



Geography

International Migration Outlook 2023

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For Prelims: International Migration Outlook 2023, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Latin America, Climate-Induced Displacement

For Mains: Similarity and interrelationship of migration to OECD countries with internal or intra-state displacement and migration in India, Demography.

Why in News?

Recently, International Migration Outlook **2023**, a report on international migration patterns was released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to analyze the migration trends worldwide.

What are the Highlights of the Report?

- **India Leads in Migration to OECD Countries:**
 - In 2021 and 2022, India became the primary source of migration to OECD countries, surpassing China. India consistently topped the list **with 0.41 million new**

migrants in both years, while China had 0.23 million new migrants, followed by Romania with approximately 200,000 new migrants.

- **Climate-Induced Displacement and Policy Responses:**
 - The report sheds light on the **increasing focus on policy responses to climate-induced displacement in recent years**. Few OECD countries have explicit policies to address this issue.
 - Notably, **Colombia began discussing a pioneering bill in April 2023**, aiming to recognize and support climate-displaced individuals, with a broad definition and provisions for housing, healthcare, education, and a national register.
- **Record Refugee Inflows and Worker Migration:**
 - The **OECD region experienced record refugee inflows due to the Russia-Ukraine war**, with over 10 million people becoming internally displaced or refugees. Worker migration saw significant increases from India, Uzbekistan, and Turkey, making them prominent source countries following Ukraine.

What is OECD?

About:

- The OECD is an intergovernmental economic organisation, founded to stimulate economic progress and world trade.
- Most OECD members are high-income economies with a very high Human Development Index (HDI) and are regarded as developed countries.

Foundation:

- It was founded in 1961 with its Headquarters at Paris, France and total membership is 38 countries.
- The most recent countries to join the OECD were Colombia, in April 2020, and Costa Rica, in May 2021.

- o India is not a member, but a key economic partner.

Reports and Indices by OECD:

- o Government at a Glance
- o OECD Better Life Index.

- **UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)**

Mains:

Q. “Refugees should not be turned back to the country where they would face persecution or human right violation”. Examine the statement with reference to the ethical dimension being violated by the nation claiming to be democratic with open society. (2021)

Q. Rehabilitation of human settlements is one of the important environmental impacts which always attracts controversy while planning major projects. Discuss the measures suggested for mitigation of this impact while proposing major developmental projects. (2016)

Q. Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades. (2015)

Medical College Seats and New Regulations in India

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Why in News?

Recently, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued guidelines putting a hold on **new medical colleges** and expansion of existing colleges in states with **more than 100 medical education** seats per million population.

- Earlier, NMC also issued new guidelines on professional conduct for doctors, which mandate them to prescribe only generic drugs instead of specific brands.

What are the NMC Guidelines?

- In August 2023, the NMC issued regulations that set **population-to-seats ratios** for medical colleges.
- States with more than 100 medical education seats **per million population are restricted from expanding their medical education** capacity.
- The NMC argues that these guidelines are **intended to bring down regional disparities** and ensure effective quality medical education.
- The NMC's regulations will apply to new medical colleges and seat expansions starting from the 2024-25 academic session.
- The regulations do not require **states with excess seats to shut down colleges** or reduce existing seats.

What is the National Medical Commission (NMC)

The NMC has been constituted by an act of Parliament known as National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

The NMC acts as India's top regulator of medical education and practice.

Committed to upholding the highest standards in healthcare education, NMC ensures the delivery of quality medical education and training across the nation.