

Chhattisgarh Ranks 5th in Low Unemployment

Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh has been recognized for achieving a **low unemployment rate, ranking fifth** among Indian states according to a recent central government survey.

Key Points

Survey Details:

- The <u>National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)</u> conducted its seventh annual report through the <u>Periodic Labour Force Survey</u> from July 2023 to June 2024.
- The unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed individuals among the labor force.

Government's Role:

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister attributed the low unemployment rate to the government's efforts in generating employment.
- Initiatives have been implemented to create jobs and self-employment opportunities, particularly in rural and tribal areas.

Investment in Skill Development:

- The state government plans to establish **160** industrial training institutes (ITI) aimed at providing **employment-oriented skills** to the youth.
- ITIs will be modernized over the next three years with an investment of Rs 484 crore.

Innovative Educational Initiatives:

- The government plans to start **five institutes** modeled after <u>Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT).</u>
- Emphasis is placed on <u>skill development</u> in the industry to address technology and employment needs.
- The state is teaching <u>robotics</u> and <u>artificial intelligence</u> to youth in tribal regions, reflecting a commitment to modern education and skills training.

National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)

- The **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)** is a government agency that conducts surveys on a wide range of topics, including demographics, socioeconomic conditions, agriculture, and industry.
- The NSSO was established in 1950 and has been under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) since 1999.
- The NSSO's headquarters are located in New Delhi, and there is also a zonal office in Bangalore.
- Here are some of the things the NSSO does:
 - **Household surveys**: The NSSO conducts surveys on household consumer expenditures and other topics.
 - **Employment and unemployment**: The NSSO conducts quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment, which are a primary source of data on the labor force.
 - **Housing conditions**: The NSSO has conducted surveys on various aspects of housing conditions.
 - Informal enterprises: The NSSO has conducted surveys on informal non-agricultural

enterprises and other topics.

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