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The US 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.

wave of panic spread through Indian communities & global tech industry following US President's order imposing \$100,000 fee for H-1B visa, impacting the largest group of beneficiaries of the skill worker program.

### Introduction:

Good - You started with the US President's order and its immediate impact on the Indian community, showing awareness of context.

Improve - Could briefly connect this directly to India's over-dependence on foreign job markets to align with the question.

### Body:

Good - You explained financial burden, slowed career growth, talent mobility issues, and gave balanced measures like R&D push, skill development, global diversification, and incentives for reverse brain drain.

Improve - The body could have been more structured by dividing into Implications (Economic, Workforce, Geopolitical) and Measures. That would make it sharper.

### Conclusion:

Good - The measures suggest long-term solutions like expanding alternatives and skilling India, which shows forward thinking.

Improve - Conclusion could be wrapped up with one line on India's need to reform migration and employment policies to directly meet the demand of the question.

### Measures

- Govt should increase public spending in R&D in emerging fields like AI, quantum computing & chip design.
- Expand PLI scheme to attract investments & create jobs within India hence reducing reverse brain drain.
- Modernise skill development both existing job market.
- Look beyond US with alternatives like Europe, Japan & ASEAN region.
- Offer tax exemptions for abroad returnees so they can utilise their talent within domestic workforce.