



Chhattisgarh Tops in the Lowest Unemployment States in the Country

Why in News?

According to the latest figures of unemployment recently released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy Organization, **Chhattisgarh has topped the country with the lowest unemployment rate in the month of March.**

Key Points

- According to the latest report, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has reached the lowest level ever (0.6 percent). The unemployment rate in the country is 7.5%. The urban unemployment rate is 8.5 percent and the rural unemployment rate is 7.1 percent.
- According to the data released by CMIE as on April 2, 2022, the highest unemployment rate was in Haryana 26.7 percent, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir 25-25 percent, Jharkhand 14.5 percent, Bihar 14.4 percent, Tripura 14.1 percent and Himachal Pradesh was 12.1 percent.
- Chhattisgarh adopted a new model three years ago in line with **Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj'**, while setting the goal of inclusive growth, with an emphasis on increasing economic connectivity between villages and cities.
- Under this model, **Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narva-Garva-Ghurva-Bari program, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**, establishment of Rural Industrial Parks, Minor Forest Produce for economic empowerment of villages under this model. Schemes and programs like collection and value addition, entrepreneurship development are being implemented.
- New employment opportunities are being created in rural areas due to these schemes being run by the state government. These schemes are giving impetus to the development of the state, due to which the unemployment rate is continuously declining in the state.
- Even **during the first and second wave of Corona, the economy of Chhattisgarh remained untouched by the nationwide economic slowdown**, even then the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh remained completely under control.
- **Rozgar (Employment) Mission** is being operated to create 12 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in the coming 5 years in Chhattisgarh.