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The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has called on the Uttar Pradesh government, the Prayagraj Mela Authority, and the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UP PCB) to address alarming sanitation concerns at the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025. Allegations suggest that a severe lack of sanitary facilities has forced thousands of pilgrims to defecate openly along the Ganga's banks, raising major environmental and public health concerns. A petition submitted to the NGT...

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