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India Migration Report 2010–2011: The Americas discusses historical and contemporary migration between India and the American continents. For more than half-a-century, India has been one of the largest source countries of migrants to the US and Canada. A majority of Indian diaspora population in the US and Canada is highly educated and affluent. They hold important positions in the economic and socio-political set-up of these two countries. In contrast, the Indians in South America and the Caribbean are not so highly-skilled, educated or affluent. A significant proportion of them had migrated much earlier as low-skilled workers for plantations in the colonies.

This report is an attempt to examine Indian migration to the two American continents following diverse trajectories. Besides providing an overview of migration from India, the report also traces immigration of foreigners and return migration of Indians from the American continents to India. The focus of India Migration Report 2010–2011 is on putting together available information on issues involving various migration patterns and analyzing the major factors and policies that shape them.

The book will serve as an important reference source for graduate students and researchers on migration generally, as well as being of obvious interest to specialists on the global Indian diaspora.

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