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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**JANUARY- 2021**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2021. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last months well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January of the previous year 2020, previous month December 2020 and current month of January 2021 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are attached. GroupWise analysis has been made with reference to the current month, the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representation.*

## 1. RICE

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

The downward trend continued in the state average retail price of Rice varieties except Red Champa when compared with the prices of the previous month, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 0.62 %, 0.50% respectively, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

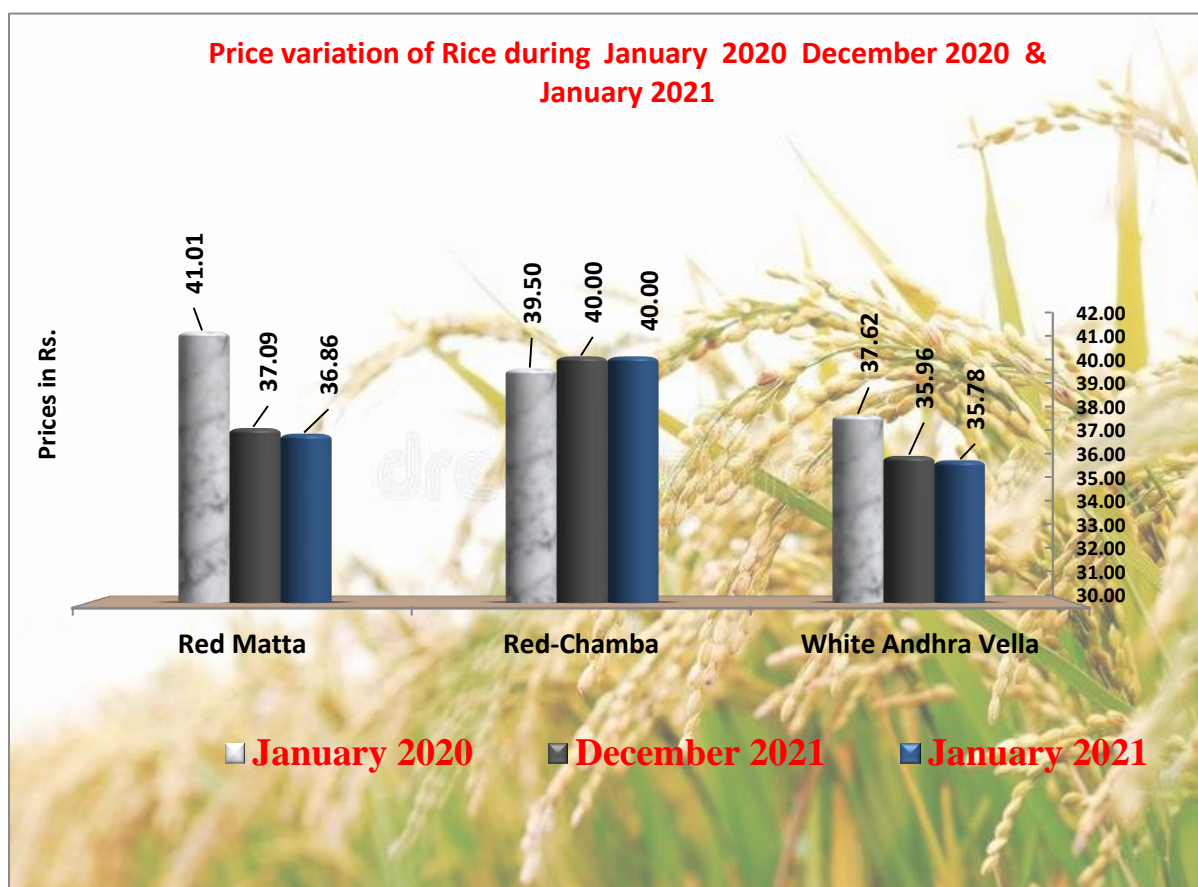
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 10.12 % and 4.89 %, while that of Red Chamba increased marginally.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over month	Over year
I	Red - Matta	Kg	41.01	37.09	36.86	-0.62	-10.12
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	37.62	35.96	35.78	-0.50	-4.89

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month, while a mixed trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail price of all items of Pulses except Peas Dhal showed a decreasing trend up to 3.43% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

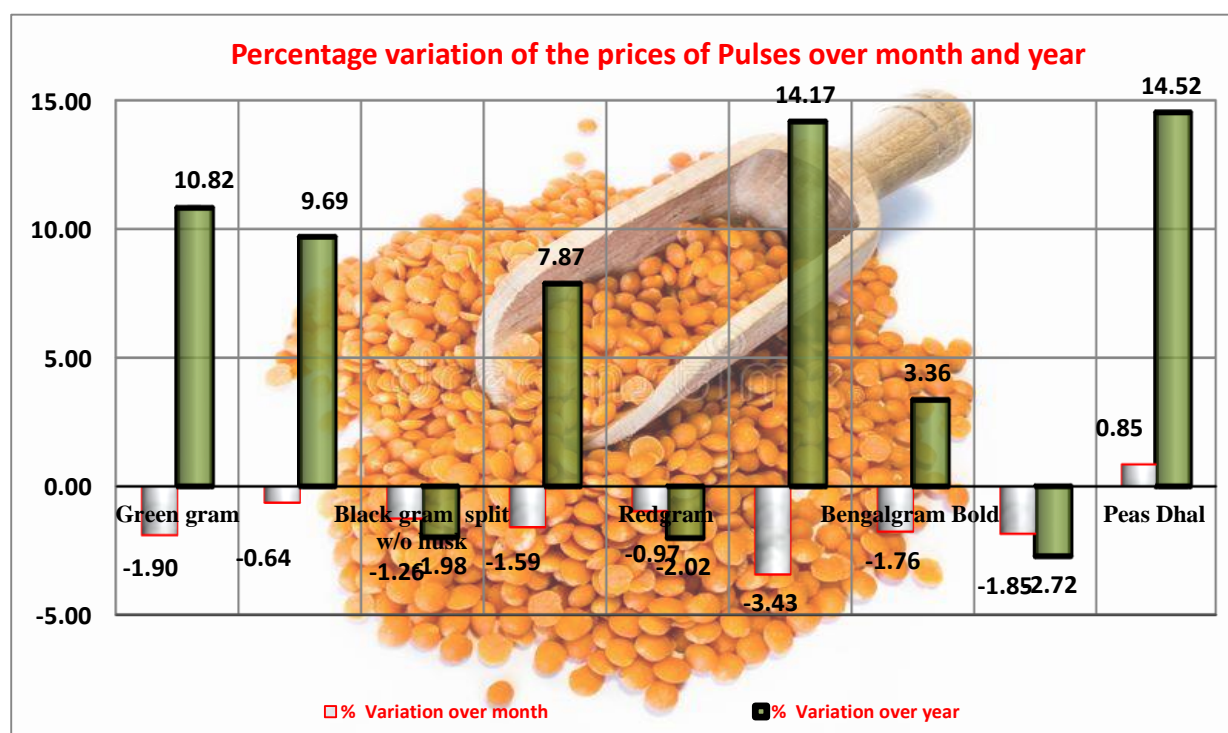
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of pulses except Red gram, Blackgram split without husk and Bengalgram small, showed an upward trend up to 14.52 %. Notable increase was seen in the price of Peas dhal (14.52 %), Dhal Tur(14.17 %), Greengram (10.82 %) , Greengram dhal (9.69 %). Blackgram split with husk (7.87 %), , when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	101.86	115.07	112.88	-1.90	10.82
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	107.90	119.12	118.36	-0.64	9.69
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	127.08	126.15	124.56	-1.26	-1.98
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	111.75	122.50	120.55	-1.59	7.87
5	Redgram	Kg	80.31	79.46	78.69	-0.97	-2.02
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	97.31	115.05	111.10	-3.43	14.17
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	79.17	83.30	81.83	-1.76	3.36
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	73.05	72.40	71.06	-1.85	-2.72
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	75.25	85.45	86.18	0.85	14.52

Graph – 2





### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with previous month the prices of Egg (White Lagoon) decreased by 4.10% while all the remaining item in this group showed a marginal variation.

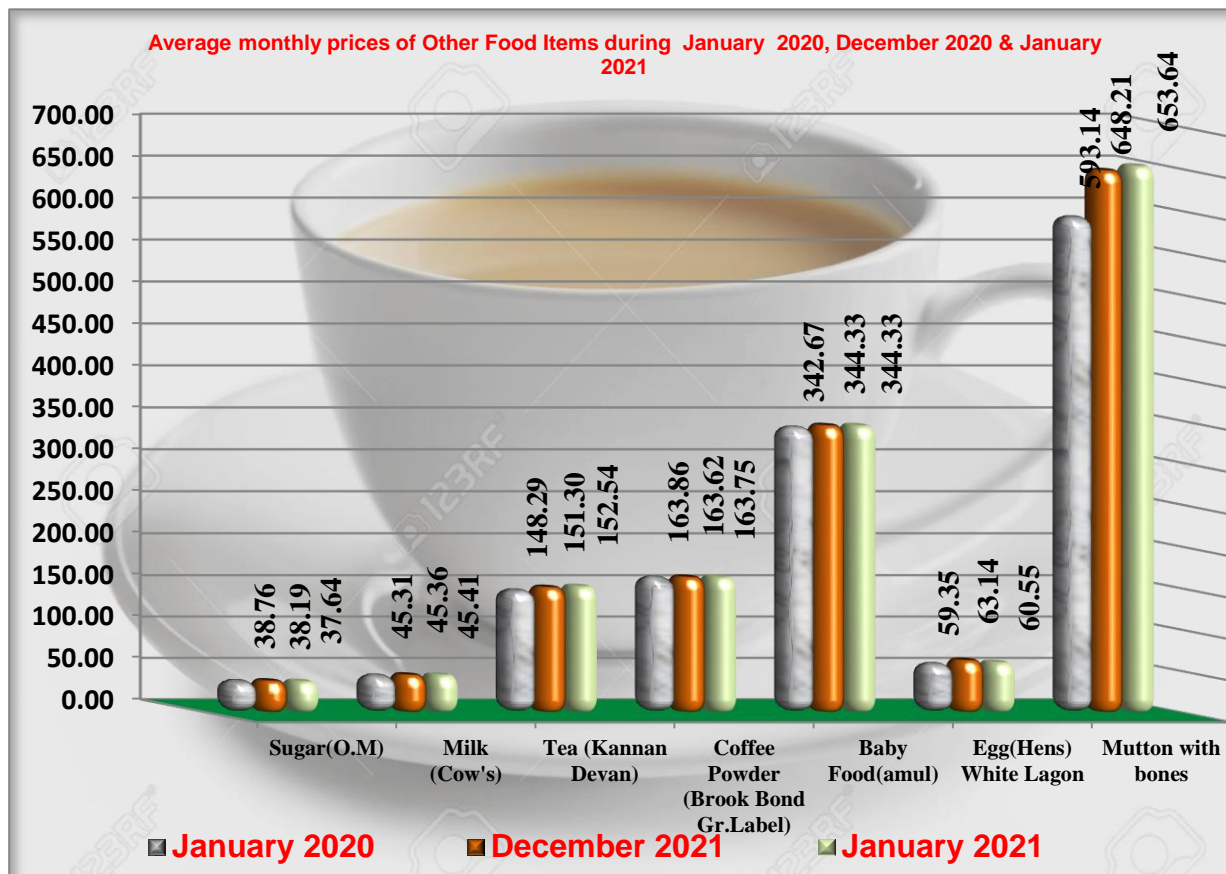
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Mutton with bones increased by 10.20% while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations of below 3%.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of other food items.

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.76	38.19	37.64	-1.44	-2.89
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.31	45.36	45.41	0.11	0.22
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.29	151.30	152.54	0.82	2.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	163.86	163.62	163.75	0.08	-0.07
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	59.35	63.14	60.55	-4.10	2.02
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	593.14	648.21	653.64	0.84	10.20

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and oilseeds except the prices of Gingelly Oil and Coconut without Husk when compared with the price of the previous month,

The State average retail price of all items of Oil and Oil seeds showed a increasing trend up to 5.72% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Gingelly Oil and Coconut without Husk. After a gap of a few months the prices of Coconut without Husk decreased marginally.

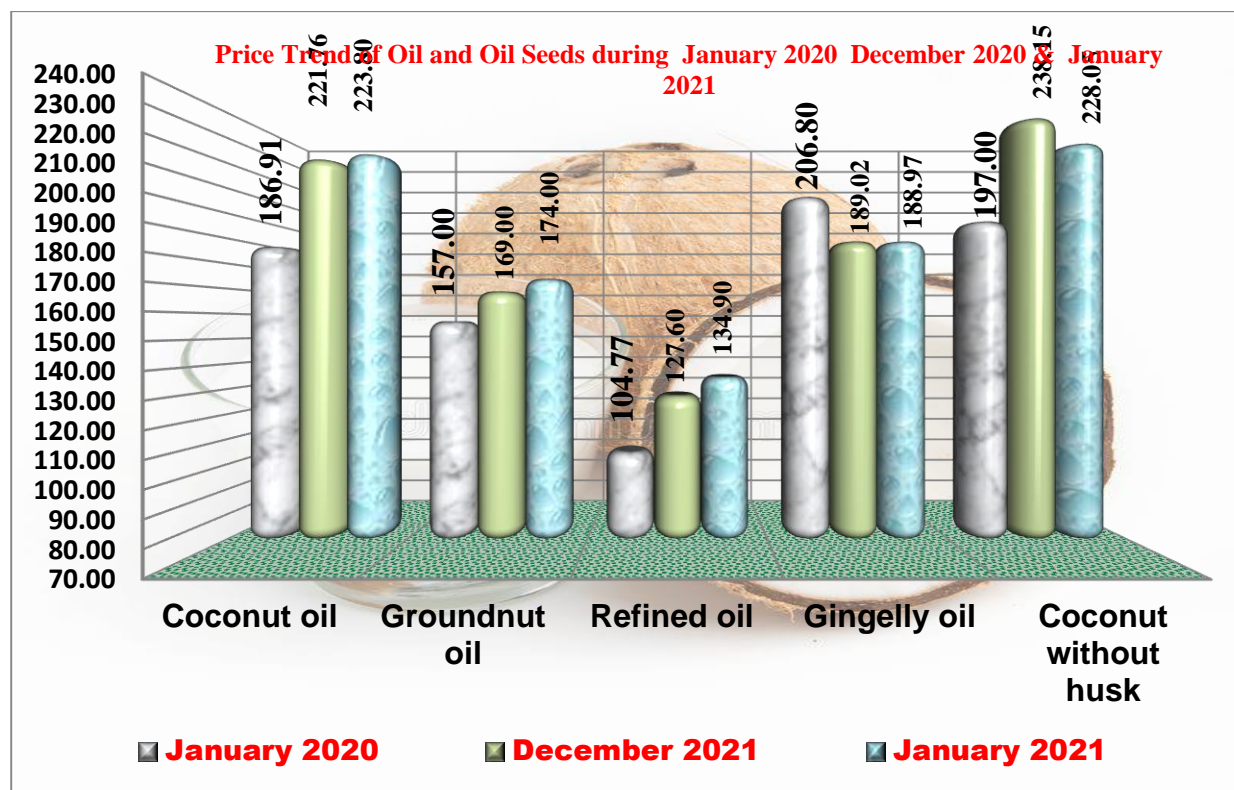
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut Oil, Coconut without husk, and Groundnut Oil increased by 28.76 %, 19.74 %, 15.76 % and 10.83 % respectively while the price of Gingelly oil Decreased by 8.62%, when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and oil seeds.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	186.91	221.76	223.80	0.92	19.74
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	157.00	169.00	174.00	2.96	10.83
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	104.77	127.60	134.90	5.72	28.76
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	206.80	189.02	188.97	-0.03	-8.62
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	197.00	238.15	228.05	-4.24	15.76

Graph-4



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

Mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and Condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The price of Onion Small decreased by 6.05% and Garlic 3.90 %, and Chillies Dry by 2.09% while the prices of Mustard increased 2.08% when compared with the price of the previous month. All the remaining showed a slight variations.

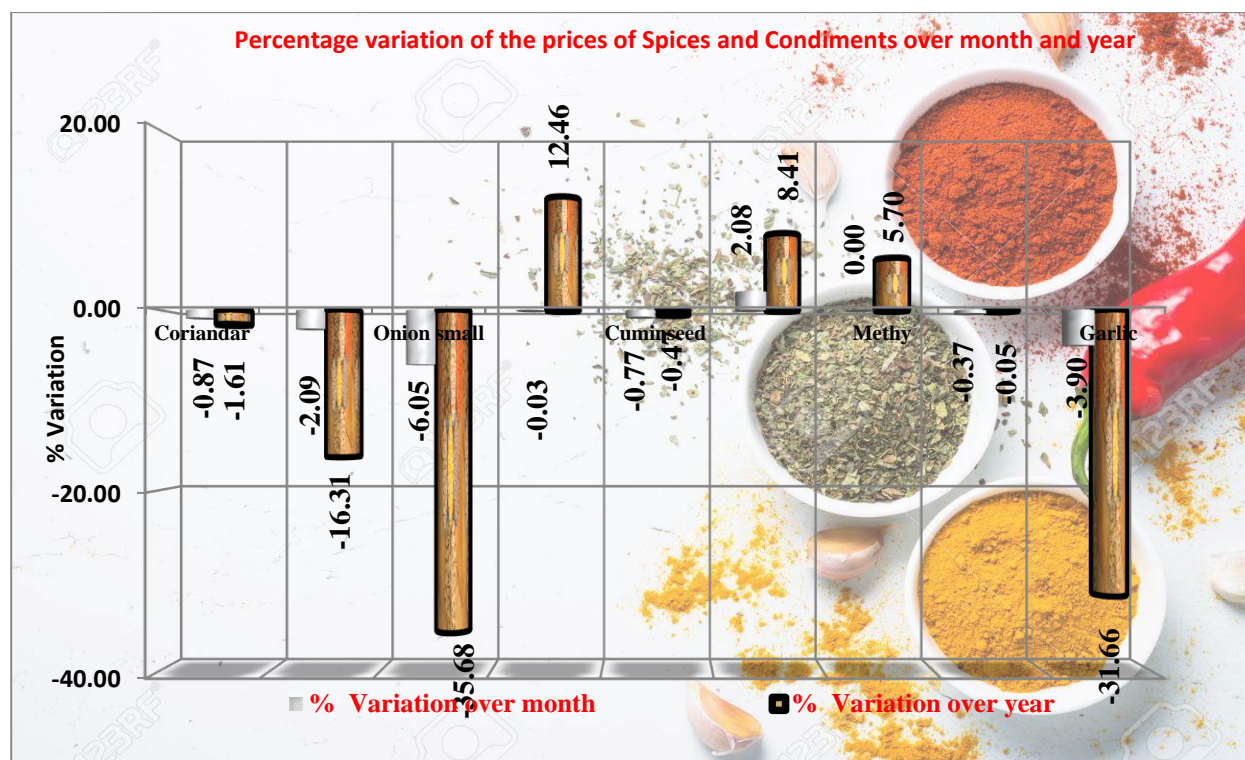
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Small (35.68%, Garlic(31.66 %),Chillies Dry(16.31%) while notable increase was seen in the price of Tamarind without seed Loose (12.46 %), Mustard(8.41 %), and Methy (5.70%),

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year, of Spices and Condiments.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	100.11	99.36	98.50	-0.87	-1.61
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	224.54	191.92	187.91	-2.09	-16.31
3	Onion small	Kg.	127.51	87.29	82.01	-6.05	-35.68
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	149.40	168.06	168.01	-0.03	12.46
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.87	29.96	29.73	-0.77	-0.47
6	Mustard	100gm	9.51	10.10	10.31	2.08	8.41
7	Methy	100gm	10.00	10.57	10.57	0.00	5.70
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.77	18.83	18.76	-0.37	-0.05
9	Garlic	100gm	20.94	14.89	14.31	-3.90	-31.66

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the Corresponding month of the previous year.

The prices of Potato, Colocassia, Tapioca raw and Elephant Yam, decreased 23.16 %, 5.56%, 5.03 % and 4.98 % respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

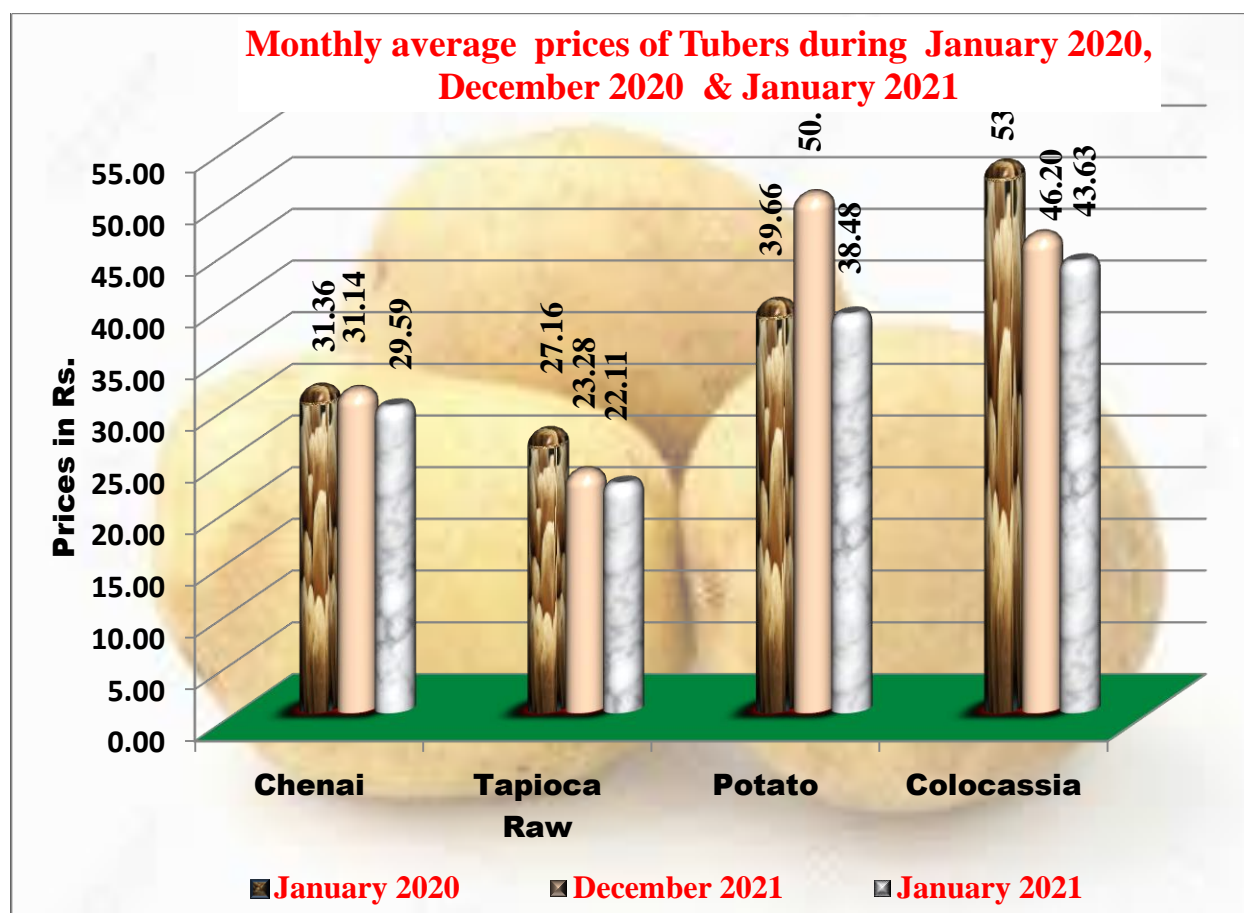
Decreasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tapioca raw (18.59 %) and Colocassia (17.77 %)

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Tubers.

**Table-6**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	31.36	31.14	29.59	-4.98	-5.64
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.16	23.28	22.11	-5.03	-18.59
3	Potato	Kg.	39.66	50.08	38.48	-23.16	-2.98
4	Colocassia	Kg.	53.06	46.20	43.63	-5.56	-17.77

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

A mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

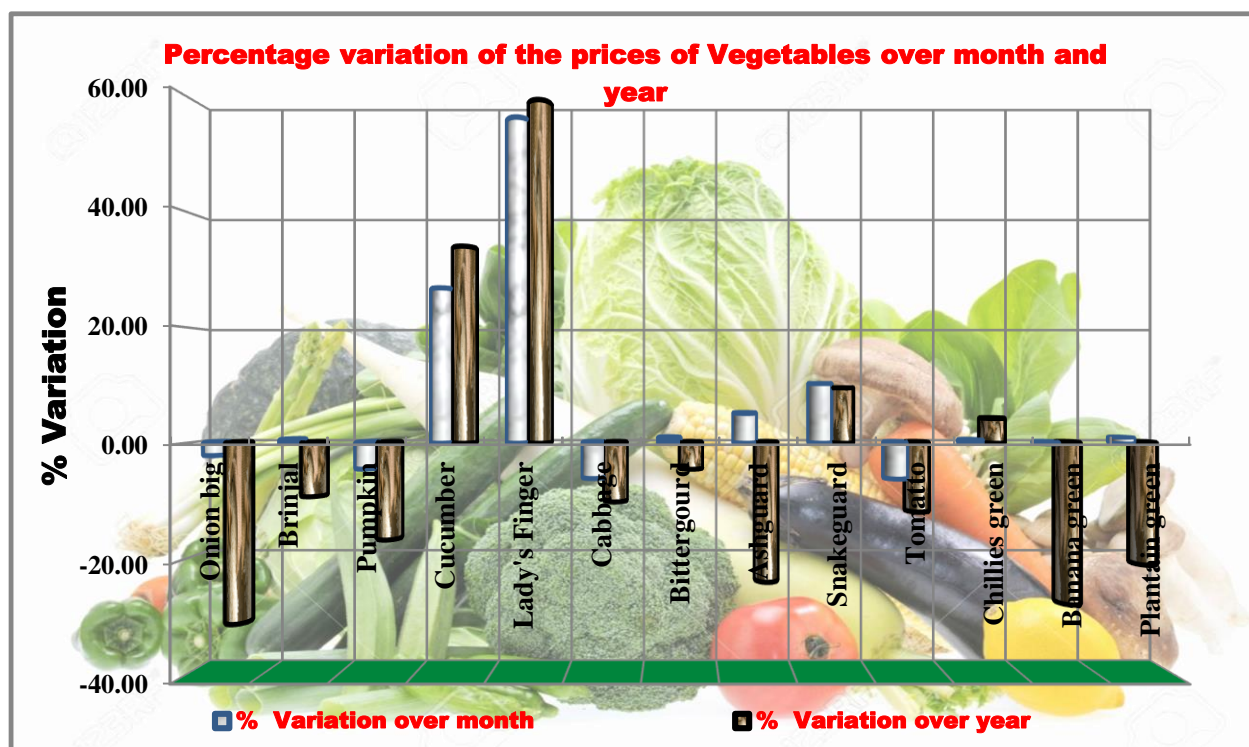
When compared with the prices of the previous month. Of these, the prices of Ladies finger and Cucumber increased significantly by about 56% and 26 % respectively. Other Items that have gone up in prices are Snake gourd (10.25%), and Ash gourd (5.12%). During the month inexpensive varieties in Vegetables are Tomato (6.16 %), Cabbage (6.07 %), and Pumpkin (4.46 %)

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Big (31.08%), Banana Green (27.73 %), Ash gourd (23.85 %), Plantain (20.95%) Pumpkin (16.63 %), Tomato (11.87%) when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-7**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	61.39	43.23	42.31	-2.13	-31.08
2	Brinjal	Kg.	39.91	36.06	36.24	0.50	-9.20
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	25.20	21.99	21.01	-4.46	-16.63
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.30	24.62	31.19	26.69	33.86
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.39	37.09	57.87	56.03	59.03
6	Cabbage	Kg.	33.24	31.82	29.89	-6.07	-10.08
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	46.56	44.11	44.48	0.84	-4.47
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.50	19.92	20.94	5.12	-23.85
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	33.19	32.97	36.35	10.25	9.52
10	Tomato	Kg.	29.69	27.90	26.18	-6.16	-11.82
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.20	5.40	5.42	0.37	4.23
12	Banana green	Kg.	38.16	27.61	27.58	-0.11	-27.73
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.51	28.60	28.86	0.91	-20.95

**Graph-7**



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

Only a slight variation in the prices of all items except Cement (Sankar) during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with that of the previous month, while an increasing trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The state average retail prices of Cement (Sankar) decreased 3.36%. There was slight variation or stability in the price of all other items when compared with the prices of the previous month.

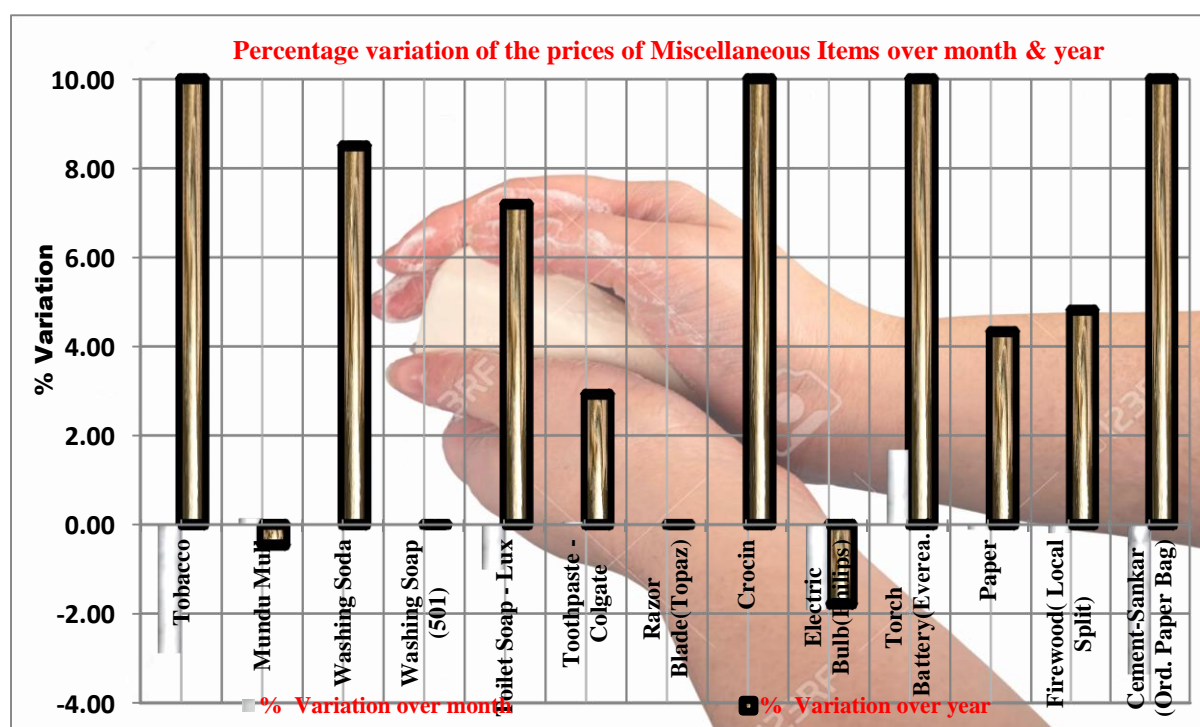
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready)(14.24 %), Tobacco(14.14%), Crocin(14%), Cement Sankar(10.74 %) and Washing Soda(8.49%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Miscellaneous Items

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	185.73	218.30	212.00	-2.89	14.14
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.42	138.58	138.78	0.14	-0.46
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.80	49.69	49.69	0.00	8.49
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.80	25.77	25.51	-1.01	7.18
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.43	51.46	0.06	2.92
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	9.17	9.17	9.17	0.00	0.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.28	2.28	0.00	14.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.60	14.62	14.34	-1.92	-1.78
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	20.16	22.65	23.03	1.68	14.24
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.88	17.63	17.61	-0.11	4.32
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	492.33	517.00	516.00	-0.19	4.81
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	382.38	438.19	423.46	-3.36	10.74

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of January 2021							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
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(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.01	37.09	36.86	-0.62	-10.12
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
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6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	97.31	115.05	111.10	-3.43	14.17
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	79.17	83.30	81.83	-1.76	3.36
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	73.05	72.40	71.06	-1.85	-2.72
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	75.25	85.45	86.18	0.85	14.52
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.76	38.19	37.64	-1.44	-2.89
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.31	45.36	45.41	0.11	0.22
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3	Onion small	Kg.	127.51	87.29	82.01	-6.05	-35.68
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	149.40	168.06	168.01	-0.03	12.46
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.87	29.96	29.73	-0.77	-0.47
6	Mustard	100gm	9.51	10.10	10.31	2.08	8.41
7	Methy	100gm	10.00	10.57	10.57	0.00	5.70
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.77	18.83	18.76	-0.37	-0.05
9	Garlic	100gm	20.94	14.89	14.31	-3.90	-31.66

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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	25.20	21.99	21.01	-4.46	-16.63
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.30	24.62	31.19	26.69	33.86
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.39	37.09	57.87	56.03	59.03
6	Cabbage	Kg	33.24	31.82	29.89	-6.07	-10.08
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	46.56	44.11	44.48	0.84	-4.47
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.50	19.92	20.94	5.12	-23.85
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	33.19	32.97	36.35	10.25	9.52
10	Tomato	Kg.	29.69	27.90	26.18	-6.16	-11.82
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2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.42	138.58	138.78	0.14	-0.46
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.80	49.69	49.69	0.00	8.49
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.80	25.77	25.51	-1.01	7.18
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.43	51.46	0.06	2.92
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.17	9.17	9.17	0.00	0.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.28	2.28	0.00	14.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.60	14.62	14.34	-1.92	-1.78
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	20.16	22.65	23.03	1.68	14.24
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.88	17.63	17.61	-0.11	4.32
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	492.33	517.00	516.00	-0.19	4.81
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	382.38	438.19	423.46	-3.36	10.74