

International Headlines



As migration becomes a growing phenomenon of the new global order, **data becomes the cornerstone to ensure efficient and effective movement of people.** A new report by the United Nations, UNICEF and the IOM point to serious data gaps in the number of migrant deaths and disappearances reported across the world. This gap becomes particularly pronounced in the case of migrant children who constitute a vulnerable part of the migrant population and are the least considered in policy discussions. Approximately 1600 children were reported missing between 2014-2018 as per official data but these number underrepresent the gravity of the situation. Ultimately, this data lacunae could create serious gaps in protection policies for children.

Come 2020 and **Venezuela may become the world's largest emigrating country.**

According to estimates by the Organisation of American States, the migrating population may exceed 8 million people by next year, calling for serious policy action to address the exodus. The primary reasons for migration from Venezuela are involuntary and forced resulting in neighbouring South American countries bearing the burden of the migrating population. A key challenge in this crisis has been the bleak response of the international community in terms of assistance to lift Venezuela out of this downward economic spiral. With other South American countries such as Peru and Chile beginning to tighten borders, it becomes imperative for international forces to assist in stabilising the issues plaguing the country.



On the National Front



As discussions surrounding migration grow louder, India must not ignore the **internal migration that has been taking place across the country.** Inter-state migration in India has doubled between 2001 and 2011 but policies to support this migration have not advanced. Internal migration in India is characterised by the need for better economic and social opportunities. However, this is far from reality. Migrant populations are faced with low skilled precarious jobs and are left to bear the brunt of the mass urbanisation. While this migration is only set to rise, states must play a role in leveraging the benefits that this migration has to offer.

Policy Watch

The new policy brief by the Migration Policy Institute titled '**Migration, Development and Global Governance: From Crisis towards Consolidation,** discusses the impact of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration signed in 2018 and how it must transform migration from a tool of resistance to one of global development. Looking towards the future of the praxis between migration and development the brief addresses the questions of labour mobility, skilling and international cooperation.

