

**Tshering Lepcha,
HBN State
Coordinator & Millet
Man of Sikkim** Lum
Village in Dzongu,
North Sikkim



Tshering Gyatso Lepcha, renowned as the ‘Millet Man of Sikkim,’ has been a major custodian of the region’s agricultural heritage. For over 20 years, he has cultivated eight varieties of millet, establishing a crucial seed bank that preserves indigenous and local traditional varieties. He also runs a homestay where visitors

can learn about organic farming, and local flora and foods. As a local Shodhyatra Coordinator since 2014, he has shared his wealth of knowledge on local ecology to help other *yatris* enjoy a much fuller and richer experience. He has been instrumental in nurturing and promoting sustainable farming practices and traditional knowledge in Sikkim. He helped several batches of IIMA students also to pursue Shodhyatra in north Sikkim.

(More info: <https://www.sikkimexpress.com/news-details/millet-mela-held-at-mangan>)

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCtzHLFi_sgLumts
hering Organic Farmhouse: <https://notonmap.com/property/mtshering-organic-farmhouse>)