.75%), Plastic Products (2.14%) and House Rent (1.94%).

Decreased: Recreation & Culture (1.64%), Personal Effects (1.33%) and Electricity Charges (0.71%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [April, 2026 over April, 2025]

4. CPI National for the month of **April, 2026** increased by **10.89%** over **April, 2025**. The Urban CPI increased by **11.11%** while Rural CPI increased by **10.56%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Apr, 2026	Apr, 2025			Apr, 2026	Mar, 2025			Apr, 2026	Mar, 2025	
General	100.00	292.81	264.06	10.89	100.00	289.61	260.65	11.11	100.00	297.63	269.20	10.56
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	293.41	272.61	7.63	30.42	291.71	271.43	7.47	40.87	295.32	273.94	7.80
Non-perishable food items	29.60	300.30	279.96	7.26	25.97	297.55	278.85	6.71	35.08	303.38	281.21	7.88
Perishable food items	4.99	252.47	228.98	10.26	4.46	257.64	228.22	12.89	5.79	246.47	229.86	7.23
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	403.13	395.15	2.02	0.85	426.88	417.98	2.13	1.28	379.18	372.13	1.89
Clothing and footwear	8.60	276.19	260.06	6.20	8.01	264.87	251.04	5.51	9.48	290.63	271.57	7.02
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	272.87	233.53	16.84	27.03	278.36	239.51	16.22	18.49	260.74	220.34	18.34
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	287.69	277.13	3.81	4.09	276.49	267.22	3.47	4.10	304.56	292.05	4.28
Health	2.79	290.04	270.87	7.08	2.31	290.64	273.81	6.15	3.51	289.45	267.95	8.02
Transport	5.91	399.70	307.75	29.88	6.14	398.87	301.84	32.15	5.56	401.07	317.59	26.29
Communication	2.21	136.11	134.98	0.84	2.35	139.47	138.39	0.78	1.99	130.13	128.91	0.95
Recreation and culture	1.59	264.79	278.93	-5.07	1.73	249.80	261.43	-4.45	1.38	293.22	312.12	-6.06
Education	3.79	235.62	217.62	8.27	4.88	227.74	211.42	7.72	2.13	262.83	239.01	9.97
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	301.53	286.41	5.28	7.41	296.83	282.36	5.12	6.19	310.03	293.73	5.55
Misc. goods and services	4.87	379.94	321.11	18.32	4.77	367.68	311.43	18.06	5.02	397.53	335.00	18.67

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

URBAN:

FOOD:

Increased: Tomatoes (75.37%), Onions (41.74%), Wheat (39.44%), Wheat Flour (30.57%), Fresh Vegetables (25.66%), Butter (13.63%), Meat (12.48%), Dessert Preparation (11.30%), Wheat Products (10.49%), Milk Powder (9.66%), Fish (9.24%), Dry Fruits (9.00%), Condiments and Spices (8.04%), Eggs (7.79%), Bakery and Confectionary (6.93%), Rice (6.88%), Milk Products (6.44%) and Fresh Fruits (6.37%).

Decreased: Potatoes (37.46%), Pulse Gram (16.47%), Besan (16.18%), Gram Whole (14.65%), Chicken (12.76%), Pulse Masoor (11.59%), Sugar (10.99%), Beans (7.15%), Pulse Moong (2.37%) and Tea (0.77%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (63.36%), Personal Effects (45.57%), Motor Fuel (40.21%), Transport Services (37.65%), Electricity Charges (33.71%), Postal Services (23.65%), Gas Charges (22.91%), Newspapers (11.93%), Major Tools & Equipments (10.88%), Cleaning & Laundering (10.13%) and Solid Fuel (9.67%).

Decreased: Text Books (11.31%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (43.03%), Onions (42.63%), Wheat (42.34%), Wheat Flour (36.04%), Fresh Vegetables (22.17%), Butter (11.29%), Dry Fruits (10.56%), Dessert Preparation (10.52%), Milk Powder (10.14%), Wheat Products (9.83%), Meat (9.36%), Fish (7.19%) and Bakery & Confectionary (6.84%).

Decreased: Potatoes (50.06%), Pulse Gram (17.76%), Besan (16.51%), Gram Whole (16.42%), Sugar (11.75%), Chicken (9.78%), Pulse Masoor (8.22%), Tea (2.82%), Pulse Moong (1.98%), Beans (1.98%), Pulse Mash (1.57%), Condiments & Spices (0.49%) and Honey (0.23%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (57.67%), Motor Fuels (43.37%), Personal Effects (40.60%), Electricity Charges (33.71%), Dental Services (19.10%), Newspapers (16.67%) Doctor Clinic Fee (14.77%), Construction Input Items (13.79%), Transport Services (13.32%) and Solid Fuel (12.99%).

Decreased: Text Books (16.31%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **July-April (2025-26)** increased by **6.19%** over **July-April (2024-25)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **6.25%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **6.10%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Apr 2025-26	Jul- Apr 2024-25			Jul- Apr 2025-26	Jul- Apr 2024-25			Jul- Apr 2025-26	Jul- Apr 2024-25	
General	100.00	280.38	264.03	6.19	100.00	276.87	260.58	6.25	100.00	285.68	269.25	6.10
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	289.59	278.66	3.92	30.42	286.55	277.24	3.36	40.87	293.01	280.25	4.55
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	295.65	279.19	5.90	25.97	292.42	278.20	5.11	35.08	299.27	280.30	6.77
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	253.65	275.51	-7.94	4.46	252.39	271.70	-7.11	5.79	255.10	279.94	-8.87
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.78	386.96	3.31	0.85	422.88	408.93	3.41	1.28	376.50	364.81	3.20
Clothing and footwear	8.60	269.08	251.64	6.93	8.01	258.83	242.95	6.54	9.48	282.14	262.72	7.40
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	255.75	238.26	7.34	27.03	264.48	244.26	8.28	18.49	236.46	225.02	5.09
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	282.89	273.00	3.63	4.09	272.27	262.78	3.61	4.10	298.89	288.38	3.65
Health	2.79	283.77	261.30	8.60	2.31	284.55	264.66	7.51	3.51	283.00	257.96	9.71
Transport	5.91	328.72	306.51	7.25	6.14	324.02	301.37	7.51	5.56	336.57	315.06	6.83
Communication	2.21	135.65	134.84	0.61	2.35	139.01	138.36	0.47	1.99	129.69	128.57	0.87
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.43	275.53	-3.67	1.73	249.75	259.78	-3.86	1.38	295.17	305.41	-3.35
Education	3.79	225.62	205.45	9.82	4.88	218.13	199.66	9.25	2.13	251.50	225.46	11.55
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	295.41	279.22	5.80	7.41	289.80	275.33	5.26	6.19	305.54	286.23	6.75
Misc. goods and services	4.87	358.40	302.65	18.42	4.77	346.88	293.54	18.17	5.02	374.94	315.73	18.75

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