

LAND, LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD

Sir, If we work in unison, even now we can save our land, lives and livelihood! I have just returned from a short break in Goa. The plight of Kerala will soon be the plight of Goa and the whole Indian nation. We urgently need to respect and protect the Western Ghats, stop promoting concrete jungles and the destruction of hills, forests, rivers, valleys and mountains! Illegal quarrying, illegal occupation of forest lands, sand mining from rivers and filling up of paddy fields are a disaster! Such activities are bound to cause landslides in every hilly region. Rivers will flood as there is no sand in their beds. Many riversides too have illegal constructions. Enlightened citizens please wake up and put pressure on the government to take action. We cannot allow irresponsible political opportunists who bat for crony capitalists and real estate mafia to continue their greed. **LET US JOIN HANDS AND ACT NOW.** Don't wait till it is too late and we are gasping for air and for help. A stitch in time saves nine. We are already late but better late than never! Dear God, please give us the light and the wisdom to save ourselves, your beautiful Mother Earth and the future generations.

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