

4th Periodic Review of the ICCPR

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India successfully concluded its 4th periodic review by the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Geneva.

- The ICCPR is an important international human rights treaty that, along with other key documents, forms the International Bill of Human Rights. It obligates countries to protect and preserve basic human rights such as the right to life, freedom of speech, and gender equality.
 - Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1966, ICCPR came into force in 1976 and has been ratified by 173 countries including India in 1979, undergone three previous reviews, with the latest in 2024.
 - The 4th periodic review covered diverse issues including anti-corruption measures, non-discrimination, women's and minority rights, counter-terrorism, judicial framework, and privacy laws.
- Other main UN International Human Rights Conventions and Protocols that India is a part of include:
 - ICERD (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination)
 - <u>CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)</u>
 - CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child).

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