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RESOURCE PAGE: *DROWNED OUT*¹

As the population in India grows, the need for natural resources such as water becomes a major political, social, and religious issue. A clash between traditional and modern roles takes center stage in several environmental issues, including the Narmada Dam project. On October 18, 2000, the Supreme Court, in a two to one majority, ruled that the dam should go up from its existing 88 meters towards the full final height of 139 meters. **WHY?** This project has affected over one million people, from the villagers who are forced to move because of the water level rising, to the people who relied on the food supply from the village. Dam problems are occurring through out the world, from China to the United States. Some of the following organizations have information on the issues brought up in *Drowned Out*.

Friends of the River Narmada – www.narmada.org

- ⇒ FRN is a site filled with updates on the dam and water level, political issues, and history behind the project. Though this site has links to resources pages and articles related to dam projects in India, more importantly it has the Supreme Court decision.

Food First – www.foodfirst.org

- ⇒ Food First is an organization focusing on solutions to hunger and poverty around the world with a commitment to establish food as a fundamental human right. This organization educates students, activists, and the media on issues that affect the global community and has several “Take Action” initiatives for people to become more involved in fighting hunger.

International River Networks – www.irn.org

- ⇒ IRN supports local communities working to protect their rivers and watersheds. They work to halt destructive river development projects, and to encourage equitable and sustainable methods of meeting needs for water, energy and flood management.

Action for Solidarity Equality Environment Diversity – www.aseed.net

- ⇒ ASEED is a network that initiates actions and campaigns on environmental and social justice issues. They are currently working on issues surrounding the production, distribution and consumption of food (small, local organic farms instead of agribusiness, biotechnology and supermarkets selling genetically modified food) and the coordination of the World Bank Boycott in Europe.

Earth Island Institute – www.earthisland.org

- ⇒ EII is a network of thirty projects fostering the conservation, preservation, and restoration of the global environment. This organization caters not only to international issues but also domestic issues, plaguing California, New Mexico, and Alaska.

Friends of the Earth – www.foei.org

- ⇒ One of the largest global environmental groups, this organization was founded in the late 1960’s in hopes of addressing environmental problems in the United States. From that time, the organization has offices in over 70 countries addressing issues from democracy to mining to climate changes.

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