



UN Body Defers NHRC Accreditation

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The [Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions \(GANHRI\)](#), which is based in Geneva and affiliated with the [United Nations \(UN\)](#), has postponed granting accreditation to the **National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC)** for the second consecutive year.

- The decision could impact India's voting rights at the [Human Rights Council](#) and certain **UNGA** bodies.
- **GANHRI** gives **A-status** to institutions that meet certain criteria for independence and effectiveness in protecting human rights.
 - The **NHRC** has been accredited 'A' Status since the beginning of the accreditation process for NHRIs in 1999, which it retained in 2006, 2011 and in 2017 also after the deferment.
 - However, in 2023 and 2024, India's NHRC had its A-status suspended for two consecutive years.
- The GANHRI latest report is still awaited. However, its previous report (2023 report) had cited a number of reasons for recommending the deferral. These included:
 - **Composition:** Lack of transparency in appointing members to the NHRC,
 - **Appointment of police officers** to oversee human rights investigations
 - **Lack of gender and minority representation** on the member panel.
 - NHRC has also failed to create conditions required to be “able to operate independent of government interference”.

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