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LETTER OF SUPPORT

I write to you to convey my wholehearted support for "Goenche Porjechi Magnim – the Non-Negotiable Charter" so thoughtfully drafted by you on behalf of the people of Goa.

The Charter reflects not merely a set of demands, but a principled constitutional vision, which is firmly anchored in the rule of law, environmental jurisprudence, and the idea of the State as a trustee of natural and public resources.

Having myself delivered many Judgments on environmental law, I find the Charter's invocation of well-settled principles of environmental and constitutional law as quite compelling. These principles of sustainable development, the precautionary principle, the polluter pays principle, intergenerational equity, and the Public Trust Doctrine are part of the law of the land, repeatedly affirmed by constitutional courts.

Above all, the Charter is situated within the larger historical and constitutional narrative of Goa, the sacrifices of freedom fighters, the struggle for Konkani language recognition and statehood, and the right of Goans to remain stakeholders, not outsiders, in their own land. It is a reminder that development must serve the people, preserve culture, and protect the future, rather than displace communities and degrade the environment.

I sincerely hope that the constitutional authorities give the Charter the serious consideration that it deserves. I trust that your efforts will contribute meaningfully to preserving Goa's ecological balance, cultural ethos, and constitutional governance for generations to come.

With warm regards and highest esteem



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