



NGT Imposes Fine for Dumping Solid Waste

Why in News?

Recently, [The National Green Tribunal \(NGT\)](#) has enforced a total ban on [littering or dumping solid waste in unauthorized areas](#) of Uttar Pradesh, with fines for violations ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 50,000.

Key Points

- According to the court, the violator shall be liable to pay an environmental **compensation of Rs. 5,000 for the first instance and Rs.10,000 for further instances** of littering or dumping of solid waste.
 - If a **bulk waste generator**, concessionaire, urban local body, or any other individual is caught littering or dumping waste in bulk, a **fine of Rs. 25,000** will be imposed **for the first offense, and Rs. 50,000 for any subsequent offenses.**
- The NGT passed the order on a petition on garbage being dumped on the embankment of the **Rapti river** causing water pollution.

National Green Tribunal (NGT)

- It is a **specialised body set up under the [National Green Tribunal Act, 2010](#)** for effective and expeditious disposal of **cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.**
- With the establishment of the NGT, **India became the third country in the world to set up a specialised environmental tribunal**, only after Australia and New Zealand, and the first developing country to do so.
- NGT is mandated to make disposal of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing the same.
- The NGT has five places of sittings, **New Delhi is the Principal place of sitting** and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai are the other four.

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