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The number of women migrating in India due to economic factors is keeps on increasing but such momentum can be sustained only through a proper policy response. Critically analyse.

WOMEN MIGRATION:

1) Majority of women have cited marriage or having migrated with their husband as a reason for their translocation.

2) Women also migrate for economic factors like employment, business and education.

3) The number of women migrating is increasing in a rate higher than men.

In India Internal Migration is currently very high but the governments fail to include migrants in urban development policies. More importantly women migrants were not recognized economically. They were mainly seen as a secondary work force. They are also disadvantaged as they are underpaid at work, vulnerable to sexual crime, and face maternity related complications.

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In this regard Government has to make changes in labour law and policies to sustain the momentum on migration. And there is also a need to ensure gender sensitive and rights based approach.

The political inclusion of migrants would also democratise urban governance and ensure building of cities on the basis of gender equality. In this connection Kerala has provided Insurance and Free medical treatment to women migrants. The same step can be taken by other states to address this issue.

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