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'Forest and Environment Department' renamed as 'Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department'

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'Forest and Environment Department' of our State is renamed as 'Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department'.

The department will give focus on climate change alongwith Forest and Environment protection and conservation,

The department will be the nodal agency of our State for Climate Change Actions. Development of State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) along with other plan, policy, programme, project on climate actions and implementation plan in line with the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), 2015 as per the State perspective in close co-ordination with the line departments will be its responsibility.

Identifying key vulnerabilities of the State to climate change and assessing the need for adaptation to future climate change and the scope for incorporating these in relevant programmes, including watershed management, coastal zone planning and regulation, fisheries and animal resources development, forestry management, agricultural technologies and practices, transport and health programmes will be its key concern.

The department will take a lead role for reduction of Green House Gas Emission (GHG) through conservation and enhancement of energy efficiency, coordination with line departments and organizations in the sector of Energy, PWD, Transport, Agriculture, Urban Development, Industries and Mining etc.

The department will focus on formulation of policies for promotion of non-conventional alternative sources of energy like Solar Energy and Wind Energy and publicity to encourage the use of such resources.

Mobilization of finance from various National, International, Multilateral, Bilateral and other sources including private partners will be its lookout.

Capacity enhancement of Government departments, institutions and organisations (both Government and non-Government) to deal with emerging climate change issues in the State alongwith promotion of awareness on climate change and its impact will also be within its jurisdiction.

Development of Climate Change Impact Assessment in selected regions and sectors of the State, development of mechanisms for Inter-Departmental coordination so as to have periodic interactions with the stakeholder departments,

different regulatory authorities, R&D institutions etc. including interaction with the international institutions for exchange of information on climate change issues, monitoring and impact evaluation of Climate Change Actions (adaptation, mitigation and capacity building) at State level will also be the priorities of the department.

This amendment has been notified by General Administration Department and published in the Odisha Gazette.

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