

Highlights

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6. Govt approves bonus for Group C, non-gazetted Group B employees before festive season

35 lakh weddings, ₹4.25 lakh crore: Upcoming wedding season set to witness staggering business, claims survey

NEW DEIHI, (Agency). The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) anticipates a staggering business turnover of ₹4.25 lakh crore within 23 days of this wedding season.

Between November 23 and December 15, approximately 3.5 million weddings are slated to take place, as per a survey conducted by CAIT Research & Trade Development Society. This grand celebration is expected to generate an impressive ₹4.25 trillion in purchases and services, as reported by Business Standard.

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Delhi alone is set to host over 3.5 lakh weddings during this season, contributing to an estimated business worth around ₹1 lakh crore in the city. Last year, during the same period, approximately 3.2 million



weddings occurred, with expenses tallying up to ₹3.75 lakh crore, according to B C Bhartia, National President of CAIT.

In these 23 days of wedding festivities, around 6 lakh weddings will have an estimated expenditure of ₹3 lakh per wedding, while approximately 10 lakh weddings will have costs of around ₹6 lakh per event.

A further 12 lakh weddings are projected to bear expenses of about ₹10 lakh per wedding, while 6 lakh weddings may witness a budget of

₹25 lakh per event. Additionally, 50,000 weddings are expected to have an expenditure of ₹50 lakh, and another 50,000 weddings will have budgets exceeding ₹1 crore.

According to the survey, popular wedding destinations in India encompass sought-after locations such as Goa, Jaipur, Kerala, and Shimla.

The prevailing wedding trends in India encompass destination weddings, themed weddings, and an increasing emphasis on eco-friendly celebrations.

Centre approves ad-hoc bonuses for Group C, Group B rank govt employees. Check terms and conditions, eligibility norms

NEW DEIHI, (Agency).

The Centre on Tuesday approved ad-hoc bonus for Group C and non-gazetted Group B rank central government officials, including paramilitary forces and armed forces.

In a notification, the ministry of finance stated, "The calculation ceiling for payment of ad-hoc bonus under these orders shall be



monthly emoluments of ₹7,000/-".

The Centre has laid down certain condi-

tions for the disbursement of this bonus to the central government employees.

1. According to the ministry, only those employees who were in service as on March 31, 2023 and have rendered at least six months of continuous service in 2022-23 are eligible for payments. The pro-rata payment will be admissible to the eligible employees for period of continuous service during the year from six months

to a full year, the eligibility period being taken in terms of number of months at service (rounded off to the nearest number of months).

2. The government has said that the quantum of non-productivity linked bonus will be worked out on the basis of average emoluments or calculation ceiling whichever is lower.

