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### 'Western Ghats Task Force must break silence'

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J.L. Janardhan, coordinator of Pashchima Ghatta Ulisi Abhiyana, a campaign to save the Western Ghats, has criticised the chairperson and members of Western Ghats Task Force for maintaining silence over the issue of inclusion of Western Ghats in UNESCO's World Heritage List. "It is unfortunate that the State Government is opposing inclusion of Western Ghats in the list. The Chairperson and the members of the Task Force have failed to apprise the Government over the issue," Mr. Janardhan said.

He said the Task Force has limited its work to installation of nameplates and boards in Nagabana and Devarakadus and some members of the force had supported projects which would wreck the environment, he said. The abhiyana welcomes the decision to include the Western Ghats in the UNESCO list.

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