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News: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- Recently, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has stated that a total of 8,565 migrants died on land and sea routes worldwide in 2023.

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- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization that provides **services and advice concerning migration to governments and migrants**, including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers.
- As of March 2019, International Organization for Migration has **173 member states (including India)** and eight observer states.
- Formed in **1951** the headquarters of IOM is in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

Importance of IOM for India

- International Organisation for Migration's (IOM) latest report, '**Global Migration Report 2020**', says that **India continues to be the largest country of origin** of international migrants with a 17.5 million-strong diaspora across the world.

- India also received the **highest remittance of \$78.6 billion** from Indians living abroad.
- The **top destination country remained the United States** (50.7 million international migrants).
- More than **half of all international migrants (141 million) live in Europe and North America.**
- The **top three countries of origin** of international migrants – **India** (17.5 million) >**Mexico** (11.8 million) >**China** (10.7 million).
- The **top three remittance** recipients were **India** (\$78.6 billion) >**China** (\$67.4 billion) >**Mexico** (\$35.7 billion).
- The **United States remained the top remittance-sending country** (\$68 billion) followed by the **United Arab Emirates** (\$44.4 billion) and **Saudi Arabia** (\$36.1 billion).

Reasons for migration

- Economic
- Ongoing conflicts and violence
- Syria has the highest internally population of displaced people, at 6.1 million
- Impact of climate and weather disasters.