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Accelerated use of digital technologies has caused the socio-economic inequalities in the country. Examine in context of pandemic. (200 words)

Inequality is synonymous to deprivation of opportunities, facilities, resources and services. Likewise, socio-economic inequality during COVID-19 pandemic were seen in:-

- ① Education
- ② Health Services
- ③ Employment
- ④ Public Services

Due to digital divide, between:-

- > Rural India and Urban India
- > Middle income and Low income groups; mainly out of lack of:-

• Digital infrastructure: As per National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) access to Internet is 17% in rural areas and 42% in urban areas.

Though digital connectivity is being targeted

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by initiative like :- Digital India, yet, digital inclusivity need to be scaled up via availability of digitized Internet enable information and communication technologies (like mobile phones and computer).

As during Pandemic, in terms of

Education

- Inability to organise and attend online classes
- Deprivation of online courses (eg: SWAYAM portal)

Health

- Online registration for vaccination at COWIN portal
- Aarogya Setu User base low among digitally unconnected population.

Employment

- Online business impossibility
- Digital transaction absence
- Participation in Gig economy
- Search for job opportunities online.

Public Services

- Registration for online passes (e-pass) during lockdown

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- Access to verified online directives and information by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MCHFW)

Such basic inequities due to digital gap need fundamental^{infrastructural} solutions; as Internet access is counted as Human Right by United Nations Human Rights Councils (UNHRC).

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