

# URBAN FLOODING: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND LESSON LEARNT



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**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT & URBAN FLOODING & ITS MITIGATION STRATEGIES**  
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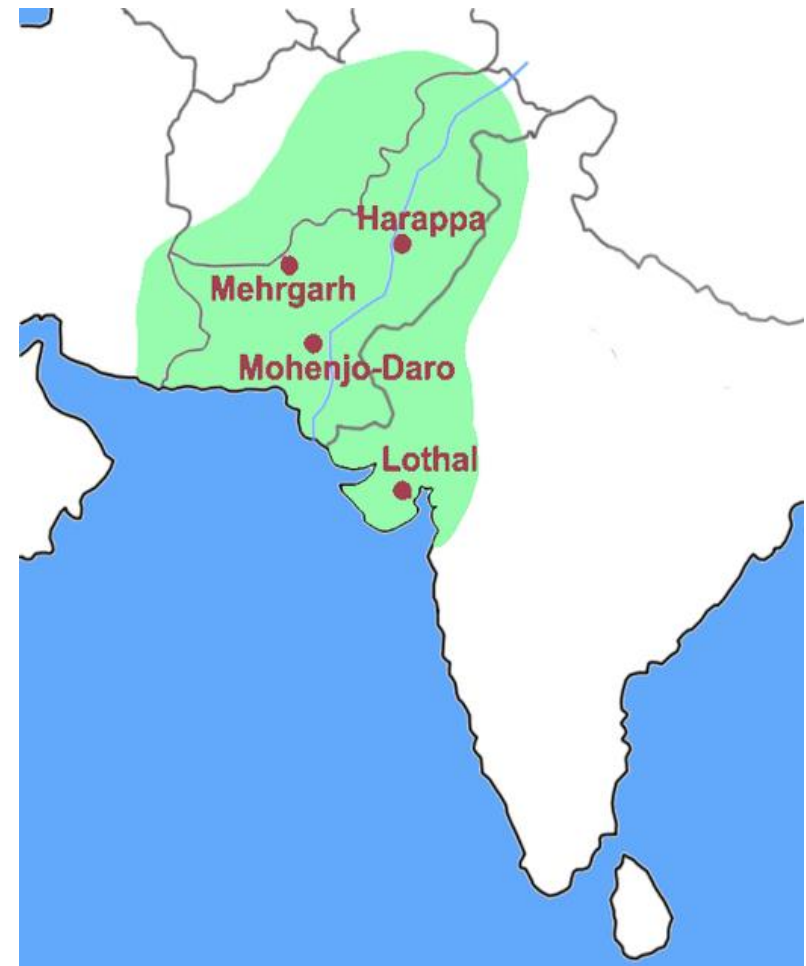
# OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Causes of floods
- Consequences of flood
- Case Studies
- Mitigation of flood
- Role of Remote Sensing and GIS

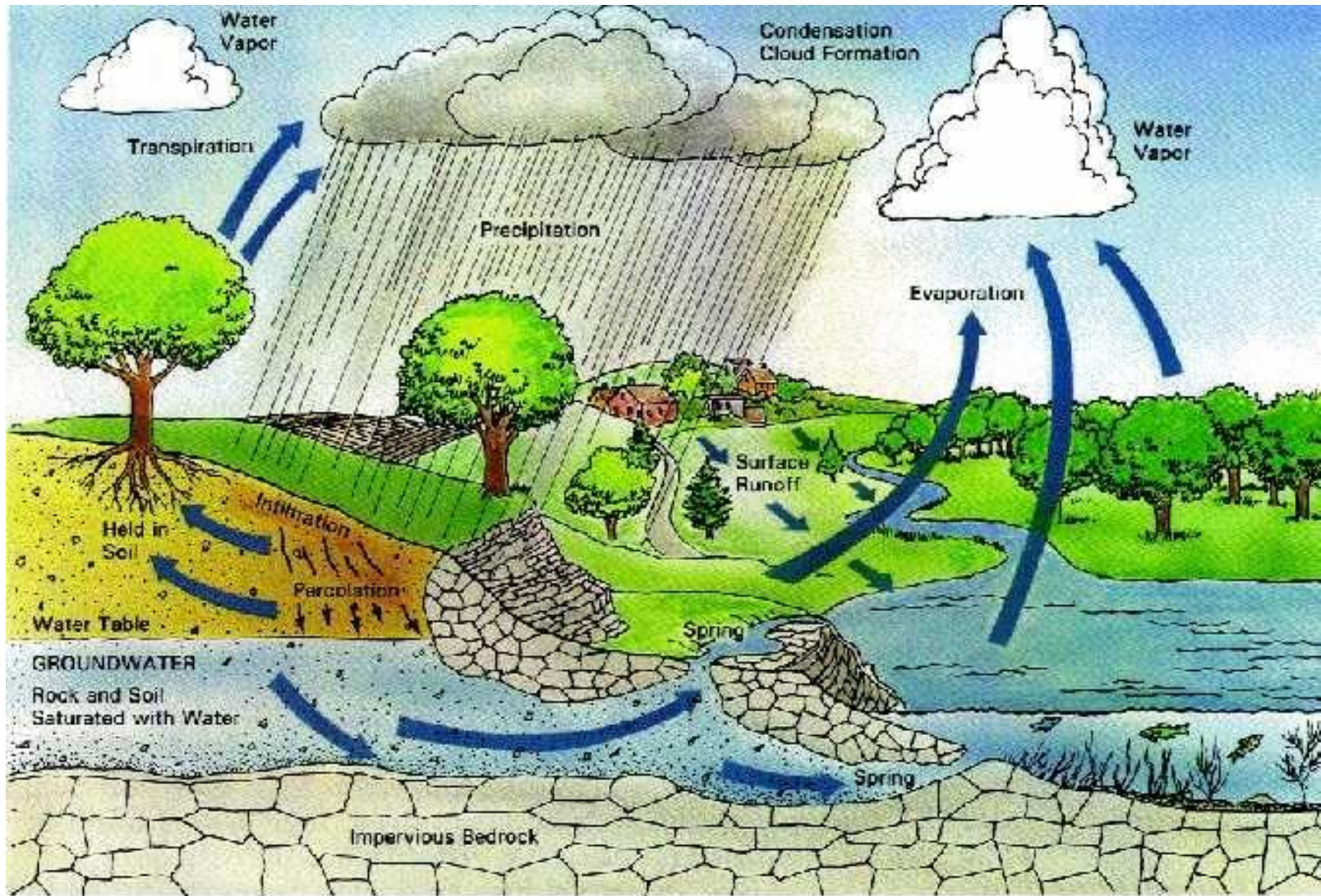


# WATER

- Five great elements", of Hinduism- Earth, Water, Fire, Wind, space
- Major Human Civilization settlement
- Important both for biotic and abiotic



# HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE



*Hydro: Water and logos: science - Occurrence, Circulation & Distribution*

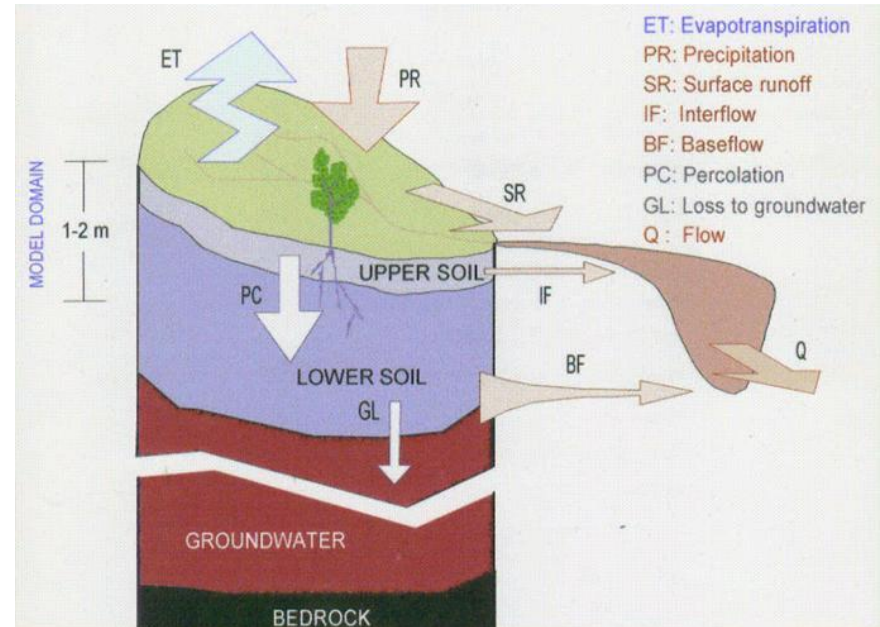
Two aspects-  
Scientific and Engineering



# HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE

The hydrological cycle is composed of a number of processes including

- ✓ Evapotranspiration
- ✓ Condensation and Cloud formation
- ✓ Precipitation
- ✓ Infiltration and Percolation
- ✓ Runoff and stream flow
- ✓ Subsurface interflow

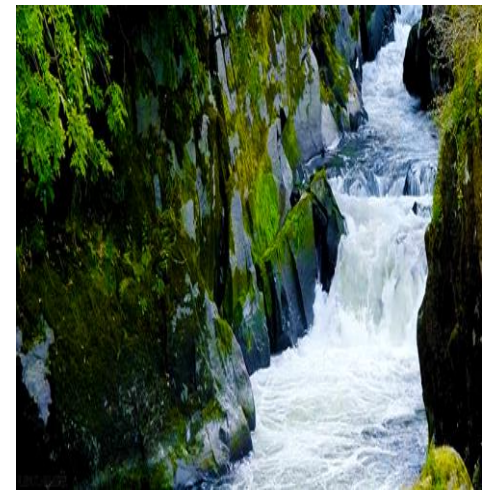
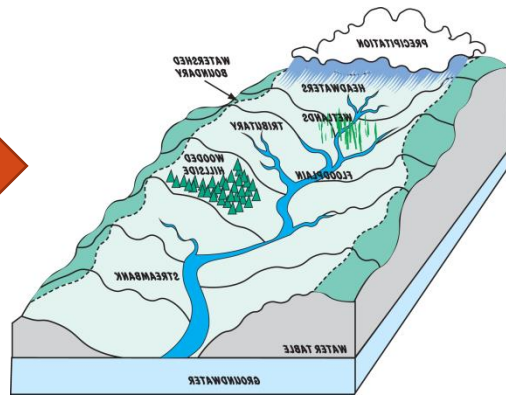


*Different applications emphasize different components, based on the domain of interest*

## *Applied Hydrology:*

- *Water Resources estimation,*
- *hydrological process,*
- *study flood & drought*



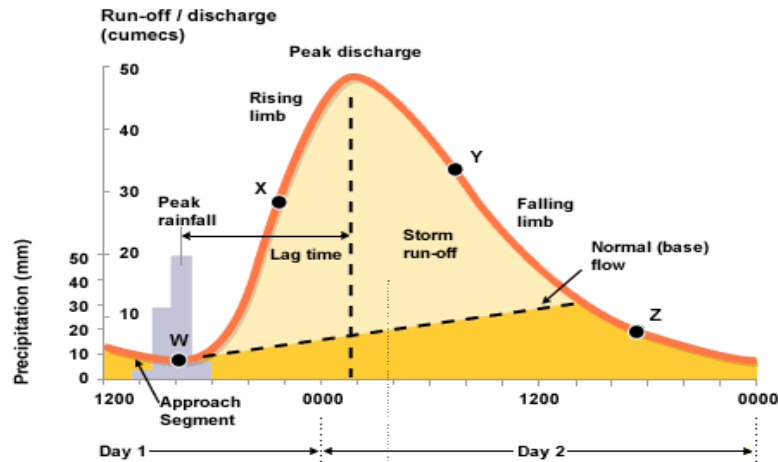


## Hydrographs

Graph which shows **river discharge** over a given period of time and show the response of a drainage basin and its river to a period of rainfall.

### Hydrograph –

- rainfall (in bars) and discharge (in a line).
- Peak rainfall is the **time** of highest rainfall.
- Peak discharge (the **time** when the river reaches its highest flow) is later because it takes **time** for the water to find its way to the river (**lag time**)



# INTENSIFICATION OF HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE: CLIMATE CHANGE

## *Human alteration:*

- Artificial rainfall
- Supressed evaporation
- Land use/Land cover change

## *Indicators of Climate change*

- Increase in frequency of flood/flash flood.
- Drought
- Glacial Lake outburst flood (GLOF).
- Glacial retreat.
- Decrease in seasonal snow cover
- Rise in sea level

## *Major Concerns*

- Quantity of Water
- Quality of Water
- Accessibility of Water



# Extreme events

Flood  
(excess)



Drought  
(deficit)



# Hazard: Floods

*Abnormal progressive rise in the water level of streams or rivers which may result in overflowing.*

- Results in flood : a complex interactions between rainfall and surface processes
- Generally, the more the rainfall, the greater the likelihood of flooding
- Amount of runoff generated plays a significant role in the flooding process



# FLOOD PRONE AREA

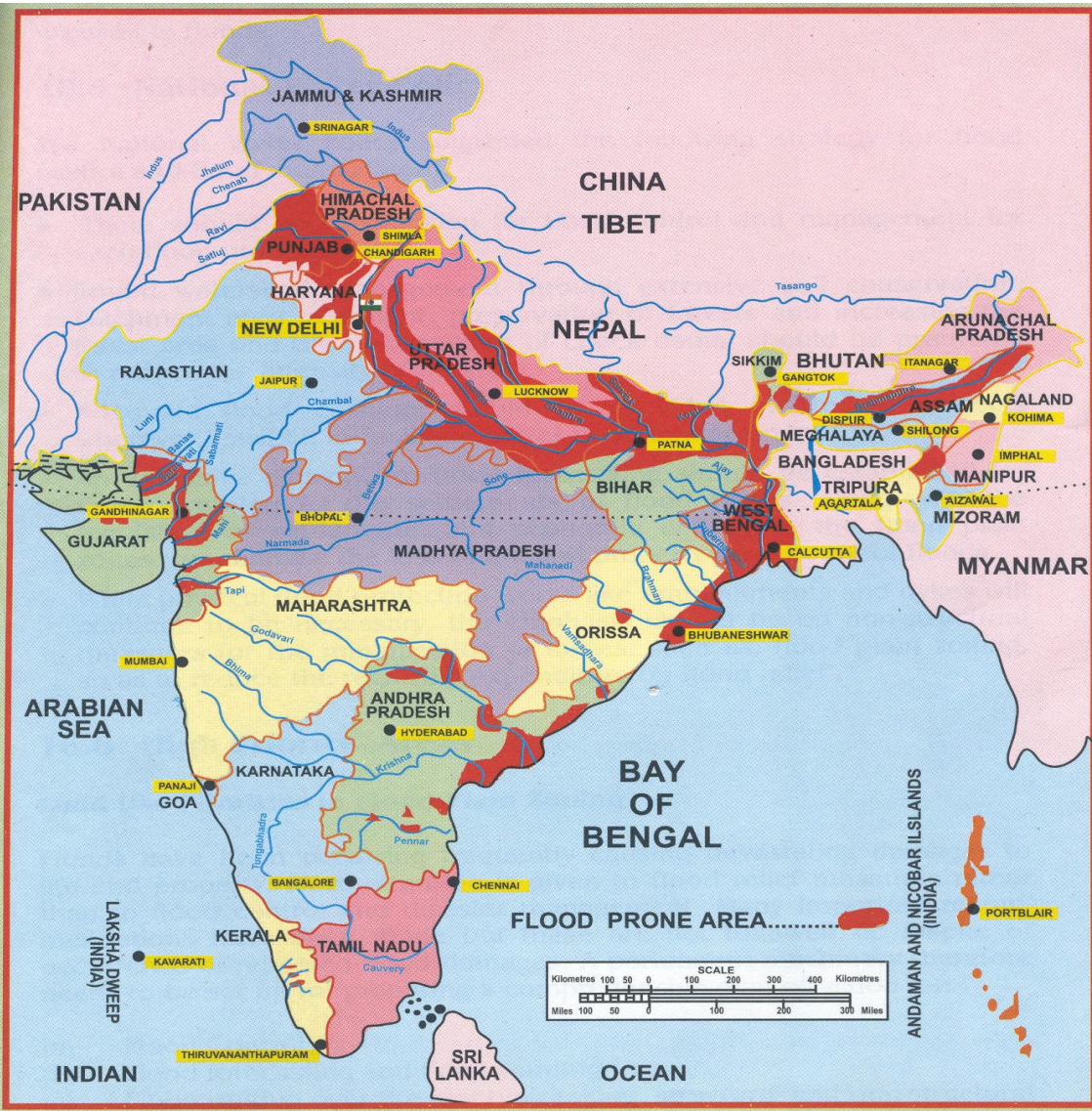
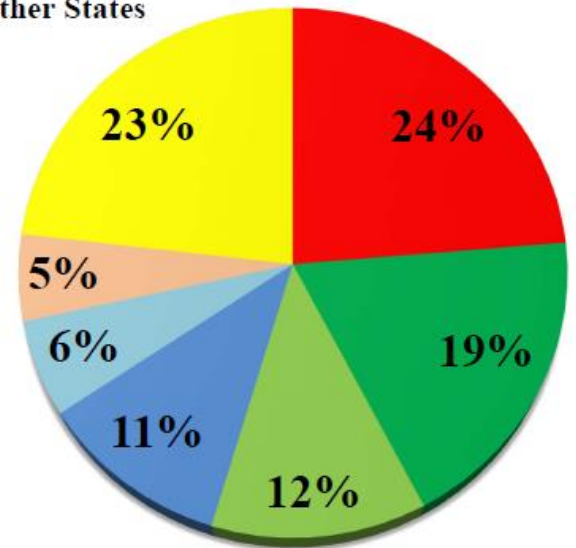
Flood prone Area	40 mha
Area which can be given reasonable protection	32 mha
Area protected prior to 1954	3 mha
Area protected till 2004	15.8 mha



# FLOOD PRONE AREA

## Four regions

- Brahmaputra & Barak (Meghna) basins;
- Ganga basin
- North West river basin
- Central India and Deccan rivers' basin



<b>Year</b>	<b>Major Flood Events in the History of India Recent Past</b>
<b>1998</b>	Assam has been suffering floods regularly since 1998.
<b>2004</b>	Bihar Flood
<b>2005</b>	Flooding in Maharashtra & Gujarat
<b>2008</b>	Kosi Flood in Bihar
<b>2009</b>	Flooding occurred across many parts of South India in Oct
<b>2010</b>	The Leh floods occurred on 6 August 2010
<b>2012</b>	Brahmaputra Flood
<b>2013</b>	North India floods in Uttarakhand
<b>2014</b>	Jammu & Kashmir Flood

# FLOODS - CAUSES



- Heavy rains including cloud burst, cyclones, Tsunami
- Inadequate capacity within banks of a river to contain high flows
- River bank erosion and silting of beds
- Land slides leading to obstruction of flow and change in river course
- Poor natural drainage in an area
- Synchronization of high flows in main river and tributaries
- Retardation of flow due to tidal and backwater effects, resulting in water stagnation and inundation, tsunamis
- Snowmelt and glacial out bursts



# TYPES OF FLOODS

**Cloud Burst**

**Flash Flood**

**GLOF**

**Coastal Flood**

**Urban Flood**



# Cloud Burst



A **cloudburst** is an extreme amount of precipitation, sometimes with hail and thunder, which normally lasts no longer than a few minutes but is capable of creating flood conditions. Colloquially, the term cloudburst may be used to describe any sudden heavy, brief, and usually unforecast rainfall.



# CLOUD BURSTS

- Sudden heavy rain due to climatic conditions
- Cyclonic circulations in monsoons may lead to cloud burst
- In 2000, coastal dist. Of AP had such situation
- In July 1981, stations around Jaipur recorded 3-day rainfall which was more than annual normal
- Annual rainfall here varies from 550 mm to 700 mm
- In storm, daily RF 250-590 mm, 2-day RF 430-800 mm

## Human activities

- Sudden breaches in dams may cause devastating floods
- Machhu-ii failed in 1979 due to over topping, severe damages in Morbi
- Record of India in dam safety has been very good



# Cloudburst in Himalayas

**July, 1971:** Cloudburst in the upper catchment area led to a 15 metre rise in the Alaknanda river in Uttarakhand. Entire river basin, from Hanumanchatti near the pilgrimage town of Badrinath to Haridwar was affected. An entire village was swept away

**August 15, 1997,** 115 people were killed when a cloud burst came bustling and trail of death are all that is left behind in Chirgaon in Shimla district, Himachal Pradesh.

**August 17, 1998:** A massive landslide following heavy rain and a cloudburst at Malpa village killed 250 people including 60 Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims in Kali valley of the Kumaon division, Uttarakhand. Among the dead was Odissi dancer Protima Bedi

**July 16, 2003,** About 40 persons were killed in flash floods caused by a cloudburst at Shilagarh in Gursa area of Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

# Cloudburst in Himalayas

**July 6, 2004**, At least 17 people were killed and 28 injured when three vehicles were swept into the Alaknanda river by heavy landslides triggered by a cloudburst that left nearly 5,000 pilgrims stranded near Badrinath shrine area in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand

**August 16, 2007**, 52 people were confirmed dead when a severe cloud burst occurred in Bhavi village in Ghanvi, Himachal Pradesh

**August 7, 2009**, 38 people were killed in a landslide resulting from a cloudburst in Nachni area near Munsiyari in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand.

**On September 15, 2010**: cloud burst in Almora in Uttarakhand has drowned away two villages one of them being Balta, leaving a few people alive and rest entire village dead and drowned. Almora has been declared as a town suffering from the brunt of cloudburst by authorities of Uttarakhand.

# Cloudburst in Himalayas

**August 18, 2010** : 18 children killed in school roof collapse in Uttarakhand's Bageshwar district

**June 9, 2011**, near Jammu, a cloudbursts left 4 persons dead and over several injured in Doda-Batote highway, 135 km from Jammu. Two restaurants and many shops were washed away

**September 14, 2012**: in Rudraprayag district there was a cloudburst and 39 people died

**2013**: Uttarakhand received 220 mm of rain during the 2013 cloudburst that killed more than 5,000 people.

**2016**: Pithoragarh and Chamoli, 30 people were killed

# HEAVY RAINFALL 15-16 June 2013

Kedar Peak, 6940

Mahalaya Parvat, 5970

Bharatekhunta, 6578

Chorabari  
Glacier

Companion  
Glacier

Doodh Ganga

Mandakini

Kedarnath

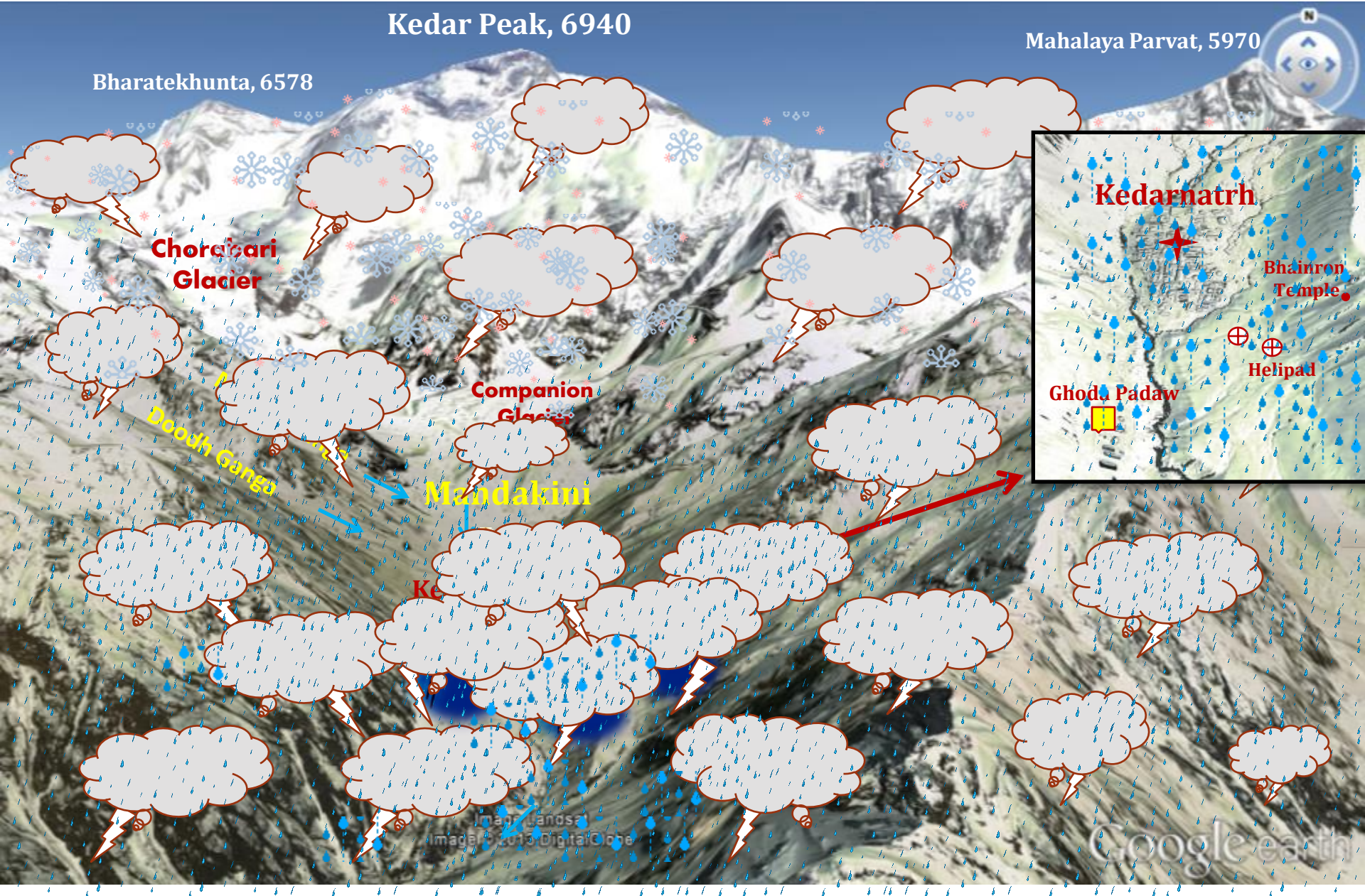
Bhairon  
Temple

Helipad

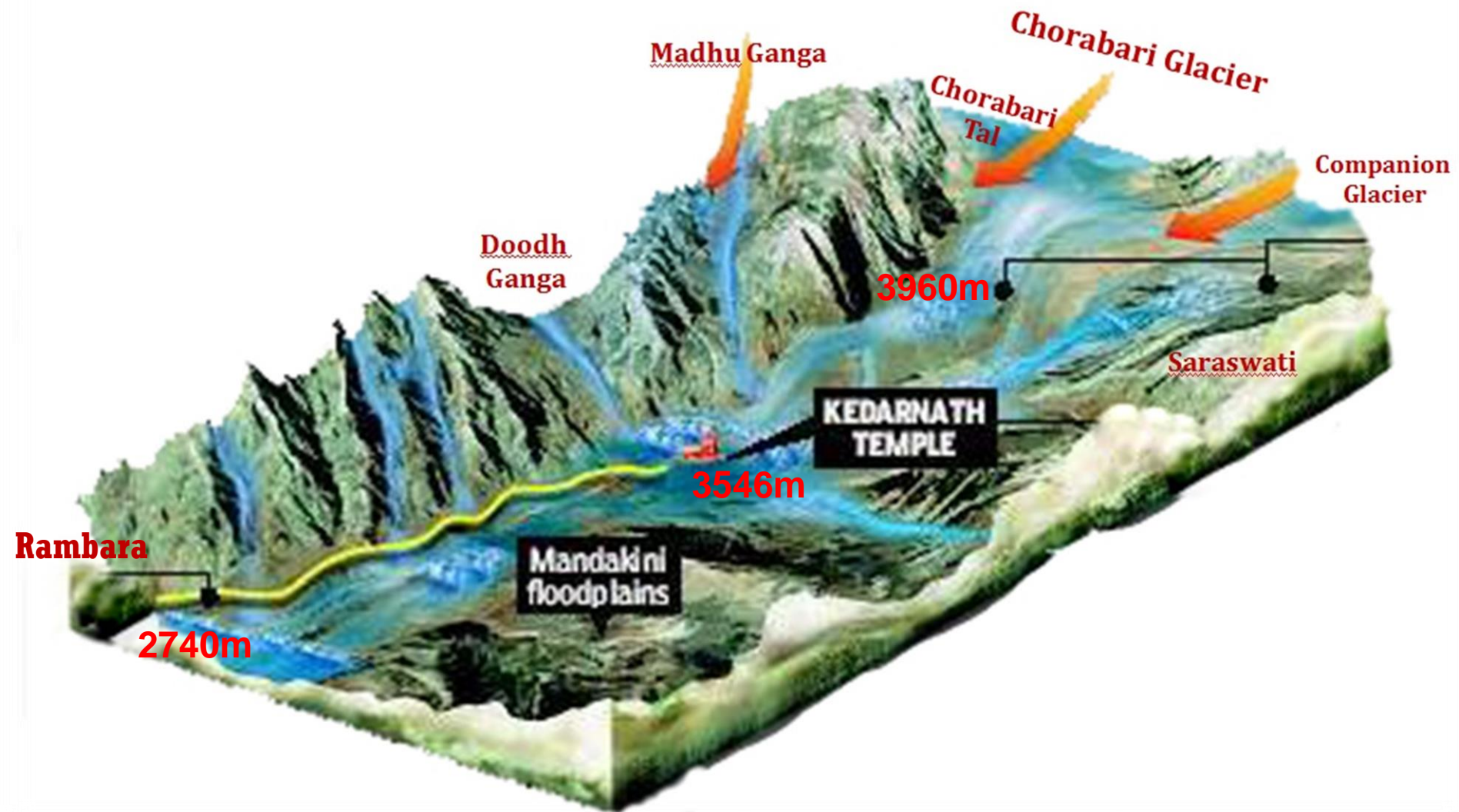
Ghoda Padaw

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Google earth



# View of Lake Burst Flood in Kedarnath Town



# **A VIEW OF KEDARNATH AFTER THE CALAMITY**



**A damaged government guest house falls into the flood waters of the River Alkananda in Srinagar district of Uttarakhand**



**Flood waters flow into a residential complex in Uttarakhand.**



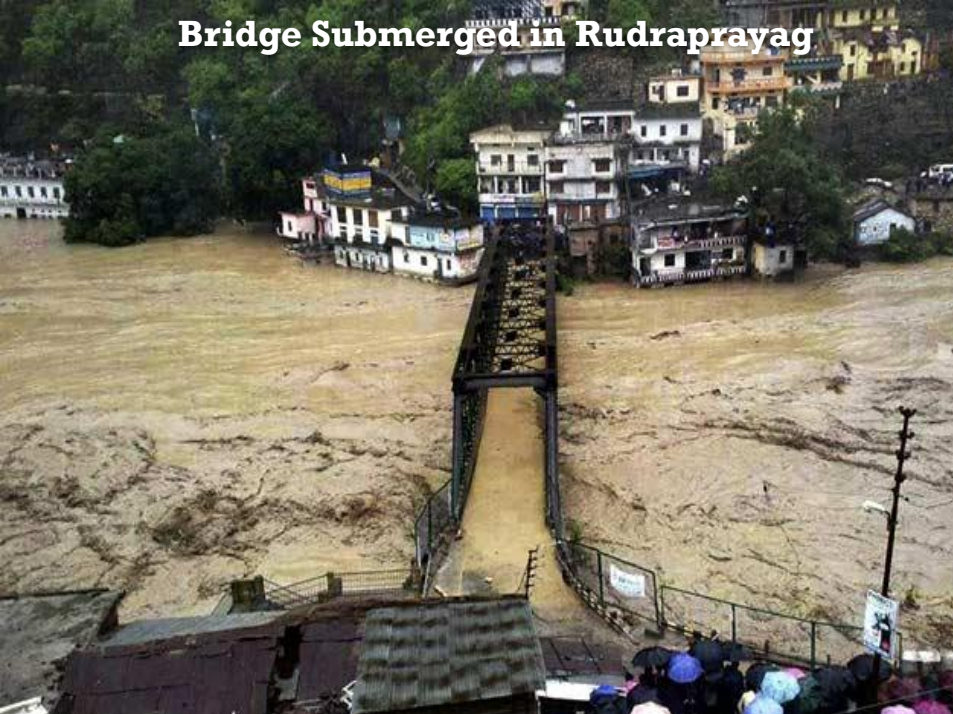
**Building Collapse in Srinagar**



**Landslide near Hemkund shahib**



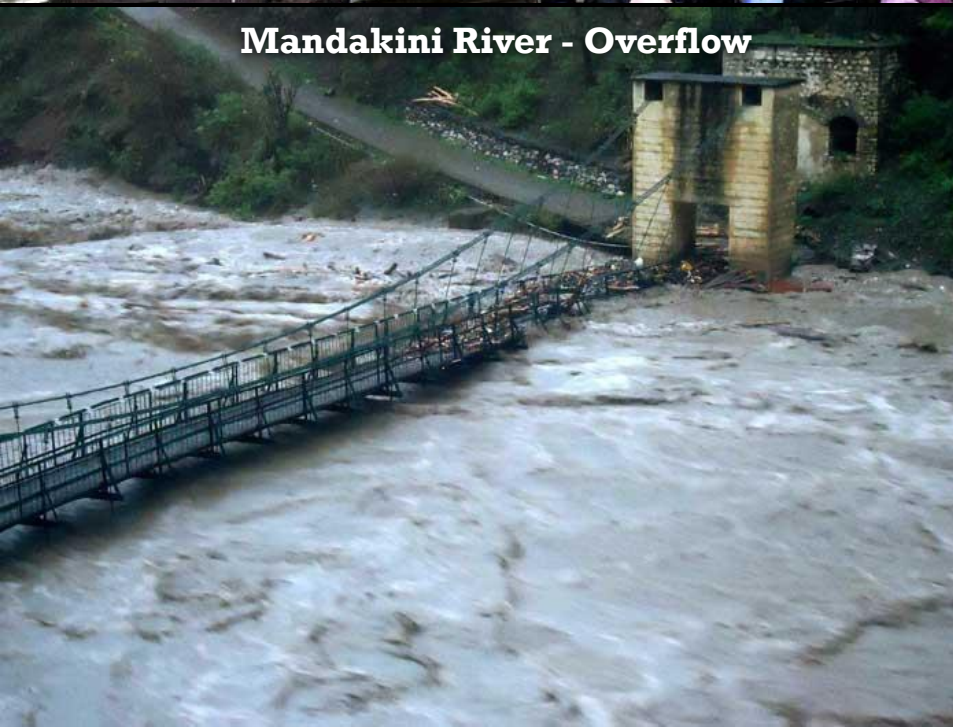
**Bridge Submerged in Rudraprayag**



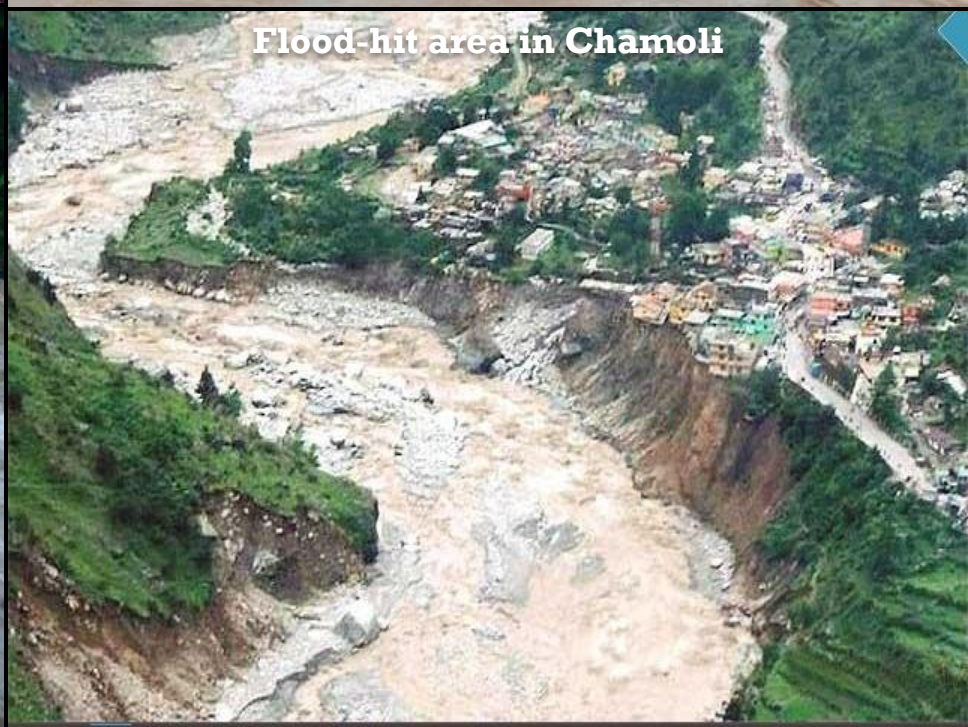
**Ganga flowing above danger mark in Rishikesh**



**Mandakini River - Overflow**



**Flood-hit area in Chamoli**



**Bulldozer and other vehicles are drifted in a flooded river in Uttarkashi district**



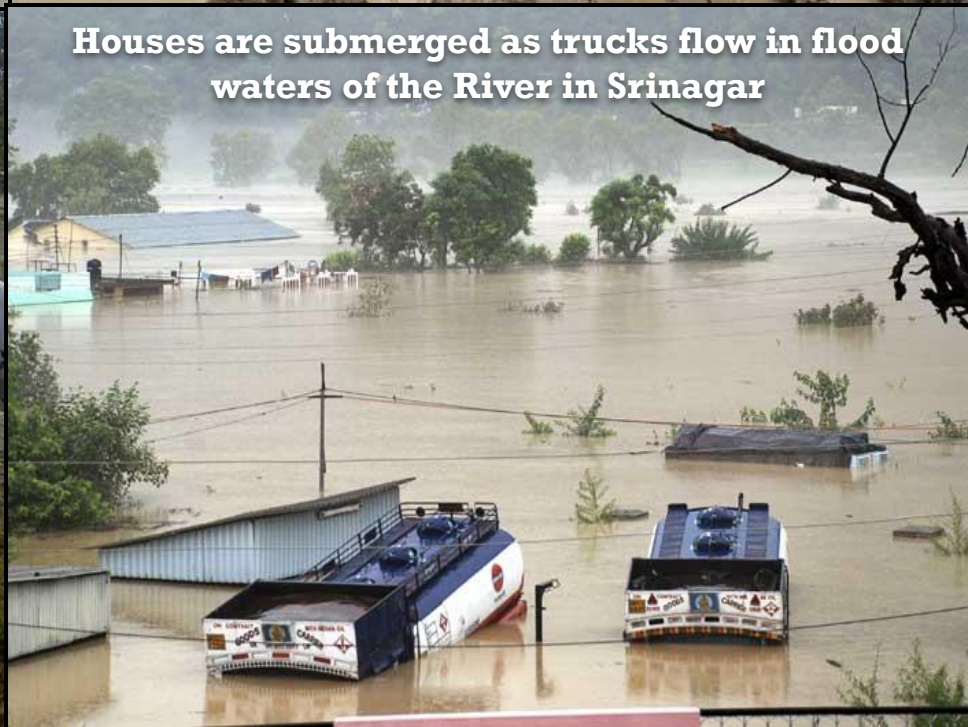
**Cars and Buses between the deposited Sediment on the Chamoli-Rishikesh highway**



**People gather at the site of a road accident on the Hardiwar-Mana national highway**



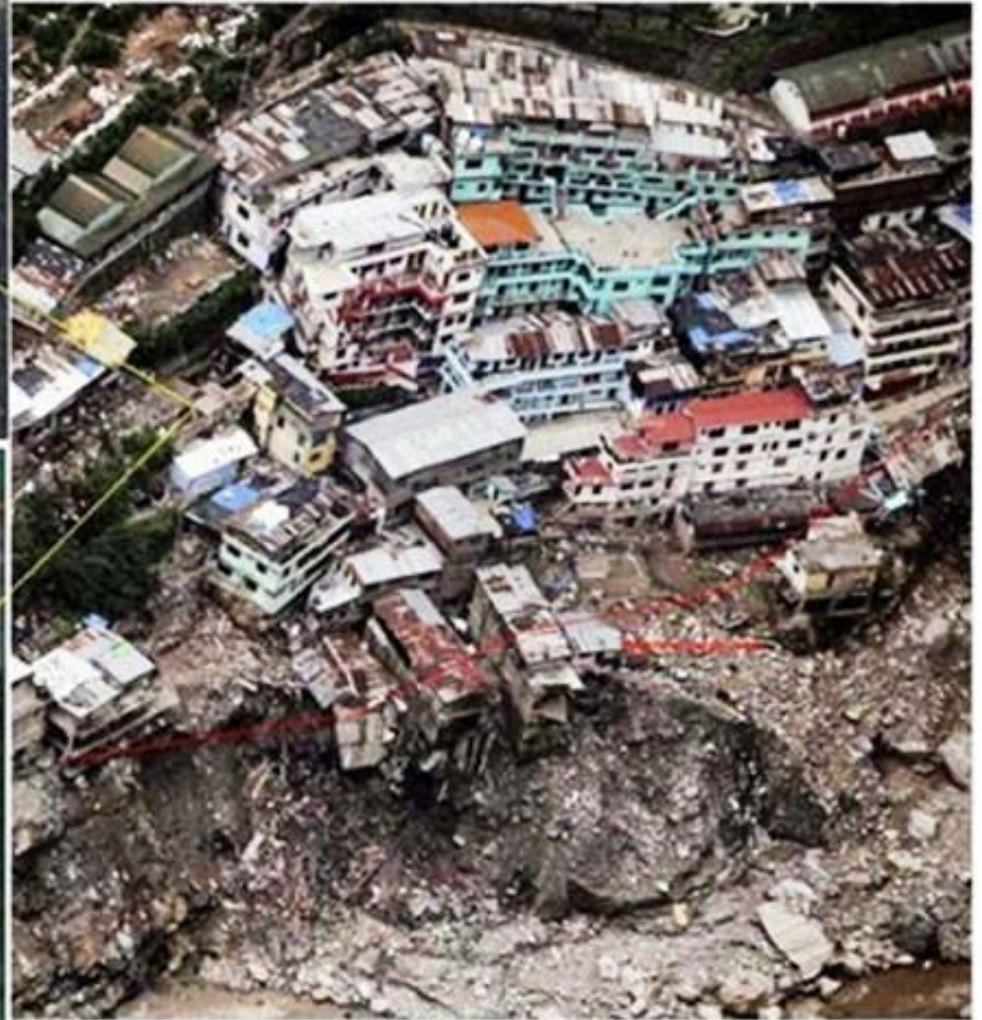
**Houses are submerged as trucks flow in flood waters of the River in Srinagar**



Pre Satellite Image



## Post Satellite Image of Gaurikund



Post Satellite Image



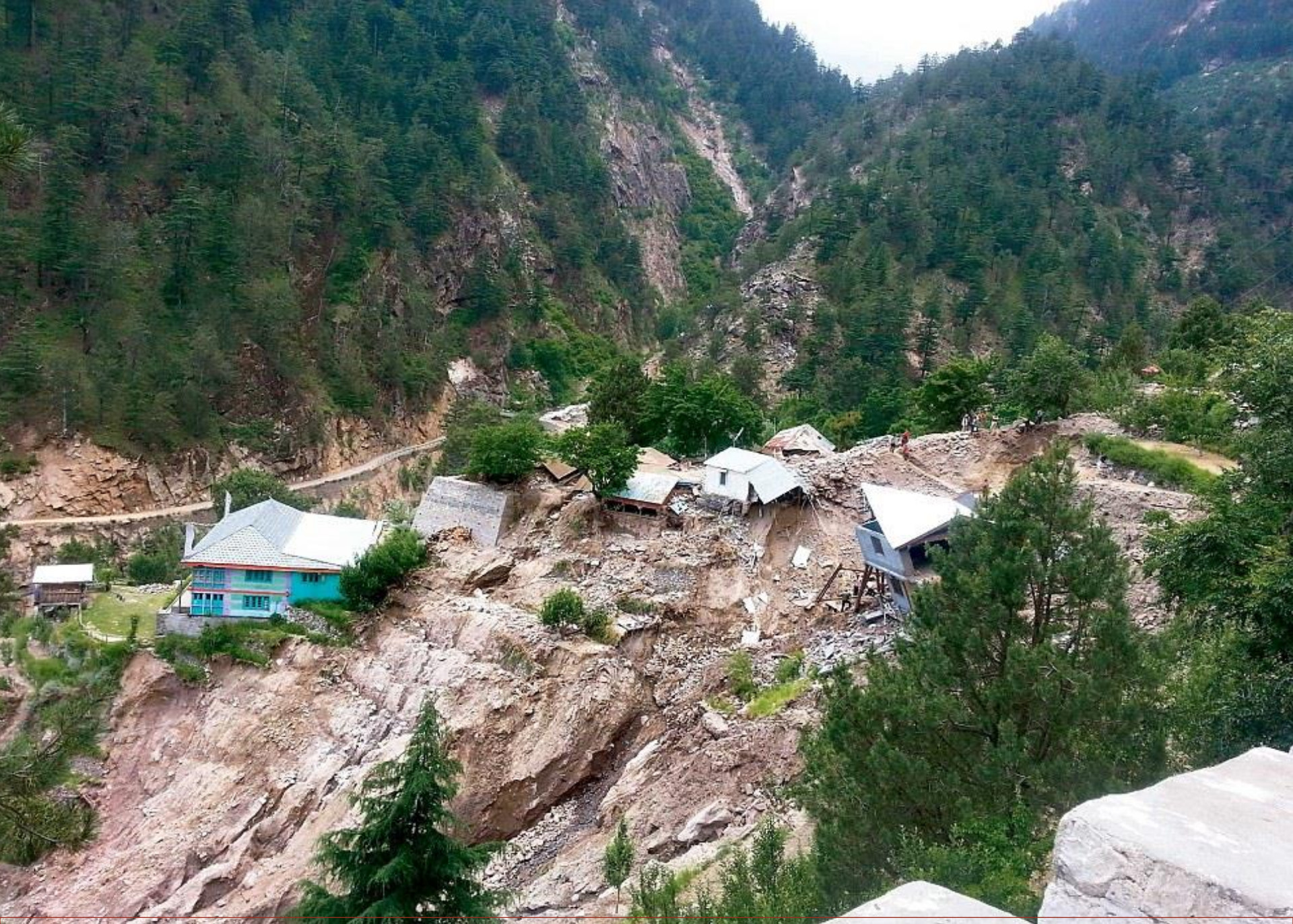


## Landslide near Hemkund Shahib & Shrinagar



Flood waters flow into a residential complex in Uttarakhand. The massive rains led to landslides and flooding devastating vast swathes of the hill state. →





**People were forced to vacate their houses in the wake of landslides**





Damaged houses are seen at a village in Rudraprayag, in the the worst affected districts in Uttarakhand.



Flood waters from the Alaknanda river destroyed buildings after heavy rainfall in Govindghat town, Uttarakhand on 17<sup>th</sup> June. More than 150 people had lost their lives due to the flooding but the final count could be much higher.



# Ganga River during high floods in Rishikesh





**A damaged government guest house falls into the flood waters of the River Alkananda in Srinagar district of Uttarakhand**



**Building Collapse in Srinagar**



# Alkananda river in Srinagar



## Flooded Mandakini River in Chamoli



## Laxman Jhula in Rishikesh





**Bridge Submerged in Rudraprayag**



**Mandakini River - Overflow**





Army personnel busy in rescue operations at Pindari glacier

# FLASH FLOODS

- Short-term events, occur within minutes or hr
- Very fast rise and recession of water
- High damages because of suddenness
- Occur in hilly regions and sloping lands where heavy RF, thunder storm or cloud burst are common
- States affected include UK, Punjab and HP



Storage reservoirs in areas prone to flash flood can absorb flood wave and protect the area

*A flash flood experienced in HP on 31st July and 1st August, 2000*

- *Discharge in Sutlej at Rampur rose from 54,000 to 1,80,000 cusec in 2.5 hrs*
- *Discharge at Suni d/s of Rampur rose from 64,600 to 215,000 cusec in 2 hours*
- *Widespread damage to life and property in Kinnour district*



# Types and Causes of flash floods

Based on the underlying processes causing flash floods, they can be categorised into three main types:

- Intense rainfall floods,
- Landslide dam outburst floods,
- Glacial lake outburst floods. In addition, flash floods
- can also be caused by bursting of artificial structures (*levee failure, dam break*)

Broadly classified into two main groups

- meteorological (intense precipitation)
- geo-environmental



# Flash Floods



# उत्तरकाशी में तबाही की तस्वीरें



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# असी गंगा घाटी में हालात खौफनाक

अलग-थलग गांवों में पहुंचा इंटर एजेंसी ग्रुप

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उत्तरकाशी। असी गंगा घाटी में तबाही की असल तस्वीर भयावह है। इस क्षेत्र में जगह-जगह लोग फंसे हुए हैं। न खाने का अनाज है और न पीने की पानी। जहां पहले घर हुआ करते थे वहां अब बस मलबा ही मलबा है। इस क्षेत्र का सर्वे करके लौटी स्वयंसेवी संगठनों के समूह इंटर एजेंसी ग्रुप की टीम ने ऐसे कई चौकाने वाले खुलासे किए हैं।

टीम का कहना है कि इस क्षेत्र में प्रशासन का सूचना तंत्र है ही नहीं। इसलिए प्रशासन के पास कोई जानकारी नहीं है। क्षेत्र से पटवारी गायब हैं, तो ग्राम विकास अधिकारी भी नकारा। स्कूलों में शिक्षक भी नहीं, जबकि इन्हें तैनाती स्थल पर या आसपास ही रहना चाहिए था।

टीम इनके का चर्चा-पचा कर रही है, जहां पहुंचने की मत प्रशासन अभी तक नहीं पा रहा था। तीन अंगूठे की ल फटने फटने के छह दिन तक प्रशासन को इस क्षेत्र के में कोई जानकारी नहीं थी। एजी से जुड़कर कार्य कर रहे गौरापुर के भूपेंद्र रावत, अंकित श, परमेश सिंह एवं हितेश रावत ने जोरिखम भर मस्ती से गांवों तक पहुंच लोगो को निक फिक्रितकर मुहंवा करने के लिए विस्तृत सर्वेक्षण कर उनको एकत्र करी थी।

प्रशासन बुधवार को गजौली से दूर महावि महेश योगी के प. एक इलेक्ट्रिकल से राहत

### बुरा है घाटी का हाल

- असीगंगा घाटी के सवा गांवों की आबादी 3007 है।
- कुपरी बिस्मों में 150 तन भोजन मशीनोई नर्मित फंसे है।
- इन बंदों में 20 मशीनी महिलार है, जिन्हें से तीन की किलोमी इला में ही प्रभावित है।
- दाराणा और देवानग में नांद खेरा गंगीर लय से बीमार है।
- पेट्रोल टैंकनं घुसत होने से गादरे का अन्न पानी पीने से बच्चों में डायरिया और फोड़े-पुस्ती होने लगी है।
- अलग-थलग बड़े बंदों में पांच दिनों का राशन है।
- स्कुल बंद। कलिधायी हाईस्कूल का नामे निशान नहीं।
- 42 बच्चे का श्रमिथ अंधेरी श्रौ।
- 24 जूलाई को दूसरी बार खदर एटने के बाद से धानिये में फस 65 फसियारे का जीवन संकट में।
- बसणा गांव के ऊपर दत्तर

### होमगार्ड के जवान की मौत

उत्तरकाशी। बुधवार रात को छट्टी से अपने गांव उत्तरी लौट रहे होमगार्ड के जवान प्रदीप सिंह को भूस्खलन से गिरे पेट के नीचे खनने में मौत हो गई। पेट में चामोण शहर की और शहर में रहने वाले लोग अपने गांव जाने से कतराते लगे हैं।

से 75 गांवों गारुणा तेरी को छोड़ ऐसे लोगों रात को दुबरे गांव में शरण लेकर सुकह घर लौटते है।

सुख्य पड़ाव संगमघटी बाजार पूरी तरह तबाह होने के बाद 20 मीटर ऊंचाई तक बन्दों में पटा है।

गांवों के समान घर टूट कर टुकें हैं। गजौली, गंगौली, गौरापुर, दासना गांव के ऊपर जमीन में खरी। अगोड़ा बंद के खोई घरों की निचली मंजिल में भूमिगत जोर से पानी ही पानी। 2010 की आपदा में अगोड़ा के कई घर क्षय होने के बाद भी पुर्वावास सूची में नहीं है। भू परधान से मलका जागा होने से असी गंगा और कार्दोनाड पर खदर जगह जीवत बनने की स्थिति पैदा हो रही है।



असी गंगा की बाढ़ में इस तरह तबाह हुआ है संगमघटी बाजार।



### GRAPHICS

जॉर्जिन उठाकर संगमघटी क्षेत्र के धीरे पर गए स्वयंसेवी।



गजौली गांव में बीमार बच्चों का उपचार करते एनबीएफ के कार्यकर्ता।



बाढ़ के बाद इस हाल में असी गंगा प्रथम का नकरील तैयार हो चुका दिवंगम।



बाढ़ से पाले हुए गेट से कलिधायी हाईस्कूल।

# बढ़ता जा रहा आपदा में मरने वालों का आंकड़ा

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उत्तरकाशी। प्रशासन अब भी आपदा से हुई मौत का आंकड़ा 28 और ताजाता लोगों की संख्या छह को मान रहा है। मुख्यमंत्री की भी यही जानकारी मुहैया कराई गई है। हालांकि जिस तरह से जानकारी मिल रही है, उससे मृतकों की संख्या अधिक होने की संभावनाएं हैं। आपदा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में सरकारी तंत्र की गैर मौजूदगी से मृतकों के बारे में सही आंकड़ा अब तक सामने नहीं आ पाया। बारूद जिस तरह से धीरे-धीरे जानकारीयें मिल

- पिलंग में भूधंसाव से हुई थी भादर सिंह की मौत
- कलिधायी में दो साधुओं की मौत की आशंका

को आई बाढ़ में दो और साधुओं के भी मरने की संचना है। आपदा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में सरकारी तंत्र की गैर मौजूदगी से मृतकों के बारे में सही आंकड़ा अब तक सामने नहीं आ पाया। बारूद जिस तरह से धीरे-धीरे जानकारीयें मिल



रात को पिलंग गांव के भादर सिंह की भी भूधंसाव की चपेट में आकर मौत हो गई थी। क्षेत्र के लोगों के अनुसार कलिधायी स्थित सिख मंदिर में तपस्वी की रात को मुख्य साधु के साथ दो साधु और थे। गिरिचंद्र हो थे भी करल धास प्रास

डालकर मुख्यलय तक पहुंच रहे शामिलों से मिल रही जानकारीयें इस मामले में मृतकों की संख्या ज्यादा होने की ओर इशारा कर रही हैं। एयर फोर्स दिल्ली से यहां पहुंची एनडीआरएफ की टीम ने डींग खुदाई के साथ गंगोरी से असी गंगा के तटों को खंगलना शुरू कर दिया है। बाढ़ की भेंट चढ़े फायर सर्विस के जवान और इस घाटी में निर्वाणधीन परिवोजनानों पर कार्यरत मजदूरों के शव नदी तटों पर मलबे में बरामद होने की उम्मीद जाड़ा जा रही है। दो रास तक 6 वीं प्रिंशिवर कर्ता के साथ टीम के 25

Cloudburst in Uttarakhand kills 30, several people missing



## **SOME TIPS TO STAY HIGH AND DRY:**



- Know your proximity to rivers, streams and dams
- During heavy rain, avoid underpasses, underground parking garages and basements
- Avoid hiking or camping if thunderstorms are predicted
- Develop an evacuation plan for your family
- Turn off the electricity and other utilities

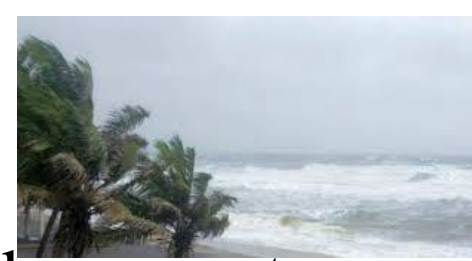


# Glacial Lakes and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods

- Glacial lakes are formed due to the melting of ice and snow from glaciers
- Due to the faster rate of melting from the glaciers, possibly due to global warming, water is accumulating at an increasing rate in these lakes
- Sudden outburst results in Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) downstream causing destruction of life and property



# COASTAL FLOODS



- Floods in coastal areas may be caused by rainstorms associated with low pressure systems
- This kind of flooding is usually connected to hurricanes, tsunamis or tropical storms.
- When low pressures occur in a storm over the ocean, they suck the water toward the center.
- As long as the eye is over deep water, problems are minimized, but as the storm moves toward land it carries a dome of water that can exceed 25 feet (7.6 meters) in diameter.
- When the dome reaches the shoreline, it can cause significant damage.



- At the same time, waves breaking along the shoreline assault beaches and structures, with destructive potential.
- On an average, 10 tropical cyclones and depressions originating in Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea move across India
- Passage of storms in quick succession leads to severe floods
- Coastal areas of AP, Assam, Orissa, TN and WB, experience such flood
- Flood due to super cyclone in October 1999 in coastal Orissa



## Coastal areas affected by flood

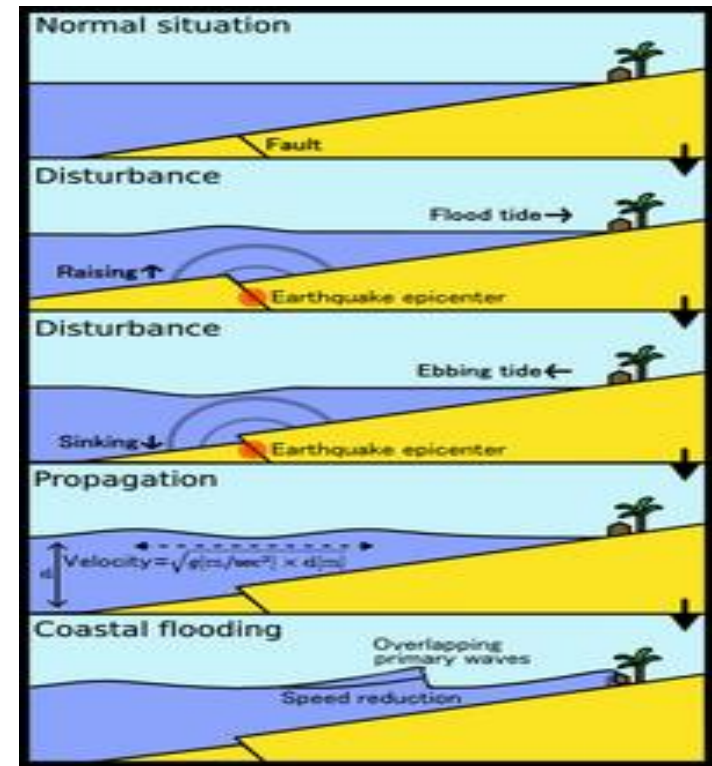


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# TSUNAMIS

- A tsunami is a series of large waves generated by an abrupt movement on the ocean floor
- Resulting from an earthquake, an underwater landslide, volcanic eruption or meteorite strike (very rare).
- Tsunami comes from two Japanese words “tsu - harbor” and “nami-wave.”
- Damage is usually worst in areas closest to the undersea quake, often because the fast-moving waves will hit land so quickly.



# TSUNAMIS

- In Dec. 2004, waves generated by an earthquake near Indonesia caused severe flooding and extensive loss of life and property in and. & Nic. Islands, coastal TN
- Govt. Of India is setting up a comprehensive warning system



# URBAN FLOOD

common & annual event in Indian cities

*Reasons are*

- Rapid urbanization and uncontrolled development
- encroachment of the flood areas
- Inadequate drainages
- absence of proper regulations & maintenance.



# URBAN FLOODING

- Many cities witness flooding even after moderate rainfall
- Frequently rain water mixes with drain water
- Unhygienic conditions lead to spread of epidemics
- Absence of planned urban drainage makes situation worse
- People living in low-lying areas pertain mostly to poorer sections



## VEGETATION COVER

This varies seasonally. The type and amount will affect interception and stemflow/throughfall. Overland flow is reduced. Lag time will be increased.



## ROCK TYPE

Impermeable rocks prevent groundwater flow and encourage through flow and overland flow. These rocks will decrease lag time. Permeable rock will have the opposite effect.



## CLIMATE

The distribution of rainfall over the year and the temperatures will affect the lag times.



## FACTORS

## SLOPES

Steep slopes will encourage overland flow and gentle slope will slow run off down.



## LAKES & RESERVOIRS

These will store floodwater and thus reduce lag time and control river response to heavy rainfall.



## RAINFALL INTENSITY & DURATION

Intense rain will increase overland flow and reduce lag times. Gentle rain over a longer time will allow more infiltration.

## LAND USE

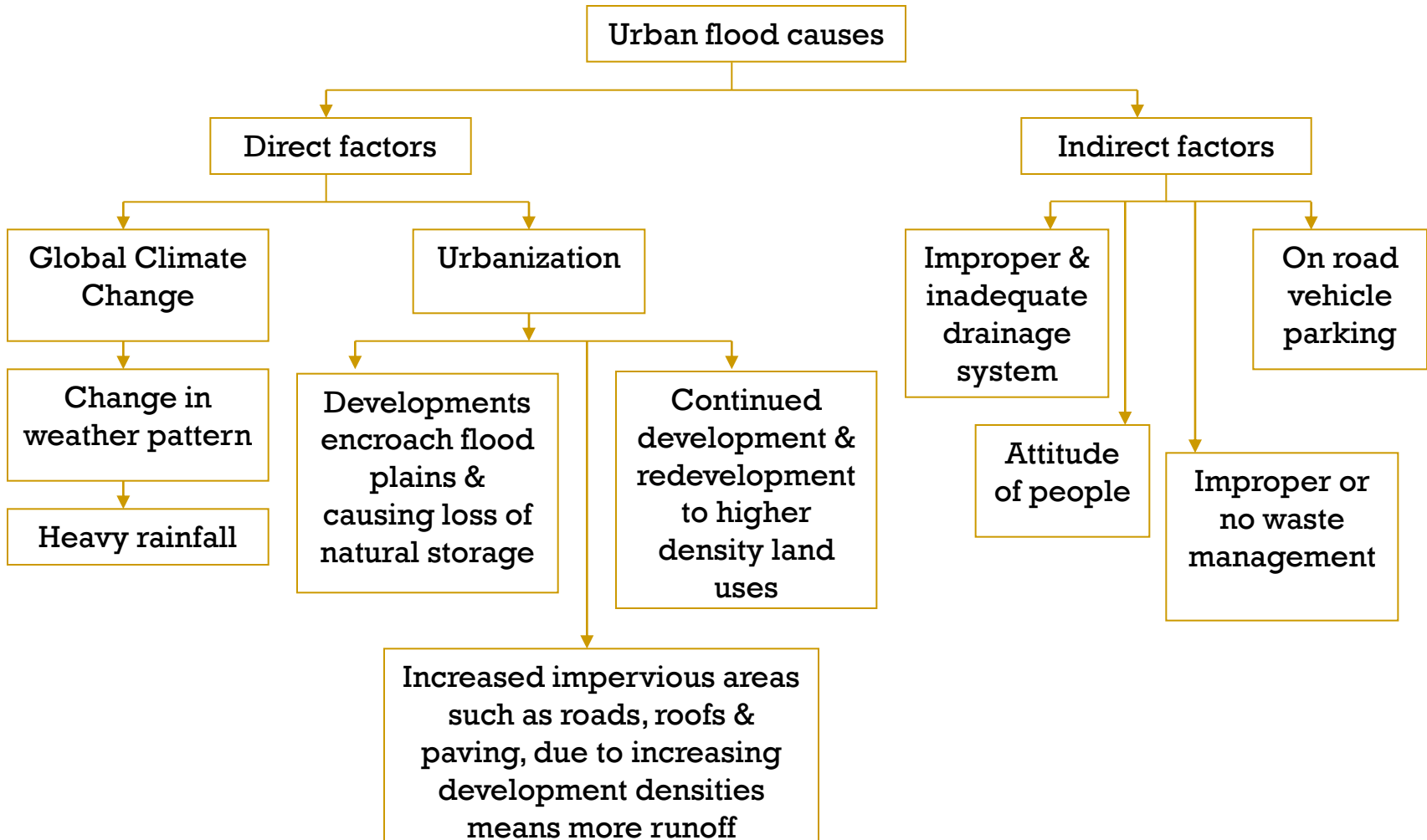
Impermeable surfaces created by urbanisation will reduce infiltration and encourage overland flow. Different types of crops affect interception rates e.g. cereals 7-15%.



## SOIL TYPE & DEPTH

Deep soils store more water, pipes in the soil encourage through flow. Soils with small pore spaces will reduce infiltration and increase overland flow.

# CAUSES OF FLOODS IN URBAN AREAS



# Effects of Flood

Primary

Due to direct contact of flood water

Physical damage

Secondary

Due to result of primary effect

Disruption of essential services

Tertiary

Due to combined effect of primary & secondary

Long-term effect



# Effects of flood



**Primary effect  
effect**

**Secondary effect Tertiary**



# Flood Impacts

Loss of lives and property

Loss of livelihoods

Disruption of Transport services

Communication breakdown

Spread of water-borne diseases

Economic and social disruption

Mass migration

Physiological effects

# CASE STUDIES



# Hyderabad



- **Urban flooding**
- record breaking torrential rain, 14 October 2020, heavy rains
- Hyderabad experiencing 32 cm rainfall in 24 hours – the highest in a century
- Leading to Urban flooding in Hyderabad city
- Experts have attributed this turn of events to *poor urban planning, a woeful drainage system and the pitiable condition of the Musi river, multiple streams and water-storage tanks*, as a result of unplanned urbanization.
- Most parts of Hyderabad lost power and
- internet connectivity for two days following the floods.

<https://science.thewire.in/environment/hyderabad-floods-rains-poor-urban-planning/>

<https://www.insightsonindia.com/2020/10/19/w-hy-floods-occur-in-hyderabad/>



# BUT, WHY FLOODS OCCUR IN HYDERABAD?

- Hyderabad is a system of catchments.
- The western edge is in the Godavari river basin.
- To the east, it's in the Krishna River basin.
- Also, Hyderabad is in the Deccan region, which has a chaotic drainage pattern — water here does not flow in a single direction as the slope is in multiple directions.

## What needs to be done now?

- **Take stock of the entire drainage system, not just the nalas.**
- **See the whole city as a catchment area and begin to clear critical areas of encroachments.**
- **For all this, to be implemented, we need an executive and 'ecological' body like a "Lakes and Parks Authority",**
- **Risk mapping of the areas of the city should be done to assess the vulnerability, related to urban floods, using GIS technology.**
- **Town Planning department (GHMC) should regularly monitor the prohibited areas to prevent encroachments.**
- **Conserve and protect areas for groundwater recharge.**



# **GHMC, INDIA LAUNCHED 'MODEL PILOT PROJECT': 'PERVIOUS CONCRETE ROAD PAVEMENT' AT SPORTS COMPLEX**



# DELHI

*Delhi received around 70 mm of rain July 19, 2020, the most in the past five years, last drainage master plan of the city was prepared in 1976, (@ 60 lakh population (Since then the population has increased about four times)*

## Causes

- Yearly increase in the runoff-mainly due to unplanned urbanization- led to the concretization of roads and pavements.
- Choking and silting of drains
- disappearing waterbodies and encroachment

## Consequences

- waterlogging in several parts of Delhi
- an increasing impact on life and property.



## Measures

- Diversion of the runoff to nearby parks and waterbodies, recharged into the ground
- Emphasis on the need to restore urban waterbodies in this context.
- desilting of the drains is the main intervention
- Drainage Master Plan for NCT of Delhi



# KERALA

**August 2018** was a devastating month for Kerala with high monsoon rainfall leading to the worst flood in Kerala after 1924.

Kerala was also flooded in 2018 and 2019

**On 7 August 2020**, due to heavy rainfall in the monsoon season, severe floods affected Kerala, red alert for the 3 districts of Wayanad, Kozhikkode and Idukki



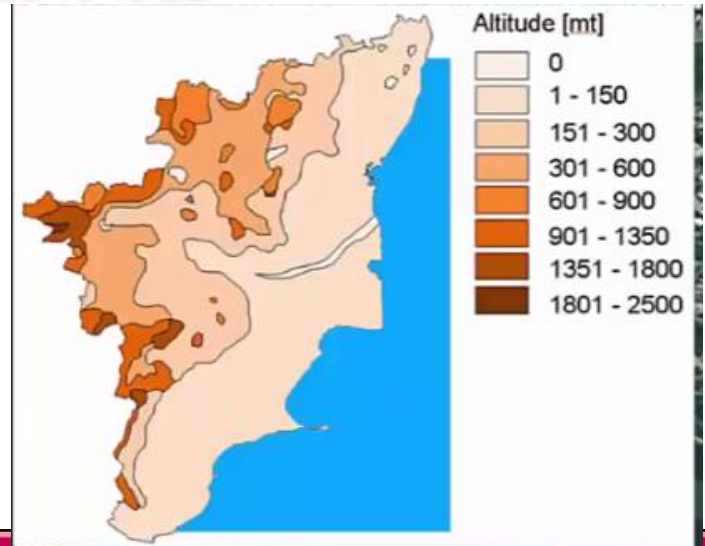
**Causes.** The unnatural increase in rainfall was **caused** by a monsoon surge, which was aided by a strong Somali Current or Somali Jet and a low-pressure on the Bay of Bengal which dragged strong monsoon winds towards the Western Coast of India.



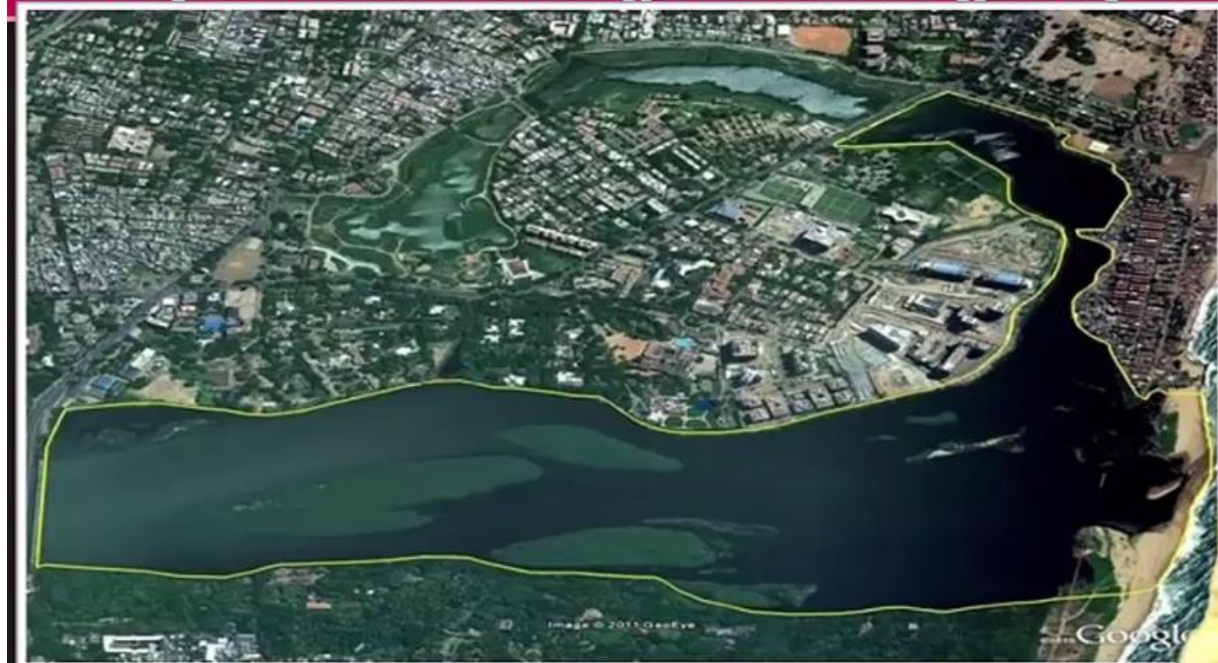


heavy rainfall generated by the annual north east monsoon in November–December 2015.

# CHENNAI



## Adyar River: Desilting not done regularly



- **Causes**
- severe encroachment on the Buckingham canal which is one of the major rain water drain of the city.
- strong El-Nino and consequent heavy rains resulting from the north east monsoon



Gurugram



Mumbai



Chennai



Jaipur



# FLOOD MANAGEMENT



# FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Cannot be absolutely controlled only managed to reduce flood losses

## *Aims of flood management*

- Protection of people and property
- Reduction of flood risk
- Monitoring, research, forecasting & warning



# FLOOD MANAGEMENT APPROACH

## Structural measures

- Embankments
- Dams & reservoirs
- River diversions
- Channel improvement
- Drainage improvement
- Diversion of flood rivers

## Nonstructural measures

- Flood Plain Zoning
- Flood preparedness
- Flood forecasting
- Afforestation
- Public relief



# STRUCTURAL MEASURES

## Methods of flood control

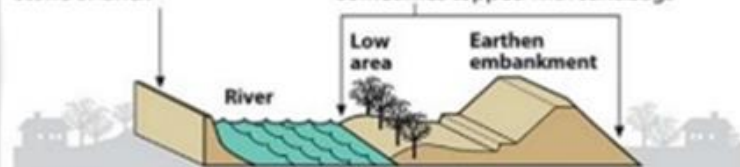
The two most common ways to try to contain flooding rivers:

### FLOOD WALL

Barrier built along river-banks – made of concrete, stone or brick

### LEVEE

Wide embankment built along river-banks – made from clay, sand, or soil; sometimes topped with sandbags



### LEVEES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

More than 2,000 miles of levees have been built

Height: 15 ft. to 30 ft.

Width: 8 ft. on top

More than 100 ft. at the base



# STRUCTURAL MEASURES

Structural measures for flood control which bring relief to the flood prone areas by reducing flood flows and thereby the flood levels are:

(a) Construction works:

*embankments which artificially raise the effective river bank and thereby prevent spilling.*

(b) Improvement works:

*Improvement of existing channel and drainages, which artificially reduce the flood water level, confining within the river banks & prevent spilling.*

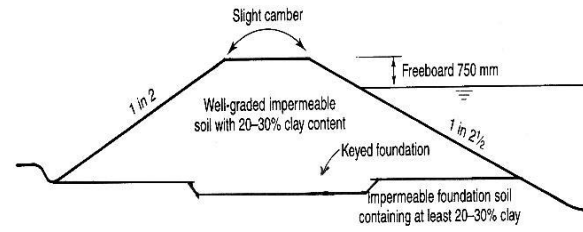


# STRUCTURAL FRM MEASURES

- Dams
- Reservoirs
- Flood walls
- Levees
- River diversions
- Channel Improvements
- Detention basin
- Closure structures
- Bridge modifications
- Pumping
- Channel diversions
- Beach Nourishment



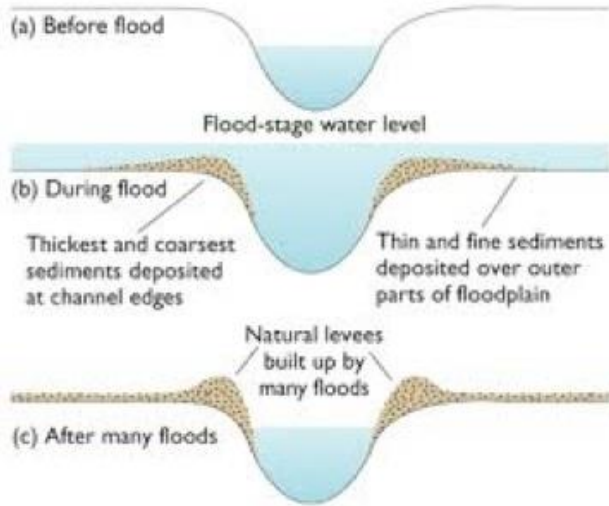
# Embankments



# Dams and reservoirs



# Levees



# Flood wall



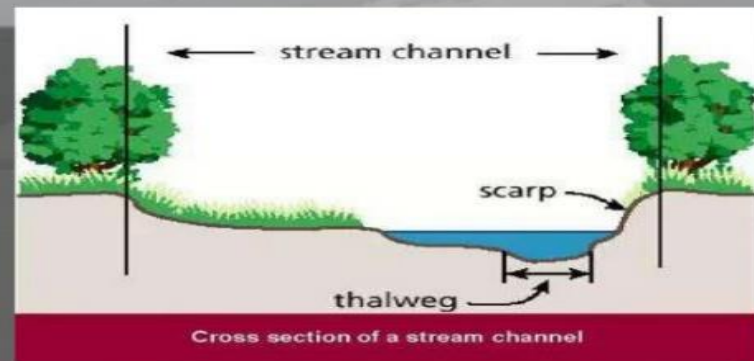
# River diversions

*Jhelum river by passing  
Srinagar*



# Channel improvement

**Increasing in size of cross-section of  
the channel**



# Detention basin

*Cheap if depressions or swamp are available*

**Detention Reservoir**



# Channel Improvements

**Construction of Cut-off**

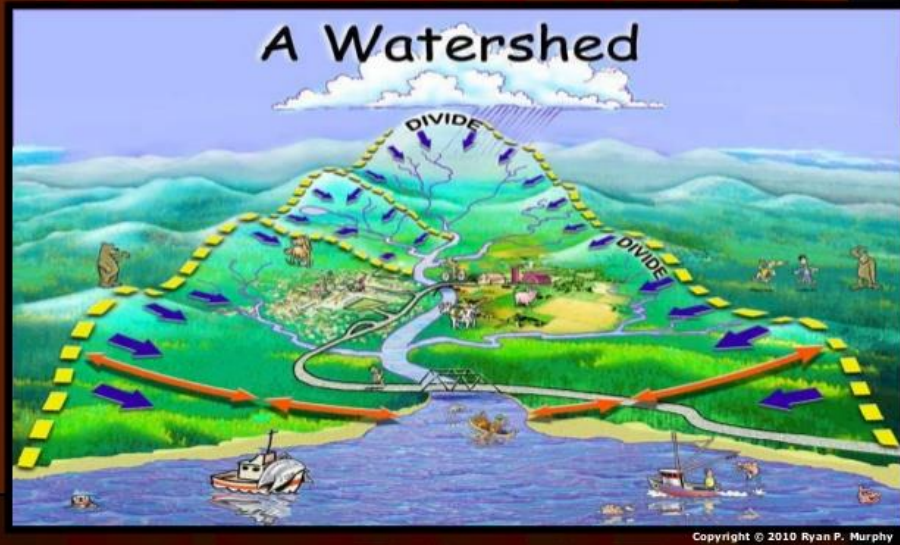


# CLOSURE STRUCTURE

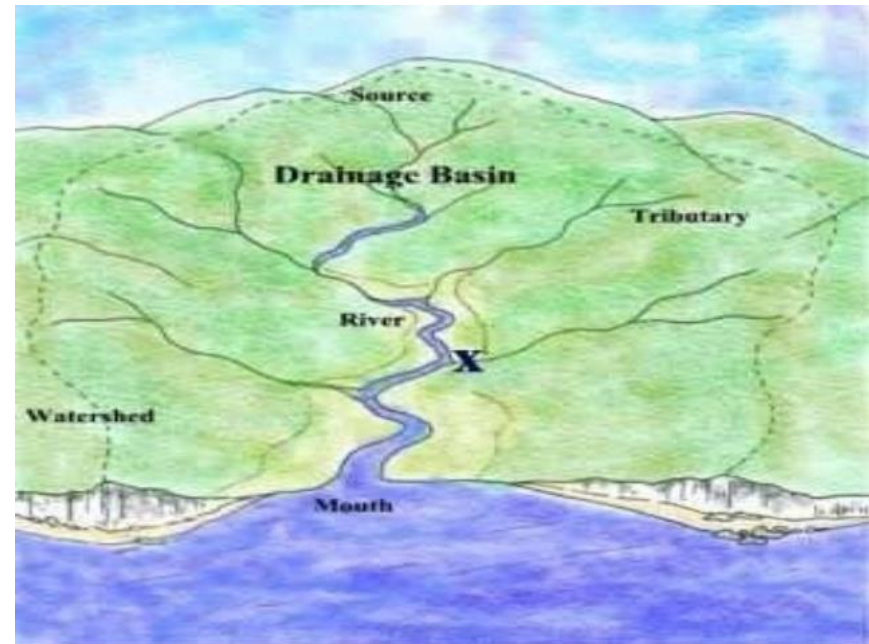


# Watershed Management (a structural mitigation measures)

- Watershed: The region draining into a river.



Runoff reduction by watershed management: *It is an indirect method applied to the watershed, which has long-term effect on flood disaster mitigation.*



# Watershed Management

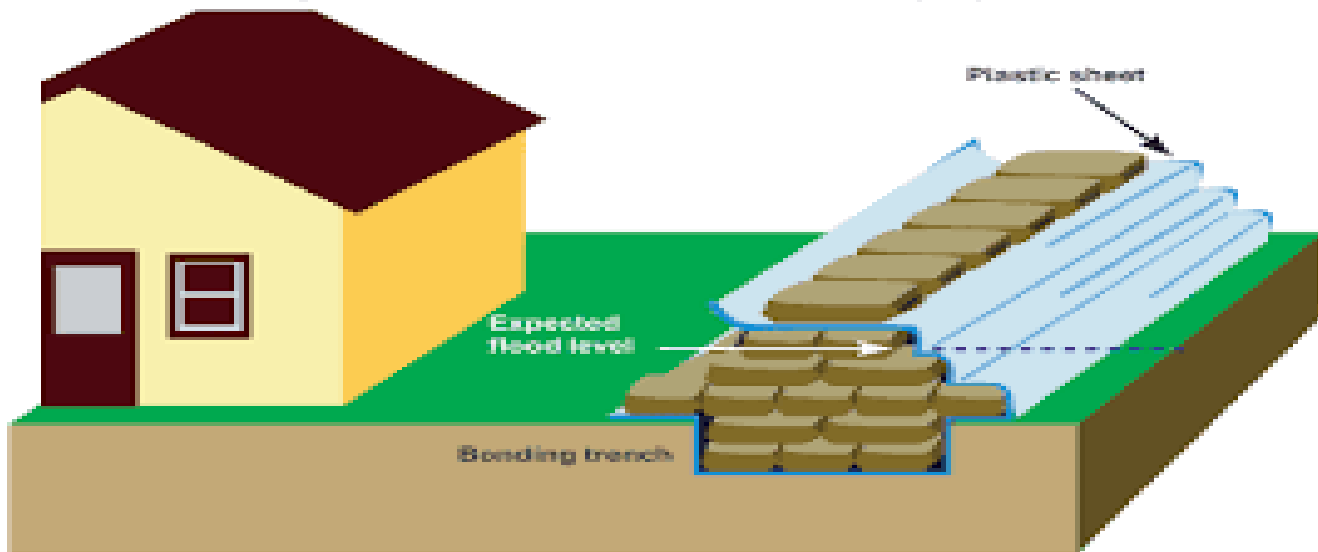
*Different watershed management are*

- Check dams
- Trenches
- Contour bunds
- Contour farming
- Grassed waterway
- Afforestation



# Non-structural Measures

Floodproofing – cross-section of a sandbag dyke



# NON-STRUCTURAL MEASURES

*Administrative methods endeavor to mitigate the flood damages by;*

- Facilitating timely evacuation of the people and shifting of their movable property to safer grounds by having advance warning of incoming flood i.e. flood forecasting, flood warning in case of threatened inundation
- Discouraging creation of valuable assets/settlement of the people in the areas subject to frequent flooding i.e. enforcing flood plain zoning regulation.



# NONSTRUCTURAL MEASURES



- **Modifying the susceptibility to flood damage by**

- *Flood Plain Zoning*

- *Flood preparedness*

- *Flood forecasting*

## **Modifying loss burden by**

- *Disaster relief/relief funds*

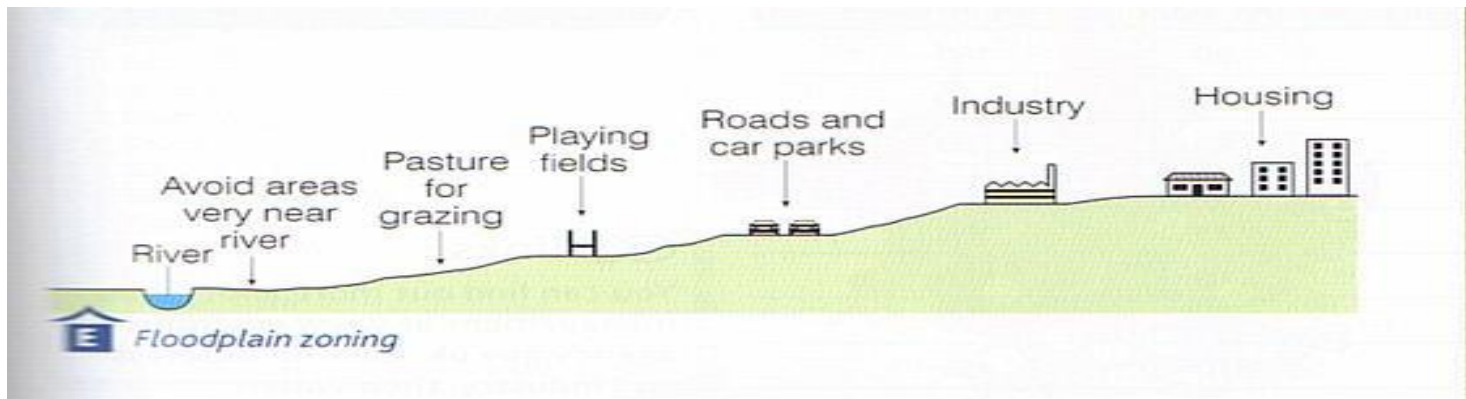
- *Public awareness*

- *Flood insurance*

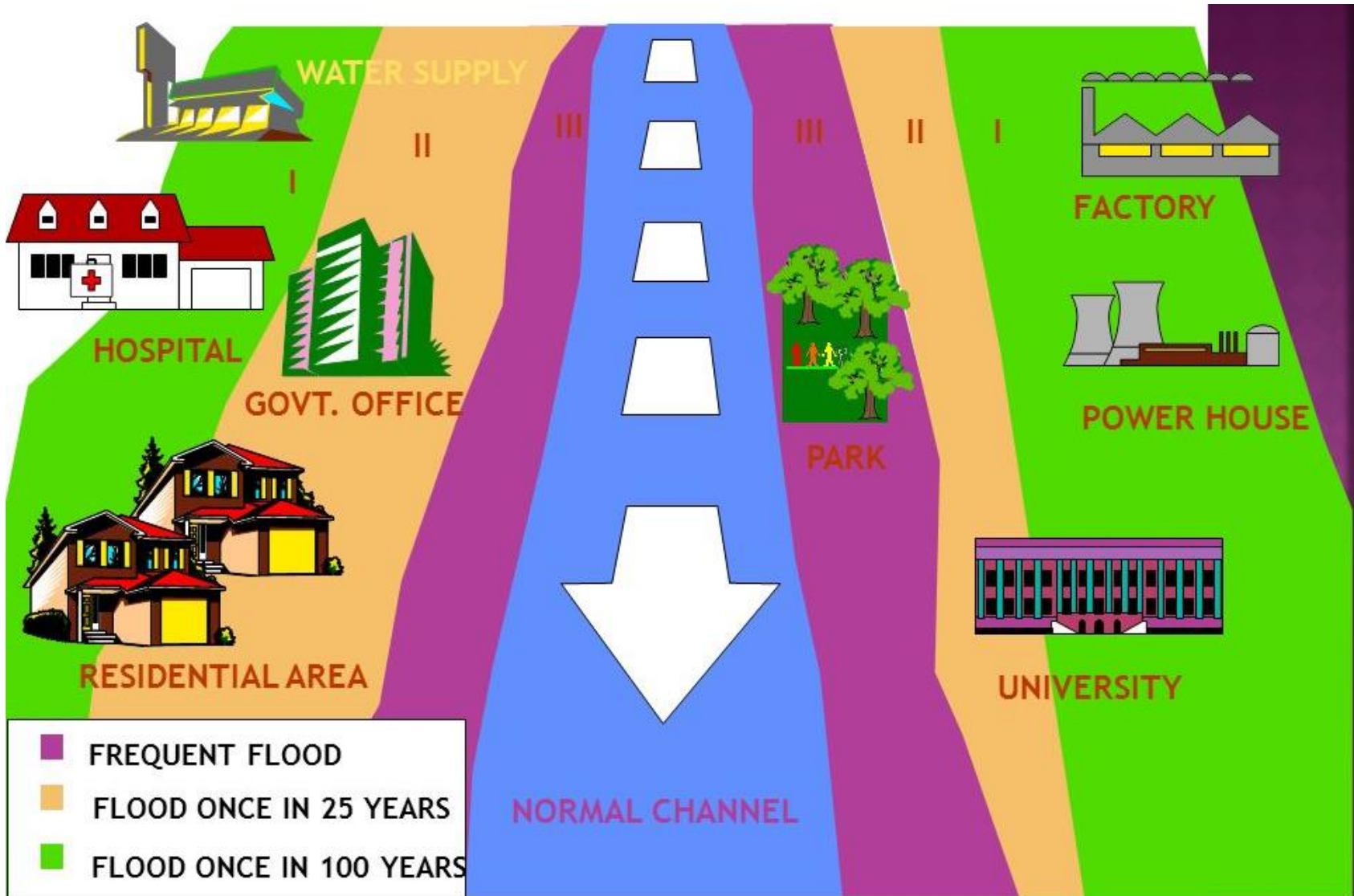


# FLOOD PLAIN ZONING (FPZ)

- FPZ is a concept central to flood plain management.
- Any intrusion into or developmental activity in flood plain of a river must recognise the river's 'right of way'.
- FPZ measures aim at demarcating zones or areas likely to be affected by floods of different magnitudes or frequencies.
- Specify the types of permissible developments in these ZONES (damage can be minimized)



# FLOOD PLAIN ZONING



# Central Water Commission (CWC)

- Continuously impressing upon the states the need to take follow-up action to implement the flood plain zoning approach.
- A model draft bill for flood plain zoning legislation was also circulated by the union government in 1975 to all the states.
- It provides clauses about flood zoning authorities, prohibition of the use of the flood plains, compensation
- Most importantly removing obstructions to ensure free flow of water.



# FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

*Preparedness is very crucial for water related disasters*

## ■ Planning

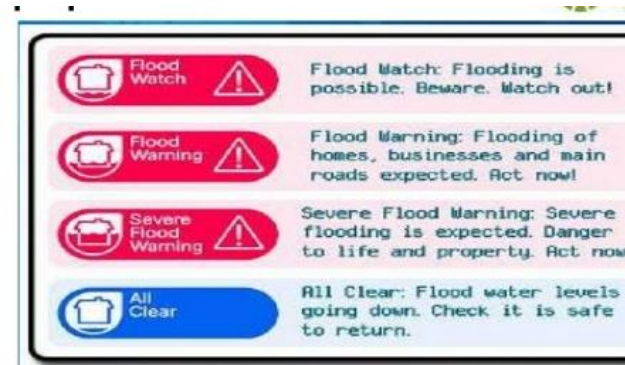
Evacuation plan : before a flood occurs can help avoid confusion and prevent injuries and property damage. *A thorough evacuation plan should include:*

- Conditions that will activate the plan
- Chain of command
- Emergency functions and who will perform them
- Specific evacuation procedures, including routes and exits



## ■ Education of the public

- Significance/implications of different type
- Action to be taken by them
- Generally reluctance to leave homes and villages
- Tendency to return while there is still flood danger
- Can be accomplished by meetings and classes
- Distribution of information pamphlets in local languages
- Placing large size posters in prominent places
- Pictorial illustration as far as possible



## ■ Disaster-prone area mapping



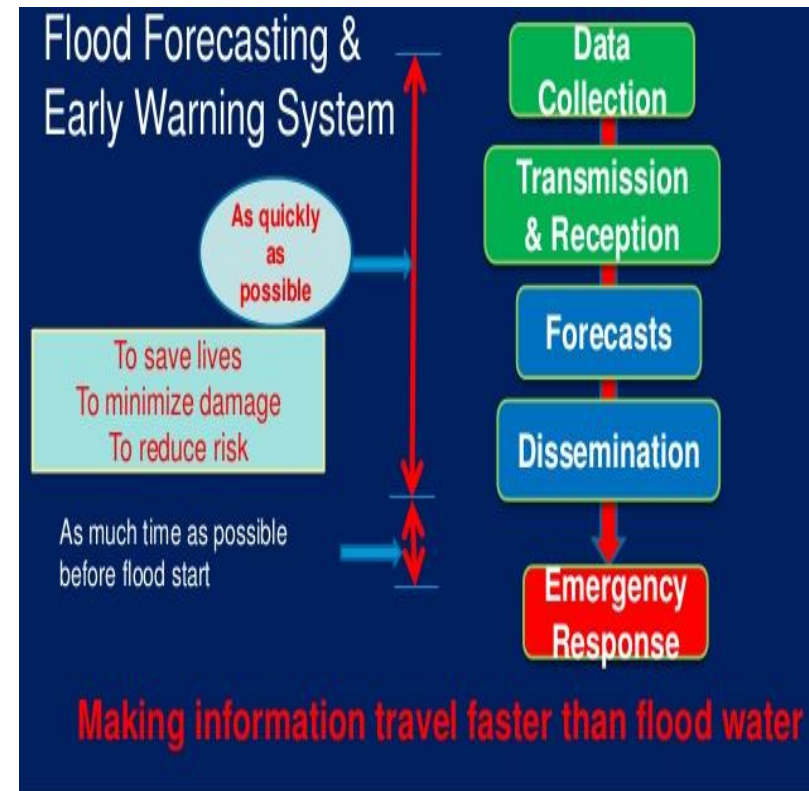
# FLOOD FORECASTING & WARNING SYSTEM

**Level forecasts:** help the user agencies to decide

- mitigating measures like evacuation of people
- shifting people & their movable property to safer locations.

**Inflow Forecasting:** is used by various dam authorities

- in optimum operation of reservoirs for safe passage of flood downstream
- to ensure adequate storage in the reservoirs for meeting demand during non-monsoon period.



# FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING

- ***Forecasting***: Estimation of some variable at a specific future time or over a specified future time interval
- ***Prediction***: Estimation of future conditions, without reference to a specific time
- ***Real-time forecasting***: Forecasts are made based on the current conditions
- ***Lead time***: Time (interval) over which a forecast is made



# FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING

- Reliability of a forecast usually decreases with increase in lead time
- Longer the forecast lead time, greater will be its utility
- Need for proper balance between accuracy and lead time
- Certain minimum lead time necessary to organize remedial measures
- In India, a lead time of at least 10 to 12 hours needed
- Higher benefits if good forecasts are available
- Forecasting is one of the most useful and difficult problem of hydrology



# PURPOSES OF FORECASTING

## Objective

## Percent of Cases

Flood protection	43%
Energy generation	19%
Navigation	2%
Water supply and sanitation	12%
Irrigation	6%
Others	8%
Forecast of river stage	43% cases
Discharge	36%
volume	12%

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# FLOOD FORECASTING ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

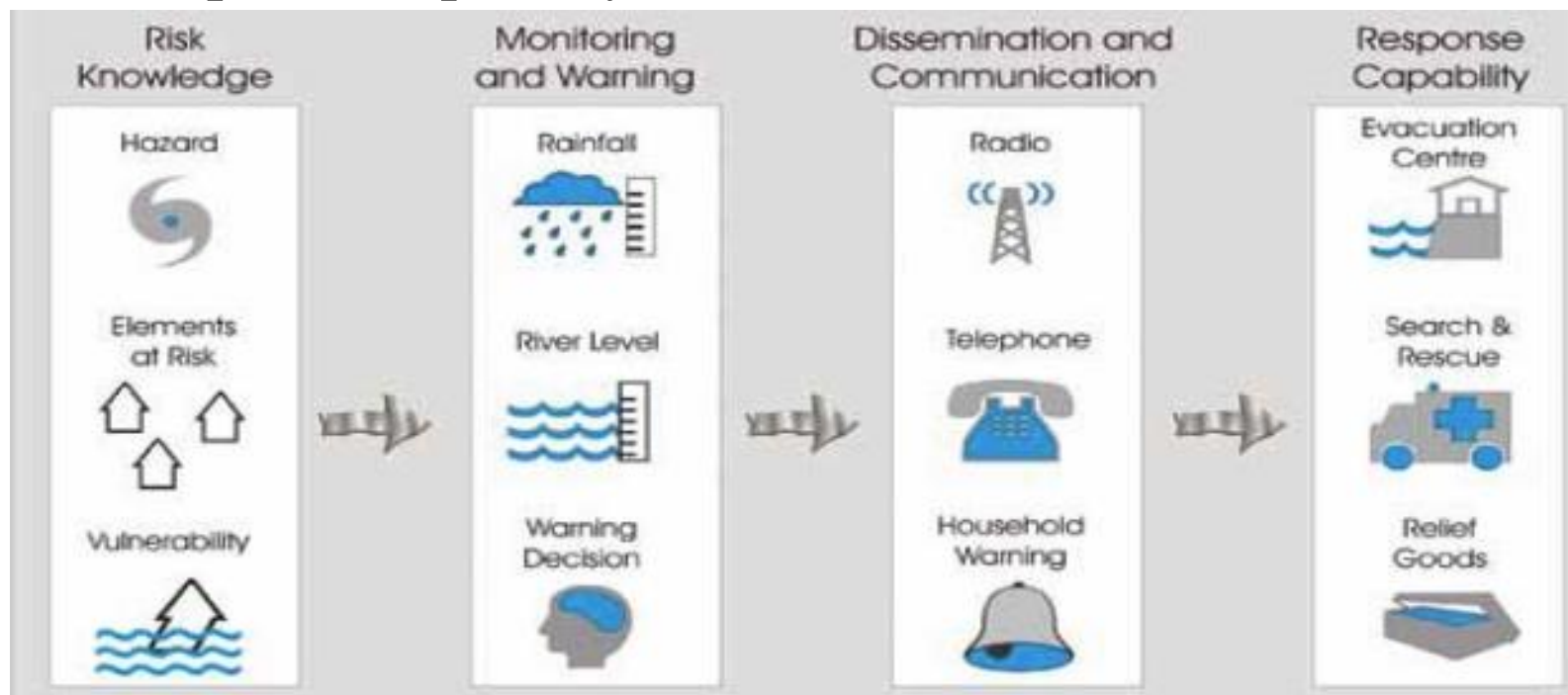
- Commenced in India in **November 1958**
- Flood Forecasting Unit in CWC for the river Yamuna at Delhi
- Disastrous floods in 1968 in many parts of the country necessitated the setting up of forecasting centers on interstate rivers.
- CWC have a National Network of FF Stations on all Inter-State Rivers.
- CWC has 175 Forecasting sites on 70 Inter-State Rivers.
- Accuracy of forecast is about 95.8%



# KEY ELEMENTS OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

An early warning system mainly consists of four elements:

- Risk Knowledge
- Monitoring and Warning Services,
- Disseminations and Communication
- Response Capability



# STEPS INVOLVED IN FLOOD FORECASTING

- Observation and collection: *hydro-meteorological data*
- Transmission and communication of data: *to forecasting center/control room*
- Formulation of forecast: *for Modeling*
- Dissemination of forecasts and warning: *administrative and engg. authorities*
- Analysis of forecast vs actual observations: *for improvement of models*



# HYDRO-METEOREOLOGICAL DATA FOR FLOOD FORECAST

## A) meteorological data

- Rainfall
- Temperature
- Wind velocities
- Humidity
- Evaporation

## B) hydrological data

- River gauges
- River discharges
- Yields/runoff

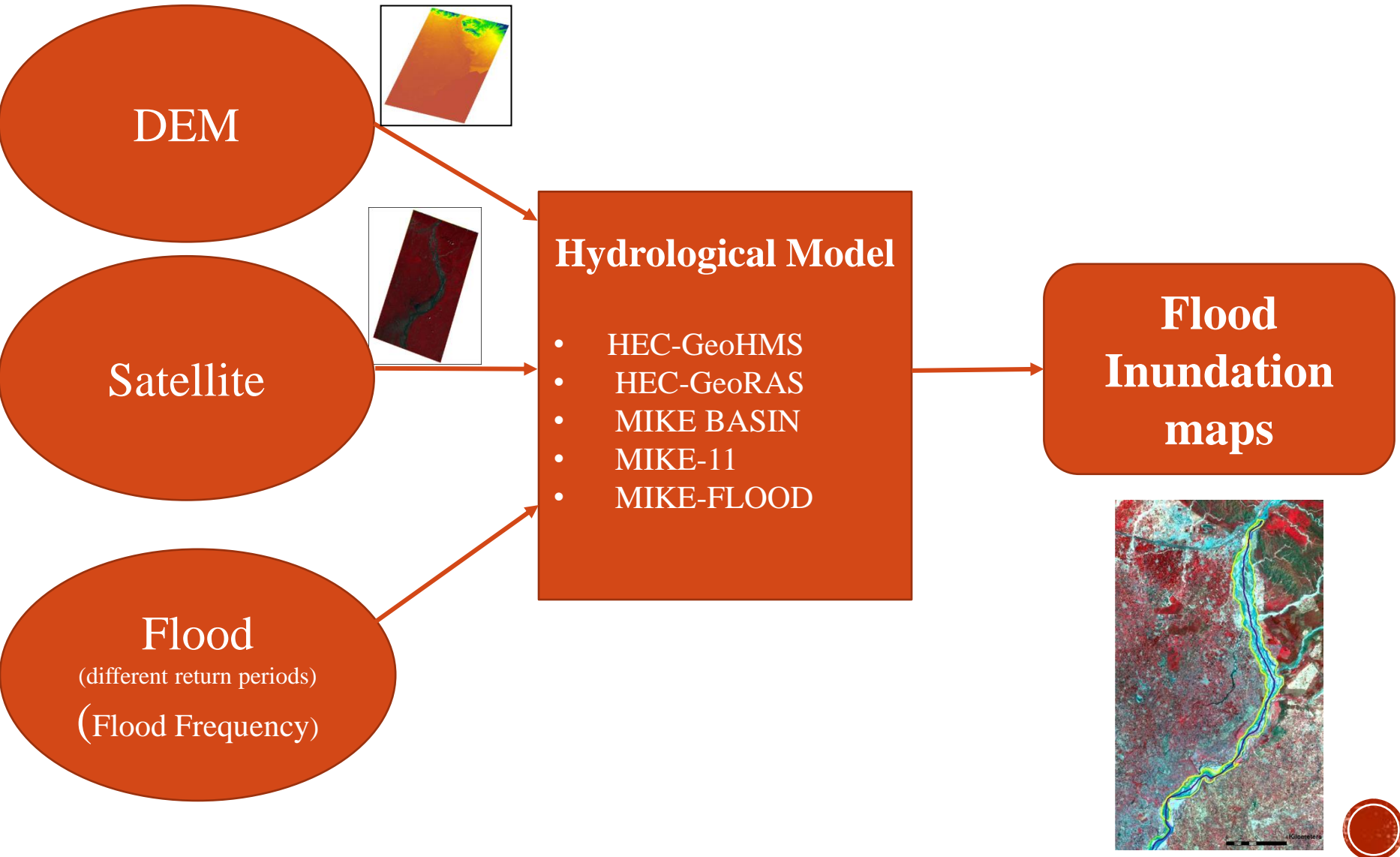


# FLOOD FORECASTING SYSTEM : DATA TRANSMISSION

- Wireless
- Telephone
- Fax
- Satellite
- Telegraph



# MODELING



# DISSEMINATION OF FORECAST

## Forecast bulletins

- Must be very clear and include all necessary details
- Double-check information supplied
- Well-defined responsibility in offices authorized to issue forecasts
- Avoid dissemination of wrong information



# DISSEMINATION OF FORECAST

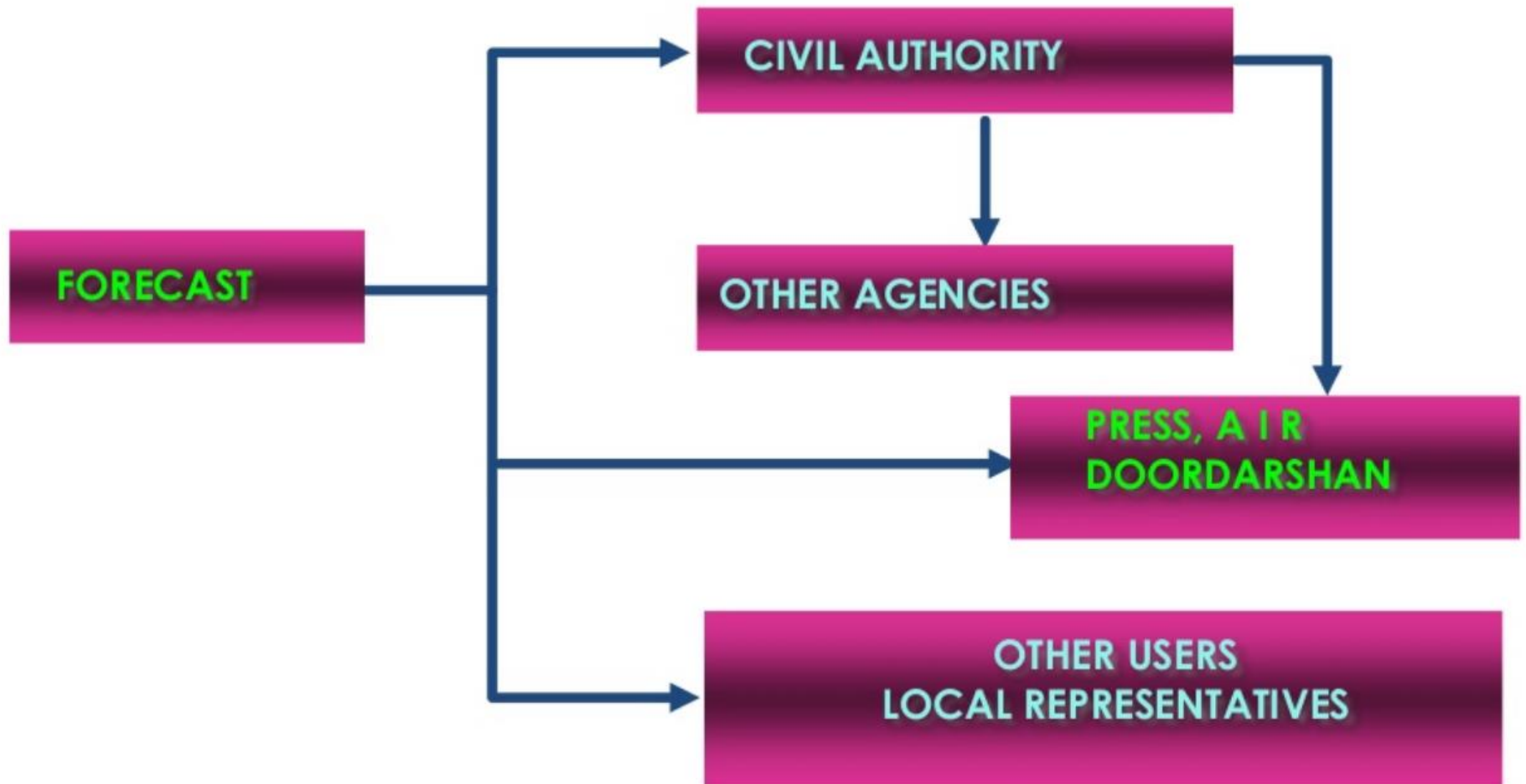
## Distribution of information

- Military authorities
  - Help Civil administration
  - Protect their own set-up
- All India Radio / Doordarshan/ News Agencies
- Other agencies
  - Railways and highway authorities
  - Industries and important establishments
  - Non-governmental organizations



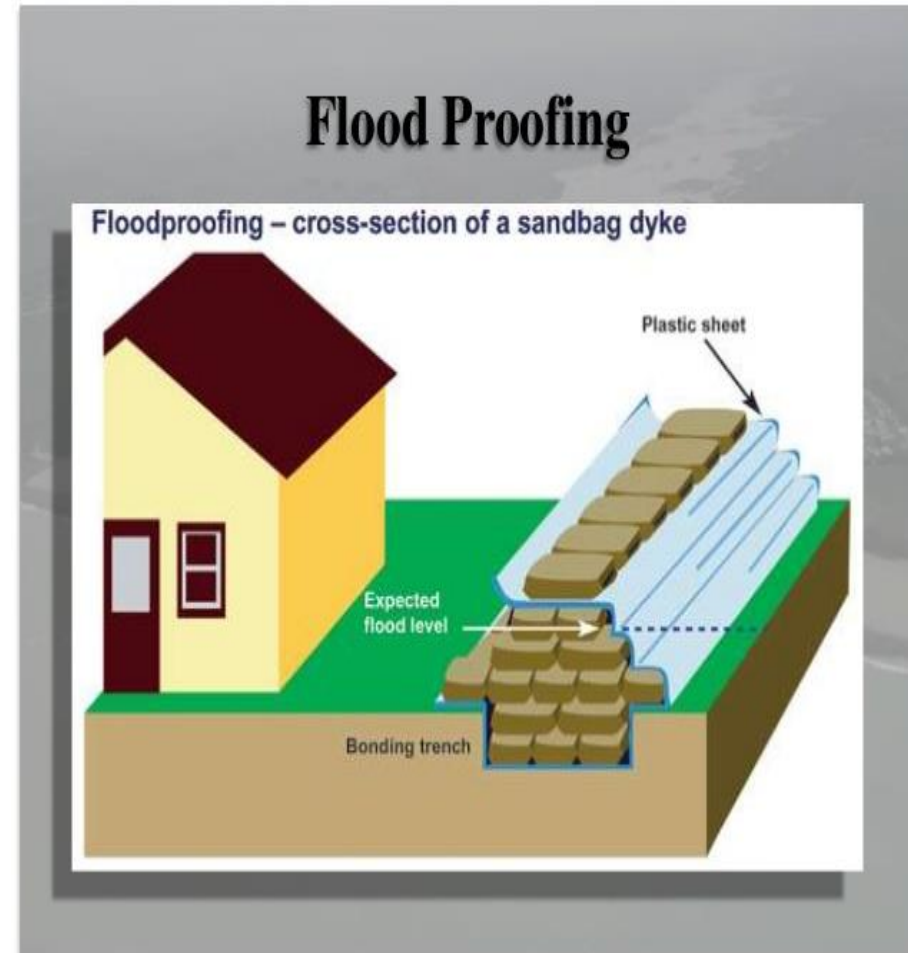
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## DISSEMINATION



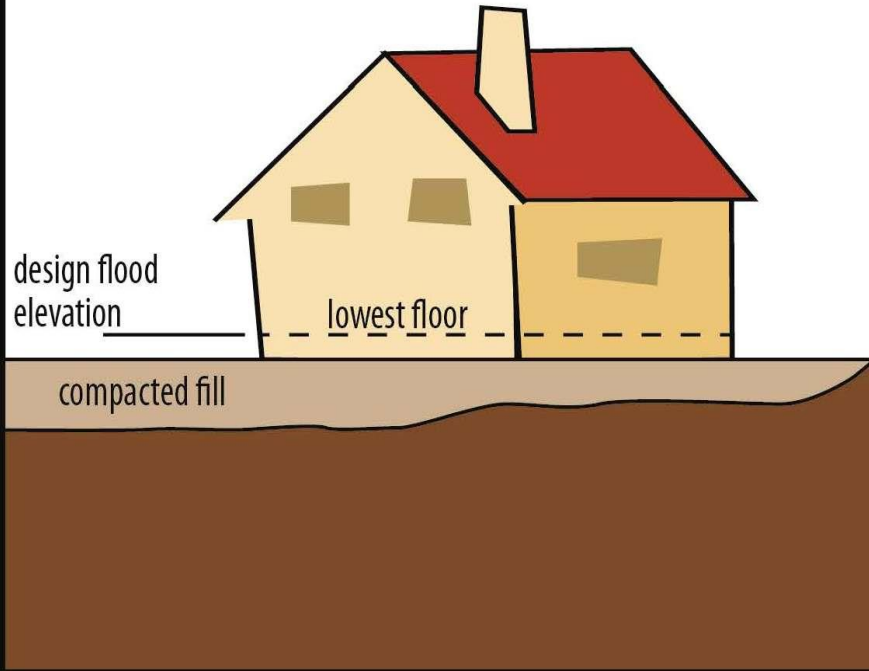
# FLOOD PROOFING

Flood proofing can be defined as any combination of structural or non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to a building that reduces or prevents flood damage to the structure and/or its contents. Simply stated, flood proofing includes any effort a property owner may take to reduce flood damage.

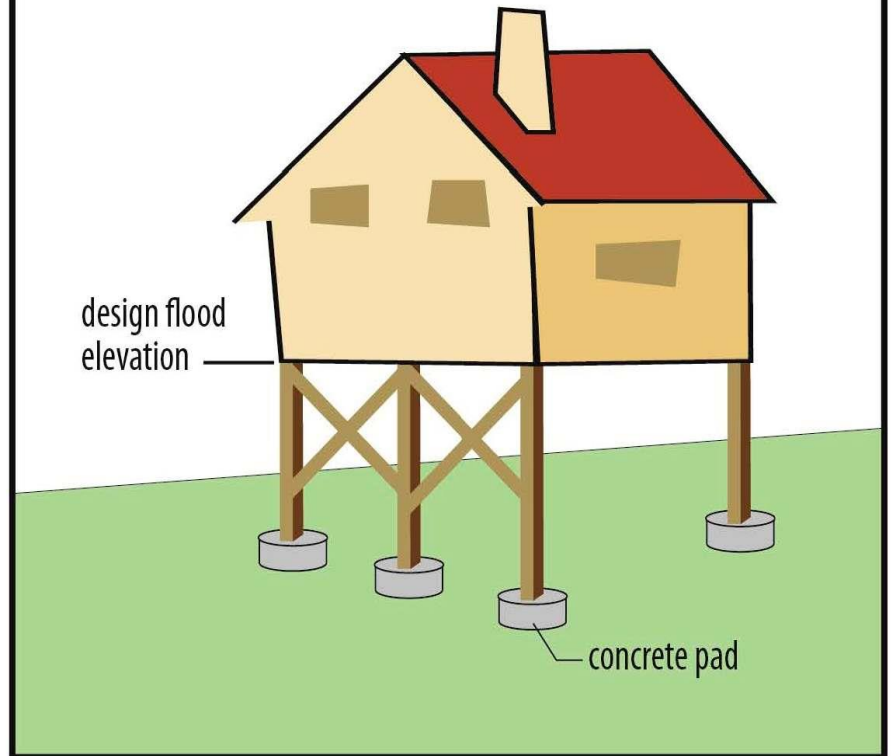


# Flood proofing

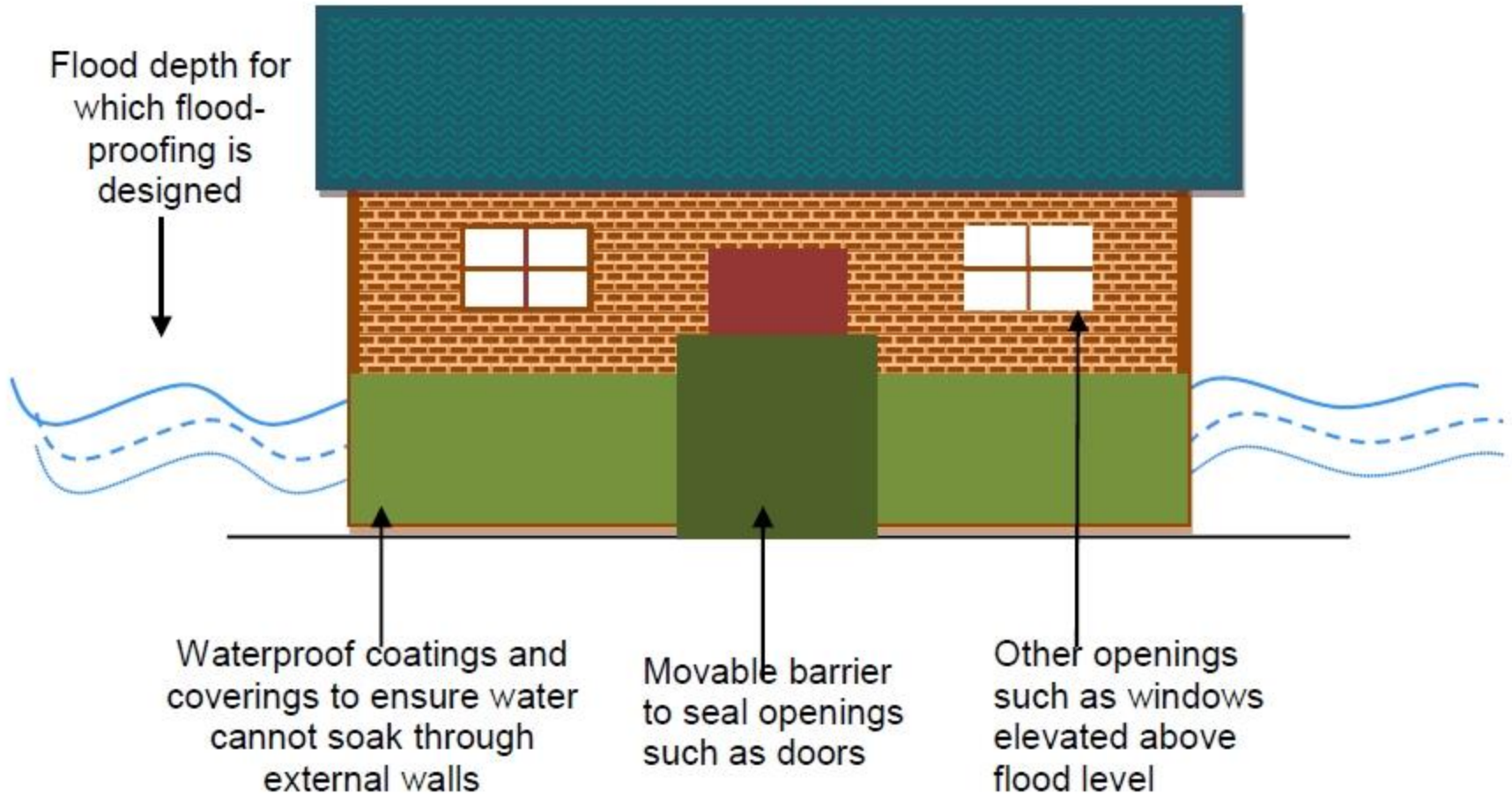
Raise structure on compacted fill



Raise structure on posts

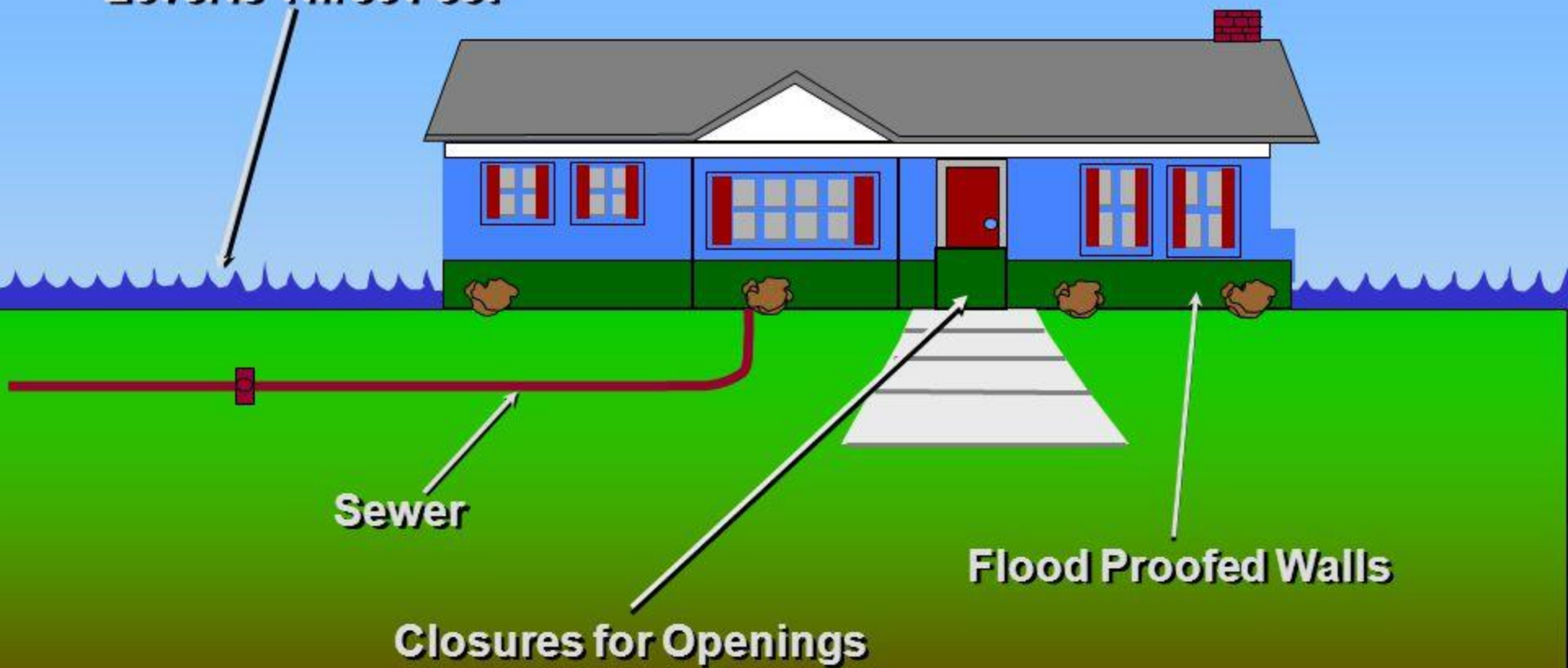


# Flood proofing



# Dry Floodproofing

Maximum Protection  
Level is Three Feet



Sewer

Closures for Openings

Flood Proofed Walls

# Floods

Quality

Quantity

Ministry of Jal Shakti

Jal Shakti Abhiyan

Catch the Rain



National Water Mission  
Catch The Rain





# **JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN:** **A WATER CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN**

## **Time for Change**



## **Water Conservation: Now a National Priority**

An integrated and sustainable approach to water resources on top of agenda:

- **Institutional integration - Jal Shakti Mantralaya**
- **Prime Minister's letter to all CMs, Sarpanches**
  - Nationwide shramdaan for water conservation on 22nd June
- **Time to make *Sanchay* – a jan andolan...**



**PM's letter being read out in** Minister, Jal Shakti, Kandhamal, Odisha **doing shramdaan in** Jodhpur



# Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)

*(inspired by Gram Swaraj Abhiyan)*

## Objective

Time bound, Mission mode, Water conservation campaign

## Duration –

**Phase I:** 1<sup>st</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Phase II:** 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> November for 4\* States/UTs  
with the retreating monsoon

36 States/UTs  
257 Districts  
1592 Blocks  
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257 ASs/JSs  
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officers

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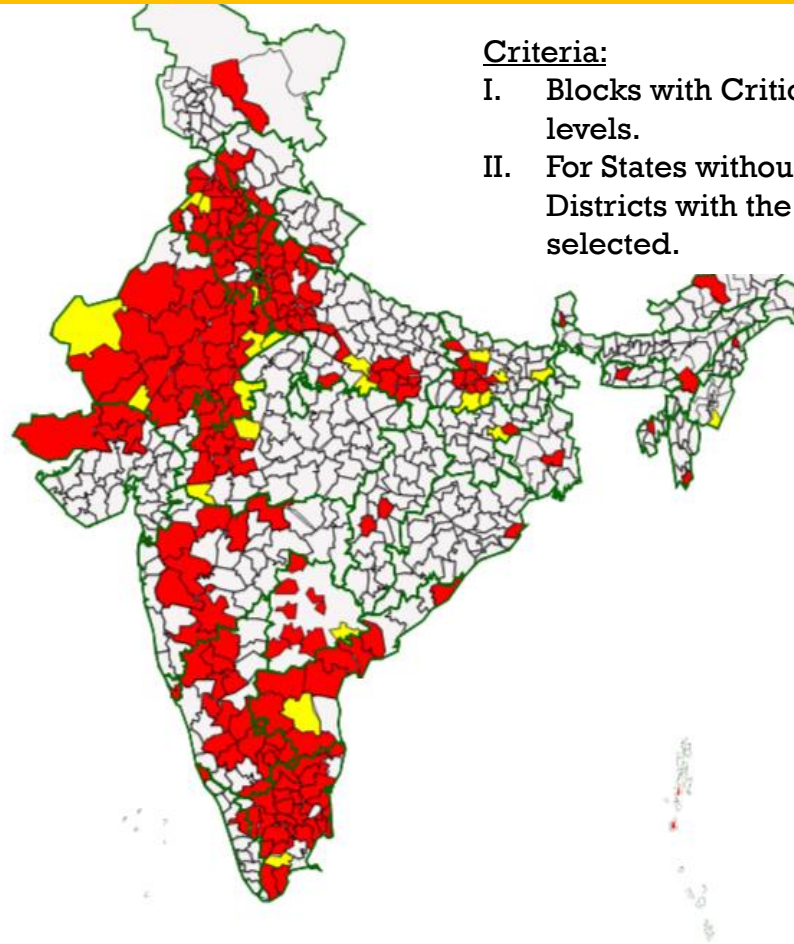
Real Time  
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dashboard

*\* Andhra Pradesh (South), Karnataka (South), Puducherry and Tamil Nadu*



	States / UTs	Blocks	Districts
1	Andhra Pradesh	68	9
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11	1
3	Assam	5	1
4	Bihar	30	12
5	Chhattisgarh	2	2
6	Delhi	24	10
7	Goa	7	1
8	Gujarat	30	5
9	Haryana	81	19
10	Himachal Pradesh	4	4
11	Jammu & Kashmir	15	1
12	Jharkhand	5	2
13	Karnataka	53	19
14	Kerala	3	2
15	Madhya Pradesh	29	11
16	Maharashtra	20	8
17	Manipur	3	1
18	Meghalaya	3	1
19	Mizoram	2	1
20	Nagaland	3	1
21	Odisha	9	1
22	Punjab	111	20
23	Rajasthan	218	29
24	Sikkim	8	1
25	Tamil Nadu	541	27
26	Telangana	137	24
27	Tripura	6	1
28	Uttar Pradesh	139	35
29	Uttarakhand	8	1
30	West Bengal	1	1
31	A&N Islands	3	1
32	Chandigarh	1	1
33	D&N Haveli	1	1
34	Daman & Diu	1	1
35	Lakshadweep	9	1
36	Puducherry	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>257</b>

## Water Stressed Blocks/Districts to be covered



### Criteria:

- I. Blocks with Critical/Over-exploited Groundwater levels.
- II. For States without Critical/Over-exploited Blocks, Districts with the least groundwater availability are selected.

### INDEX

[Total Districts: 257]

- 234 Regular Districts
- 23 Aspirational Districts



# Lesson Learnt

## Intervention Areas

1. Water conservation and rainwater harvesting
2. Renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks
3. Reuse, borewell recharge structures
4. Watershed development
5. Intensive afforestation

**Concerned Departments:** M/o Jal Shakti; M/o Rural Development; D/o Land Resources; M/o Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare; D/o Agricultural Research and Education; M/o Environment, Forests and Climate Change; and M/o Housing and Urban Affairs



# Water conservation techniques

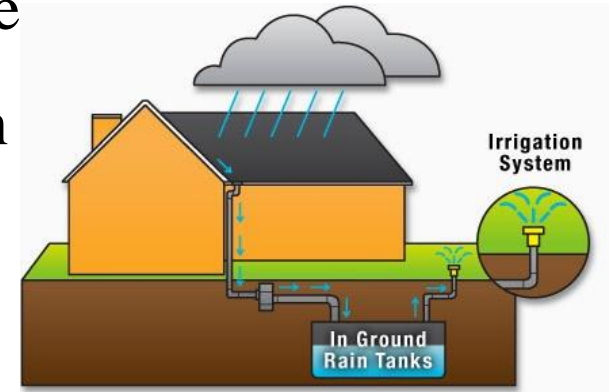
- Rain water Harvesting structures
- Roof water Harvesting structures
- Renovation of traditional Water bodies
- Reuse a and recharge structures
- Watershed development
- Intensive afforestation

- Awareness
- Interaction
- Participation
- Tools



# RAINWATER HARVESTING

- The harvesting of rainwater simply involves the collection of water from surfaces on which rain falls, and subsequently storing this water for later use.
- Normally water is collected from the roofs of buildings and stored in rainwater tanks. This is very common in rural Australia.
- Water can also be collected in dams from rain falling on the ground and producing runoff.



# OBJECTIVES OF RAINWATER HARVESTING

- To meet the increasing demand of water.
- To reduce the run-off which chokes the drains?
- To avoid the flooding of roads.
- To raise the underground water table.
- To reduce groundwater pollution.
- To reduce soils erosion.
- Supplement domestic water needs.



The concept is simple

Recharge if there's excess



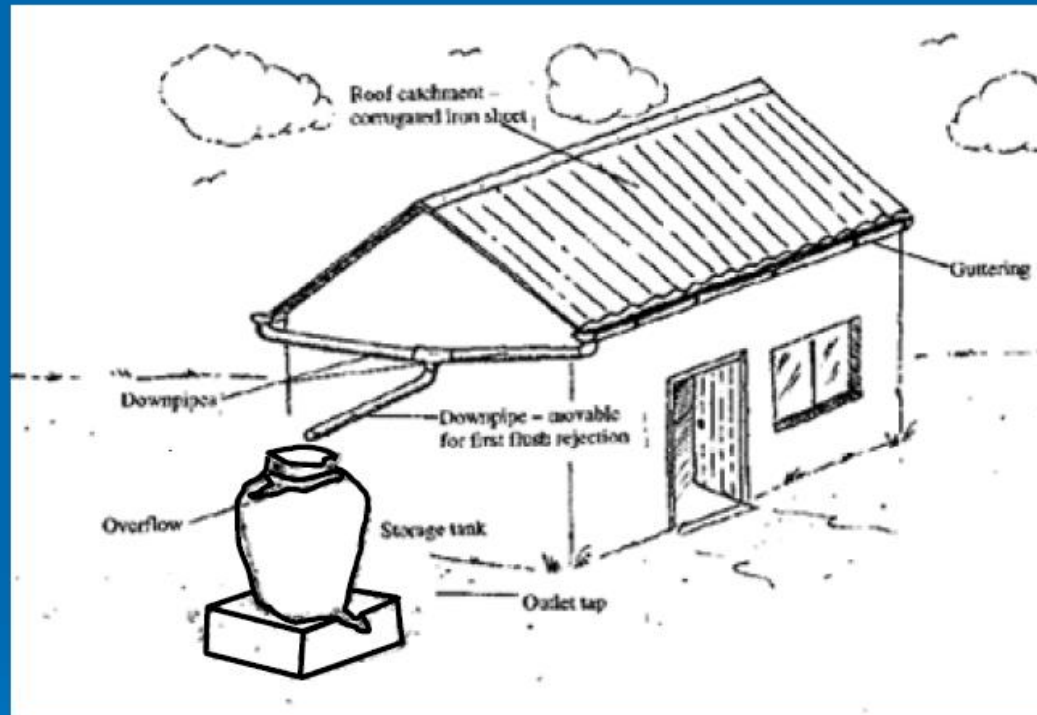
# Broadly there are two ways of harvesting rainwater.



- Surface runoff harvesting
- Roof top rainwater harvesting



# Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting



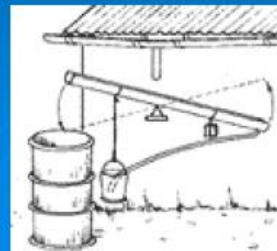
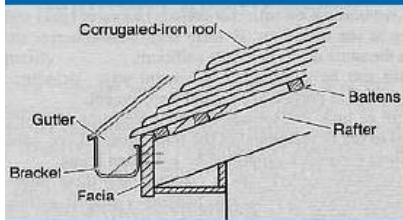
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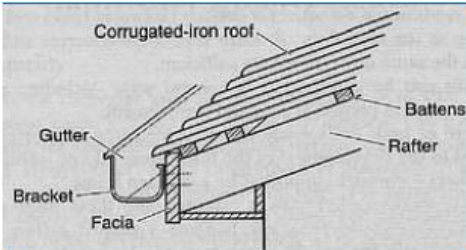
The Basics: a 20 square meter rooftop, in an area with 500 mm annual rainfall, can potentially produce enough drinking and cooking water for a family of 5 for a year. <sup>2</sup>

# Components of a Rooftop System



- Catchment (Rooftop)
- Conveyance (Pipes)
- First Flush Separator
- Filtration
- Storage
- Usage
- Recharge





# Materials Choices



## Rooftops

### ➤ Types

- Cement
- Corrugated Steel
- Tile
- Thatch

### ➤ Issues

- Slope
- Runoff Coefficient
- Bacteria
- Availability and Cost

## Pipes and Gutters

### ➤ Types

- Plastic (PVC, etc.)
- Folded Steel Sheetting
- Wood / Bamboo
- Other metal / ceramic

### ➤ Issues

- Longevity
- Ease of joining
- Attachment to house
- Environmental Impacts of PVC – Issue at Scale



# ROOF WATER HARVESTING STRUCTURES



# RENOVATION OF TRADITIONAL WATER BODIES



# REUSE AND RECHARGE STRUCTURES



# Watershed Development



## **Intensive Afforestation:** *species with less water requirement*



# Awareness



# Interaction



# Participation of school children



## Tools and Techniques



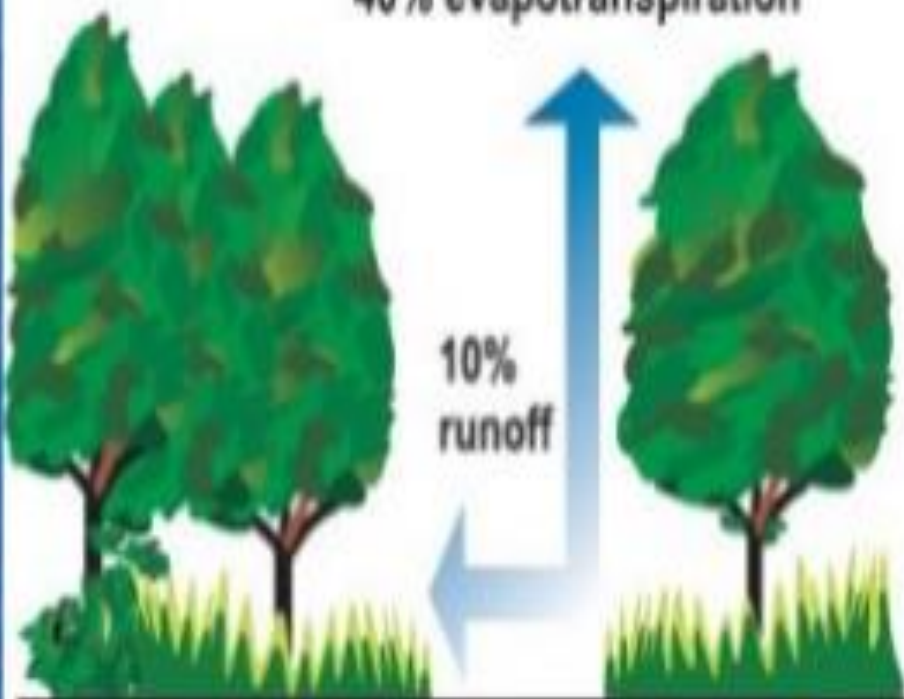


# WAY FORWARD

- Water Conservation may help in recharge ground water and reduce floods in Urban areas
- Rainwater harvesting may be a helpful tool
- Desilting of drainage channels
- Use of Pervious concrete parking lots, roads
- Flood management can minimize the impacts
- Geospatial tools: Remote sensing and GIS plays an important role in flood management



40% evapotranspiration



10% runoff

25% shallow infiltration

25% deep infiltration

Natural Ground Cover

30% evapotranspiration



55% runoff

10% shallow infiltration

5% deep infiltration

75%-100% Impervious Cover



Source: [http://www.icewarm.com.au/userfiles/File/ICEWARM\\_Adelaide%20290506.pdf](http://www.icewarm.com.au/userfiles/File/ICEWARM_Adelaide%20290506.pdf)

# THANK YOU



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# JSA Intervention Areas

## 1. Water conservation and rainwater harvesting

Existing scheme: MGNREGA

**Ministry of Rural Development**

**Activity:** No. of water conservation structures constructed:

- a) rooftop rainwater harvesting structures
  - public
  - private
- b) Check Dams



**A series of trenches/*Khantis* along hill slopes hold rainwater and recharge water sources, Uttarakhand**

## 2. Renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks

Existing scheme: MGNREGA, and Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies

**Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Jal Shakti**

**Activity:**

- a) No. of traditional water bodies/tanks restored (includes individual household units)
- b) No. of other water bodies restored



**Traditional water system, Maharashtra**



# JSA Intervention Areas

## 3. Reuse, borewell recharge structures

Existing scheme: MGNREGA  
Ministry of Rural Development

- Activity:** No. of structure constructed
- No. of borewell recharge structures
  - Soak pits
    - community
    - individual
  - Greywater\* treatment ponds constructed

\*Waste water generated from household washing and bathing



**Community soak pit, MGNREGA**

## 4. Watershed development

Existing scheme: Integrated Watershed Management Programme  
D/o Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development

- Activity:**
- Area under Watershed Development
  - No. of staggered trenches constructed
  - No. of gully plugs constructed
  - No. of percolation tanks constructed



**Watershed Management, Assam**



# JSA Intervention Areas

## 5. Intensive afforestation

Existing scheme: National Afforestation Eco-Development Board and MGNREGA

**M/o Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**M/o Rural Development**

**Activity:** a) Seedlings planted  
b) Area under plantation

*(For trees consuming less water)*



**Imli, Deccan Plateau**



# TYPES OF FLOODS

## According to Duration

Slow-onset flooding

Rapid-onset  
flooding

Flash flooding

## According to Location

Coastal flooding

River flooding

Urban flooding

