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NGT order to save Ganga

Why in news?

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National Green Tribunal (NGT) gave its directions to a PIL petition of which was transferred to the NGT from the Supreme Court in 2014.

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What the NGT mandates?

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- An area of 100 metres from the edge of the Ganga between Haridwar and Unnao has been declared a 'No Development Zone'.
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- Till the demarcation of floodplains and identification of permissible and non-permissible activities by the State government, the 'No Development Zone' is to be followed.
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- All industrial units in the catchment areas of the Ganga should be stopped from indiscriminate groundwater extraction.
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- Mechanical mining will be banned.
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- Dumping of waste within 500 metres of the river is prohibited.
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- Rs. 50,000 fine will be imposed on anyone dumping waste in the river.
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- It also directed the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments to formulate guidelines for religious activities on the ghats of the Ganga and its tributaries.
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- Tanneries from Jajmau in Kanpur should be shifted to leather parks in Unnao within a period of six weeks,.
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- A supervisory committee was appointed to oversee implementation of the directions passed in its verdict.

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