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**PRESS RELEASE OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ON BASE 2024=100 FOR FEBRUARY, 2026**

### Highlights

Increase of 47 basis point in year on year inflation in February, 2026.

Month over month decrease of more than 10% observed in the index of Tomato, Peas and Cauliflower in February, 2026 with respect to January, 2026

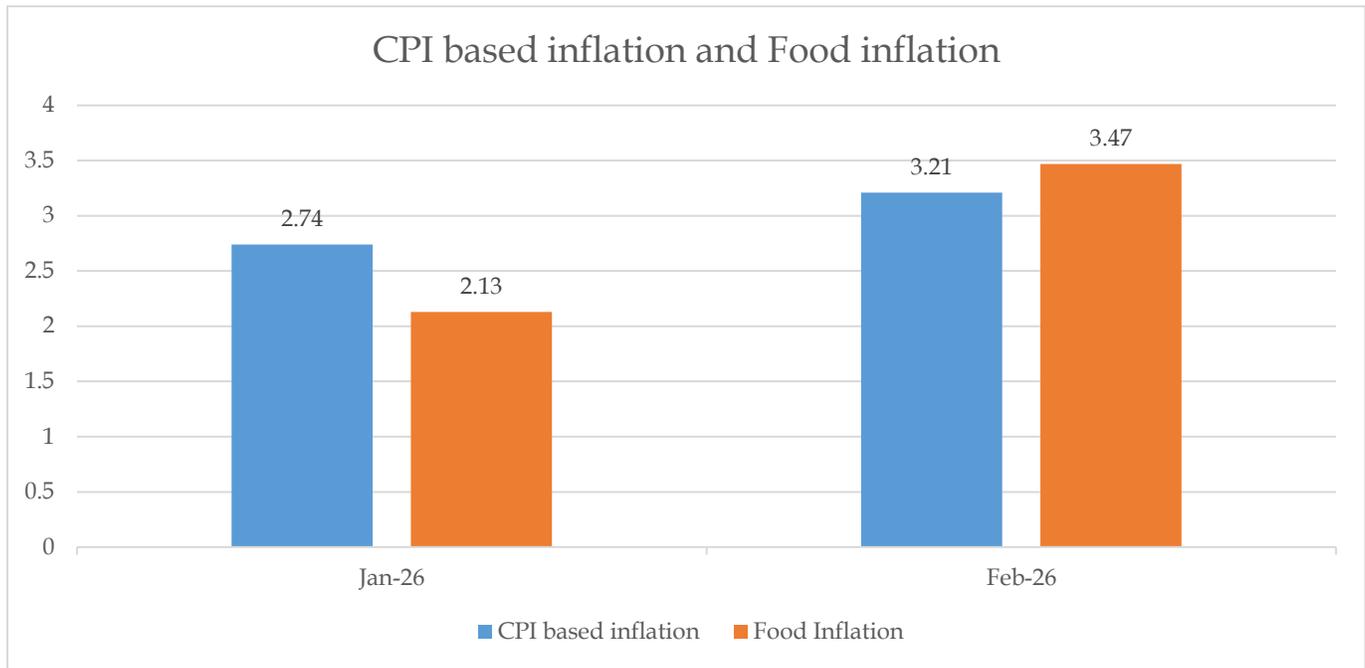
## I. Key Statistics

### A. National Level Indices

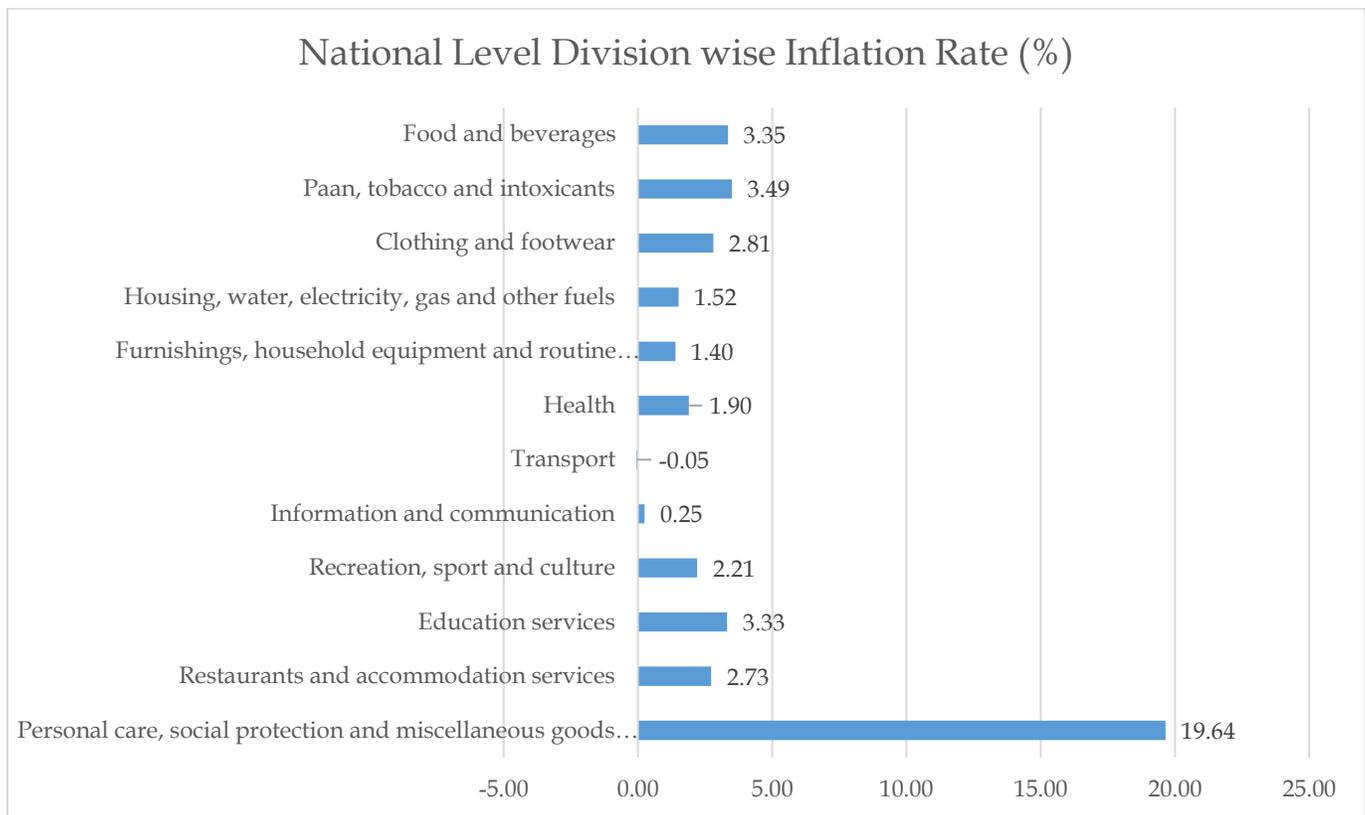
- Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) with base year 2024 for the month of February, 2026 over February, 2025 is 3.21% (Provisional). Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 3.37% and 3.02%, respectively.

		February, 2026 (Provisional)			January, 2026 (Final)		
		Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
Inflation (%)	CPI (General)	3.37	3.02	3.21	2.73	2.75	2.74
	CFPI	3.46	3.48	3.47	1.96	2.44	2.13
Index	CPI (General)	104.74	104.37	104.57	104.59	104.28	104.45
	CFPI	103.79	104.04	103.88	103.89	104.31	104.04

- Food Inflation:** - Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for the month of February, 2026 over February, 2025 is 3.47% (Provisional). Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 3.46% and 3.48%, respectively.



- Housing Inflation:** - Year-on-year Housing inflation rate for the month of February, 2026 is 2.12% (Provisional) and the corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 2.43% and 2.00%, respectively.
- At National level, division wise inflation for the month of February, 2026 in the Combined sector may be seen from the graph below-



- Top 5 items with low inflation at All India combined level in February, 2026 are given in table below:

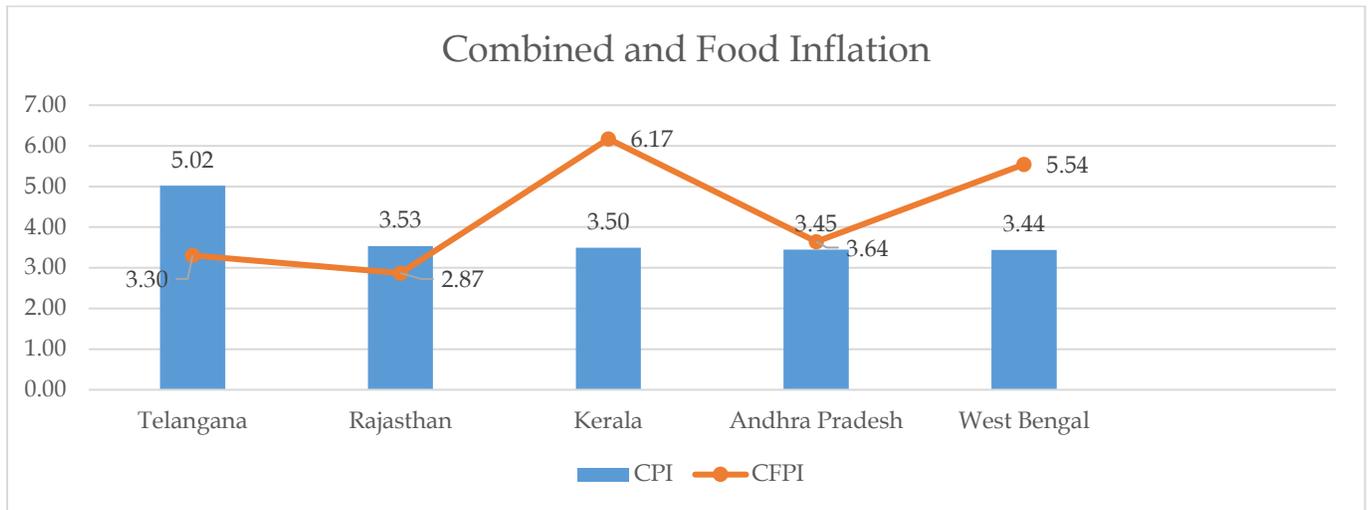
S.No.	Item	Weight	Inflation (%) February, 2026	Inflation (%) January, 2026
1	Garlic 	0.3738	-31.09	-53.03
2	Onion 	0.7006	-28.20	-29.30
3	Potato 	0.7549	-18.46	-28.98
4	Arhar, Tur 	0.5333	-16.00	-24.90
5	Litchi 	0.0102	-11.52	-12.67

- Top 5 items with high inflation at All India combined level in February, 2026 are given in table below:

S.No.	Item	Weight	Inflation (%) February, 2026	Inflation (%) January, 2026
1	Silver Jewellery 	0.3127	160.84	160.12
2	Gold/Diamond/Platinum Jewellery 	0.6230	48.16	46.80
3	Coconut: copra 	0.0854	46.16	47.17
4	Tomato 	0.4961	45.29	64.58
5	Cauliflower 	0.2330	43.77	37.83

## B. State level Indices

Top five States (having more than 50 lakhs population as per Census 2011) with highest inflation in February, 2026 are given below-



**II. January 2026 (Final) figures for CPI base 2024=100**

All India CPI, CFPI and corresponding inflation rates for the month of January 2026 (Final) with base year 2024 are given as follows-

		January, 2026 (Final) at Base 2024=100		
		Rural	Urban	Combined
Inflation (%)	CPI (General)	2.73	2.75	2.74
	CFPI	1.96	2.44	2.13
Index	CPI (General)	104.59	104.28	104.45
	CFPI	103.89	104.31	104.04

**III.**

**Response Rate-** Real time price data are collected from selected 1407 urban Markets (including online markets) and 1465 villages covering all States/UTs through personal visits by field staff of Field Operations Division of NSO, MoSPI on a weekly roster. During the month of February, 2026, prices were collected from 100% rural and urban markets while the market-wise prices reported therein were 99.89% for rural markets and 99.78% for urban markets.

CPI for March 2026 will be released on **13th April, 2026 (Monday)** or the next working day in case of 13th being a holiday.

State and Item wise indices for February 2026 may be downloaded from eSankhyiki portal of MoSPI- <https://esankhyiki.mospi.gov.in/>

State-level item indices, available on the portal, should be interpreted cautiously in view of thin samples of price used for index compilation in some of the cases.

Indices at all levels and inflation rates are compiled using the actual index values without rounding off. However, the indices published are rounded off to two decimal places. Therefore, higher-level indices, if calculated from the published figures may observe minute differences.

**IV. Annexures**

<b>Annexure</b>	<b>Title</b>
I	All India General (Rural, Urban and Combined) division wise indices and inflation for February, 2026 (Provisional)
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III	State/UT wise general index and inflation in February, 2026 (Provisional)
IV	All India Combined (General) level index and inflation

## Annexure- I

**All India General (Rural, Urban and Combined) division wise indices and inflation for February, 2026 (Provisional)**

Division code	Division name	Index			Inflation		
		Rural	Urban	Comb.	Rural	Urban	Comb.
01	Food and beverages	103.80	103.99	103.87	3.36	3.33	3.35
02	Paan, tobacco and intoxicants	105.43	105.37	105.41	3.47	3.56	3.49
03	Clothing and footwear	106.81	104.98	106.11	3.24	2.11	2.81
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	102.19	102.02	102.09	1.33	1.63	1.52
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	103.25	102.90	103.10	1.55	1.21	1.40
06	Health	103.63	104.32	103.90	1.77	2.10	1.90
07	Transport	100.70	100.67	100.69	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05
08	Information and communication	103.65	103.07	103.39	0.32	0.15	0.25
09	Recreation, sport and culture	104.08	104.27	104.17	1.99	2.42	2.21
10	Education services	104.78	105.74	105.36	3.00	3.54	3.33
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	105.07	106.75	105.96	2.02	3.35	2.73
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	125.24	123.41	124.45	20.60	18.40	19.64
	<b>All India</b>	<b>104.74</b>	<b>104.37</b>	<b>104.57</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>3.21</b>

Note: Comb.: Combined

## Annexure- II

**All India General (Rural, Urban and Combined) group wise indices and inflation for February, 2026 (provisional)**

S.No.	Group code	Group name	Index			Inflation		
			Rural	Urban	Comb.	Rural	Urban	Comb.
1.	01.1	Food	103.79	104.04	103.88	3.46	3.48	3.47
2.	01.2	Beverages	103.53	102.94	103.27	1.29	0.83	1.09
3.	01.3	Services for processing primary goods for food	106.38	106.79	106.50	3.11	3.61	3.26
4.	02.1	Alcoholic beverages	105.97	105.36	105.77	3.51	2.99	3.34
5.	02.3	Paan and tobacco	104.95	105.38	105.08	3.43	4.16	3.64
6.	03.1	Clothing	107.28	105.61	106.65	3.63	2.67	3.27
7.	03.2	Footwear	103.65	100.99	102.61	0.62	-1.38	-0.16
8.	04.1	Actual rental payments made for housing	102.80	102.48	102.55	2.20	1.95	2.00
9.	04.3	Maintenance, repair and security of the dwelling	105.43	104.82	105.20	3.34	3.13	3.26
10.	04.4	Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	100.90	102.29	101.87	0.58	1.72	1.38
11.	04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	101.01	99.62	100.46	0.23	0.01	0.14
12.	05.1	Furniture, furnishings, and loose carpets	104.83	104.04	104.52	2.34	1.80	2.13
13.	05.2	Household textiles	106.04	103.86	105.22	2.98	1.12	2.28
14.	05.3	Household appliances	101.34	100.35	100.88	0.22	-0.72	-0.22
15.	05.4	Glassware, tableware and household utensils	106.15	104.73	105.61	3.33	2.00	2.82
16.	05.5	Tools and equipment for house and garden	98.81	101.28	99.63	-1.48	1.37	-0.54
17.	05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	102.75	103.22	102.96	1.42	1.60	1.50
18.	06.1	Medicines and health products	104.50	104.46	104.49	2.29	1.88	2.14
19.	06.2	Outpatient care services	101.73	104.14	102.71	0.60	2.46	1.36
20.	06.3	Inpatient care services	102.44	105.00	103.50	0.96	3.32	1.94
21.	06.4	Other health services	102.30	103.12	102.61	1.07	1.78	1.34
22.	07.1	Purchase of vehicles	97.46	96.84	97.14	-4.48	-4.80	-4.65
23.	07.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	100.03	100.05	100.04	0.10	0.11	0.10
24.	07.3	Passenger transport services	103.18	104.10	103.57	1.41	2.21	1.75
25.	07.4	Transport services for goods	107.56	107.70	107.65	7.38	7.57	7.49
26.	08.1	Information and communication equipment	98.10	97.29	97.73	-1.67	-2.20	-1.91
27.	08.3	Information and communication services	105.14	104.78	104.98	0.84	0.82	0.83
28.	09.1	Recreational durables	98.79	101.11	100.42	-0.50	0.77	0.40
29.	09.2	Other recreational goods	104.89	104.98	104.93	2.56	2.50	2.54
30.	09.3	Garden products and pets	114.97	115.97	115.51	6.15	9.65	8.00

S.No.	Group code	Group name	Index			Inflation		
			Rural	Urban	Comb.	Rural	Urban	Comb.
31.	09.4	Recreational services	102.68	102.00	102.27	1.52	1.08	1.26
32.	09.5	Cultural goods	102.41	104.01	103.21	1.04	1.71	1.37
33.	09.6	Cultural services	103.32	103.77	103.59	1.86	1.39	1.57
34.	09.7	Newspapers, books and stationery	102.56	102.63	102.59	1.28	1.56	1.41
35.	10.1	Early childhood and primary education	106.14	106.00	106.05	3.72	3.25	3.43
36.	10.2	Secondary education	105.44	107.03	106.46	3.52	4.41	4.09
37.	10.4	Higher education	102.19	105.75	104.49	1.50	4.72	3.59
38.	10.5	Education not defined by level	103.27	103.31	103.29	2.13	2.15	2.14
39.	11.1	Food and beverage serving services	105.09	106.76	105.97	2.03	3.36	2.73
40.	11.2	Accommodation services	102.21	104.62	103.29	0.97	2.45	1.64
41.	13.1	Personal care	104.72	105.27	104.96	2.76	2.97	2.85
42.	13.2	Other personal effects	180.43	169.83	175.74	65.32	55.14	60.80
43.	13.9	Other services	102.51	101.99	102.30	1.35	1.16	1.28

Note: Comb.: Combined

## State/UT wise general index and inflation in February, 2026 (Provisional)

S.No.	State/UT	CPI			Inflation		
		Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
1.	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	106.95	105.34	106.16	5.04	3.04	4.06
2.	Andhra Pradesh	104.03	104.43	104.18	3.24	3.78	3.45
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	102.90	103.18	102.97	1.93	1.78	1.89
4.	Assam	103.41	102.72	103.26	2.40	2.04	2.32
5.	Bihar	104.09	102.39	103.84	3.08	1.47	2.85
6.	Chandigarh	*	103.78	103.78	*	2.71	2.71
7.	Chhattisgarh	102.13	101.72	101.99	2.02	1.39	1.80
8.	Goa	103.41	103.95	103.76	1.56	2.52	2.18
9.	Gujarat	103.96	103.59	103.74	3.10	2.57	2.79
10.	Haryana	104.61	104.44	104.53	2.87	2.80	2.83
11.	Himachal Pradesh	104.67	105.36	104.78	2.79	3.77	2.94
12.	Jammu And Kashmir	104.63	103.82	104.40	1.77	2.07	1.86
13.	Jharkhand	104.42	102.50	103.76	3.17	1.60	2.63
14.	Karnataka	105.70	105.07	105.38	3.43	3.24	3.33
15.	Kerala	106.17	104.85	105.44	3.97	3.11	3.50
16.	Ladakh	105.46	104.91	105.32	1.65	1.26	1.55
17.	Lakshadweep	104.71	105.68	105.41	2.96	3.86	3.61
18.	Madhya Pradesh	104.58	104.20	104.43	3.42	3.45	3.43
19.	Maharashtra	105.18	104.28	104.63	3.55	2.76	3.07
20.	Manipur	102.22	103.29	102.56	0.65	1.75	1.01
21.	Meghalaya	104.49	103.10	104.13	2.83	1.83	2.57
22.	Mizoram	102.90	101.81	102.28	0.43	-0.15	0.10
23.	Nagaland	105.45	103.48	104.69	3.07	2.28	2.77
24.	NCT of Delhi	101.31	102.88	102.84	1.85	1.96	1.96
25.	Odisha	103.69	103.38	103.61	3.40	2.89	3.27
26.	Puducherry	105.08	105.12	105.11	2.85	3.74	3.47
27.	Punjab	105.22	104.09	104.70	3.42	2.72	3.10
28.	Rajasthan	105.26	104.83	105.11	3.77	3.10	3.53
29.	Sikkim	105.86	105.38	105.69	3.65	3.62	3.64
30.	Tamil Nadu	105.18	105.38	105.30	3.30	3.52	3.43
31.	Telangana	107.04	106.57	106.77	5.40	4.73	5.02
32.	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	103.21	103.99	103.79	2.82	3.27	3.15
33.	Tripura	102.10	102.39	102.17	2.10	2.08	2.10
34.	Uttar Pradesh	104.85	104.43	104.72	3.49	3.31	3.44
35.	Uttarakhand	105.29	103.78	104.74	2.89	2.37	2.70
36.	West Bengal	104.51	103.95	104.26	3.68	3.14	3.44

\*: No rural market in Chandigarh

**All India Combined (General) level index and inflation**

Month	Index			Inflation (%)		
	Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
Jan-25	101.81	101.49	101.67			
Feb-25	101.33	101.30	101.32			
Mar-25	101.34	101.47	101.39			
Apr-25	101.49	101.71	101.58			
May-25	101.78	102.06	101.90			
Jun-25	102.39	102.66	102.51			
Jul-25	103.34	103.36	103.35			
Aug-25	103.84	103.60	103.74			
Sep-25	103.80	103.66	103.74			
Oct-25	103.85	103.61	103.74			
Nov-25	104.16	103.83	104.01			
Dec-25	104.19	103.98	104.10			
Jan-26	104.59	104.28	104.45	2.73	2.75	2.74
Feb-26*	104.74	104.37	104.57	3.37	3.02	3.21

\*Index and Inflation for the month of February 2026 are provisional.