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According to Justice Surya Kant, Article 21 must include protection of the ecological circumstances necessary for life.



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Justice Surya Kant of the Supreme Court stated on Saturday that the protection of ecological circumstances necessary for life must be read as part of Article 21 of the Constitution, which protects the right to life and individual liberty.

He emphasized that justice must be permitted to operate in a selective manner, either in its principles or its implementation.

"Neither the substance nor the administration of justice can be allowed to be selective. The protection of ecological circumstances necessary for the support of that life must be seen as part of Article 21, which guarantees the right to life and personal security," he stated.

Speaking at a symposium to address the escalating problems of conflict between humans and wildlife in Kerala was Justice Kant.

Judges from the Supreme Court and High Court attended the seminar, which was hosted in Thiruvananthapuram by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Kerala State Legal Services Authority.

Justice Kant stressed in his lecture that ecological justice entails striking a balance between the need to preserve the environment and human rights.

"In securing the conditions necessary for wildlife to thrive, we need to simultaneously ensure the safety, stability and well being of human communities," he stated.

He emphasized that conflict between people and wildlife affects not just the environment but also justice and governance. He went on to say that disadvantaged groups residing on forest margins must receive legal assistance.

"As we proceed, we must keep our eyes on those who are still suffering as a result of conflicts between people and wildlife. He pointed out that because many victims are from underrepresented groups, their family sometimes don't know about their legal rights and benefits.

He went on to say that the judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court's Green Bench, has been crucial in preventing the country's development goals from taking an irreversible toll on its wildlife and flora.

Additionally, three NALSA programs were formally launched at the ceremony. The first, the NALSA Scheme on Access to Justice for Victims of Human–Wildlife Conflict (HWC), 2025, aims to promote ecological balance and cohabitation while providing free legal aid, awareness, and prompt help to families impacted by such conflicts.

The introduction of a first-of-its-kind Compendium on Human–Wildlife Conflict, which compiled state and national regulations, recommendations, and court rulings, came after this

plan.

Additionally, NALSA launched the NALSA SPRUHA (Supporting Potential and Resilience of the Unseen, Held-back and Affected) Scheme, 2025, which aims to provide legal assistance, counseling, and reintegration support to dependents of those who are incarcerated and victims of crime.

Trouble in the making: Delhi court prevents Food Infotech from stealing content from Food Tech Biz

Food Tech Biz claimed that Food Infotech had stolen exclusive content from Food Tech Biz and used a name that was misleadingly similar.

The operator of FoodInfotech.com, Stand Point Media (OPC) Pvt Ltd (defendant), has been ordered by a Delhi court to refrain from publishing images and content that are allegedly plagiarized from competing platform FoodTechBiz.com [**Foodtech Biz (OPC) Pvt Ltd & Anr v/s Stand Point Media (OPC) Pvt Ltd & Ors**].

Food Tech Biz (OPC) Pvt Ltd (Food Tech Biz/plaintiff) and its founder-editor Mandeep Kaur pleaded for the interim order, arguing that the defendants had committed "deliberate, intentional, and continuing infringement" of their copyright.

When issuing an ex-parte ad interim injunction, Patiala House Court District Judge Hemani Malhotra stated:

The plaintiffs have established a presumptive case and a favorable balance of convenience. If immediate redress is not provided, the plaintiffs will suffer irreversible harm.

Food Tech Biz, a business-to-business digital platform that covers the food, beverage, packaging, and food technology industries, claimed that Food Infotech had stolen exclusive information from Food Tech Biz beginning in early 2022 in addition to using a name that was confusingly similar.

The claimed infringement persisted even after Food Infotech promised in April 2022 that corrective action would be performed.

The plaintiffs cited a May 2025 event in which Food Tech Biz received an exclusive invitation to report on the esteemed IFFA Fair in Frankfurt, Germany.

Along with original photos, Mandeep Kaur conducted and published interviews with Ankit Doshi, Director of Vishakha Polyfab Pvt Ltd, and Irene Plats, Global Marketing & Sustainability Director at Essentia Protein Solutions.

According to Food Tech Biz, Food Infotech released the photos and content as its own the very following day after making minor changes.

The defendants allegedly persisted in plagiarism in spite of a May 19 legal warning that Food Infotech recognized but disregarded.

The plaintiff contended that such actions not only infringed upon their copyright but also weakened brand identification, deceived customers, and redirected commercial prospects.

After studying comparison charts, emails, and original documents filed in court, judge Malhotra ruled that urgent relief was required. Food Infotech was told to remove and disable unlawful content, which hosted:

Essentia demonstrates meat innovation at IFFA 2025

Vishakha demonstrates packaging solutions at IFFA 2025

In the primary lawsuit, Food Infotech was also summoned and given notice of the injunction application, which was due back on October 10.