

Paryavaran Mitra (Friends of Environment)

Gujarat is major victim of pollution and environmental imbalance due to severe industrialization, its special geographical location and its population growth. To address the environmental and pollution issues with legal and social angle Paryavaran Mitra started its activities in 1997 which was earlier known as Enviro Legal cell of Centre for Social Justice (Janvikas). Paryavaran Mitra's Goal To focus on social injustice, human rights violation and ecological/ environmental imbalance in development projects/ process and try to resolve the issues. Objectives :^a To create awareness regarding environmental legislation among people and organizations ^a Follow up the implementation of judgment/directions/guidelines pertaining to the environment/ pollution by Hon’ble High Court as well as Supreme Court and create public awareness. ^a Direct observation of various rural area of their environmental situation and use that data for advocacy at state and central government level. ^a Try to set up precedents in rural areas for better implementation of environmental law and policies. ^a Networking of organization working in environmental issues and co ordinate with them for struggling in environmental issues. ^a Strengthens public participation in decision making process along with local self government. ^a Set up a voluntary public system acting as a watchdog for implementing agencies of environmental laws of govt. in the field of environment and pollution ^a Educate and sensitize and demystify on issues of environment and industrial pollution; youth groups, women group, NGO and other people and to bring them together with organizations, academic institutions, experts and other people in the field of environment who raise their voices in our mission of environmental preservation and pollution control in Gujarat