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Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Gulf oil boom, 1970s

Demand for construction and service labour in GCC states that pulled Indian contract workers, first heavily from Kerala.

Census migration

Decennial counts that capture place of last residence but miss much short-term circular labour.

NSS employment surveys

Sample data used with the **Census** to track rural-urban work and informal jobs.

Kafala-type rules

Sponsor-tied employment in several Gulf states that shapes the unfreedom of contract workers.

IT and H-1B era, 1990s-2000s

Skilled Indian movement to the United States and other OECD labour markets after liberalisation.

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