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Project Electoral Bond

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inequality of various kinds and causes further displacement and
'Greener' alternatives such as solar and hydro electricity affect
the environment and the most marginalised in equally
devastating, if different ways.

shifts towards real sustainability and justice.

"right to climate" could become a powerful ground for some fundamental
energy planning and execution, as also urgently needed climate
fundamental right, it should be directing the government to re-examine
imperative for states like India, to uphold their obligations under
There is also a violation of global treaties such as the Convention on
of what the court calls "rights-based energy transitions and promoting
As researchers have shown, both ecological principles and
energy problems has rendered its judgement simplistic, flawed and
We are not suggesting that the court should have gone into all these issues
India. It is numerous other forms and sources, including biomass. The
only electricity – it makes up less than a fourth of the total energy use in
consumption. The complete absence of demand management in India's
necessary when it is produced in centralised, mega-park ways), ine
This was all the more important given its observation: "Decentralised and
violations entailed in mega-projects is to be selective and tunnel-visioned.
Third, the court's fond hope that renewable energy will be more accessible
comprehensive environment impact assessment or social impact
impacts are not even assessed, let alone acknowledged and redressed (if it

India, for instance, it is an obvious violation of such rights.
also broader ones on what is a just energy transition (including the need
quotes) and on indigenous people's rights, should have led it to question
In India, the recognition of the inherent rights of rivers like the Ganga and
also backing from United Nations' "Harmony with Nature" initiative. It is a
declarations on rights of nature.

projects. While quoting climate-related judgements from other countries
energy production. But its transition scenario is flawed on several counts.
The commitments included net zero carbon emissions by 2070, generating
The Supreme Court has interpreted Articles 21 and 14 of the Indian
scientific evidence of the catastrophe we face, fossil fuel corporations
rise in average temperatures – and who knows how much more.

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fear of generations of contamination by untreatable nuclear waste. Across

other resources their livelihoods depend on.

ecological, social and other costs. The construction of
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