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Drought in folklores of India: Mapping the change and continuity in traditional knowledge through orality

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Abstract

With one of the oldest traditional societies, India has a rich heritage of traditional knowledge passed on between generations through folklore and orality. This orality is often constructed around the agrarian life containing nature’s events, daily life problems and extraordinary climatic observations by the people. This study is focused on the perspectives on drought and water scarcity as described in folklore in different parts of India.

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