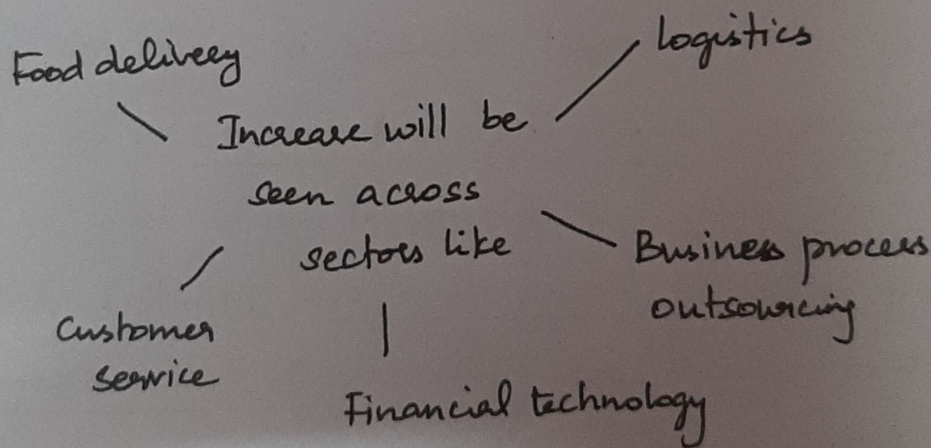


As the country faces an employment^{problem}, skill development for youth has to be based on future employability. In the context of pandemic, analyse (200 words).

Youths are the assets of the country.

This asset could be well capitalised only when there is good employment rate. Sadly in the pandemic India faces employment problem due to lack of skill development among the youths based on future needs.

Once the pandemic impact drains off there will be huge vacancies across sector and creation of new jobs. Hence India is in need to develop the skills of youth based on future needs.



Pandemic Impact over skill development

→ As most of courses went online, it further widened the digital divide

→ Short term practical training programmes which are practical in nature were adversely affected.

- Funding for government programmes ran dry.
- Impact on transportation further affected the demand supply chain which was meant for job openings.

Eg: Internship programmes in Manufacturing Sector

- Even the Government's flagship scheme PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana says only 75% of trained candidates were certified.

Government's Move

To overcome the set backs during pandemic PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 was launched targeting to train 8 lakh candidates over 2020-2021 period

Way forward

In current scenario it would be ideal to encourage universities and colleges to branch out to vocational areas and government could help them with stipend in case of losing their jobs. Thus this could be long term solution for skilling youth in a sustainable manner for future employability.