This talk will examine the evolution of India's Supreme Court into an institution of governance and what it implies for the rule of law in India.

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