

Macro Insights

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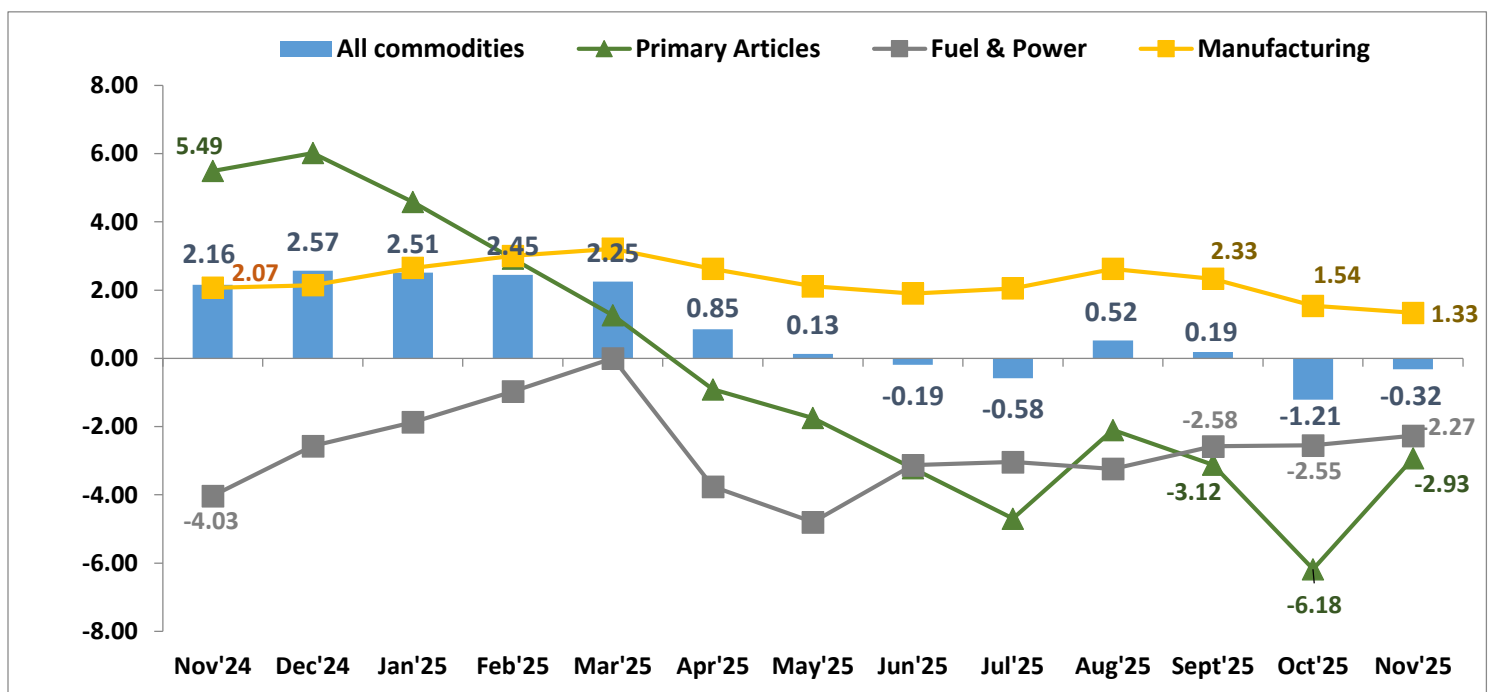
WPI inflation contracts 0.32% in November 2025

The wholesale inflation measured by WPI remains in the negative zone easing to -0.32 per cent (provisional) in November 2025 on a YoY basis, compared to -1.21 per cent in October 2025. It was significantly lower than 2.16 per cent recorded in November 2024.

Highlights

- The continued deflation in Primary Articles supported the decline as it contracted by 2.93 per cent YoY in November 2025, led by food articles (vegetables & pulses) and crude petroleum & natural gas.
- Food articles contracted by 4.16 per cent in November 2025 compared to a contraction of 8.31 per cent in October 2025 and YoY increase of 8.48 per cent in November 2024.
- The Fuel and power witnessed a deflation of 2.27 per cent in November 2025, against a contraction of 2.55 per cent in the previous month.

Trend of Wholesale Price Index (% YoY Change)



Source: Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Components of WPI

WPI Inflation YoY (%)	Primary Articles		Fuel & Power		Manufactured Products		Food Articles (Part of Primary Articles)		All Commodities	
Weights	22.62%		13.15%		64.23%		15.26%		100%	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
September	6.48	-3.12	-3.85	-2.58	1.07	2.33	11.48	-5.12	1.91	0.19
October	8.26	-6.18	-4.31	-2.55	1.78	1.54	13.49	-8.31	2.75	-1.21
November	5.49	-2.93	-4.03	-2.27	2.07	1.33	8.48	-4.16	2.16	-0.32

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Views & Analysis

- Wholesale inflation in November 2025 remained in a deflation zone primarily due to a decrease in prices of food articles, mineral oils, crude petroleum and natural gas, basic metals and electricity.
- During the first eight months of FY26, the WPI registered a YoY decline of 0.08%. This contraction was largely due to deflation in primary food articles (-4.03%) and Fuel & Power (-3.17%), while Manufactured Products experienced a price uptick of 2.06%.
- Deflation in the food articles is majorly led by vegetables that witnessed a sharp decline of -20.23% YoY, with Potato & Onion continued to witness deflation of 36.14% and 64.70%, respectively in November'25.
- The Fuel & Power index rose by 1.03% on monthly basis. Within this category, the price of electricity increased sharply by 6.70%, while mineral oil prices declined by 0.67% compared to the previous month. The price of coal remained unchanged from October levels.
- Manufactured products comprise of maximum weightage of 64.23%. In November 2025, the Manufactured Products index slipped marginally by 0.07% on monthly basis. Key sectors with falling prices included fabricated metal products (excluding machinery and equipment), food products, non-metallic mineral products, computer/electronic/optical products, and chemicals.
- Going forward, with fuel & power stabilizing and primary articles improving, base effects, depreciation in the INR, hardening commodity prices and incremental cost pass-through could nudge wholesale prices into low single-digit territory in the near term.

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