

Appeal to save Dzongu
to protect
the Centre of Lepcha Culture, Tradition and Identity

Ren/Renu,

Congratulations, on being elected as a Panchayat of your Area. In the present system of Governance you are the ruler, guide and the protector of your people. We are happy that this great responsibility has been thrust upon you..

Having said that, we would like to draw your kind attention to the most pressing issues in our region and that is to protect our rich culture, tradition and identity in light of the implementation of the Mega Hydro Electric power projects in our environmentally fragile and demographically endangered region.

We are aware that deep within you are fully concerned with the implications of these projects but as it is evident that you are bounded by various compulsions and obligations that have not allowed you to express your own mind. We are all also aware of the need to bring back the peace, social harmony and brotherhood in Dzongu.

Now as you are aware that the situation has changed dramatically and the Lepcha loving Hon'ble Chief Minister has given you and other elected Panchayats the privilege to decide weather to protect the sanctity of Dzongu by scrapping the Projects or let the companies come who will ultimately destroy everything that we are today. Your decision to protect your own people and the area has the sanction of the Head of the State and you no longer have to be worried about what others might say.

With the commitment of the HCM to Protect Dzongu and the Lepcha People we are confident that we will be safe for many years to come. Now, it's your decision that will save or destroy the Lepchas and Dzongu. Let History remember you as someone who saved Mayel Iyang and the Mutanchi Rongkups. Your decision will also assist the HCM to resolve one of the most pressing issues faced by the Government.

Therefore, on behalf of all the affected Lepchas and our well wishers all over the world, we would like to request your goodself to kindly take the lead and save Dzongu by supporting the request/appeal to HCM to

„Scrap all Mega Hydro Electric Power Projects in Dzongu“

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely (ACT)