

India in UN Convention against Cybercrime

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Why in News?

Recently, the External Affairs Minister signed the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime.

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The infographic is titled "United Nations Convention against Cybercrime" with the tagline "Safer Cyberspace Through Global Cooperation". It features a grid of eight key points, each with an icon and a brief description:

- Nature:** International treaty/convention (Icon: Document with pencil)
- Focus:** Prevention and combating of cybercrime (Icon: Shield with lock)
- Key objective:** Strengthen international cooperation (Icon: Three people)
- Important area:** Sharing of electronic evidence (Icon: Database with up arrow)
- Adoption:** UN General Assembly – 2024 (Icon: UN Assembly building)
- Entry into force:** After required threshold of 40 member-state signatures (Icon: Document with checkmark)
- Signatories by end-2025:** 93 countries (Icon: Three people)
- India:** Signed by Ministry of External Affairs (Icon: Indian flag)

On the right side, there is a visual of a globe with a shield icon, a laptop, and a document titled "United Nations Convention against Cybercrime" with a pen resting on it.

At the bottom, a banner reads: "STRONGER LAWS | SAFER NETWORKS | A MORE SECURE WORLD"

- It is described by the UN as the **first comprehensive global treaty on cybercrime**.
- **Aim** - To strengthen **global cooperation to prevent and combat cybercrime**.
- **Objectives**
 - **Combating Cybercrime** - It establishes measures for countries to:
 - Prevent cybercrime
 - Combat cyber offences
 - Enhance criminal investigations that involve **information and communication technologies (ICTs)**.
 - Facilitate international cooperation,

- Enable cross-border investigations,
- Support the sharing of electronic evidence, and
- Promote the prosecution and recovery of criminal proceeds.
- **Significance** - It adapts **traditional criminal investigation methods** to address the complexities introduced by information and communication technologies.
- It seeks to address both:
 - **Technical challenges** arising from digital technologies.
 - **Legal/jurisdictional challenges** created by transnational cybercrime.

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