



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 17, 2025

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➤ **India's Unemployment Rate Declines in November**

- ✓ The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) monthly estimates are based on information collected from a total of 3, 73,229 persons surveyed including 2,13,337 from rural and 1,59,892 persons from urban areas of the country.
- ✓ Unemployment Rate (UR) among persons aged 15 years and above declined to 4.7% in November 2025, the lowest level since April 2025 (5.1%).
- ✓ The overall UR for females decreased to 4.8% (in November 2025) compared to 5.4% (in October 2025).
- ✓ The UR for males declined to 4.6% (in November 2025) over 5.1% recorded in the last month.
- ✓ The overall Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for individuals aged 15 and above increased to a 7-month high of 55.8% (in November 2025).
- ✓ The overall Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for individuals aged 15 years and above, increased from 52.5% (in October 2025) to 53.2% (in November 2025).

➤ **India's First Wildlife-Safe Road**

- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), launched India's first 'wildlife-safe road' on a 2-kilometre (km) ghat section of the 11.96-km Hiran-Sindoor stretch of National Highway 45 (NH-45) in Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- ✓ The initiative aims to reduce animal-vehicle collisions while ensuring smooth highway connectivity through ecologically sensitive zones.

APPOINTMENT

➤ New CMD of Coal India

- ✓ The Ministry of Coal appointed B. Sairam as the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL), with his tenure set to continue until his retirement on March 31, 2028.
- ✓ Previously served as CMD of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and as Director (Technical) at Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), both subsidiaries of CIL.
- ✓ Over three and a half decades of experience in the coal sector with expertise in mine operations, project planning, logistics, regulatory affairs, and community development.

