Universal Basic Income: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?

The government is mulling cash transfers, a form of universal basic income (UBI), to help end poverty. Opinion is divided on the scheme. ET explains:

**WHAT IS UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME?**

It is a form of social security that provides a guaranteed income payment to all individuals, irrespective of their employment status or need.

**IDEA GAINING GLOBAL CURRENCY**

The idea has gained ground in recent times, with nations like the U.S. and India considering it.

**NUMBERS TOO LARGE FOR INDIA?**

Considering the number of people in India, it is likely too difficult to offer such a scheme to all.