

Space Technology and Agriculture



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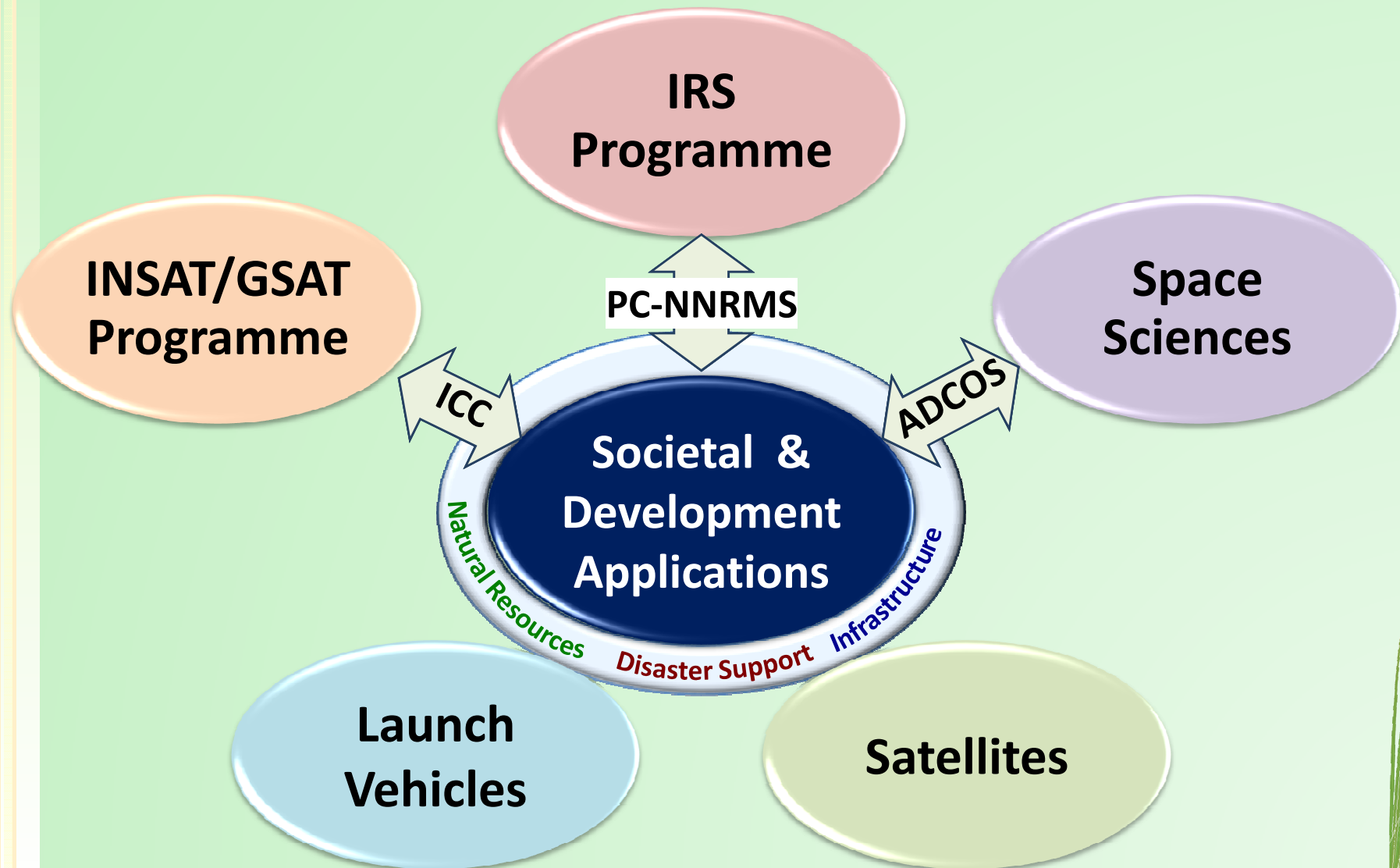
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Indian Space Programme: Dimensions



Vision: Harness space technology for national development, while pursuing space science research and planetary exploration



Accomplishments in Space

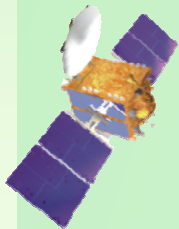


126
MISSIONS



49

**Launch Vehicle
Missions**



75

**Spacecraft
Missions**



01

**Space Capsule
Recovery
Experiment**



01

**Crew Module
Atmospheric Re-
entry Experiment**

- Realized 30 successive successful flights of PSLV
- Development of GSLV with Indigenous Cryogenic Stage
- Development of Heavy Lift Launcher GSLV Mk III
- State-of-the-Art Remote Sensing Satellites
- State-of-the-Art Communication Satellites
- Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System
- GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation)
- Mission to Moon and Mars
- Operationalisation of Space Applications
- Indigenous Development of 8" Wafer Fab
- Launched 51 Satellites of 20 Countries



INDIAN STRIDES IN SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

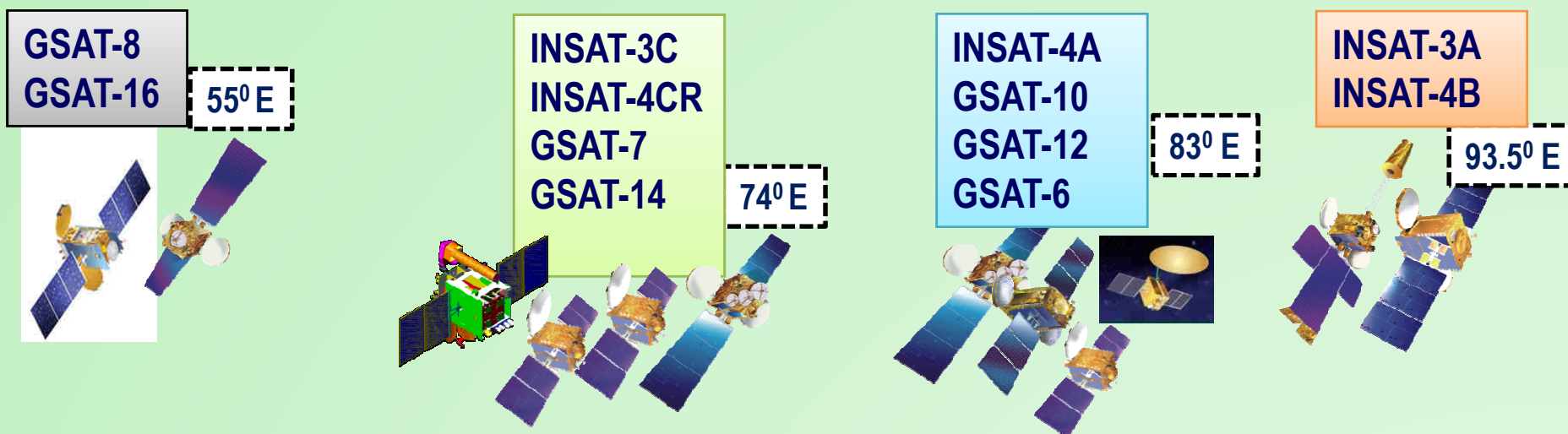


Two launch pads in Sriharikota



Launch Vehicle	SLV	ASLV	PSLV	GSLV	GSLV Mk III (Under development)
Lift-off weight (Tonnes)	17	40	295	450	644
Payload (kg)	40 (LEO)	150 (LEO)	1800 (SSO) 1400 (GTO)	2200 (GTO)	4000 (GTO)

Twelve Communication Satellites in Orbit



Telecommunication	2.30 Lakh VSATs
Television and DTH services	100% National Coverage and > 4.2 Crores DTH Subscriptions
News gathering	On-spot; Real-time news coverage
Radio-networking	415 AIR Stations
Mobile services	Emergency communication link
Search and Rescue services	13,800 Indian Beacons from Maritime and Aviation Agencies
MET DATA dissemination service	~1900 AWS and ~1200 Rain Gauge Stations ; 40 Dissemination Stations
Tele-education	83 Networks covering 26 States & 5 UTs
Tele-medicine	60 Specialty Hospitals; > 300 Remote Hospitals

Earth Observation Satellites



LAND & WATER

RESOURCESAT-2
(2011)

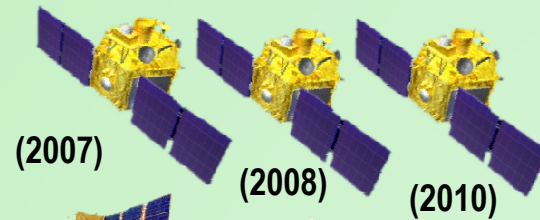


RISAT-1

(2012)

HIGH RESOLUTION

CARTOSAT-2; 2A; 2B



(2007)

(2008)

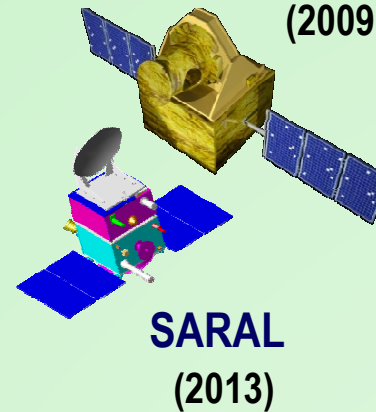
(2010)

RISAT-2
(2012)

CARTOSAT-1
(2005)

OCEAN

OCEANSAT-2
(2009)



SARAL
(2013)

WEATHER; CLIMATE

INSAT-3A
(2003)



KALPANA
(2002)



MEGHA-TROPIQUES
(2011)

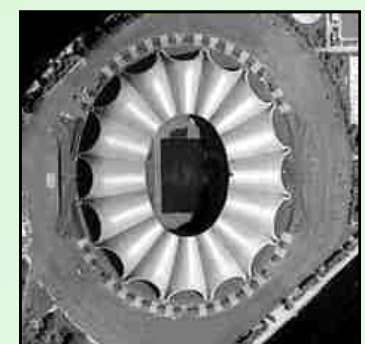


INSAT-3D
(2013)

1 KM

IMAGING CAPABILITY

0.8 M



Resourcesat-2A, SCATSAT-1, Cartosat 2C/2D/2E, Cartosat-3, Oceansat-3, INSAT-3DR, GISAT being added during 2015-17 for continuity of services and new capability.

Satellite Navigation



GAGAN

GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation



- RNP and APV-1 certification obtained from DGCA for Approach services for “**En-route Navigation**” over Indian Airspace
- India is the third country to offer safety of life navigation services to aviation sector

Applications

CIVIL AVIATION

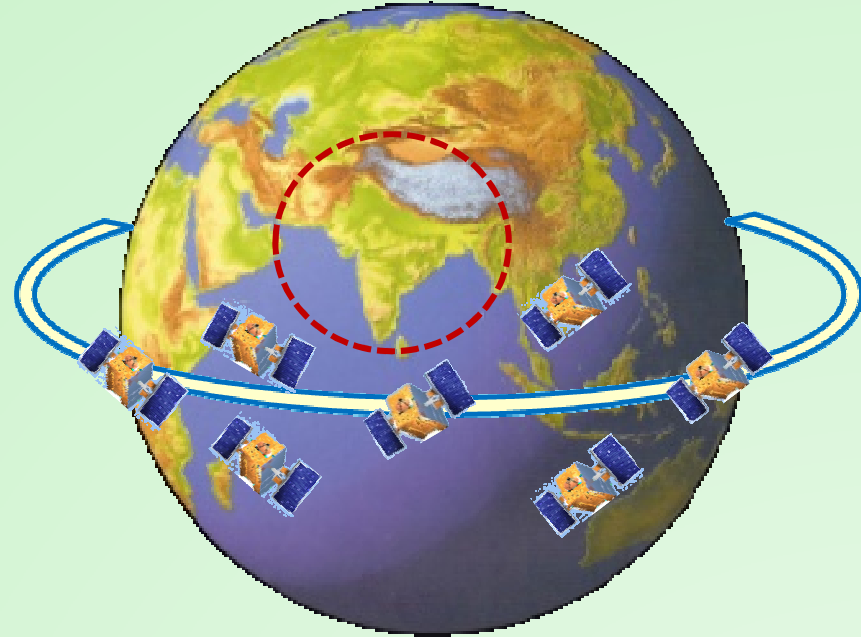
- Certified for Safety of Life Application
- Used by Aircrafts & Helicopters as En-route Navigation aid
- Procedure development & other activities in progress for Precision Approach applications

NON-CIVIL AVIATION

- Surveying
- Location Based Services
- Intelligent Transport System
- Maritime Applications, Railways
- Mapping services

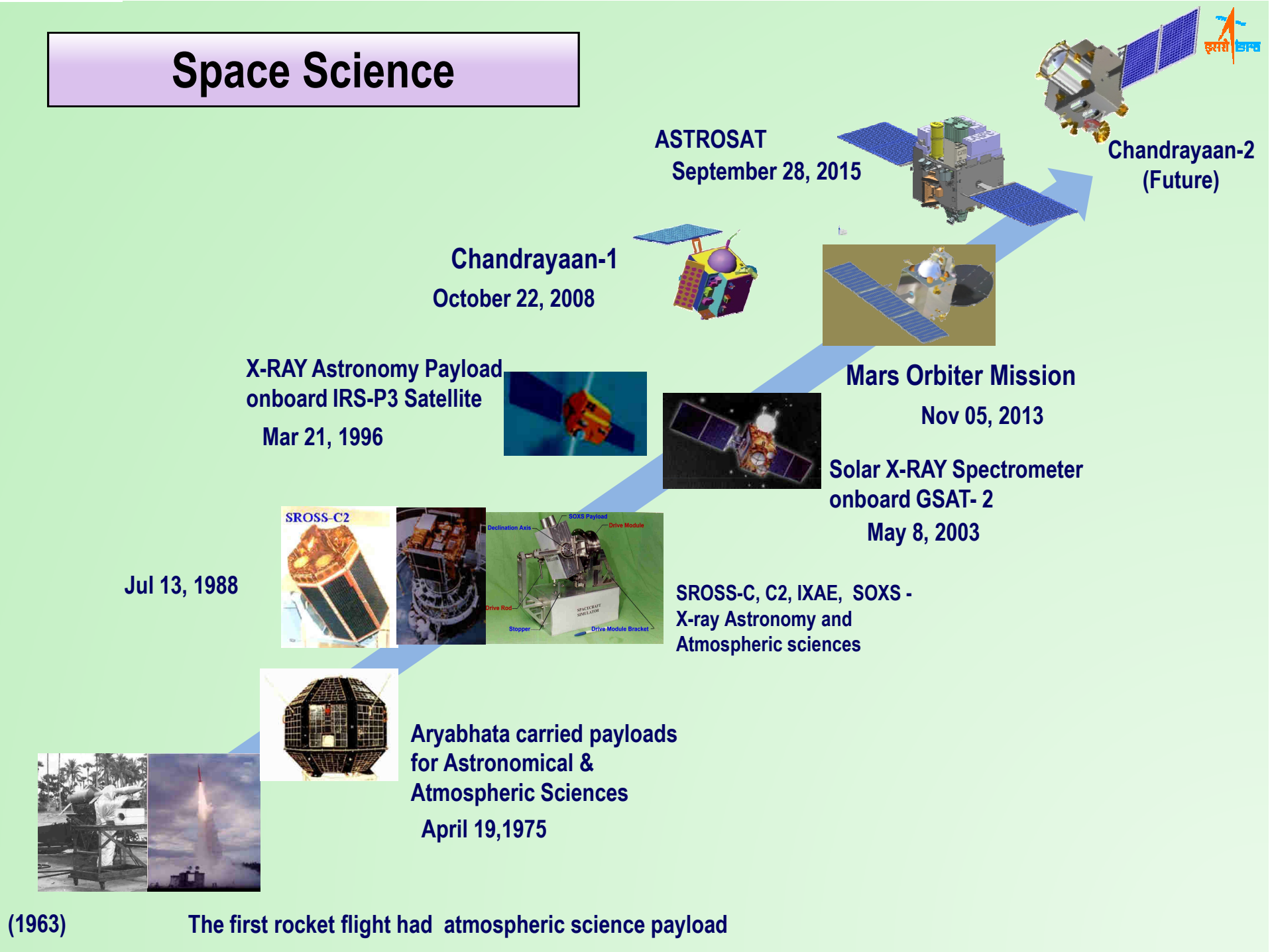
IRNSS

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

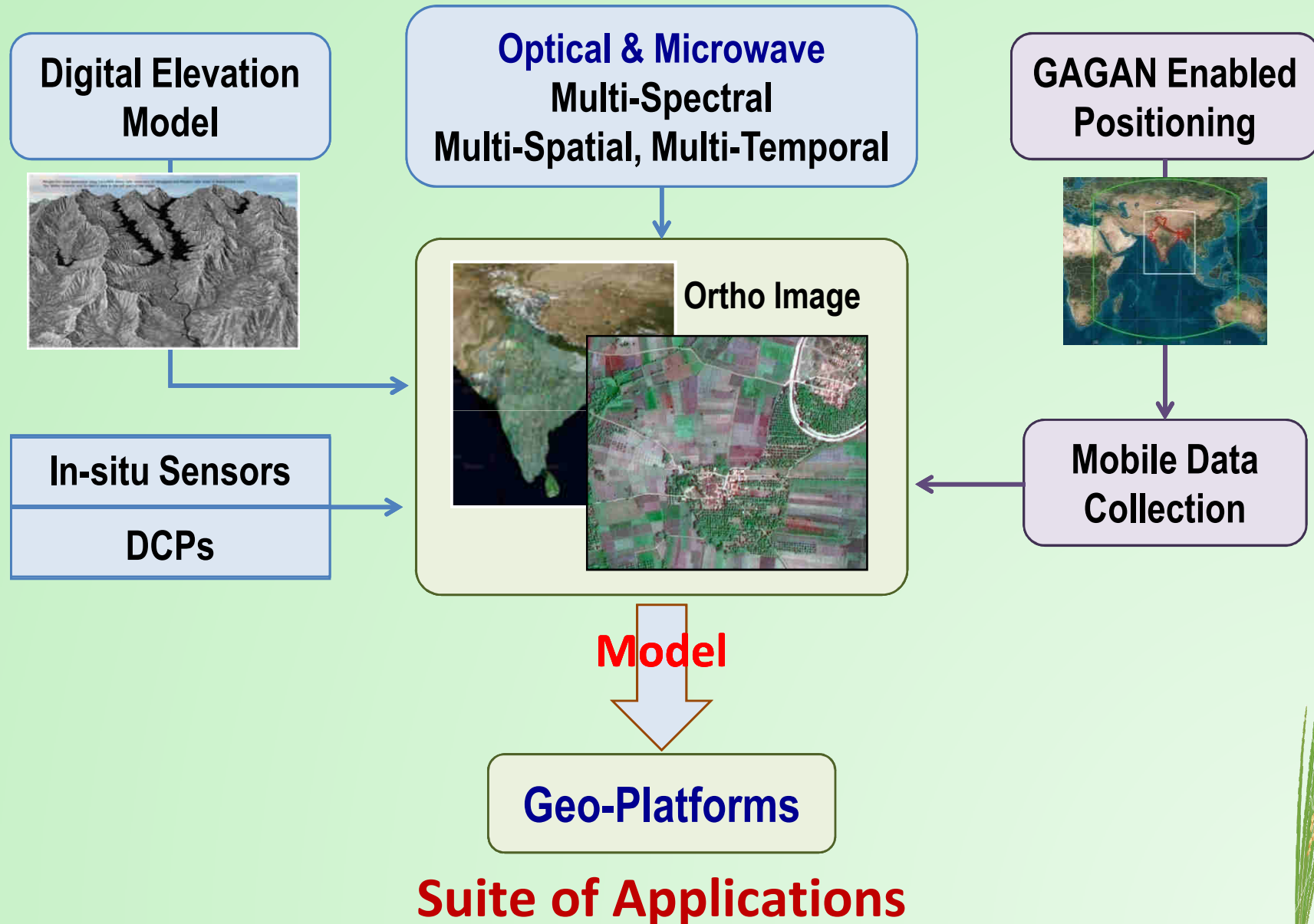


- **7-Satellite Constellation**
- **4 Satellites (IRNSS-1A, IRNSS-1B, IRNSS-1C & IRNSS-1D) already in Orbit**
- **Full constellation by 2015-2016**
- **Coverage ~ 1500 km beyond Indian territory**
- **Estimated horizontal position accuracy of 10-20 m in over India and adjoining areas**

Space Science



Space Technology Inputs



Geo-Platforms

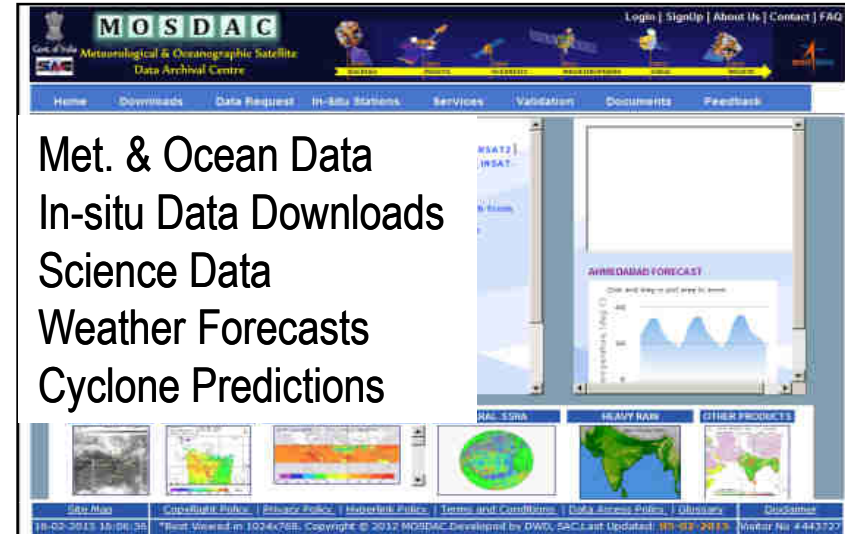


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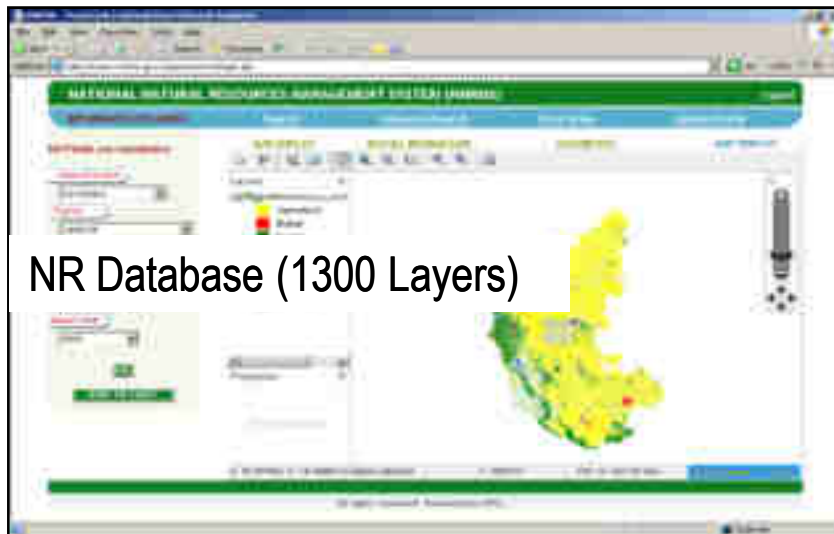
18TB Data
from 7 Sensors
30 State Portals
15 Thematic Layers
64 Web Apps
Data Download

<http://www.mosdac.gov.in>



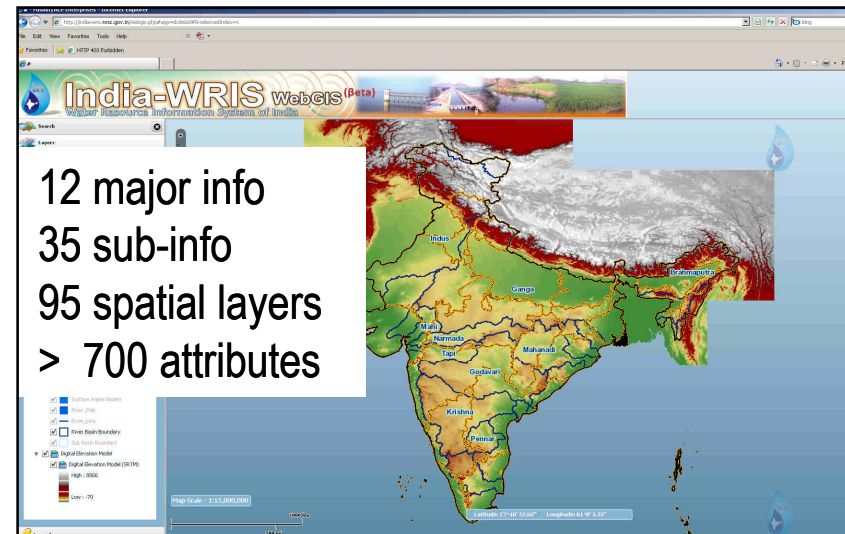
Met. & Ocean Data
In-situ Data Downloads
Science Data
Weather Forecasts
Cyclone Predictions

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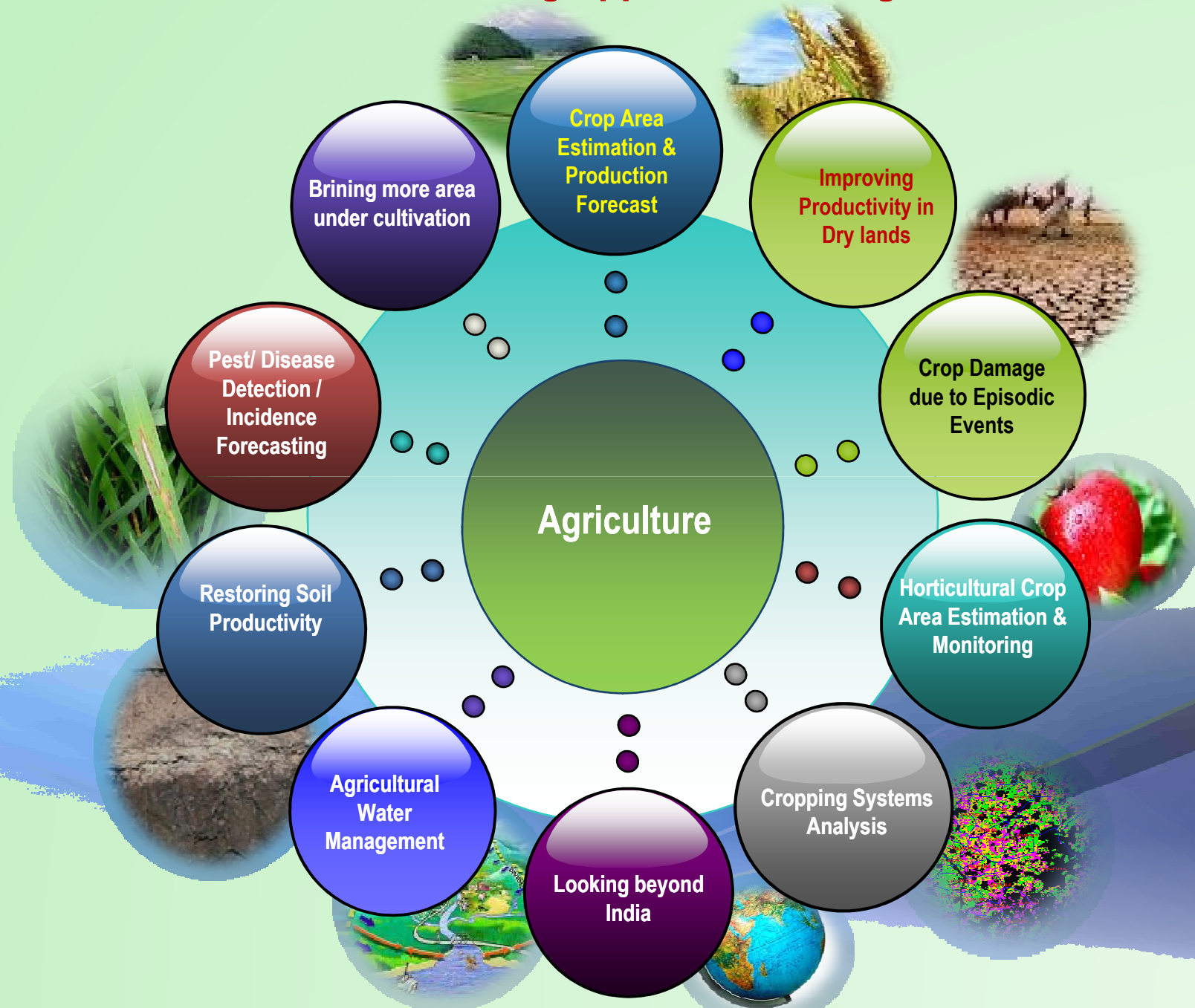
NR Database (1300 Layers)

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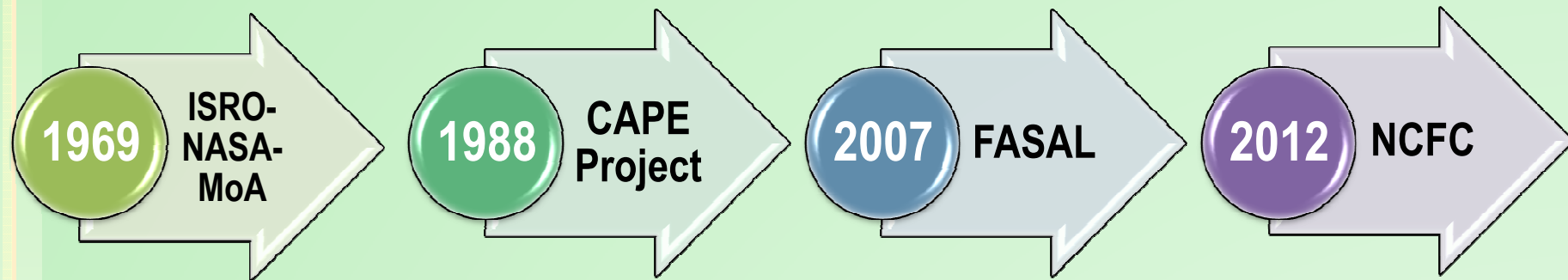


12 major info
35 sub-info
95 spatial layers
> 700 attributes

Remote Sensing Applications in Agriculture



45 Years of Use Of Space Technology In Agriculture



FASAL – Forecasting Agricultural output using Space, Agro-meteorology and Land based observations

Coconut Root Wilt study
in Kerala

Area & production
Estimates of major crops
at State level.

District-State-National
forecasts using multiple
approaches & satellites
for multiple forecasts

Operationalisation of
Space Technologies
developed by ISRO

Pre-harvest Production Forecast

Rice, Wheat, Rapeseed/Mustard, Rabi Sorghum, Winter Potato, Sugarcane, Cotton, Jute

National level: Kharif rice, rabi rice, wheat, jute, potato, mustard

District level : Wheat, cotton, mustard, sorghum, sugarcane



First Estimate
Early stage

Satellite Images
Ground Data
Temp./ Rainfall



Second Estimate
Mid Season

Satellite Images
Meteorological data
Ground data

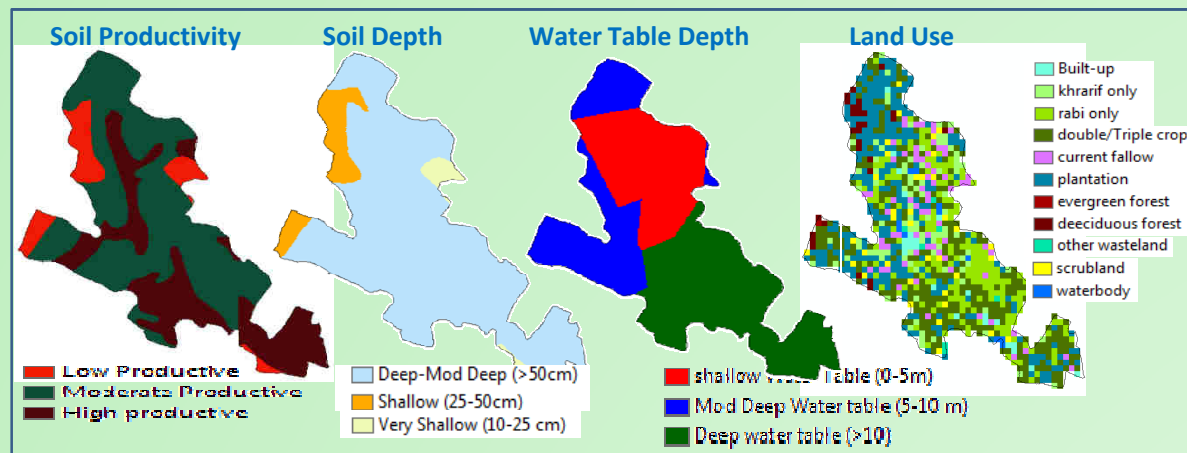


Third Estimate
Before harvest

Integrated Models
Remote Sensing &
Agro-meteorology



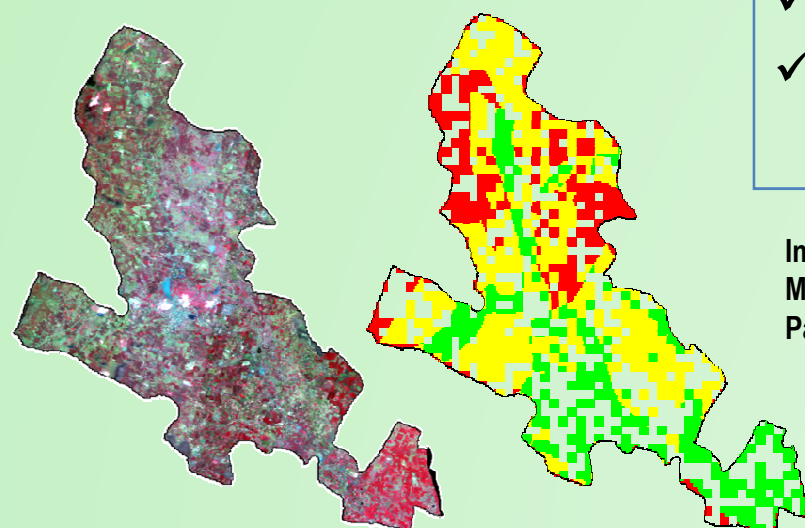
Site Suitability Analysis for Horticulture - Mango Plantation



180 districts in 11 states for 7 crops

- **Fruits:** Banana, Mango & Citrus
- **Vegetables:** Potato, Onion & Tomato
- **Spices:** Chilli

**Suitability Map for Mango Plantation
Nuzvid Mandal, A.P.**



- Not cultivable/Agriculture Land
- Not/less Suitable (Red)
- Moderately Suitable (Yellow)
- Highly Suitable (Green)

- ✓ Site-suitability for introduction / expansion of plantation
- ✓ Crop Intensification in regions, which are under-utilized
- ✓ Infrastructure Planning to minimizing losses (as these are perishable)

Implementing Agencies: MNCFC and Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute

Methodology: ISRO.

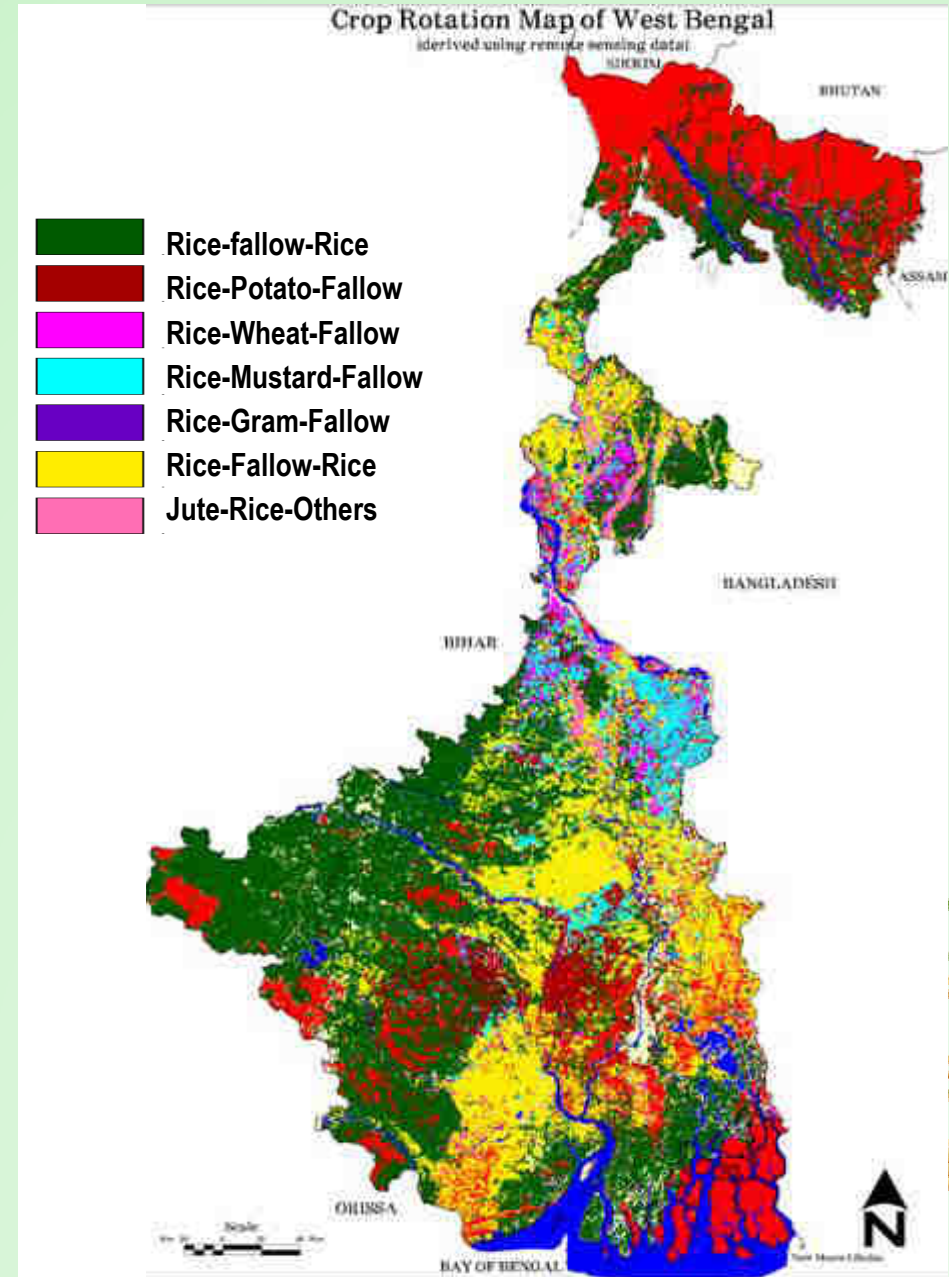
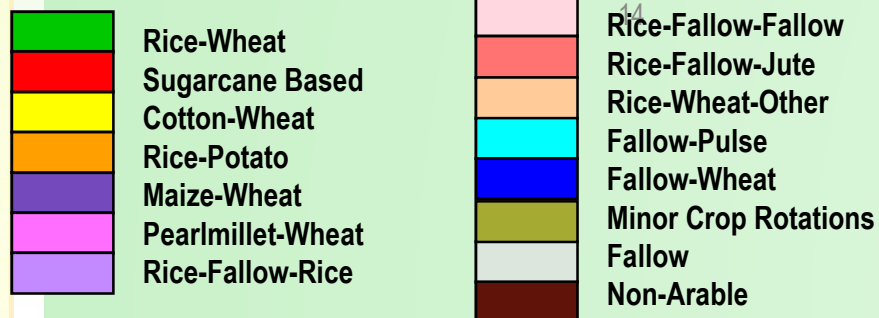
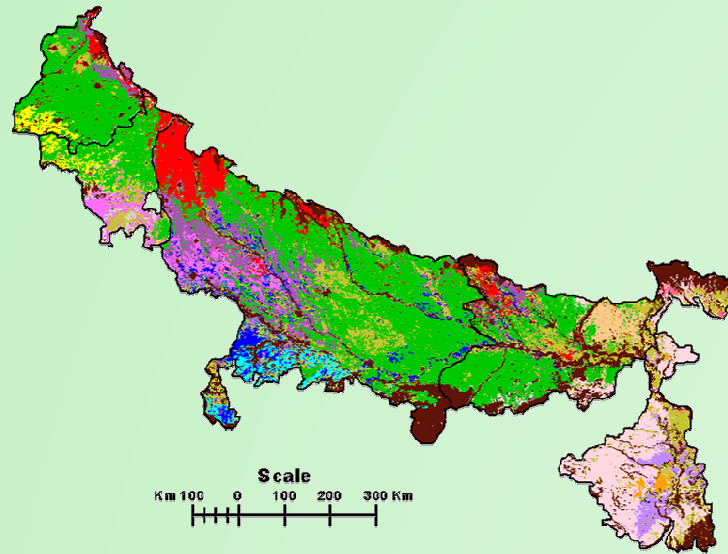
Partner Institutions: IMD, State Horticulture Departments & SRSAC

Categories	Suitable Area (ha)	Actual area under mango (ha)
Highly suitable	5019	820
Moderately suitable	8343	2636
Not/Less Suitable	3561	1270

Cropping Intensity - Cropping Systems Analysis



- Seasonal cropping pattern - database
- Crop rotation and cropping diversity
- Areas for specific management
- Crop intensification
- Long term changes in cropping system



Early season crop prospect forecast



Development of early crop prospect forecasting using combination of Weather Remote sensing and ancillary data

Inputs:

1. Soil Texture Class Map (12 Class)

2. Daily PET (Computed/Climatic)

3. Crop Coefficient Maps

4. Agricultural/Crop Class Maps

5. Crop Specific Calendars (Maps)

6. Administrative Boundaries

7. Daily Gridded Rainfall Data (mm/day)

8. Daily Gridded Irrigation Data (mm/day)

Irrigation
requirement for rice
July 01-05, 2014

Available soil moisture
July 01-05, 2014

Kharif Rice Area,
July 05, 2014
Area 11.72 ha

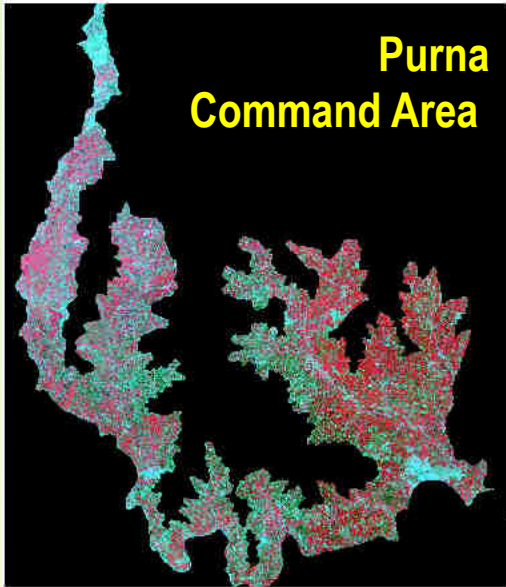
No Net irrigation
0 mm / day
25 mm / day



Agricultural Water Management



Purna Command Area



- Command Area Development
- Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment
- Reservoir Capacity Evaluation
- Tank Inventory
- Canal Alignment
- Ground Water Exploration & Recharge

Command Area Development

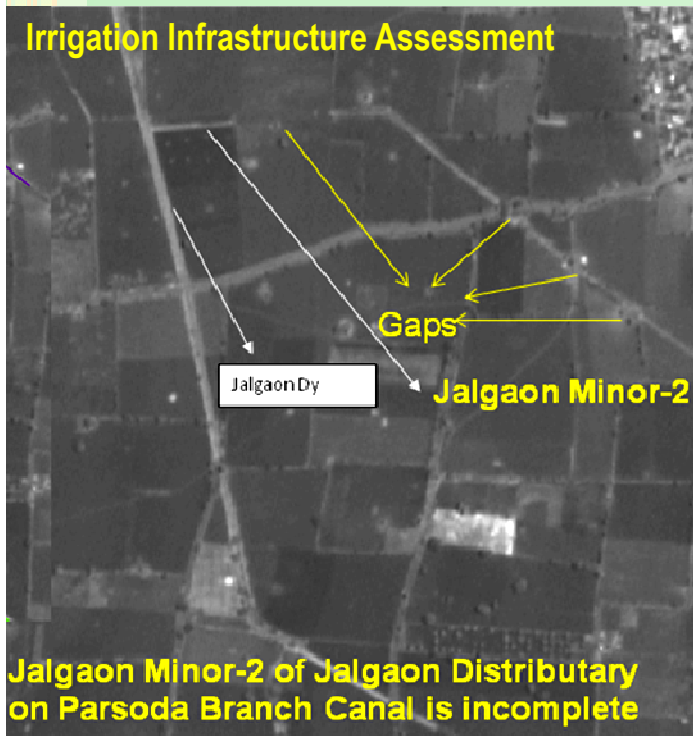
Assessment of:

- Land use/ cover
- Soils
- Land irrigability

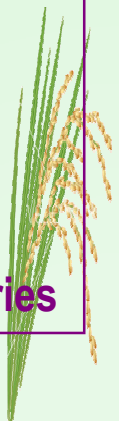
Leading to:

- Alignment of distributaries / canal network
- Identification of irrigable areas under each distributary
- Designing cropping pattern
- Fixing design discharges at head of the distributaries

Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment



Jalgaon Minor-2 of Jalgaon Distributary on Parsoda Branch Canal is incomplete

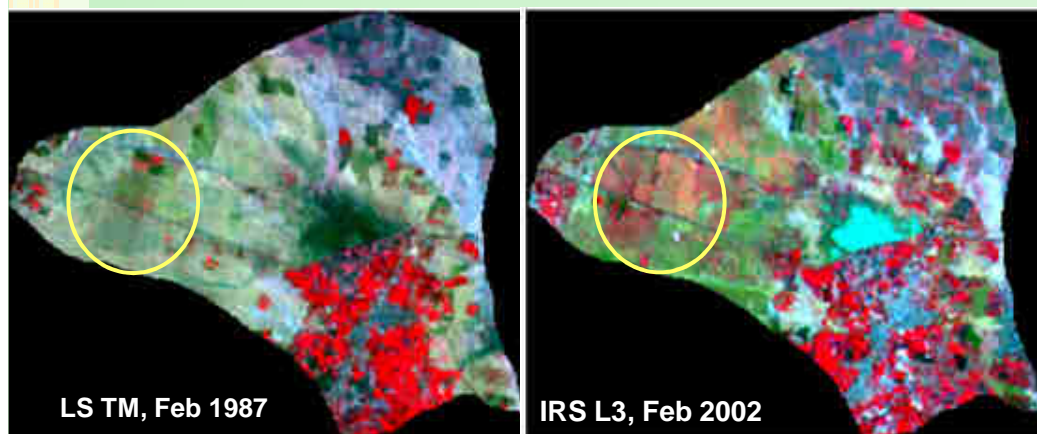
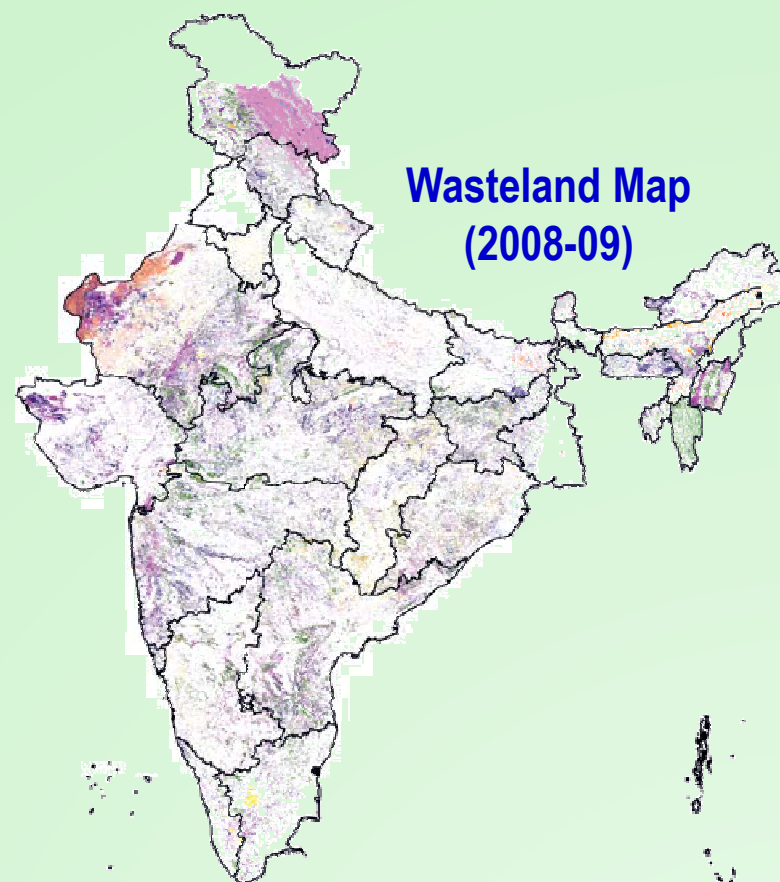


Brining More Area under Cultivation - Wasteland Mapping



- Bring culturable wastelands under cultivation
- Enhance food grain production
- Bring 30% under green cover

- National Wasteland Inventory Project (1986 - 2000)
- National Wasteland Updation Mission (2003 - 2004)
- Monitoring of the wasteland areas (2005-06)
- Wasteland Change Analysis (2008-2009)
- Coverage : Entire India in 1:50,000 scale
- No. of Wasteland categories : 28



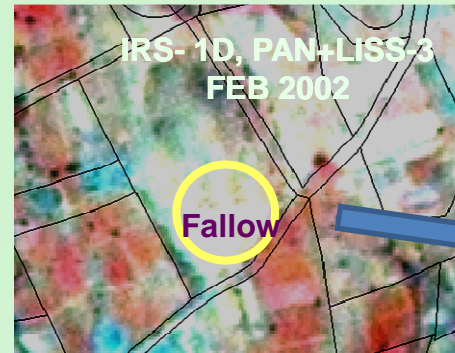
Area (Mha)	% of TGA	Year of Data
63.85	20.17%	1986 -2000
55.27	17.45%	2003
47.22	14.91%	2005
46.73	14.76%	2009

Improving Productivity in Dry lands



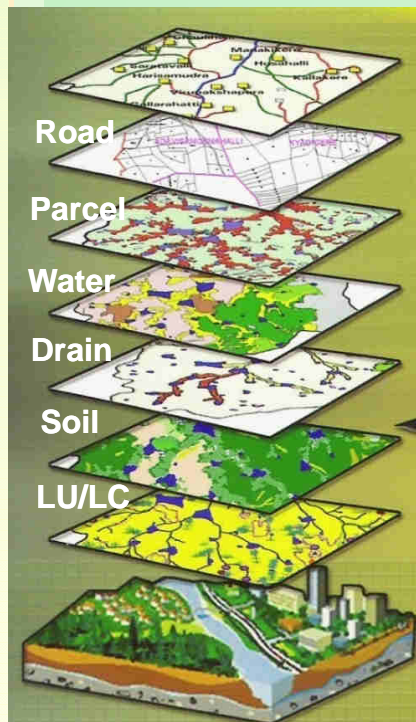
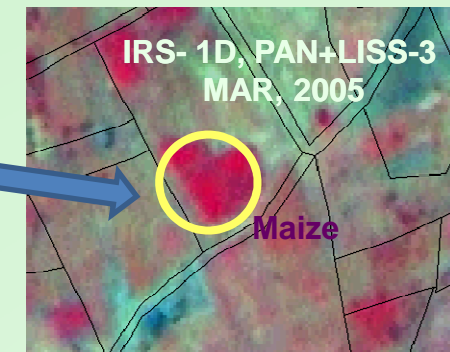
- Phase-wise implementation of Sujala Watershed Project Karnataka
- Work in progress in more than 50 thousand micro watersheds

- Watershed prioritization & Development using EO inputs
- Improve productive potential of degraded watersheds & cropping intensity
- Create alternate livelihood options
- Process Monitoring & Mid-course correction
- Improves the quality of life



Increase in Cropping Intensity

Monitoring Land use Changes



Participatory Implementation



Farm Pond



Watershed Community



Nala bund

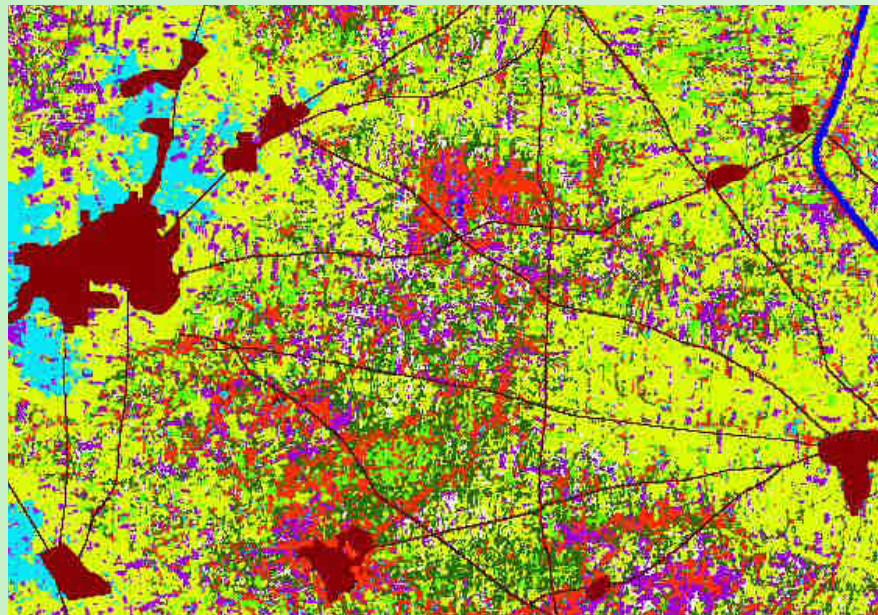


Outcome

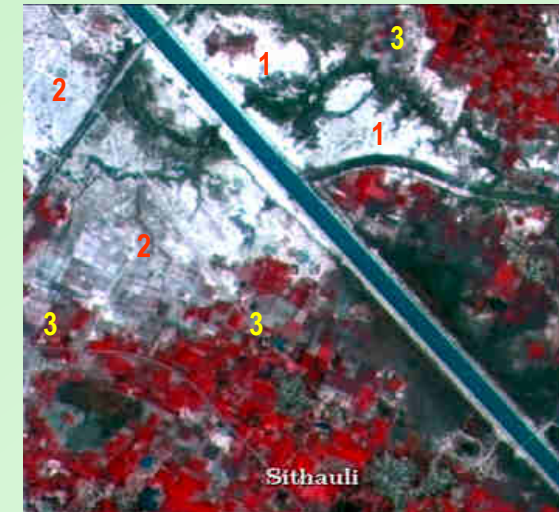
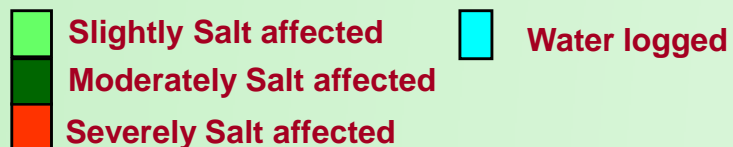
Restoring Soil Productivity



- Problematic soils have been mapped.
- Monitoring of the reclamation of the salt affected soils has also been done using multi-date satellite imagery
- Waterlogged areas – Mapped and monitored



Ahmednagar, Maharashtra



- 1 Strongly Saline- Sodic Soils 3 Slightly saline – Sodic soils
2 Moderately saline –Sodic Soils

Salt affected plot of sugarcane

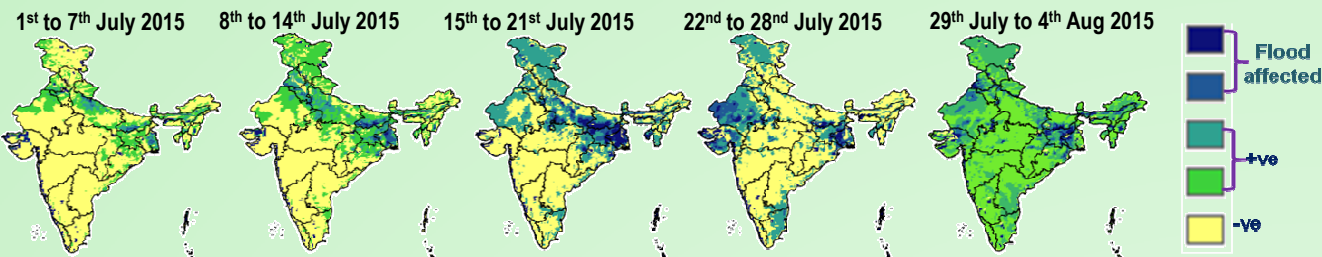


Weekly Agricultural Outlook of India from Space-based Observations during July-August 2015



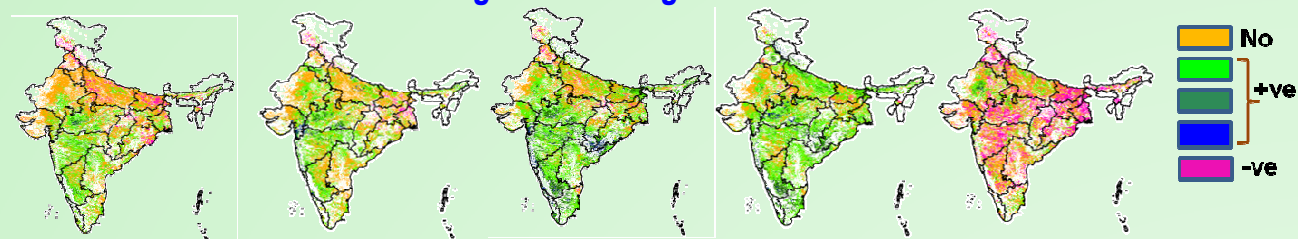
Status of Surface Soil Moisture from Passive Microwave Radiometer, AMSR-2

Change in soil moisture
status
from long term mean

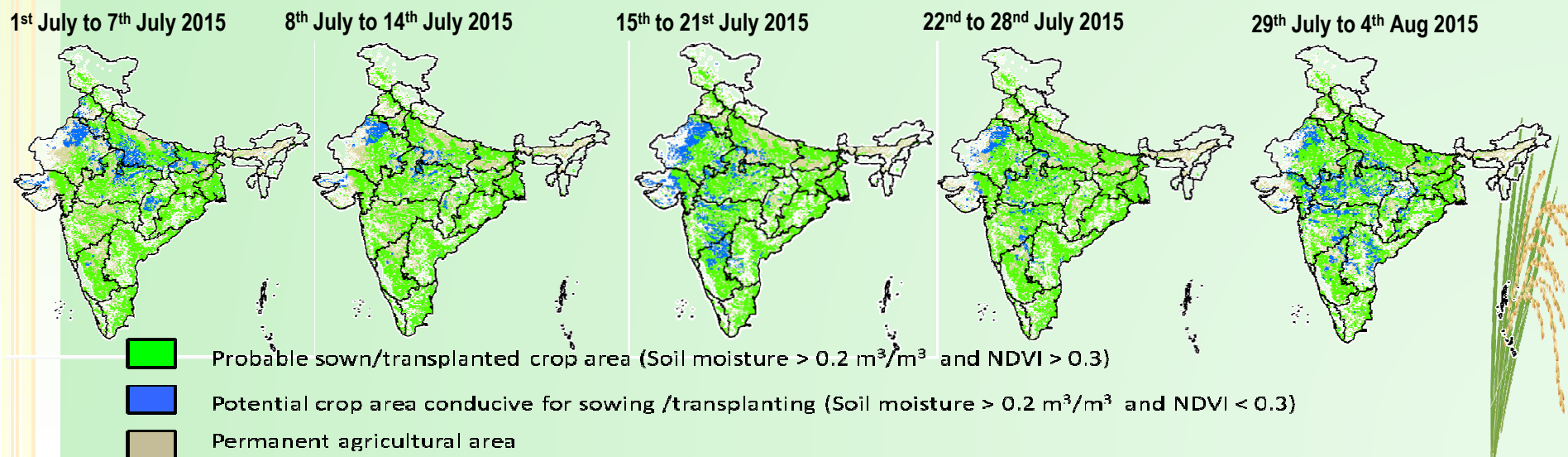


Status of Agricultural Vigour from INSAT 3A

Change in agricultural
vigour
from long-term mean



Analysis of INSAT 3A CCD NDVI and AMSR-2 Soil moisture for July for early agricultural situation over India

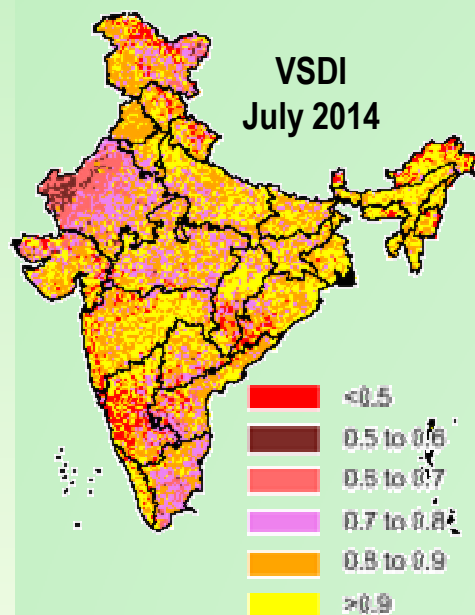


Studies on new indices for operational drought monitoring

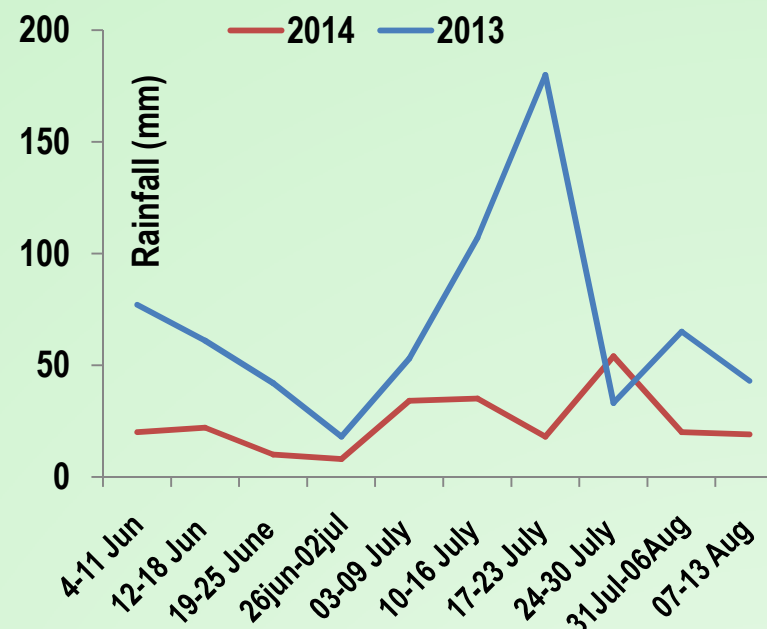
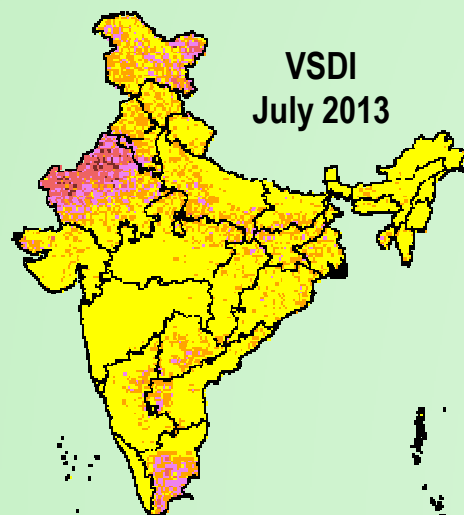
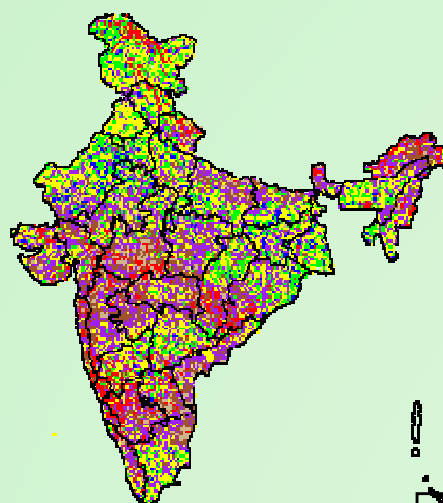
Visible and Shortwave Infrared Drought Index (VSDI)



Detecting early season drought conditions of 2014 using this new index



VSDI deviations showing drought conditions in July 2014



- $VSDI = 1 - \frac{(\rho_{SWIR} - \rho_{blue}) + (\rho_{red} - \rho_{blue})}{2}$
- Moisture sensitive SWIR and Red bands and insensitive blue band
- Range of index is 0 to >1 representing increasing wetness.
- Studies conclude that VSDI is found to be an effective surface wetness indicator at regional level.



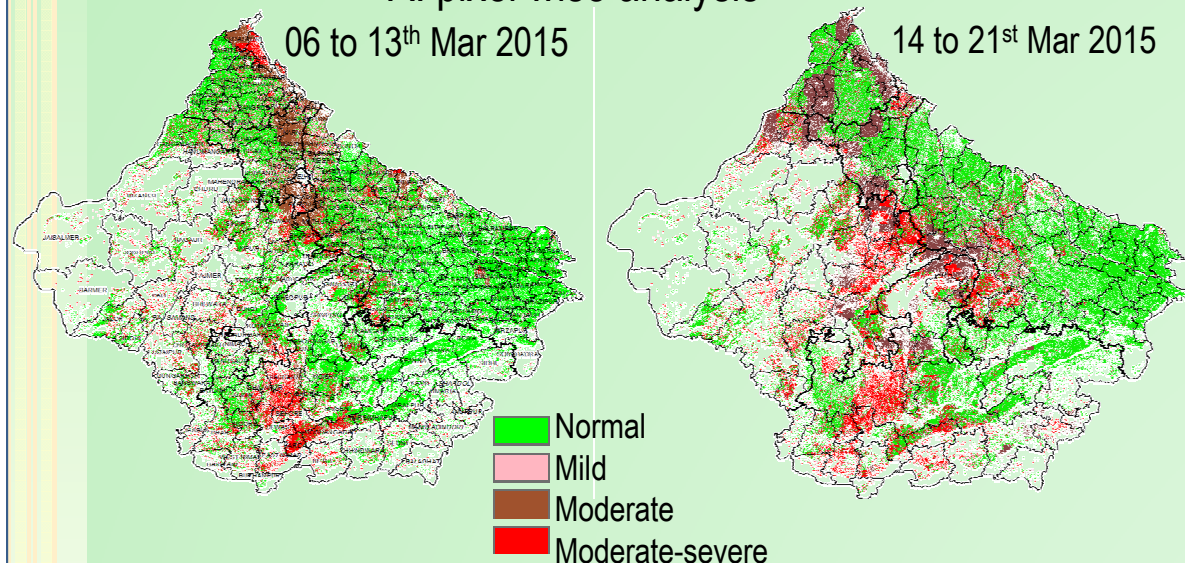
Geospatial analysis of the impact of untimely rains during March, 2015

Punjab, Haryana, UP and Rajasthan

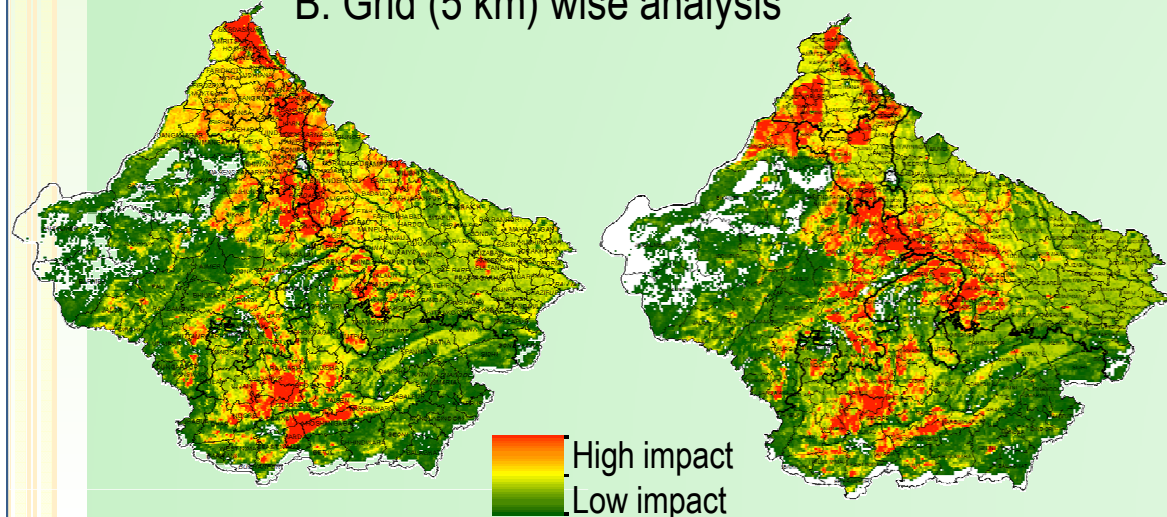


Affected area

A. pixel wise analysis



B. Grid (5 km) wise analysis



Methodology

Inputs

- Spectral indices -LSWI and NDVI)
- (LISS-III, AWiFS, TM, MODIS)
- Rainfall
- Temperature
- Wind Speed
- Cropped area images

Derivatives

- Surface wetness
- Crop vigour
- Growing degree days
- Days before harvesting
- Heavy rainfall events
- High wing speed events

Integration & Decision rules
(major crop groups)

Final outputs

- Affected area map
- Impact rating

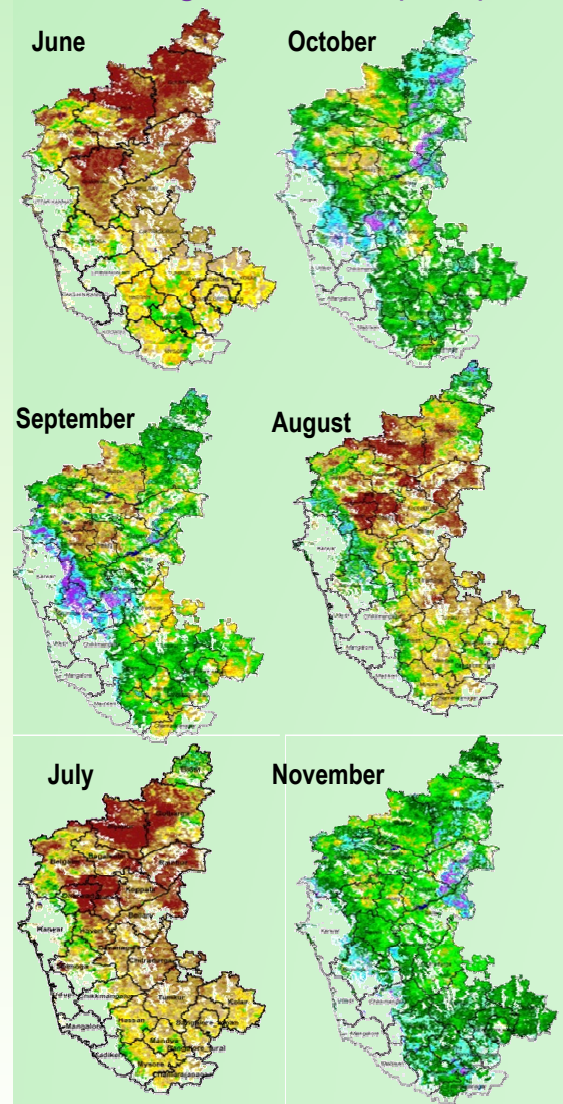


National Agricultural Drought Assessment and Monitoring System (NADAMS)



NOAA- AVHRR based Normalized
Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)-2012

(It covers total 13 States: 9 States at District Level and 4
states at sub-district level, including Karnataka)



Drought
Assessment map
of Kharif -2012



Normal
Mild
Moderate

District Wise Rainfall
deviations-2012

(No. of Taluks)

District	Normal	Mild	Moderate
Bagalkot	0	3	3
Bangalore rural	0	2	2
Bangalore urban	0	2	2
Belgaum	3	5	2
Bellary	0	0	7
Bidar	5	0	0
Bijapur	0	0	5
Chamarajanagara	0	1	3
Chickballapur	3	1	2
Chikmagalur	6	1	0
Chitradurga	0	3	3
D. Kannada	5	0	0
Davangere	0	4	2
Dharwad	1	0	4
Gadag	0	0	5
Gulberga	0	4	3
Hassan	1	3	4
Haveri	1	3	3
Kodagu	3	0	0
Kolar	2	2	1
Koppal	0	0	4
Mandya	0	5	2
Mysore	0	4	3
Raichur	0	2	3
Ramanagara	1	2	1
Shimoga	7	0	0
Tumkur	1	6	3
Udupi	3	0	0
Uttara Kannada	11	0	0
Yadgir	2	0	1
Total	55	53	68

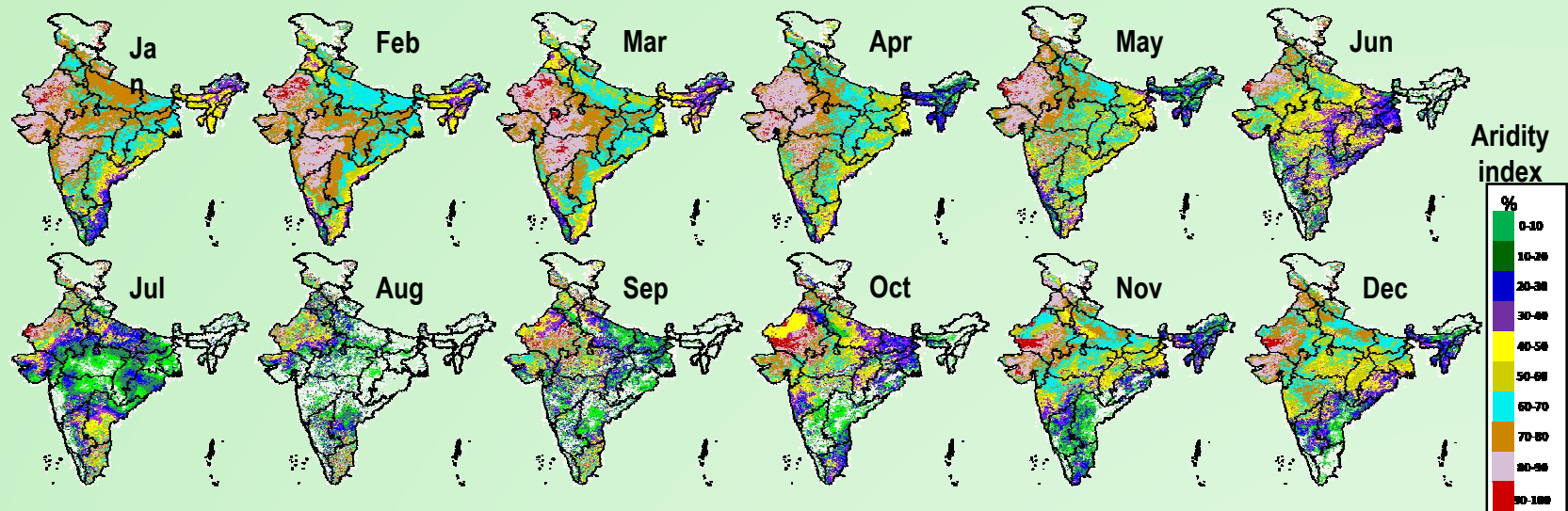


Aridity index using Indian geostationary data (K1 and INSAT 3A CCD)



Aridity Index 2009 (Drought year)

Aridity index (P/PET) has been computed using combination of actual and potential evapo-transpiration



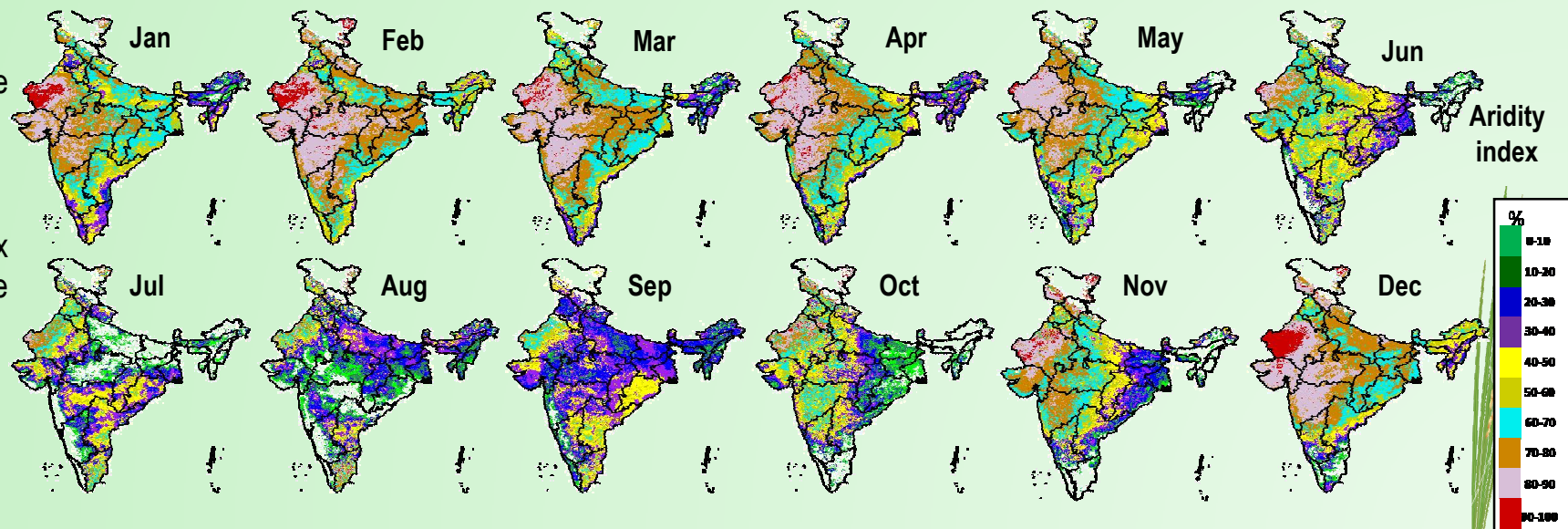
Aridity Index 2011 (Normal year)

Future work

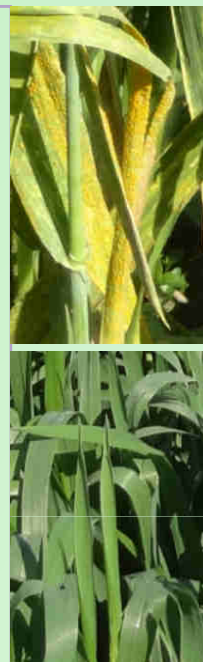
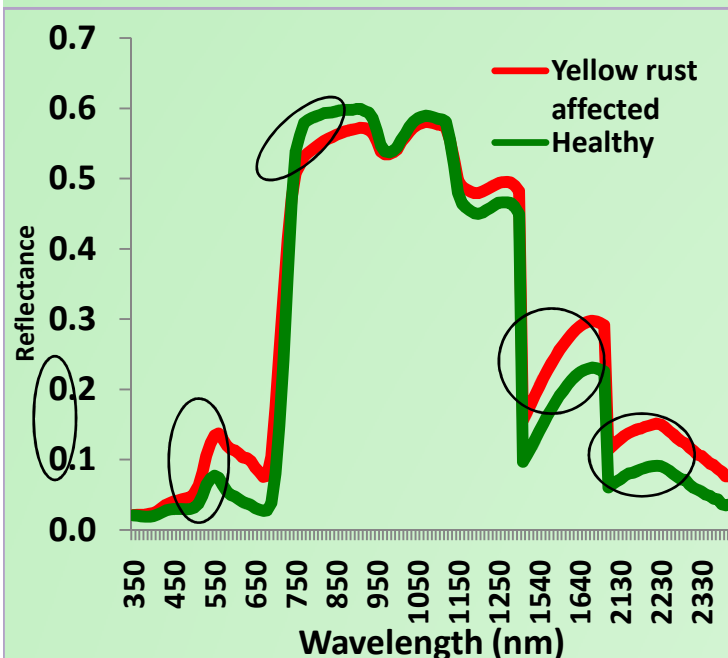
To add the other agromet parameters in this index to enhance its capability.

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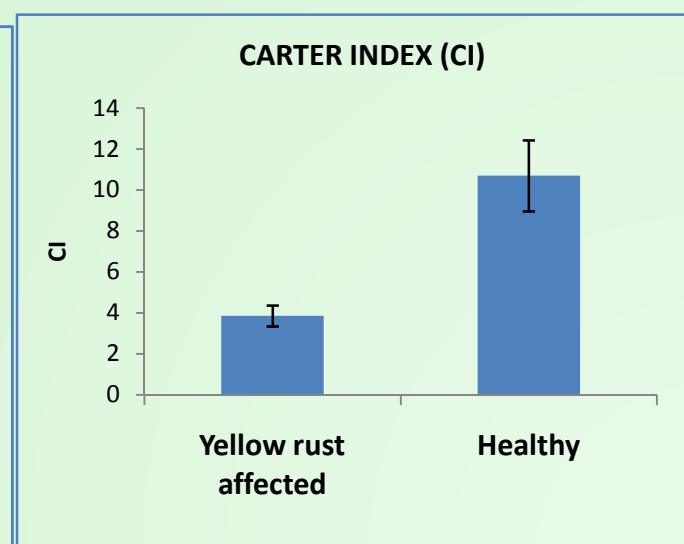
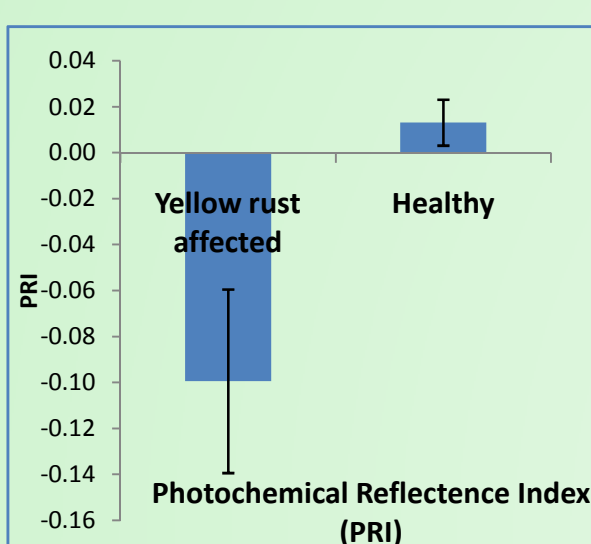
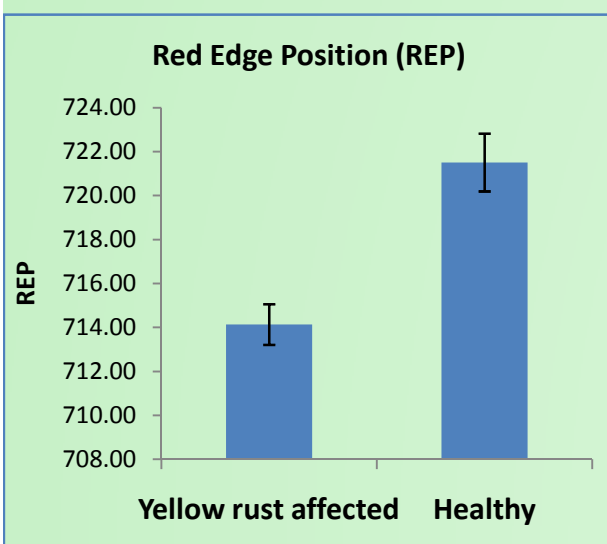
IMD and MNCFC



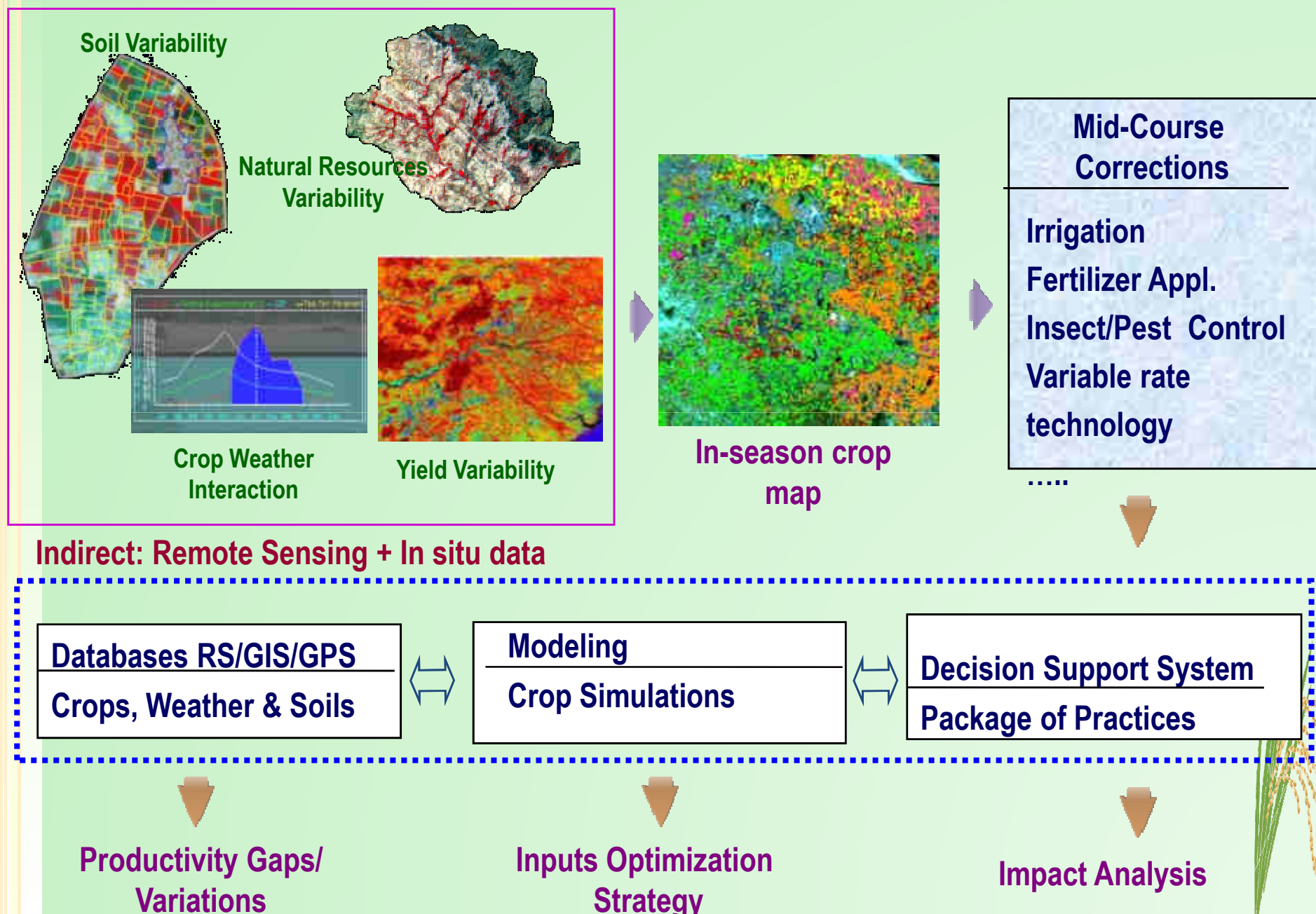
Hyperspectral studies for detection of yellow rust affected wheat crop



S NO	Central wavelength / Index	Healthy	Diseased (yellow rust affected)	% change
1	660	0.03	0.08	188.90
2	680	0.03	0.08	176.08
3	1500	0.10	0.16	62.01
4	550/680	2.82	1.79	-36.71
5	(800-550/1660+680)	2.02	1.10	-45.40
6	800/1660	2.59	1.84	-29.15
7	1660/680	8.45	3.92	-53.59
8	1660/550	2.99	2.25	-24.88



Remote Sensing Inputs to Precision Agriculture



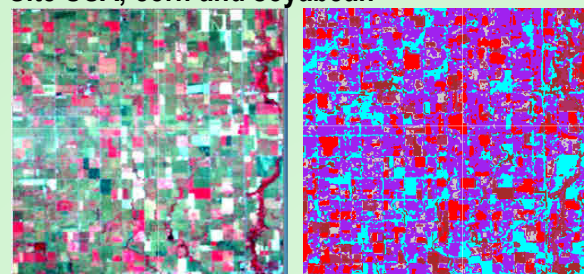
Experimentation on International Crop Assessment using Earth Observation Data



Objective

- Evaluation of IRS RS 2 data for assessment of major crops in GEO JECAM sites
- Use of RISAT data for Asia-Rice technical demonstration sites in S.E. Asian countries for rice crop mapping in selected sites

Site USA, corn and soyabean



- Corn
- Soybean
- Fallow
- Forest

Results

- Classified wheat area for Pakistan 2015.
- Classified GEOGLAM sites of S.E. Asia for rice crop in North Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand using RISAT 1 MRS data 2014.

Site North Vietnam, Rice crop

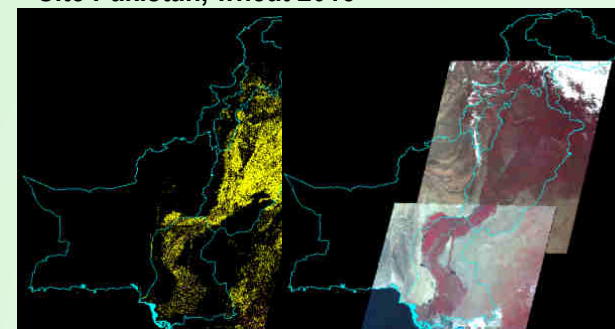


Future Plan

- Rice area estimation using RISAT MRS data for Bangladesh kharif 2015
- Wheat area estimation for Pakistan for rabi 2016 using AWIFS data
- Crop classification for USA and Canada sites 2015

Province 2013-14	RS AREA '000 ha	Reported '000 ha 2014	R.D. %
Punjab	8110		
Sindh	798		
Pakistan	9899	9039	9.5

Site Pakistan, wheat 2015

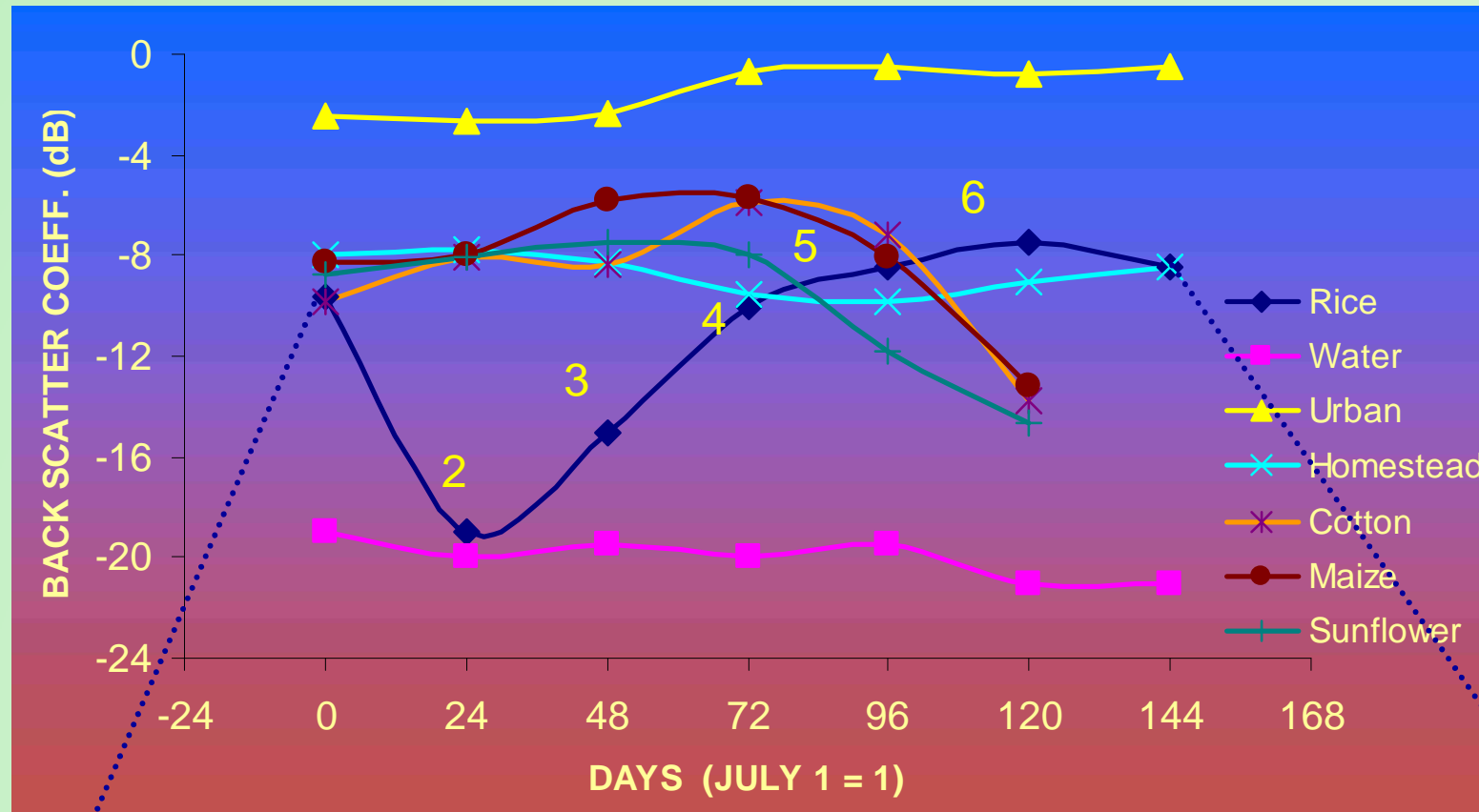


Microwave Remote Sensing

- **Operational Applications Acreage and production estimation of Rice and Jute crops**
 - **Technique Development for crop discrimination using Compact Polarimetric data**
- **Forest Biomass Estimation**
- **Soil Moisture Estimation**
- **Flood inundation and Damage Assessment**



Crop Discrimination with Temporal SAR Ddata



Pre-transplantation

Transplantation

Tillering

Vegetative

Peak-vegetative

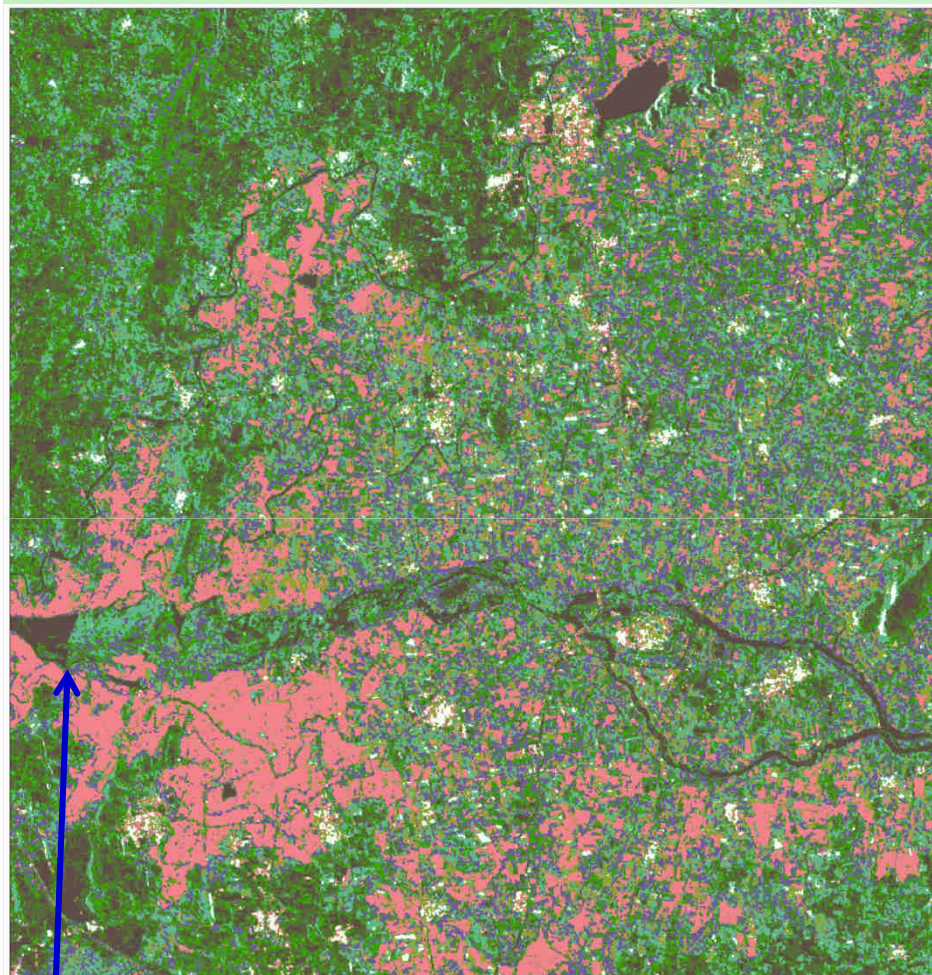
Heading

Maturity

Paddy Discrimination: Single Date RISAT-1 Hybrid Data



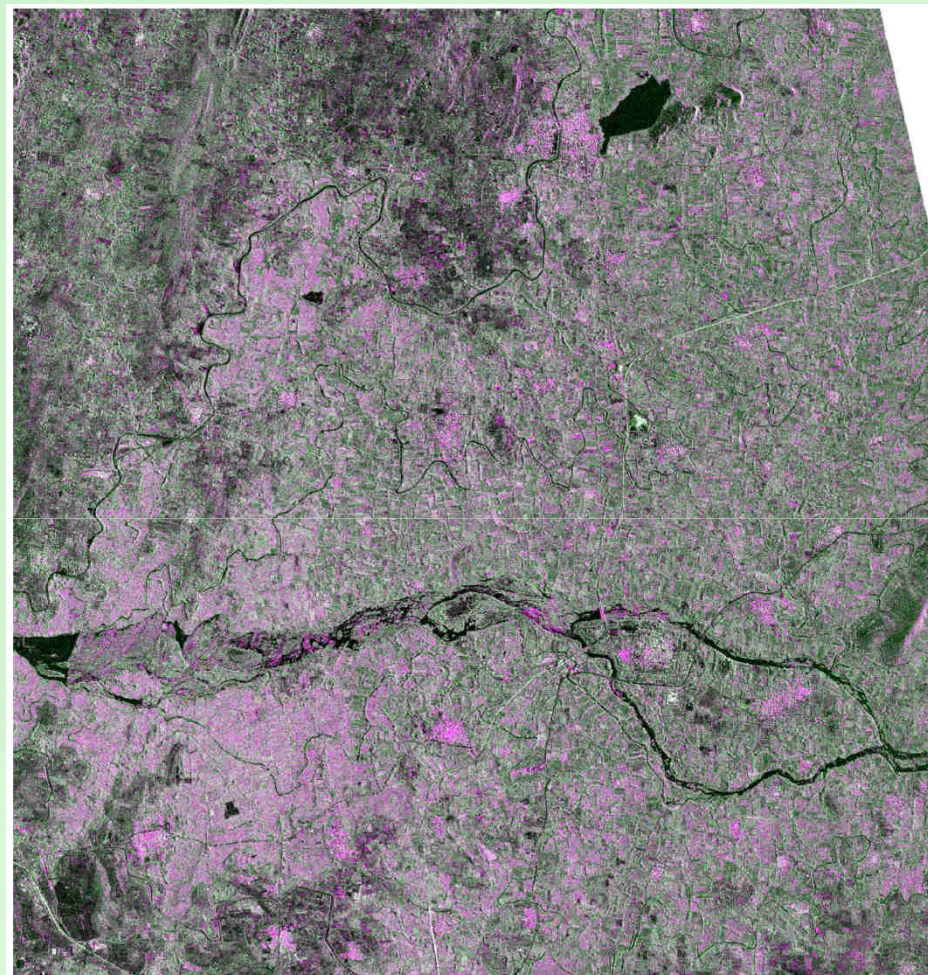
Hybrid Polarimetric data



Rice Crop during heading stage (near maturity)
clearly demarcated

Cauvery River (KRS Dam
left side)

Linear Polarimetric data



Red : HH; Green: HV; Blue: HH

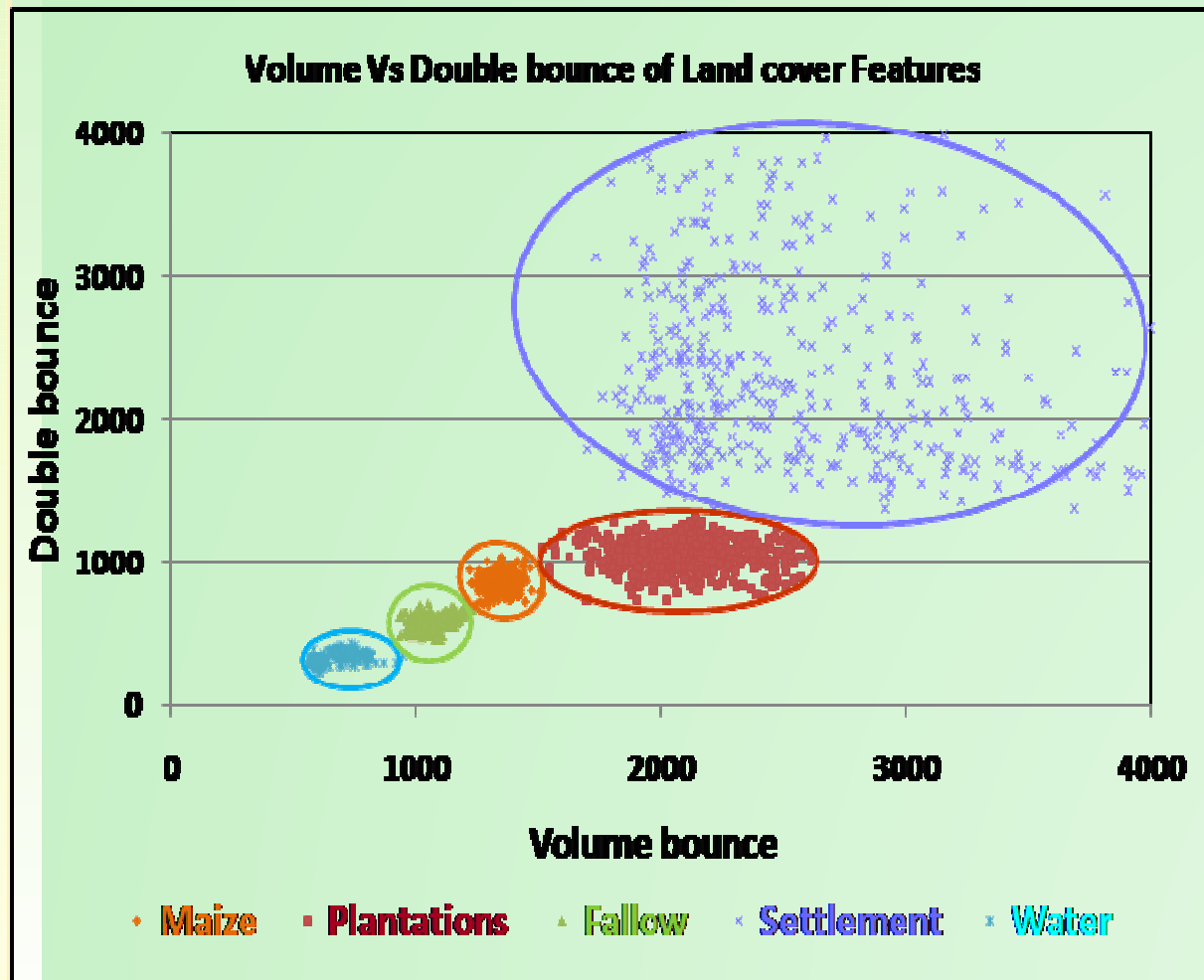
Legend

	Water		Fallow		Coconut
	Trees		Rice		Mixed Veget
	Barren		Settlements		

Maize Discrimination: Single Date RISAT-1 Hybrid Data



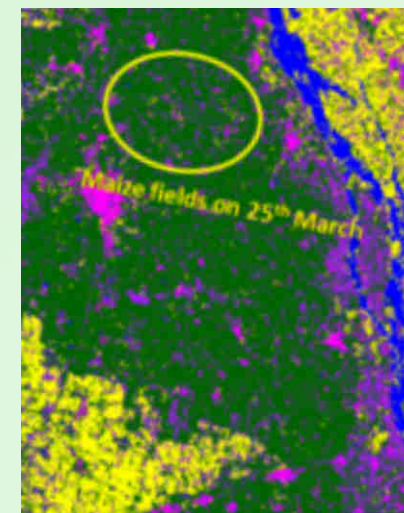
Single date RISAT-1 FRS1 hybrid polarimetric RH, RV data for rabi maize (2014) discrimination and mapping



Decomposition image



Classified image



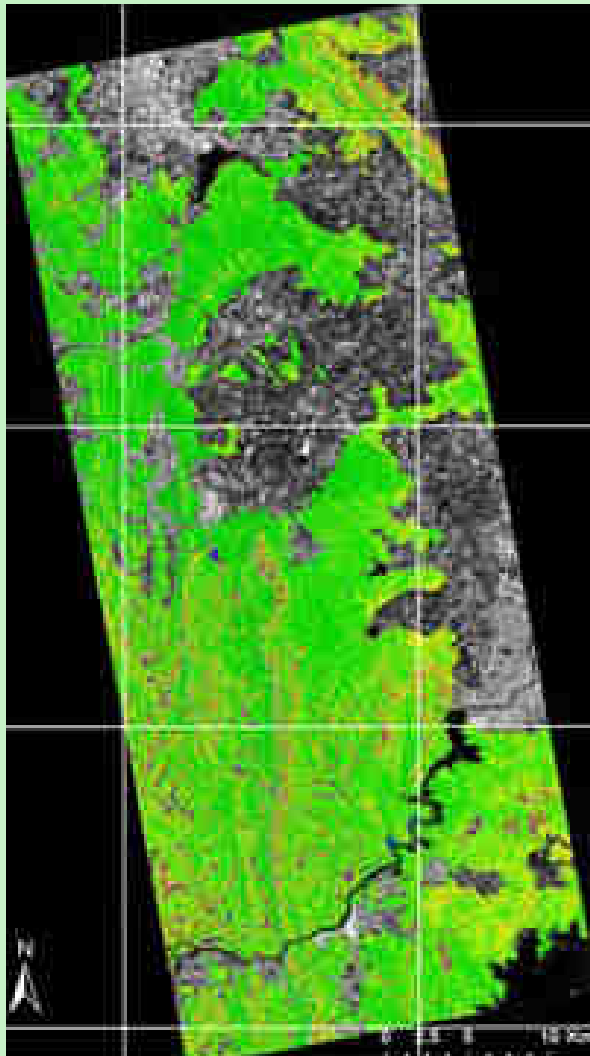
Maize



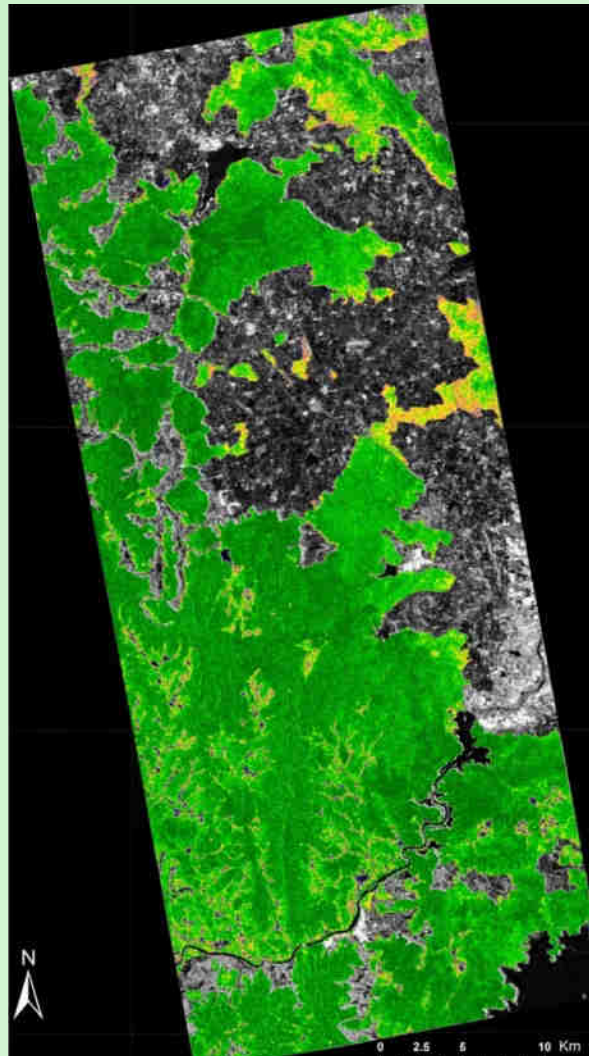
Comparison of biomass estimated from C-band(RISAT-1) and L-band (ALOS-PALSAR-1) Area: Shimoga District, Karnataka, India



RISAT-1 FRS Data (HV-pol)
- 2014

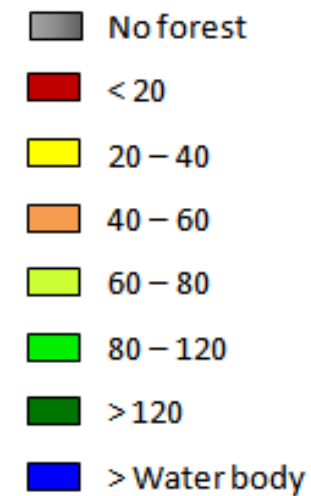


ALOS PALSAR-1 (25m HV-pol) -2010

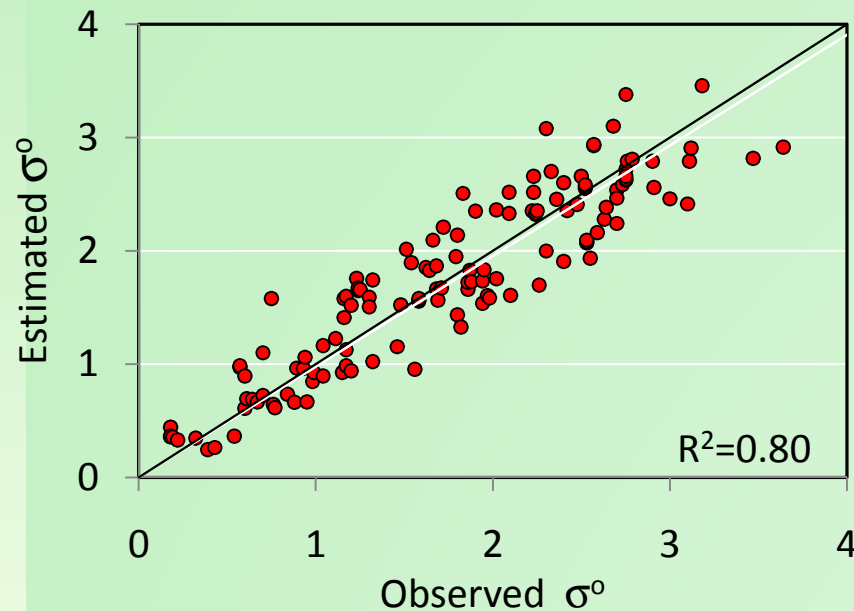


C-band SAR data (left image) shows biomass saturation at 80 t/ha and L-band SAR data (right image) shows saturation beyond 120 t/ha.

Biomass (ton/ha)



Soil Moisture: Value Added Product Generation using risat-1 SAR Data



Soil Moisture Retrieval Model

$$SSM = \theta_{wp} + (\theta_{fc} - \theta_{wp}) * F_{BC}(\sigma^0)$$

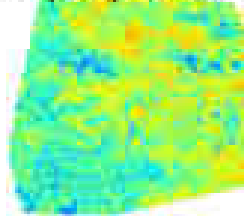
SSM- Surface Soil moisture (SSM)

θ_{wp} - Soil Moisture (SM) at Wilting Point

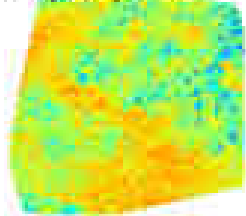
θ_{fc} - Soil Moisture at field capacity

σ^0 - Backscattering Coefficient (BC)

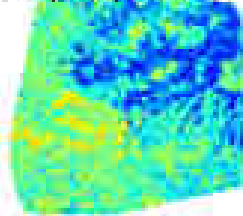
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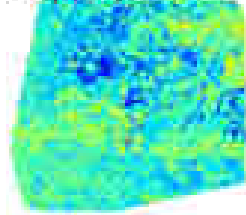
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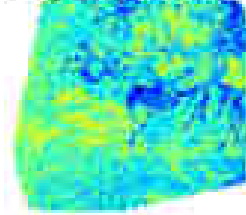
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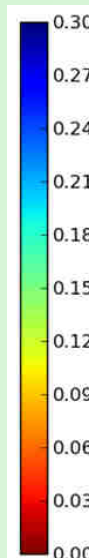
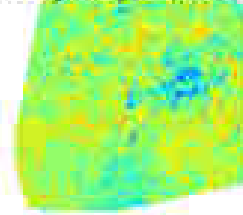
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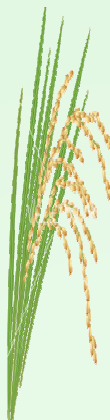
Soil Moisture (%)

SM estimation influenced by Surface Parameters

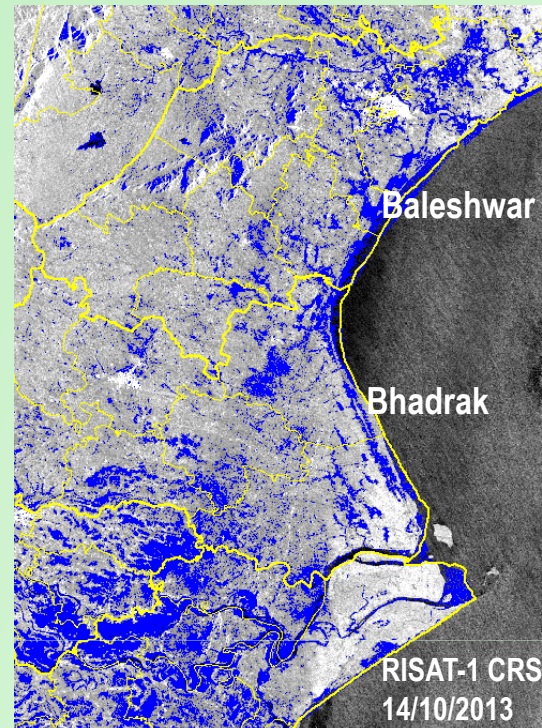
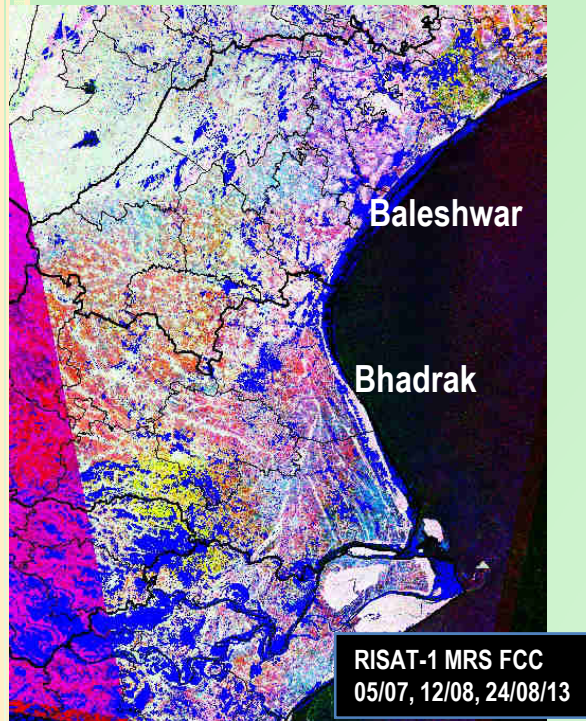
- Surface roughness
- Presence of vegetation


System Parameters

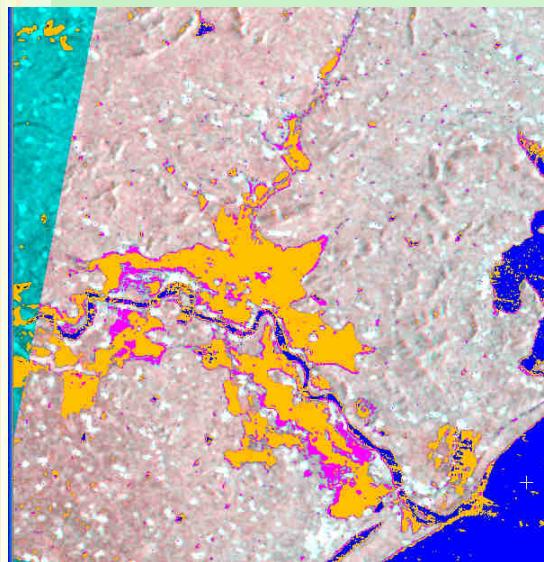
- Wavelength
- Polarization
- Incidence Angle







Damage Assessment by floods due to Phailin Cyclone, 2013, Odisha

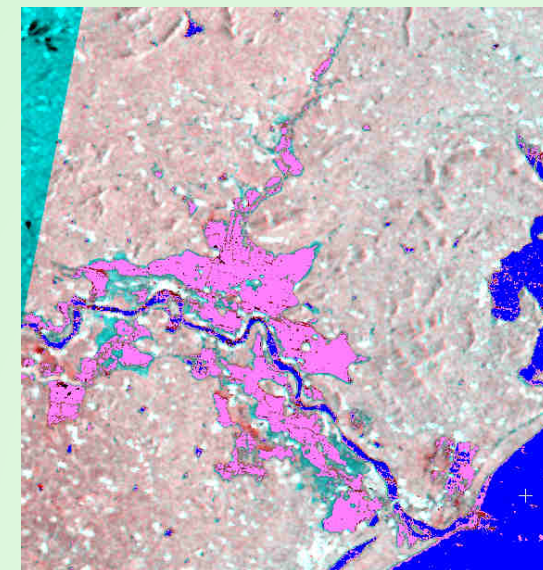


 Flood affected area as on October 14, 2013 (Superimposed on pre cyclone (L) and post cyclone (R) images)



Area flooded on 14 & 25 Oct, 2013 

-  Flood Oct 14, 2013
-  Additional area (25 Oct)
-  Permanent water body



NASA-ISRO SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR (NISAR)

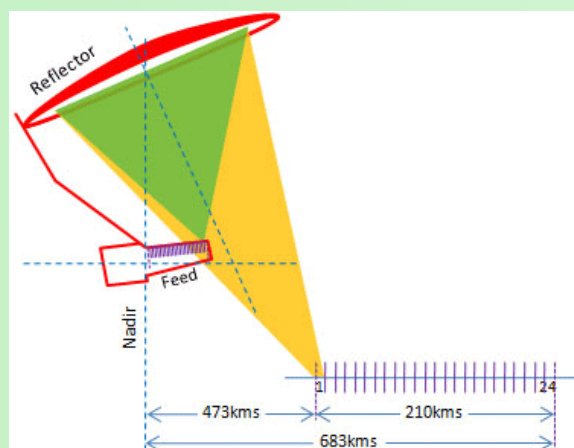


- Design & Development of Dual frequency (L & S Band) Radar Imaging Satellite jointly by ISRO & NASA;
- Explore newer application areas using L and S band microwave data.



Launch 2021

JPL, NASA	ISRO
• Development of L-Band SAR	• Development of S-Band SAR
• Payload structure & Thermal Control	• I-3K Spacecraft Bus
• Unfurlable Antenna	• Ka Band Data Transmission System
• Very high precision GPS	• Launch using GSLV
• 12 TB Recorder	• Spacecraft Operations



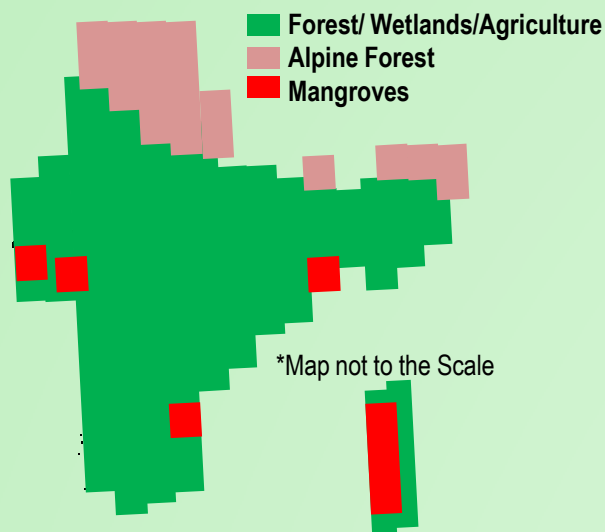
MAJOR APPLICATIONS

- Agriculture Biomass and Forest Biomass estimation
- Soil Moisture
- Mountain / glacier snow; Mountain Glacier dynamics
- Land Subsidence & Landslide
- Coastal erosion & High tide lines
- Floods, Oil slick, Forest fires
- Inter seismic strain; Co-seismic deformation
- Ice sheet dynamics; Sea Ice thickness & dynamics

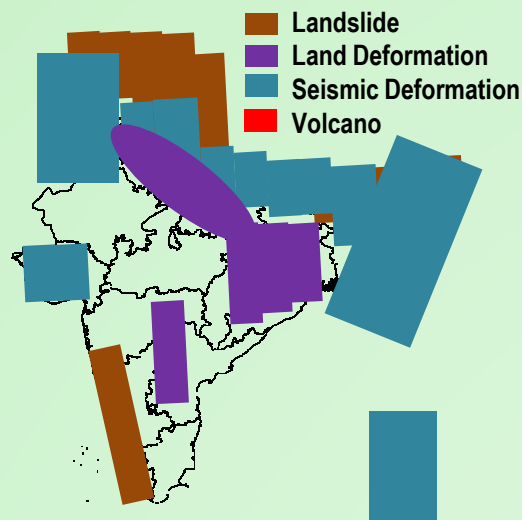
NISAR: Overall Science Plan



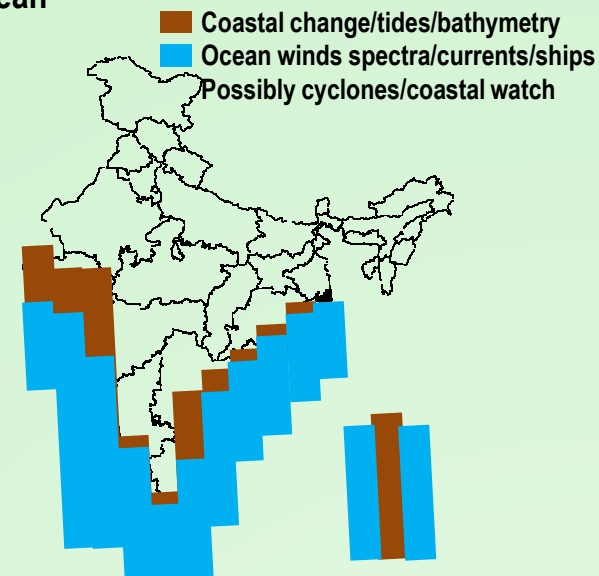
Ecosystem



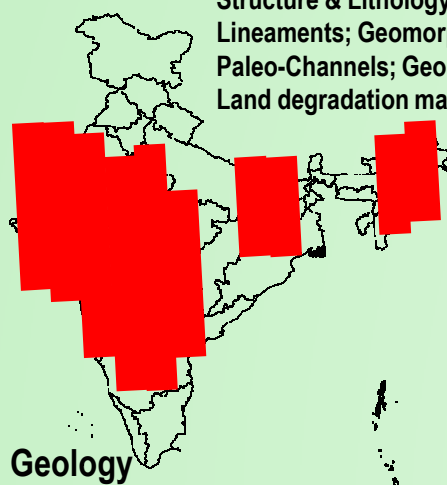
Deformation



Ocean



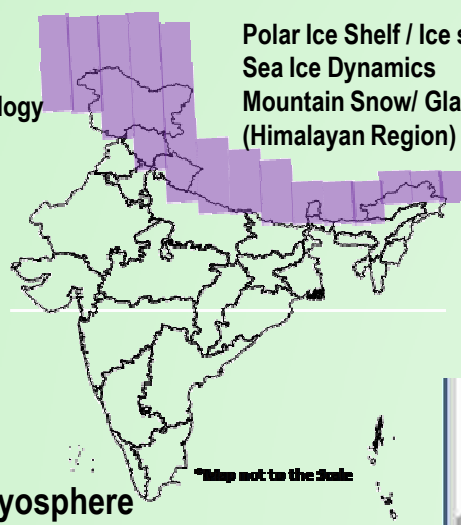
Structure & Lithology
Lineaments; Geomorphology
Paleo-Channels; Geo-archaeology
Land degradation mapping



Geology

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Polar Ice Shelf / Ice sheet
Sea Ice Dynamics
Mountain Snow/ Glacier Dynamics
(Himalayan Region)

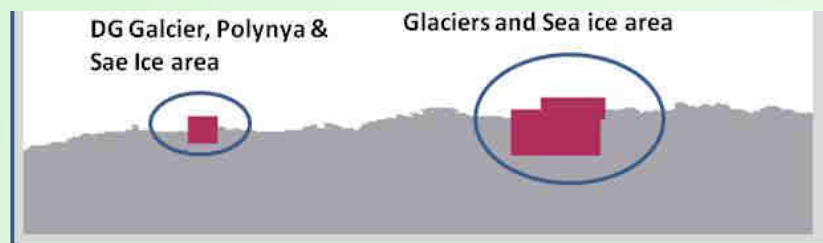


Cryosphere

*Map not to the Scale

Disaster Response and Mitigation:

Floods; Forest Fire; Oil Spill;
Earthquakes; Glacier hazards;
marine navigation



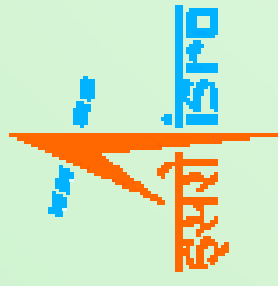
Research Focus In Agriculture & Way Forward



- Crop-wise/Field-wise impact and yield loss assessment
- Crop conditions Assessment and forecasting tools Development
 - Pest & Disease Surveillance - Crops and Animals
 - Crop loss assessment due to extreme weather events
 - Value added improved agro-advisories
- Yield loss projection to compensation
- Enhancing irrigation & water use in irrigation commands
- Improving productivity in rainfed areas
- Building disaster resilience & enhancing coping mechanisms
- Further R&D efforts: Hyperspectral, Thermal, Microwave, etc.
- Capacity Building

- Availability of databases for more than 4 decades
- Databases include satellite data, derived geophysical products, ground data, information for climate change research
- Strong mechanisms for data archival and disseminations through web portal
- Improved science inputs & innovative means (modeling & algorithms, data assimilation.....) - Collaboration with academic Institutions





Thank You

