

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT DECLINED IN INDIA, SAYS ILO REPORT

In News:

- Recently, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released the Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report.

International Labour Organisation:

About

- The ILO was created in 1919, as part of the **Treaty of Versailles** that ended World War I, to reflect the belief that universal and lasting peace can be accomplished only if it's based on social justice.
- In 1946, the ILO became a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- The ILO is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland

Objectives:

- The ILO has four strategic objectives –
 - Promote and realize standards and fundamental principles and rights at work,
 - Create greater opportunities for women and men to decent employment and income,
 - Enhance the coverage and effectiveness of social protection for all, and
 - Strengthen tripartism and social dialogue.

Global Employment Trends for Youth Report:

- **Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022: Investing in transforming futures for young people** provides an update on key youth labour market indicators and trends.
- The report focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and on how targeted and sustained investments in the green, blue, digital, creative and care economies can support a human-centred recovery and help to improve the labour market for young people.

Key Findings w.r.t. India:

- In India, the report said that the youth employment participation rate declined by 0.9 percentage points over the first nine months of 2021 relative to its value in 2020.
- The situation is particularly severe for very young people aged 15-20 years.
- In India, the report added that school closures lasted 18 months and among the 24 crore school-going children, only 8% of such children in rural areas and 23% in urban areas had adequate access to online education.
- It added that India has a very low youth female labour market participation and Indian young women experienced larger relative employment losses than young men in 2021 and 2022.
- It added that domestic work is a highly informal sector in India, and wages are extremely low and young women and girls are vulnerable to abuse.

COMMON CHARGER FOR ALL DEVICES

A common charger for your iPhone, your Android tablet and your Windows 11 laptop?

That's not quite possible yet, but this is what the future could look like.

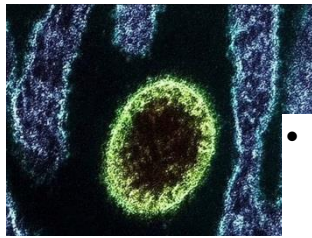


About:

- The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs has written to industry and other concerned stakeholders, inviting them to brainstorm a plan for having one cable for charging all your devices.
- The ministry's move comes in the backdrop of the concept of LiFE — Lifestyle for the Environment — announced by the Prime Minister at the UN Climate Change Conference (CoP 26) held in Glasgow in November 2021.
- Due to the incompatibility of charging ports between old and new devices, consumers are forced to buy a separate charger and cable every time they purchase a new gadget. Not only do consumers face inconvenience, this also adds to avoidable e-consumption.

LANGYA HENIPAVIRUS

Almost three years after the novel coronavirus was detected in China, a new zoonotic virus has been discovered in the country's two eastern provinces with 35 infections identified so far. This new type of Henipavirus is also being called Langya Henipavirus or the LayV.



About:

- The newly discovered virus is a “phylogenetically distinct Henipavirus”. Henipaviruses are classified as biosafety level 4 (BSL4) pathogens. They can cause severe illness in animals and humans, and as of now there are no licensed drugs or vaccines meant for humans.
- The types of Henipaviruses that had been identified prior to this included Hendra, Nipah, Cedar, Mojiang and the Ghanaian bat virus. Langya, meanwhile, is known to cause fever.
- Langya's genome organization is “identical to that of other Henipaviruses”, and that it is closely related to the “Mojiang Henipavirus, which was discovered in southern China”.

FORMER UNITED STATES PRESIDENT HOME RAIDED BY FBI

On August 9, 2022, the former United States President, Donald Trump announced that his “beautiful home, Mar-a-Lago” was “under siege, raided and occupied by a large group of FBI agents”.



American media reported the FBI searches were in connection with an investigation into whether he had taken classified White House records to the estate.

- During his four-year tenure as United States President, Donald Trump's sprawling private club in Florida, Mar-a-Lago, was often described as the “winter White House”.
- Trump spent all or part of 142 days of his presidency at the resort, which he visited 32 times.
- And after he reluctantly exited Washington DC in January 2021, Mar-a-Lago was where Trump set up base.

RICE FORTIFICATION

A total of 151 Districts (in 24 States) have already lifted fortified rice under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Phase II of Rice Fortification Programme.



About:

- Nearly 6.83 LMT have been distributed by the States/UTs under the phase which started from April 1, 2022. And under ICDS and PM POSHAN, nearly 7.36 LMT have been lifted by the States/UTs so far.

Around 52% of the districts have lifted the foodgrains in the Phase II.

- The Hon'ble PM in his address on the 75th Independence Day (15th August, 2021), announced the supply of Fortified Rice in every scheme of Government of India throughout the country by 2024 in a phased manner.
- Phase-I covering ICDS and PM POSHAN had been implemented during 2021-22 and nearly 17.51 LMT had been distributed in the States/UTs.
- Pertinently, Phase-II includes Phase I above plus all Aspirational Districts and High Burden districts (total 291 districts) under Targeted Public Distribution System and Other Welfare Schemes in all the States/UTs by March, 2023 with a total quantity of about 175 LMT of fortified rice has to be distributed.

NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARENESS MISSION (NIPAM)

National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) has achieved target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students on 31st July 2022, ahead of the deadline which was 15 August 2022.



About:

- NIPAM, a flagship program to impart IP awareness and basic training, was launched on 8 Dec 2021 as a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"



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- The program is being implemented by Intellectual Property Office, the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 - During the period 08 December 2021 to 31st July 2022, the following milestones achieved:
 - of participants (students/faculty) trained on IP = 10, 05, 272
 - Educational institutes covered = 3662
 - Geographical coverage = 28 states and 7 Union Territories
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