



National Alliance Group For Denotified and Nomadic Tribe

To,
Hon. H.E. Mendsaikhan Zagdjav
Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia
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Subject: Letter of support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Honorable Minister,

Greetings from National Alliance Group for Denotified and Nomadic Tribes, India

We, the National Alliance Group, work with Denotified and Nomadic Tribes across India. As a large number of pastoral groups are nomadic in nature, we engage with a number of pastoral groups such as the Rebari, Van-Gujjar, etc. For the last eight years, with a keen focus on a community-led engagement, the National Alliance Group for Denotified and Nomadic Tribes has been working towards bringing the voices of these marginalised groups to the forefront. A community-based monitoring study was also conducted over the past three years on the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of these Nomadic communities. Our focus has also been on the youth from these communities, for whom we initiated a Community Research Fellowship through which the youth engage in research, analysis and documentation. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in India, we have been actively documenting the impact of this pandemic on pastoral groups and ensuring that these communities have access to welfare programs from the state.

Through this letter we would like to extend our support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). We, as a national-level network would like to support the group in strengthening the capacity of the pastoral groups for forest rights and documenting the role of pastoral groups in conversation of the environment and rural economy.

Regards and Thanks,

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