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Q10

How can be the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to protection of the Environment? Discuss throwing light on the major constraints.

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Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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Article 48A and Article 51A(g)

Directive and fundamental duty to protect the environment; NGOs help citizens and the State perform that duty.

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

Umbrella statute for pollution standards, EIA-related notifications, and many of the rules NGOs invoke.

Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Provides Biodiversity Management Committees and People's Biodiversity Registers as local statutory hooks for community and NGO work.

FCRA, 2010

Regulates foreign funds; strict enforcement is a major constraint on advocacy NGOs in the environment sector.

Companies Act, 2013 (CSR)

Schedules environmental sustainability as a CSR head; poorly designed CSR can fund plantations without supporting independent watchdog work.

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