



NGT Seeks Reply on Aravali Land Occupation

Why in News?

[National Green Tribunal \(NGT\)](#) has issued a notice to **Faridabad municipal corporation on allegations** of illegally cutting **180 trees in the Aravallis** and [encroaching](#) on **forest department** land to expand a waste processing plant.

Key Points

- A committee appointed by the tribunal to investigate the allegations has submitted its report. The report highlights the violations committed by the corporation.
- The dispute surrounds a 50-acre land parcel in Pratapgarh village. Although the civic body owns 47 acres of this land, the remaining is still with the forest and health departments.
- The **NGT panel recommended** that:
 - The **municipal body** must take **permission from Haryana pollution board** before starting operations at the site.
 - They must also **set up a leachate treatment plant** and **create a green** area in the vicinity that will act as a **buffer zone** between the Aravallis and the waste processing unit.

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.