Raipur: Chhattisgarh shows green shoots of economic recovery amid lockdown; Unemployment rate decreases in Chhattisgarh even in times of nationwide crisis

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For the first time, in a series of signs pointing towards economic growth and employment increase, the state’s unemployment rate has been recorded at 3.4% which is far lower than the national rate of 23.5%.

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It is noteworthy that during the lockdown industrial activities in the country have been hit hard and economic condition of the country has been affected. The national unemployment rate has increased to 7.5% in May 2020, which has shown a drastic increase compared to the national rate of 3.4%.

Not only the state but also the people of the country have been faced with dire consequences of the lockdown. The state government has been working on a large scale to save the rural economy and preserve the livelihood of the villagers in the period of lockdown, which has been implemented to check the spread of coronavirus.

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As per the latest data, the state government has ensured the sale of about 23,500 tons of minor forest produce on support price of Mahua flower has been increased from Rs. 18 to Rs. 30.

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