

DAILY PT POINTERS

27th March , 2024



HEADLINES OF THE DAY



PIB: Defence/Environment

Ministry of Defence

As part of overseas deployment to ASEAN countries, ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar arrives at Manila Bay, Philippines

Posted On: 26 MAR 2024 9:11AM by PIB Delhi

Indian Coast Guard ship Samudra Paheredar, a specialized Pollution Control Vessel, arrived at Manila Bay, Philippines on 25 March 2024 on a three-day visit. The visit of specialized Pollution Control Vessels is part of a broader initiative aimed at demonstration of ICG Marine Pollution Response capabilities and shared concern & resolve towards Marine Pollution in the ASEAN region, besides bolstering bilateral cooperation with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). The ICG ship is on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries namely the Philippines, Vietnam, and Brunei from 25 March to 12 April 2024. The deployment is the third in a row by the Indian Coast Guard to ASEAN countries. Earlier in the year 2023, ICG Pollution Control Vessels visited Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia as part of the initiative.

During this deployment, the ship is scheduled to make port calls in Manila (Philippines), Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam), and Muara (Brunei). The ship is equipped with specialized marine pollution control equipment and a Chetak Helicopter in Pollution Response configuration, designed to contain, and recover spilled oil and augment the operation. The demonstration at visiting ports includes Pollution Response training and a practical display of various equipment.

Additionally, the ship has also embarked 25 National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets to participate in the Government's initiative "Puneet Sagar Abhiyan," and provide it an international outreach in coordination with partner nations. As part of an overseas exchange program, the NCC cadets, in coordination with ICG ship crew, Partner agencies personnel, Indian Embassy/ Mission staff, and local youth organizations will undertake beach cleanup and similar activities during the port call of the ship.

News

- Indian Coast Guard ship **Samudra Paheredar**, a specialized Pollution Control Vessel, arrived at Manila Bay, Philippines on a three-day visit.

About

- The visit of specialized Pollution Control Vessels is part of a broader initiative aimed at demonstration of ICG Marine Pollution Response capabilities and shared concern & resolve towards Marine Pollution in the ASEAN region, besides bolstering bilateral cooperation with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- The ICG ship is on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries namely the Philippines, Vietnam, and Brunei from 25 March to 12 April 2024.
- Over the years, Samudra Paheredar has successfully undertaken various Coast Guard operations, including Pollution Response, IMBL/EEZ surveillance, counter-transnational crimes, and Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR).

The Hindu-Economy-Page 1

Employment scenario in India grim, says ILO report

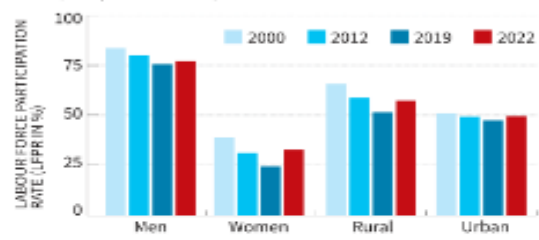
A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

The share of those with secondary or higher education among the unemployed youth in India has almost doubled from 35.2% in 2000 to 65.7% in 2022, according to the India Employment Report 2024 released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD) here on Tuesday.

The report says that youngsters account for almost 83% of the country's unemployed workforce. Employment and underemployment of the youth increased between 2000 and 2019 but declined during the pandemic years, the study, released by Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran, said, adding that educated youngsters experienced much higher levels of unemployment in the country during the period. The Labour Force Participation Rate

Employment blues

Labour participation for various sections increased slightly in 2022 (compared to 2019) but was still low vis-a-vis 2000



(LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) showed a long-term deterioration between 2000 and 2018, but witnessed an improvement after 2019, the study said. It added that the improvement coincides with periods of economic distress. "This improvement needs to be interpreted cautiously as jobs generated in the slowdown period raise questions about the drivers of these changes," the authors of the report said.

The report said India's job story over the past two decades had seen some paradoxical improvements in labour market indicators while the basic long-term feature of the employment situation in the country continued to be insufficient growth of the non-farm sectors and the ability of these sectors to absorb workers from agriculture.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 10

ON GOVT. INTERVENTION
» PAGE 13

News

- The **India Employment Report 2024** was released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD).

Key Findings

- India's youth account for **almost 83% of the unemployed workforce**.
- The share of youngsters with secondary or higher education in the total unemployed youth has almost doubled from 35.2% in 2000 to 65.7% in 2022.
- Almost 90% of workers remain engaged in informal work, while the share of regular work, which steadily increased after 2000, declined after 2018.
- Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have greater participation in work due to economic necessity but engaged more in low-paid temporary casual wage work and informal employment.

The Hindu-Economy-Page 10

Sensing China threat, India joins race to mine new sea patch

Files application with the International Seabed Authority for rights to explore two vast tracts in Indian Ocean seabed that aren't part of its jurisdiction

March 26, 2024 10:39 pm | Updated 10:58 pm IST - NEW DELHI:

JACOB KOSHY



READ LATER PRINT



- India applied to the **International Seabed Authority (ISBA)**, Jamaica, for rights to explore two vast tracts in the Indian Ocean seabed that are not part of its jurisdiction.
 - India's application is part-motivated by reports of Chinese vessels undertaking reconnaissance in the same region.
- The application to explore one of these regions, a cobalt-rich crust long known as the **Afanasy Nikitin Seamount (AN Seamount)**, is a gambit by India.
- The AN Seamount is a structural feature (400 km-long and 150 km-wide) in the Central Indian Basin, located about 3,000 km off India's coast.
- From an oceanic depth of about 4,800 km, it rises to about 1,200 metres and is rich in deposits of **cobalt, nickel, manganese, and copper**.
- Along with the application for AN Seamount, India has also applied for permission to explore another region, spanning 3,00,000 square km, called the **Carlsberg Ridge** in the Central Indian Ocean to investigate for **polymetallic sulphides**.

The Hindu-Education/S&T-Page 5

ISRO to hold training sessions in educational institutions

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

News

- ISRO will conduct the **Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) 2024** programme during April and May.

About

- ISRO will host START-2024 in educational institutes, universities, colleges within India who are offering UG and PG courses in physical sciences and technology.
- The main objective of the training programme is to attract the youngsters to the fields of space science and technology.
- The training modules will comprise introductory level topics on various verticals of space science and technology. In addition to these, there will be sessions on Indian space exploration programmes and research opportunities.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu-Culture-Page 5

Heralding Ugadi



- Ugadi festival marks the beginning of the **Kannad New Year**, along with the advent of the **spring season**.
- It is believed that **Lord Brahma** created the world on this day only.
- Another popular belief related to Ugadi is that on this day, **Lord Vishnu** took an incarnation in the form of **Matsya**.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Polity and Governance

Nirmala Sitharaman, Jairam Ramesh squabble over Atal Pension Yojana



- **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, is a flagship social security scheme of the Government of India.
- It was **launched in 2015** to provide **old-age income security** to Indian citizens, with a particular focus on the **poor, underprivileged, and workers** in the unorganized sectors.
- Under the APY, the subscriber is eligible to get a lifelong monthly pension of Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 from the age of 60 years, depending on their contributions.
- The same pension would be paid to the spouse of the subscriber after the demise of the subscriber and on the demise of both the subscriber and spouse, the pension wealth as accumulated till age 60 of the subscriber would be returned back to the nominee.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Indian Express:Economy-Page 12

ICCC: Integrated farm data dashboard for customised solutions

Officials described the ICCC as a “significant leap forward” in leveraging technology for the advancement of agricultural practices.



News

- Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated a Krishi Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) set up at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi.

What is the Krishi ICCC?

- The ICCC is a tech-based solution involving multiple IT applications and platforms, which is designed to help in making informed decisions regarding agricultural practices.
- The ICCC uses state-of-the-art technologies such as artificial intelligence, remote sensing, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to collect and process large amounts of granular data — on temperatures, rainfall, wind speed, crop yields and production estimations — and presents it in graphical format.