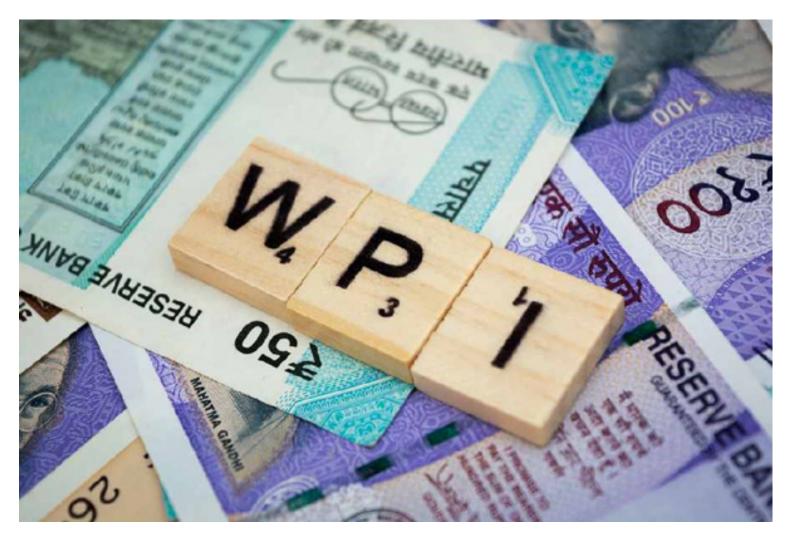
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Inflation in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has reached a 13-month high by 1.26% in April 2024.

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### About the Wholesale Price Index (WPI):

- The **WPI** measures the average change in prices of commodities for bulk sale at the initial transaction stage, using **2011-2012 as the base year**.
- Coverage in WPI includes Manufactured products (64.2%, highest), Primary Articles (22.6%), and Fuel and Power (13.2%).
- Unlike the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**, the **WPI** does not include services and has a lower weightage for food at **24.4%** compared to **CPI**.

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### WPI vs CPI

Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) are two crucial metrics that help in defining the prices of the goods and services in an economy.

#### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- It measures the change in the retail prices of goods and services
- CPI releases on a monthly basis.
- CPI includes both goods and services.
- It includes about eight categories of products and services.
- Base year is calendar year.
- It calculates the final stage of inflation.
- CPI is of importance to the general public

#### Wholesale Price Index (WPI)

- It measures change in price of goods charged by whole seller.
- WPI releases on a weekly basis
- WPI includes only goods.
- It includes primary articles, fuel & power and manufactured goods.
- Base year here is Financial Year.
- It measures inflation in the first stage
- WPI is of importance to those who keep track of wholesale prices.

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