

ENABLING FACTORS OF COMMON-POOL TANK MANAGEMENT IN THE DRYLAND REGIONS OF RURAL INDIA: A CRITICAL REVIEW

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The decline of common pool tanks in the dryland regions of rural India can be attributed to several factors. This paper attempts to analyse the enabling factors for the sustainable management of Indian tanks through a comprehensive literature review. Additionally, it seeks to identify the future research and actions needed to preserve such vital resources. It has been found that the strength of traditional mode of management needs to be recognised yet there is a huge scope for its modernisation. Research should focus on assessing the key features of traditional institutional arrangements and the evolving need for their modernization. Understanding the historical evolution of local institutional arrangements is crucial. Comparative studies should also be conducted to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different institutional arrangements and their outcomes.

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