

C. Types of Migration

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1. External Migration

Moving to a different state, country, or continent is known as external migration.

External migration in India can broadly be classified as:

- a) **Emigration** means moving from India to various parts of the world. The act of leaving one's own country to settle permanently in another, moving abroad is known as emigration.
- b) **Immigration** means movement of people from different countries to India. The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country is known as immigration.
- c) **Refugee Migration:** There had also been a significant trend of an involuntary or forced immigration from India in the form of refugees. This occurs due to environmental or natural disasters, chemical or nuclear disasters, famine, conflicts etc

2. Internal Migration

Moving within a state, country etc is known as internal migration. Internal migration in India can broadly be classified as:

- a) **Rural to Rural** means movement of people from one village to another. It is common in India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan and also in South East Asian countries. This is mainly due to better prospects for farmers in terms of irrigation, extension of farmlands, reclamation of wasteland etc. Rural to Rural migration mainly occurs also to due to marriages in these countries.

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- b) **Rural to Urban** means movement of people from villages or countryside to city areas. In rural areas, less employment opportunities, low wages, drought, lack of basic needs, landlessness, social factors act as push factors and more employment opportunities, higher income, better wages, better facilities activities as pull factors towards the rural to urban migration.
- c) **Urban to Rural/Suburban** means people moving from cities and towns to villages. These types to migration take place when population in urban areas outgrows and the carrying capacity of the urban area outnumbered due to overpopulation, congestion, pollution, unhygienic living conditions.
- d) **Urban to Urban** this type of migration occurs mainly when people move to another urban culture with a view to improve their employment prospects. It is common in highly urbanized countries of the world. Therefore this inter-urban migration is mainly governed by economic factors.