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Global refugee problem from local perspective

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Refugee problem in India

- India (Bharata) had been invaded by several invaders since ancient times.
- The social structure therefore comprises people of different faith, religion, language and ethnicity.
- The greatest refugee problem was seen during Indian partition in 1947 after India gained independence .

Objective

To understand the etiology of refugee problem in India

To understand how contemporary laws may address the issue

Methodology

- The researcher has followed doctrinal research methodology to
 - Understand etiology of refugee problem in India
 - Impact of refugee problem on internal conflict in India
 - Impact of contemporary laws to address the issue

Impact of partition on Indian refugee problem

- 1947 independence saw several people migrated from Pakistan to India and from east Pakistan (Bangladesh) to India.
- The initiation especially in eastern side started with the great Bengal Famine of 1942.

Impact of refugee problem on internal conflicts in India

- Internal conflicts due to refugee problem of 1947 led to mass violence in border areas.
- Religious and ethnic conflicts were prominently observed during 1947 till 1960's.
- This led to long lasting violent impact on western region as well that had allegedly encouraged the separatists.

Government of India's imitative for refugee problem

- Constitutional amendments were introduced to provide equity and access to justice including social justice to refugee people.
- Case by case status analysis for refugee people for classifying them from separatists. .
- Special care for semi orphaned, orphaned children, specially abled people , senior citizens were .
- Documenting their citizenship status and allotting civic amenities.
- Providing initial security against aboriginals and other citizens to prevent unnecessary conflict.

Perception about refugees in India

Petty crime
offenders

Connected
with
trafficking

Shop lifting

Probable reasons for the same

- Perception that refugees are alien members in the society who may harm the society.
- Perception that refugees may flee through border and local police may not help.
- Perception that refugees are child traffickers because they can overpower children and take them across the border.
- Perception that refugees are string antisocial group.

Suggestion and conclusion

- Refugee problem has been addressed by government. But the problem still persists.
- The problem should be seen from humanitarian grounds.
- International treaties may be enforced against forceful displacement of people

- Thank You!

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