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EXPERT VIEW

Prices of Petrol and Diesel reached an all-time high in February 2021, rising by ₹4.9/litre and ₹5/litre, respectively, by the end of the month. Taxes now account for around 59% of the retail price of petrol and 54% of the price of diesel

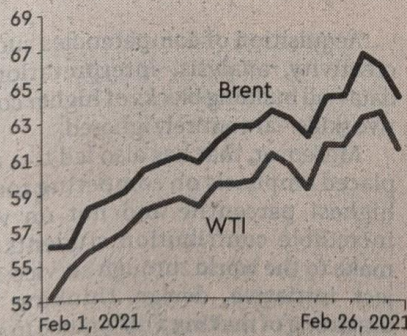
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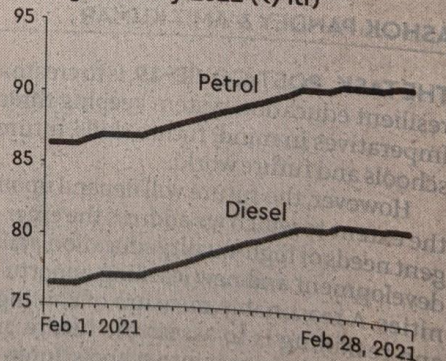
Oil prices nearing pre-pandemic levels

The price of Brent Crude and WTI increased sharply by 11.6% and 13.4% m-o-m in February, and by 11.3% and 17.4%, respectively, on a y-o-y basis. Brent Crude oil price breached the \$60/bbl mark after 13 months in February. Oil prices have been on a rise due to restrained US oil production and deployment of vaccination drives across economies, among other factors. The y-o-y recovery denotes that crude oil prices have recovered from the initial pandemic days and are nearing the pre-COVID range.

Daily prices of oil during February 2021 (\$/bbl)



Daily prices of petrol and diesel during February 2021 (₹/ltr)



Price build-up of petrol and diesel at Delhi (₹/ltr)

As on March 1, 2021	Petrol	Diesel
Price charged to dealers (excluding excise duty and VAT)	33.5	35.2
Excise duty	32.9	31.8
Dealer commission	3.7	2.5
VAT (includes VAT on dealer commission)	21	11.9
Retail selling price	91.2	81.5

Source: Bloomberg, ICE, PPAC and IOCL

