Time Use Survey, 2024

Why in News?

The results of the Time Use Survey, 2024 (second such All-India Survey) was recently released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

- **Time Use Survey (TUS) –** It will enable measuring time spent by individuals on different activities.
- The primary objective is to measure participation of men, women and other groups of persons in ***paid and unpaid activities.***
- The survey will be an important source of information on the time spent in unpaid care giving activities, unpaid volunteer work, unpaid domestic service producing activities of the household members.
- This will also provide information on time spent on learning, socializing, leisure activities, self-care activities, etc. by the household members.
- **Conducted by -** National Statistics Office (NSO).
- **Nodal Ministry -** Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation.

Key Highlights of the survey

- **Duration -** January – December, 2024.
- **Major Indicators**

Participation Rate	• Participation rate in a day in any activity is calculated as the percentage of persons performing that activity during the day.
Average time spent in a day per participant	• The average time spent in a day per participant for any activity is calculated by considering those who participated in the activity. • Estimates of average time in a day in different activities derived by considering only the participants in the activities are referred to as average time spent in a day per participant.
Average time spent in a day per person	• The average time spent in a day per person for any activity is calculated by considering all the persons irrespective of whether they participated in the activity or not. • By this approach, the distribution of the total time of ***1440 minutes*** of a day per person in different activities is derived.

- **Increasing participation rate, 2024** - **75%** of the males and **25%** of the females of 15-59 years, participated in employment and related activities during the reference period of 24 hours.
    - Such participation was 70.9% for males and 21.8% for females in the age group 15-59 years during 2019.
- **Shift from unpaid to paid -** Female participants aged 15-59 years in unpaid domestic services has come ***down to 305 minutes*** during 2024 signifying the shift

from unpaid to paid activities.
    - During 2019 they spent about 315 minutes in unpaid activities.
- **Participation rate in care-giving -** 41% of females aged 15-59 years participated in caregiving for their household members, male participation in this age group in such caregiving was 21.4%.
- Also, female participants in caregiving activities spent about 140 minutes in a day, compared to 74 minutes spent by male participants aged 15-59 years.
- This corroborates the Indian social fabric wherein most of the caregiving responsibilities for household members are ***borne by the females*** of the household.
- **Final goods production in rural areas -** 24.6% of the rural population aged 15-59 years participated in producing goods for own final use and they spent 121 minutes a day doing such activities.
- **Learning of children -** 89.3% of children aged 6-14 years participated in learning activities and they spent around 413 minutes in a day for such activities.
- **Leisure activities rate -** People aged 6 years and above spent 11% of their days' time in culture, leisure, mass media and sports practices during 2024, compared to 9.9% of the days' time spent during 2019.
- **Self-care and maintenance rate -** 708 minutes in a day was spent on self-care and maintenance activities by persons aged 6 years and above.
- Females of this age group spent 706 minutes while males spent 710 minutes in such activities.

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