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Q11

Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS III · 15 marks · Indian Economy

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

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PLFS

Periodic Labour Force Survey of the National Statistical Office; the regular national employment survey after the old NSS rounds.

Usual status

Principal and subsidiary activity over 365 days; a few months of work in the year count as employment.

CWS

Current Weekly Status: activity in the last seven days; at least one hour of work counts as employed.

CDS

Current Daily Status: unemployment measured in person-days, so idle days of a part-time worker are visible.

Labour force

Employed plus those seeking or available; unpaid domestic work is outside the labour force, not listed as unemployment.

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