# Satellite Remote Sensing Applications In Water Resources

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Water Resources Assessment

Water Resources Development Water Resources Management

Water
Resources
Planning

Water Resources Monitoring

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**WR Assessment** 

**WR Planning** 

**Surface Runoff Estimation** 

Inputs for prefeasibility studies of new projects

**Snowmelt Runoff Estimation** 

Identification of suitable sites for Hydropower Projects

Inventory of Glaciers

Reservoir Submergence Analysis

Inventory of Glacial Lakes

Rehabilitation & Relocation Studies

Surface Water Spread Estimation

Canal Alignment Studies

Flood Estimation

Inputs for Interlinking of Rivers

**Soil Moisture Estimation** 

Reservoir Capacity Assessment

**WR Assessment** 

Identification of suitable sites for Check Dams

# Satellite Remote Sensing Applications in Water Resources

**WR Monitoring** 

**WR Development** 

**Inventory of Irrigation Infrastructure** 

**Evaluation of Irrigation System Performance** 

Irrigation Project Progress Monitoring

**Impact Evaluation of Minor Irrigation Tanks** 

**Glacial Lake Monitoring** 

Spatial Irrigation Utilisation

**Glacier Monitoring** 

Irrigated crop area & productivity assessment

**Water Quality Monitoring** 

Watershed Management

**Command Area Monitoring** 

Inputs for In-season Irrigation Scheduling

Flood Monitoring

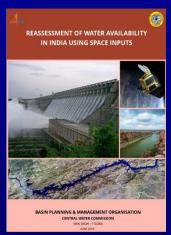
Salinity and Water Logging Mapping

**Waterspread Monitoring** 

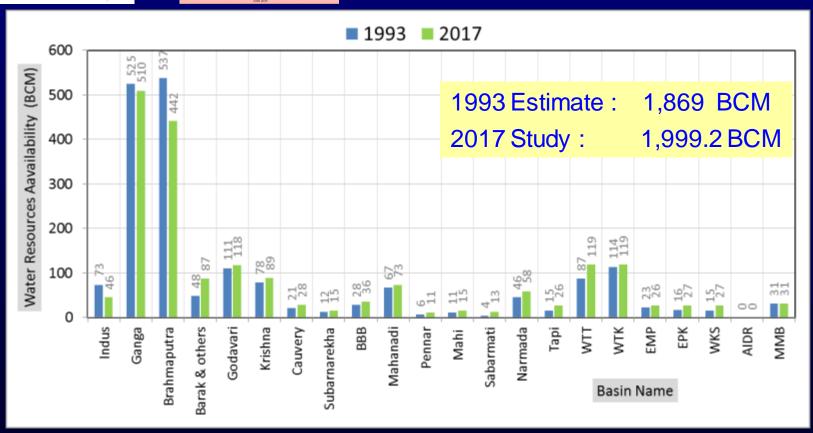
**Irrigation Intervention Schemes** 

# Reassessment of Water Availability in India using Space Inputs





- The assessment was completed for all 20 river basins for a period of 30 years
- The total mean WRA of the country was assessed as 1,999.2 BCM for mean annual rainfall of 3,880 BCM



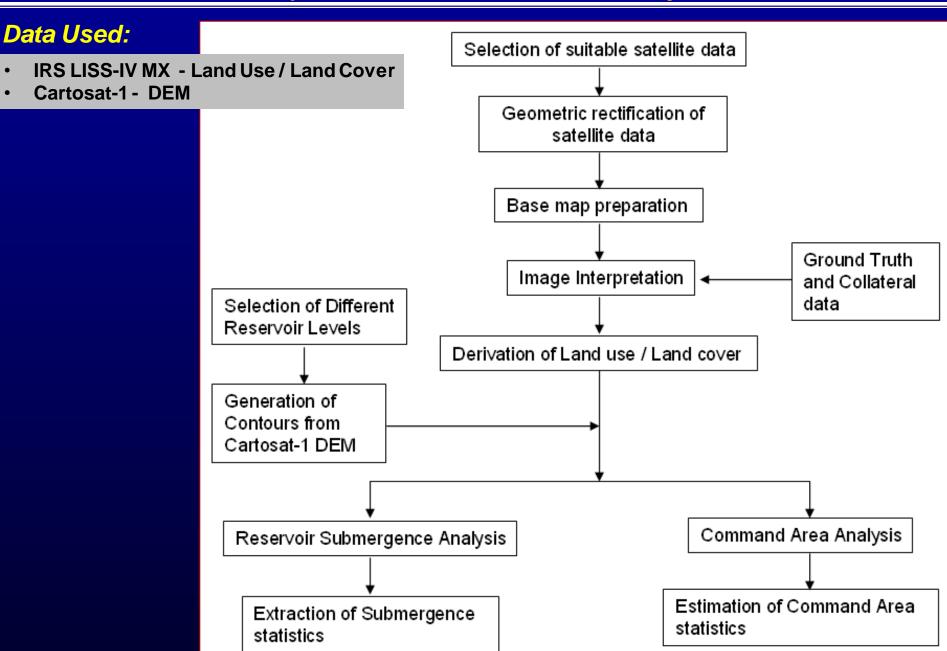
## **Selection of Suitable Sites for Dams**

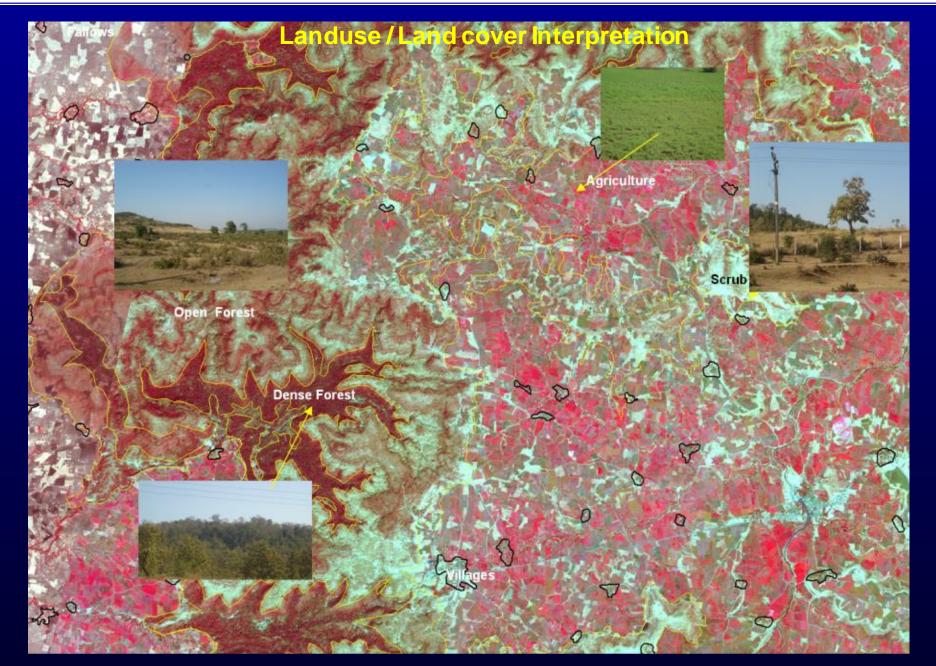
Feasibility assessment of Proposed Irrigation Projects in upper Betwa basin as a part of Ken-Betwa River Link Project INDIA **❖** 659 MCM of excess water from Ken basin to Betwa basin **❖ NWDA** proposed eight dam sites 1 Makodia 5 Barari 2 Neemkheda 6 Sindh 3 Richhan 7 Kesari

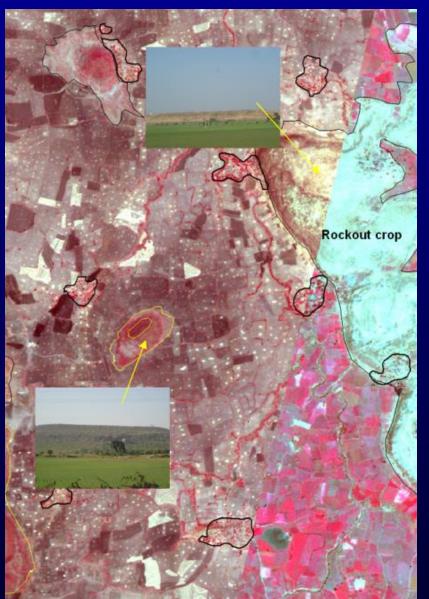
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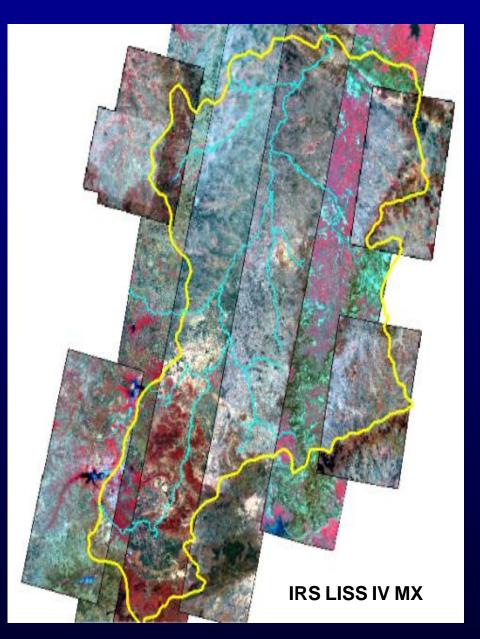


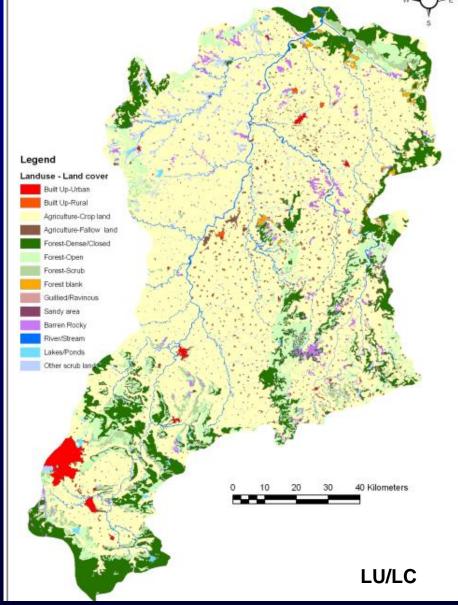


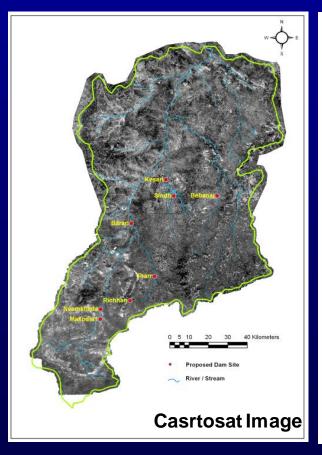


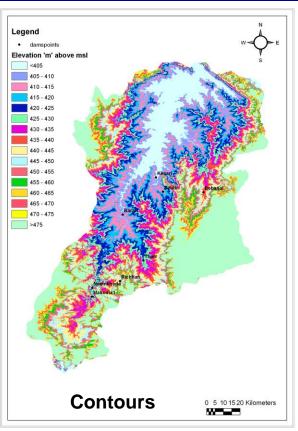


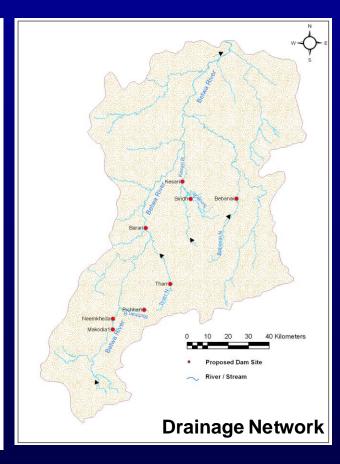
Landuse / Land cover Interpretation











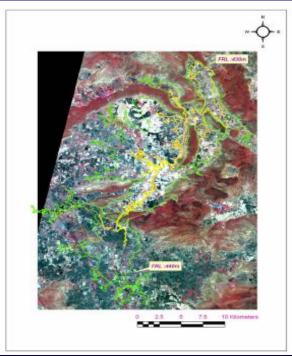
Neemkheda Dam and its Environs

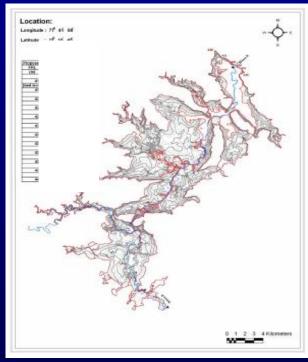


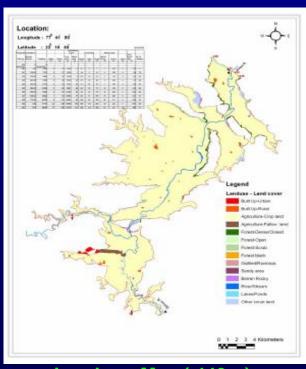
### For eight proposed dam sites

- Land use/land cover 1:25K IRS P6 LISS IV
- Digital Elevation Model Cartosat -1 stereo
- Contour maps derived DEM

### **Neemkheda Dam**





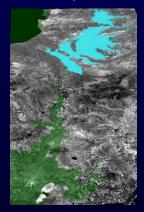


**IRS LISS IV MX Image** 

1m contours (430m - 440m)

Land use Map (440m)

- Submergence at various reservoir levels
- Determining RL of reservoir





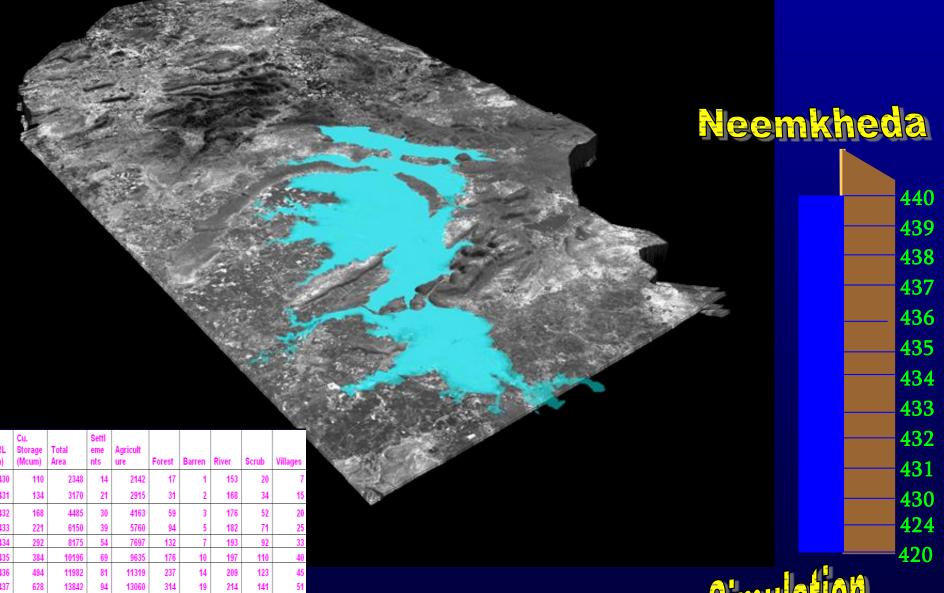


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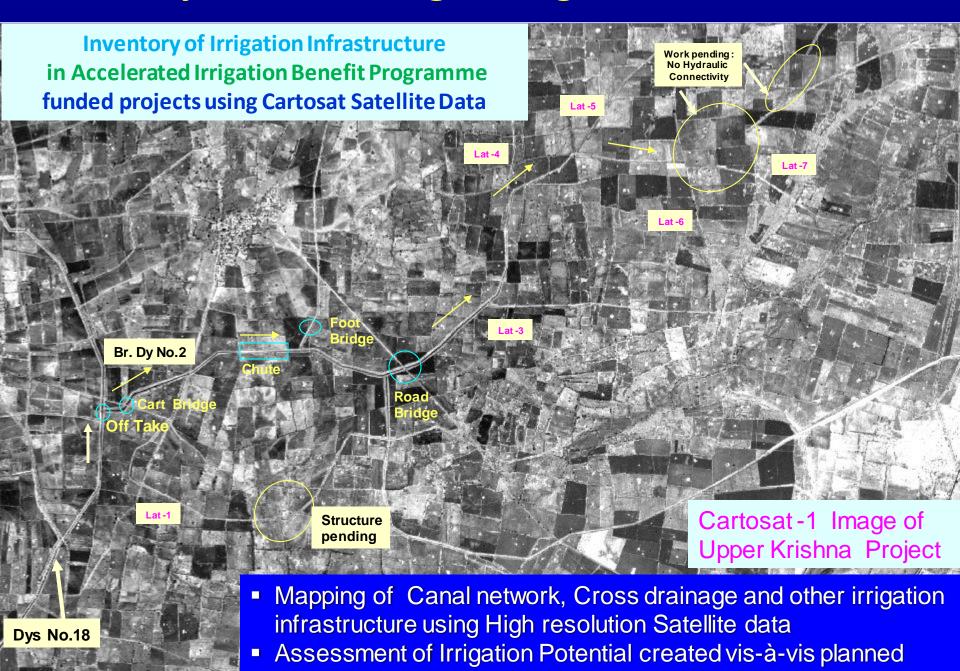
• Facilitates NWDA for pre-feasibility report preparation

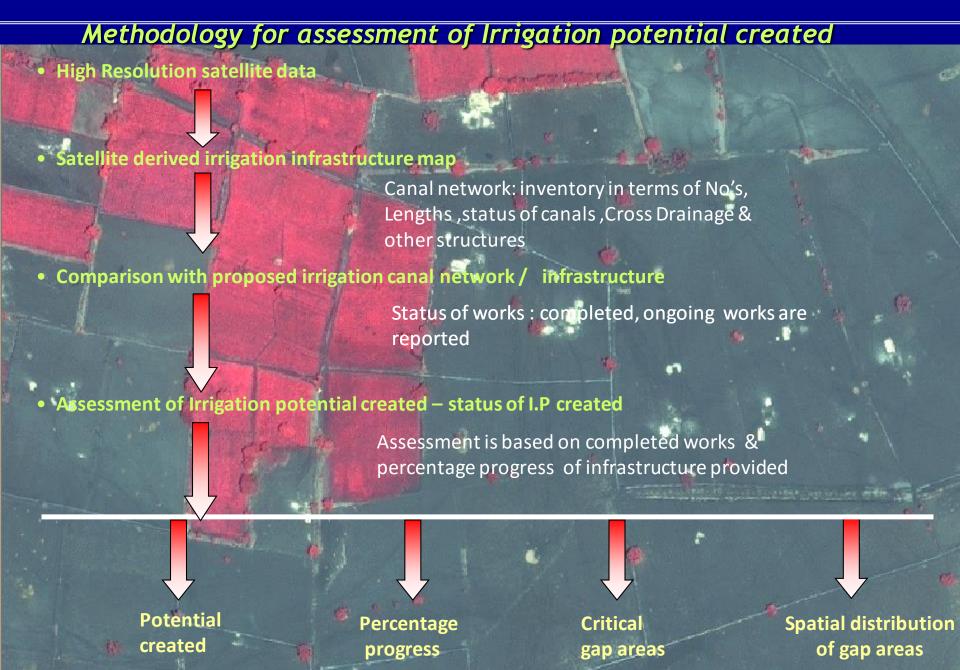
Area in

Makodia1 Agricultural Proposed Cumulative Land Forest Land Other Scrub No. of Storage Crop Fallow Barren FRL (m) (Mcum) Total(ha) Rural Land Dense Open Scrub Rocky Rivers Lakes land Villages Land Makodia1 (bed level) 



Dam Submeregnce: Simulation





## **Image resolutions - Irrigation details**



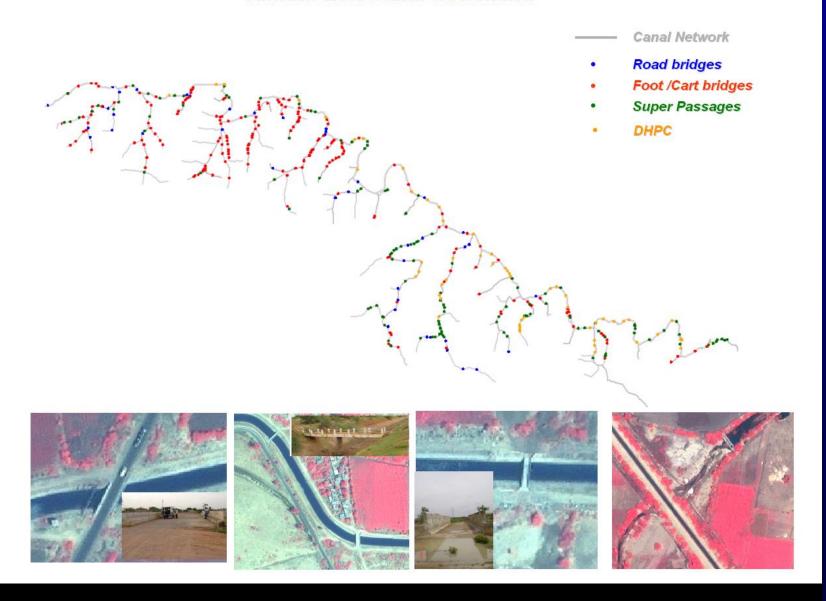
### Assessment of Irrigation Potential created Through Irrigation Infrastructure Mapping

Almatti Left Bank Canal Project, UKP





### Almatti Left Canal Command



Canal, including main canal and distribution system

Completed section i.e., canal in place





Canal section to be constructed









### **Connectivity between Lateral and sub-lateral**





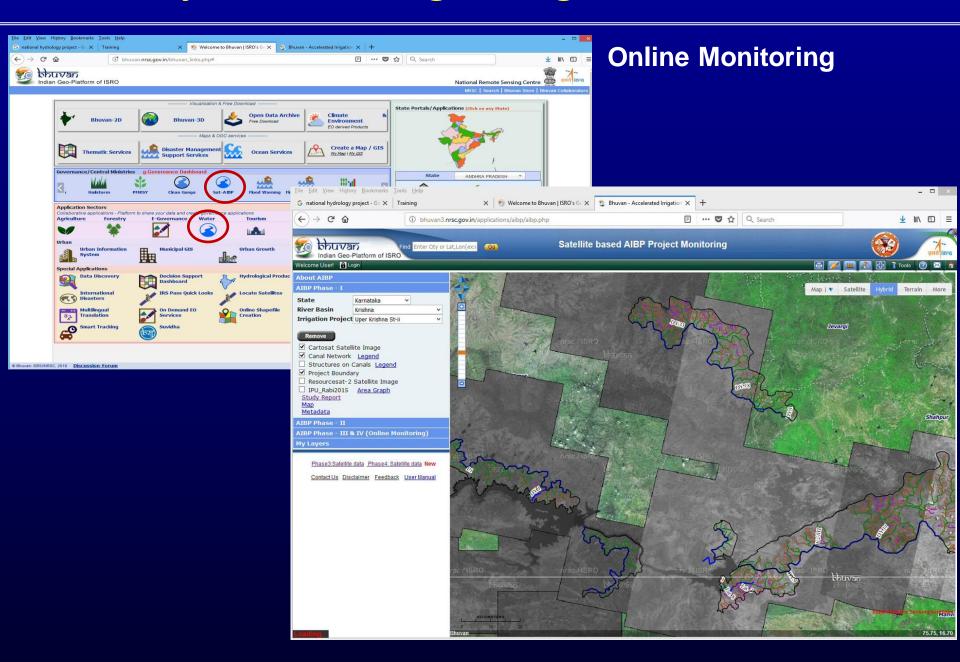
# **Offtake Connectivity**

IKONOS data (1m) March, 2005



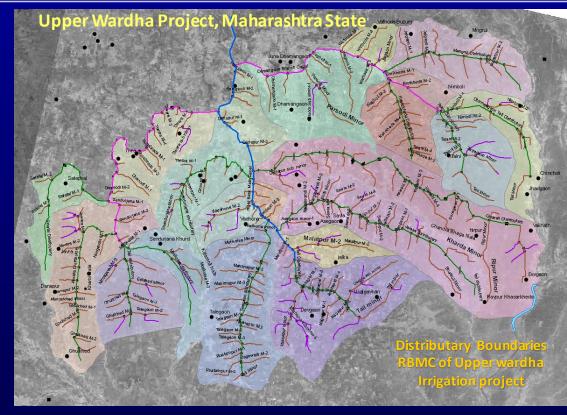
Cartosat1 (2.5m) Feb, 2006



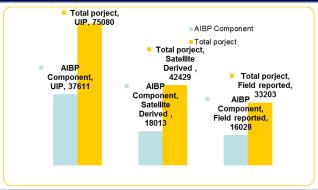


# **Spatial Irrigation Potential Utilization**





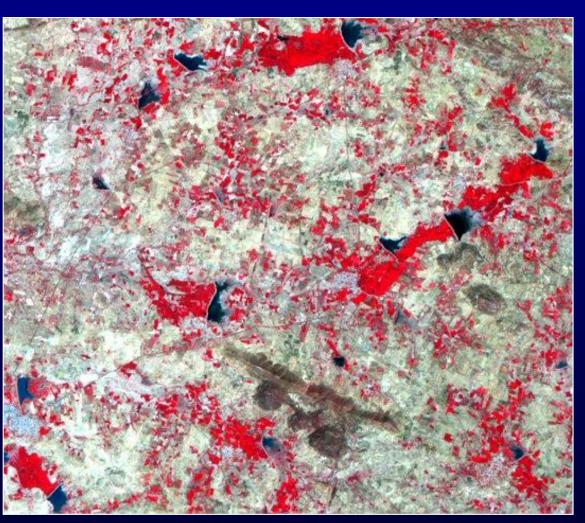
	AIBP component	Total project
	( Ha)	( Ha)
GCA	57,802	1,04,400
CCA	45,900	83,300
ICA	35,154	70,169
Irrigation Potential	37,611	75,080



48% of Irrigation potential is utilized in the AIBP Area

67% of Irrigation potential is utilized at the project level

National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture



- About 5,00,000 water bodies/tanks used for irrigation
- Storage capacity coming down due to improper maintenance, Silting, etc.
- Area under tank irrigation
  4.78 Million ha in 1962-63;
  3.07 Million ha in 1985-86

### **Objectives:**

- Inventory of WSA, crop area and cropping pattern in 2 years (pre-2004-05) and post-2007-08 NPRRR scheme
- Study the crop condition within each tank command area for two seasons

### Study area:

742 tanks spread in 9 Districts of 6 States

State	Districts	
Andhra Pradesh	2	
Chattisgarh	1	
Himachal Pradesh	1	
Jammu&Kashmir	1	
Karnataka	2	
Orissa	2	









**Jungle cutting** 



Works undertaken in NPRRR Programme



The changes in performance of NPRRR tanks from 2004-05 to 2007-08 are assessed through the parameters

Water spread Area

Water spread area

Season-wise crop area

Cropping pattern

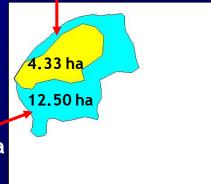
Season-wise crop condition

Irrigation utilisation

Water Spread Area

Water spread Area as on 11-Oct-04

as on 17-Sep-04





Name of State	Name of District	No. of tanks	CCA (in ha)
Andhra Pradesh	Mahabub Nagar	226	20,000
	Anantapur	49	9,060
Chhattisgarh	Kabir Dham	10	2,039
Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	13	1,165
Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	21	1,126
Karnataka	Gulbarga	116	22,744
	Bangalore Rural	180	22,551
Orissa	Ganjam	68	14,247
	Gajapati	59	9,010
Total		742	1,01,942

Jagpalsamudram cheru and Amma cheru Command Area Mahabub Nagar District, Telangana State

**Pre-Improvement** Increase in Crop Area Kharif 2004 100 Rabi Kharif Rabi Kharif 159.7 78.3 Crop Area (ha) 100 20 100 Crop Area (ha) Water spread 27.62 ha Water 31.8 Water spread 14.2 spread 5.82 ha

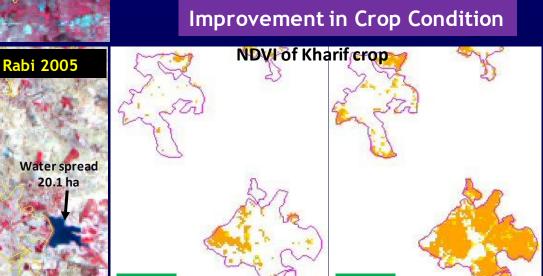
2004-2005

Pre

Water spread

2.67 ha

Jagpalsamudram cheru



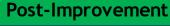
**Post** 

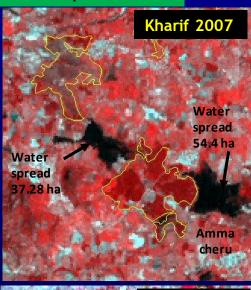
2007-2008

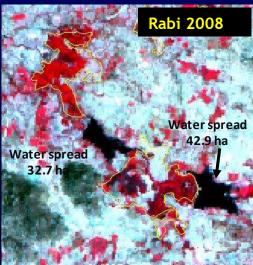
2004-2005

Amma cheru

2007-2008



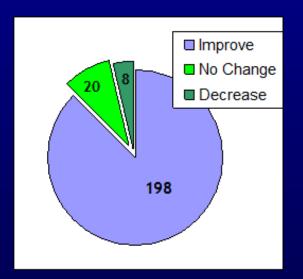




### Mahabub Nagar District, Telangana State

# Impact Evaluation: Observations

**Overall Performance of tanks** 



Out of 226 selected tanks in the district

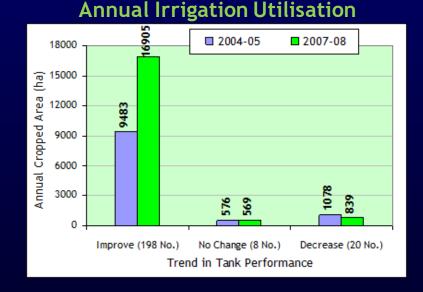
- 198 tanks (87%) showed improvement
- 20 tanks (9%) showed no significant improvement and
- 8 tanks (4%) showed decrease in performance

Crop area (Irrigation utilisation) increase registered

- Annual crop area during 2004-05 was 11,136 ha
- Annual crop area during 2007-08 was 18,312 ha

Increase in annual irrigation utilisation in 198 tanks

- Annual crop area during 2004-05 was 9,483 ha
- Annual crop area during 2007-08 was 16,905 ha

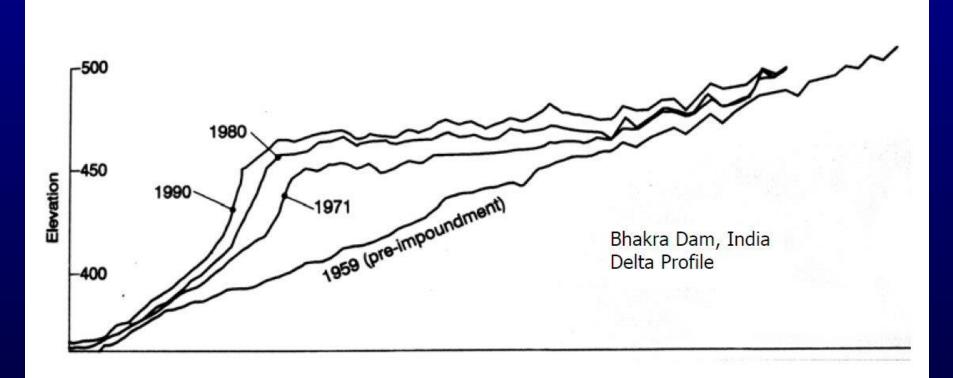


### **Reservoir Sedimentation**

# Longitudinal profile of sedimentation in reservoir Foreset bed Topset bed **Bottomset bed** Max. pool el. **Pivot Point** Normal pool el. **Types of Sediment Delta Deposits** Muddy Lake **Deposits Deposits Tapering** Delta Uniform Wedge

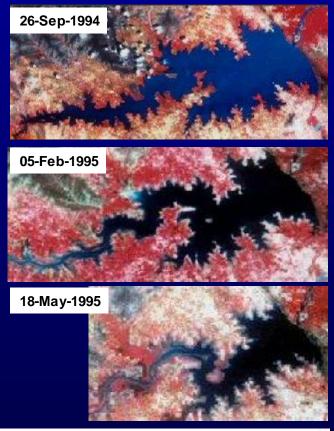
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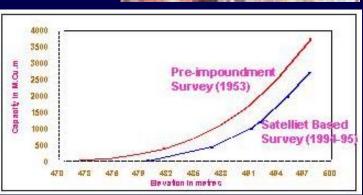
### **Delta profile Upstream of Bhakra Dam**

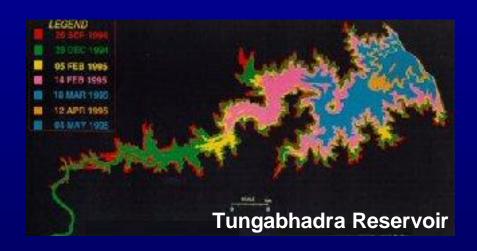


Timewise pattern of delta growth upstream of Bhakra Dam, India. The rate of delta advance slows with time because of reservoir geometry, which deepens and broadens in the downstream direction.

### **Reservoir Sedimentation**



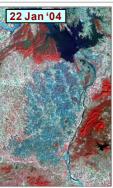




- Multi-temporal satellite images at different water levels of reservoir
- Use of Satellite data to estimate reduction in the "Live Storage capacity" whereas conventional hydrographic surveys used for the "Dead Storage capacity"

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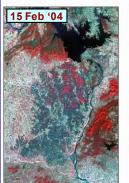




Prior to Irrigation

**Irrigation Supplies Initiated** 

Field Preparation/ Rice Transplantation

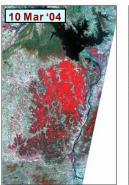








Rice Transplantation / Spectral Emergence / Active Tillering







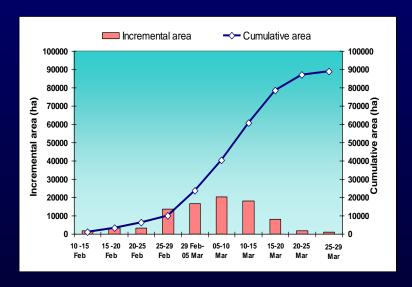


Spectral Emergence / Active Tillering / Heading

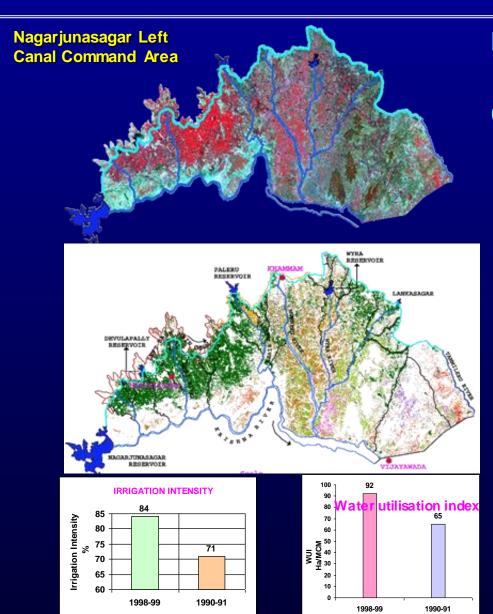
# **Irrigation Command Area Monitoring**

Progression of 2003-04 Rabi Season Crop Area in Hirakud Command

As captured by multi-date AWiFS data



# **Evaluation of Irrigation System Performance**



Irrigation potential created to the tune of 100 Mha. But Water use efficiency

(~ 35%) needs to be improved

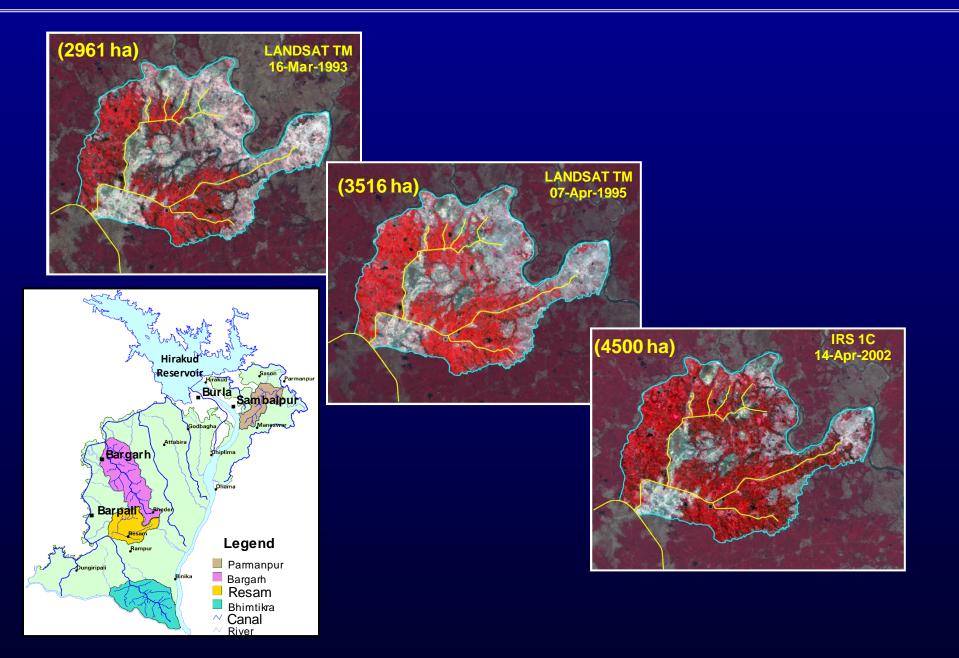
### **Performance indicators**

- Cropping Pattern
- Area under crop
- Irrigation potential utilized
- Irrigation Intensity
- Crop Production
- Water Utilization Index

Identification of Canals with Differential / Poor Performance over Space and Time

**Decision Support For Intervention / Rehabilitation** 

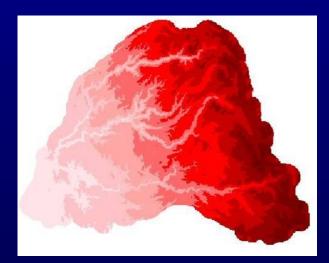
# Performance of Resam Distributary under NWMP/WRCP



# **Hydrological & Hydraulic Modelling**

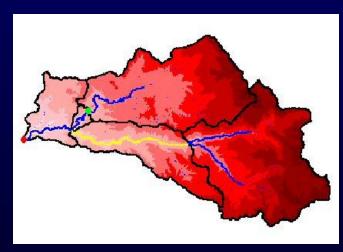
Various inputs required for runoff estimation can be derived from satellite remote sensing.

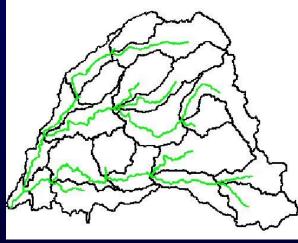
- **□** Digital Elevation Model
- □ Drainage network
- ☐ Catchments boundaries derived from DEM
- ☐ Land use / Land cover
- ☐ Soils



### Stream and catchment characteristics:

- > River length
- River slope
- Basin centriod
- Longest flow path
- Centriodal flow path





#### **Inter-Basin Transfer**

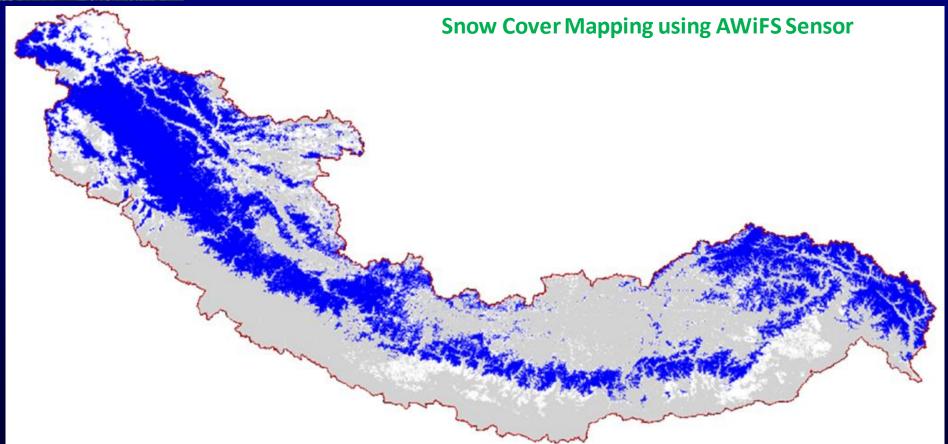


- 12 major river basins and 46 medium river basins with ultimate irrigation potential of 140 Mha
- Episodic deficits and excesses; floods and droughts in several parts
- Feasibility studies on interlinking of river basins
- Space remote sensing inputs used Feasibility studies Topographical Surveys, Hydrological Surveys, Geo-technical / Geological, Environmental & Ecological, Command Area Surveys, Base line information, Water balance studies, Run-off estimation in un-gauged basins

# **Snow Cover Mapping and Monitoring in Himalayas**



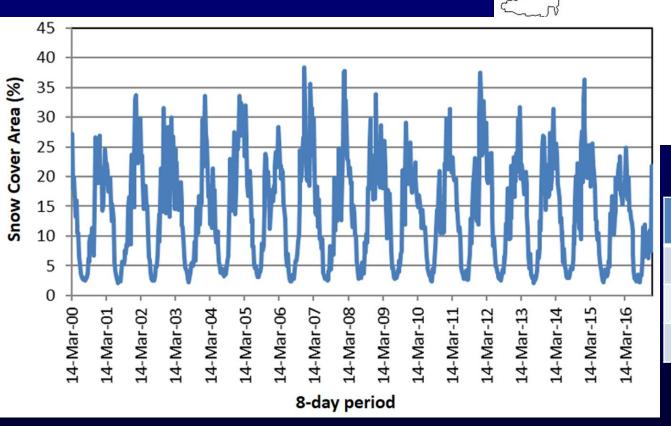
- Snow plays a major role in the hydrology, as it is the major source of water for the many perennial river systems of India.
- Snow accumulation period in the Himalayan region starts from October to March and starting melting during summer months



## **Snow Cover Mapping and Monitoring in Himalayas**

Modis Snow Cover Variations from 2000 to 2016

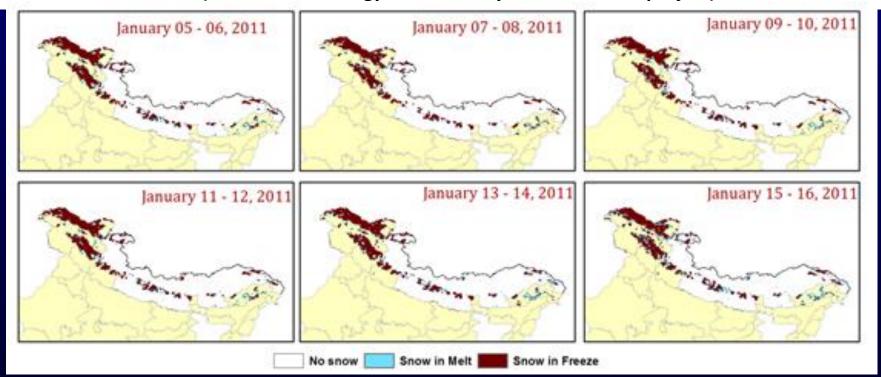
Hindu-Kush Himalayan region with area of 41,93,210 sq.km.



	Area (sq.km)	Area (%)
Maximum	16,07,318	38
Minimum	84,609	2
Mean	6,09,901	15

#### Snow Melt / Freeze

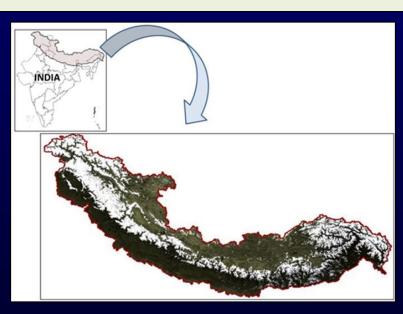
- Indian Himalayas (J&K to Arunachal Pradesh), 0.9 M sq km (covering Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and India)
- 4 zones Upper, Western, Central and Eastern Himalaya
- OSCAT data enhanced resolution images available at 2.225 km resolution
- Oceansat2 satellite, Ku band (13.73 GHz) pencil beam scatterometer, HH and VV polarizations, once in two days, 57° (VV), 49° (HH)
- SRTM DEM
- AWS data from CEOP (Coordinated energy and water cycle observation project)



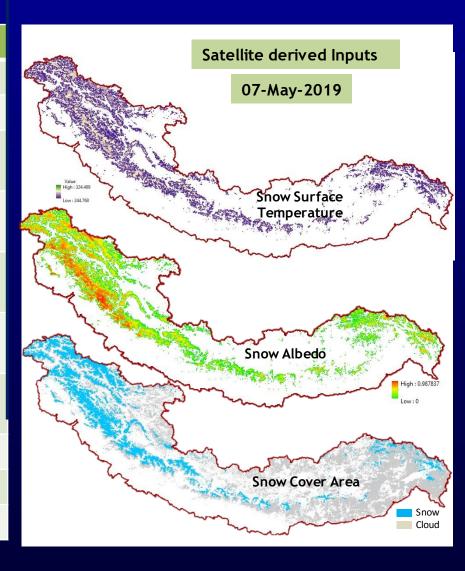
- Snowmelt runoff forecast is critical input for reservoir managers in allocating the water resources for drinking water supply, irrigation and industrial purposes particularly during summer months
- NRSC has been involved in snowmelt runoff modelling and forecasting for the past 2 decades
- Improved snowmelt runoff methodologies from empirical approach to energy Balance approach
- Snowmelt runoff forecasting has been extend from 5 to 16 basins covering entire Indian Himalayas
- Improvement in short-term snowmelt forecasting period from 16-days to 3-days during April-June months

#### **Study Area**

Indian Himalayas
 covering Major river
 systems (Indus,
 Ganga and
 Brahmaputra)
 including outside
 Indian boundary



Input Data Used	Source	
Snow Cover Area	Suomi-NPP derived daily data	
Snow Albedo	Suomi-NPP derived daily data	
Snow Surface Temperature	Suomi-NPP derived daily data	
Incoming Solar Radiation	f(Julian day, lat, long, elevation, slope, aspect)	
Aerosol Optical Depth	INSAT-3D Imager Half-hourly data	
Cloud Cover	INSAT-3D Imager Half-hourly data	
Water Vapour, Ozone	INSAT-3D Sounder Hourly data	
Land Cover	AWiFS satellite data	
DEM	Cartosat / SRTM data	
Discharge, Rainfall	CWC- Field data	



Incoming Surface Shortwave Radiation (without considering atmospheric and land cover effects)



DEM
f(Elevation, slope, aspect, Julian day)



Incoming Surface Shortwave Radiation (atmospheric transmission effects)



Incoming Surface Shortwave Radiation (Cloud cover effect)



Incoming Surface Shortwave Radiation (Land cover effect)



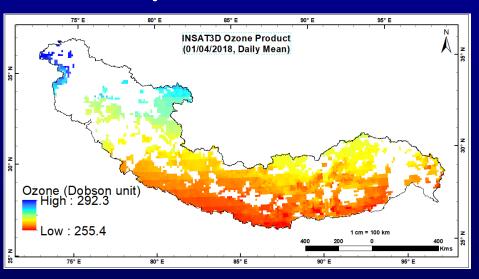
**Net Surface Shortwave Radiation** 

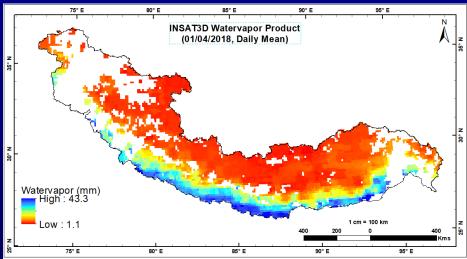


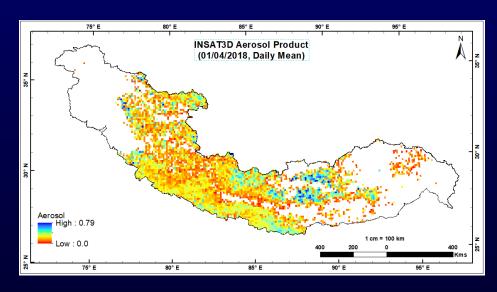


Outgoing Shortwave Radiation (Snow albedo)

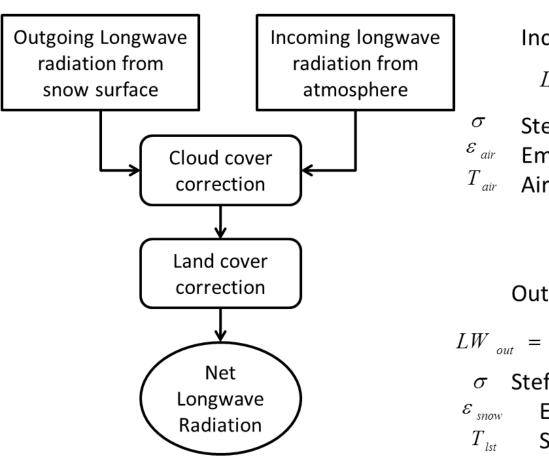
#### **Atmospheric Constituents – Effects on incoming Solar Radiation**







#### **Longwave Radiation**



**Incoming Longwave Radiation** 

$$LW_{in} = \sigma * \varepsilon_{air} * T_{air}^{4}$$

 $\sigma$  Stefan Boltzmann Constant (5.67 × 10 -  $^{8}$  Wm -  $^{2}$  K -  $^{4}$  )

 $^{\mathcal{E}}$  air Emissivity of air

 $T_{\scriptscriptstyle air}$  Air Temperature

**Outgoing Longwave Radiation** 

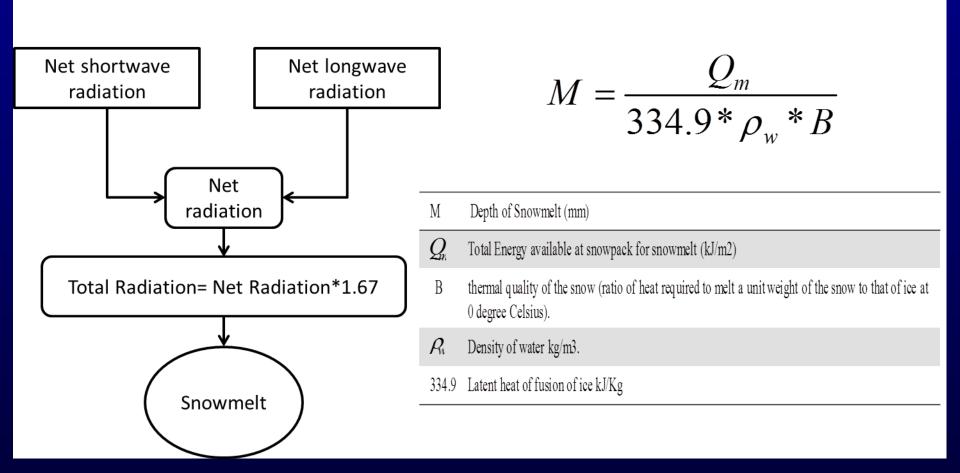
$$LW_{out} = \sigma * \varepsilon_{snow} * T_{lst}^{4} + LW_{in} (1 - \varepsilon_{snow})$$

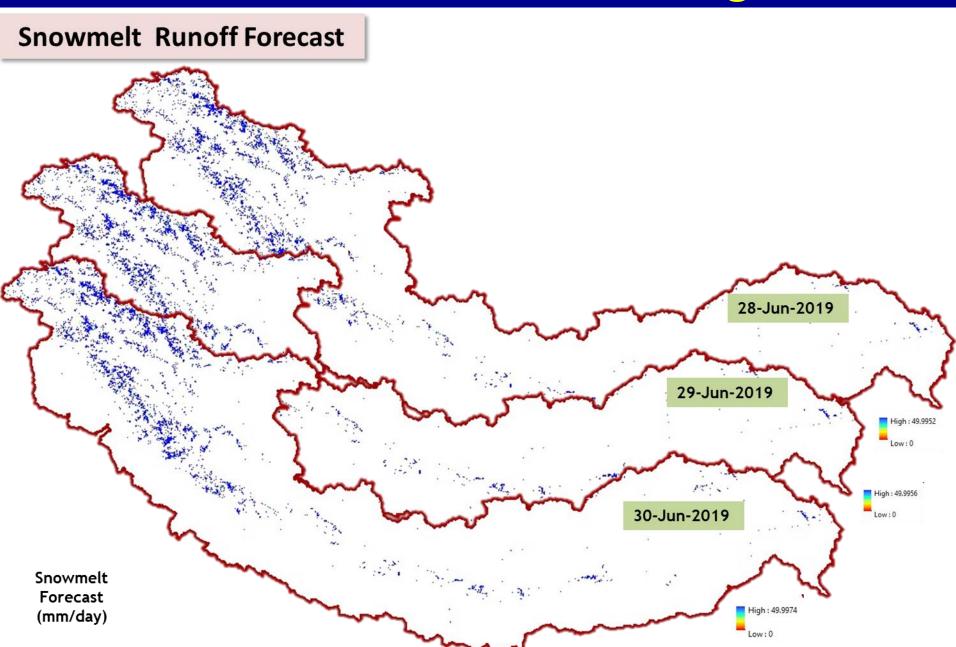
 $\sigma$  Stefan Boltzmann Constant (5.67 × 10<sup>-8</sup> Wm<sup>-2</sup> K<sup>-4</sup>)

 $\varepsilon_{\mathit{snow}}$  Emissivity of snow

 $T_{lst}$  Snow Surface Temperature

#### **Methodology for Snowmelt Calculation**





# **Glacial Lake Monitoring**

#### **Glacial Lake**

A glacial lake is defined as a water mass existing in a sufficient amount and extending with a free surface beside and/or in front of a glacier and originated by glacier activities and/or retreating processes of a glacier.

Periodic or occasional release of large amounts of stored water in a catastrophic outburst flood is widely referred to as a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)





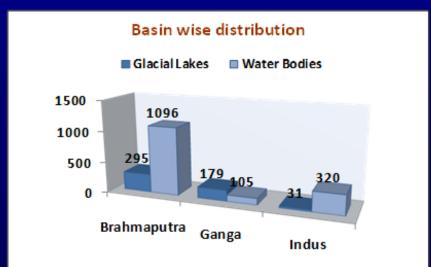


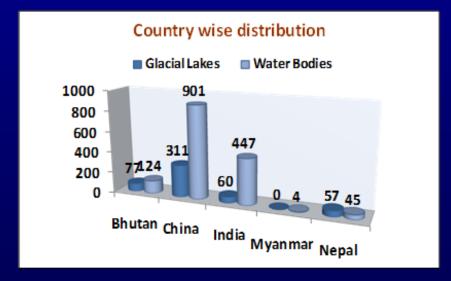


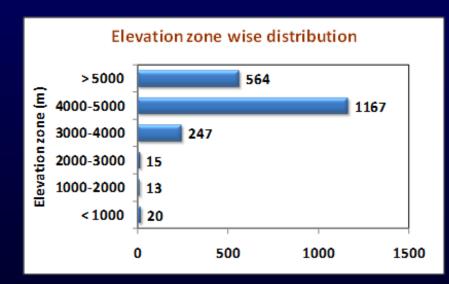


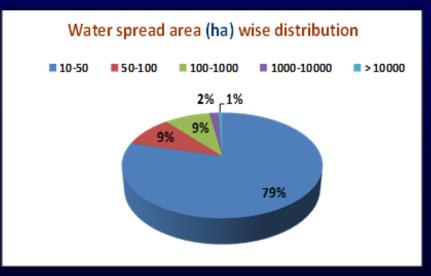
#### **Inventory and Monitoring of Glacial Lakes in Indian Himalayas**

- Prepared inventory of glacial lakes & water bodies > 10 Ha during 2009
- Monitoring of the glacial lakes & water bodies > 50 Ha on monthly basis during June to October months for 2011 to 2015 (5 years) completed and being continued by CWC







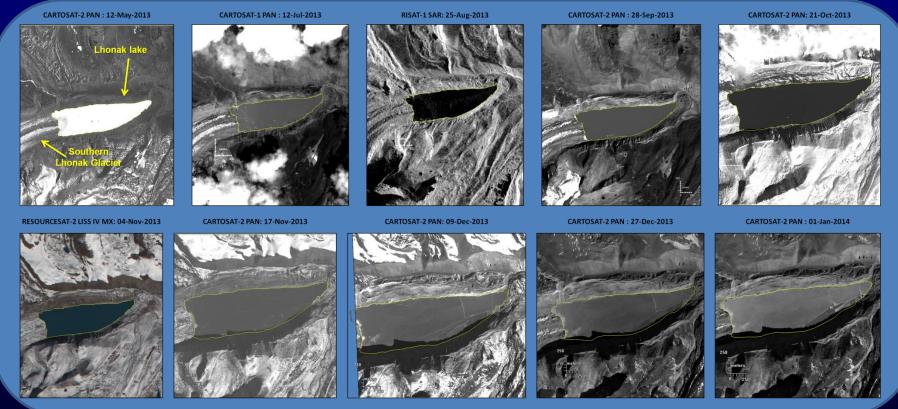


# **Glacial Lake Monitoring**

- Monitoring the spatial extent of the glacial lakes
- Monthly basis (June to October) for 5 years (2011-15)
- Close monitoring with high resolution images



#### **Lhonak lake in Sikkim**

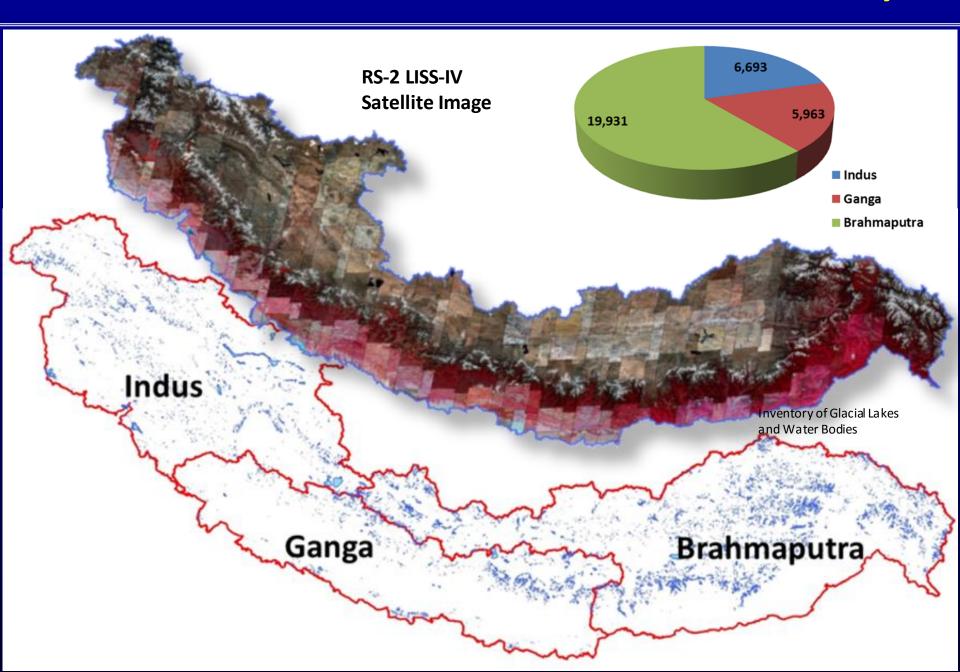


#### Background

- Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) is a type of outburst flood that occurs when the moraines blocking a glacial lake fails due to its unstable nature of the material
- Information on glacial lakes in Indian Himalayas is important for identifying the critical lakes which are prone to GLOF for disaster risk reduction

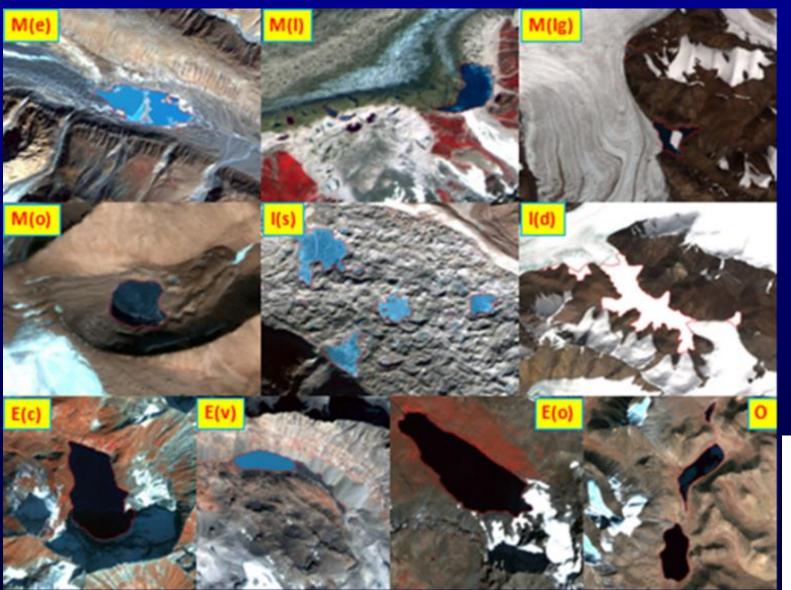
#### **Inventory of Glacial Lakes**

- Inventory of glacial lakes (> 0.25 ha) are prepared using RS-2 LISS-IV satellite data covering catchment areas of rivers originating from Indian Himalayas
- Generated about 21 hydrological, topographical and other attributes of glacial lakes
- Glacial lakes of 4 types (10 sub-types) were identified from the satellite image



#### **Risk Assessment of Glacial lakes**

- Inventory of glacial lakes using satellite data
- Preliminary screening and Ranking of critical lakes
- Selection of Critical glacial lakes
- GLOF Modeling
  - Dam-breach analysis and flood simulation
  - Flood Inundation Maps
- Vulnerability Assessment
  - Economic Vulnerability
  - Social Vulnerability
- Risk Assessment
  - Estimation of Hazard
  - Vulnerability assessment



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M(I): Lateral-moraine

M(lg): Lateral-moraine(ice)

**M(o):** Other-moraine **I(s):** Supra-glacial

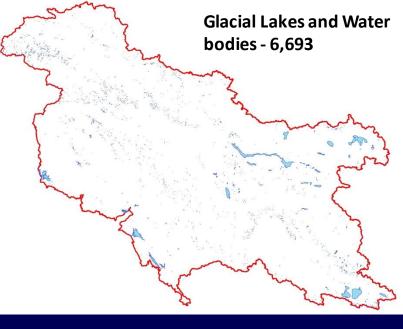
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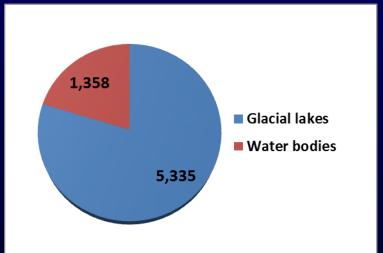
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#### **Glacial Lakes in Indus Basin**



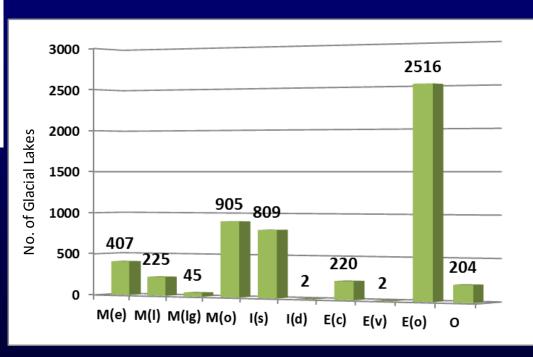


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M(l): Lateral-moraine
M(lg): Lateral-moraine(ice)

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#### **Step 1: Preliminary Screening**

- 1. Lake Type
- 2. Lake Area > 1 ha
- 3. Glacier Association
- 4. Contributing to WB (w/o Sett.)

#### **Screening:**

1. Based on **Type: (Moraine, Supra, Cirque)** 

M(e): End-moraine Dammed Lake
M(I): Lateral-moraine Dammed Lake

M(lg): Lateral-moraine Dammed Lake (with ice)

M(o): Other-moraine Dammed Lake
I(s): Supra-glacial Lake

I(d): Ice-dammed Lake
E(c): Cirque-erosion Lake

- Based on Area > 1ha
- 3. Based on **Glacier Association**:
  - M(e), M(lg) Already associated
  - M(I), M(o) Check glacier association
  - I(s) Closely-spaced in Valley Glacier
     (>2 nos. within 500m from upstream of snout)
  - E(c) Glacier Association + Steep Hanging Glacier (> 15° or > 33.3%)

#### Step 2: Ranking

- 1. Lake Type
- 2. Lake Area
- 3. Lake distance from associated Glacier Snout
- 4. Slope between Glacier Snout and Lake
- 5. Distance of Lake from Settlement/Infrastructure
- 6. Slope b/w Glacial Lake and Settlement/Infrastructure

#### **Preliminary Screening and Prioritization of Glacial Lakes**

#### **Indus Basin**



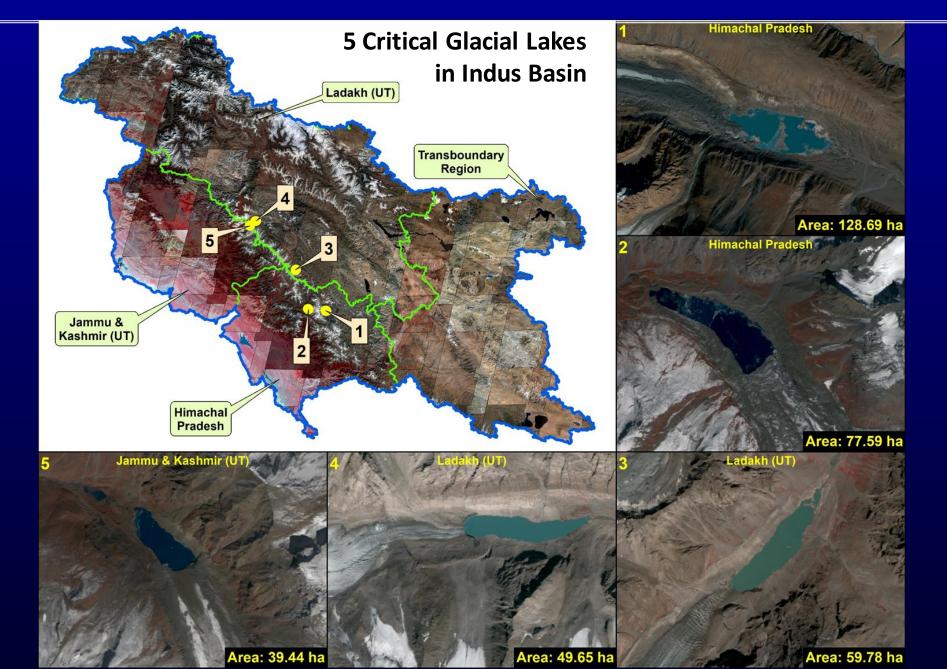
#### **Ganga Basin**



#### **Assessment of Potentiality for Ranking of Glacial Lakes: Results**

- Index Approach
  - Equal Weight Method
  - Unequal Weight Method

- Analytical Hierarchy Process
- Qualitative Analysis



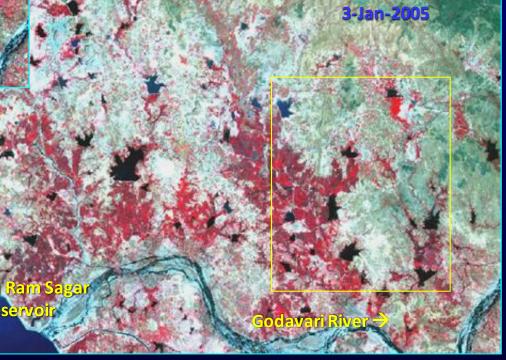
# **Water Bodies Mapping and Monitoring**



## **Water Spread Area**



Tank No	Water Spread (Area in hectares) 1990 2005	
1	54.25	42.75
2	25.07	15.88
3	21.56	17.69
4	60.00	36.00
5	58.18	41.25



# Water Bodies Information System - Bhuvan

- Water Bodies Information System (WBIS) provides a dynamic data visualization and helps in analysis surface water spread information of water-bodies from year 2012.
- Surface water bodies dynamic water spread information is available at 15 day interval (WB>2ha. In size, ~2.05 lakhs)
- Useful in water assessment, inland fisheries potential, hydrological drought, sedimentation survey etc.

Water bodies	No. of water bodies
> 50 ha	12,831
5- 50 ha	1,25,450
2-5 ha	86,508
1-2 ha	1,57,389
<1 ha	12,51,418+



Size wise statistics of water-bodies over entire India

**Water Bodies Information System** 

# Water Bodies Information System - Bhuvan



Monthly: (April 2019)
Sriram Sagar Dam:

WSA: 7692 ha Sensor: LISS III

Capacity: 244.0 Mcum

Fortnightly: (April 1fn 2019)

**Tungabhadra Dam:** 

WSA: 5392 ha

Sensor: LANDSAT 8 OLI

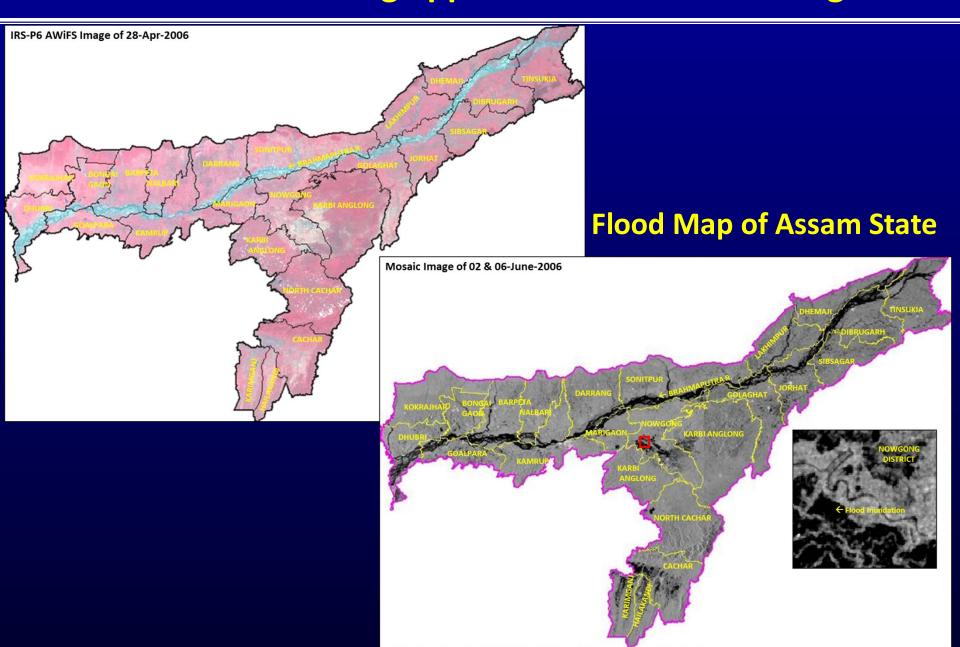
Capacity: 181.2 Mcum



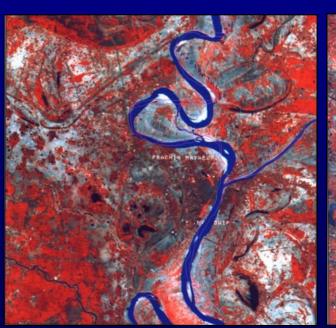
#### **Satellite Remote Sensing Applications in Flood Management**

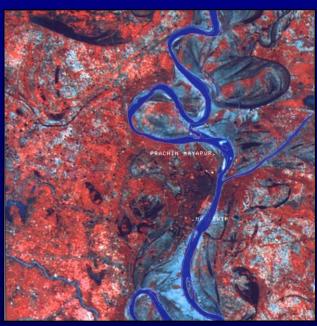
- Flood Inundation mapping and monitoring
- Rapid and scientific based Damage Assessment
- Mapping of river configuration & flood control structures
- Detecting changes in the river course
- Identification of River Bank erosion
- Identification of chronic flood prone areas
- Flood hazard & risk assessment
- Flood Inundation Modelling
- Flood Forecasting & Spatial flood warning

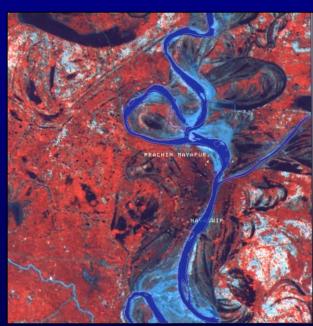
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# Change of Bhagirathi river course near Prachin Mayapur during April 1989 and October 1990





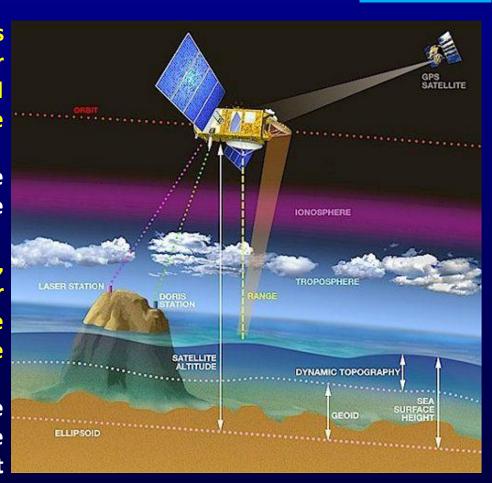


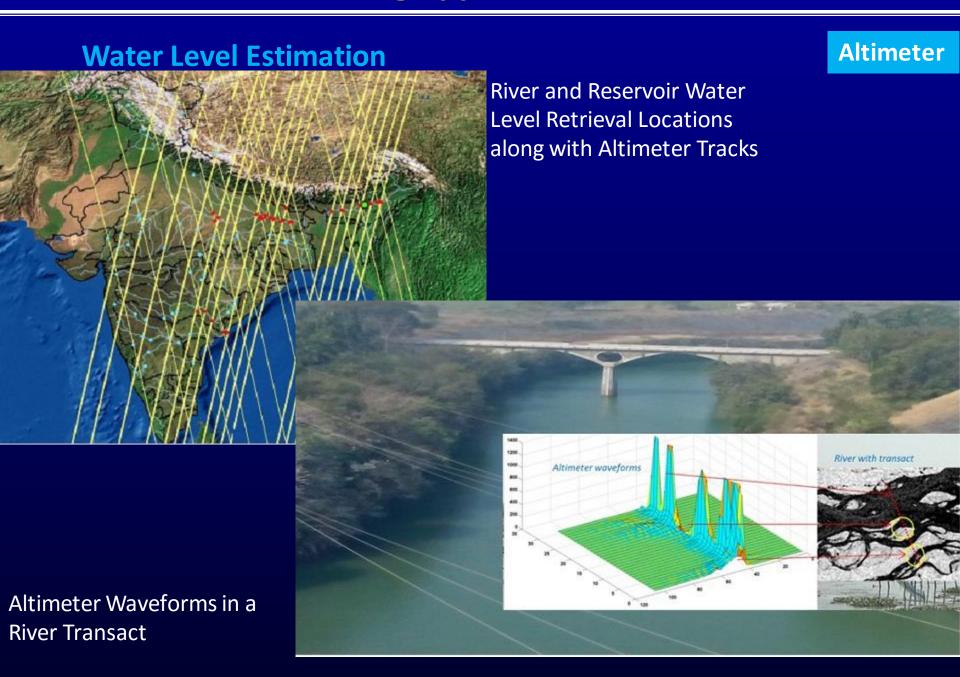
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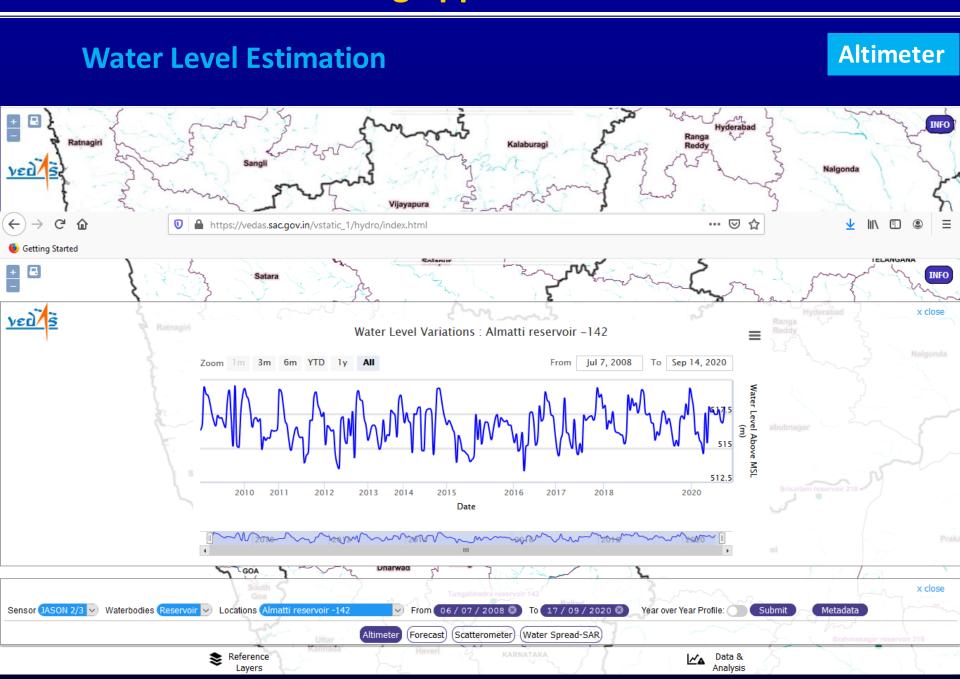
#### **Water Level Estimation**

Altimeter

- ❖ Radar altimeters on board the satellites transmit signals at high frequencies (over 1,700 pulses per second) to Earth and receive the echoes from the surface (the 'waveform').
- ❖ The precise measurement of the time taken to make the round trip between the satellite and the surface.
- ❖ EM waves travel through the atmosphere, they can be decelerated by water vapour or ionisation. Once these phenomena have been corrected for, the final range can be estimated with great accuracy.
- ❖ The ultimate aim is to measure surface height relative to a terrestrial reference frame. This requires independent measurements of the satellite's orbital trajectory, i.e. exact latitude, longitude and altitude coordinates.







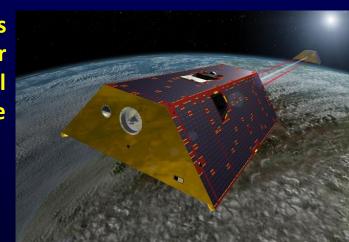
#### **Ground Water Estimation**

**Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment(GRACE)** 

- The GRACE twin satellites (launched 2002) follow each other in orbit around the Earth, separated by about 137 miles (220 km).
- GRACE data will be a series of measurements showing how far apart two satellites are from each other. They will constantly send microwave signals to each other to measure the distance between them.
- As the pair circles the Earth, areas of slightly stronger gravity (greater mass concentration) affect the lead satellite first, pulling it away from the trailing satellite.
- As the satellites continue, the trailing satellite is pulled toward the lead satellite as it passes over the gravity anomaly.
- All this information from the satellites will be used to construct monthly maps of the Earth's average gravity field, offering details of how mass, in most cases water, is moving around the planet.

GRACE-FO, (2018) will continue the work of tracking Earth's water movement to monitor changes in underground water storage, the amount of water in large lakes and rivers, soil moisture, ice sheets and glaciers, and sea level caused by the addition of water to the ocean.

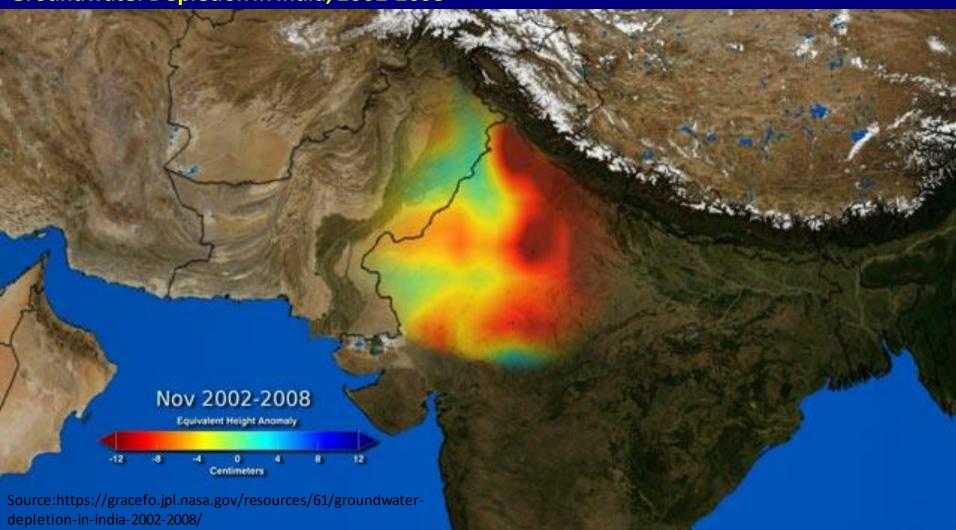
K-band Ranging System (KBR) Instruments Ultra Stable Oscillator (USO) **SuperSTAR Accelerometers (ACC)** 



**Ground Water Estimation** 

**Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment(GRACE)** 

Groundwater Depletion in India, 2002-2008





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