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Q1

The nature of economic growth in India in recent times is often described as a jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS III · 12 marks · Indian Economy

Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

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Employment elasticity

The extra employment that comes with a one per cent rise in GDP; it was low in India's high-growth years after the 1990s.

NSSO employment

National Sample Survey rounds (notably 2004-05 and 2009-11) showed output growing faster than usual status work.

Agriculture share

Farming still holds about half the workforce while its share of GDP is much smaller, which signals overcrowding.

Organised manufacturing

The factory sector's share of total jobs stayed modest even when GDP grew fast.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act: a rural work floor, not a substitute for regular industrial employment.

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