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- What the C-19 taught us for the post-pandemic economic recovery – resilient , flexible, contactless interactions, data sharing, change mindsets - accelerate digital transformation
- Crippling effect of global bottlenecks.... labour shortages, logistics capacity issues, inflation, shipping delays, fuel costs, depleted inventory levels, and demand peaks - a perfect storm ?
- What’s needed –
 - **greater regional interfaces / global cooperation** – RCEP, digital economy partnerships, multilateral MRAs of AEOs,
 - **more leverage of digital tools** – AI/ML, IoT, Data analytics, RPA, Regional SWs + SW 2.0 (B2G+B2B), next-gen TF
 - more **in-built sustainability in greener trade facilitation** –
 - encourage decarbonization in transport,
 - discourage trade in goods/services having negative effects on the environment,
 - concerted push to eliminate paper-based requirements
- More capability-building and pathfinder projects for sustainable trade facilitation
 - Increased fundings for innovation / start-ups for trade facilitation + promote equal opportunities
 - More capacity building / industry training for workforce (in customs, mobility, goods control)
 - Revamp UNNext for next-gen TF , ensure experts are “experts”.