



# USCIRF International Religious Freedom Report

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Recently, India rejected the [International Religious Freedom Report](#) of the **US Commission on International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF)**, labeling it a biased organization with a political agenda.

- **Highlights of the USCIRF Report (2024):**

- The report called for India to be designated as a "**Country of Particular Concern**"(CPC).
  - Countries that commit **systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations** of religious freedom are designated as a CPC by the **US State Department**.
- The report states that vigilante groups **killed, assaulted, and lynched individuals**, while religious leaders were unjustly arrested, and homes and places of worship were destroyed.
- It also criticised the [Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019](#), [Uniform Civil Code](#), and state-level anti-conversion and cow slaughter laws.

- **USCIRF:** USCIRF is a US federal commission established in 1998 under the International Religious Freedom Act, with commissioners appointed by the President and congressional leaders from both parties.

- It is based on **international human rights standards**, especially **Article 18 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)** that ensured **freedom of religion**.
- It monitors the universal **right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB)** in countries other than the US.

Read More: [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

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