

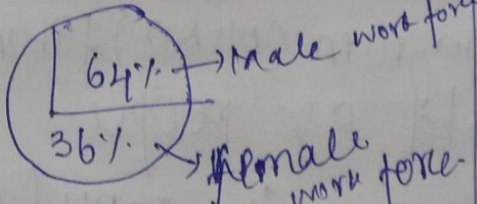
As fertility rates of India are rapidly declining. It is time for the government to focus on depopulation
Explain (200 words)

Depopulation is a term which refers to substantial reduction of population of an area. According to NFHS-5, India's total fertility rate (TFR-2) lower than (NFHS-4) - (TFR-2.2).

Need for focus on depopulation

① Reduction in working population, because of reduction in population

② Skewed sex ratio - eliminates women from working force.

(eg. PLFR (Period labour force report) → 

③ Lack of skill based training to available graduates.

(eg. India's skill report 2022 → only 45% are employable.

① Increasing old age population - which needs immediate policy to tackle health issue.

(eg.) more than 60% of old age population vulnerable to (non communal diseases)

Way forward.

① PMKVY (Pradhan mantri kaus viskas yojan) for skill development to top up skill based issue in employment

② Beti pacho Beti padho → for avoiding reduction in sex ratio

③ National commission for women's digit shakthi 2.0 - for women digital literacy → increase women work force.

④ National social assistance program (NSAP) financial assistance to old age people

Decreasing population is not an end of era, it is a beginning of new era so India should modify this population policy to current situation.