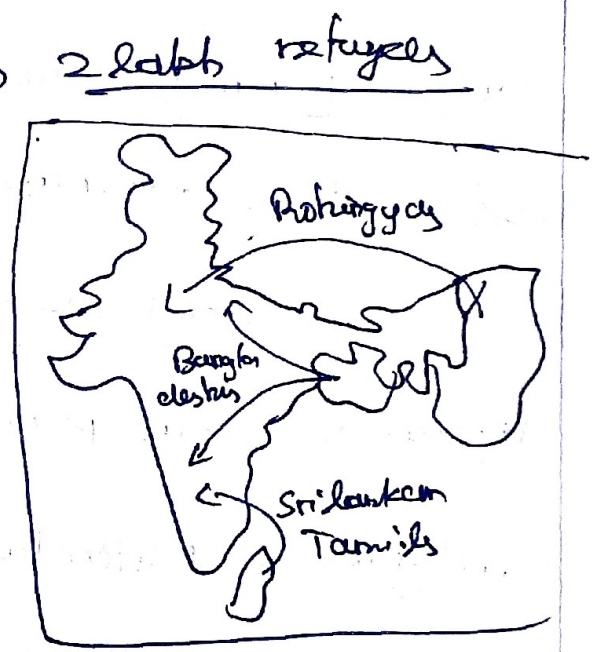


There is a need to find a place for refugees under India's welfare umbrella. Do you agree? Comment.

India has been always kind hearted to the refugees who enter India due to variety of reasons. A place for refugees under welfare umbrella must be taken with national security interest.

Refugees and India

India hosts more than 2 lakh refugees who fled their home nation. Refugees from Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, sometimes from Afghanistan reach India.



In the National Human Rights Commission

(vs) state of Assam Pravesh case the court said foreign citizens are entitled to right to equality and right to life. Refugees even get scholarships and PAN cards and pursue higher education.

Under our welfare umbrella

① Education, the refugees from Myanmar take up education and are ready to gain employment. The Samajee Shiksha scheme can be extended to refugees to prevent them from exploitation especially women and children.

② Employment - many Prabuddhas in Delhi and Jammu work on farms and construction sites thus earning a livelihood.

③ Social security benefits, extension to the refugees can promote them back up plan.

Challenges - Distinction between refugee and illegal migrants as more people immigrate due to economic reasons.

Power to radicalisation as they are already vulnerable poses threat to internal security.

Extending welfare approaches to refugees can project us as soft power and provide a greater way to influencing geo-politics.