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Unemployment Rate Trends

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper III; Economics

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Unemployment Rate in India

Unemployment rate (in %)	India
Aug-22	8.28
Jul-22	6.83
Jun-22	7.83
May-22	7.14
Apr-22	7.83
Mar-22	7.57
Feb-22	8.11
Jan-22	6.56
Dec-21	7.91
Nov-21	6.97
Oct-21	7.74
Sep-21	6.86

Source: CMIE

Unemployment rate Trends

- India's **unemployment rate in August rose to 8.3%**
- This is the **highest unemployment rate in the past 12 months**.
- In August 2021, the unemployment rate was 8.35%.

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Rural and urban trends

- In August, **urban unemployment was 9.6% and rural was 7.7%.**
- **Only in two months — February and June — has the rural unemployment rate been higher than the urban unemployment rate.**

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Unemployment rate in rural and urban India

Unemployment rate (in %)	Urban	Rural
Aug-22	9.57	7.68
Jul-22	8.22	6.17
Jun-22	7.32	8.07
May-22	8.24	6.63
Apr-22	9.22	7.18
Mar-22	8.28	7.24
Feb-22	7.57	8.37
Jan-22	8.14	5.83
Dec-21	9.3	7.28
Nov-21	8.2	6.41
Oct-21	7.37	7.91
Sep-21	8.64	6.04

Source: CMIE

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State wise unemployment trends

- Haryana, J&K and Rajasthan have the highest levels of unemployment rate — each with over 30% of the unemployment rate.
- There are many states with remarkably low unemployment rates as well.
- Chhattisgarh, for instance, has an unemployment rate of just 0.4%.
- Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Meghalaya — all have unemployment rates well below 3%.

Unemployment rate

- Unemployment rate = $100 \times \left[\frac{\text{Total unemployed}}{\text{Total Labour Force}} \right]$
- Calculated for Working age people – 15years and above
- Definition- The unemployment rate is essentially the percentage of working-age people (15 years and above) who are demanding work but not able to get a job.
- Two aspects of definition
 1. Demand for job
 2. Not getting the job

Rise in August Rate

- In August while the labour force increased by 4 million.
- The economy instead of creating new jobs, actually shed 2.6 million existing jobs.

Q.1 Which of the following fraction is used to calculate unemployment rate?

- (a) Unemployed/ Working population
- (b) Working Population/ Unemployed Labour force
- (c) Unemployed/ Total Labour force
- (d) Employed/ Total Labour force

Supreme Court's three-question test for validity of 10% EWS quota



Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper II; Polity

Issues for consideration of Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court will examine the constitutional validity of **103rd Amendment Act**, which introduced a **10 per cent** quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in government jobs and admissions.
- In this examination, the Supreme Court will focus on **three questions** that **whether they violate the basic structure** or not:
 1. Is reservation permitted on **economic criteria**?
 2. Whether special provisions can be made in **private unaided educational institutions**?
 3. Whether **SC, ST, BC** could be excluded from EWS reservation?

About EWS Reservation

- The **103rd Amendment** inserted Articles 15(6) and 16(6) to provide up to 10 per cent reservation to EWS.
- **15(6) – Educational institutions**
- **16 (6) – Recruitment to government jobs**

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Sinho Commission

- The EWS reservation was granted based on the recommendations of a commission headed by **Major General (retd) S R Sinho**.
- The commission, which was constituted by the **UPA government** in March 2005, submitted its report in July **2010**.
- The Sinho Commission recommended that **all below-poverty-line (BPL) families** within the general category, and also **all families whose annual family income from all sources is below the taxable limit**, should be identified as EBCs (economically backward classes).

EWS Determination

- The **EWS criteria** for employment and admission was notified on January 31, 2019 by the **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)** based on the 103rd Amendment.
- Family had a gross annual income below Rs **8 lakh**, was to be identified as EWS for the benefit of reservation.
- The notification **excluded** some persons from the EWS category if their families possessed certain **specified assets such as residential house and agricultural land beyond particular sizes**.

Supreme Court's three-question test for validity of 10% EWS quota



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Arguments against amendment

A. Special protections guaranteed to **socially disadvantaged groups** are part of basic structure, and **not economically disadvantaged** groups.

B. The petitioners have also challenged the amendment on the ground that it violates the **Supreme Court's 1992 ruling in Indra Sawhney & Ors v Union of India**.

- 1. This judgement capped reservations at **50 per cent**.
- 2. The court also held that **economic backwardness cannot be the sole criterion** for identifying a backward class.

C. **Private, unaided educational institutions** have argued that their **fundamental right to practise a trade/ profession** is violated when the state compels them to implement its reservation policy and admit students on any criteria other than merit.

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Arguments by the government

A. **Article 46 of Directive Principles of State Policy** - The state shall promote with special care the educational and **economic interests of the weaker sections** of the people, and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

B. Against the argument of **violation of the basic structure**, the government said that “to sustain a challenge against a constitutional amendment, it **must be shown that the very identity of the Constitution has been altered**”.

C. The government has relied on the SC's 2008 ruling in **Ashoka Kumar Thakur v Union of India**, in which the **court upheld the 27 per cent quota for OBCs**.

The argument is that the **court accepted that the definition of OBCs was not made on the sole criterion of caste but a mix of caste and economic factors**; thus, there need not be a sole criterion for according reservation.

Gyanvapi Mosque case



Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper II; Governance

Details of case

- Last year, five women filed a **civil suit seeking enforcement of their right to worship deities** within the **Gyanvapi mosque complex**.
- In April, the Civil Judge (Senior Division) allowed a **video survey** of the mosque where a **Shivling** was said to have been found.
- The **Anjuman Intezamia** moved the **Supreme Court**, arguing that the proceedings were an **attempt to change the religious character of the mosque and violation of The Places of Worship Act, 1991**.
- On May 20, the **Supreme Court**, underlining the “complexity of the issues involved in the civil suit”, **transferred the case to the District Judge**.

District Court ruling

- The Varanasi District Court **dismissed the challenge by Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Committee**.
- The preliminary ruling by District Judge means that **the cases can now be heard** on merits where the parties have to present evidence to prove their claims.
- District Judge ruled that he **did not find any law that barred the petitioners from filing such a suit**.
- Under the **Code of Civil Procedure**, in the **initial stage, claims made in a suit must be prima facie accepted without going into the veracity of the claims, unless such a suit is barred by law**.

Agri export curbs in 2022

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Wheat

- Government maintained a **target export volume of 10 million tonnes** to compensate for Ukraine's reduced supply.
- Suddenly, the **government banned wheat exports** on May 14.
- Why? **Scorching heat wave curtailed output and domestic prices hit a record high.**

Sugar

- India has imposed restrictions on sugar exports for the **first time in six years** by capping this season's exports at **10 million tonnes.**
- Why? To prevent surge in domestic prices
- India is set **to allow** sugar exports in for the next season beginning in **October.**
- India is the **world's biggest producer of sugar.**

Rice

- India **banned exports of broken rice** and imposed a **20% duty on exports** of various grades of rice
- Why? To prevent surge in domestic prices
- India is **largest exporter of rice.**
- Nearly **one million tonnes of grain are trapped** there as buyers refuse to pay the government's new 20% export levy on top of the agreed contract price.

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