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Supreme Court Orders Deep Dive into Agasthyamalai's Vanishing Forests

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The Supreme Court has drawn a hard line on the creeping erasure of Tamil Nadu's Agasthyamalai landscape, ordering a sweeping investigation into illegal encroachments and violations of forest and wildlife laws. In a case that bridges environmental urgency with long-standing human displacement, the Court has tasked the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) with surveying the entire forested region—including tiger reserves, elephant corridors, and...

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