

## Daily Current Affairs 08/12/2021

### 1. Data on job loss during the 2020 lockdown for COVID pandemic

SECTORS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (IN LAKH)			
	Prior to Lockdown (before March 25, 2020)		As on July 1, 2020	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Manufacturing	98.7	26.7	87.9	23.3
Construction	5.8	1.8	5.1	1.5
Trade	16.1	4.5	14.8	4
Transport	11.3	1.9	11.1	1.9
Education	38.2	29.5	36.8	28.1
Health	15	10.6	14.8	10.1
Accommodation & Restaurants	7	1.9	6.2	1.7
IT/BPOs	13.6	6.3	12.8	6.1
Financial Services	11.5	5.9	11.3	5.7
Total*	217.8	90.0	201.5	83.3

#### Why in News

- Recently, the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** presented the data on job loss during the 2020 lockdown for COVID pandemic.
- The data is based on the **All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES)**.

#### Key Points

- About 7.5 percent job losses were seen during the lockdown for COVID pandemic last year, with the manufacturing, construction, education and trade sectors bearing the brunt more than white-collared employment in IT/BPOs, financial services and health sectors.
- Among the nine key sectors covered for the AQEES, the manufacturing sector recorded job losses of 14.2 lakh between the pre-lockdown (March 25, 2020) and post-lockdown (July 1, 2020) period.

- Construction sector recorded a loss of 1 lakh, while trade and education sectors registered job losses of 1.8 lakh and 2.8 lakh, respectively.
- Job losses in the financial services sector, on the other hand, were recorded at 0.4 lakh and at 1 lakh for the IT/BPOs sector during the same period.
- Female workers registered a job loss of 7.44 per cent among the nine key sectors, while the job loss figure for male workers between the pre-lockdown and post-lockdown period stood at 7.48 percent, data showed.

**About All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES):**

- The **AQEES** has been taken up by the **Labour Bureau** to provide frequent (quarterly) updates about the employment and related variables of establishments, in both organised and unorganised segments of nine selected sectors.
- The 9 sectors are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation and Restaurants, IT/BPO, Financial Service Activities.

**Components:**

- Quarterly Employment Survey (QES)
- Area Frame Establishment Survey (AFES)

**Related Initiatives:**

- Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat package 3.0
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission

**Source: Indian Express**

**2. Delhi's Nizamuddin Basti conservation project wins 2 UNESCO Awards 2021**



### Why in News

- **Delhi's Nizamuddin Basti conservation project** won 2 **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021**.
- The project has won the prestigious **Award of Excellence** and another award in the **Special Recognition for Sustainable Development** category.
- 9 projects from 6 countries — Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, and Thailand — have been honoured by a jury of heritage experts.

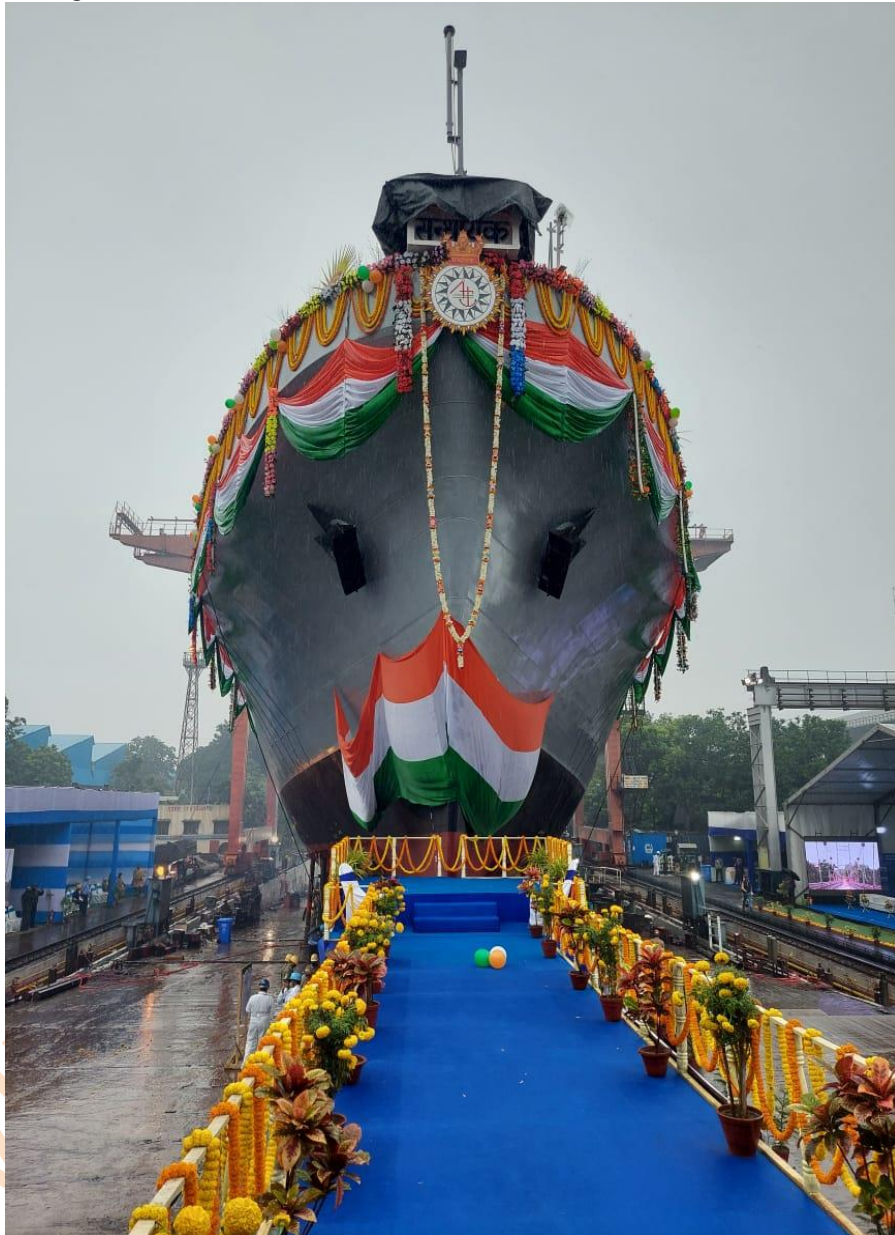
### Key Points

- The **Nizamuddin Area** comprises the World Heritage Site of Humayun's Tomb, Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti and Sunder Nursery, Batashewala Tomb-Garden Complex, tomb of courtier poet Khan I Khanan 'Rahim' and the Mughal-period caravanserai of Azimganj Serai.
- The Urban Renewal project, which started in 2007, has successfully unified these segregated zones of the conservation area into an urban historic district of considerable cultural significance.
- The conservation is being undertaken by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) in partnership with the South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi Urban Heritage Foundation, and the Dargah Committee/resident community groups of Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti.

**Source: Indian Express**



### 3. 'Sandhayak', first of the four Survey Vessels (Large) project for Indian Navy launched



#### Why in News

- '**Sandhayak**', the first of the four Survey Vessels (Large) projects being built for the Indian Navy, was launched in **Kolkata**.

#### Key Points

- These survey ships are capable of full scale coastal & deep-water hydrographic survey of Ports & Harbour approaches and determination of navigational channels & routes.

- These ships are also capable of undertaking surveys of maritime limits and collection of Oceanographic & Geographical data for Defence applications, thus boosting the maritime capabilities of the country.
- These Vessels have been designed and developed by Defence Public Sector Undertaking, **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited**, which is among the leading warship building companies in India.
- It has over 80 percent indigenous content by cost.
- As per build strategy adopted by GRSE, the first ship is being built at GRSE Ltd and construction of balance three ships is envisaged at M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli.

**Note:** The ship has taken its name from the first ship of the erstwhile Sandhayak-class survey ships. The erstwhile Sandhayak, incidentally, was also launched in Kolkata 44 years ago, on April 6, 1977.

**Source: PIB**

#### 4. Skyroot test fires India's first privately built cryogenic rocket engine 'Dhawan-1'



##### Why in News

- **Skyroot Aerospace**, a space technology startup, has test fired India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine 'Dhawan-1'.

- It will power the upper stages of its upcoming Vikram-2 orbital launch vehicle.

### Key Points

- The rocket engine, named Dhawan-1 in honour of Indian rocket scientist Satish Dhawan, has been developed using 3D printing technology and is fuelled by liquefied natural gas and liquid oxygen—a high-performance, low-cost and clean rocket fuel.
- This is a completely 'Made-in-India' cryogenic engine.

### About Skyroot Aerospace:

- It is backed by the promoters of renewable energy firm Greenko Group, explosives manufacturer and ISRO supplier Solar Industries and Curefit founder Mukesh Bansal.
- **Founded:** 12 June 2018
- **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana

**Note:** In September, 2021, the company became the first space tech firm to formally enter into an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to utilise its facilities and get access to its expertise for testing and qualification of its small satellite launch vehicles.

**Source: ET**

## 5. 'Puneet Sagar' Abhiyan by NCC



### Why in News

- **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** is carrying out a nationwide campaign, '**Puneet Sagar**' **Abhiyan** to free seashores/beaches from plastic & other waste materials and increase awareness about the importance of keeping these clean.

#### **Key Points**

- The aim of the month-long Campaign is to propagate the message of 'Importance of Clean Seashores/Beaches' amongst the local population and future generation beginning December 01, 2021.
- A total of 3.40 lakh cadets from 127 coastal Area NCC Units will participate in the month-long activity.

**Source: PIB**

### **6. Paika rebellion to be included as 'case study' in history textbook**



#### **Why in News**

- The **Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy** said that the **1817 Paika rebellion** of Odisha could not be called the first war of Independence, but considering it as a beginning of a popular uprising against the British.
- It would be included as a case study in the Class 8 National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) history textbook.

#### **Key Points**



- For the first time in 2017, the Odisha state cabinet had passed a proposal to formally urge the centre to declare the Paika rebellion as the first war of Independence.
- At present, the Indian Mutiny or Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 is called the first war of Independence against British Rule.

**Source: The Hindu**

## 7. Gita Gopinath to become IMF's first deputy Managing Director



### Why in News

- **Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF),** Indian-American **Gita Gopinath**, is set to become the organisation's first deputy Managing Director early next year.

### Key Points

- Gopinath will succeed Geoffrey Okamoto as first deputy managing director, serving under IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva.

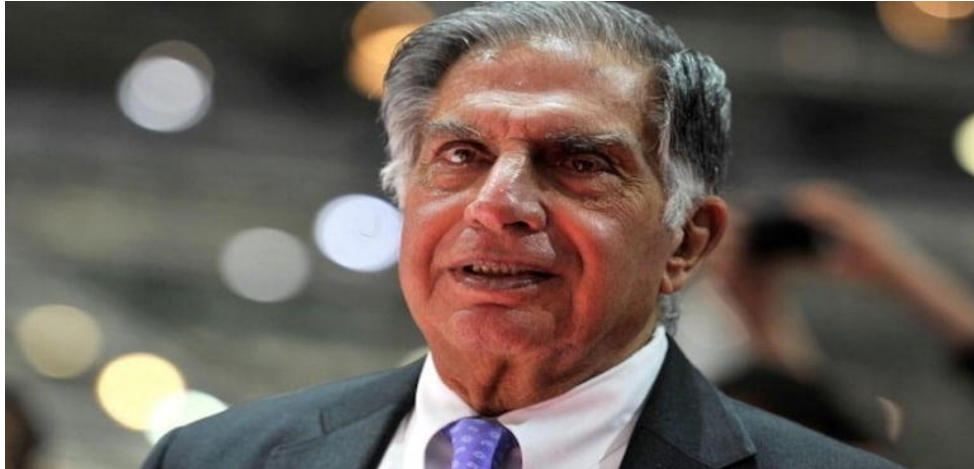
### Facts about International Monetary Fund (IMF):

- **Formation:** 27 December 1945
- **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., U.S.
- **Membership:** 190 countries
- **Managing Director:** Kristalina Georgieva

**Source: India Today**

## 8. Assam to confer state's top civilian award to Ratan Tata





### Why in News

- The Assam government will confer the state's highest civilian awards to industrialist **Ratan Tata**, Olympian Lovlina Borgohain and an array of personalities from diverse fields.
- **Former Tata Sons chairman Ratan Tata** was named as the recipient of the **Assam Baibhav** award for his contribution towards **cancer care facilities** in the state.

### Key Points

- The state government has decided to confer Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurav and Assam Gaurav Awards, 2021 to 19 personalities and the award ceremony will be held on January 24, 2022.
- The Assam Baibhav award will be worth Rs 5 lakh, the Assam Saurav award will be worth Rs 4 lakh, and the Assam Gaurav award will carry a cash component of Rs 3 lakh.

**Source: India Today**

**9. 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947'  
authored by Ayaz Memon**

Edited by **AYAZ MEMON**



# INDIAN INNINGS

The Journey of Indian  
Cricket from 1947

## Why in News

- A book titled 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947' authored by Ayaz Memon released.

## Key Points

- The book is an anthology of Indian Cricket and marked several insights of Indian cricket of the last 70 years.
- **Ayaz Memon** is an Indian journalist, columnist and author who writes on sports, politics, and social issues.
- The book is published by Westland Sport.

**Source: The Hindu**