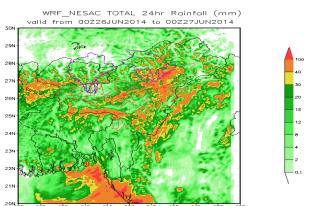
# GIS BASED HYDRO-MET STREAM FLOW FORECASTING FOR EARLY WARNING OF FLOOD IN BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY AN OVERVIEW

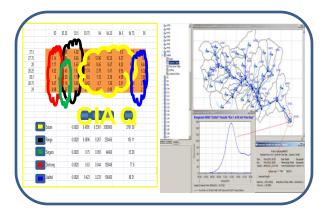








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Date: 09-03-2016

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## **Overall flood Management activities**

- Weather watch using satellite data
- Rainfall data collection & analysis
- Run-off estimation
- Flood level/stage assessment
- Early warning
- Risk assessment
- Damage assessment
- Relief & Rehabilitation

## TWO BROAD APPROACHES OF FLOOD FORECASTING

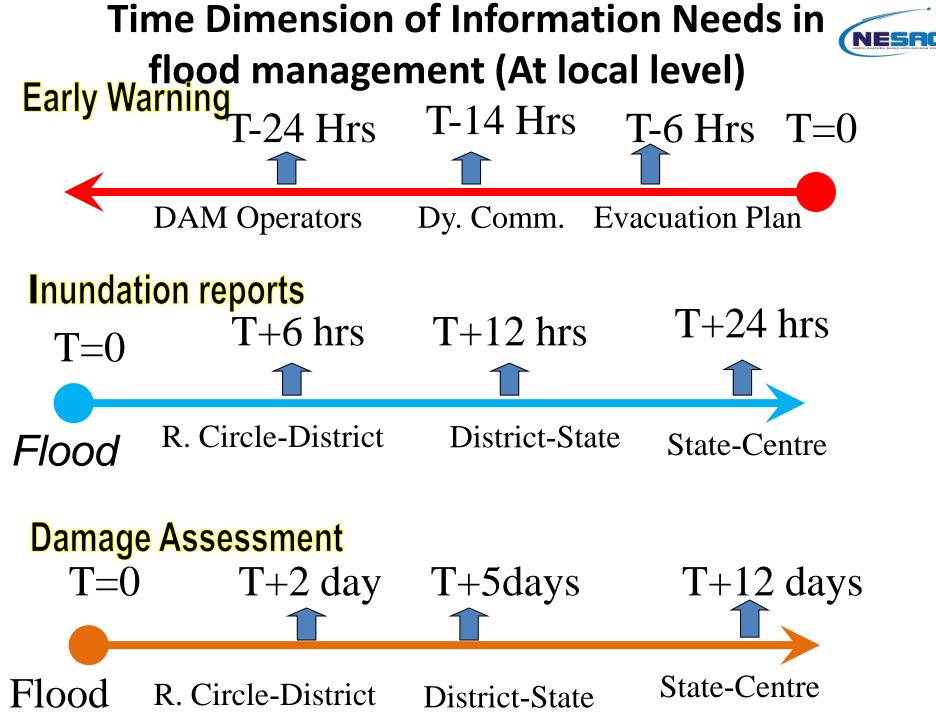
#### **APPROACH 1:**

- Automatic Stage gauges at various locations in flood prone rivers
  - Advantages:
    - Accurate and possibility for continuous monitoring of river stages and transmission of data through telemetry.
  - Drawbacks :
    - Very costly, manpower needs and continuous systems maintenance.
    - Not possible to predict spatial extent of the flood event.
    - Installation and maintenance problems in complex terrains + Security against theft



#### **APPROACH 2:**

- Numerical Hydro-Met prediction system
  - Combination of Numerical Weather prediction, Distributed Hydrological and Hydraulic Modelling, Synoptic weather monitoring and In-situ gauge monitoring



## **Major Components**



## **FLOOD PREPAREDNESS** (FORECASTING & EARLY WARNING):

#### METEOROLOGICAL COMPONENT

- NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION / FORECAST & SYNOPTIC WATCH
  - Daily Weather forecast WRF Numerical Prediction in NER domain
  - Real time satellite images and products IMD , ISRO Kalpana-1, etc
  - Synoptic Weather Conditions Analysis & Advisory IMD, AWS, etc

#### HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT

HYDROLOGICAL MODELLING (Flood Discharge estimation & alert generation)

Distributed/Quasi-distributed /Lumped methods using forecasted WRF data Analysis of forecasted flood discharge with river water levels, threshold condition, etc Ground Reconciliation of current Flood level/stage with WRD-Assam, CWC, etc GD sites

#### **DISSEMINATION of Flood Alerts** (when threshold conditions are exceeded)

SMS, E-Mails, Web dissemination etc

#### POST - FLOOD (Mitigation Component)

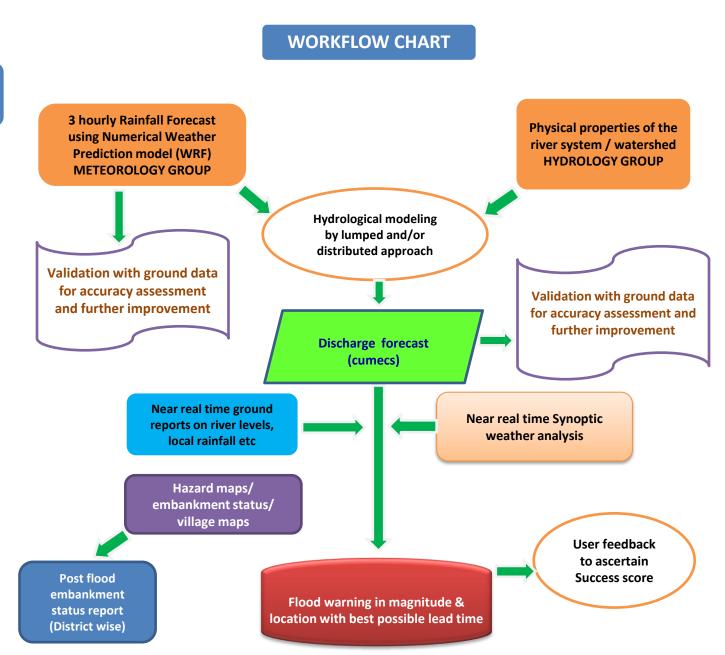
- River Embankment Breach Monitoring
- Flood Inundation Mapping (near Real-time)

### **OVERALL WORKFLOW & MAJOR COMPONENTS**



# MAJOR COMPONENTS

- Meteorology Component
- ✓ Weather Research Forecast (WRF)
- Synoptic weather forecasting
- Hydrology Component
- Distributed hydrological model
- ✓ Hydraulic Modelling
- Embankment breach watch
- Pre-flood protection structures monitoring
- Post-flood embankment breaches



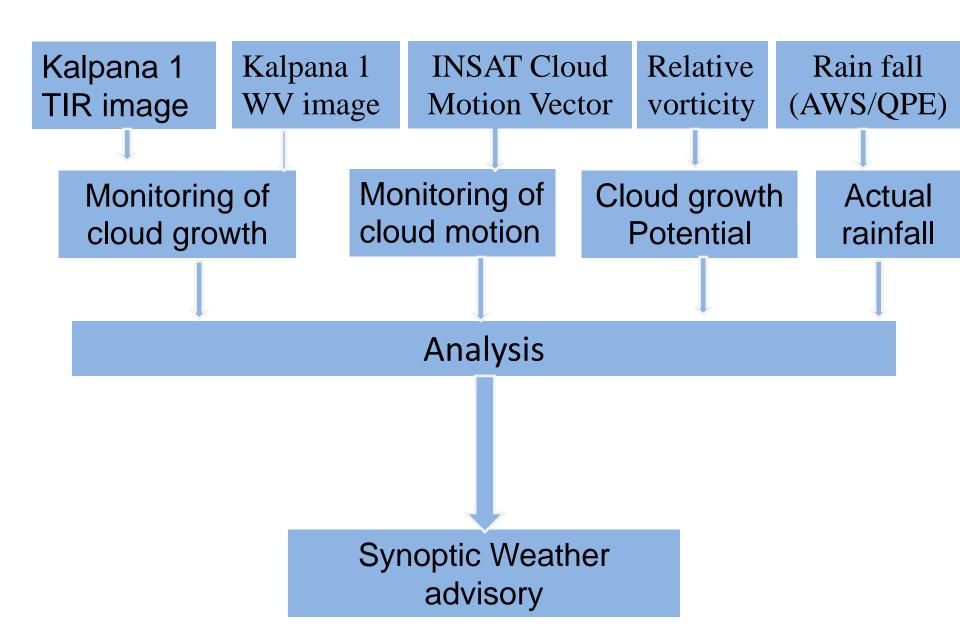


## What is Synoptic Weather Monitoring?

A meteorological observation made on the earth's surface in contrast with an upper air observation, at periodic interval of sky cover, state of the sky, cloud height, atmospheric pressure, temperature, precipitation, wind speed and direction etc. that prevails at the time of the observation or have been observed since the previous observation.

# **Synoptic Weather Advisory Flow Chart**

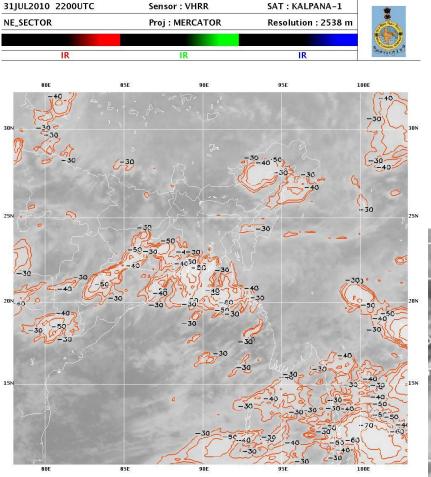




## **Monitoring of Cloud growth**

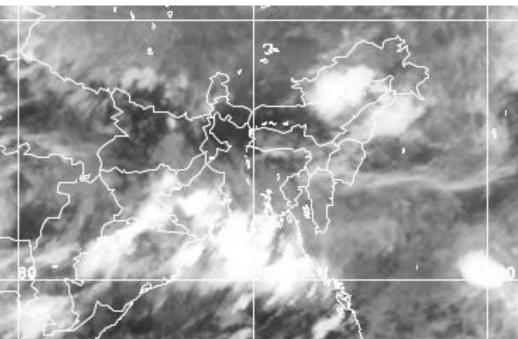


# Cloud top temperature from Thermal Infra Red (TIR) channel image



Source of data: IMD (JPEG), MOSDAC (HDF), NOAA (JPEG)

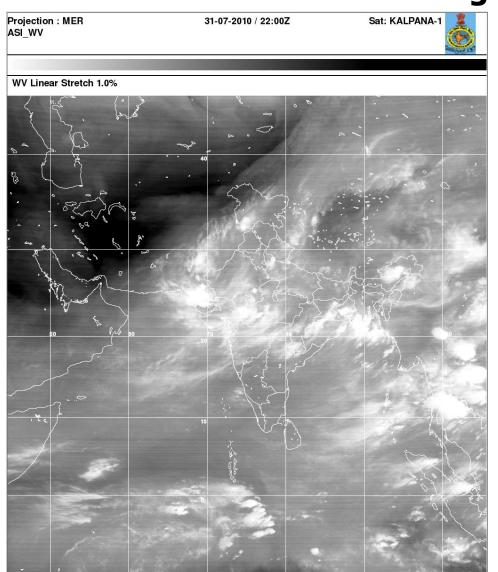
NER sector image is available with cloud top temperature (CTT). CTT value less than -40 °C indicates presence of cumulonimbus cloud (if not cirrus cloud), which normally gives heavy precipitation (apprx 25 mm/day)



# Monitoring of cloud growth



# Columnar moisture from Water Vapour (WV) channel image



WV image provides information on total precipitable water vapor in the atmosphere column.

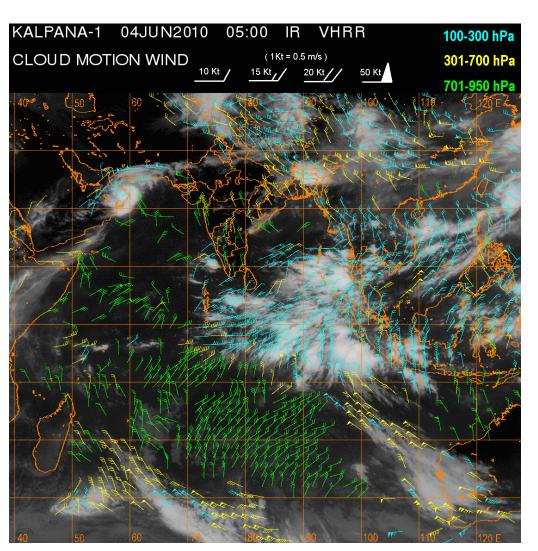
WV channel image helps in differentiating the cirrus clouds from cumulonimbus clouds.

Source of data: IMD (JPEG), MOSDAC (HDF), NOAA (JPEG)

## Monitoring of cloud motion



# Wind speed and direction from Cloud Motion Vector (CMV) images



CMV Image is observed to assess the direction of motion of existing cloud during next 12 hours (approx).

CMV gives the wind speed and direction at three levels.

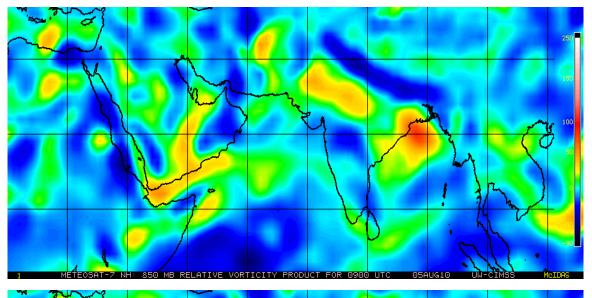
Lower (0.5 - 3.5 km), Middle (3.5- 8.0 km) and Upper (8.0 -16.0 km) atmosphere.

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## **Cloud growth potential**

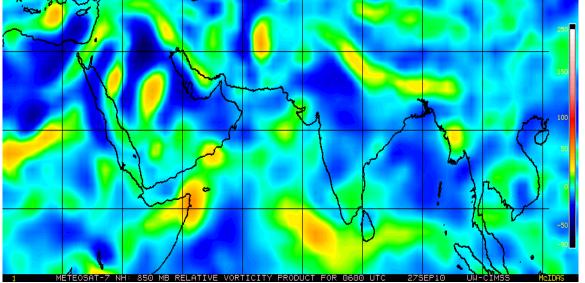
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## Relative vorticity: An indicator of cloud formation



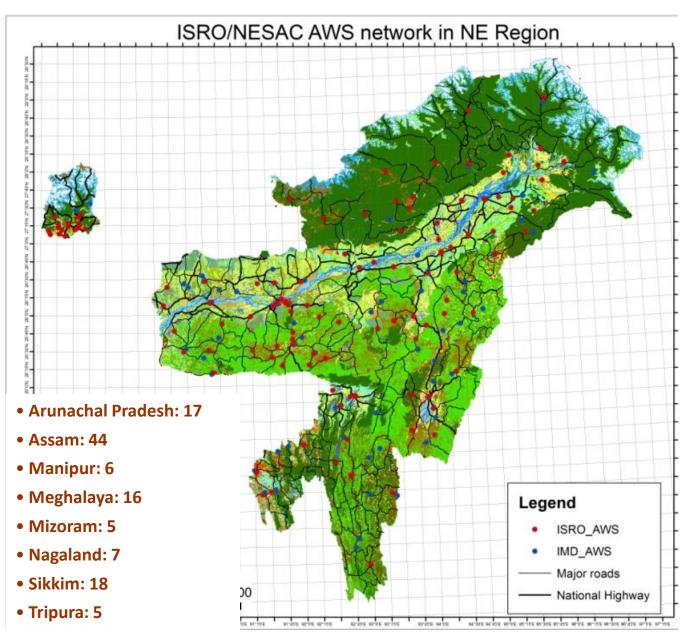
Relative vorticity indicates about degree of instability in the atmosphere (a condition conducive for convection)

During monsoon season, Strong vorticity normally leads to strong system formation, owing to steady moisture supply.



Source of data: Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS), Wisconsin University, USA.

## **AWS** network in NER of India

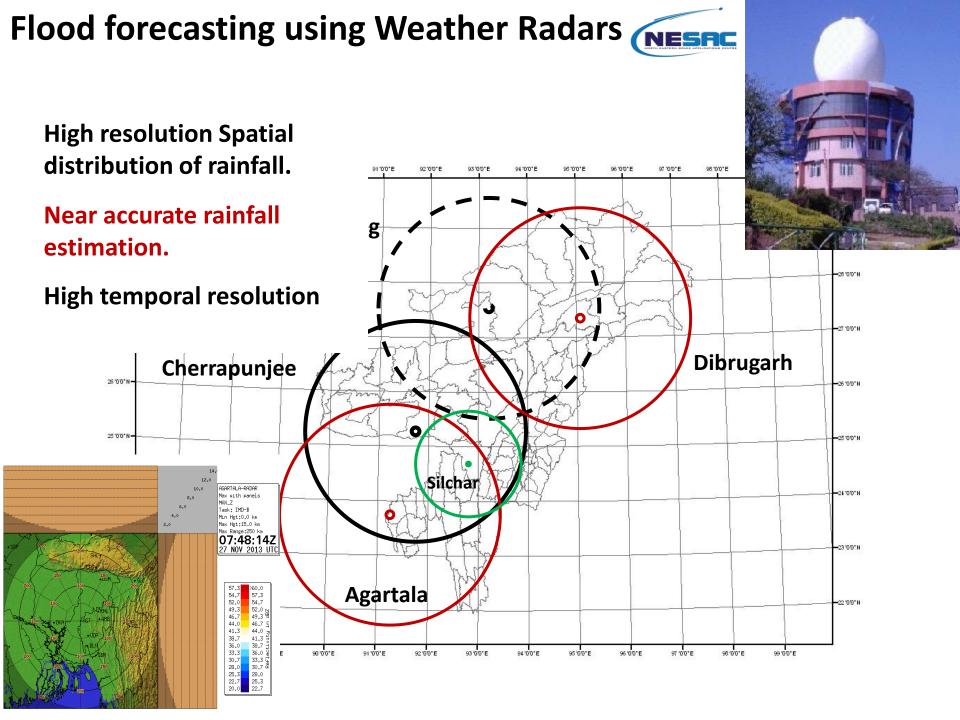


- Temperature
- Atm. Pressure



- Relative Humidity
- Rainfall
- Sunshine duration
- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction

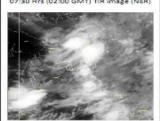


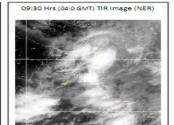


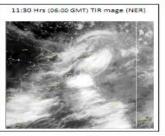


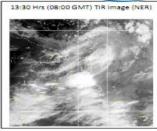




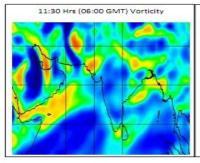


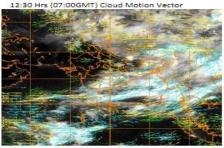


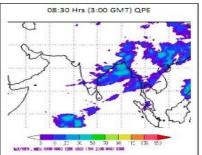




# Synoptic Weather advisory







Past 24 hrs rainfall (mm) as on 14:30 Hrs

Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Sivasagar			Barpeta, Nalbari, Baksa, Dhubri and Goalpara		Darrang Morigaon and Sonitpor		Barak Basin		
Station Name	Rainfall	Station Name	Rainfall	Station Name	Rainfall	Station Name	Rainfall	Station Name	Rainfall
Lakhimpur	14 mm	Basar	20 mm	Bongaigaon	159 mm	Mangaldoi	55 mm	Karimganj	NA
Dhemaji	26 mm	Mengio	4 mm	Rangia	80 mm	Silghat	NA	Hailakandi	NA
Itanagar	NA	Daporijo	NA	Nalbari	NA	Viswanath Ch.	NA	Silchar	23 mm
Ziro	23 mm	Koloriang	NA	Barpeta	NA				
Yazeli	NA		-	Dhubri	52 mm			Jowai	194mm
Passighat	155 mm	Sivasagar	12 mm	Goalpara	180 mm				
Seppa	25 mm								

#### Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (IMD) rainfall in mm

Basin	Rainfall	Basin	Rainfall (mm)	Basin	Rainfall	Basin	Rainfall
Subansiri	NA						

NA- Not Available

IMD weather forecast (based on 25th June 2012 midday) up to 0830 hours IST of 26th June, 2012: Rain/thundershowers would occur at most places over northeastern states.

Synoptic Weather and rainfall probability for next 12 hrs:

East Assam area: Moderate rainfall amounting 20-40 mm expected over the area.

West Assam area: Moderate to high rainfall amounting 20-50 mm expected over the area. Some places over the northern part may get rainfall more than 50mm in next 24 hours.

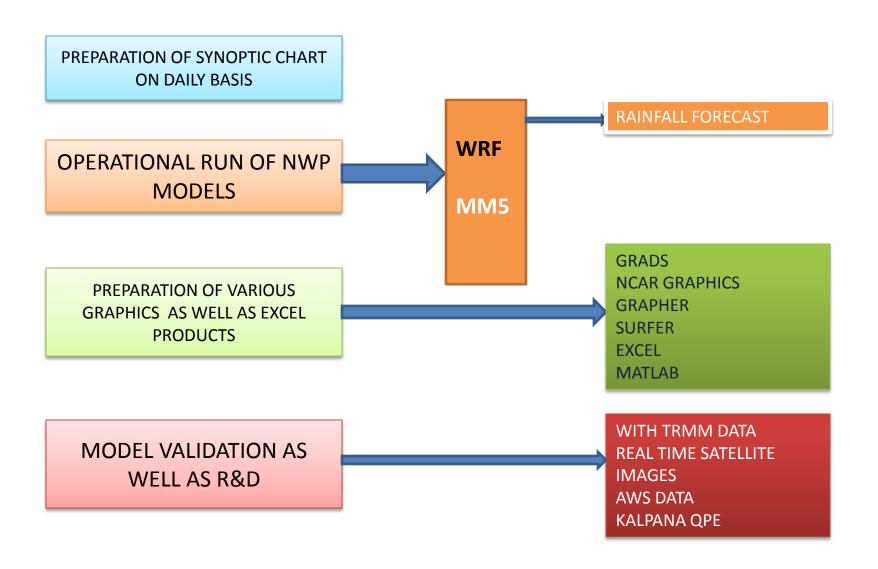
South Assam area: High rainfall amounting 30-50 mm expected over the area. Rainfall more than 50 mm expected over some places. Need to monitor critically.

Middle Assam area: Moderate rainfall amounting 20-40 mm expected over the area.

Jaintia Hills area: High rainfall amounting 30-50 mm expected over the area.

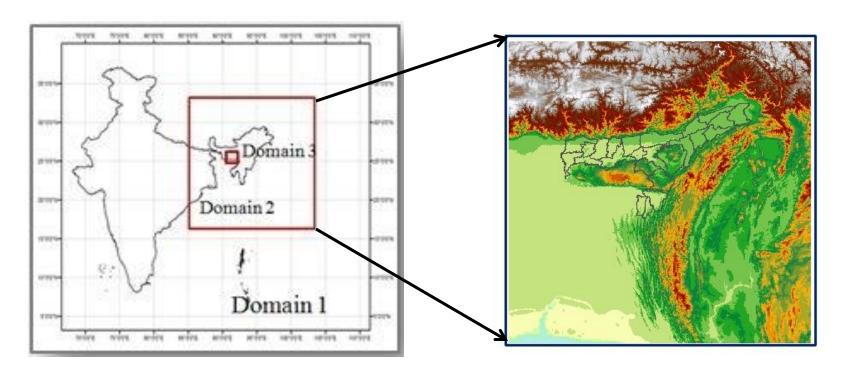


## **NUMERACIAL WEATHER PREDICTION**





## The NWP met model nesting



Central Lat Lon	21°N 88°E		
Number of grids	180 ×180 , 184 × 184		
Horizontal resolution	27 km, 9Km, 3 Km		
Vertical levels	36		
Time step	120 sec		
Projection	Mercator		

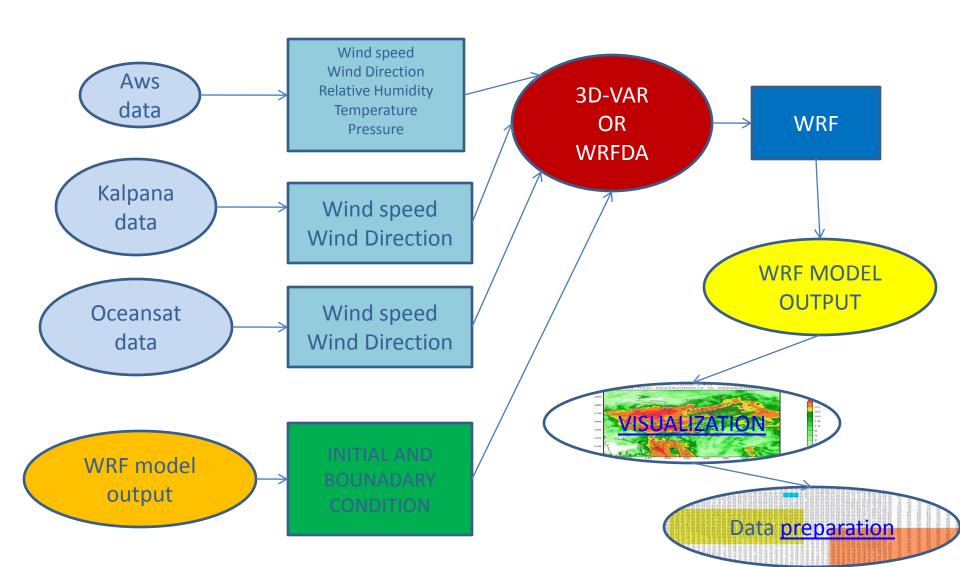


## Components of the WRF model

□ Governing Equations
(Vertical co-ordinates & Variables, Moisture inclusion, Map projection &
Curvature)
Model discretization
(Time integration, Spatial Integration, model domains)
Boundary Conditions
(Initial boundary conditions, Lateral boundary conditions)
☐ Model Nesting
(Same level nests, Telescopic nests, Overlapping nests etc)
Variational Data assimilation
Wind speed, wind direction, Humidity, Temp, pressure etc. either from NASA
GFS or AWS or Indian weather satellites Kalpana Meteosat and Oceansat-II)



# WRF MODEL SYSTEM FLOW CHART

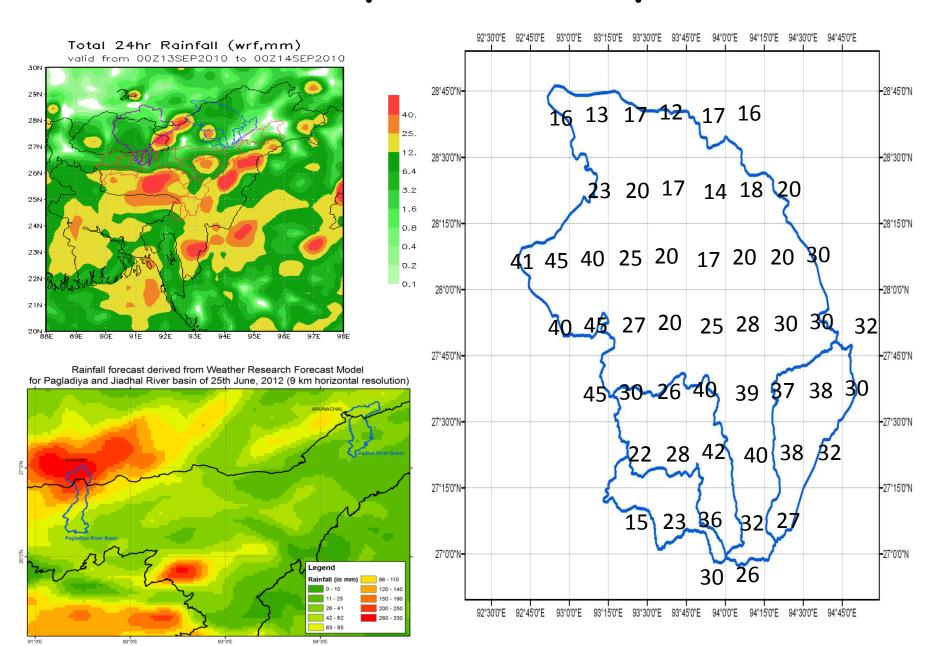


# Some Schemes and configurations of different components of WRF model

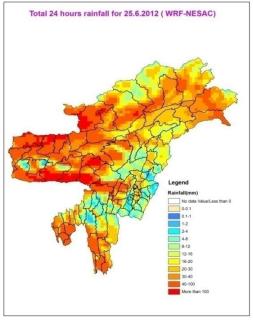
Central Lat Lon	25 N 90 E				
Number of grids	80 ×85 , 109 ×106, 85×64				
Horizontal resolution	9KM				
Vertical levels	36				
Time step	20 sec				
Microphysics	Thompson graupel scheme				
Long Wave Radiation	RRTM Scheme				
Short Wave Radiation	Dudhia Scheme				
Surface Layer Option	Monin Obukhov				
Land surface Option	Thermal Diffusion				
Cumulus Option	Kain Fritch (New Eta)				
Time integration scheme	Third-order Runge–Kutta				

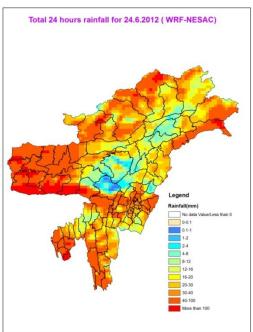
# A sample WRF Output



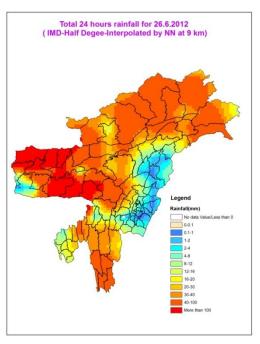


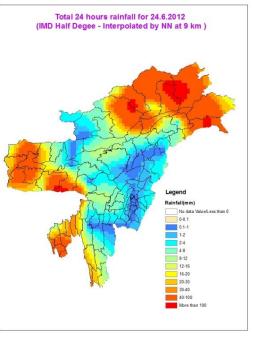






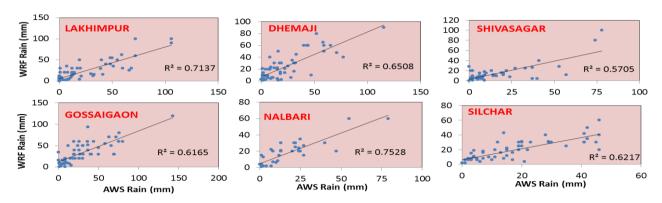
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GAUGE RAINFALL DATA



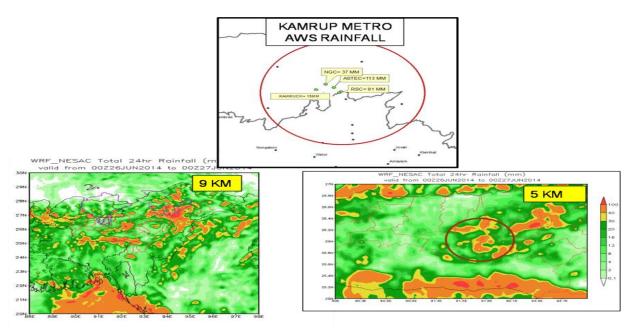


## **WRF Model Validation**

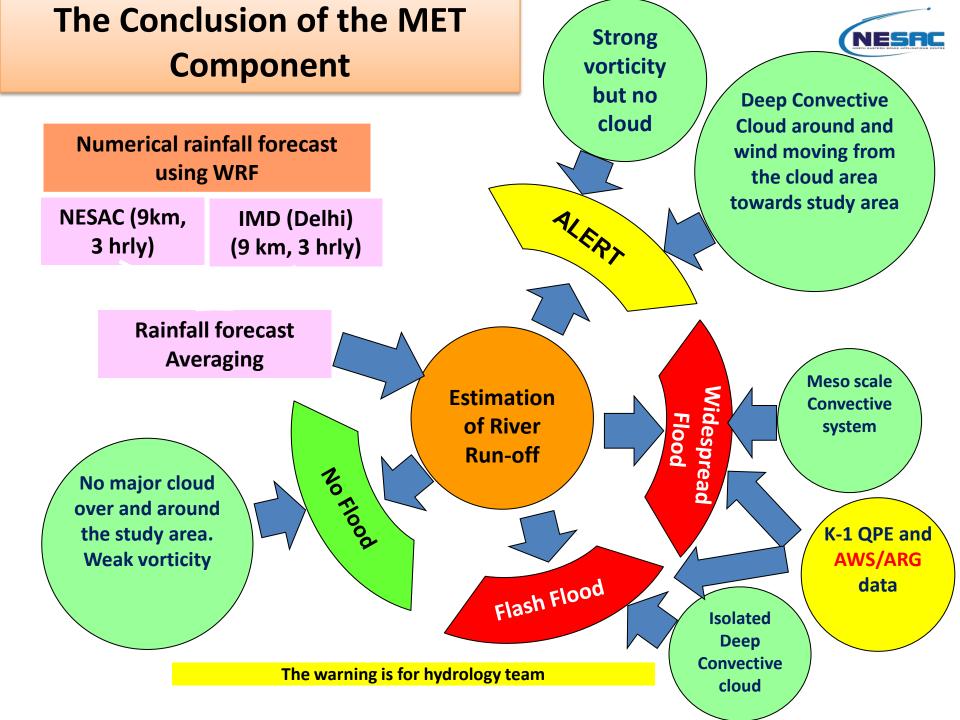




Comparison of daily accumulated WRF rainfall from June to August 2014 with AWS recorded rainfall for different stations located in Assam



WRF model forecasted rainfall on 26th June 2014 with 9km and 5km resolution





## A line of caution..!!!

Rain is only a necessary condition for flooding and never a sufficient one.

Correct forecasting of rain may not lead to correct forecasting of flood.

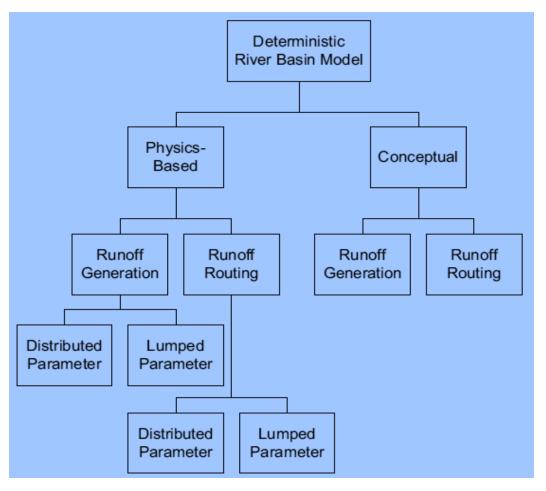
Incorrect assessment of rain is most likely to lead to incorrect forecasting of flood.

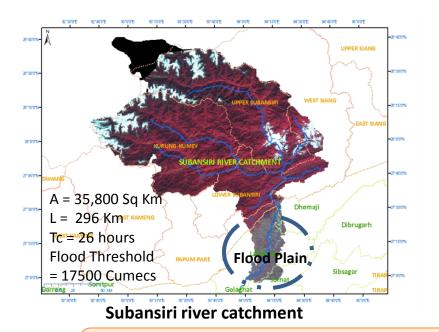
## Hydrological Modeling for Flood Runoff Estimation

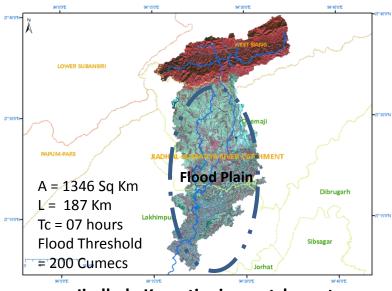


### **Distributed Model Representation**

- □ It is useful to consider how physics-based distributed models fit within the larger context of hydrologic modeling.
- Deterministic is distinguished from stochastic in that a deterministic river basin model estimates the response to an input using either a conceptual mathematical representation or a physics-based equation.

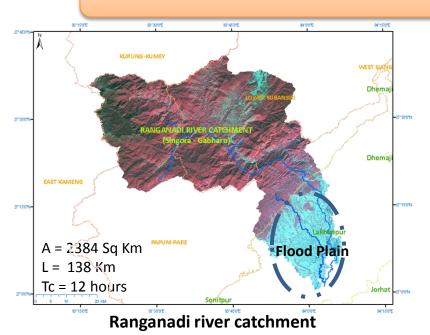


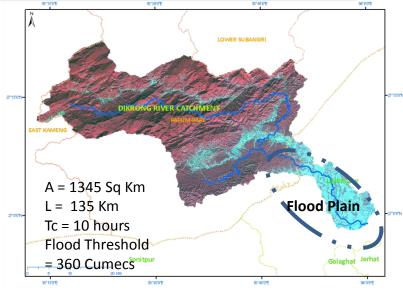




Jiadhal - Kumatia river catchment

## Major river catchments delineated for Lakhimpur & Dhemaji district

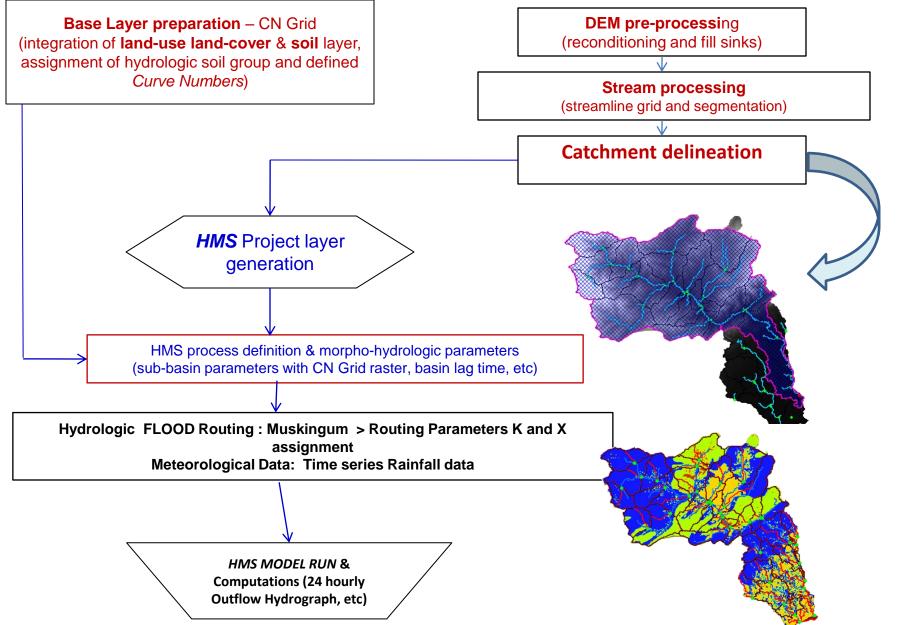




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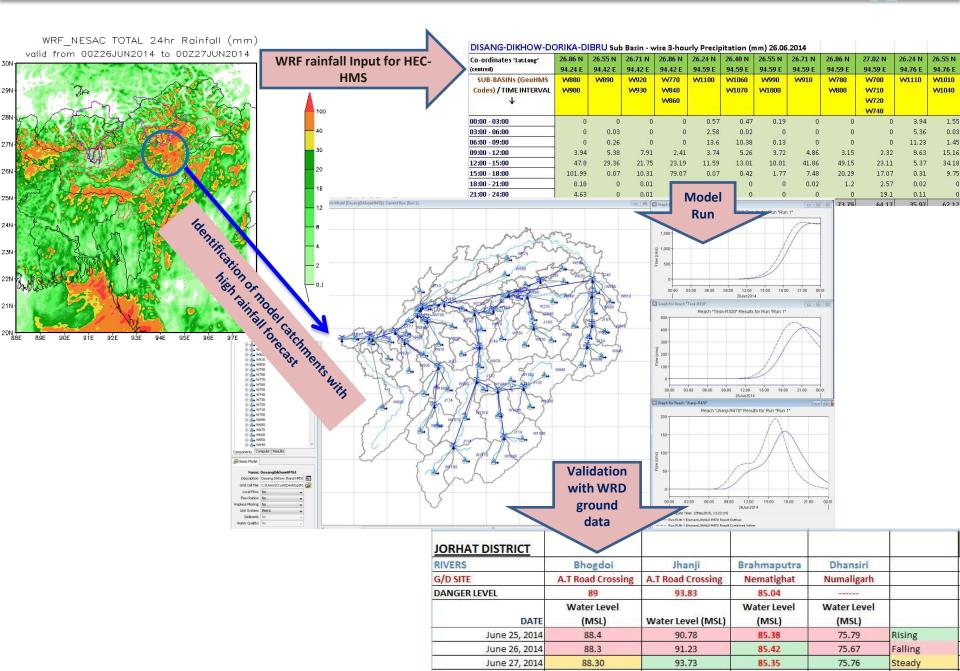
### FLEWS - Distributed / Quasi Distributed Hydrological Model Building





### The Rainfall-runoff model

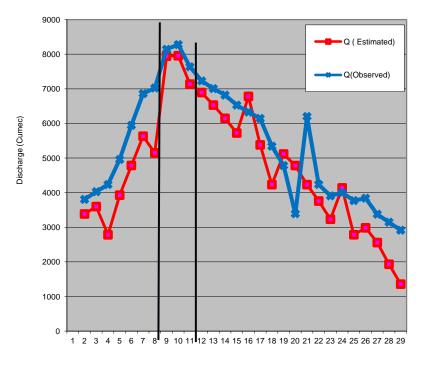




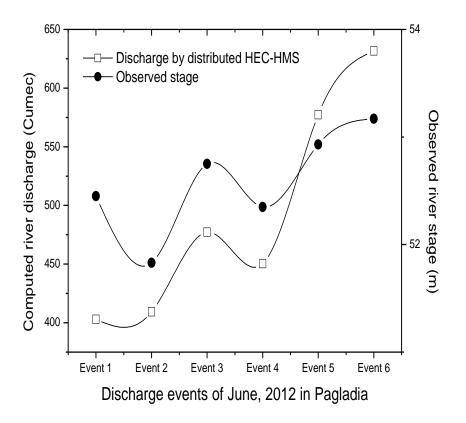
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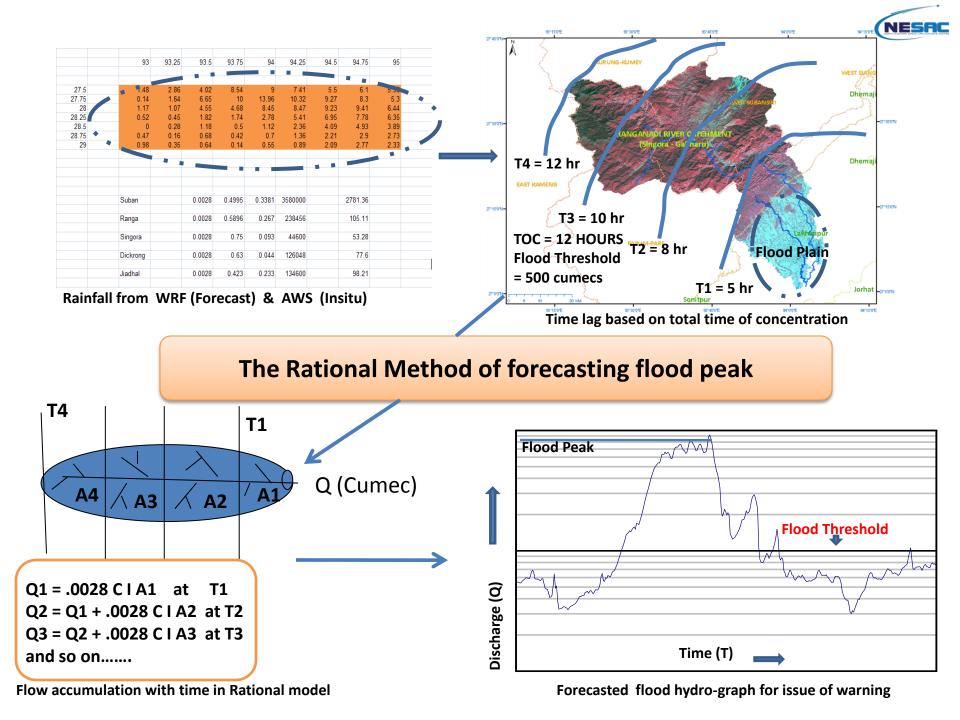


#### Comparison of Estimated and observed discharge for Subansiri river at Chouldhuaghat during August, 2014



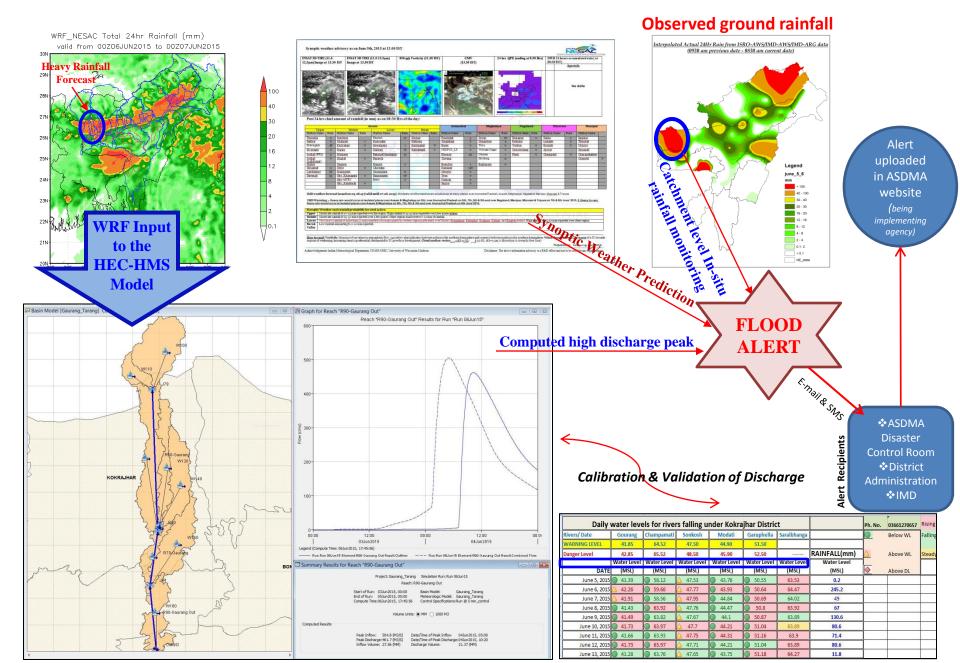
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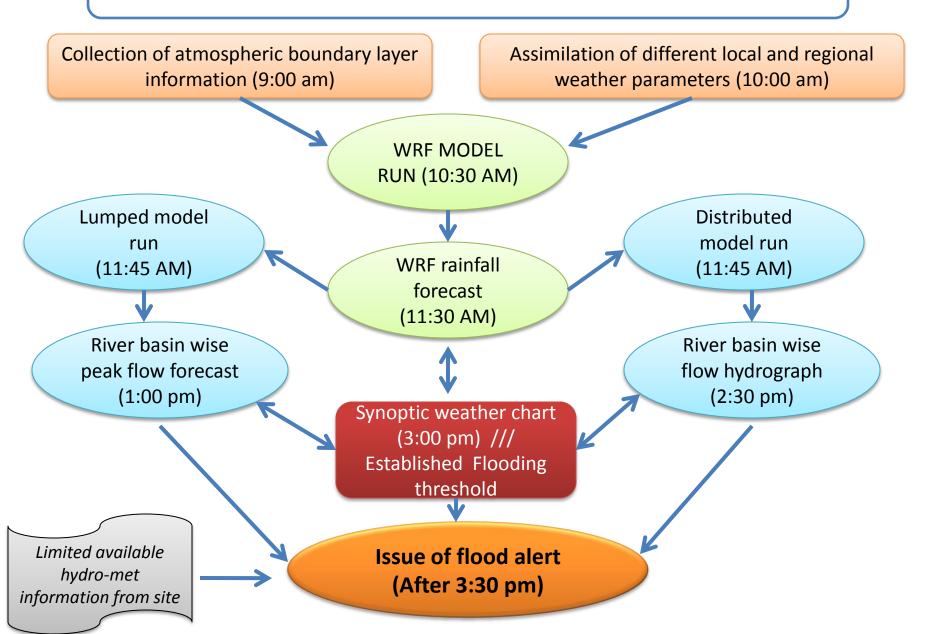


## FLEWS Alert: DSS & Dissemination





## Daily flow of Events leading to Issue of flood alert



## **ACTIONABLE ALERT FORMAT AS ISSUED**



From: FLEWS ASSAM<flews.nesac@gmail.com>

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Disaster Managememt control room <statedmcontrolroomassam@gmail.com>,

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FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS (FLEWS)

**NORTH EASTERN SPACE APPLICATIONS CENTRE** 

#### **LOW to MODERATE Flood Alert - BARPETA**

Dated : 15 August 20145(1615 hrs)

Respective All Concerned,

FLEWS Hydrological & Meteorological Analysis (with forecasted dataset) indicates a probable LOW to MODERATE

Flood situation with the details specified as under:

District(s) : BARPETA

Rivers/Catchments : Beki, Pahumara, Kaldiya with SubTributaries

Revenue Circles/Blocks likely to be affected : Barpeta, Sarupeta, Baghbar, Bajali,

Sarthebari, Barnagar, Kalgachia RCs

Validity : 24 - 48 hours

#### Pl refer to the attached Alert Maps for more spatial information.

This alert has the approval of Director, NESAC.

Regards,

#### **FLEWS TEAM**

North Eastern Space Applications Centre
Department of Space, Government of India

Umiam - 793 103, Meghalaya (India)

**Disclaimer:** The above information/advisory is based on Hydro - Met Analysis and not to be used for any legal purpos



Beki River



Kaldiya River



Pahumara River

### **ALERT DISSEMINATION MODES**



**NDRF** 

FLOOD ALERT IN THE FORM OF GROUP SMS/E-MAILS

FLOOD ALERT

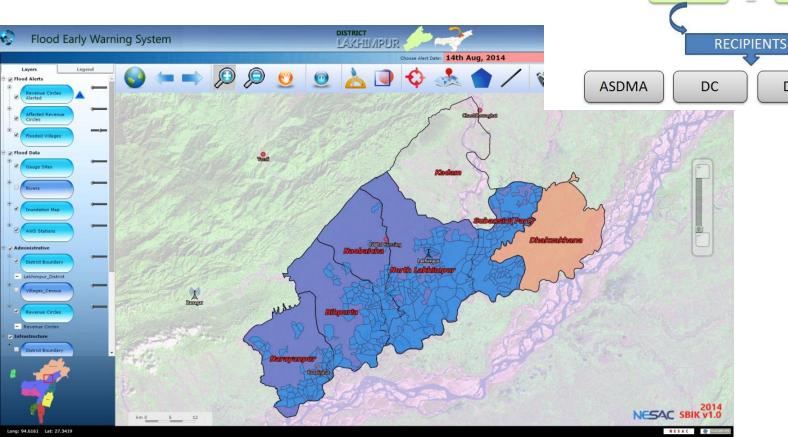
SMS

DPO

E-MAIL

#### E-mails

- SMS
- Web-enabled decision support system with dynamic update interface to provide support to the user community (Planning phase)



Assam Tribune... www.assamtribune.com/s

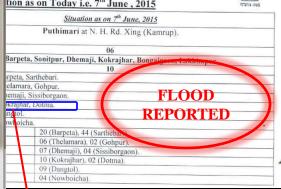
### Flood alert in Meghalaya

SHILLONG, Aug 16 - The North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC) has sounded flood alerts in low lying areas of Meghalava's West Garo Hills district after incessant rains lashed the region in the past 48 hours.

"The Flood Early Warning System of NESAC has issued alert that there could be flood in Phulbari area of the district in the next 48 hours in view of the incessant rains in the region and in Upper Assam area," West Garo Hills District Deputy Commissioner Pravin Bakshi said today.

Government of Assam te Disaster Management Authority FLOOD REPORT

tion as on Today i.e. 7th June, 2015





#### Government of Assam Assam State Disaster Management Authority FLOOD REPORT Flood Situation as on Today i.e. 15th June, 2015



Situation as on 15th June, 2015 **PARTICULARS** Brahmaputra at Nematighat (Jorhat) & at Dhubri (Dhubri) Rivers flowing above Danger Level River Jia Bharali at N.T.Rd. Xing (Sonitpur) No. of Districts Affected Barpeta, Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Kokrajhar, Tinsukia, Darrang, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Name of Districts Affected Kamrup (Metro), Morigaon. No. of Revenue Circles affected Barpeta, Sarupeta, Sarthebari, Baghbar, Chenga, Kalgachia Names of Revenue Circles affected Thelamara, Tezpur, Halem, Gohp Sonitpur Dhemaji Dhemaji, Sissiborga Lakhimpur Nowboicha. Sadiya Tinsukia Patharighat, Sipa NO FLOOD 03 Darrang Dibrugarh West Dibrugarh REPORTED Kokrajhar Bagribari Balijana, Lakinjur, Matia. Goalpara Kamrup (M) 01 Chandrapur. Morigaon 01 Mayong.

DMA Collaborative Flood Early Warning Project, 2015

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lible "Low" flood situation as per following details.

	District	Kokrajhar			
	Revenue Circle	Kokrajhar, Dotoma			
W.	Rivers	Gaurang, Sonkosh			
	Date & Time of Issue	06.0 2015; 18:50			
	Validity of alert	4-36 hrs			

**ABSOLUTE SUCCESS** 

Low Flood Alert for Bongaigaon District under Flood Early Warning System (FLEWS) Project, 2015

Flood Early Warning System (FLEWS), 2015 <flews.nesac@gmail.com

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Respected all concerned,

Total

Our recent hydro-meteorological analysis reveals a probable "Low" flood situation, as per following details:

District	Bongaigaon
Revenue Circle	Bongaigaon, Sidli (Pt),
Rivers	Manas, Aie
Date & Time of Issue	13.06.2015; 18:35
Validity	24-48 hrs

PARTIAL **SUCCESS** 

# তেজপুৰ, কোক্ৰাঝ বঙাইগাঁও, বৰপেটাত



চক্তৰ পচাৰতে শনিবাৰে বিয়লি গান্তক নৈৰ খহনীয়াই গ্ৰাস কৰিলে পশ্চিম গান্তক প্ৰাথমিক বিদ্যালয়

অঞ্চল নেবানেপেরা বর নত আজি প্লাবিত হৈ পৰে। ঘাই নৰ্ম and FLOOD মেৰীয়া বহু অঞ্চল প্লাবিত কৰি পাঁচখন ব্যাৰ কবলত পেলোৱাৰ ল অগ্নিক বিদ্যালয় নিয়াৰ উপৰি ব্যাল্পৰাত জ্বাশৰ নৈৰ

পানীয়ে জলময় কৰি তোলে ১ পৃষ্ঠাত

**Validation** of issued flood alerts from multisource information

Post Alert Imagery

showing inundation

Daily water lev	RISE IN WATER	Ph. No.	03678-241341	Rising		
Rivers/ Date	F F	AIE RIVER	AIE MANAS		Below WL	Falling
WARNING LEVEL	7	43.67	37.84			
Danger Level	36.27	44.67	38.84	Δ	Above WL	Steady
DATE	Water Level (MSL)	Water Level (MSL)	Water Level (MSL)	<b>♦</b>	Above DL	
G/D SITE						
June 12, 2015	△ 35.91	44.67	△ 38.31			
June 13, 2015	△ 35.97	44.77	△ 38.31			
June 14, 2015	△ 35.77	<u>△</u> 44.65	△ 38.47			
June 15, 2015	△ 35.44	♦ 44.82	△ 38.41			



# Field Data Transmission using Mobile Technology (FIDATRA)

## **Salient Feature**

- Apps developed in Android platform
- Any phone with with Android O/S,
   GPS and Camera can be used
- Communication through GPRS
- Following data may be send
  - Positional data (Lat, Long and Alt.)
  - Photo
  - Video
  - Text
- Graphical representation of data using map/table in the server end
- Also can be used for sending ground truth data from field for any project



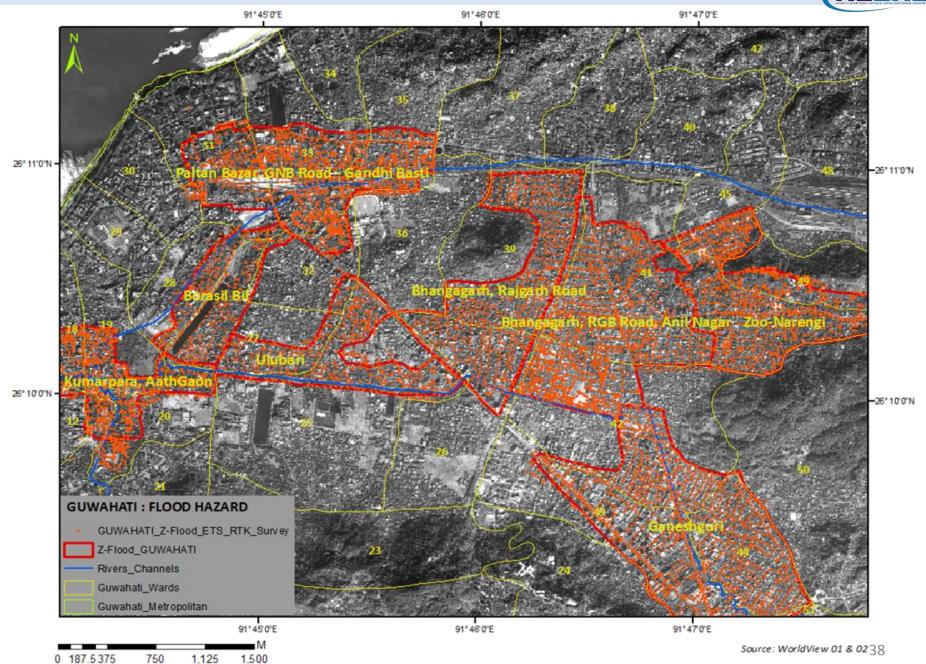


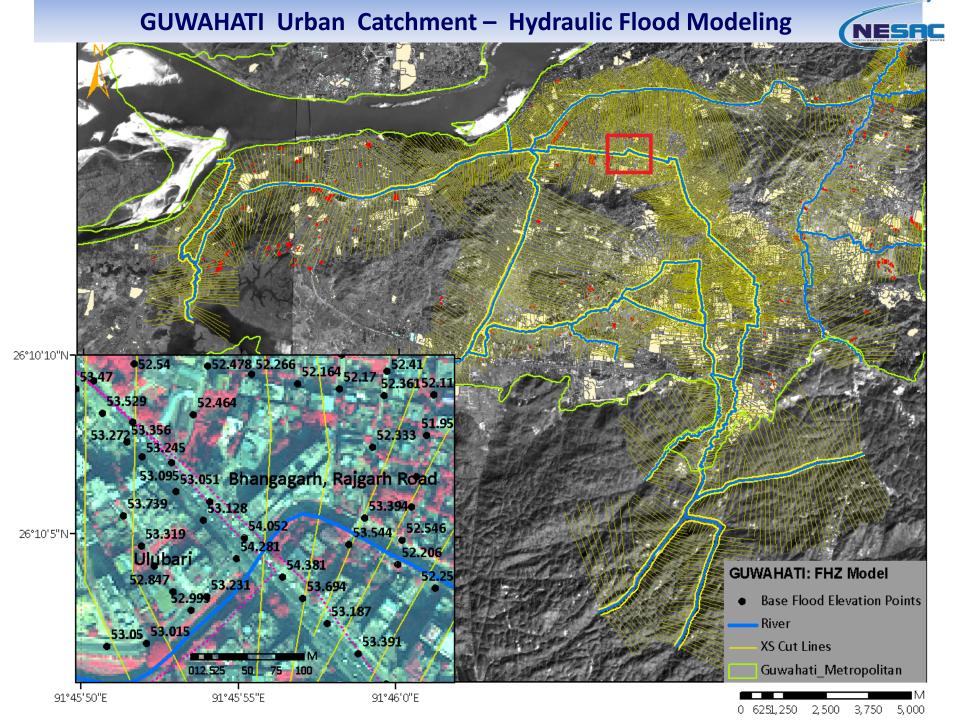






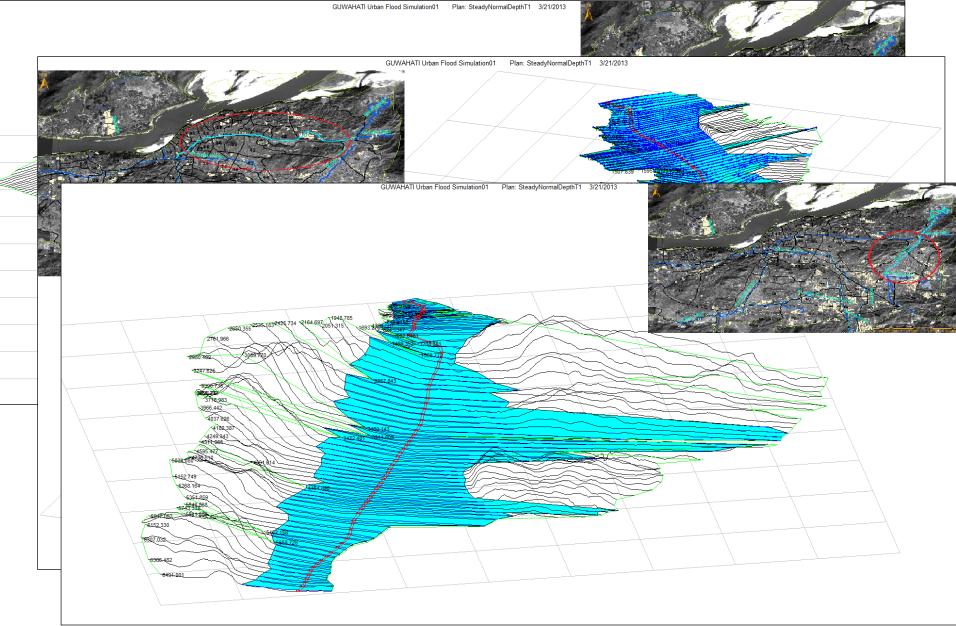
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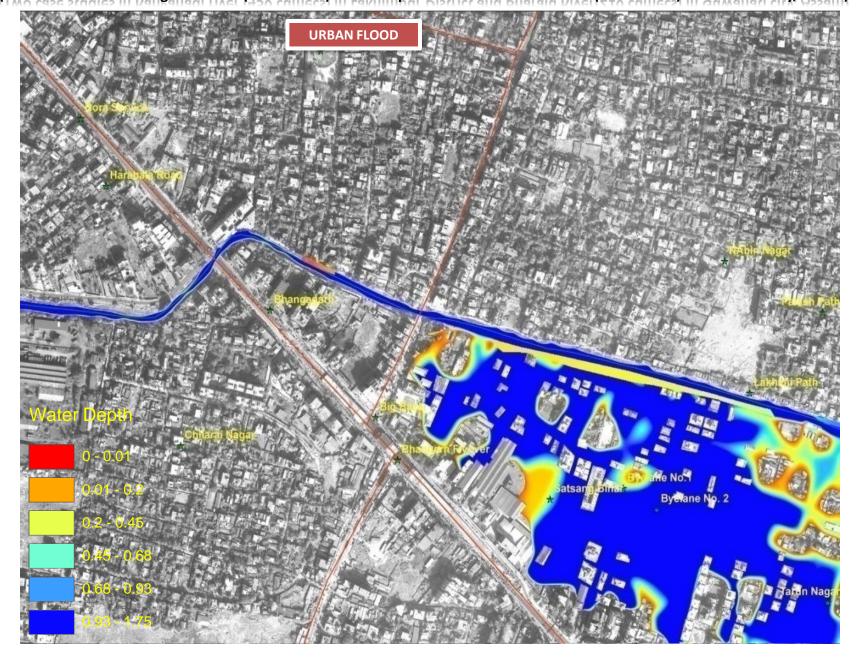
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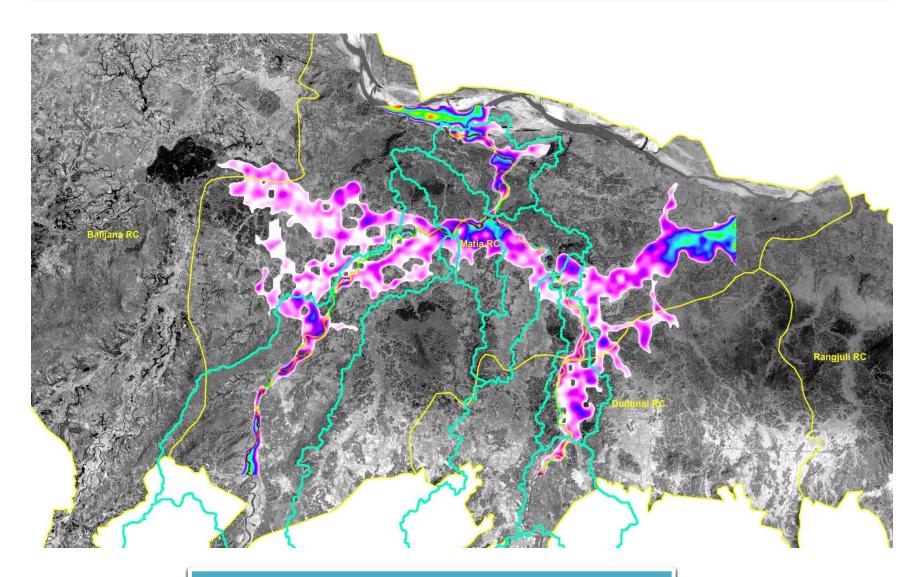
### Flood Simulation using MIKE FLOOD 1D-2D Coupled Hydraulic Model

(Two case studies in Ranganadi river (450 cumecs) in Lakhimpur District and Bharalu River(210 cumecs) in Guwahati city, Assam)





## Detailed Alert Issue using Hydraulic Models (Pilot)

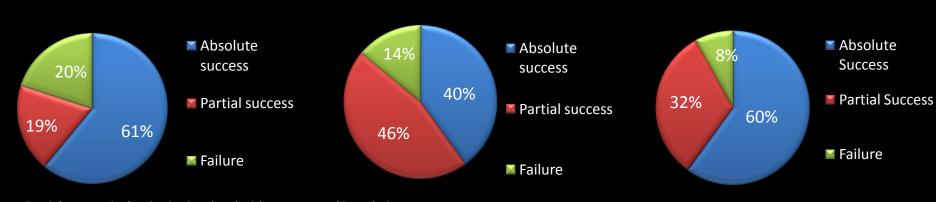


RC Level Inundation check

## **SUCCESS & RECOGNITIONS**







Note: Partial success is the rise in river level without reported inundation



FLEWS Technical training provided to Disaster Managers from all NER States under state level capacity building initiatives

#### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

- ☐ Winner of e-North East Award, 2013 in the category of e-Governance and Citizen Services Delivery.
- □ Declaration as "a good governance practice & funding for professional documentation" by the Department of Administrative Reforms under Ministry of Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt. of India in the year 2012.
- ☐ Short listed as a finalist for Prime Minister's award for innovations in 2012
- □ Several parliament questions have been answered till date on the feasibility of FLEWS implementation in other parts of the country.
- All flood prone districts of Assam covered in 3 years of operational existence
- **❖** Average percentage of annual alert success is 75% with lead time ranging from 12-36 hours
- Different Hazard zones created from hydrologic and hydraulic assessment
- Various Review meetings reflects user comments on reduction of loss of life

## ADVANTAGES OVER CONVENTIONAL METHODS NESS OF FLOOD FORECASTING



### **Hydro-met Flood Alerts**

Based on basin scale hydro-met rainfall and stream flow forecasting

Improved flood forecast lead time due to use of forecasted rainfall from WRF model

River wise flood plain is considered while issue of alert for all major rivers of Assam

Un-gauged rivers can be addressed

Hydrological routing is done with effect of time lag

Flood alert is issued with district and revenue circle information

Annual embankment breach monitoring is done as an additional service

### **Conventional Flood Alerts**

Based on in-situ river level observations in real-time. Basically a now-casting

Flood forecast lead time is less as based on real time river level data

Forecasting station based alert only in few major rivers

Only limited gauged rivers are addressed

No routing is done

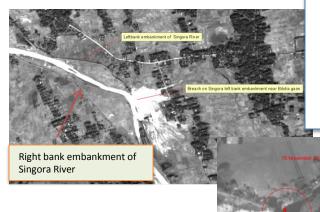
Flood alert is issued for a particular river station with no information on area of influence

No such monitoring of embankments

## **Embankment breach monitoring**

## MAJOR COMPONENTS OF EMBANKMENT BREACH WATCH

- 1. Monitoring of embankments using high resolution Cartosat-I data before upcoming flood season
- 2. Post flood embankment breaches identification and mapping in district level.
- 3. Report breach locations/points in flood prone river systems for mitigation works.



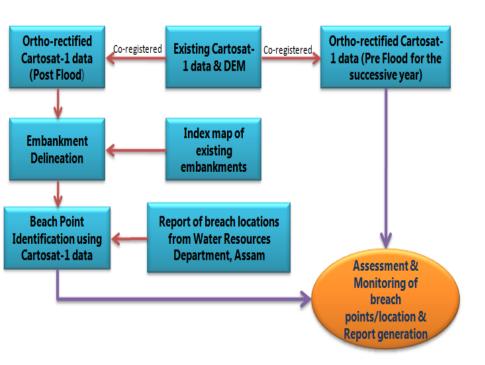
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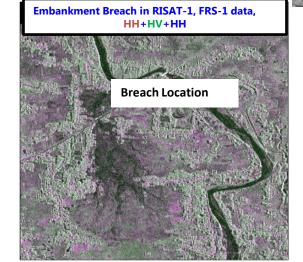


- (i) Temporal Cartosat –1 / RISAT 1 satellite data Aft Scene of various acquisition dates of 2.5 m spatial resolution
- (ii) River Index Map of Assam (source: WRD Assam)
- (iii) Information of river embankment breach locations as supplied time-to-time by WRD, Assam.

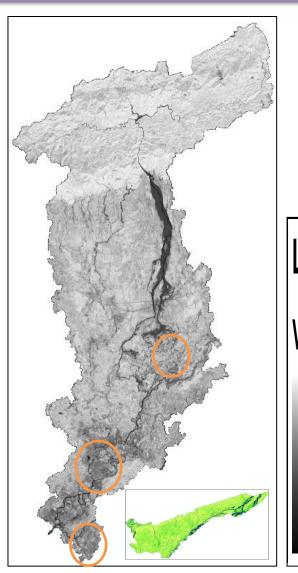
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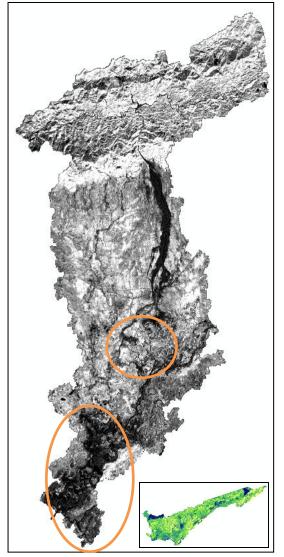


# Active floodplain depicted by NDVI and NDMI as the indices based Flood Hazard Zonation



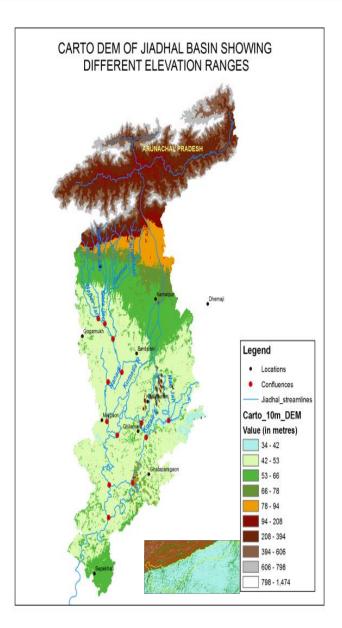


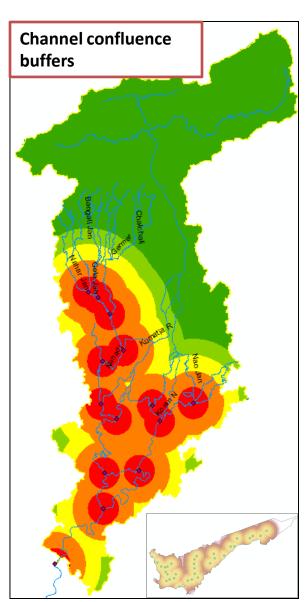


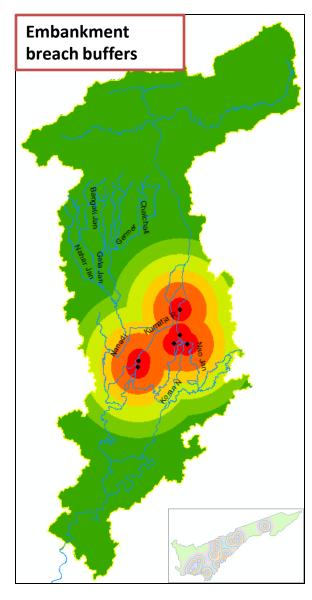


## The three field based hazard zonation criteria



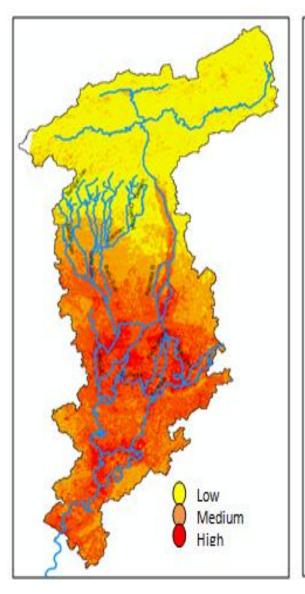


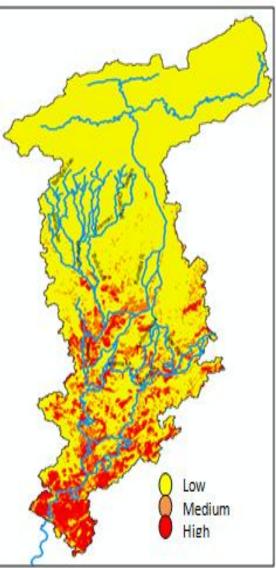




## Jiadhal river whole floodplain with all criteria







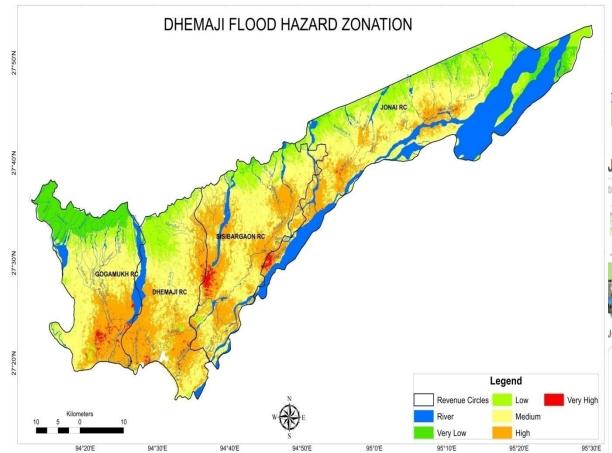
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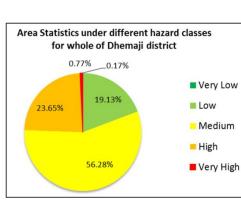
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**Multi-criteria FHZ** 

**Historical inundation** 







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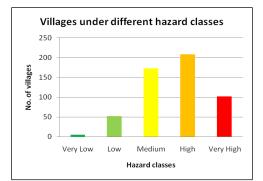
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# Major bottlenecks in developing a even better state of art system



#### **Problems**

**Probable Solutions** 

Vertical resolution of the topography data of the flood plains and river bathymetry



Fine beam DEM generation by either LIDAR or SAR interferometry in order to achieve contour intervals of 30 to 80 cms + regular cross section survey by the custodian agencies

Calibration and validation of both the hydro and the met model associated with flood forecasting



A robust discharge collection network. The custodian agencies urgently needs to transform their "Gauge only" sites to at least Gauge & Discharge sites//// Similarly automated Met station density to be increased as per WMO guidelines

Inter agency sharing of data



A dynamic hydro-met data infrastructure in high resolution GIS domain to be shared freely among stake holder technical groups with restricted user access protocol through MOUs

## Few issues on capacity building and data



# What do we want?? A one time exercise or a sustainable process of development

Have we selected the right manpower ??

Is training programmes are customized to our need ??

Do we have adequate data to fit into these sophisticated softwares........... What about processing speed during disaster ??

