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Yindabad

Agudo, Mariano, and Roi Guitián. *Yindabad*. Watertown: Documentary Educational Resources, Inc., 2007. 35 mm, 55 min. https://youtu.be/lWyXPoBZ07A.

> The Narmada Valley Development Project was created during the late 1960s to construct 30 large scale dams, 135 medium-size dams, and more than 3000 small-size dams in the Narmada River. Over 2.5 million people have been displaced by the flooding of forests, cultivatable land, and villages. The situation in Narmada Valley is an example of one of the biggest wars of the 21st century: water management and control of natural resources. The affected people, the local Adivasis, have struggled against this project for 20 years, fighting for fair compensation and the relocation of their homes. India's current economic plans seem to be synonymous with the destruction of indigenous people's living conditions. As the cement walls stop the water that used to bring them life, the river floods the people for the sake of the city and development. Adivasi (tribal) women have gained consciousness of the dimensions of the problem and whilst fighting for the conservation of their culture, they have become main characters in this unequal fight. *Yindabad* shows this struggle from their viewpoint: from the riverbank, where the danger of rising water is a constant threat to the relocation process, and from the slum of the Indian metropolis, where the fight continues. (Source: Documentary Educational Resources, Inc.)

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Related links:

- Friends of the River Narmada
  http://www.narmada.org/
- Drowned Out (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/drowned-out
- Das Blaue Gold im Garten Eden [Blue Gold in the Garden of Eden] (Film Profile)
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Websites linked in this text:

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