

Industrial output growth at 3-month low of 4% in Sep

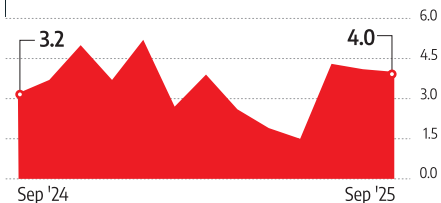
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India's industrial production moderated slightly to hit a 3-month low of 4 per cent in September from an upwardly revised estimate of 4.1 per cent in August, on the back of a slowdown in the mining and electricity sector growth, according to the data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Tuesday.

In September 2024, growth in the industrial production (IIP) index stood at 3.2 per cent. In the first half of the current financial year (H1FY26), the average IIP growth stood at 3 per cent as compared to 4.1 per cent in the same period a year ago. Data showed growth in manufacturing output — which makes up about 78 per cent of the index — increased to 4.8 per cent in September from 3.8 per cent in August. However, the mining sector witnessed a drop of 0.4 per cent and electricity growth moderated to 3.1 per cent in September from 4.1 per cent in the previous month.

The 2-digit national industrial classification level showed that the expansion in the manufacturing sector was buoyed by strong performance in basic metals (12.3 per cent), electrical equipment (28.7 per cent), and motor vehicles (14.6 per cent). Overall, out of 23 manufacturing sectors, 10 sectors, including several key consumer and



Note: Data for sep is provisional

Source: NSO

export-oriented sectors such as food products, apparel, and pharmaceuticals, registered a year-on-year contraction in September. Among the use-based classification, growth in primary goods output decreased to 1.4 per cent, reflecting the weak performance of mining and electricity sectors, even as the other five sub-segments witnessed an improvement.