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23-9-25 1. The U.S. hike in H-1B visa fees exposes India's dependence on foreign Job markets. Analyse its implications and suggest measures for India to reduce this reliance. (10m)

Ans:

Skill, Tech, web, design, etc. Dev, MNCs

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The U.S.'s administration has imposed \$1,00,000 of hike in fees for H-1B visas which would impact the skill workers/professionals willing to go to the U.S thereby impacting the both Indian Economy & community on

Introduction is relevant and clear. Student mentions the U.S. fee hike, impact on professionals, and economy. Good use of statistics/diagram to support. However, language could be tighter and less repetitive (avoid a huge basis). Impacting economy & community on huge basis.

Body

Well-structured with short-term and long-term implications. Points on community, economy, forex reserves, and ties are logical. Positive angle (reduction in brain drain) is a nice touch. Measures like skill enhancement, opportunities, startups, diversification are relevant. But some sentences are wordy and need better flow; "salary & maintenance exceeds savings" is informal. Could link more directly with IT sector and geopolitical impact.

Conclusion

Conclusion mentions "holistic development" and "Viksit Bharat@2047," which is good vision. However, it feels slightly general—needs a sharper ending that ties back to reducing dependency on foreign jobs.

* Short-term :-

• Community impact :

↳ loss of permanent jobs, career growth & future aspirations

• Economical impact :

↳ Hike is abnormal from \$5,000 to \$1,00,000 leaving the H-1B applicants at a paralysed state since the salary & maintenance exceeds the savings.

* long-term :-

• Forex reserves :

↳ Hike in fees discourages the professionals to



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U.S. thus impacting the forex reserves from them.

• Deterioration in Ties:

↳ Bilateral relationship between the both countries would be impacted since the community is a sensitive topic.

* Marginal positive impact:

• Reduction in brain drain

↳ 'Brain drain' theory reduction would happen thus leaving a huge scope to leverage the skill of Indian professionals.

Forward measures: —

- Enhancing the skill set through effective openings in the professions.
- Providing huge opportunities with good pay scale to attract the potential.
- Encouraging startups through incentives.
Ex: 'startup india', 'standup india'; India is the world's 3rd largest start up eco-system which throws a huge opportunity to employ the bright minds.
- Diversification of job markets. Ex: Japan, Australia, through international diplomacy. could attract indian skill sets.

However in order to achieve a stable & sustainable solution, a holistic development policy including all stakeholders — industry, professionals, Administrations, is necessary to enhance the skill opportunities to harness the Indian skill potential for Viksit Bharat @ 2047.