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# Environmentalists propose special task force to achieve Net Zero target

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Ranchi: The department of forest, environment and climate change and experts working towards mitigating the impacts of climate change have proposed a special task force or commission by the state government to streamline the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

The suggestion came forward at the state-level conference titled “Sustainable Pathways for Future Ready Jharkhand” organised on Monday by the forest department and the Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED).

The workshop was organised in the light of the Glasgow Convention (Conference of Parties-26 held in 2021), where the Union government pledged to achieve the Net Zero Emission by 2070.

Principal chief conservator of forest and chairman, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB) A K Rastogi said, “This is a defining moment since Jharkhand is one of the states that is formulating pathways for creating a futuristic economy. We need a green vision and a new development model that puts sustainability, inclusivity, and public interest at the centre stage.”

Chief executive officer, CEED, Ramapati Kumar, said there is an urgent need for a special task force or a commission that should be given the mandate to map out the magnitude of ensuing impacts and prospective opportunities in the transition phase through a series of studies and stakeholders consultations.