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Taj's Green Fortress

Supreme Court Locks Down Tree Felling Near Monument

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In a firm reaffirmation of its environmental watch over the Taj Mahal, the Supreme Court has shut the door—again—on tree felling within a 5-kilometre radius of the iconic white marble monument. No matter the number—be it one or fifty—no axe will swing near the Taj without the Court's blessing. The two-judge bench, composed of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan, made it crystal clear: their 2015 directive still holds....

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