

**Seminar on**  
**Do we have any solution for Unfinished Irrigation Project?**  
**(Special reference to Nira Deoghar Project)**

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**Abstract**

Irrigation, for past four decades has played an important role in the rural economy of Maharashtra. Irrigation sector like many other sectors in government is facing multifold challenges of finance and asset management. The budget provided for this sector is meager and with the available government funding though considerable, becomes meager, on the background of large number of projects taken on hand by the Government and it is almost impossible to meet the requirements for completing the ongoing projects. The contours of the food economy in which this sector played a major role have changed rapidly and so have changed the parameters of efficiency of the capital and use of water in the sector. Keeping this changed perspective in mind, the central theme of the paper is whether unfinished projects can be completed by involving private players and/or community participation rather than by adopting the traditional methods of public.