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Producer Price Index

Context: Govt. to replace WPI with Producer Price Index, new series from June 15

Producer Price Index (PPI) measures changes in prices received by producers for goods and services and is set to replace India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) to provide a more comprehensive and globally aligned measure of inflation.

- PPI measures the **average change in prices received by producers for goods and services.**
- It tracks price changes at the **producer/manufacturer level**, before reaching consumers.
- Considered a more comprehensive measure of inflation than WPI.
- Unlike WPI, PPI **includes goods, services and input costs**

New Indices to be Released

Output PPI

- Measures prices received by producers for their final output.
- Indicates producer-side inflation.

Trial Input PPI

- Measures prices of inputs used in production.
- Helps assess cost pressures faced by producers.

Services PPI

- Measures price changes in service sectors.
- Initially covers Banking, Securities Transactions, Insurance, Pension Fund

Management, Railways, Air- passenger transport, telecommunications

Revision of WPI

- **Current WPI Base Year 2011-12**
- **New WPI Base Year 2022-23**
- The revised WPI series will also be released on **15 June 2026.**

Why is India Moving from WPI to PPI?

- **More Comprehensive Inflation Measurement:** WPI mainly tracks wholesale prices of goods. PPI captures input prices, output prices, services inflation.
- **Better Understanding of Cost Transmission:** Shows how increases in input costs are passed on to final output prices.
- **Alignment with Global Practices:** PPI is used by most advanced economies. Recommended by the International Monetary Fund
- **Better Policy Formulation:** Provides a more realistic picture of producer inflation. Helps government and industry make informed decisions.

Difference Between WPI and PPI

Feature	WPI	PPI
Measures	Wholesale prices	Producer prices
Coverage	Mainly goods	Goods + Services
Input Costs	Not covered	Covered
Output Prices	Limited	Covered
Services Sector	Not included	Included

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International Usage	Limited	Widely used globally
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Significance for India

- Better inflation assessment.
- Improved industrial cost monitoring.
- More accurate measurement of supply-chain pressures.
- Supports evidence-based economic policymaking.
- Brings India's statistical system closer to international standards.

Nodal Agency: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Source: The Hindu/ Govt. to replace WPI with Producer Price Index, new series from June 15

Terms in News

Bolide

A **bolide** is an exceptionally bright meteor (fireball) that **explodes or breaks apart in Earth's atmosphere**.



- It is a type of meteor that releases a large amount of energy during atmospheric entry.
- Bolides originate from small fragments of:
 - **Asteroids** (most common)
 - **Comets** (less common)
- These fragments become **meteors** when they enter Earth's atmosphere.
- As the object enters the atmosphere at very high speeds:

- Air in front of it gets compressed and heated.
- This causes the meteor to glow brightly, creating a streak of light across the sky.

Characteristics

- Travel at speeds of **tens of kilometres per second**.
- Most meteors burn up completely before reaching the ground.
- Larger meteors can survive longer and appear as **fireballs**.
- If they fragment violently and release significant energy, they are classified as **bolides**.

Effects of a Bolide Explosion

- Produces:
 - Bright flash of light
 - Powerful shockwaves
 - Loud booming sounds (sonic booms)
- Can cause damage if the explosion is large enough.
- **30 May (USA):**
 - A meteor exploded over northeastern United States.
 - Broke apart at about **64 km altitude**.
 - Travelled at over **1,20,000 km/hr**.
 - Released energy equivalent to about **300 tonnes of TNT**.
- **Chelyabinsk Meteor (Russia, 2013)**
 - Exploded over Russia.
 - Generated a powerful shockwave.
 - Damaged thousands of buildings.
 - Injured more than **1,000 people**.

Meteoroid	Small rocky/metallic object in space
Meteor	Streak of light produced when a meteoroid enters Earth's atmosphere

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Fireball	Extremely bright meteor
Bolide	Fireball that explodes or fragments violently in the atmosphere
Meteorite	Portion of a meteoroid that survives and reaches Earth's surface

RudraM-II Missile

- It is an **indigenously-developed solid-propelled air-launched missile** system.
- It is meant for **Air-to-Surface** role to neutralise many types of enemy assets.



- It has been indigenously developed by Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad as the nodal DRDO laboratory in collaboration with other sister labs.
- Speed: It can reach a peak speed of Mach 5.5.
- It is capable of striking targets at a distance of approximately **300 km**.
- It can carry a warhead weighing up to 200 kg.
- It can be deployed from aircraft like Sukhoi flying at altitudes ranging from 3 to 15 km.
- It acts as a key force multiplier and intends to eventually replace the older Russian-origin Kh-31 anti-radiation missiles.

- It uses a hybrid navigation system combining an inertial navigation system, GPS and a sophisticated passive homing head that detects radio frequency emissions across a wide frequency band.

Places in News

Similipal Tiger Reserve

- It is situated in the Mayurbhanj district of **Odisha**.
- It covers an area of 2750 sq.km.
- The park is named after the Simul (silk cotton) tree, which grows in abundance here.
- Not only a National Park, Similipal is also a Tiger Reserve, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, and also a part of the Mayurbhanj Elephant Reserve.
- Situated in the **Deccan Peninsular Biogeographic Zone**, it harbours a unique blend of Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, and eastern Himalayan biodiversity.
- It has some beautiful waterfalls like **Joranda and Barehipani**.
- It is surrounded by high plateaus and hills, the highest peak being the twin peaks of **Khairiburu and Meghashini** (1515 m above mean sea level).
- It is also home to various tribes, including **Kolha, Santhala, Bhumija, Bhatudi, Gondas, Khadia, Mankadia, and Sahara**.
- The forest is predominantly **moist mixed deciduous forest** with **tropical semi-evergreen forest** in areas with suitable microclimatic conditions and **sporadic patches of dry deciduous forests and grasslands**.
- **Sal** is the dominant tree species here.

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- It houses 7% of the flowering plants and 8% of India's orchids.
- The park also has extensive grasslands that are grazing grounds for many of the herbivores.
- It is **known for the tiger, elephant, and hill mynah**.
- It holds the **highest tiger population in Odisha**. It is the only tiger reserve in the country to boast of **melanistic tigers**.
- Apart from the tiger, the major mammals are the leopard, sambar, barking deer, gaur, jungle cat, wild boar, four-horned antelope, giant squirrel, and common langur.

Species in News

Yellow-Throated Marten



- The yellow-throated marten, also known as the **kharza**, is a marten species found in forested regions throughout **Southern and Eastern Asia**.
- A marten is a slender-bodied mammal belonging to the weasel family (Mustelidae), which also includes otters, badgers, ferrets, and wolverines.
- Scientific Name: *Martes flavigula*
- Their range extends throughout the **Himalayas, as far south as Indonesia, and as far north as the Korean**

Peninsula and the Chinese-Russian border.

- They occupy a variety of habitats.
- They live in coniferous and broad-leaved forests, montane forests, tropical dry and moist forests.
- They are also found in shrublands, lowland swamps, and treeless mountains.
- It is the largest of the Old World martens and is notable for its flexible and muscular appearance.
- Adult males range from 50 to 71.9 cm in length.
- The lengthy tail is about two-thirds of their body length.
- The head is black or dark brown, the back and underside are light brown or yellow, the chest and throat are bright yellow or golden, and the tail is mostly black or dark brown.
- Summer coloration is darker and duller than in winter.
- It is a **fearless animal** with no natural predators, because of its powerful build, its bright coloration and unpleasant odor.
- It is classified as '**Least Concern**' under the IUCN Red List.

Practice Questions

1. With reference to 'Bolidés', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:
 1. They are exceptionally bright meteors that break apart or explode in the Earth's atmosphere.
 2. The loud booming noises associated with them are caused by the resulting shockwaves.

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3. They originate only from the fragments left behind by comets.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Similipal Biosphere Reserve:

1. It is the tiger reserve in India known to house melanistic tigers.
2. The Barehipani and Joranda waterfalls are located within this protected area.
3. The forest vegetation is predominantly characterized by tropical evergreen forests.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

3. Consider the following statements about the RudraM-II missile:

1. It is an anti-radiation missile meant to destroy enemy communication, radar infrastructure etc.
2. It has been developed through technology transfer from France.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2
D) Neither 1 nor 2

4. With reference to the economic indicators in India, consider the following statements regarding the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and the proposed Producer Price Index (PPI):

1. Unlike the WPI, the new PPI series will track price changes in both goods and services.
2. The WPI will be immediately discontinued upon the launch of the new PPI series on June 15.
3. The shift from WPI to PPI aligns with the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

5. Consider the following statements regarding the Yellow-throated marten:

1. It belongs to the family Mustelidae, which also includes badgers, otters, and wolverines.
2. It is an endemic species restricted entirely to the Himalayan region of South Asia.
3. It is classified as an 'Endangered' species under the IUCN Red List due to its lack of natural predators.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

Answers

1. A
2. A
3. A
4. C
5. A

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