

## WATER: NATURAL RESOURCE OR COMMODITY?

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### ABSTRACT

Water and its uses is the domain of public sociology. The commodification of water begins with public policy. Looking at the policy and practices of water resource development in India and even elsewhere, it is clear that there is need for a more holistic perspective. The consumption of bottled water has increase rapidly in recent years and shows no sign of stopping in the immediate future. The most characterising and emotive controversy in contemporary water disputations is whether water should be considered as an 'economic good' or as a 'social good'. To discourage the commodification of water and promotion of citizen and state action for water conservation, augmentation and preservation would be an important agenda of the government and non-government organizations.

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