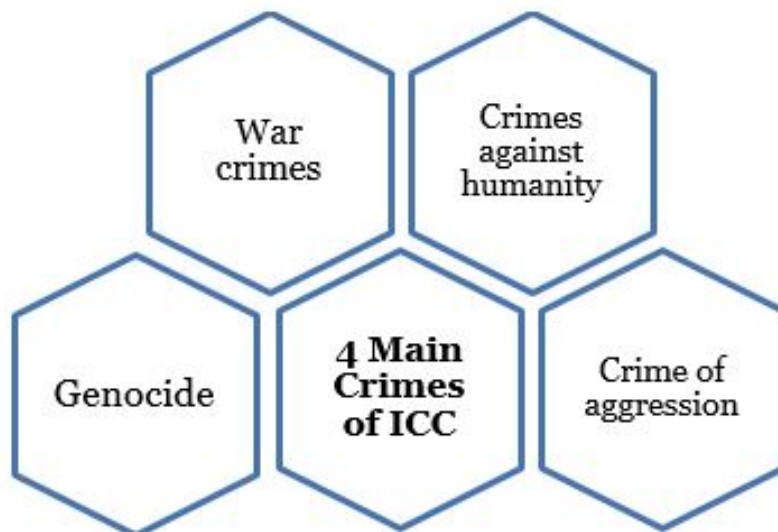


## International Criminal Court (ICC)

### Why in News?

President Donald Trump authorised economic and travel sanctions targeting people who work on ICC investigations, protested against the ICC's arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

- It is a **permanent international court** to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression when member states are unwilling or unable to do so themselves.



- The ICC does not replace national criminal justice systems rather, it complements them.
- It can investigate and, where warranted, prosecute and **try individuals** only if the State concerned does not, cannot or is unwilling to do so genuinely.
- **Founding treaty**- The Rome Statute.
- **Established in** - 2002.
- **International Tribunal** - The Hague, Netherlands.
- The Rome Statute provides that the Court may sit elsewhere whenever the judges consider it desirable.
- It can prosecute crimes committed by nationals of member states or on the territory of member states by other actors.
- **Member states** - It has 125 member states. Palestine became the 123<sup>rd</sup> member (2015), Malaysia became 124<sup>th</sup> State party (2019) and Ukraine became the 125<sup>th</sup> member.
- **India**, United States, China and Russia, Myanmar, Israel are **not members of ICC**.
- **Funded by** - Contributions from the States Parties and by voluntary contributions from governments, international organisations, individuals, corporations and other entities.
- The ICC is a **permanent autonomous court**, whereas other similar courts, established under United Nations are to deal with specific situations, and only have a limited mandate and jurisdiction.
- In 2004, the ICC and the United Nations signed an agreement governing their institutional

relationship.

- No one is exempt from prosecution because of ***his or her current functions*** or because of the position he or she held at the time the crimes concerned were committed.
- The Court has no jurisdiction with respect to any person who was ***under the age of 18*** when the crimes concerned were committed.

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