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Article - 1 : Rule of law vs political resistance

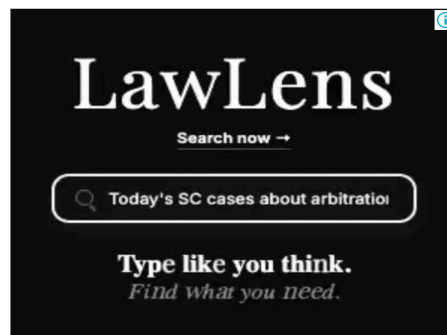
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Rule of law vs political resistance

The Supreme Court must intervene to curb West Bengal's alleged obstruction of ED investigations to preserve rule of law and cooperative federalism.



Enforcement Directorate



Context Obstruction of ED investigations by the West Bengal government raises a serious constitutional issue involving rule of law, Article 32, Article 256 & cooperative federalism.

Facts

- Federalism is part of the basic structure as held in *S.R. Bommai vs. India*.
- In *Delhi vs. India*, cooperative federalism was linked with mutual respect & functional coordination between Union & States.
- In *Vineet Narain vs. India*, court held that investigative agencies must work free from external interference.
- In *West Bengal vs. Committee for Protection of Democratic rights* - constitutional courts ensures that investigations are not blocked by state machinery.

Analytical Crux

The issue is not ED versus a State government; it is about whether federalism can be used to block the rule of law. Cooperative federalism does not mean obedience to central laws. Article 256 makes State compliance with parliamentary laws a constitutional duty, not a political choice. If state machinery itself obstructs investigation, the issue moves from administration to constitutional governance.

Verbatim Quotes

“Governance has shifted from cooperation to confrontation but, the Constitution demands cooperation, not confrontation.”

— Rudraditya Khare

Article - 2 : What impact for the ICJ's ambitious climate case



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ARTICLE

What Impact for the ICJ's Ambitious Climate Case in an Era of Climate Backslide?

The court's opinion aims to clarify responsibility and lay out a path to accountability on climate mitigation and adaptation. Yet concrete policy advances have been limited.

Context

ICJ's 2025 climate advisory opinion clarified states' legal duties on climate change, but its practical implementation remains weak due to climate backsliding & geopolitical resistance.

Facts

- The ICJ delivered climate advisory opinion - clean, healthy & sustainable environment a precondition for enjoyment of other human rights.

- A 2025 climate litigation report by the Grantham Institute found that out of 2500 climate cases, only 205 addressed adaptation.

Analytical Crux

The ICJ transforms climate change into a question of rights, dignity, displacement and legal responsibility. Its biggest value is that States can no longer hide behind vague climate promises. But law alone cannot force climate action when powerful states & petrostates resist implementation. The gap between the ICJ opinion and COP 30 is due to limits of international law in a world of weak multilateralism.

Verbatim Quotes

"Global climate action can be described as having backslid, rather than leapt forward as hoped."

- Shana Tabak

"All nations owe a communal duty to protect the international community from damage caused by climate change."

- Shana Tabak

Article - 3 : Can India translate growth into global influence



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Context India is not merely large market, but it must still convert its economic strength into real agenda-setting power in global politics.

Facts

■ India described as a nuclear-armed state with an expanding space programme.

■ India plays a key role in Quad and semiconductor supply-chain diversification.

Analytical Crux

India is no longer only a market ; its nuclear status, space programme, Quad role and supply-chain position show real strategic weight. But strategic weight is not the same as strategic influence. India has to convert economic size into agenda - setting capacity. It requires institutions, ideas, research depth, regional leadership and diplomacy that produces outcomes.

Verbatim Quotes

"India risks being viewed as a destination for capital rather than an architect of global order."
- Pooja Paksha

"To categorise a nuclear-armed state with an expanding space programme and a pivotal role in global supply chains merely a 'market' is deliberate narrative erasure."

- Pooja Paksha

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