

1. As India is considered as a new manufacturing hub of the world, a robust corporate bond market is the need of the hour. Discuss?

Corporate Bond :- These are debt securities issued by private or public companies. Corporate issue these to raise money for various reasons.

India is ~~being~~ preferred as manufacturing hub of the world over other countries including US and other Asia Pacific countries because of cost competitiveness etc and can be enhanced by robust corporate bond market to attract investors and widen economy as its ~~does~~ need of the hour to compensate with pandemic's effect.

Measures to enhance corporate bond market..

- * financial literacy and education - as per standards and poor's survey 2015, 76% of Indians have no understanding regarding basic financial terms like inflation etc.
- * Incentives for retail investors - government can provide tax incentives.
- * ESG framework → environment, social, governance framework is primary source to attract investors.

* Credit Guarantee scheme - government can enhance credit guarantee by collecting fund through cess.

* maintaining financial stability

* enhancing liquidity

* functional autonomy

Thus robust corporate bond markets will attract ~~enhanced~~ investors with advantages like another source of income, risk diversity, complementing a sound banking system etc.