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Skills study: Over next 5 yrs, just 1 in 5 entrants to labour force a woman

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JUST ONE out of five persons — in the 15-30 years age bracket — entering the labour force is expected to be a female in the five years ending 2023, when India's labour market demography is projected to peak.

According to an internal study conducted by the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC), 7 crore additional individuals in the working-age (15-59 years) are expected to enter

YOUTH EXPECTED TO ENTER LABOUR FORCE

Year	Male	Female	Total
2019	84.2 (77.9%)	23.77 (22%)	107.97
2020	95.71 (85.2%)	16.56 (14.7%)	112.27
2021	93.46 (76.7%)	28.47 (23.3%)	121.93
2022	97.33 (81.9%)	21.41 (18%)	118.74
2023	101.25 (78%)	28.55 (21.9%)	129.8
Total	471.95 (79.8%)	118.76 (20.1%)	590.71

*All figures in lakh; Source: NSDC analysis of NSS data

the labour force by 2023, of which 84.3 per cent or 5.9 crore will be in the age group 15-30 years.

While the NSO's Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

EXPLAINED Behind many Asian economies

FEMALE LABOUR force participation rate has declined, and future projections point to a further skew. Compared with other Asian peers, India is far behind in the participation of women, an essential component for boosting the country's growth.

GOTABAYA ACCEPTS PM MODI INVITE

New Delhi to host new Colombo next week

External Affairs Minister says visit on Nov 29

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 19

IN HIS first visit to Sri Lanka as External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar said Tuesday that the island nation's new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will visit India on November 29.

Jaishankar's two-day visit comes a day after Gotabaya, the former Sri Lankan defence secretary and younger brother of ex-president Mahinda Rajapaksa, was sworn in as President after winning the national elections with around 52 per cent votes.

Jaishankar confirmed on Twitter that Gotabaya has accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to visit India.



Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu in Colombo on Tuesday. ANI

He described his meeting with Gotabaya as "warm" and said that he had conveyed Modi's "message of a partnership for shared peace, progress, prosperity & security".

Jaishankar wrote that he was "confident" that bilateral relations under Gotabaya's leadership "would reach greater

heights". On Monday, *The Indian Express* reported that the Rajapaksa camp, which was perceived to have been close to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Stone-pelting in J&K down since Aug 5, says govt, data differs

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 19

THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) said in Parliament on Tuesday that there was a decrease in incidents of stone-pelting and law and order issues in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) after August 5, following the Centre's decision to scrap special status under Article 370 and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories. However, the data provided by the government shows a marginal increase in such incidents.

Replying to a written question by Rajasthan BJP MP Kanak Mal Katara, Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy told the Lok Sabha: "Since August 5, 2019 to November 15, 2019, 765 people have been arrested in 190 cases registered



Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy

relating to stone-pelting/ law and order. From January 1, 2019 to August 4, 2019, 361 such cases were registered."

These arrests don't include those held in preventive detention under CrPC and the Public Safety Act (PSA) after August 5.

Replying to Katara's question on whether scrapping of J&K's special status had led to a decrease in stone-pelting incidents, Reddy said: "Yes, sir." **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Eden Gardens prepares for the pink ball Test. Partha Paul

Buzz in India camp: Pink ball will kill spin, reverse swing

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 19

IN THE middle of all the hype over the country's first day-night Test in Kolkata, against Bangladesh starting Friday, there is a growing murmur in the Indian camp over the pink ball that will be used. The worry is that the ball might end up negating key strengths of the Indian bowling attack, especially in home conditions: reverse swing and spin.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a senior member of the Indian camp said: "These problems might not be come up during the Test against Bangladesh, but it's important for the future. Is it wise to go into Tests against tough opponents in India without the traditional Indian strengths? That might end up playing into the hands of opposition teams. What might work as an advantage in certain overseas conditions is a disadvantage in the Indian scenario." **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

WhatsApp breach: Those targeted want House panel to investigate

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 19

A GROUP of 17 activists, whose WhatsApp in mobile devices was targeted by Pegasus spyware developed by Israeli firm NSO, has asked the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology for a detailed probe into the cyber-attack. It has



The Indian Express report on October 31

asked the panel to summon government departments to answer questions related to the unau-

thorised and illegal surveillance. The standing committee, chaired by Congress Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor, is scheduled to be briefed on Wednesday by the representatives of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department of Atomic Energy on 'Citizens' data security and privacy'. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Saumya
Founder: The Secret Ingredient

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