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1. PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (PLFS) MONTHLY BULLETIN – APRIL 2026



Key Indicators Covered

- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)
- Worker Population Ratio (WPR)
- Unemployment Rate (UR)

Major Trends

- I. Urban unemployment showed:
 - A. A declining trend
- II. Rural employment diversification increased:
 - A. Secondary and tertiary sector jobs
- III. Rise observed in:
 - A. Regular wage/salaried employment

Importance

- I. Helps policymakers:
 - A. Monitor labour market conditions
 - B. Design employment-related policies
- II. Useful for:
 - A. Economic planning and social welfare programmes

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

PLFS

- I. Conducted by:
 - A. National Statistical Office
- II. Started in:
 - A. 2017
- III. Objective:
 - A. Provide timely labour market data

Key Terms

LFPR

- Percentage of population participating in labour force

WPR

- Percentage of employed persons in population

UR

- Percentage of unemployed persons in labour force

Importance of Labour Data

- I. Helps assess:
 - A. Employment generation
 - B. Economic health
 - C. Structural transformation of economy

Challenges in Labour Market

- Informal employment
- Skill mismatch
- Regional disparities
- Gender gaps in workforce participation

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Survey:** PLFS.
- **Agency:** NSO.
- **Month:** April 2026.
- **Indicators:** LFPR, WPR, UR.
- **Trend:** Declining urban unemployment.
- **Shift:** Growth in non-farm employment.
- **Way Forward:** Promote quality and inclusive employment opportunities.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **PLFS:** Labour market survey
- **NSO:** Statistical agency
- **LFPR:** Labour force participation rate
- **WPR:** Worker population ratio
- **UR:** Unemployment rate
- **Trend:** Rural diversification
- **Goal:** Employment monitoring

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. PLFS is conducted by the National Statistical Office.
2. LFPR measures the share of the population participating in the labour force.
3. Worker Population Ratio refers to the percentage of unemployed people in the labour force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only

- (c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

2. UNION MINISTER SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY REPRESENTS INDIA AT UGANDA PRESIDENTIAL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



- I. India's representation at the ceremony highlights:
 - A. Strong bilateral ties with Uganda

Focus Areas of India-Uganda Cooperation

- Trade and investment
- Capacity building
- Healthcare and education
- Defence and development partnership

Significance

- Reinforces India's engagement with Africa
- Promotes diplomatic goodwill and strategic cooperation

Broader Context

- I. India has been expanding partnerships with:
 - A. African Union members
 - B. East African countries

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

India–Uganda Relations

- I. Historical ties strengthened through:
 - A. Trade and diaspora connections
- II. Cooperation includes:
 - A. Agriculture
 - B. Pharmaceuticals
 - C. Infrastructure
 - D. Skill development

Uganda

- I. Landlocked country in:
 - A. East Africa
- II. Capital:
 - A. Kampala

India–Africa Engagement

- I. Guided by:
 - A. South–South cooperation
 - B. Development partnership model
- II. Areas of focus:
 - A. Technology transfer
 - B. Capacity building
 - C. Sustainable development

Diplomatic Significance of State Ceremonies

- I. Such representation:
 - A. Enhances political trust and bilateral goodwill

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Representative:** Jayant Chaudhary.
- **Country visited:** Uganda.
- **Occasion:** Presidential swearing-in ceremony.
- **Focus:** Diplomatic engagement.
- **Region:** East Africa.
- **Importance:** Strengthened India–Africa ties.
- **Way Forward:** Expand cooperation in trade and development sectors.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Country:** Uganda
- **Region:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Kampala
- **India's approach:** South–South cooperation
- **Areas of cooperation:** Trade and capacity building
- **Importance:** Diplomatic outreach
- **Goal:** Stronger India–Africa partnership

PadhAI–GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Uganda is located in East Africa.
2. Kampala is the capital of Uganda.
3. India's engagement with Africa includes capacity building and development cooperation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only

- (c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

3. NHAI ENCOURAGES WOMEN-FOCUSED SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 'PROJECT SAKSHAM'



Skill India

कौशल भारत - कुशल भारत

- I. **Project Saksham** focuses on:
- A. Skill development and livelihood enhancement for women

Key Objectives

- Improve employability of women
- Promote economic independence
- Encourage participation in infrastructure-related sectors

Training Areas

- Vocational and technical skills
- Digital literacy
- Entrepreneurship and self-employment support

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced livelihood opportunities
- Greater workforce participation by women
- Social and economic empowerment

Significance

- Supports inclusive growth and gender empowerment
- Aligns with India's broader skilling and women empowerment initiatives

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

NHAI

- I. National Highways Authority of India:
- A. Autonomous agency under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- II. Responsible for:
- A. Development and maintenance of national highways

Women Skill Development

- I. Skill enhancement helps:
- A. Improve employment opportunities
- B. Increase financial inclusion
- II. Important for:
- A. Inclusive economic development

Skill India Mission

- I. Skill India Mission aims to:
- A. Build a skilled workforce for emerging sectors

Importance of Women Workforce Participation

- I. Higher participation contributes to:
 - A. Economic growth
 - B. Social empowerment
 - C. Poverty reduction

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Initiative:** Project Saksham.
- **Organization:** NHA.
- **Focus:** Women skill development.
- **Areas:** Vocational and digital skills.
- **Goal:** Economic empowerment.
- **Impact:** Improved employability and inclusion.
- **Way Forward:** Expand women-focused skilling ecosystems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NHA:** Highway development authority
- **Project:** Saksham
- **Focus:** Women empowerment
- **Programme linkage:** Skill India Mission
- **Goal:** Employment generation
- **Sector:** Skill development
- **Benefit:** Inclusive growth

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. NHA functions under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
2. Skill development programmes can improve women's workforce participation.

3. Women empowerment has no relation to economic inclusion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

4.IITM PUNE INAUGURATES INCUBATION CENTER & HOSTS 'WISE-2026' FOR CLIMATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Key Objectives

- Promote climate entrepreneurship
- Support startups working on climate and weather technologies
- Encourage innovation-driven sustainability solutions

Incubation Center Focus

- Climate-tech startups
- Weather and environmental solutions
- Research commercialization

- Industry-academia collaboration

WISE-2026 Meet

- I. Platform for:
 - A. Scientists
 - B. Entrepreneurs
 - C. Policymakers
 - D. Innovators
- II. Discussions included:
 - A. Climate resilience
 - B. Green technologies
 - C. Sustainable development solutions

Significance

- Strengthens India's climate innovation ecosystem
- Encourages technology-led environmental sustainability

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

IITM Pune

- I. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology:
 - A. Premier autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- II. Focuses on:
 - A. Weather forecasting
 - B. Climate science
 - C. Atmospheric research

Climate Entrepreneurship

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Startups and enterprises developing solutions for climate challenges
- II. Areas include:

- A. Renewable energy
- B. Carbon management
- C. Climate adaptation technologies

Importance of Incubation Centres

- I. Provide:
 - A. Mentorship
 - B. Infrastructure
 - C. Funding support
 - D. Networking opportunities

Climate Innovation in India

- I. Growing importance due to:
 - A. Climate change impacts
 - B. Sustainability commitments
 - C. Green economy transition

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Institution:** IITM Pune.
- **Event:** WISE-2026.
- **Focus:** Climate entrepreneurship.
- **Sector:** Climate-tech innovation.
- **Objective:** Sustainable solutions and startups.
- **Impact:** Green innovation ecosystem.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen climate-tech incubation and research commercialization.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **IITM:** Tropical meteorology institute
- **Location:** Pune
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences
- **Theme:** Climate entrepreneurship
- **Concept:** Climate-tech startups
- **Goal:** Sustainable innovation
- **Focus:** Climate resilience

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. IITM Pune functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
2. Climate entrepreneurship focuses on innovation-based solutions to environmental challenges.
3. Incubation centres only provide office space and no mentorship support.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

5.IOS SAGAR MAKES PORT CALL AT COLOMBO, STRENGTHENING INDIA-SRI LANKA MARITIME COOPERATION



Purpose of the Port Call

- Enhance bilateral maritime cooperation
- Promote regional security and interoperability
- Strengthen diplomatic and naval engagement

Key Activities

- Professional exchanges
- Maritime coordination discussions
- Goodwill interactions between naval personnel

Significance

- I. Reinforces India's:
 - A. "Neighbourhood First" policy

- B. SAGAR vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region)
- II. Enhances:
 - A. Maritime security cooperation in the Indian Ocean

C. Economic cooperation

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

SAGAR Doctrine

- I. Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR):
 - A. India's maritime cooperation vision in the Indian Ocean Region
- II. Focuses on:
 - A. Regional security
 - B. Capacity building
 - C. Sustainable maritime partnerships

India–Sri Lanka Maritime Relations

- I. Cooperation areas include:
 - A. Coastal security
 - B. Naval exercises
 - C. Humanitarian assistance
 - D. Disaster relief

Strategic Importance of Colombo

- I. Colombo:
 - A. Major port city in the Indian Ocean
- II. Important for:
 - A. Regional trade and maritime connectivity

Importance of Maritime Diplomacy

- I. Helps ensure:
 - A. Secure sea lanes
 - B. Regional stability

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Ship:** IOS SAGAR.
- **Location:** Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Focus:** Maritime cooperation.
- **Framework:** SAGAR doctrine.
- **Region:** Indian Ocean Region.
- **Importance:** Regional security and diplomacy.
- **Way Forward:** Deepen maritime partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **SAGAR:** Security and Growth for All in the Region
- **Region:** Indian Ocean Region
- **Country:** Sri Lanka
- **Port city:** Colombo
- **Focus:** Maritime security
- **Policy:** Neighbourhood First
- **Goal:** Regional cooperation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. SAGAR is India's maritime cooperation vision for the Indian Ocean Region.
2. Colombo is a major port city of Sri Lanka.
3. Maritime diplomacy has no role in regional security cooperation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only

- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

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