



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

India



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITIONS FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Civil marriage, registered	Extends to the whole of India, except the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and applies also to Indian citizens domiciled in the territories to which the Act extends who are in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	Special Marriage Act, 1954	No
Christian marriage, registered	Extends to the whole of India, except the territories which immediately before 1 November 1956 were comprised in the States of Travancore-Cochin, Manipur, and Jammu and Kashmir.	Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872	No
Hindu marriage, registered	Extends to the whole of India, except the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Goa, and applies also to Hindus domiciled in the territories to which this Act extends who are outside the said territories.	Hindu Marriage Act, 1955	No
Muslim marriage	Applicable to the whole of India, except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939	No
Parsi marriage	Applicable to the whole of India, except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936	No

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