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<p>NGT seeks response on report over threat to eco-sensitive tourist spots in Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken suo motu cognizance of an article published in TNIE, highlighting the damage caused to the ecosystem due to the rising footfall in tourist places. • The NGT Principal Bench at Delhi has also served notices on the State Pollution Control Board (APPCB) and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India (MoEF&CC), Southern Region, seeking their response. • “The report mentions that several hill stations, such as Paderu, Gudisa and segments of the Nallamala forest region, have been compelled to shut their doors temporarily to address the mounting debris issue. It also advises local authorities to enforce a ban on plastic within the protected area and stresses the importance of collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness in these environments,” the NGT noted.
<p>ECI appoints three special observers for Andhra Pradesh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Observers will ensure the effective implementation of the Election Commission guidelines in smooth conduct of elections. • The Election Commission of India (ECI) has appointed three special observers for Andhra Pradesh. • Ram Mohan Mishra, a retired IAS officer of 1987 batch, has been appointed as the Special General Observer. Deepak Mishra, a retired IPS officer of 1984 batch, has been the Special Police Observer, while Neena Nigam, a retired IRS officer of 1983 batch, has been appointed as the Special Expenditure Observer. • Chief Electoral Officer Mukesh Kumar Meena informed that the Central Observers attended the meeting conducted by the ECI. The three observers will visit the State next week to inspect the arrangements being made for the conduct of elections in a free and fair manner. • The Central Observers will ensure the effective implementation of the Election Commission guidelines in smooth conduct of elections.
<p>Bail plea after 41A notice issuance maintainable: Andhra Pradesh HC</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh High Court has ruled that an anticipatory bail petition can be filed after police serve notices under Section 41A of CrPC.



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- The case against Udaybhushan was for allegedly posting defamatory content against APCC chief YS Sharmila and YS Viveka's daughter, YS Suneetha Reddy, using fake Facebook IDs.

Section 41A of CrPC:

- Under Section 41A of CrPC, a person must be served with notice by the Police prior to his arrest for offences punishable with imprisonment for less than 7 years.
- The Section specifies the procedure to be followed before a person can be deprived of his liberty.

Political violence on the rise in Andhra: NCRB report

Context:

- Political violence has become increasingly prevalent in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Visakhapatnam, over the past few years.
- This trend is exemplified by the unsolved murders of YS Vivekananda Reddy and Yegireddy Krishna, which have contributed to a worsening situation, leading to intervention by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

Key points:

- According to the NCRB report, between 2018 and 2022, 16 people were killed for political reasons, and there were 244 reported instances of riots stemming from political rivalries.
- In 2018, there were 39 reported instances of riots related to political rivalry, but no murders. However, in 2019, five people were killed, and there were 110 reported instances of such riots.
- In 2020, the state recorded six political murders and 30 riots, followed by one murder and 47 riots in 2021, and four murders and 18 riots in 2022.





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