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India- The Top Source Of Immigrants

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According to the **International Migrant Stock** 2019 report, released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (**UN DESA**), India has emerged as the **leading country** of origin for immigrants across the world.

Highlights of the Report

- The report provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants as per their **age, sex, and origin**, for all countries and areas of the world.
- India remained the **top source** of international migrants constituting **6.4%** of the total world's migrant population.
 - The most preferred destination of the Indian migrants was the **UAE** followed by **the US, and then Saudi Arabia**.
 - In India, the highest number of **international migrants came from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal**.
- The percentage of international migrants of the total global population has **increased** to 3.5% from 2.8% in 2000.
- **Source of Migrants:** Around **two-fifths** of all international migrants had gone from one developing country to another.
 - The **one-third** of all international migrants originated from mostly 10 countries.
 - **India** (17.5 million international migrants) is followed by Mexico (12 million migrants), **China** (11 million), **Russia** (10 million) and **Syria** (8 million).
- **Destination of Migrants:**
 - The **European region** hosted the highest number of immigrants (82 million), followed by **North America** (59 million) and **Northern Africa and Western Asia** (49 million).
 - Among **countries**, the **U.S.** hosted the highest number of international migrants that constitute about **19%** of the global population.
- Also, the **forced displacements** across international borders continue to rise.

- The share of **women and girls** in the global number of international migrants fell slightly from 49% in 2000 to 48% in 2019.
- In terms of age, **one out of every seven** international migrants is below the age of 20 years.



Facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people will contribute much to achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

- It was formed in the year 1948.
- It is the development pillar of the **United Nations**.
- UN DESA is a pioneer of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- It brings the global community together to work towards common solutions to the world's most pressing problems.
- It helps countries translate their global commitments into national action in the economic, social and environmental spheres.

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