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Q14

Explain the reasons for the growth of public interest litigation in India. As a result of it, has the Indian Supreme Court emerged as the world's most powerful judiciary ?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 15 marks · Executive and Judiciary

Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary - Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.

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Hussainara Khatoon v. State of Bihar

The Court acted on reports that undertrial prisoners had spent longer in jail than the maximum sentence, and treated speedy trial as part of **Article 21**.

S.P. Gupta v. Union of India

Liberalised public-interest standing, even as the Court lost that round on judges' transfers.

Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association (NJAC), 2015

Struck down a constitutional amendment on judicial appointments - a power few peers claim.

Vineet Narain v. Union of India

Continuing mandamus over a criminal investigation - PIL as a watch, not a one-shot order.

Bandhua Mukti Morcha v. Union of India

A voluntary organisation could petition for bonded labourers; the Court kept inquiries alive.

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