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# Parliament passes the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022

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It aimed at having India's own national measures for protecting the Antarctic environment and dependent and associated ecosystem

The Bill also proposed to set-up the **Indian Antarctic Authority (IAA)** under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**, which shall be the apex decision making authority and shall facilitate programmes and activities permitted under the Bill.

India today has two operational research stations in Antarctica named **Maitri** (Commissioned in 1989) and **Bharati** (Commissioned in 2012). With **Himadri** station in Ny-Alesund, Svalbard, Arctic region.

The **Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources** was signed at Canberra on the 20th day of May, 1980, for the protection and preservation of the Antarctic environment. India ratified the Convention on 17th June, 1985.

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