

Victim Rights and Participation in Criminal Proceedings

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Abstract: *The Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) in India provides a procedural framework for criminal trials, including provisions for victim compensation and representation. However, significant gaps persist in ensuring victims' meaningful participation and protection during investigations and trials. This study examines the limitations in the CrPC concerning victim rights, highlights the gaps in legislative and procedural frameworks, and explores potential reforms. Drawing from comparative practices and judicial interpretations, the research aims to propose a victim-centric approach that balances the needs of victims with the broader objectives of justice.*

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