

Seminar on
A Policy Planning Approach to Water Resource Management in Maharashtra

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Abstract

As of now, Maharashtra and many other states are reeling under the drought, and the water scarcity is looming large. The delayed monsoon and the forecast of deficient one have direct impact on agriculture and livelihood and food inflation. Of course, this exposes the weakness of our drought mitigation measures and lack of meaningful water resource planning and policy. Indeed it is more than a failure of rains. Well monsoon can be truant but this highlights the lacuna in the agricultural and water resource management strategies over the years. Despite pumping in billions of rupees and building more than one third of large dams, Maharashtra is so vulnerable. This calls for an alternative approach to the water resource planning, in particular decentralized storages and rain water harvesting. The paper focuses on these and related issues of equitable and sustainable approach to development.