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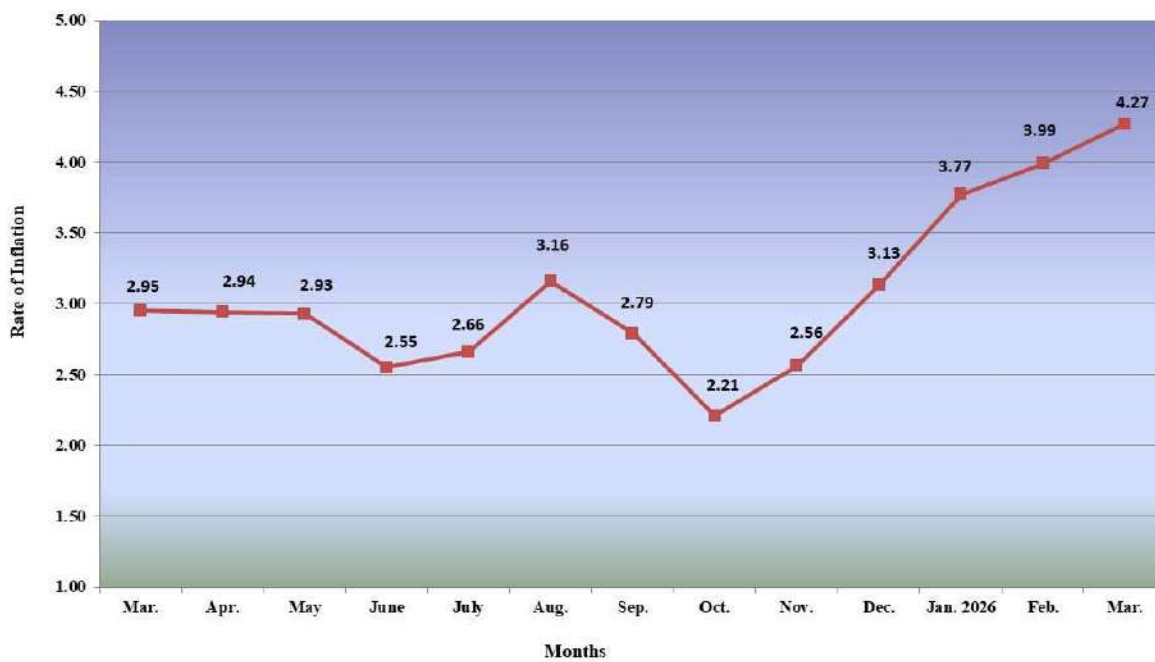
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Press Release

Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (2016=100) – March, 2026

1. Labour Bureau, an attached office of the M/o Labour & Employment, has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country. The index for the month of March, 2026 is being released in this press release.
2. The All-India CPI-IW for March, 2026 increased by 0.6 points and stood at 149.1 points (one hundred forty-nine point one).
3. Year-on-year inflation for the month of March, 2026 stood at 4.27% as compared to 2.95% in March, 2025.

Y-o-Y Inflation based on CPI-IW (General)



4. All-India Group-wise CPI-IW for February, 2026 and March, 2026:

Sr. No.	Groups	February, 2026	March, 2026
I	Food & Beverages	151.1	151.6
II	Pan, Supari, Tobacco & Intoxicants	171.7	172.9
III	Clothing & Footwear	155.0	155.5
IV	Housing	140.6	140.6
V	Fuel & Light	152.9	158.0
VI	Miscellaneous	146.2	146.4
	General Index	148.5	149.1

CPI-IW: Groups Indices

