
GS-II Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

1. Explain the Critical Challenges for India in the Higher Education sector and also Explain Likely Measures taken by the Government.

Why this Question?

- India aims to become a five trillion economy by 2024-25. The realisation of this goal is incumbent upon the capability of its education and training institutions to equip young Indians with knowledge and skills relevant to an Evolving Job Market.

Key Demands of Question:

- Discuss the various challenges in the higher education sector in India and also explain the various initiatives taken by the government in this regard.

Directive Word:

Explain:

- Here the student should clearly express why something happens, or why something is the way it is. He needs to look at a subject in depth taking note of the detail and if appropriate, consider the implications, and should explain them in good simple language.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Highlight the current scenario of the higher education in India. Mention some statistics like Gross enrolment ration, etc.

Body:

- Explain the various critical challenges faced by the higher education in India. For example, Low gross enrolment ration, Gender gap in higher education, affordability, low employability, etc.
- Explain the various initiatives taken by the government to address the issues in the higher education like New Education policy, GIAN network, MOOCs, skill development, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the way forward measures to comprehensively enhance the higher Education in India.