

Inflation Figures for March 2026

The annual inflation rate in India rose to **3.40% in March of 2026 from 3.21% in the previous month** to mark the **largest inflation rate in over one year, despite coming below median market expectations of 3.48%**. It was only the third reading in India's new CPI, which updated the weights of different goods within the index according to the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey from two fiscal years ago, increasing the weight of non-food goods in the domestic consumer basket. Food inflation was 3.87%, picking up from the 3.47% in February.

Food inflation rose to **3.87% in March compared to 3.47 %** in February, reflecting firming prices in key staples. Rural inflation continued to outpace urban inflation, underscoring persistent cost pressures. In non-urban areas, inflation rose to **3.87% in March compared with 3.47%** in February, reflecting firming prices in **key staples**. Rural inflation continued to outpace urban inflation, underscoring persistent cost pressures in non-urban consumption baskets.

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