

## Current Affairs of the Day

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## Pan India Time Use Survey released

- India's first Pan India time use survey was released.
- Released by: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- A time use survey measures the amount of time people spend doing various activities, such as paid work, childcare, volunteering, and socialising.

### Objective:

- To measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities.
- The "NSS Report- Time Use in India 2019" is the first such pan India survey which was conducted between January and December 2019.
- Paid employment includes jobs, farming, fishing, mining amongst other economic activities.

### Key findings:

#### Paid employment:

- **Men:** 57.3% of the people surveyed (7 hours 39 minutes)
- **Women:** 18.4% (5 hours 33 minutes)

#### Unpaid domestic services:

- **Men:** 26.1% (1 hour 37 minutes)
- **Women:** 81.2% (4 hours 59 minutes)

#### Social activities:

- **Men:** 91.4%
- **Women:** 91.3%

#### Unpaid volunteer work

- **Men:** 2.7%
- **Women:** 2%



## Narco Tests intrusion into a person's mental privacy: SC

- **Supreme Court judgment of 2010:** Involuntary administration of narco or lie detector tests is an intrusion into a person's "mental privacy".
- The judgment is significant amid reports that the Uttar Pradesh government wants to subject the family members of a recent gang-rape victim to these tests.

### What did the judgement say?

- **The judgment:** Smt. Selvi vs. State of Karnataka
- Involuntary administration of these scientific tests was sufficient to constitute a custodial environment.
- It amounted to a restraint on personal liberty.
- The consequences of such tests can be devastating on people from weaker sections of society who are unaware of their fundamental rights and unable to afford legal advice.
- It may involve future abuse, harassment and surveillance, even leakage of the video material to the news channels for a trial by media.
- Such tests are against human dignity and liberty, and have long-lasting negative effects.
- An individual's decision to make a statement is the product of a private choice and there should be no scope for any other individual to interfere with such autonomy.

### Some facts:

- Polygraph or Lie Detector Test measures and records several physiological indicators such as blood pressure, pulse, respiration, and skin conductivity while a person is asked a series of questions.
- Narcoanalysis Test involves the injection of sodium pentothal which induces a hypnotic or sedated state in which the subject's imagination is neutralized, and they are expected to divulge information that is true.



## Crime in India 2019 Report released by NCRB

- Recently, Crime in India 2019 report was released.
- Released by: The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

### Key takeaways:

- There is an increase in crimes against Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in 2019 as compared to 2018.
- Crime against SCs: Increased by over 7%
- Crimes against STs: Increased by 26%
- Highest number of crimes against SCs: (1) Uttar Pradesh; (2) Rajasthan; (3) Bihar.
- Highest number of cases against STs: (1) Madhya Pradesh; (2) Rajasthan; (3) Odisha.
- Registration of cognizable crimes: Increase of 1.6%
- Crimes Against Women: Increase of 7.3%
- Cybercrimes: Increased by 63.5%

### Value Added Information

#### National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB):

- Headquarter: New Delhi
- Set-up: 1986
- Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Objective: To function as a repository of information on crime and criminals so as to assist the investigators in linking crime to the perpetrators.
- It was set up based on the recommendations of the National Police Commission (1977-1981) and the MHA's Task Force (1985).



## The Habitat Scroll of Honour award

- **Launched by:** United Nations Human Settlements Programme in 1989.
- It is currently the most prestigious human settlements award in the world.
- **Aim:** To acknowledge initiatives which have made outstanding contributions in various fields such as shelter provision, highlighting the plight of the homeless and improving the human settlements and the quality of urban life.
- The award is presented to the winners during the Global Observance of World Habitat Day.