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#### Schematic Natural Hazard Zonation of Bihar using Geoinformatics

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Natural disasters reported 1900 - 2011



Number of disasters reported



## Affect all the primary

#### resources e.g. -

- Land
- Water
- Biomass
- Air

#### Cause damage to -

- Agriculture / Fisheries, etc.
- Population Gender and Age specific
- Property

As a consequence of such Natural Hazard, all developmental processes get impeded



#### **Negatively affect -**

- Poverty alleviation
- Economy
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Health & Sanitation
- Employment

# Impacts of Natural Hazards on the people of Bihar from different activity and background



#### The Natural Hazards, the People of Bihar face, and The range of sectors in which the impacts are felt

Flood

Drought Earthquake

Urban Heat Islands

Climate Change (?) After understanding the possible direct or indirect impacts of Natural Hazards, now the question arises –

 How do we manage the natural hazards in terms of preventing Or minimizing its impact to Society and Environment?

 And how do we keep away the impacts of natural hazards from the pace of development and growth? The strategy of managing any Disaster is not to **allow** Natural Hazards to **become Natural Disasters** 

We Must

Break

the LINK



**Risk Assessment** of Vulnerable **Population** 

> **Preventive &** Impact Minimization Measures

**Preparedness** &

Emergency

Response

**Natural Hazards** Management should be all about breaking this link, as far as possible

#### Hazards are inevitable

**Disasters** are not

### The link up between Natural Hazards, Vulnerability & Disaster

Vulnerable People, Society, Environment & Economy



RISK

HAZARDS



The product of a hazard's likelihood of occurrence and its consequences to society Risk = Likelihood x Consequence Events or physical conditions that have the potential to cause fatalities, injuries, property & infrastructure damage, agricultural loss, damage to environment, interruption of business, or other types of harm or loss. – FEMA (1997) A serious disruption of the functioning of society, causing widespread human, material, or environmental losses which exceed the ability of affected society to cope using only its own resource. – The United Nations (1992)

Affect all the primary resources -Land, Biomass, Water, Air

Cause damage to Agriculture Fisheries, Population - both gender and age specific, Property and infrastructure

Negatively impact -

- Development programmes including poverty alleviation
- Economy & Education
- Services & Infrastructure
- Health & Sanitation
- Employment

Strategies and interventions to minimize loss and cope with the worst scenario

#### **Growth Potential:**

Agriculture - Crop Yields, Irrigation Demand, Food Processing

**Fisheries – Productivity, Marketing** 

Forestry - Forest Composition, Geographic Range of Forests, Health and Productivity

Water Resources - Water Supply, Water Quality

**Energy - Hydroelectricity generation** 

Biodiversity - Species and Natural Areas, Gain of Habitat and Species

#### Impact of Natural Disasters

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### Flood Plains of Bihar

MODIS optical imagery during the flood period of 2009 to 2012 . The flood inundation is seen in the imagery.









- The prime reason for floods was heavy rainfall in the catchment area of Kosi in Nepal
- Floods also occurred in Bagmati,
   Mahananda, Kosi, Kamala Balan, Burhi-Gandak, and Adhwara river basins
- Northern part of Bihar was highly affected by floods







Total = 4161.96 Sq Km



- Floods occured in Bagmati-Adhwara, Mahananda,
   Kosi, Kamala Balan and Burhi Gandak River basins
- Northern part of Bihar was highly affected by floods.
- Eastern parts of the state were also affected.
- Though the intensity of the flooding was higher as compared to 2009, but the distribution of flood was more widespread. 23 districts of Bihar were flood affected.









- Kosi, Mahananda, Gandak, Bodhi, and Bagmati witnessed rapid increase in water levels.
- More than a hundred villages were inundated in the flood prone districts of Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Purnia, Araria, Saharsa, Madhepura, Bagaha, and East and West Champaran.
- Floods occurred in parts of Bagmati-Adhwara, Mahananda, Kosi, Kamala Balan, Burhi-Gandak, Punpun, Harhar, and Kao-Gangi River basins, along with northern and eastern parts of Bihar, southern areas were also affected.
- The intensity of the flood was higher in comparison to 2009 and 2010 with widespread distribution













- After the devastating flood of 2011, low intensity flood situation occurred in 2012
- The major affected districts were Darbhanga, Kathihar, Muzaffarpur, Purnia, Khagaria, Patna, and East & West Champaran.
- Floods occurred in parts of Bagmati-Adhwara, Mahananda, Burhi-Gandak and Kamala-Balan River basins

#### Conclusion

- The northern of the state, along with some parts of the east, are particularly susceptible to floods.
- In general, Darbhanga, Kathihar, Muzaffarpur, Purnia, Khagaria, Patna, and Champaran districts get affected by floods during every year.
- The analysis for last few years has shown that the year 2011 experienced the highest flooding.
- Flood inundated areas since last few years were integrated and the flood prone areas of Bihar have been delineated. The total flood prone area of Bihar is 14,950 sq km, which is 15.88% of its total geographical area



Total = 14950 Sq Km



Destruction of natural resources and economic activity

Area affected by flood (Sq Km)

Is that not hampering the growth trend of the state?



Forest
Scrub
Intensive Agriculture
Irrigated Agriculture
Rainfed Agriculture
Water Bodies
Barren land
Built-up area



## Updating the previous work











Rainfall in Bihar from 2009 to 2012 shows maximum rainfall in 2011 and less rainfall in 2009 and 2010















while Intensity and spatial distribution of drought is much more in 2009 and 2010







## Updating the previous work



#### Conclusion

- Analysis of droughts in Bihar suggests that the southern part of river Ganga faces severe drought every year during Kharif season.
- The main reason for these droughts is the onset of monsoons and its uneven spatial distribution.
- The pre-monsoon droughts are more severe as compared to those in the post-monsoon season.
- A shifting pattern of pre-monsoon and post-monsoon droughts has been observed. June, July, and October are the most drought prone months.
- Ten districts of Bihar those are mostly affected by drought:

Kaimur Rohtas Aurangabad Buxar Bhojpur Gaya Jahanabad Patna Siwan Gopalganj

## Earthquake

**Tectonic and** earthquake zonation maps have been compiled using secondary data and other available maps, their analysis and finally transferred into the GIS platform and staellite images







## UNDP Earthquake hazard zonation map

Type of Earthquake Zone Earthquake Moderate Earthquake High Zone Earthquake Very High

## Updating the previous work



#### Conclusion

- The compilation of the available earthquake maps are showing some serious data gaps in tectonic framework of Bihar
- The earlier and latest zonation are almost similar, but needs to identify the potential impact on other geological processes and also the stability of other land features
- The exact level of location specific impacts to be estimated along the weak zones, if earthquake occurs

### **Urban Heat Islands**





The night time temperature of the urban areas is much higher than the surroundings including rural areas. It is observed that the major cities have higher temperature as compared to the less populated cities, and quantified.





Surface Temperature (night) of different Cities in Bihar, Nov 2011





The geographical extent of urban areas in Bihar. It indicates the physical extent of the various cities of Bihar estimated from DMSP night time light data sets.

Urban extent with night time land surface temperature. It indicates that temperature is higher in urban extent. It signifies that urban extent is a significant potential for urban heat islands



### Conclusion

- The results achieved from the satellite data indicate that Bihar is suffering from urban heat island (UHI) effect.
- The night time land surface temperature is higher in urban areas than in rural areas. With rapid urbanization and growth of population density, the impervious surface area is increasing in the cities.
- Finally, all these factors are leading towards the formation of heat islands.

Comment: The climate change scenario and release of greenhouse gases (GHGs) are also responsible for the formation of UHI. It is an accumulated effect of human activity level and climate change. Hence, the identification of different driving forces responsible for UHI and analysis of air temperature data in relation with climate change scenario are necessary to assess the environmental monitoring in the context of climate-change.

### Multi-hazard zonation map using Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) technique

$$S_{HZ} = f \int_{i=1-10}^{w_i} (Fl, Drt, E_q)$$

Where;

S<sub>HZ</sub> = Schematic Hazard Zonation

Fl = Flood

Drt = Drought

 $E_q = \text{Earthquake}$ 



Combining different categories of hazards to come up with the level of vulnerability



Can we now locate the areas with different ranking of vulnerability? Can we use them in the process of development planning??

#### Vulnerability is the function of time and it depends on



### **Options to approach this problem?**

- Do nothing
- Avoid or remove the problem and send away the Hazard somewhere else
- Weaken the Hazard
- Do not allow the vulnerable people and society to live in the hazardous areas.
- Convert vulnerable people/society/environment and vulnerable economy in the hazardous areas into non vulnerable one
- <u>or</u>
- Reduce the Vulnerability of people, society, environment & economy and make use the natural event for economic growth & livelihood enhancement
- Prepare very well to face this hazard much before it strikes

**Basically we are towards the Disaster Proofing of Development by making a comprehensive Preparedness Plan creating further scope for** better development perspective

### **Paradigm Shift**



### **Level of Preparedness?**

- can be measured by the components within it

### **Preparedness is equal to**

- Preparation of PLANS and ACTIONS there from, for
  - Our Response in the next Emergency
  - Our Rehabilitation plan following that
  - Our Preventive and Mitigation Measures to be taken and being taken before the disaster arrives
  - Our success and involvement for Support Activities in
    - R & D
    - Technology Transfer
    - Education & Training
    - Public Awareness
    - Mock Rehearsal
- All that above preparations or preparedness is only to MINIMIZE the Impact of the coming hazard

**Preparedness – Impact – Rescue, Relief & Rehabilitation** 

• The more we are "prepared", lesser will be the impact of disaster

 The lesser the impact of disaster, lesser will be requirements of Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation  How efficiently and effectively we manage a disaster depends on, how meticulously we are prepared for that?

Disaster = Hazard + Absence of Preparedness

#### **Disaster Management – potentials & possibilities for Bihar**

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#### An example on Flood Management

#### Activities -

- Prepare relative elevation map with close contours
- 2. Demarcate the river basins and identify their carrying capacity
- 3. Risk analysis for the vulnerable people, property and resources
- 3. Prescribe probable structural changes and land alteration



**Agriculture** Crop Yields Irrigation Demand Food Processing



#### Fisheries



Forest Composition Geographic Range of Forests, Health and Productivity



Water Resources Water Supply Water Quality



Energy Hydroelectricity generation



**Biodiversity** Species and Natural Areas Gain of Habitat and Species



### RECOMMEDATIONS

Category-I	Action needed	Remarks
	<ul> <li>Block level natural hazards zonation</li> </ul>	Serious effort
	<ul> <li>Analysis of frequency, magnitude and scope of</li> </ul>	must be put in to
	the historical events to estimate the expected	address the
Stress on	damage that may occur from such events	characterization,
more	<ul> <li>Perform Risk Analysis and Hazard Analysis</li> </ul>	minimization
activities	procedures	and, policy
	<ul> <li>Combine climate map and population map with</li> </ul>	formulation for
	all possible analysis	disaster
	<ul> <li>Formulation of comprehensive preparedness</li> </ul>	management
	plan for damage minimization	strategies with
	<ul> <li>Effective functioning of EOC and formulated</li> </ul>	clear linkages to
	SOPs	climate change
	<ul> <li>Awareness and capacity building for the</li> </ul>	scenario
	community	

 Ensure growth in every possible policy formulations

Category-II	Actions needed	Remarks
	Formulate the procedures to/for -	
	<ul> <li>Deal with the rural and urban disasters in</li> </ul>	Mindset and
Allow	different ways	attitude towards
paradigm	<ul> <li>Actual assessment of the damages</li> </ul>	disaster
shift in	<ul> <li>Reaching out to the cut off villages</li> </ul>	management
thought	<ul> <li>Evacuation of the local community and tourists</li> </ul>	should be
process	<ul> <li>Restoration of communication with the villages</li> </ul>	shifted from
	and transportation of essential commodities	emergency
	<ul> <li>Protection of crops, livestock, etc.</li> </ul>	response to
	<ul> <li>Tackle the added situation of VVIP visits, media</li> </ul>	offort for
	management, political opportunism and	minimizing the
	keeping up employees working in relief	damage
	operations along with the morale of public at	aamage
	large Indulge the pressess of	
	• Mobilizing villagers to remove silt from water	
	<ul> <li>Mobilizing villagers to remove sitt norm water ponds and check dams, and for strengthening</li> </ul>	
	embankments.	
	<ul> <li>Harvesting of rainwater and recharging of wells</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Implementing a properly planned watershed</li> </ul>	
	programme integrating farm ponds, village	
	ponds and check dams	
	<ul> <li>Encouraging cultivation of low water using,</li> </ul>	
	drought-resistant crops and crop varieties;	
	<ul> <li>Introducing a higher productivity fodder crop</li> </ul>	
	like hybrid Napier and the practice of sowing	
	tree crops in the peripheral areas.	
	<ul> <li>Ensuring the sustainability and flourishing</li> </ul>	
	capacity of the society	

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#### Category-III

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objective

#### Actions needed

- 'Do fantastic science'
- Delineate properly the catchments and exact basin capacity to retain water
- Use modern basin capacity to retain water Techniques • Detect change in river courses through
- Techniques Detect change in river courses through time
  - Match these with the amount of rainfall based on microclimatic study
  - Measure rainfall and surface water availability in comparison to threshold value for minimum needs for agriculture, domestic and industrial need
  - Pre and post monsoon ground water level fluctuations
  - Minimize potential loss from total water availability after monsoon
  - Optimize soil moisture along with the crop and field irrigation demand
  - Check the vegetation growth
  - Take special care for dam safety and embankment stability
  - Installing reliable early warning systems
  - Constructing reservoirs with large storage in upland or interlinking of river basins
  - Deeper introspection with the traditional housing construction and design new building codes for the earthquake prone areas for seismic strengthening and proper retrofitting

Make maximum use of Remote Sensing and GIS techniques for fast, actual, and conclusive assessment blended with ground reality and perception.

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