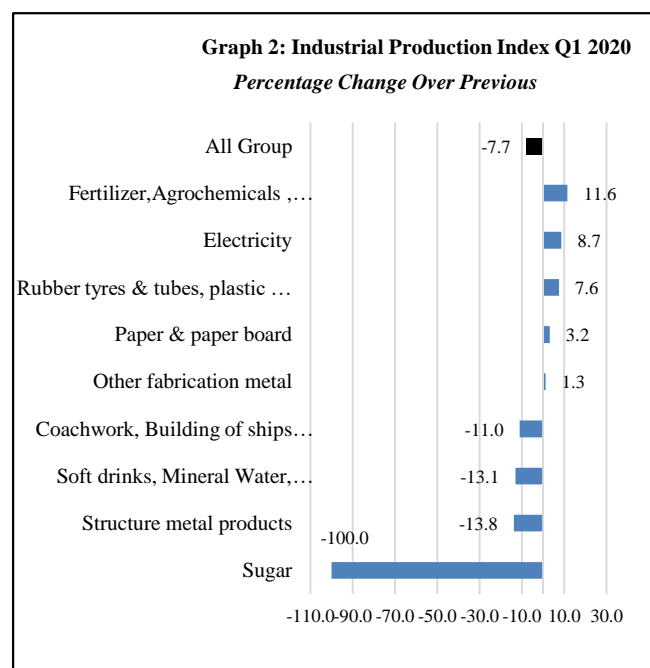
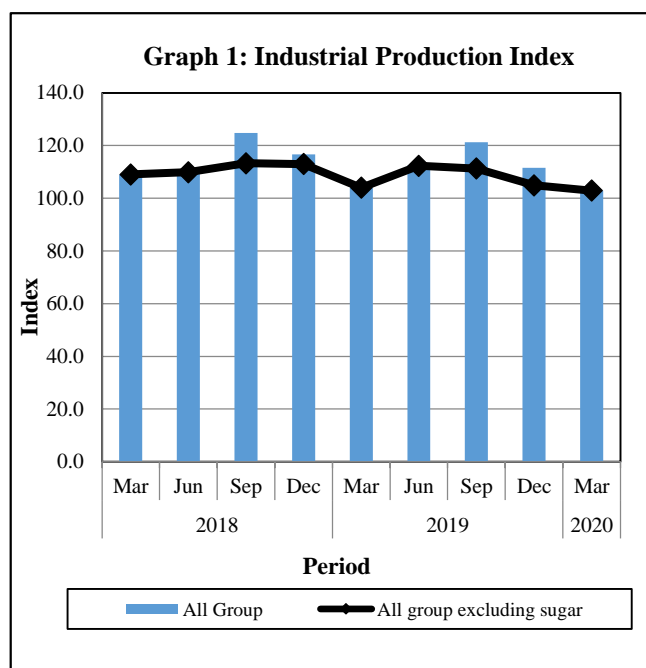


INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX March Quarter 2020

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) is an economic indicator that measures production volume changes in the following industries; Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity and Water.

Key Facts



- The All Group Industrial Production Index (IPI) stood at 102.9 in the March quarter of 2020. This represented a decline of 7.7 percent when compared to the December quarter of 2019.
- The All Group Index registered a decline of 1.1 percent when compared to the March quarter of 2019.

The major index movements were as follows:

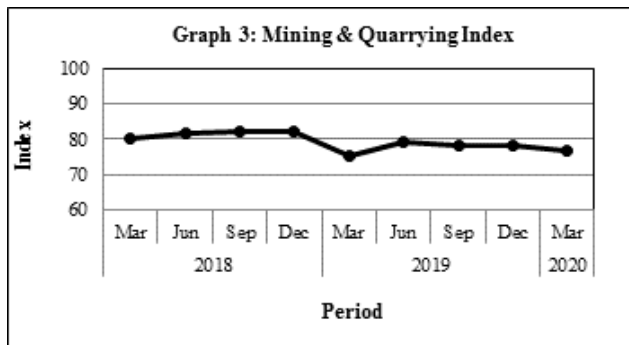
- Sugar Index fell by 100.0 percent;
- Structural metal products fell by 13.8 percent;
- Non- alcoholic drinks, & cigarettes fell by 13.1 percent;
- Coachwork, Building of ships & floating structure fell by 11.0;
- Fertilizer, Agrochemicals, Paints & vanishes rose by 11.6 percent;
- Electricity rose by 8.7 percent;
- Rubber tyres & tube, plastic products rose by 7.6 percent;
- Paper & paper board rose by 3.2 percent; and
- Other fabrication metal rose by 1.3 percent.

The All Group Index including sugar showed a decline when compared to both the December quarter of 2019 and March quarter of 2019. The All Group Index excluding sugar showed a decline when compared to both the December quarter of 2019 and March quarter of 2019. Sugar production is seasonal, with crushing carried out in the latter half of the year. Given the significant weight for sugar in the index, an increase or decrease in its production volume is bound to have an impact on the overall index.

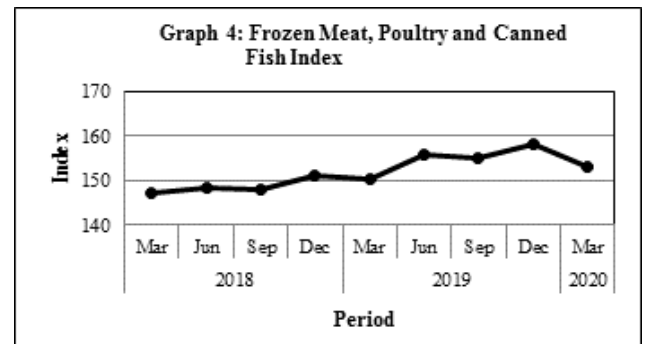
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Industrial Highlights

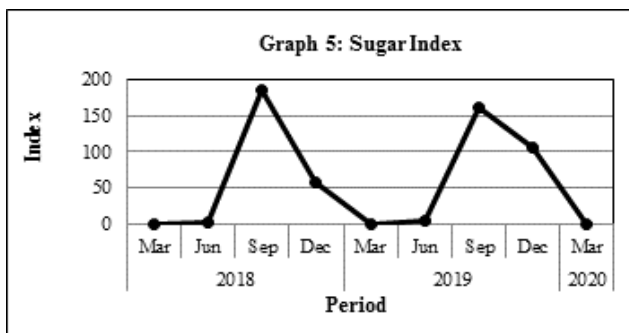
Analysis of major industries are highlighted below. These should be read in conjunction with Table 1.



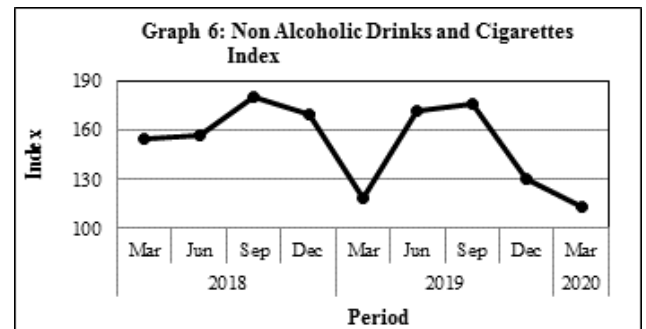
The mining & quarrying index stood at 76.5. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2019* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2019*. Lower grades of ores being extracted contributed to the overall decline.



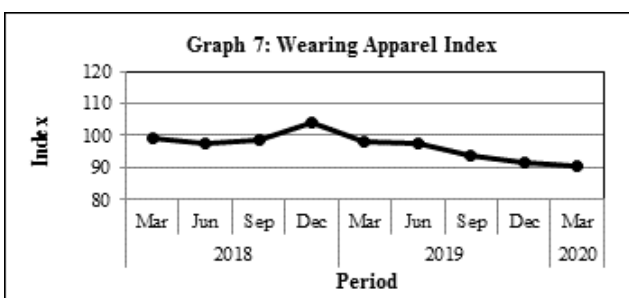
The frozen poultry, meat and canned fish index stood at 152.9. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2019* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2019*. The decline in frozen poultry production influenced the overall movement.



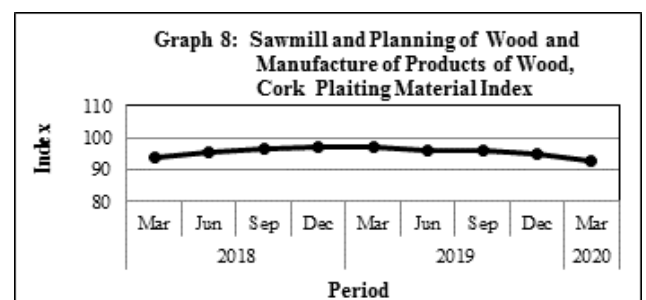
The sugar index stood at 0.0. The index showed a decline when compared to the December quarter of 2019 but remain unchanged when compared to the March quarter of 2019.



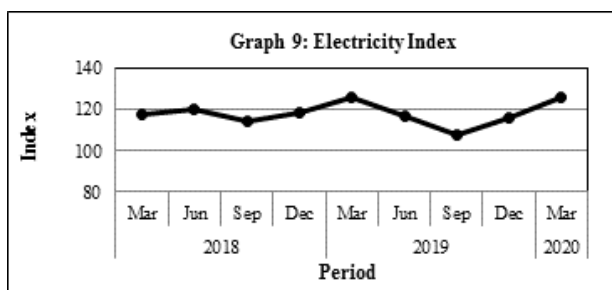
The non-alcoholic drinks & cigarettes index stood at 113.2. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2019*. Low mineral water production led to the overall decline.



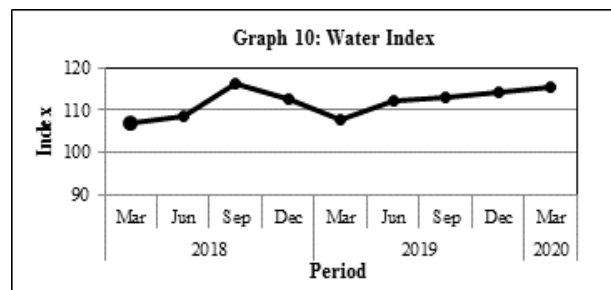
The wearing apparel index stood at 90.6. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2019*. The decline in orders received from overseas influenced the overall movement.



The saw-milling & planning of wood and manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material index stood at 93.0. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and the March quarter of 2019*. Decrease in sawn timber led to the overall decline.



The electricity index stood at 125.6. The index showed an increase *when compared to the December quarter of 2019* but *remain unchanged when compared to the March quarter of 2019*. The increase is due to high electricity demand.



The water index stood at 115.4. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2019*. The increase mentioned above reflects high water usage.

Please find attached the following:

Table 1: Quarterly Industrial Production Index.

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IPI for June quarter of 2020 will be released in September 2020.

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Appendix 1

Quarterly Industrial Production Index
[Base: Average 4 Quarters 2014 = 100.0]

FSIC	Commodities	Weights	Quarterly										
			2018				2019				2020	Changes (%)	
			Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Mar-20/Dec-19	Mar-20/Mar-19
07291/ 08101/ 08999	Mining & Quarrying	4.0	80.4	81.7	81.9	82.1	75.4	79.0	78.4	78.0	76.5	-1.9	1.5
10101/10102/10201	Frozen poultry/Meat/Canned fish	5.1	147.2	148.5	147.8	151.1	150.3	155.8	155.0	158.2	152.9	-3.4	1.7
10301	Fruit and vegetables	0.6	103.9	102.6	104.2	104.5	104.2	103.5	105.4	106.4	103.9	-2.3	-0.3
10401	Edible oil/Coconut oil	0.2	93.6	94.4	93.5	94.5	95.0	95.2	94.9	94.7	95.5	0.8	0.5
10501/10502	Dairy products/Ice-cream	3.4	110.8	112.3	111.9	113.2	108.8	107.8	109.2	112.1	111.0	-1.0	2.0
10611/10612/10619	Rice milling/Flour milling/Other grain mill products	2.7	105.4	106.7	106.6	106.9	106.0	105.8	106.2	106.7	105.8	-0.8	-0.2
10711/10712/10713	Bread/Cakes/Biscuits	2.0	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.6	101.5	101.6	101.8	101.5	-0.3	-0.1
10721	Sugar	6.2	0.0	0.8	184.8	57.6	0.0	3.0	160.6	106.1	0.0	-100.0	0.0
10731/10741/10799/10801	Sugar confectionery/Starch products/Other food n.e.c./Animal feed	2.2	107.7	108.2	105.9	106.1	104.1	106.7	107.2	108.0	106.4	-1.5	2.2
11011/11031	Alcoholic sprits/Beer	2.4	100.8	100.7	100.8	114.5	100.8	114.5	100.8	99.9	99.9	0.0	-0.9
11041/11042/11051/12001	Soft drinks/Mineral water/Yaqona/Tobacco	15.8	154.8	156.9	179.6	169.2	118.2	172.1	175.9	130.2	113.2	-13.1	-4.2
14101	Wearing apparel	7.5	99.4	97.8	98.7	104.0	98.2	97.4	93.8	91.5	90.6	-1.0	-7.7
15201	Footwear & leather products	1.1	100.9	100.9	100.8	100.8	110.7	111.1	111.3	110.1	109.1	-0.9	-1.4
16101/160201	Saw-milling & planning of wood/products of wood, cork and plaiting material	5.0	93.8	95.2	96.8	97.0	96.9	96.2	96.0	94.8	93.0	-1.9	-4.0
17011	Paper	0.1	110.0	110.1	109.0	109.5	113.8	113.1	121.8	112.7	112.4	-0.3	-1.2
17021/17099/18111	Paper & paper board/Other articles of paper & paper board/Printing	6.0	117.4	117.5	116.8	116.8	116.1	109.7	109.6	108.3	111.8	3.2	-3.7
20121/20211/20221	Fertilizer/Agrochemicals/Paints & varnishes	1.6	122.8	124.1	108.9	111.1	117.1	118.7	104.2	87.2	97.3	11.6	-16.9
20231/20299/21001	Soap & detergent/Other chemical products/Pharmaceuticals	2.2	106.9	107.2	107.4	108.4	107.9	109.3	114.4	115.6	112.5	-2.7	4.3
22111/22201/23101	Rubber tyres & tubes/Plastic products/Glass and glass products	1.0	126.3	126.9	126.0	127.2	128.8	130.0	129.2	136.6	147.0	7.6	-14.1
23942/23951/23961/24101/24311	Cement/Concrete/Cutting, shaping of stone/Basic metal/Casting of metals	3.0	98.7	101.2	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.7	101.8	102.0	101.8	-0.2	0.2
25101	Structural metal products	1.4	128.7	126.1	127.2	128.0	119.8	119.1	118.9	123.1	106.1	-13.8	-11.4
25901	Other fabricated metal products	2.8	112.1	112.0	111.9	112.0	112.0	113.2	112.3	111.5	112.9	1.3	0.8
29201/30101	Coachwork/Building of ships & floating structure	0.6	73.4	73.4	72.7	72.7	77.9	78.3	84.8	84.9	75.6	-11.0	-3.0
31001	Manufacture of furniture	1.9	85.8	85.7	83.2	91.5	89.4	87.2	86.5	87.6	84.6	-3.4	-5.4
32101/32999/33121/33141	Jewellery/Other manufacturing nec/Repair of machinery & electrical equip.	1.2	87.7	87.6	88.1	88.1	88.2	87.4	87.1	88.0	87.6	-0.5	-0.7
35101	Electricity	10.9	117.8	119.6	114.1	118.2	125.6	116.4	107.6	115.5	125.6	8.7	0.0
36001	Water	9.1	107.0	108.3	116.1	112.6	107.7	112.0	113.1	114.3	115.4	1.0	7.1
	<i>All Group</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>109.0</i>	<i>109.9</i>	<i>124.8</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>104.0</i>	<i>112.5</i>	<i>121.4</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>-7.7</i>	<i>-1.1</i>
	<i>All group excluding sugar</i>	<i>93.8</i>	<i>109.0</i>	<i>109.9</i>	<i>113.3</i>	<i>113.0</i>	<i>104.0</i>	<i>112.3</i>	<i>111.3</i>	<i>104.9</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>-1.1</i>
	<i>All group excluding mining and quarrying</i>	<i>96.0</i>	<i>105.7</i>	<i>106.6</i>	<i>121.5</i>	<i>113.3</i>	<i>101.0</i>	<i>109.3</i>	<i>118.2</i>	<i>108.4</i>	<i>99.8</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>76.0</i>	<i>83.2</i>	<i>83.8</i>	<i>98.6</i>	<i>90.2</i>	<i>77.6</i>	<i>86.5</i>	<i>96.2</i>	<i>85.4</i>	<i>75.6</i>	<i>-11.5</i>	<i>-2.6</i>