

## Short News -

### 23 Violent Breeds of Dogs are Banned -

- ❖ The Central Government had recently directed the states to ban the sale and breeding of 23 breeds of ferocious dogs in view of the increasing incidents of deaths of people due to attacks by pet dogs.
- ❖ In this sequence, following the instructions of the central government, the Uttar Pradesh government took a big decision. On March 26, the UP government issued an order to ban these 23 dangerous dog breeds in the state after the suggestion and instructions of the Center. According to the order, now there will be a ban on the import, breeding and sale of these breeds.
- ❖ The corporation board had banned three dog breeds - Rottweiler Dogo, Argentino and Pitbull - in October 2022, terming them more "aggressive" than others. After this, the authorities had given the owners of the three breeds a last chance to register their pets by December 31, 2022.

- ❖ Among the ferocious mixed and crossbreed dogs, dogs of breeds like Rottweiler, Pitbull Terrier, Wolf, Tosa Inu, American Stafford, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, American Bulldog, Borvel, Kangal, Central Asian Shepherd (Ovcharka), Caucasian Shepherd (Ovcharka), South Russian Shepherd (Ovcharka), Tarn Jack, Sarplaninac, Japanese Tosa and Akita, Mastiff (Borbulls), Terriers, Rhodesian, Ridgeback, Canaries, Akbash Dog, Moscow Guard, Cane Corso etc. are included in the banned list.



### Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) -

- ❖ The government has increased the wages given to workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA). The Center has increased wages by 4 to 10% in

many states. The revised wage rates will come into effect from April 1. According to the notification, the highest wage increase of Rs 34 has been made in Goa.

❖ Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have increased the amount by Rs 7 which is the lowest and now a worker will get Rs 237 per day for working under MNREGA.

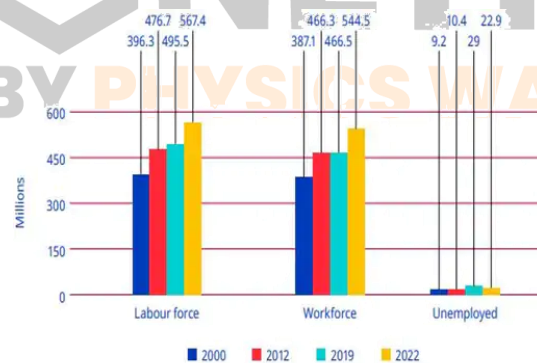
- ❖ Wages increased by 10% in Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka and Telangana
- ❖ Haryana tops the list in terms of wage rates, but the increase is only around 4%. The wage here is Rs 374 per day.
- ❖ In three panchayats of Sikkim – Nathang, Lachung and Lachen, the wage rate is Rs 374 per day.
- ❖ The maximum increase in wage rate in Goa is Rs 34. Now the daily payment in the state has become Rs 356.
- ❖ In Andhra Pradesh, there was an increase of Rs 28 per day and the wage rate here is now Rs 300.
- ❖ In Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, wages have increased the least by Rs 7, where the wage rate is Rs 237 per day.
- ❖ In West Bengal, wages have been increased by Rs 13, here the wages have increased to Rs 250.

### Important Reports/Index -

Report	Important Point
India Employment Report 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Recently, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Institute for Human Development (IHD) have jointly released the 'Indian Employment Report 2024'.</li> <li>❖ The research is primarily based on data analysis of National Sample Survey and Periodic Labour Force Survey conducted between the years 2000 and 2022.</li> </ul>

### Major Findings -

- ❖ The number of educated unemployed youth among the total unemployed youth in the country has also doubled compared to 2000. In 2000, the number of educated unemployed youth was 35.2% of the total unemployed youth. In 2022, it has increase to 65.7%.
- ❖ After a significant decline in previous years, the female labour market participation rate has increased since 2019, especially in rural areas.
- ❖ The shift of the workforce to non-agricultural sectors is a gradual and continuing aspect of the Indian labour market.
- ❖ About 82 per cent of the workforce works in the unorganised sector, with nearly 90 percent employed informally.
- ❖ Between 2012 and 2022, the wages of unorganised workers have increased marginally, while the real wages of regular workers have remained stagnant or declined.



Source: Computed from various years of the Employment and Unemployment Survey data and the Periodic Labour Force Survey unit-level data.

### Famous Personalities-

#### Nidhu Saxena

- ❖ The central government appointed Nidhu Saxena as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Maharashtra. Nidhu was earlier

working as the Executive Director of the public sector Union Bank.

- The MD and CEO of a public sector bank is appointed by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) under the Union Finance Ministry.



**Mariam Mammen Mathew**

❖ Manorama Online Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mariam Mammen Mathew has been appointed as the President of the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) for two years. Mathew will take charge as DNPA President from April 1, 2024. She will replace Amar Ujala MD Tanmay Maheshwari.



**Miscellaneous Current Affairs -**

❖ India's first private space technology company Skyroot Aerospace successfully tested the second stage of the Vikram-1 rocket. The company conducted this test at the Satish Dhawan Space Center of the Indian Space Research Organization

(ISRO) located in Sriharikota. According to the company's statement, the second stage of the Vikram-1 rocket has been named Kalam-250.

➤ Kalam-250 is a high power carbon composite rocket motor. It will take the rocket from the atmospheric stage to the vacuum of outer space. Kalam-250 was successfully tested from the Satish Dhawan Space Center of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The test lasted for 85 seconds.



❖ Adani Group's company 'Kutch Copper' has started production at the Mundra-based greenfield copper refinery project. The company has also sent the first batch of cathode from this refinery to the customers. With this, the group has also taken its first step in the metal industry.

❖ Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries has bought 26% stake in Madhya Pradesh Power Project from Gautam Adani's Adani Power. Along with this, Reliance Industries has signed an agreement to use 500 MW of

electricity from the plant itself (captive use). This is the first time that any kind of partnership has taken place between two competing industrialists.

