



## **ANALYSIS THE BALANCE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The environment and human rights are both being protected. A sizable portion of society holds the view that, should environmental conditions continue to deteriorate, fundamental human rights, including the right to life and health, would be rendered inviolate. A growing body of evidence is demonstrating the inextricable link between human rights and environmental protection. This is happening despite the fact that there is no global treaty that explicitly establishes a legally binding right to the environment. The importance of protecting the environment for the sake of human rights has been recognized in a number of international and state treaties. Regional and international courts have established precedent by upholding the right to an environmentally safe and healthy environment, which is part of a larger framework of universally recognized human rights. This is one of the human rights that have been acknowledged on a global scale. The right to live in a safe and healthy environment was included in the constitutions of many nations in 1992, including the USA. Reading Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, the country's highest court acknowledged the right to a safe and healthy environment as a fundamental human right, on par with the right to one's own life. The Indian Constitution provided the basis for this recognition.*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The current and worsening environmental crises are widespread enough to merit such an extensive discussion, and I could go on and on about them. Many environmental problems are now being addressed, including climate change, ozone depletion, desertification, and water shortages. A growing body of research from groups like the European Environmental Agency highlights how critical the situation is for Earth. United Nations organizations whose main duty is not to defend human rights frequently isolate one human right or facet of human existence as a unit of analysis within their investigations into the effects of environmental factors on human rights. The global community is stepping up its efforts to protect the environment since it is a problem that impacts everyone, everywhere. It happened during the UN summits in Johannesburg, Rio de Janeiro, and Stockholm, in that order. For a long time, many people have wondered if, beyond the several large-scale international and bilateral conventions, anything might be done to address this issue from a human rights perspective. Possible future action by the Council of Europe to amend the European Convention on Human Rights to include environmental protection and a right to the environment is being considered. This could happen in the not-too-distant future.

## **Human Rights Mean**

Rational thought is a trait unique to humans; no other species has it. We have inherent, inalienable rights to some fundamental freedoms just because we are human. It is common to refer to these rights as human rights. These rights are inherent to a child's identity and start working the moment they breathe their first breath. This implies that you will start to feel their effects right away. Because human rights are a gift from God, they are fundamentally present in every single person, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, creed, country, or religion or belief system. Reason being, every single individual has inherent human rights. The reason for this is because human rights have persisted from the beginning of time. A definition of "human rights" would be impossible to offer due to the fact that every state has its own distinct cultural past, legal system, philosophy, and economic, social, and political environment, not to mention its own unique political and social climate. Attempting to define a definition of "human rights" would be a task.

The inherent dignity and value of the human person is claimed to be the cornerstone of all human rights, as stated in the Vienna Declaration of the World Conference on Human Rights, which was published in 1993. When it comes to basic freedoms and human rights, the person is the focal center of everything that is happening. A acknowledgment of the realities of this situation was contained in the Declaration.

## **Human Right To A Clean Environment**

No one here denies that people need to live in places devoid of pollution if they want to lead lives befitting their humanity. Because of this fundamental truth, discussions on human rights are starting to include environmental issues. In 1972, at the United Nations Conference on the Environment in Stockholm, members of the UN recognized the right to the environment as an equally basic right to life. When thinking about how to phrase this remark, this specific set of facts was evaluated. In the decades after WWII, a paradigm shift occurred in how human rights were conceptualized. The concept of human rights was formally established by two international treaties. These were the Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Covenants and the United Nations Covenants on Civil and Political Rights. Upon review, the UN acknowledged both accords. These documents were made available to the public for use between 1948 and 1996. These works stood out from the others because they summed up the most important ideas related to human rights. As an immediate result of the two treaties that were signed, changes were made to the principles that govern human rights. The third generation's rights have evolved in line with the more modern and traditional ones that came before it, as well as the second and third generations. It is often believed that future generations have an intrinsic responsibility to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

## **OBJECTIVE**

1. to study balance Between development and environmental protection
2. to investigate the connection between constitutional protections for human rights

## **HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS**

The following section presents the International Instruments on Human Rights, which include some clauses concerning environmental protection.

The right to health of children is framed within the context of environmental protection in the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child. The convention states in Article 24 that signatory nations must combat disease and starvation "through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution." —Article 24, Section Educating and instructing all members of society on the need of maintaining clean and hygienic environments is everyone's duty.

Governments, in partnership with the indigenous peoples whose territories they control, have a responsibility to safeguard and preserve the environment, as stated in paragraph four of Article 7. The provisions of Article 12 provide the right to various forms of relief.

In Part II of the Convention, which addresses matters related to land, the rights of the peoples involved in relation to the natural resources connected with their property are discussed. According to Article 15, people must have "the right to participate in the use, management, and conservation of these resources." People have this right guaranteed to them. The freedom to act in this way is inherent in every person. The persons in question should be informed of their rights and responsibilities by the government as per the requirements of Article 30.

#### **A document from 1981 is called the Africa Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.**

Several of its clauses are directly related to the 1981 People's Charter on Human and People's Rights. A fundamental human right to "a general satisfactory environment favorable to their development" is proclaimed in one of these parts. "All peoples shall have the right to a general satisfactory environment favorable to their development." (Article 24). Any and all peoples are free to exercise this privilege. Either this is in direct opposition to Article 21 or it is an amendment to Article 21. Either of these might be the case. Article 7 states that "every individual shall have the right to have his cause heard." This is a right that every person has.

#### **An Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights, which was adopted in 1994**

San Salvador was the site of the ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Inter-American Convention on Human Rights (1994), more often referred to as the San Salvador Protocol. The year 1994 was the year when this happened. The San Salvador Protocol is an alternate name for this agreement.

This is an excerpt from Article 11 of the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights, which outlines the Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. This passage is taken from the article "Right to a Healthy Environment."

- Ensuring that everyone can live in a healthy environment and have access to necessary public services is just as important as protecting, preserving, and enhancing the environment.
- It is the duty of the states that have signed the Convention on Environmental Protection to take all necessary steps to safeguard the environment.

## **The Convention on the Exercise of the Rights of the European Community**

The goal is to ensure that children may receive relevant information and have a say in choices that impact them, while also providing the remedies mentioned in Articles 1 and 3.

### **A draft statement of environmental and human rights principles**

Every single human right is interdependent on every single other human right, applies to everyone everywhere, and does not favor any one human right over another, as stated in the Declaration of Human Rights. Moreover, it brought attention, via the concept of sustainable development, to the connection between development rights and the right to a safe environment in which individuals may flourish physically and psychologically. It did this by recognizing the connection between development rights and environmental rights. Everyone now knows that individuals have the freedom to choose their own political party and do anything they choose to better their economic, social, and cultural lives; this is known as the right to self-determination. Everyone was made aware of this right.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was created in 1994 by a resolution voted by the United Nations General Assembly. The first Monday of each month is designated as this day for yearly celebration. Several existing international human rights accords served as the cornerstones upon which this resolution was constructed. Documents that were relevant to the subject included the following: the United Nations Charter (1945), the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (1960), the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights (1993), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), and other relevant documents. This provision cites many separate works on international environmental law. This sentence makes these references. Such documents include, but are not limited to, the following: the World Charter for Nature, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21: Programme of Action for Sustainable Development, the Stockholm Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, and any other relevant writings. In addition, the Declaration on the Right to Development affirms the right to development as an essential human right. As said in the proclamation, development primarily focuses on people. The procedure is to be carried out in line with this statement. Plus, the gang may take this declaration as a sign of where they should be heading. A copy of this proclamation may be found in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A clean, healthy environment free from pollution and deterioration is a basic human right. Also, government policies pertaining to human rights are directly impacted by environmental degradation. The goal of this proposed proclamation is to highlight the environmental impacts of human deprivation, structural adjustment, debt programs, global trade, and IP regimes. Doing so is the goal of the article. It is my sincere hope that you would keep in mind the irreparable damage that has been done to the natural system. Unambiguously stated in the first word of the Preamble is that "It is convinced that the potential irreversibility of environmental harm gives rise to special responsibility to prevent such harm." This is because of the earlier-mentioned rationale. The Draft Declaration also expresses concern about the mutually beneficial link between environmental damage and human rights abuses, and it recognizes the interconnectedness of the two.

## **PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION AS JUDICIAL INITIATIVE**

Seervai mentions one of the earliest cases of public interest litigation (PIL) whenever he traces the development of the locus standi notion. The most crucial piece of evidence is the decision made by Gandhi J. in the writ petition case of Mr. Pilo Mody v. Maharashtra, which was brought by an individual with a desire to help others. The decision was withheld from the public. Inside the context of this case, Gandhi J. recognized the presence of a locus standi stance, which Bhagwati J. would subsequently document inside the Judges case. Bhagwati J. subsequently disagreed with this position in the Judges case. The situation that the government had leased off large tracts of land for far less than their market value—as a result of the acts of three ministers—was something that Pilo Mody was unhappy about. According to Gandhi J., who rejected the respondent's viewpoint, the petitioner did not have locus standi, so there was no basis for legal action. He supported the petitioner's claim that the leases were offered at an unfairly low price. He made it clear that he agreed with the petitioner's claim. Lessees were given the choice to surrender the land to the government or pay a 33 1/3% increase in rent, according to an order made by Gandhi J., in order to be granted a lease. The fact that everything was fair led to this action.

### **Dimensions Article 21's Environmental Aspects**

After the emergency ended, the court's view on the Fundamental Rights' interpretation changed significantly, especially in regard to the Maneka Gandhi case. Since the emergency was lifted, this shift has been going on. Nowadays, this change is much easier to spot than it was in the past. United States Supreme Court justices responded to heated discussion in the Maneka case by adding two new provisions to Article 21. Our team carefully considered the aforementioned improvements. At first, it was believed that in order to pass a law that could limit individual freedom, Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution would have to be satisfied. Because of this, taking someone's freedom away became a fair, reasonable, and reasonable process. Among the implicit liberties recognized by the Court, not a single one is specifically listed in Article 21. Yeah, that's right. Curiously, the right to a healthy environment was deemed an integral part of the right to life and personal liberty by the United States Supreme Court. This method was used for the second time to understand the legal idea. In 1992, the public had access to the court's verdict. The Supreme Court's decisions have broadened and improved upon the many basic rights guaranteed under Section Three of the Constitution. In the end, Article 21 expanded the list of protected rights to include the right to environmental preservation, joining the right to personal liberty and the right to life.

### **Article 21 guarantees a harm-free environment.**

The right to a safe and healthy environment was established in the landmark case of Dehradun Quarrying. This privilege was first recognized in the landmark decision that defined the idea. After hearing arguments on both sides of the policy divide, the Supreme Court reached a decision on the Dehradun Quarrying case. It was decided that some of the Mussoorie Hills' limestone quarries should be shut down when the study was over, while others may be allowed to keep running under certain restrictions. It is appropriate to conduct an investigation into this particular case as it exemplifies the expanding authority of the court. In other words, these issues were on opposite sides of the coin with the goals of economic growth, environmental conservation, job security, and the preservation of firms' large investments. Moreover, in considering the highly technical documentation provided by several geologists, the court gave different weight to each expert's views at different periods in time.

## Article 21 and Taj Cases

There is no way to separate cultural considerations from environmental legislation. Heritage preservation and environmental legislation coexist. As one of the world's seven wonders, the Taj Mahal is an icon of Indian culture and a point of national pride for the whole Indian subcontinent. It is becoming more clear that the majestic landmark is also being affected by the issue of environmental deterioration as we strive toward a resolution. It is everyone's moral obligation to preserve our common heritage as best they can. This responsibility is always on their shoulders. The petition for a writ was brought by a prominent lawyer recognized for his public-spirited activism and who is sometimes called the "messiah" in the field of environmental preservation, in accordance with Article 32 of the Constitution. The deadline for submitting this petition was met in accordance with the Constitution. The judicial review was presided over by Faizuddin and Kuldeep Singh, who were both judges.

A writ petition has been filed under Article 32 to safeguard the Taj Mahal from alleged degradation and eventual collapse due to both conventional and non-conventional factors contributing to deterioration, such as shifting social and economic dynamics. The preservation of the Taj Mahal is the reason for this petition's submission. The court has been closely monitoring the case in an effort to save the Taj Mahal from the brink of ruin caused by water and air pollution. Both the elimination of pollution and the enhancement of corporate profitability were the objectives of the present case. Even while industrialization is good for the country's economy, we need to be careful not to damage the environment or the eco-system in the course of doing so. There must be a direct correlation between the amount of pollution industrialized areas create and the carrying capacity of the ecological system. For reasons specific to this case, the court upheld the "Precautionary Principle" and the "Polluter pays principle." These two concepts are known as "polluter pays." Both of these concepts are now formally acknowledged as parts of the regulatory system that governs the nation. When making their judgments, they looked to Articles 21, 47, 48A, and 51A(g). Significant pieces of legislation, including the Environmental Protection Act, the Water Act, and the Air Act, were passed after the United States' declaration of independence. Companies were required to either convert from coal to gas or move from coal to gas in order to reduce the amount of pollution around the Taj Mahal.

## Air pollution and Article 21

The state has a legal obligation to protect and improve the environment for the benefit of the general public's health and well-being. To guarantee that the state would carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the agreement's provisions, the Supreme Court has issued orders. As part of its investigation, the Supreme Court is treating the orders as a legal issue and looking at how the right guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution contributes to the degradation of earth's natural resources. This is carried out as a component of the inquiry into the matter. A increasing concern in Delhi was the issue of pollution. Researchers in Delhi found that almost 70% of the air pollution within the city came from cars and trucks. M.C. Mehta, an attorney with a strong commitment to public service, filed a writ petition. Here, precise directions were given to reduce the amount of air pollution in Delhi.

Both the age limit (commercial vehicles cannot be more than fifteen years old) and the nighttime running limitation (goods trucks only) were imposed by the Honorable Supreme Court. These two limitations took

immediate effect. Not only that, but it also ordered the public to have access to oil dispensers that were pre-mixed with oil and prohibited the distribution of loose motor oils. The requirement that all buses run on compressed natural gas is one such example. Compressed natural gas was mandated as the only fuel for the whole fleet of municipal buses in an order dated March 31, 2001. Doing this in accordance with the directive was mandatory. Further, it has been illegal to run any bus older than eight years using any fuel other than compressed natural gas or an equal alternative fuel since April of the year 2000. The approving committee declined to grant a general extension of the deadline, even if someone had requested more time to complete the assigned tasks before the previously set date. Exemptions were granted to schools, the Delhi Transport Corporation, operators of Contract Carriage and other bus companies, as well as owners of commercial vehicles (including automobiles). Due to this exception, these groups could keep running the same number of vehicles that had finished the conversion by March 31st, alleviating some of the difficulty for passengers.

### **Protection of the Environment and the Right to Live**

Everyone has the right to self-determination, which includes the freedom from want and the provision of basic necessities. There are now guarantees for food and drink under Article 21 of the Constitution. This was most clearly shown in the case of *Umed Ram*<sup>183</sup>, which involved the State of A.P. If people really grasped the importance of the right to life, maybe they might stop the government from passing laws that hurt the environment and threaten the homes and livelihoods of low-income people. About 16 million <sup>184</sup> people in India have been forcibly removed from their homes, according to World Bank estimates.

Case 185, *Buffalo Traders Welfare Association v. Maneka Gandhi*, concerned the notoriously dirty and lawful slaughterhouse in Idgah. The slaughterhouse was the place where animals were killed. In order to assess the situation of those who are now unemployed and provide recommendations for potential remedies, the court has formed a robust committee. *M.C. Mehta* <sup>186</sup> also brought up a matter that the Honourable Supreme Court ultimately reprimanded the Delhi Administration for and ordered them to respond swiftly and effectively. This was done in reaction to the measures implemented by the administration in Delhi.

### **Industrial Pollution and Industry Relocation**

In the independent case of *MacMath v. Union of India* <sup>188</sup>, it was decided that companies should relocate in line with the Delhi Master Plan. It was the Delhi Master Plan that ultimately led to this decision. These are the guidelines that need to be adhered to in order to keep open space as a green belt on land that has become available due to industrial growth and decline. The fact that the right to a clean and healthy environment has been reaffirmed by the Supreme Court is a tremendous victory for the cause of health and wellness. We have made great strides ahead. Moving the plants to a different area guarantees that two separate situations will coexist. Repeatedly throughout the article, beginning with the first phrase, is the requirement of maintaining a clean and safe workplace. Consequence number one is that it slows down its progress.

Udaipur, Rajasthan's little village of Bichhri was subjected to the world's worst industrial pollution when H-acid and its byproducts—a mixture of iron and gypsum sludge were manufactured. Hindustan Agro Chemicals limited's production of H-acid was the source of this contamination. All of the wells and farms in the area would

have been contaminated if this pollution hadn't been contained before it reached the underground water systems. Article 48-A, subsection 51-A(g), sections 24(1), 25(1) a and b, and 33 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, the United Nations Conference on Human Environment held in Stockholm in July 1972, sections 3(2), 5 and 7, and subsequent reports from expert committees appointed by the Supreme Court have ALL concluded that In accordance with section 6 of the Environmental Protection Act, the Central Government drew up the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 1989. It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to step in when the government has failed to uphold a legal duty and the right to life of the people is at stake. No matter whether the issue is occurring on a local or national level, this is true. The court may nevertheless use the EP Act to tell the federal government to determine the extent of the damage and return the funds collected against it, even if it is debatable whether it has the power to compel compensation. No matter how careful someone was, the law holds them financially liable for any injuries that may have resulted from their participation in the activity.

### **In our nation's environmental jurisprudence, this is a historic case.**

F.B. Taramosalata and Others v. Bayer India Limited and Others 190 concerned judicial actions pertaining to the relocation of chemical businesses in Bombay. As a result of the litigation, chemical industries were transferred. Given that the court lacked access to all relevant material, it directed the federal government to establish a committee in accordance with the requirements of Section 3(3) of the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.

Moving chemical manufacturing units from densely populated areas was a major point of contention for the court. Given its inexperience and lack of knowledge, the Court decided that it would be better to create an authority to handle the matter in line with the provisions of section 3(3) of the 1986 Environmental Protection Act. This is a fundamental issue under Article 21 of the Constitution as it endangers the lives of those living in close quarters with chemical factories. Because of this, the subject is crucial.

## **VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT**

A state of continuous improvement and expansion is what the word "growth" describes. Also, there is a mountain of proof showing people are getting better. The scientific and technological spheres are obviously progressing at a rapid pace. However, it does have its own distinct set of possible unsavory consequences. As one of the unintended consequences, humanity has had its human rights violated and is now paying the price. An further insult to injury is the clear indication that individuals are being pitted against one other in this instance of a violation of human rights on a global scale.

### **On the Narmada River, "Andolan"**

Dams represent the development process. However, there is also the issue of how to aid those who have been forcibly evicted from their homes so that they may take back control of their life. The Narmada Bachao Andolan has become aware of this issue due to the developed conditions. Due to an imbalance in the amount of money given, insufficient cash were awarded. Additionally, not everyone who would like to go can still do so. The Narmada, one of India's longest rivers, flows westward and accomplishes its mission when it reaches the Indian

Ocean. Although the state started designing the dam more than forty years ago, in 1946, construction did not begin in earnest until the decade of the 1980s. A pause to the dam's development was necessary because of the risks of flooding in adjacent states of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and the impact it would have on Gujarat. In 1983, after settling all of their disagreements, the states began making extensive preparations for the event. According to the suggestions, hundreds of people would be forced to abandon their homes in the river valley.

### **Chernobyl Disaster**

Practically to the day, the Chernobyl tragedy occurred over twenty years ago. In spite of this, I can't shake the horrific recollections. It was, hands down, the greatest industrial catastrophe that had ever happened. Unfortunately, no one has been able to offer a reliable tally of casualties. A total of 31 lives were tragically lost the moment the catastrophe took place. People are now living in polluted settings over the whole country of Belarus. The city of Chernobyl is still home to more than 10,000 people after the disaster. There has already been an investment of billions of rubles to move inhabitants and clean up the fertile farmland; further billions will be required to achieve these objectives.

### **Tobago Case**

Trinidad and Tobago's economy had severe challenges in the 1980s as a consequence of a precipitous decline in oil revenues. After much deliberation, the government decided that it would be wise to launch structural changes and prioritize expanding the tourist business above all others. But there's also the possibility that tourists may harm the environment. The islands' natural features are their main draw for visitors, so it's crucial to prepare ahead to keep them that way.

### **CONCLUSION**

Individuals shifted their priorities to prioritize sustaining a particular standard of life, while neglecting other aspirations. These days, setting up a development and an operating environment are two of the most important things you can do. Furthermore, the two will no longer be at odds with one another if humanity can figure out how to preserve the environment while still advancing society, a notion that may be called sustainable development. A comprehensive analysis of sustainable development has been presented in each and every preceding chapter. This section contains the last section of the book. The environmental situation and the quality of living are interrelated and so both need serious attention. However, protecting the environment is now more obvious than ever before as the only certain way to guarantee that people will continue to enjoy a respectable standard of living. Without a doubt, this is the only way to ensure it. They set in motion a vicious cycle that can't be stopped no matter what. If it fails, it will have far-reaching, negative consequences for people in the future.

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