

**Bihar Special****Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)****Why in the news?**

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has released the annual data (July 2023-June 2024) for Periodic Labour Force Survey.

❖ **Objective of PLFS:**

- To estimate the key employment and unemployment indicators (viz. Worker Population Ratio, Labour Force Participation Rate, Unemployment Rate) in three months for the urban areas only in the 'Current Weekly Status' (CWS).
- To estimate employment and unemployment indicators in both 'Usual Status' and CWS in rural and urban areas annually.

❖ **History of PLFS:**

- It was first launched in 2017 by NSSO. July 2023-June 2024 is the seventh annual report.

**Key findings:**❖ **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)**

- It is defined as the percentage of persons in the labour force (i.e. working or seeking or available for work) in the population.

- For persons aged 15 years and above, LFPR was 60.1% from July 2023 - June 2024. The same for male and female was 78.8% and 41.7% respectively.
- In rural areas, LFPR increased from 50.7% in 2017-18 to 63.7% in 2023-24 while for urban areas it increased from 47.6% to 52.0%.
- LFPR for males in India increased from 75.8% in 2017-18 to 78.8% in 2023-24 and corresponding increase in LFPR for females was from 23.3% to 41.7%.

❖ **Worker Population Ratio (WPR)**

- It is defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population.
- For persons of age 15 years and above it was 58.2% during July 2023 - June 2024. The same for male and female was 76.3% and 40.3% respectively.
- In rural areas, WPR increased from 48.1% in 2017-18 to 62.1% in 2023-24 while for urban areas it increased from 43.9% to 49.4%.

- WPR for male in India increased from 71.2% in 2017-18 to 76.3% in 2023-24 and the corresponding increase in WPR for females was from 22.0% to 40.3%.

#### ❖ Unemployment rate

- It is defined as the percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the labour force. It was 3.2% for both male and females of age 15 years and above during July 2023 – June 2024.
- While the same for males has shown a marginal decline from 3.3% during July 2022 – June 2023 to 3.2% during July 2023 – June 2024, among females it has increased from 2.9% to 3.2% during the same period.
- In rural areas, UR decreased from 5.3% in 2017-18 to 2.5% in 2023-24 while for urban areas it decreased from 7.7% to 5.1%.
- UR for males in India decreased from 6.1% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24 and the corresponding decrease for females was from 5.6% to 3.2%.

#### Defence And Security

##### Exercise Eastern Bridge-7

##### Why in the news?

The Indian Air Force has completed Exercise Eastern Bridge-7 with the Royal Air Force of Oman in Masirah, Oman.

- ❖ The exercise included a comprehensive series of training missions, which featured the participation of MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft from the Indian Air Force and F-16 and Hawk from the Royal Air Force of Oman.

##### Significance:

- ❖ It underscores the commitment of India and Oman to maintaining regional peace and security.

##### Other exercises with Oman:

- ❖ India and Oman have a joint military exercise called Al Najah that has been held every two years since 2015.
- 5th edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise AL NAJAH is being conducted from 13th to 26th September 2024 at Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman.

### Schemes In News

#### Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024

##### Why in the news?

As per the announcement in Union Budget 2024-25, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024.

- ❖ It shall come into force with effect from 1st Oct. 2024.
- ❖ **Objective:** To resolve pending appeals in the case of income tax disputes.

##### Key features of the scheme:

- ❖ It provides for lesser settlement amounts for a 'new appellant' in comparison to an 'old appellant'.
- ❖ It also provides for lesser settlement amounts for taxpayers who file declarations on or before 31.12.2024 in comparison to those who file thereafter.

##### Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

- ❖ It is a statutory body established under the "Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963".
- ❖ It is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.
- ❖ **Present Chairman:** Ravi Agarwal



### Miscellaneous

#### Laapataa Ladies: India's official entry to Oscar 2025

##### Why in the news?

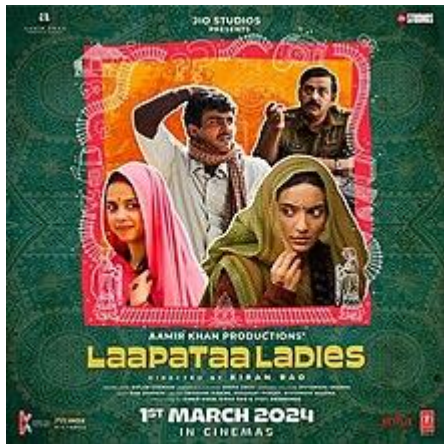
As per the announcement of the Film Federation of India, 'Laapataa Ladies' has been selected as India's official entry for the 2025 Oscars.

- ❖ The movie is a humorous take on patriarchy and was chosen from 29 films.

##### Selection Committee:

- ❖ A 13-member committee led by Assamese director Jahn timer Barua made the decision.
  - The committee unanimously selected Laapataa Ladies for consideration in the Best International Film category at the Academy Awards.

- ❖ Director of the movie: Kiran Rao.
- ❖ Last year, the Malayalam hit **2018: Everyone is a Hero** was sent as India's official entry to **Oscars 2024**.



### Awards and Honors

#### 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar

##### Why in the news?

Pratyasa Ray has been awarded the esteemed 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024.

- ❖ She is a rising star in swimming with an impressive track record and has emerged as this year's standout recipient.
- ❖ As part of the award, she will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7 lakhs—an increase from the previous Rs. 5 lakhs, along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar award ceremony to be held later.

##### About the award:



- ❖ It was instituted by IMPaCT, in the year 1993 and managed by IMFA, the leading Ferro Alloys producer in the country, has come a long way to be recognized as the most prestigious sports award of Odisha.
- ❖ It is given every year to young sportspersons of Odisha in recognition of their outstanding performance in the preceding two years.

### Sports

#### Laver Cup

##### Why in the news?

Team Europe won the Laver Cup after defeating Team World in the final match.

- ❖ This is the fifth time, Team Europe has won the trophy.



- ❖ Spain's Carlos Alcaraz sealed a straight-set win against American Taylor Fritz to lead Team Europe to a 13-11 victory at the Laver Cup in Berlin.

### Laver Cup



- ❖ It is a prestigious tennis tournament. It is played between Team Europe and Team World.
- ❖ It was started in 2017. Both the teams participating in this three-day tournament have 6-6 members each.

### Index and Report

#### State Food Safety Index, 2024

#### Why in the news?

6th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024, an annual report evaluating the food safety performance of Indian states and union territories was released a second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024

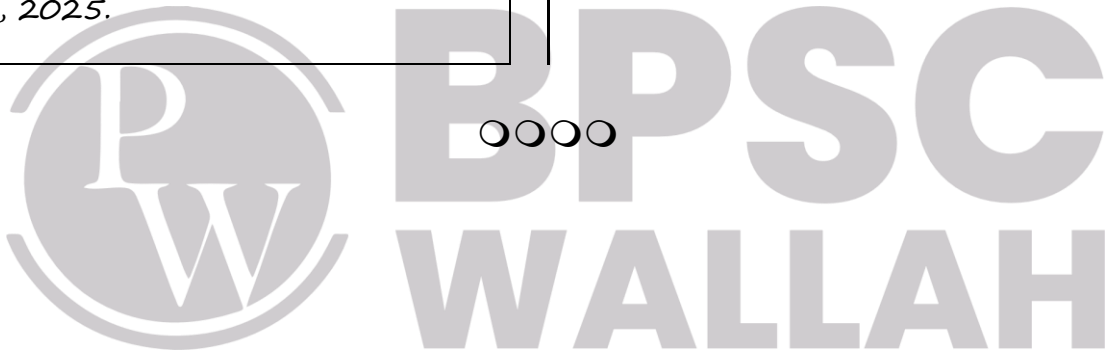
- ❖ The summit was organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) alongside the World Food India 2024 event.
- ❖ Top Performing states in the index:
  - Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Jammu & Kashmir were ranked as the top three performers on the State Food Safety Index 2024.
- ❖ Parameters:
  - It is a quantitative and qualitative benchmarking framework that evaluates States and Union Territories on various food safety parameters.
  - The parameters include human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing infrastructure and surveillance, training & capacity building and consumer empowerment.



### News in Short

- ❖ Kumar Tuhin has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- ❖ The Maharashtra government has decided to rename Pune Airport to Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj International Airport.
- ❖ The 25th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards will be held in Jaipur from March 7 to March 9, 2025.

- ❖ Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan was honored with the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Indian film industry.



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