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India has a significant opportunity to improve women's participation in the workforce and provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities and those in remote areas through digital skills training and remote work models.

Here are some key points to consider:

### **1. Women's Workforce Participation**

India has seen a declining trend in female labor force participation, especially in rural areas.

However, skilling initiatives can help address this:

- (i) Women who have attended skills training programs are more likely to be in the workforce, regardless of educational levels.
- (ii) The government has launched several initiatives like the National Skill Development Mission to increase women's participation in the labor force through skilling.

**(iii)** Vocational training and industry placement programs led by the government are targeted towards empowering women through skill development.

## **2. People with Disabilities**

India has a large population of people with disabilities who could benefit from remote work opportunities:

- (i)** As per Census 2011, about 2.68 crore persons (2.21% of the population) in India have disabilities.
- (ii)** Many disabled people are only mobility impaired but have good cognitive capabilities and eye-hand coordination.

### **3. Digital Skills Training Opportunity**

Training women, people with disabilities, and those in remote areas on digital skills like REACH CAD could provide significant employment opportunities:

- (i)** They could offer digital pattern-making services to apparel manufacturers and designers across India and globally.
- (ii)** Work could be delivered remotely via email, cloud services, WhatsApp etc.
- (iii)** Common Service Centers (CSCs) in rural areas could facilitate communication with international customers.
- (iv)** This aligns with the government's Digital India program and skill development initiatives.

#### **Benefits of This Approach**

- (i)** Improves workforce participation for underrepresented groups.
- (ii)** Provides employment without requiring migration to cities

- (iii) Leverages India's large talent pool in remote and rural areas.
- (iv) Aligns with government priorities on skilling and digital empowerment.
- (v) Enables people with mobility disabilities to work from home.
- (vi) Connects skilled workers to national and global opportunities.

By focusing on digital skills like REACH CAD and leveraging technology infrastructure like Common Service Centers, India has a significant opportunity to engage women, people with disabilities, and rural populations in the workforce through remote work models. This approach could help address the declining female labor force participation rate while also providing meaningful employment to other underserved groups.

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