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Brief Profile

Himanshu Upadhyaya is faculty at School of Development at Azim Premji University, Bangalore. He is part of sustainability initiative at the university and teaches courses on Ecology and Livestock Development. Since 2002, when he shifted from academic research to environmental activism and advocacy, he has studied social and ecological justice issues around large irrigation dams, hydroelectric projects and mining.

Himanshu did his M.A. in Linguistics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and M. Phil. in Linguistics from University of Hyderabad. His Ph. D. in Science Policy at Jawaharlal Nehru University looks at the symbiotic relationship between agriculture and livestock in colonial and post-colonial India and traces transformations during Green and White revolution.

In his writings, Himanshu tries to weave the concerns on environmental governance with public finance, audit and accountability. He has read CAG audit reports with keen interest and writes a monthly column on public finance and accountability on the portal, www.indiatogether.org

In 2008, Himanshu led the research project at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai on 'Performance and Development Effectiveness of Sardar Sarovar Project'. In 2010, collection of his article was published as a book titled, 'Big Dams, Bigger Questions'.

