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1. Unemployment trends across Indian states: A look at July-September 2023



In the Periodic Labor Force Survey of July-September 2023, Himachal Pradesh recorded the highest urban youth unemployment at 33.9%, followed by Rajasthan. The recently conducted Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS) by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has revealed data regarding unemployment rate in the age group of 15 to 29 years in urban areas during the July-September quarter of 2023. The study covered 22 states, revealing significant variation in unemployment across regions. Himachal Pradesh stands out with the highest overall unemployment rate of 33.9%, making it the state with the most significant unemployment challenge in the 15-29 age group in urban areas during the specified quarter. Rajasthan is in second place with a rate of 30.2%. In Himachal Pradesh, data indicates a severe gender divide, where women experience a significantly higher unemployment rate of 49.2%, compared to 25.3% among men. Similarly, women in Rajasthan face an unemployment rate of 39.4%, while men experience 27.2%. Jammu and Kashmir also struggles with high unemployment, with the rate in the 15-29 age group being 29.8% in urban areas. Notably, women in the region bear a more significant burden, with their unemployment rate at 51.8%, higher than the male rate of 19.8%. The overall unemployment rate in the 15-29 age group in urban areas across the country is 17.3%, with the rate higher for women at 22.9% compared to 15.5% for men. The data provides a snapshot of the employment landscape highlighting the challenges faced by youth in different states. The survey highlights significant regional variations in unemployment rates. Gujarat has the lowest rate among persons aged 15-29 in the July-September quarter at 7.1%, followed by Delhi at 8.4%.

2. World's first portable hospital, 'Arogya Maitri Cube', unveiled in Gurugram



The world's first portable hospital Arogya Maitri Cube was unveiled in Gurugram on December 2, 2023. This is an innovative medical facility resulting from indigenous design under the 'Bheeshma' project. India has unveiled the world's first portable disaster hospital, Arogya Maitri Cube, an unprecedented facility in Gurugram that can be airlifted and has 72 cubes. This extraordinary effort is a component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious "Project Bhishma" (India Health Initiative for Cooperation, Interest and Friendship), unveiled in February 2022. The heart of this innovative disaster hospital lies in its 72 cubes, each of which contains an array of essential equipment and supplies. These have an operation theatre, a mini-ICU, ventilators, blood testing equipment, an X-ray machine, a cooking station, food, water, shelter, a power generator and more. These cubes have been ingeniously designed to provide critical medical care and humanitarian assistance in the wake of natural disasters and humanitarian crises. One of the most notable features of the Arogya Maitri Cube is its ability to handle a wide range of serious injuries. These include 40 bullet injuries, 25 serious injuries, about 10 head injuries, fractures of long limbs, spinal cord injuries, chest injuries and spinal fractures. This versatile disaster hospital has been designed to meet the diverse medical needs of survivors in challenging circumstances.

3. Outbreak of 'White Lung Syndrome': US report

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Recent findings have highlighted Ohio as the first US state to experience an increase in 'white lung syndrome', a pneumonia-like disease that primarily affects children. Reports have described Ohio as the first US state to experience a surge in cases of the pneumonia-like disease called 'White Lung Syndrome'. The outbreak, mainly affecting children, has led to a large number of hospitalizations, raising concerns among health officials. The situation has drawn global attention as the World Health Organization (WHO) is tracking rising respiratory infections among Chinese children, with other countries like India also on alert. Local media reports have emphasized the impact on children, resulting in an unusually high number of hospitalizations in Ohio. In Warren County, in particular, 142 pediatric cases were reported since August, prompting health officials to declare it an outbreak based on state criteria. The patients tested positive for *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, a bacterial infection of the lungs that is resistant to antibiotics. Those most affected are ages 3 to 8, raising the question why children might be more susceptible. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the immune system has been weakened due to lockdowns, increased exposure to mask-wearing and school closures. White lung syndrome is identified by the distinct white spots seen on chest X-ray in affected children. The term covers a range of respiratory disorders, including acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), pulmonary alveolar microlithiasis, and conditions related to silica exposure.

4. Agreement between RBI and Bank of England on bond clearing settlement



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) signed a key memorandum of understanding, paving the way for trading of billions of dollars in Indian sovereign bonds through the London lender. Banking regulators in India and the United Kingdom (UK) achieved a significant milestone as they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The focus of the MoU is on monitoring the Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL), which is a key entity in local transaction settlement. This development opens the door to substantial trading in Indian sovereign bonds through London lenders, marking a significant agreement for the commitment of individual funds and discharge of custodian roles. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) are the primary regulatory bodies involved in this agreement. The MoU not only serves as a blueprint for the regulatory regime but also establishes a robust framework for CCIL to grapple with oversight issues. The framework is designed to accommodate an estimated \$25 billion of incremental inflows into Indian sovereign bonds by mid-2025 following their inclusion in JPMorgan's globally tracked indices. According to an RBI statement, the MOU establishes a framework to enable the BOE to rely on the regulatory and supervisory activities of the RBI while ensuring the safeguarding of the financial stability of the UK. The statement emphasizes the importance of cross-border cooperation to facilitate international clearing activities and underlines the BOE's commitment to the regulatory regimes of other authorities.

5. UK: India once again elected with more votes in the International Maritime Organization

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India's High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami said the voting reflects the government's commitment to enhancing India's diverse contribution to global maritime operations. After the elections, Doraiswami said that the international community has once again chosen India to continue serving in the maritime sector. India was once again chosen for maximum support in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council. India is ranked among the 10 states with the greatest interest in international maritime trade along with Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). India's High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami on Friday said the voting reflects the government's commitment to enhancing India's diverse contribution to global maritime operations. After the elections, Doraiswami said that the international community has once again chosen India to continue serving in the maritime sector. We are extremely pleased with the support of the international community. He further said that today we were once again elected to the IMO Council in London with the highest number of votes. It reflects the continuity, glorious and unbroken record of India. This reflects the priorities of our government. Let us tell you, IMO is the main organization that oversees the maritime sector. This in turn underpins international trade, transport and all maritime activities. The meeting of the 33rd Assembly of the IMO continues in London from 27 November to 6 December.

6. Infosys signs agreement with Shell for data center



Indian IT services giant Infosys has recently announced a strategic partnership with energy company Shell to adopt immersion cooling services in data centres. This collaboration aims to harness the strengths of both organizations in the digital and energy domains, supported by a network of partners, to create an integrated solution for eco-friendly data centres. Ashish Kumar Das, EVP and global head of sustainability, services, utilities, resources and energy, Infosys, emphasizes the shared goal of creating a more sustainable future. The collaboration aims to leverage AI-based digital solutions to establish environmentally responsible data centers capable of efficiently managing high computing loads through optimized hardware. According to recent industry estimates, data centers currently contribute about 1.5% of global electricity consumption and 1% of global CO2 emissions. With the projected increase in AI workers, energy consumption and CO2 emissions from data centers are expected to increase significantly. Aysun Akik, Vice President of New Business Development and Global Key Accounts Downstream & Renewables at Shell Lubricants, highlighted the potential of Shell's immersion cooling technology in reducing data center energy use and helping businesses meet their sustainability commitments. The technology, based on Shell's gas-to-liquid (GTL) process, is designed to cut costs, enhance performance and reduce the environmental footprint of data center operations.

7. "Rise" was named Word of the Year by Oxford University Press.

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Oxford University Press has declared “riz” its word of the year, reflecting the linguistic preferences of Generation Z. The word, which is used to describe the ability to charm or attract another person, was voted “swifty,” “situationship,” and “prompt” in an annual decision made by language experts from the renowned publisher of the Oxford English Dictionary. “ as the finalists triumphed. The selection of “riz” as the word of the year by Oxford University Press, particularly in the realm of Generation Z, highlights the dynamic nature of language. This linguistic evolution serves as a testament to the ever-changing landscape of communication, reflecting the unique. The ways in which younger generations shape and redefine the words that encapsulate their experiences, perspectives, and interactions in the modern world. “Rizz” emerged victorious after a public vote, which included contenders such as “Swifty,” an ardent fan of Taylor Swift, “Situationship,” denoting a casual romantic or sexual relationship, and “Prompt,” an artificial intelligence program. Instructions given to. The choice of these words reflects the evolving landscape of the language, reflecting the nuances and trends of contemporary culture. Believed to be derived from the middle word “charisma,” “rise” can be employed as a verb, as in the phrase “to rise up,” meaning to speak to someone. The term encapsulates the evolving language of younger generations, whether online or in person, demonstrating their ability to create and define spaces, where language becomes a dynamic tool for self-expression.

8. Amit Shah inaugurates Khadi Matikala Mahotsav



Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the Khadi Mati Art Festival 2023 in Ahmedabad. The program was organized by Khadi and Village Industries Commission at Science City, Ahmedabad. ‘Khadi Mati Art Festival-2023’ was also inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah. On this occasion, electric wheel was given to 300 potters, indigenous charkha to 200 Khadi artisans, toolkits and machinery to 100 beneficiaries, margin money subsidy of Rs 200 crore to 4458 beneficiaries across the country under PMEGP, renovated Central Pune Plant (CSP) at Kuttur, Kerala.) and inaugurated 8 newly constructed post offices in Ahmedabad through online medium. In his address at the Mati Kala Mahotsav 2023, Amit Shah congratulated the people who benefited from various schemes. Amit Shah said that Khadi Mati Art Festival is a multidimensional idea. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Vocal for Local' and 'Self-reliant India' mantra has given Khadi recognition on the global stage. In the last 9 years, the turnover of Khadi and village industry products has crossed the figure of Rs 1.34 lakh crore, while during this period more than 9.50 lakh new jobs have been created. Khadi and Village Industries Commission is playing an important role in strengthening the economy of rural India. Under the Village Industries Development Scheme, KVIC has so far distributed electric wheel to more than 27 thousand potter brothers and sisters, which has brought a big change in the lives of more than 1 lakh potters. Amit Shah further said that under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, margin money subsidy of Rs 200 crore has been distributed to 4458 beneficiaries across the country, through which more than 49 thousand new jobs have been created. Out of Rs 200 crore, subsidy of Rs 51 crore has been disbursed in the accounts of 449 beneficiaries of Gujarat, which

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has provided employment to 4939 new people in Gujarat.

QUIZ

1. When is Indian Navy Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 02 December
- (b) 03 December
- (c) 04 December
- (d) 05 December

Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on 4 December across the country to honor the role and achievements of the Indian Navy. The importance of this day is linked to a special achievement of the Indian Navy. This day commemorates 'Operation Trident' during the Indo-Pak war of 1971. reminds me of. The theme of this year's Navy Day is "Operational Efficiency, Readiness and Mission Achievement in the Maritime Domain" (Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain).

2. Where was the world's first portable hospital inaugurated?

- (a) Patna
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Gurugram

World's first portable hospital indigenously built 'Arogya Maitri Cube' (Arogya Maitri cube) was inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana. It can be installed at the emergency site within an hour. It can be used in any emergency area or disaster affected area. It has the capacity to treat up to 200 patients.

3. Recently Chandrashekhar Ghosh has been appointed as MD & CEO of which bank?

- A- Yes Bank
- B- Bandhan Bank
- C- Axis Bank
- D- none

Bandhan Bank approved the reappointment of Chandrashekhar Ghosh as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for three years. If the Reserve Bank approves this proposal, the reappointment will be effective from July 10, 2024. The bank said in the information given to the stock exchange that the approval of the board of directors for reappointment is

dependent on the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the shareholders of the bank. It said that the current tenure of Ghosh as Managing Director and CEO will expire on July 09, 2024 and in terms of regulatory provisions, the application for reappointment must be made to the Reserve Bank at least six months before the expiry of the current tenure. Will be presented.

4. India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organization, where is its headquarters?

- (a) Sydney
- (b) Dubai
- (c) London
- (d) Mumbai

India has once again been elected to the International Maritime Organization with the highest number of votes. This biennial tenure of India is for 2024-25. India 'most interested in international maritime trade' Comes in the category of top 10 nations. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that regulates shipping, its headquarters is in London.

5. Who has been appointed the Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education?

- (a) Ayushi Sinha
- (b) Kanchan Devi
- (c) Raghav Singh
- (d) Ajay Saxena

Kanchan Devi, a 1991-batch Indian Forest Service officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE). Kanchan Devi has become the first woman officer to hold this post. Indian Council of Forestry Research Education is functioning under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

6. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Telangana State?

- (a) Alok Sinha
- (b) Vijay Singh
- (c) Abhay Saxena
- (d) Ravi Gupta

The Telangana State Government has issued orders to post Anti-Corruption Bureau Director General Ravi

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Gupta as Director General of Police and Chief of Police Force with full additional charge with immediate effect. On the instructions of the Election Commission of India, the state government had suspended Anjani Kumar. And notices were issued to two additional DG rank officers Sanjay Jain and Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat for violating the model code of conduct.

7. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the panel of Vice-Chairmen with how many members?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the eight-member panel of Deputy Speakers with the presence of 50 percent women MPs. The eight-member panel now has four women members, including Congress MP Phulo Devi Netam, and Bharatiya Janata Party MPs Phangnon Konyak, Darshana Singh and Sonal Mansingh. In the absence of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, the Deputy Chairman is eligible to preside over the House.

8. Where has the DeepTech Startup Promotion Campaign named Samriddhi Conclave been started?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Ropar
- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Mumbai

Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh inaugurated the DeepTech Startup Promotion Campaign to promote innovation in agriculture and water technology. 'Samrudhi Conclave' This DeepTech Startup Promotion has been started in IIT Ropar. It was organized by Technology and Innovation Center iHub AwaDH.

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"The Ridge" was named by Oxford University Press as – **word of the year**

Recently inaugurated Khadi Matikala Mahotsav - **Amit Shah**

When is Indian Navy Day celebrated every year - **04 December**

Where was the world's first portable hospital inaugurated - **Gurugram**

Recently Chandrashekhar Ghosh has been appointed MD & CEO of which bank - **Bandhan Bank**

India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organization, where is its headquarters - **London**

Who has been appointed Director General of Indian Council of Forestry Research Education - **Kanchan Devi**

Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Telangana State – **Ravi Gupta**

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the panel of Vice-Chairmen with how many members - **8**

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