

Refugee is a person who is forced to leave his/her country because of persecution or war or violence.

Refugee issues are dealt with Refugee convention 1951 and protocol internationally but India is signatory to neither of convention.

Why India opted out?

India is situated at heart of South Asia geopolitically fragile area as well. It has preferred Foreigners Act 1946 to maintained flexibility on refugee issues.

This Act oversaw issues such as partition, Srilanka tamil crisis, Tibet crisis.

Foreigners Act has some benefits & issues as well.

1. It doesn't differentiate the refugee and Illegal migrants.
2. Ad-hocism which allows government of the day to consider geopolitical scenario favourable to India.

New Refugee law needed?

Recently Refugee term is expanding also to climatic factors as well with raise climatic concerns - Refugee crisis increases.

Even though India doesn't have the 'refugee law' & immigrant law and Illegal migrants. It has well decided based on geopolitical issues and domestic concerns as India has its resources and demographic mismatch. avoiding any internal crisis for itself.