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Dear Brother Justice F.I.Rebello,

Thanks for forwarding the copies of the Charters issued by Goenche Porjechi Magnim.

It is the fundamental duty of every citizen under Article 51A(g) to protect and improve the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife. The natural environment includes hills, mountains, water bodies, trees, creeks, beaches, and more. The duty under this clause of Article 51A becomes the collective duty of the State. Therefore, it becomes the Constitutional duty of the State to enforce all environmental laws strictly.

The State's failure to perform its Constitutional and statutory duties leads to the destruction of the ecosystem and the pollution of air and water. This violates the fundamental right of citizens to live in a pollution-free environment and to lead a dignified life, as guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution.

The Authorities in Goa have additional responsibility. This state has a gift of natural beauty and a rich heritage. They have a duty to protect the same at any cost.

Let us not destroy nature for so-called "Development" works. There can be no real development that takes place by destroying the environment. Therefore, I fully support the movement to stop environmental destruction in Goa.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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