village panchayats; an area calling for radical decentralization reform, as in the case of forests, with local people's management responsibility for local resources of water and forests.

This interesting study fails to see major future political conflicts for water between urban and rural areas, and between the people of the hills and plains; more so after the formation of Uttaranchal. We have been cautioned about the water wars of the future.

Science in isolation is a waste of public money. Scientists need to collaborate in public policy, as they too are citizens. They also need to learn traditional science and technology from the people, especially in water management.

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