

① Women can harness digital tools for improving nutrition and create economic opportunities in various ways. Discuss. (200 words)

① In Asia Pacific, India has the widest gender gap of 40%. Less than 32% of women in India own a mobile phone compared to over 60% of men.

② The National Food Health Family Health Survey shows that more than 18% of women between 15 and 49 years have a low body mass index while more than half of the pregnant women in the same age groups are anaemic.

③ The United Nations World Food Programme in partnership with the Government of Odisha and Rajasthan has rolled out technology based training modules used housed in an application. The FoSaFMDM application available in playstore.

④ In a pilot on financial literacy and digital literacy being implemented by World Food programme with women Self Help Groups across low-income groups in Delhi's urban slums, nearly 70% of women wanted to acquire new skills.

⑤ A needs assessment conducted by World Food Programme among urban poor women in Delhi showed that few had bank account. Many had smartphones.

⑥ Also Digital training and mobile tablets for cook-cum-helpers who drive PM POSHAN. Ninety percent of them are women.

⑦ The need for inclusive Technology and digital education is essential for a sustainable food future.

⑧ The women participating in digital training said that going forward they will prioritise access to financial service and take informed decisions to enhance their livelihood, food security and nutrition.