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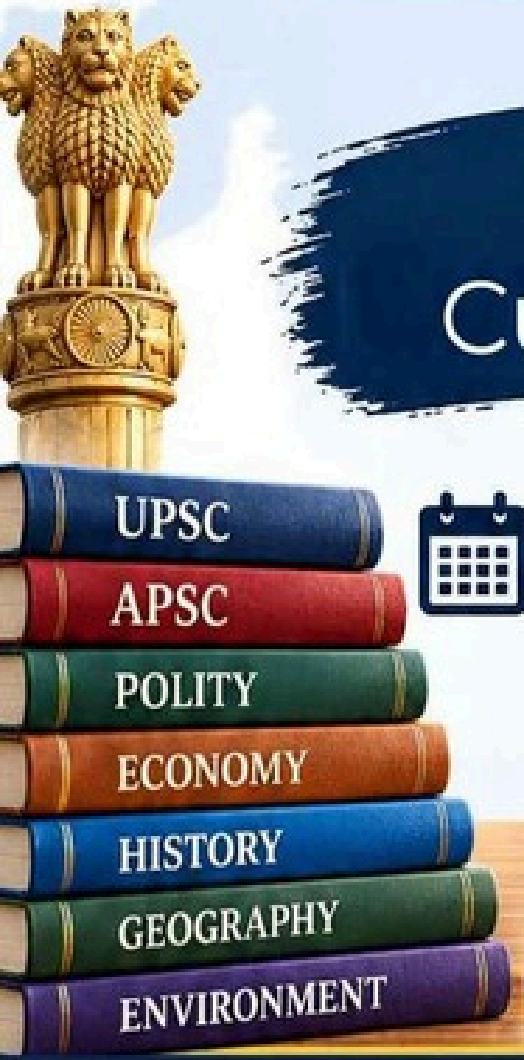
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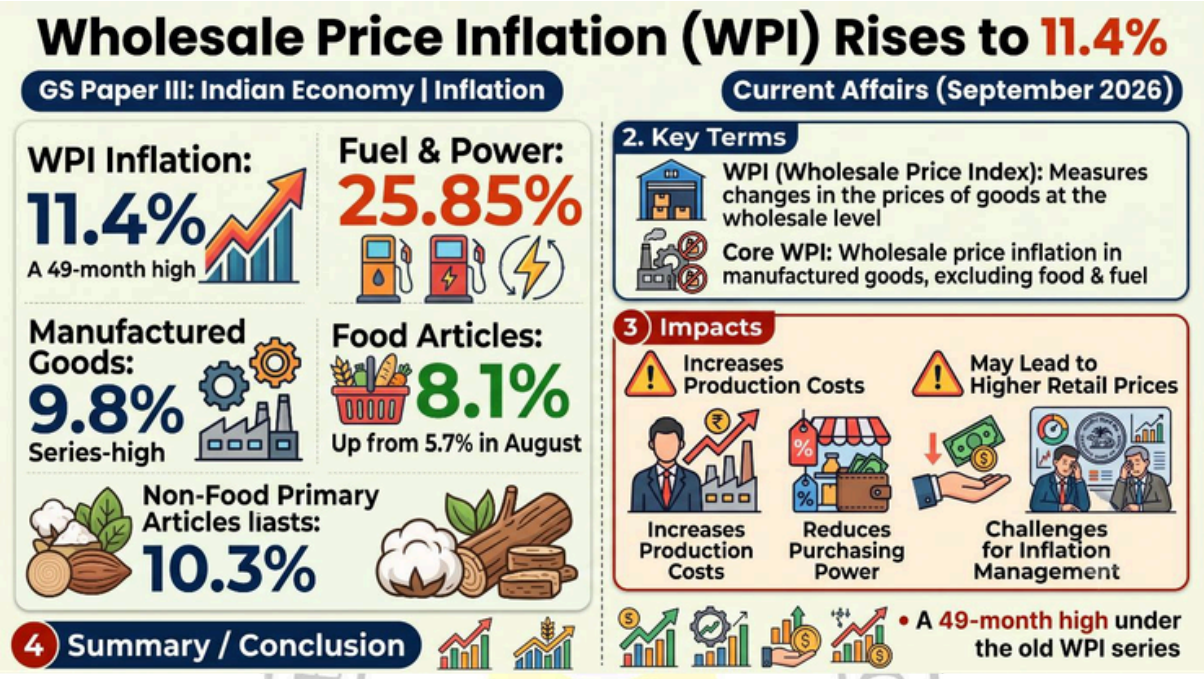


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GS Paper III: Indian Economy | Inflation

Wholesale Price Inflation Rises to 11.4%



- **WPI inflation**: Rose to 11.4%, a 49-month high under the old WPI series.
- **Food articles inflation**: Increased to 8.1% from 5.7% in August.
- **Fuel and power inflation**: Rose to 25.85%.
- **Manufactured goods inflation**: Reached a series high of 9.8%.
- **Non-food primary articles inflation**: Stood at 10.3%.

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Key Terms:

- WPI: **Measures changes in the prices of goods at the wholesale level.**
- Core WPI**: Refers to wholesale price inflation in manufactured goods, excluding food and fuel.**

Impacts:

- Increases production costs for businesses.
- May lead to higher retail prices.
- Can reduce consumers' purchasing power.
- Creates challenges for inflation management.

Prelims Questions

Which of the following statements about the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is correct?

A. It measures only the prices of services.

B. It measures price changes at the wholesale level.

C. It is published by the RBI.

D. It measures only agricultural prices.

Answer: B

Mains Question (GS Paper III):

What is inflation? Discuss the major causes and economic impacts of rising wholesale price inflation in India. (150 words)

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