

# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

## The Hindu: Economy (Page 1)

Claudia Goldin wins 2023 Economics Nobel Prize for research on workplace gender gap



- The Nobel Prize for economics was awarded to Harvard University professor Claudia Goldin for her research that has advanced the understanding of the gender gap in the labour market.
- She has studied 200 years of women's participation in the workplace, showing that despite continued economic growth, women's pay did not continuously catch up to men's and a divide still exists despite women gaining higher levels of education than men.

### Do you know ?

- In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) established the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel Prize.
- The prize is based on a donation received by the Nobel Foundation in 1968 from Sveriges Riksbank on the occasion of the bank's 300th anniversary. The first prize in economic sciences was awarded to Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen in 1969.

## The Hindu : Health (Page 6)

### *Mental health and the floundering informal worker*

The theme of World Mental Health Day (October 10) this year is 'mental health as a universal human right'. A segment often overlooked when it concerns mental health is the informal worker. A study by the International Labour Organization (ILO) says that 15% of working-age adults, globally, live with a mental disorder. On one hand, decent work influences mental health in a positive way while on the other, unemployment, or unstable or precarious employment, workplace discrimination, or poor and particularly unsafe working environments, can all pose a risk to a worker's mental health. Workers in low-paid, unrewarding or insecure jobs, or working in isolation, are more likely to be exposed to psychosocial risks, thus compromising their mental health.



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stigma around unemployment, significantly impacts their mental health. Moreover, an ILO report highlights how young workers are shifting to more precarious and informal work, accepting less pay and poorer working conditions, out of desperation, and, sometimes, giving up and exiting the labour force altogether. The State of Inequality in India Report 2022 observes that the unemployment rate actually increases with educational levels, particularly for educated young women who show an unemployment rate of 42%. With this phase of demographic dividend, where half of India's population is of working age and projected to remain so for two decades, it is pertinent to think about the quality of employment and long-term social security for them.

India will also become an aging society in 20

such as food security, access to livelihood and financial stability. While certain schemes have received a higher allocation this year, others such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) have seen their funding slashed. In 2021, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reported that 26% of the people who died by suicide were daily wage earners. Employment guarantee programmes can indeed improve mental health outcomes. Thus, social security can be: promotional, aiming to augment income; preventive, aiming to forestall economic distress and protective, aiming to ensure relief from external shocks.

A relook at the Code on Social Security 2020 shows how glaring issues concerning the social security of India's informal workforce still remain

- World Mental Health Day is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues.
- The World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH) formally created the day in the early 1990s.
- World Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to unite behind the theme **'Mental health is a universal human right'** to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

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- According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), unemployment and poor-quality employment have consistently been detrimental to mental health.

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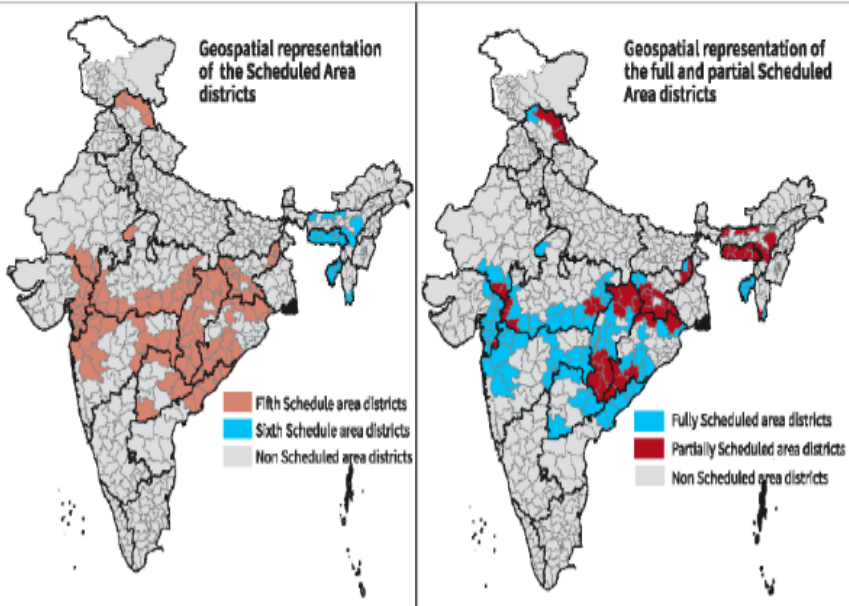
## The Hindu : Polity and Governance (Page 8)

### The state of India's Scheduled Areas

How are such areas identified and governed? What did the Bhuria committee in 1995 recommend? How have the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, or PESA, in 1996 changed governance of Scheduled Areas?

#### The homelands of tribal communities

These maps show us geospatial representations of Scheduled Areas in India. Scheduled Areas cover 11.3% of India's land area, and have been notified in 10 States. The President holds exclusive power to declare any area as a Scheduled Area



Source: The Andhra Pradesh and Odisha Governments and the Director of Scheduled Tribes in the Scheduled Areas of India, New Delhi and Andhra Pradesh, Prakash for the States

### What are Scheduled Areas?

- Scheduled Areas cover 11.3% of India's land area, and have been notified in 10 States: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Himachal Pradesh.
- The President of India notifies India's Scheduled Areas.
- Neither the Constitution nor any law provides any criteria to identify Scheduled Areas.
  - However, based on the 1961 Dhebar Commission Report, the guiding norms for declaring an area as a Scheduled area are — preponderance of tribal population; compactness and reasonable size of the area; a viable administrative entity such as a district, block or taluk; and economic backwardness of the area relative to neighbouring areas.

### Do you know ?

- India's 705 Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities — making up 8.6% of the country's population — live in 26 States and six Union Territories.
- Article 244, pertaining to the administration of Scheduled and Tribal Areas, is the most important constitutional provision for STs.

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## The Hindu : Economy (Page 12)

### Urban unemployment rate drops to 6.6% in Q1

For men, it decreased from 7.1% to 5.9% and for women, it decreased from 9.5% to 9.1%, show NSSO data; the labour force participation rate in the urban areas increased from 47.5% to 48.8%



- **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS),**
  - carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
  - It has reported that unemployment rate in urban areas of the country has shown a decrease during the period April-June 2023.
  - Similarly, the labour force participation rate (LFPR) for persons aged 15 and above and the worker-population ratio (WPR) have also improved during the period.

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Indian Express : Polity and Governance (Page 10)

# 46 lakh Kudumbashree women go back to school as Kerala's flagship poverty mission looks to reorient

On October 1, on the day of launch, four lakh women attended classes held in 870 schools across the state.



- Kudumbashree in Kerala is a unique model
  - The name Kudumbashree in Malayalam language means 'prosperity of the family'.
- The programme was launched by the State Government for wiping out absolute poverty from the State through concerted community action under the leadership of local self governments.

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PIB : IR

## Special round of negotiations for the India-Peru Trade Agreement

Trade Agreement anticipated to significantly boost trade, investment and enhance cooperation in various sectors



- India and Peru have been experiencing a steady growth in their trade relationship.
- During FY 2022-23, the bilateral trade volume reached \$3.12 billion.
- India exported goods worth \$ 865.91 million to Peru, and imported goods valued at \$ 2.25 billion from Peru.
- Key Indian exports to Peru include motor vehicles/cars, cotton yarn and pharmaceuticals, while Peru primarily exports gold, copper ores and concentrates.

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PIB : Defence

## ANNUAL JOINT HADR EXERCISE 2023 – (CHAKRAVAT 2023)

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- The Annual Joint HADR Exercise (AJHE) is an outcome of Hon'ble PM's directive promulgated during Combined Commanders' Conference-2015.
- Since its first edition in 2015, the Annual Joint HADR Exercise, **CHAKRAVAT**, has transformed itself into a multi-agency endeavour involving participation of all three Services, Paramilitary Forces, as well as several disaster response organisations, NGOs, academic institutions and international organisations.
- The 2023 edition would further synergise efforts at the national level among all stakeholders, as well as witness participation from eight countries of the Indian Ocean Region.
- The exercise has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy (*IN*) and Indian Air Force (*IAF*) in rotation since 2016.
- The last edition of the exercise was conducted at Agra by *IAF*.
- The 2023 edition of the exercise is being hosted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23.



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## PIB : Welfare Schemes

### SCHEME FOR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS IN TARGETED AREAS (SHRESHTA)

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- The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) was “formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest Scheduled Caste students, as per the Constitutional mandate
- the scholarships would be given to SC students from Class 9 to Class 12.
- The SHRESTHA scholarships will be given to about 3,000 students every year.
- Students whose parents’ annual income is below ₹2.5 lakh are eligible.

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**News on air : Miscellaneous**

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Iran's human rights activist Narges  
Mohammadi awarded 2023 Nobel Peace Prize



- Iranian human rights activist Narges Mohammadi has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2023 for her fight against the oppression of women.
- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

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# India's first solar roof cycling track inaugurated in Hyderabad

- In Hyderabad, the country's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated by state Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister K Tarakarama Rao.
  - This innovative track named Healthway is the second of its kind globally
- A total of 16,000 solar panels were installed to generate 16 megawatts (MW) of power which will be utilized to light up the track at night and provide protection to cyclists from the sun, rain, and other weather conditions.
- The track is expected to become a prime hangout with facilities like ample parking space, surveillance cameras, food courts, drinking water, first aid, and restrooms