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Some reflections on India's participation in international courts and tribunals

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Introduction

The settlement of international disputes through peaceful means is the only way one can assure the 'supremacy of law in the community of nations'.¹ However, international law is not entirely divorced from power and politics, which affect international legal frameworks including the effectiveness of international dispute settlement (IDS).² As the dominance of the traditional great powers under international law is in a state of flux, the centre of global power arguably shifts to Asia where India is an important player.³

While the economic development of India and its status as an emerging world power may be of relatively recent origin, its involvement in the international legal order dates back to the pre-independence days. India was the only non-self-governing British dominion which participated in the 1919 Paris Peace Conference and became one of the founding members of the League of Nations,⁴ and

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Quest for Women's Right to Bodily Integrity: Reflections on Recent Judicial inroads in India

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This article explores the judicial inroads into women's right to bodily integrity by examining and analysing five cases.

Invariably, the male members of society have always sought to prescribe limits for women (called Lakshman-Rekha), deciding what was good for them, what they can yearn for as well as even how, when and what women can do with their own bodies. In turn, such thresholds, practices and societal mores were duly sanctified through societal customs, religious prescriptions, and later in the form of legislations.

In the post-independence India, many of the practices, rituals, taboos and gender-based inequalities have been variously brought down by progressive social reform movements,