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A Study on Right to Environmental Under Article 31

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Abstract: Access to environmental information isn't just a technical issue or policy detail—it's a basic human right that touches on some of our most essential needs: a healthy life, safety, and dignity. This right became especially significant after the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, which showed how dangerous things can become when communities are kept in the dark about environmental risks. The main **aim** of this study is to find out how aware people are of their right to access environmental information and why it matters in protecting public health and ensuring environmental justice. survey was conducted, gathering responses from 200 people living in different areas of Chennai. The survey covered a range of participants from diverse age groups, educational levels, and social backgrounds. The results show that while many people have a fair understanding of this right, there's still room for improvement when it comes to deeper awareness and action. Most respondents agreed that having access to environmental information helps hold authorities accountable and plays a vital role in preventing environmental harm. This study makes it clear that public education and awareness are key. When people understand their right to know what's happening in their environment, they are better equipped to speak up, make informed decisions, and push for safer, healthier communities. Strengthening this awareness can help ensure that the right to environmental information becomes a powerful tool for both human rights and environmental protection.

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