

From Recognition to Realization: The Uneven Journey of Reproductive Rights in India

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Abstract: *Reproductive rights constitute a fundamental aspect of human rights, encompassing the capacity of individuals particularly women to make autonomous and informed decisions concerning their reproductive lives. These rights extend to access to contraception, safe abortion, assisted reproductive technologies, fertility treatments, and maternal healthcare, ensuring control over the timing, spacing, and number of children. At their core, reproductive rights are inseparable from human dignity, bodily integrity, and gender equality, as they enable individuals to exercise agency over their own bodies, resist coercion, and participate fully in social, economic, and political life.*

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