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Access to Environmental Justice through Law & Policy in India

Abstract

This paper deals with the protection of the environment through Indian Constitutional laws and policy in India. An attempt has been made to look into the relevant laws and regulations for the protection of environment. This paper is intended to explain how the environment is regulated. Environmental Justice has become a dimension of judicial decision-making in all regions of the Earth. In nations where environmental degradation has become acute, such as India, courts have been entrusted with the duty to achieve ecological progress. Indian courts and National Green Tribunal (NGT) provide the central framework of permitting the public to lodge claims to secure their environmental rights against polluting enterprises. In the years since nations embraced Agenda 21’s concepts of “sustainable development” at the United Nations’ 1992 Earth Summit, national environmental legislation has matured to the point where courts today are called upon to apply, review and enforce its terms. The Constitutions of more than 177 nations provide a fundamental right to the environment; some, like Ecuador, also proclaim a right of nature. Issues of environmental justice have become central themes in courts worldwide. Environmental claims appear on the registries of courts in all nations, and to ensure the growing volume of cases that are attended to, more than 50 states have established in excess of 600 specialized environmental courts and other National Green Tribunal’s (NGT’s). The relationship between mankind and the environment has mostly been one of conquest rather than symbiosis. We claim that we have tamed our environs and thus, improved our status as well as our livelihoods. Analysis of environmental disasters is a clear indicator that in the interest of humanity, humans must learn to adapt to the environment. Climate change, global warming and natural disasters are a wake-up call to humanity that they should stop polluting the earth
and the need of the hour is to strive a symbiotic relationship with the environment through sensitive and researched environmental management, adaptation, mitigation and risk reduction. The broad questions addressed are: How effective are environmental laws and policy in protecting the environment.

**Reference**

1. Constitution of India
2. National Green Tribunal Act
3. Judicial Pronouncement by the Supreme Court of India and National Green Tribunal
4. World Wide Fund for Nature - Centre for Environmental Studies

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I aspire to be a Policy Analyst. I am looking to gain exposure in the diverse arenas of public policy where policy interfaces with law. In the domain of public policy, my primarily interest lies in the areas of Sentencing Policy in Criminal Justice System, space law and policy, environmental policy, biodiversity Policy, education policy, social welfare policy, competition policy & CSR Policy.

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- Pursuing Master’s in Public Policy from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. India.
- Pursuing Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism and Environmental Law, from (NLUD & WWF) National Law University, Delhi, India.
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- Interned with Vision India Foundation, Gateway Campus Sonipat (VIF) (21st June 2015 to 11th July 2015)
- Interned with National Judicial Academy, (NJA-Bhopal) (21st February to 7th March 2015)
- Interned with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-India) (20th January to 20th February 2015)
- Interned with Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) Rajasthan (18th October to 12th Nov 2014)
- Interned with Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India (1st October to 16th October 2014)
- Interned with Ram Jethmalani, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India (14th Jan to 5th Feb 2012)
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- Interned with K.K. Venugopal, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India (3rd Dec to 15th Dec 2011)
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• Interned with Singh and Associates (Corporate Law Consultants), Delhi.(6th May to 26th June 09)

• Interned with AII (Amnesty International India) New Delhi. (20th Nov. 2008 to 20th Jan. 2009)

• Interned with ILI (The Indian Law Institute) New Delhi. (9th May 2008 to 8th June 2008)

• Interned with ALS (Amity Law School), New Delhi. (31st December 2007 to 18th Jan 2008)

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PAPER PRESENTATION
- Presented a paper in “Eighth International Conference on Emerging Concerns in Public International Law” organized by The ISIL, held on 23-25 February 2012, at New Delhi.

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- Presented a paper in “International Workshop on Human Rights” organized by University of Delhi, on 24th December 2011.

- Presented a paper in “37th All India Sociological Conference” organized by Indian Sociological Society Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 10-11 December 2011.

- Presented a Paper in “International Conference on Sociology of Law” organized by (ISA) and the Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 10-12th September 2011.

- Participated in the International Seminar on “Global Environment and Disaster Management: Law and Society” jointly organized by the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, Indian Law Institute, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India held on 22-24 July, 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Presented a paper in “Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts in Today’s Indian Society” organized by Chaudhary Charan Singh University Meerut on July 2-3, 2011.

- Presented a paper in “All India Seminar on Access to Justice for the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged” at Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India organized by Bar Council of Rajasthan, Rajasthan High Court Advocates Association, Jodhpur, Rajasthan High Court Lawyers Association, Jodhpur & Confederation of Indian Bar, Delhi, Supported by: Konrad Adenauer Foundation on 3rd April 2011.

- Participated in “The International Workshop on India, the 123 Agreement and Nuclear Energy: Issues of International Law” organized by The Indian Society of International Law, University of Reading & Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai on 2nd April 2011.

- Participated in “The Bhuvan Workshop” held at Developing Countries Research Centre, University of Delhi, New Delhi on 30th March 2011.

- Presented a paper in International Conference on “Promoting Intra-regional Trade in South Asia: Role of SAARC”, organized by M.K. Nambyar SAARC LAW Centre, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad on March 27, 2011.
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• Presented a paper in National Seminar on “Human Rights, Terrorism & Counter Terrorism” organized by Amity Law School Lucknow Uttar Pradesh, India on March 4, 2011.


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PUBLICATIONS


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