

Implications of the Shortage of Female Representation in Indian Judiciary with Reference to Real-Time Cases

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Abstract: *In the context of a vast democracy like India, the concept of representation plays a pivotal role in safeguarding its fundamental principles and values. This representation serves as a means of directing the collective voice of the general public, which is then manifested in the socio-political and economic establishments. Nonetheless, the underrepresentation of 48% of the population in these organizations indicates a concerning state of India's democratic structures. This study examines the various variables that contribute to the insufficient representation of women in the Indian judiciary, as well as the resulting legal and societal consequences. This paper examines potential factors contributing to the relatively low figures, focusing particularly on the rigorous recruitment procedures and the prevailing sexist environment within the courtroom. By examining past cases, we may compare and analyze judgments that consistently support patriarchal and sexist attitudes that are prevalent in society. The presence of an endeavor to uphold the existing state of affairs is evident, underscoring the pressing necessity for a more gender-inclusive panel that can effectively include multiple perspectives and life experiences.*

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