

- * The current crisis requires the introduction of unconditional regular pay checks at maximum universality. Do you agree with this view? Comment. (200 words)

Unconditional regular paychecks or better known as Universal basic income (UBI) is the practise of providing certain minimum amount of money, to all citizens, irrespective of any other classification, directly; instead of providing other social support. It have the following benefits:

o Economic: UBI will fuel the demand and push our already weakened economy.

o Poverty eradication & other social benefits: Reasons

for poverty varies and major economic minds have pointed that it is due to forced life choices. UBI will address these issues.

* It will also empower women.

* It will improve gross happiness.

* It will act as a cushion in the times of new artificial intelligence driven economy.

o Administrative: It will reduce corruption. It will avoid better inclusion and exclusion errors as well as leakages.

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But a roll out of UBI has the following drawbacks.

Financial: Calculations show that to even provide a basic UBI we need to spend around 16% of GDP, but currently all our welfare expenditure only come around 6% of GDP. Also there is good reason to believe that UBI will fuel inflation.

Social: India lack solid social infrastructure that can support of a UBI system.

We ~~can~~ can hope for more investment but what to do in the interregnum. Also the UBI can fuel sin good consumption. Also happiness can go down due to lack of job and presence of income.

UBI have both good and bad aspects but I think as of now we are not yet ready to roll out UBI, as a society.

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