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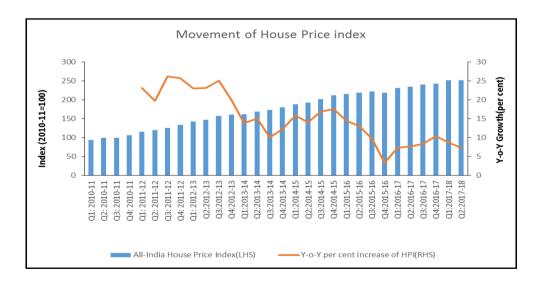
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All-India House Price Index (HPI) annual growth moderated further in Q2:2017-18

Today, the Reserve Bank released the quarterly *house price index (HPI)*¹ (base: 2010-11=100) for Q2:2017-18, based on transactions data received from housing registration authorities in ten major cities (*viz.*, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Kanpur and Kochi). Time series data on All-India and city-wise HPI are available on the *Database of Indian Economy (DBIE)* portal (https://dbie.rbi.org.in/DBIE/dbie.rbi?site=statistics > RealSector > Price&Wages > Quarterly).

Highlights:

- The All-India HPI recorded a sequential increase (*i.e.*, Q2:2017-18 over Q1:2017-18) of 0.4 per cent, with six of the ten cities recording a rise in the latest quarter.
- City-wise, large variances were observed in sequential terms, with Kochi recording the highest rise (20.3 per cent) and Bengaluru and Ahmedabad recording the maximum contractions [(-)2.9 per cent each].
- The all-India HPI recorded growth of 7.3 per cent on annual basis (*i.e.*, Q2:2017-18 over Q2:2016-17) as against 8.7 per cent observed in the previous quarter and 7.7 per cent a year ago; except Chennai, all other cities recorded a rise in housing price.
- The annual growth in HPI ranged from 29.7 per cent (in Kanpur) to (-)7.0 per cent (in Chennai), indicating large divergence in city-wise housing price movements.



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