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Ques -

Women's lfpr has to be increased to unleash the potential of women in the country. Examine.

The Prime Minister worked for flexible working hours and exploring work from home option to sustain female labour force.

Women employment

As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, the female labour force stands at 25.1% 2020-21. Women constitute 48% of population yet 20.6% of them in 15-59 are paid workers and 94% are in unpaid work.

As per Asian Development Bank India's

GDP growth rate can rise 4% annually if

women work participation is increased.

Measures to improve workforce

Women are in different age spectrums to be addressed.

① Nutrition The NFHS-5 data reveals 53% of women are anaemic. The Anemia mukti Bharat scheme addresses this issue. schemes such as midday meal Poshan 2.0 covers malnutrition, nutrition awareness and good eating habits.

② Social security The mission Shakti has Sambad which covers safety and security of women and covers one stop centres and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. The Samarthya covers empowerment such as suvidha grah and widows scheme.

③ R&D. The SERB has given POWER scheme to reduce gender disparity in research institutions and fund women scientists. often schemes such as Kiran, Cutir, Disha address gender issues.

The combined efforts from government, civil societies and stakeholders can help India attain SDGs-5 - No gender disparity.