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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, August, 2026 over July, 2026 (Month on Month)	1.19
Inflation Rate, August, 2026 over August, 2025 (Year on Year)	11.15
Average Inflation Rate, July-August, 2026-27 over July-August, 2025-26	10.17

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

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

Monthly Analysis [August, 2026 over July, 2026]

2. CPI National for the month of **August, 2026** increased by **1.19%** over **July, 2026**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.91%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **1.60%** on MoM basis.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2026	July, 2026			Aug, 2026	July, 2026			Aug, 2026	July, 2026	
General	100.00	300.50	296.97	1.19	100.00	296.24	293.58	0.91	100.00	306.92	302.09	1.60
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	313.99	308.86	1.66	30.42	311.32	307.98	1.08	40.87	316.99	309.84	2.31
Non-perishable food items	29.60	315.74	311.90	1.23	25.97	312.13	309.98	0.69	35.08	319.77	314.05	1.82
Perishable food items	4.99	303.63	290.78	4.42	4.46	306.61	296.29	3.48	5.79	300.17	284.37	5.56
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	410.53	410.11	0.10	0.85	435.49	435.24	0.06	1.28	385.37	384.77	0.16
Clothing and footwear	8.60	289.14	288.42	0.25	8.01	283.87	283.31	0.20	9.48	295.85	294.93	0.31
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	268.09	266.63	0.55	27.03	273.36	272.48	0.32	18.49	256.46	253.73	1.08
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	299.49	298.01	0.50	4.09	287.75	286.60	0.40	4.10	317.17	315.19	0.63
Health	2.79	299.44	296.71	0.92	2.31	299.75	297.03	0.92	3.51	299.13	296.40	0.92
Transport	5.91	382.06	369.45	3.41	6.14	380.97	367.98	3.53	5.56	383.88	371.91	3.22
Communication	2.21	153.72	153.69	0.02	2.35	159.90	159.86	0.03	1.99	142.71	142.71	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	268.62	269.83	-0.45	1.73	253.70	253.84	-0.06	1.38	296.94	300.18	-1.08
Education	3.79	240.41	239.97	0.18	4.88	231.89	231.32	0.25	2.13	269.84	269.84	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	308.22	306.49	0.56	7.41	302.29	300.67	0.54	6.19	318.93	317.01	0.61
Misc. goods and services	4.87	374.06	367.13	1.89	4.77	361.27	354.91	1.79	5.02	392.41	384.67	2.01

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

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Onions (45.87%), Eggs (11.51%), Potatoes (6.82%), Fresh Vegetables (5.50%), Wheat (5.25%), Pulse Gram (4.77%), Besan (3.74%), Wheat Flour (2.03%), Wheat Products (1.67%), Tea (1.24%), Gram Whole (1.06%), Pulse Masoor (0.99%), Vegetable Ghee (0.64%), Readymade Food (0.61%) and Meat (0.54%).

Decreased: Fresh Fruits (12.49%), Beans (4.54%), Pulse Moong (2.47%), Chicken (1.88%), Sugar (0.77%), Tomatoes (0.67%), Fish (0.53%), Bakery and Confectionary (0.36%), Milk Powder (0.01%) and Sweetmeat (0.01%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Motor Fuel (5.61%), Water Supply (4.15%), Mechanical Services (1.81%), Electricity Charges (1.70%), Appliances/Articles/Products (1.42%), Transport Services (1.35%), Medical Tests (1.11%), Hospitals Services (1.10%), Tailoring (1.02%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (0.85%), Drugs & Medicines (0.85%) and Construcion Input Items (0.78%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (1.31%), Text Books (0.25%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (0.24%) and Footware (0.04%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Onions (48.35%), Potatoes (10.57%), Eggs (10.38%), Tomatoes (8.86%), Wheat (7.71%), Pulse Gram (6.89%), Fresh Vegetables (6.67%), Besan (4.59%), Wheat Flour (4.42%), Meat (2.33%), Wheat Products (1.87%), Mustard oil (1.28%) and Chicken (1.25%).

Decreased: Fresh fruits (18.76%), Beans (4.51%), Pulse Moong (2.64%), Sugar (1.52%) and Fish (0.08%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Water Supply (8.39%), Motor Fuels (5.76%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (5.14%), Personal Effects (3.20%), Construction Input Items (2.00%), Medical Tests (1.86%), Electricity Charges (1.70%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (1.44%), Mechanical Services (1.14%) and Doctor Clinic Fee (1.12%).

Decreased: Text Books (2.80%) and Furniture & Furnishing (0.08%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [August, 2026 over August, 2025]

4. CPI National for the month of **August, 2026** increased by **11.15%** over **August, 2025**. The Urban CPI increased by **10.43%** while Rural CPI increased by **12.22%** on YoY basis.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2026	Aug, 2025			Aug, 2026	Aug, 2025			Aug, 2026	Aug, 2025	
General	100.00	300.50	270.35	11.15	100.00	296.24	268.26	10.43	100.00	306.92	273.51	12.22
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	313.99	275.70	13.89	30.42	311.32	274.74	13.31	40.87	316.99	276.77	14.53
Non-perishable food items	29.60	315.74	281.20	12.28	25.97	312.13	280.77	11.17	35.08	319.77	281.68	13.52
Perishable food items	4.99	303.63	243.08	24.91	4.46	306.61	239.65	27.94	5.79	300.17	247.06	21.50
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	410.53	397.79	3.20	0.85	435.49	420.23	3.63	1.28	385.37	375.17	2.72
Clothing and footwear	8.60	289.14	264.70	9.23	8.01	283.87	255.32	11.18	9.48	295.85	276.67	6.93
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	268.09	246.24	8.87	27.03	273.36	256.33	6.64	18.49	256.46	223.98	14.50
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	299.49	279.69	7.08	4.09	287.75	269.71	6.69	4.10	317.17	294.70	7.62
Health	2.79	299.44	277.20	8.02	2.31	299.75	278.71	7.55	3.51	299.13	275.70	8.50
Transport	5.91	382.06	317.93	20.17	6.14	380.97	312.80	21.79	5.56	383.88	326.48	17.58
Communication	2.21	153.72	135.31	13.60	2.35	159.90	138.68	15.30	1.99	142.71	129.31	10.36
Recreation and culture	1.59	268.62	267.34	0.48	1.73	253.70	251.61	0.83	1.38	296.94	297.17	-0.08
Education	3.79	240.41	222.97	7.82	4.88	231.89	216.13	7.29	2.13	269.84	246.57	9.44
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	308.22	290.50	6.10	7.41	302.29	284.54	6.24	6.19	318.93	301.25	5.87
Misc. goods and services	4.87	374.06	333.52	12.15	4.77	361.27	323.39	11.71	5.02	392.41	348.07	12.74

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

URBAN:

FOOD:

Increased: Tomatoes (128.13%), Onions (124.28%), Wheat (86.72%), Wheat Flour (73.12%), Wheat Products (22.04%), Fresh Vegetables (16.78%), Fresh Fruits (16.18%), Meat (14.69%), Ice Cream (12.09%), Bakery and Confectionary (10.31%), Dry Fruits (9.27%) and Milk Products (8.97%).

Decreased: Potatoes (23.14%), Chicken (18.51%), Sugar (17.01%), Besan (13.87%), Pulse Gram (13.80%), Gram Whole (12.64%), Pulse Masoor (12.03%), Beans (11.41%), Eggs (11.36%), Pulse Moong (6.86%) and Gur (3.21%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (55.89%), Motor Vehicle Tax (38.68%), Postal Services (34.88%), Footware (29.29%), Transport Services (28.72%), Motor Fuel (24.43%), Personal Effects (23.36%), Communication Services (19.30%) and Newspapers (14.84%).

Decreased: Text Books (1.96%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (143.47%), Onions (117.57%), Wheat (84.41%), Wheat Flour (77.50%), Wheat Products (23.52%), Meat (10.76%), Ice Cream (10.02%), Butter (9.99%), Fresh Vegetables (9.76%), Dry Fruits (9.01%), Vegetable Ghee (8.65%), Sweetmeat (8.21%), Mustard Oil (7.82%) and Milk Fresh (7.61%).

Decreased: Potatoes (30.34%), Sugar (18.99%), Chicken (16.24%), Gram Whole (14.87%), Eggs (14.00%), Pulse Gram (13.87%), Besan (13.58%), Pulse Masoor (10.75%), Gur (4.53%), Pulse Moong (4.23%), Beans (4.16%), Pulse Mash (1.76%), Condiments & Spices (1.38%) and Honey (1.06%).

Non-Food

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (47.06%), Motor Vehicle Tax (34.32%), Newspapers (29.16%), Motor Fuels (25.76%), Personal Effects (21.10%), Construction Input Items (18.54%), Solid Fuel (16.73%), Doctor Clinic Fee (14.84%), Plastic Products (13.44%), Transport Services (12.66%), Communication Services (12.43%) and Electricity Charges (12.34%).

Decreased: Text Books (4.30%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [July-August, 2026-27 over July-August, 2025-26]

6. CPI National for the period **July-August (2026-27)** increased by **10.17%** over **July-August (2025-26)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **9.57%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **11.07%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Aug 2026-27	Jul-Aug 2025-26			Jul-Aug 2026-27	Jul-Aug 2025-26			Jul-Aug 2026-27	Jul-Aug 2025-26	
General	100.00	298.73	271.15	10.17	100.00	294.91	269.15	9.57	100.00	304.51	274.16	11.07
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	311.42	277.42	12.26	30.42	309.65	277.01	11.78	40.87	313.42	277.89	12.78
Non-perishable food items	29.60	313.82	280.40	11.92	25.97	311.06	280.34	10.96	35.08	316.91	280.47	12.99
Perishable food items	4.99	297.20	259.77	14.41	4.46	301.45	257.61	17.02	5.79	292.27	262.28	11.44
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	410.32	397.62	3.19	0.85	435.37	420.08	3.64	1.28	385.07	374.98	2.69
Clothing and footwear	8.60	288.78	264.44	9.20	8.01	283.59	255.10	11.17	9.48	295.39	276.35	6.89
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	267.36	247.56	8.00	27.03	272.92	257.63	5.93	18.49	255.10	225.33	13.21
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	298.75	279.21	7.00	4.09	287.18	268.97	6.77	4.10	316.18	294.63	7.32
Health	2.79	298.08	276.22	7.91	2.31	298.39	277.72	7.44	3.51	297.77	274.74	8.38
Transport	5.91	375.76	319.48	17.61	6.14	374.48	314.38	19.12	5.56	377.90	328.00	15.21
Communication	2.21	153.70	135.29	13.61	2.35	159.88	138.65	15.31	1.99	142.71	129.30	10.38
Recreation and culture	1.59	269.23	266.91	0.87	1.73	253.77	251.07	1.08	1.38	298.56	296.98	0.53
Education	3.79	240.19	221.56	8.41	4.88	231.61	214.42	8.02	2.13	269.84	246.22	9.59
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	307.36	290.22	5.90	7.41	301.48	284.26	6.06	6.19	317.97	301.00	5.64
Misc. goods and services	4.87	370.59	332.44	11.48	4.77	358.09	322.20	11.14	5.02	388.54	347.14	11.93

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