

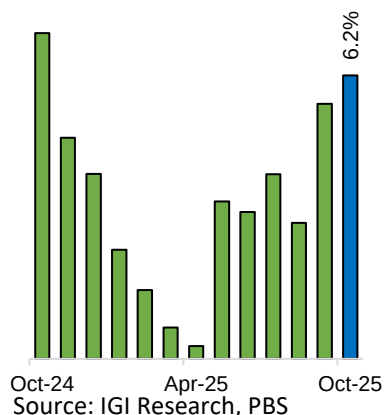
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Exhibit: Monthly CPI trend



Inflation

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Exhibit: Monthly National Consumer Price Index (CPI) growth estimates

Estimated For the month of: Oct, 2025

	Wt.	y/y	m/m	4MFY26	4MFY25	4MFY24
National	100.0%	6.2%	1.8%	4.7%	8.7%	28.47%
Food	35%	5.6%	2.7%	2.4%	1.1%	34.5%
Transport	6%	6.7%	0.9%	4.0%	0.5%	24.5%
Utility/Rent	24%	4.2%	2.2%	3.8%	21.9%	16.8%
Essentials	17%	8.3%	0.3%	8.4%	15.3%	17.5%
Disc.	18%	8.0%	1.4%	7.5%	9.8%	41.7%

Source: PBS, IGI Research

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Food and electricity prices lift overall inflation during Oct-25

Food index increased by +2.7% m/m during Oct-25 owing to increase in prices of Wheat, Rice, Meat, Milk, Eggs, Cooking Oil, Fresh Fruits, Onions, Tomatoes and Fresh vegetables over the previous month whereas prices of Pulses, Potatoes and Chicken have declined. Housing index inclined by +2.2% m/m mainly due to increase in electricity charges and quarterly house rent adjustment.

Transport index up by +0.9% m/m

Transport index increased by +0.9% m/m mainly due to higher POL prices along with surge in transport service cost.

Rural inflation outpaced Urban

Urban inflation increased by +1.54% m/m or up +6.0% y/y during the month of Oct-25, whereas rural inflation inclined by +6.59% m/m or up by +2.26% y/y.

SPI inches up in Oct-25

Other indices, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) registered a +1.10% y/y increase and up +0.5% m/m during Oct-25. Sensitive Price Index (SPI) recorded a +4.79% y/y growth and up by +0.9% m/m during the month of Oct-25 compared to +4.47% y/y increase in the preceding month.

Outlook

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Exhibit: National Core-inflation measures												
	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25	Mar-25	Feb-25	Jan-25	Dec-24	Nov-24
CPI	6.2	5.6	3.0	4.1	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	2.4	4.1	4.9
SPI	4.8	4.5	2.6	-0.9	-1.9	-0.6	-3.2	-2.3	-0.2	0.7	4.2	7.3
WPI	1.1	0.6	-1.0	-0.5	0.6	0.4	-2.2	-1.6	-0.7	0.6	1.9	2.3
NFNE	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.7
Trimmed	6.3	6.0	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	3.6	4.8	4.8	5.4	6.3	7.6

Source: PBS, IGI Research

Exhibit: Historical CPI Trend

Headline inflation increases amid higher food prices

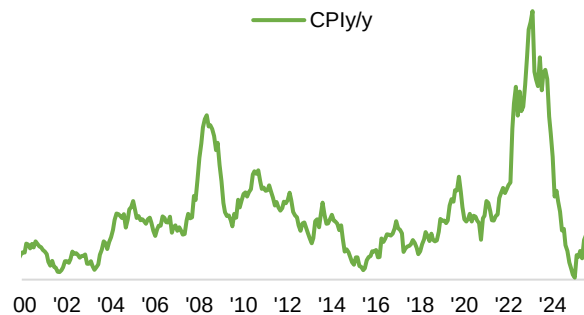
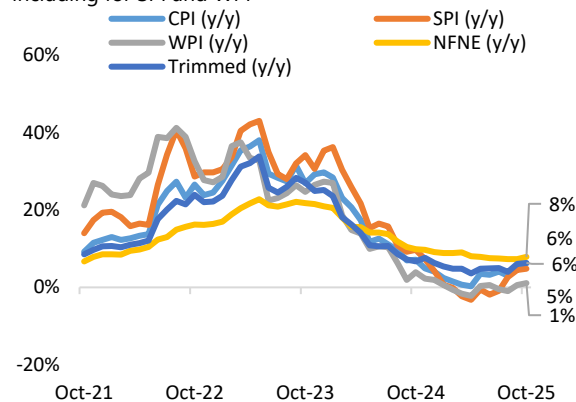


Exhibit: Major Price Indices

All major indices have depicted a slight pickup in growth including for SPI and WPI



Source: PBS, SBP, IGI Research

Exhibit: CPI rebased to June

CPI rebased to June shows rise in inflation

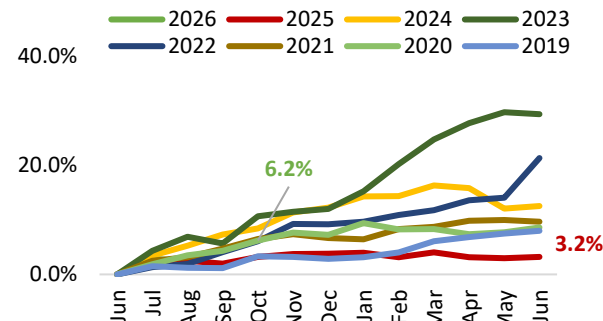
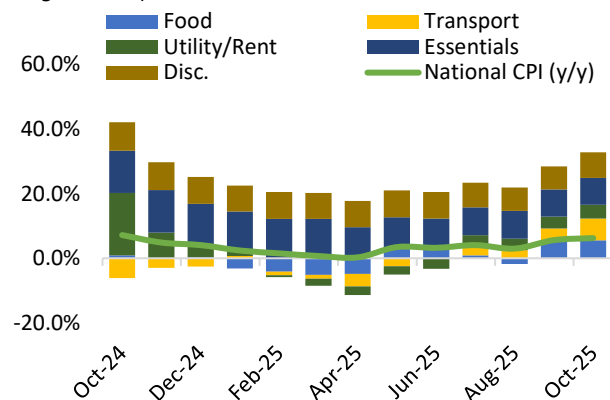


Exhibit: Percentage point impact of each group on headline figure

Higher food prices led to overall increase in inflation



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