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TARGET MAINS 2022

Social Issues

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CSE MAINS QUESTIONS DISCUSSION

INDIAN SOCIETY-1

1. Albeit bringing down the fertility rate in India can resolve a lot of pending issues, it has its own set of economic and socio-cultural challenges. Elaborate.
2. What is Gig Economy? Describe the role it can play in women empowerment in Indian society.
3. Demographic Dividend can be a great boon for the Indian growth story, but only if it there is enough stress on empowering the nation's youth. Elaborate.
4. How has Globalization impacted the Indian youth? Elaborate with special emphasis on the socio-economic impact.
5. Rapid urbanization has its own set of issues, including economic inequalities and health problems. Discuss.

250 words

Intro → 2 lines - max ✓ 1 line — 10-15%. 25-30 words — definition/fact

Main Body — 80% words

Conclusion/Way forward

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Q1 : Albeit bringing down the fertility rate in India can resolve a lot of pending issues, it has its own set of economic and socio-cultural challenges. Elaborate.

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INDIA NEWS

India's total fertility rate drops from 2.2 to 2.0, reveals NFHS-5 report

India has made significant progress in population control measures in recent times with the TFR, but there are wide inter-regional variations with five states still not having achieved a replacement level of fertility of 2.1.

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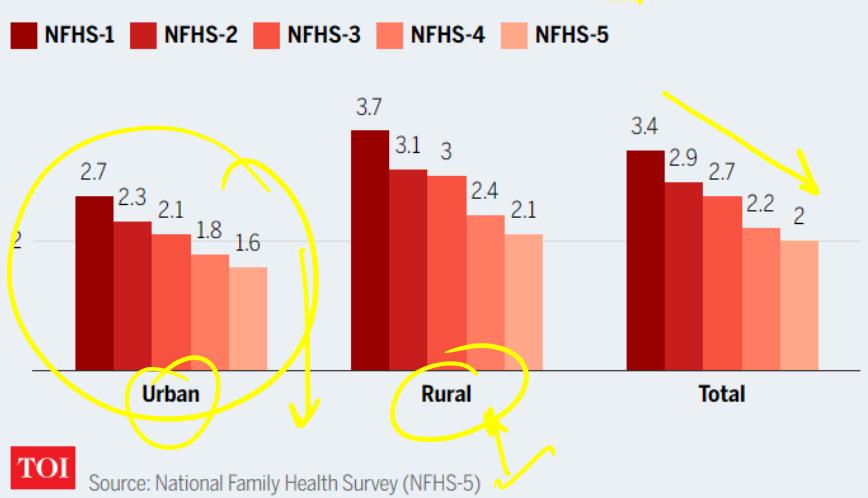
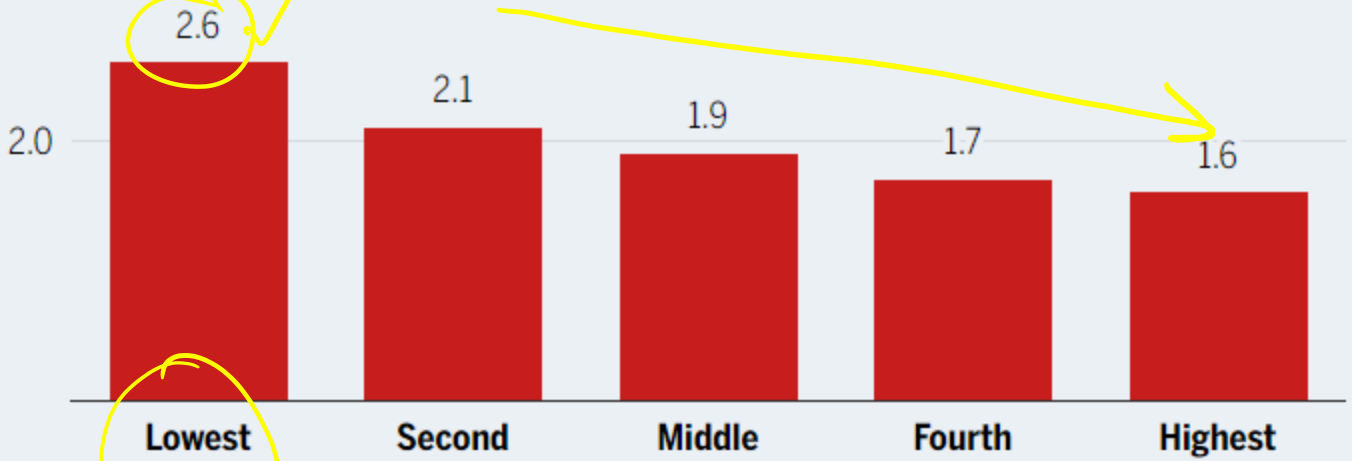
Downward trend in fertility rate



TOI Source: National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)

Kids - earning members

Fertility rate by household wealth



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Solution :

- Introduction – Fertility refers to the reproductive performance of an individual or a group. It can be studied from the statistics of births. The crude birth rate is an important measure of fertility for which only live births, that is, children born alive are taken into account.
- Main Body

  - Challenges -
    - Most religions encourage breeding & multiplication
    - Male child preference
    - Societal emphasis on having kids
    - Kids seen as earning members
    - Illiteracy

  Way forward/Conclusion -

  - Increase awareness
  - Enhance literacy
  - Ensure availability of contraceptives

Q2: What is Gig Economy? Describe the role it can play in women empowerment in Indian society.

- Swiggy
- Zomato
- Uber
- Ola

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GIG, A NEW-AGE ECONOMY

BENEFITS

- Creation of jobs on mass scale
- Freedom and flexibility of work
- Easy access to services
- Price advantage for consumers

DOWNSIDE

- Inconsistency in services
- Partners arm-twisted by service providers
- Difficult to trust a service provider without a recommendation from someone you trust

CHALLENGES FOR GOVT

- Highly unregulated
- Lack of policies on job structure, tax, privacy
- Exponential growth

FEW KEY PLAYERS

UBER, OLA, ZOMATO, FOODPANDA, SWIGGY, AIRBNB, UPWORK

FOR OLA, UBER DRIVERS

CRUISE MODE

- Ola, Uber offered fat incentives in the initial years
- Targets were pretty achievable
- Hundreds of thousands availed bought cars to partner with Ola, Uber
- Few claimed to earned Rs 1 lakh a month

REVERSE GEAR

- Drivers hit downhill road as Ola, Uber gained market share
- Incentives became unattractive
- Needed more trips to meet targets, had to face growing traffic
- Crimes on passengers compounded problems

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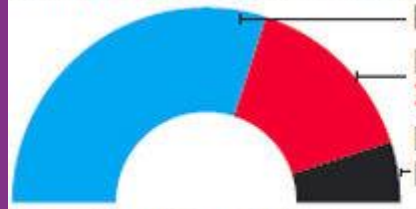
Gender Re-Gig

Women employment rising quickly in gig economy

JOBS COUNT

Gig economy accounts for more than **1.4 million** jobs in India



Uber, Ola, Swiggy & Zomato lead the gig economy

WOMEN IN GIG ECONOMY

8-10%
salary difference between male and female delivery executives

67,900
women employed in delivery industry, up from 40,000 last yr

Source: TeamLease, BetterPlace

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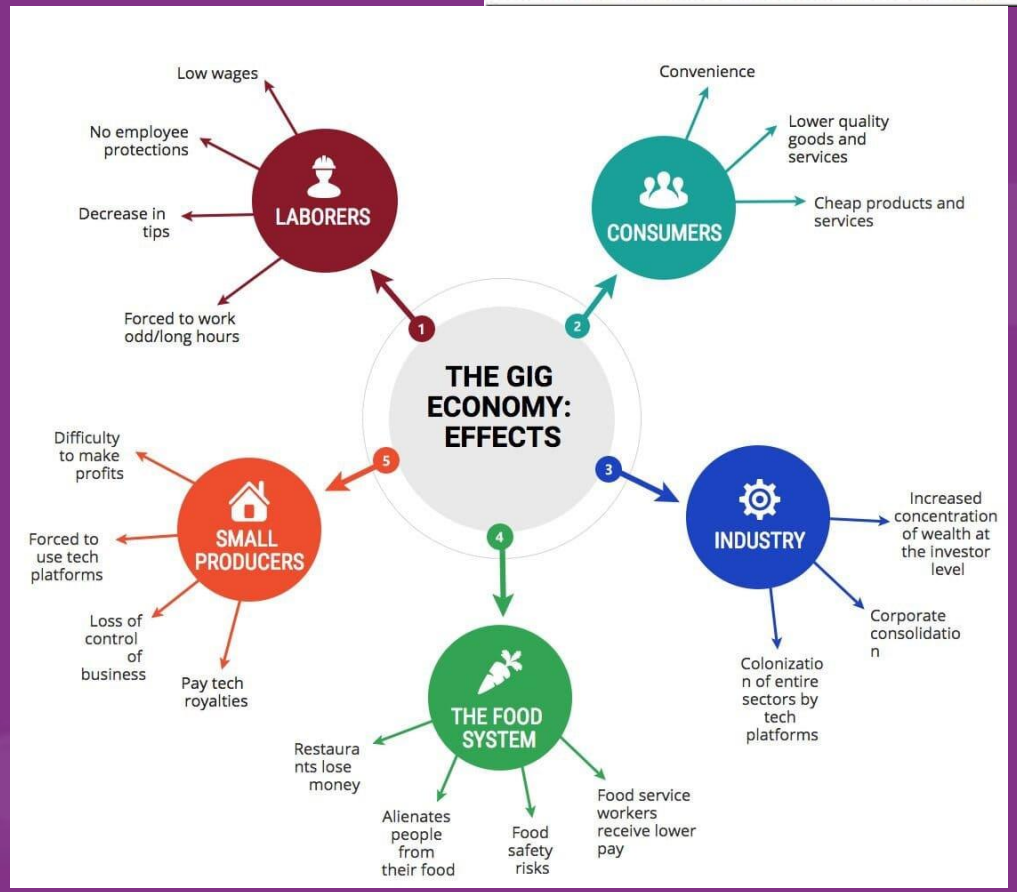
gender pay gap



Solution :

- Introduction – A gig economy is a free market system in which temporary positions are common and organizations contract with independent workers for short-term engagements. According to a report by Boston Consulting Group, India's gig workforce comprises 15 million workers employed across industries such as software, shared services and professional services.

Main body

- Role in women empowerment -
  - Jobs are flexible & of freelance nature
  - Slowing economic progress – women expected to contribute more
  - Allows remote work opportunities

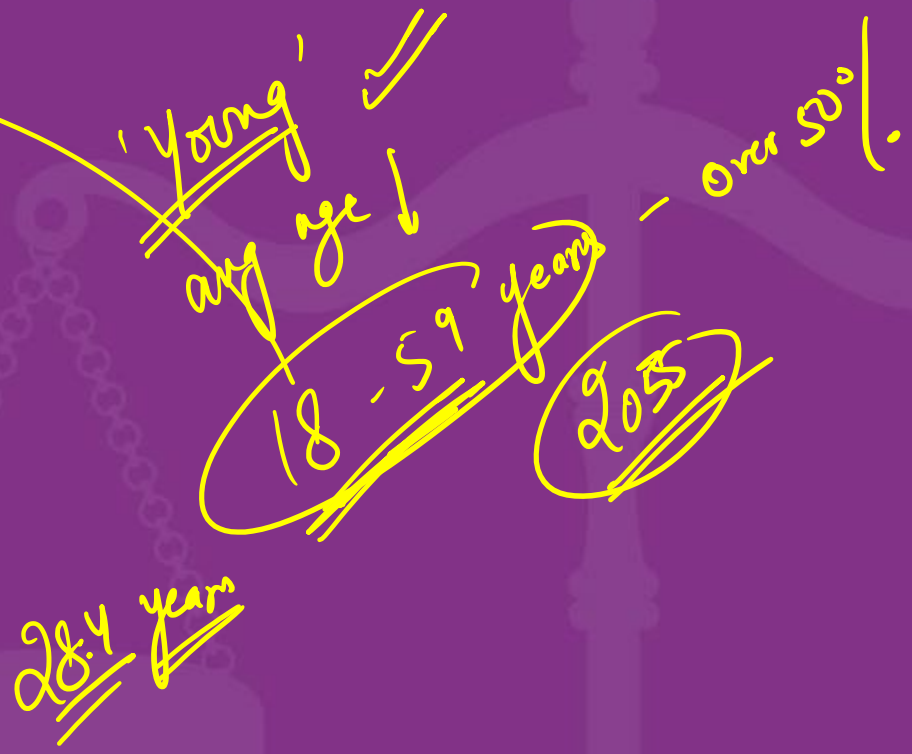
Solution (cont.....)

Challenges/Constraints –

- Unregulated
- Skill based
- Temporary
- Supply – Demand mismatch

- Conclusion / way forward
  - Proper regulations with laws
  - Adopting best global practices

Q3: Demographic Dividend can be a great boon for the Indian growth story, but only if it there is enough stress on empowering the nation's youth. Elaborate.



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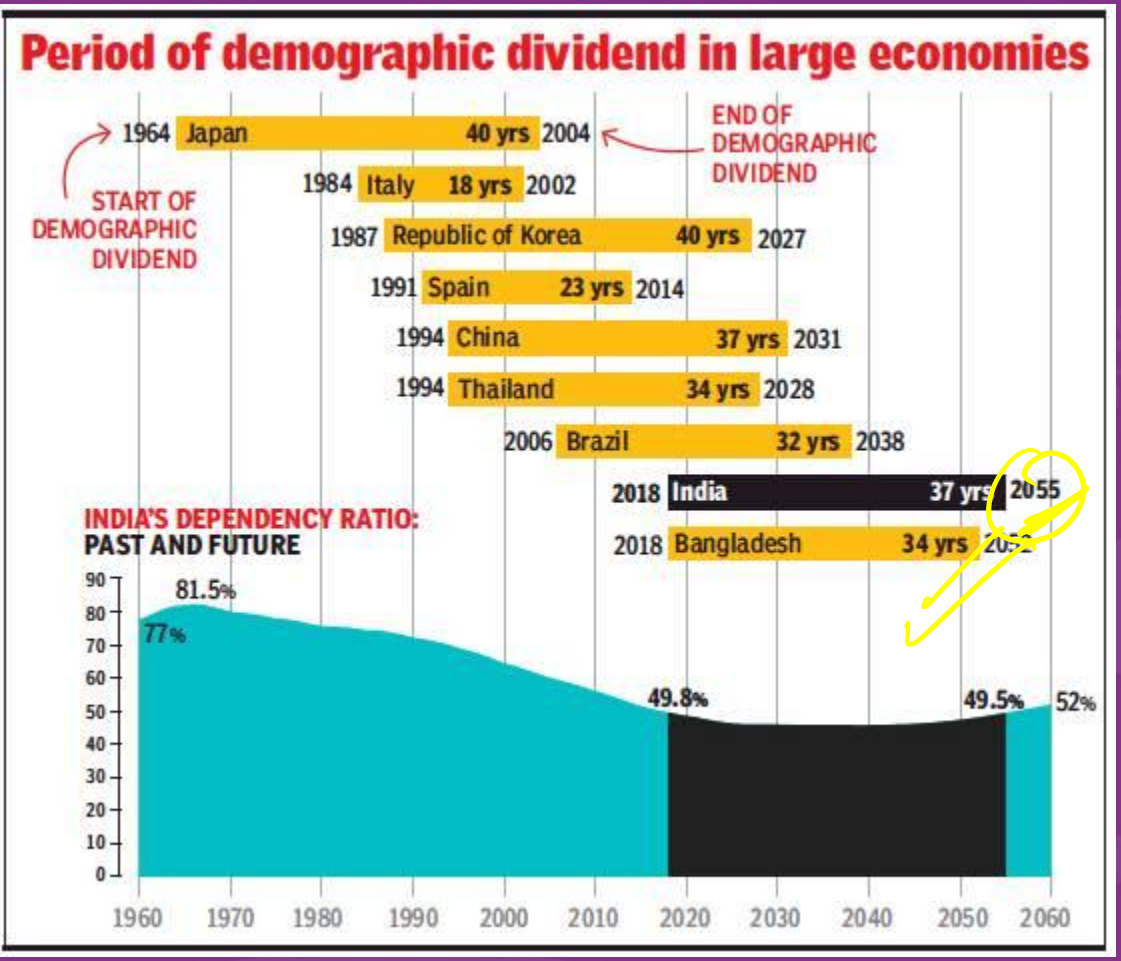

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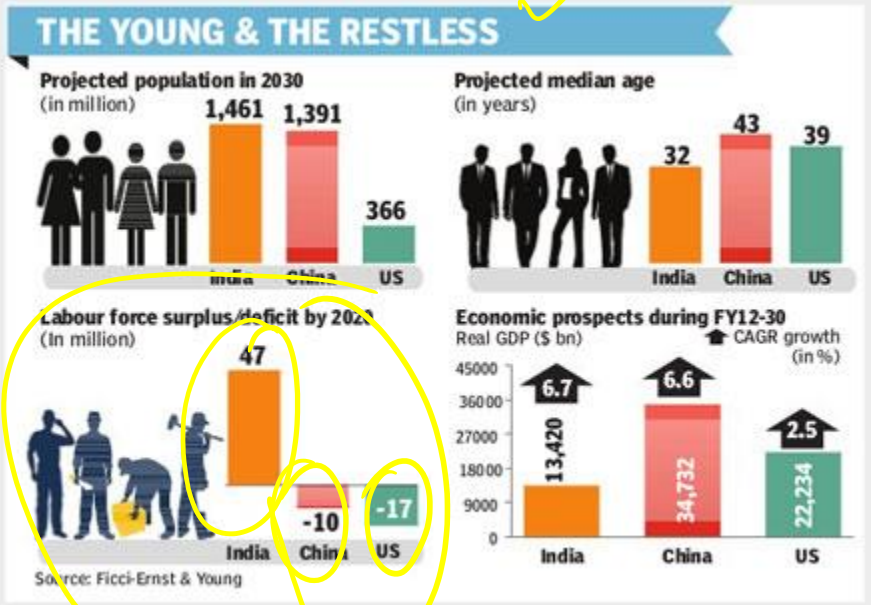

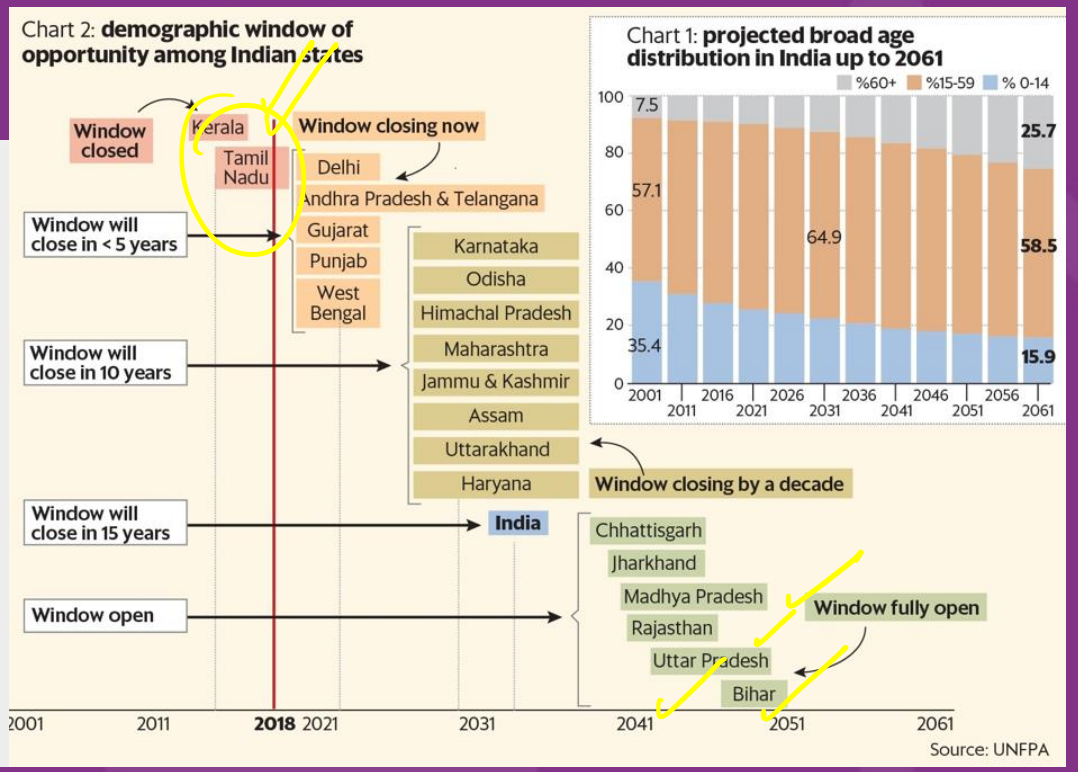

Skill India

manufacturing

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Job intensive

Labour

4.7 crore

Solution

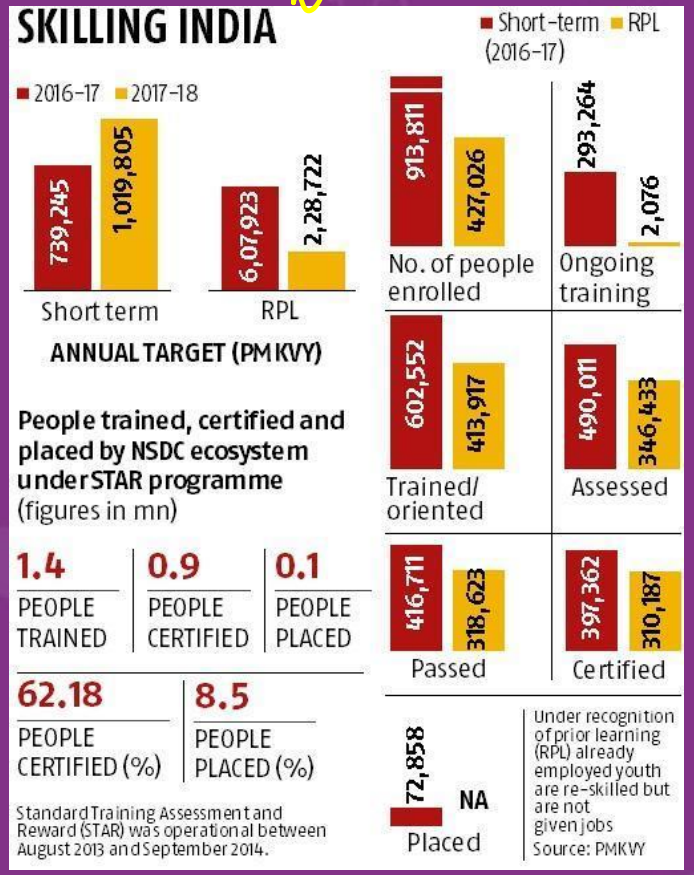
- Introduction - According to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), demographic dividend means, "the economic growth potential that can result from shifts in a population's age structure, mainly when the share of the working-age population (15 to 64) is larger than the non-working-age share of the population (14 and younger, and 65 and older)". A study on demographic dividend in India by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said the window of demographic dividend opportunity in India is available only for five decades from 2005-06 to 2055-56.

- Main Body
  - Challenges in realizing the youth's potential
    - Lack of education & skills
    - Impact of the pandemic
    - Jobless growth
    - Disguised unemployment

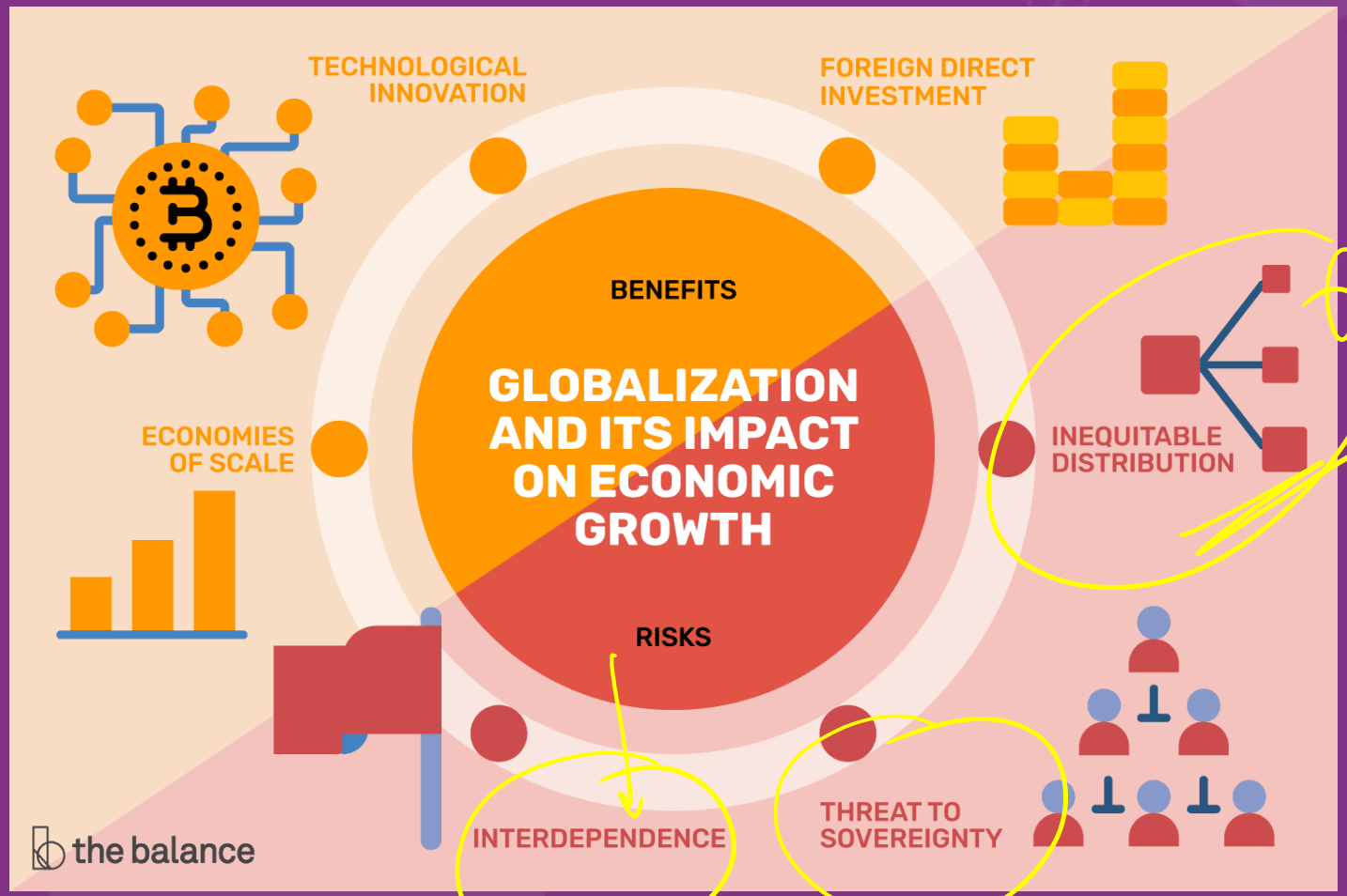
Solution (cont….)

Way forward

- Skill development programs
- Inter – Sectoral collaborations
- Improving social infrastructure
- Focus on job creating sectors



Q4: How has Globalization impacted the Indian youth? Elaborate with special emphasis on the socio-economic impact of Globalization.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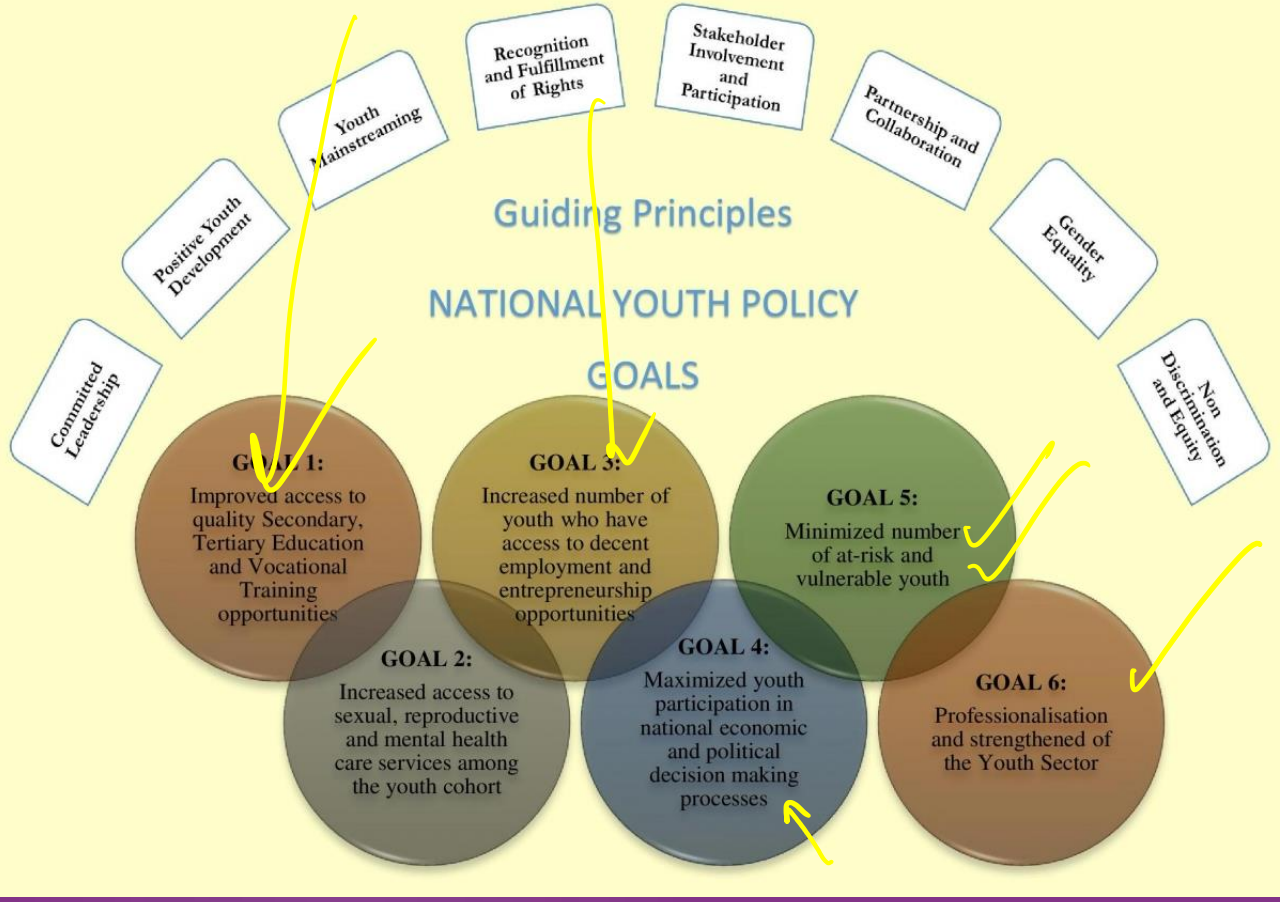
NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY 2017 – 2030



Solution

- Introduction - Globalization is a process of interaction, integration and interdependence among the people, companies, and governments of different nations. It has political, economic and cultural manifestations. It also has both positive and negative consequences for the people.

- Main Body - Impact
    - More employment opportunities – Global psychology
    - Urban poverty – increased migration
    - Weakening of social relationship – nuclear families
    - Culture of consumerism
    - Decreasing significance of indigenous culture

Solution (cont.…)

- Way Forward
  - Focus on skill development, health and entrepreneurship
  - Following the National Youth Policy

Q5: Rapid urbanization has its own set of issues, including economic inequalities and health problems. Discuss.

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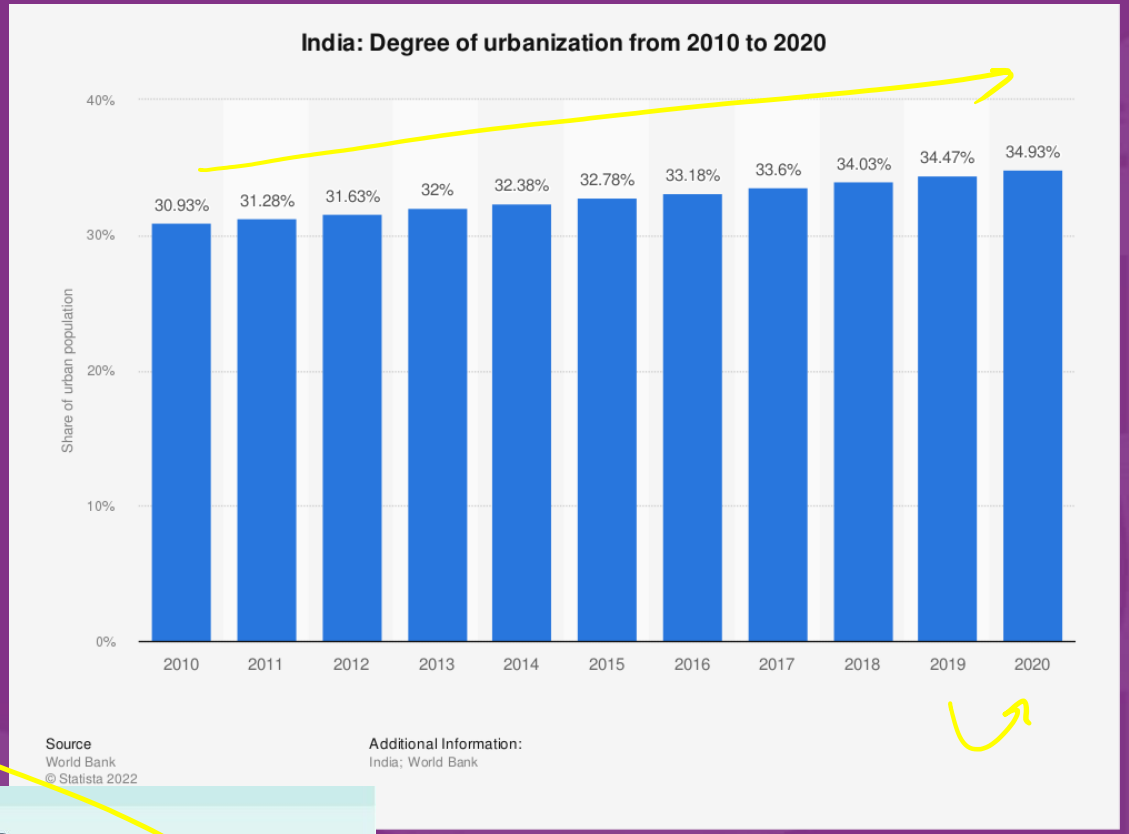
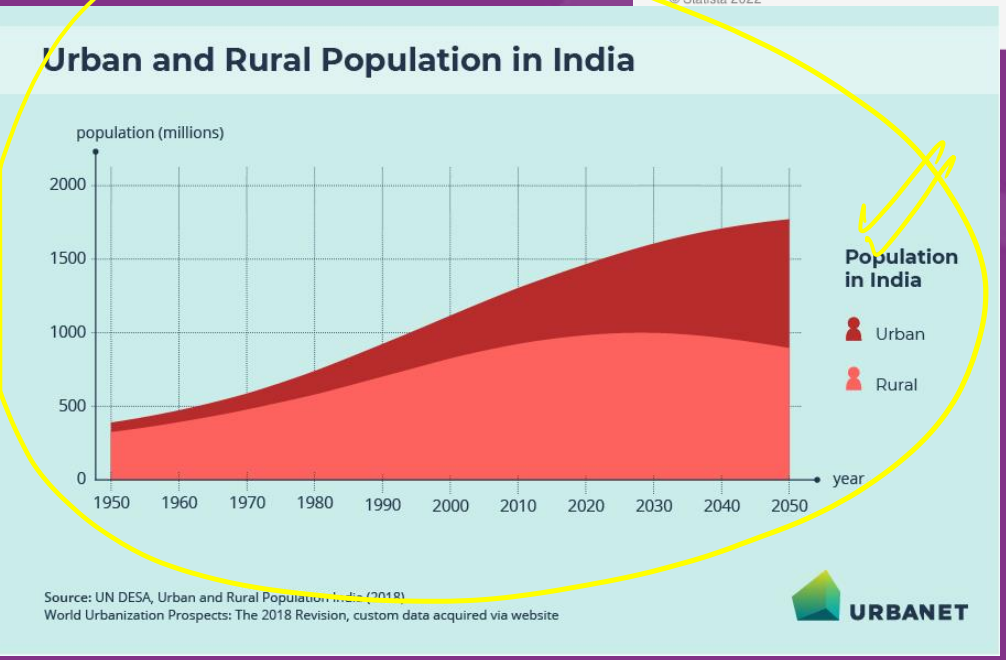
.46% of 140 crore



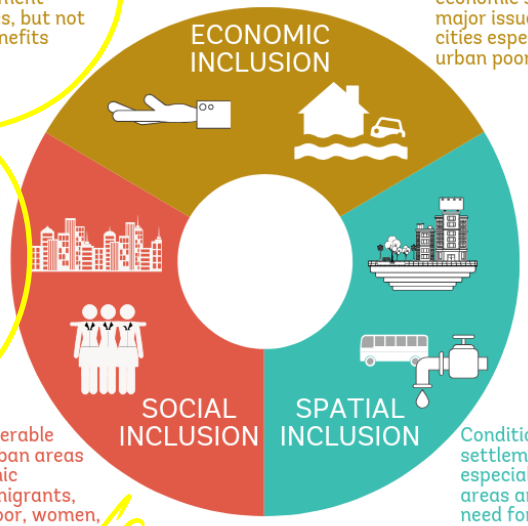


India's Urbanization

KEY CHALLENGES

Urbanization is creating new employment opportunities, but not everyone benefits

Risks from disasters and economic shocks are a major issue in Myanmar's cities especially for the urban poor



Inequality in cities is evident and can create social tension given the density

The needs for sustainable infrastructure and spatial planning in urban areas are massive

Several vulnerable groups in urban areas such as ethnic minorities, migrants, the urban poor, women, and the disabled are marginalized

Conditions in informal settlements are especially poor, these areas are in greatest need for water, sanitation, solid waste management and transport services

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Implementation will be reliant on a strong commitment from the government to a bold reform agenda

Invest in sustainable urban infrastructure and urban upgrading

Build resilience to mitigate the impact of shocks on people's livelihoods and health

Facilitate access to legal documentation for migrants and specific subgroups, and targeted social programs for those particularly vulnerable to exclusion

Invest in capacity building and new financing for urban development

Solution

- Introduction - Urbanization refers to the mass movement of populations from rural to urban settings and the consequent physical changes to urban settings. Over 34% of India's current population lives in urban areas (UN World Urbanisation Prospects Report 2018).

- Main body
  - Advantages of Urbanization -
    - It augments economic activity
    - Trickle down effect
    - Bigger aspirations, leads to economic progress

Solution (cont.…)

- Main body
  - Disadvantages/Demerits
    - Poor nutritional health
    - Urban crimes
    - Health complications
    - Pollutions
    - Proliferation of slums
    - Waste generation
- Conclusion / Way forward
  - Need for adequate policies like the Smart Cities Mission
  - Introduction of social protection and universal health coverage

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