Arunachal govt thirsts for power, river be damned

WORST FOOT FORWARD? Activists raise green concerns over construction of reservoirs on Lohit, but govt pushes ahead anyway

Rivers in the Northeast region have always been a symbol of spiritual and cultural significance for the various communities that inhabit the region. The Lohit river is no exception. The river, which flows through the Lohit and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh, has a rich cultural and historical significance for the Mishmi community, who have lived alongside it for generations. However, the Arunachal Pradesh government is planning to construct reservoirs on the Lohit and Anjaw rivers, which is causing concern among environmentalists.

The government's plan to construct reservoirs on the Lohit and Anjaw rivers is being opposed by many environmentalists, who argue that the construction of reservoirs could have negative impacts on the local ecosystem and the Mishmi community. The Mishmi community has already demonstrated their opposition to the construction of a reservoir on the Lohit river, as they believe that the reservoir would cut off their access to clean water and could have negative impacts on their livelihoods.

Despite the opposition, the government is pushing ahead with its plans to construct reservoirs on the Lohit and Anjaw rivers. The government has already signed agreements with private companies to develop hydroelectric projects on the rivers. The projects are expected to generate significant revenue for the state, but environmentalists argue that the potential benefits of the projects are outweighed by the potential risks.

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