

Ques The US hike in H-1B visa fees expose India's dependence on foreign job markets. Analyse its implications and suggest measures for India to reduce this ~~risk~~ reliance.

Ans The recent US hike in H-1B visa fees highlights India's reliance ~~on~~ on

#### Introduction:

Good – Starts by linking the H-1B fee hike to India's dependence on foreign job markets and IT sector vulnerability.

Improve – Could briefly add India's large share in H-1B visas or remittances to make it more data-driven.

#### Body:

Good – Covers economic impact (profit margins, remittances), employment concerns (underutilization of skilled workforce), and strategic risks. The "measures" section is diverse: boosting manufacturing, expanding markets, AI/semiconductors, mobility agreements, and credit access.

Improve – Some points are general (e.g., manufacturing boost, credit access) and could be more specific with schemes (PLI, PMKVY, Make in India). Flow could improve if grouped under Economic, Workforce, and Strategic measures.

#### Conclusion:

Good – Strong closing idea: convert external dependency into internal resilience through innovation and diversified employment.

Improve – A sharper one-liner ending on self-reliance would strengthen the conclusion.

→ Economic Impact →

① rising cost of IT services, competitiveness of Indian IT firms in US market, reducing profit margin

② possible decline of remittance as fewer professionals migrate.

→ Employment Concern →

① highly skilled workforce with underutilization at home.



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⑤ Teach graduates relying on US jobs may face uncertainty

→ Strategic Dependence - India remains vulnerable to foreign policy shifts, reducing its leverage in negotiations.

### Measures

① Boost manufacturing, IT enabled services, and deep tech startups.

② Expand market in EU, Japan and Africa beyond US.

③ Focus on AI, semiconductor and green tech.

④ Secure mobility agreements with multiple countries.

⑤ Strengthen credit access and incubation ecosystem.

India must convert external dependence into internal resilience by fostering innovation and diversified employment.