



## Minket Lepcha Bags Young Green Filmmaker Award

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Darjeeling filmmaker Minket Lepcha was awarded the *Young Green Filmmaker Award*. She received the award for *Voices of Teesta* at the Woodpecker International Film Festival in Delhi. The film chronicles the lives of people who live along the river and how it has changed due to numerous dams being built in Sikkim and West Bengal.

Her documentary was among the 12 documentaries and short stories from the Northeast showcased at the event. The duration of the film is 41 minutes and shows the unique practices and beliefs of mountain communities. It also shows the significance of the river through their folklore, rituals and scriptures.

Minket was working on various projects like documenting stories and folklore based on ethnic communities like *Lepcha*, *Bhutia*, *Tamang*, *Manger* and others in and around Sikkim. Currently she is a school teacher in Darjeeling and is also a freelance filmmaker. She loves to collect stories and share with children.

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