Guwahati Urban Labs

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE WITH GENDER LENS IN GUWAHATI, ASSAM

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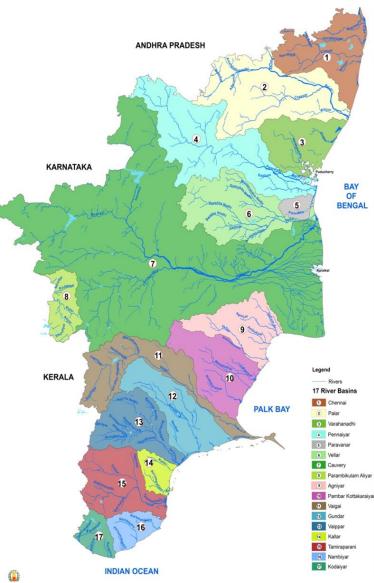




BACK FROM THE BRINK

Rejuvenating India's Lakes, Ponds and Tanks A compendium of success stories

TAMIL NADU WATER RESOURCES



Average rainfall	925 mm
34 river basins	Grouped into 17 major river basins with 127 sub basins
Surface water potential	865 TMC (249 TMC from neighboring States)
Ground water potential	632 TMC (Total wells 19,08,695)
Total potential	1,497 TMC
Storage Structures	123 DAMS(85 WRD & 38 TNEB) 39,601 Tanks(14,098 PWD TANKS)
Holding capacity	232.50 TMC (DAMS) 178.92 TMC (TANKS) Total : 411.42 TMC

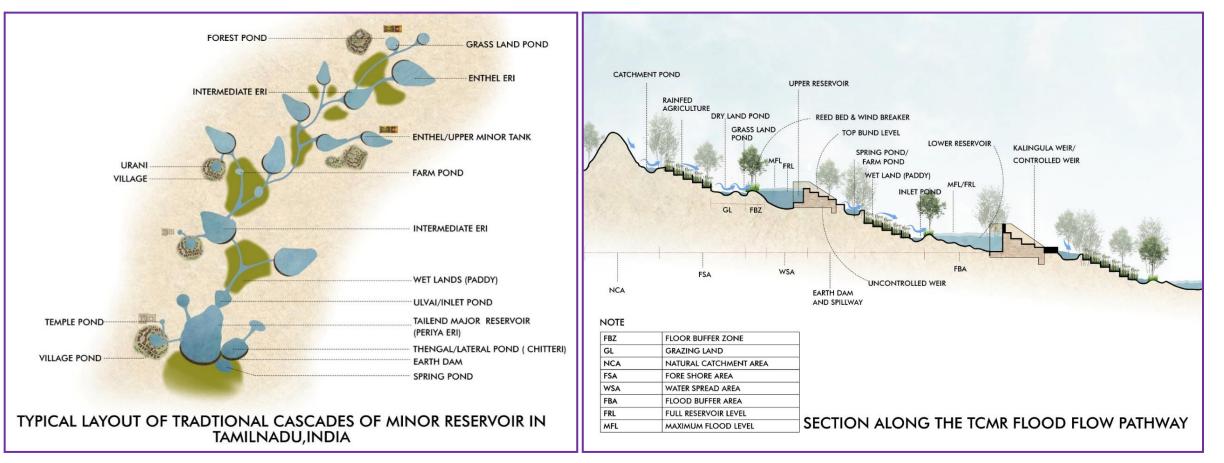


Traditional Legacy : Far ahead of present

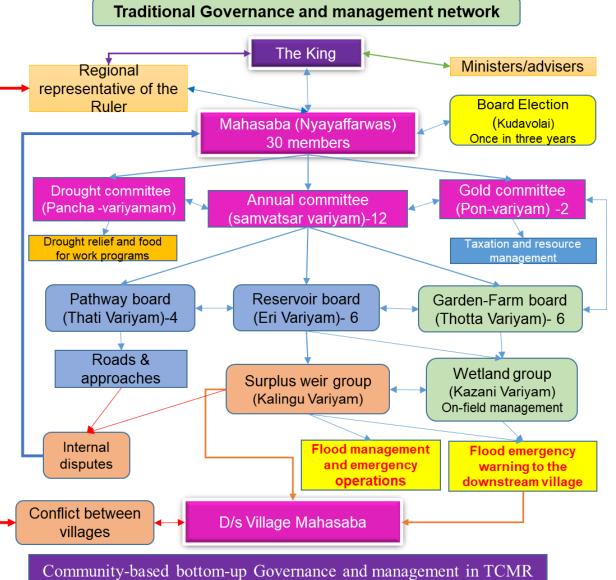
Mapping the component of a Traditional Cascades of Minor Reservoirs(TCMR)

- Every component has a specified role in controlling the run-off for use and reuse.
- The underlying principle in the creation of TCMR includes intertwined social, managerial, governance,

technical, and sustainable practices of flood management.

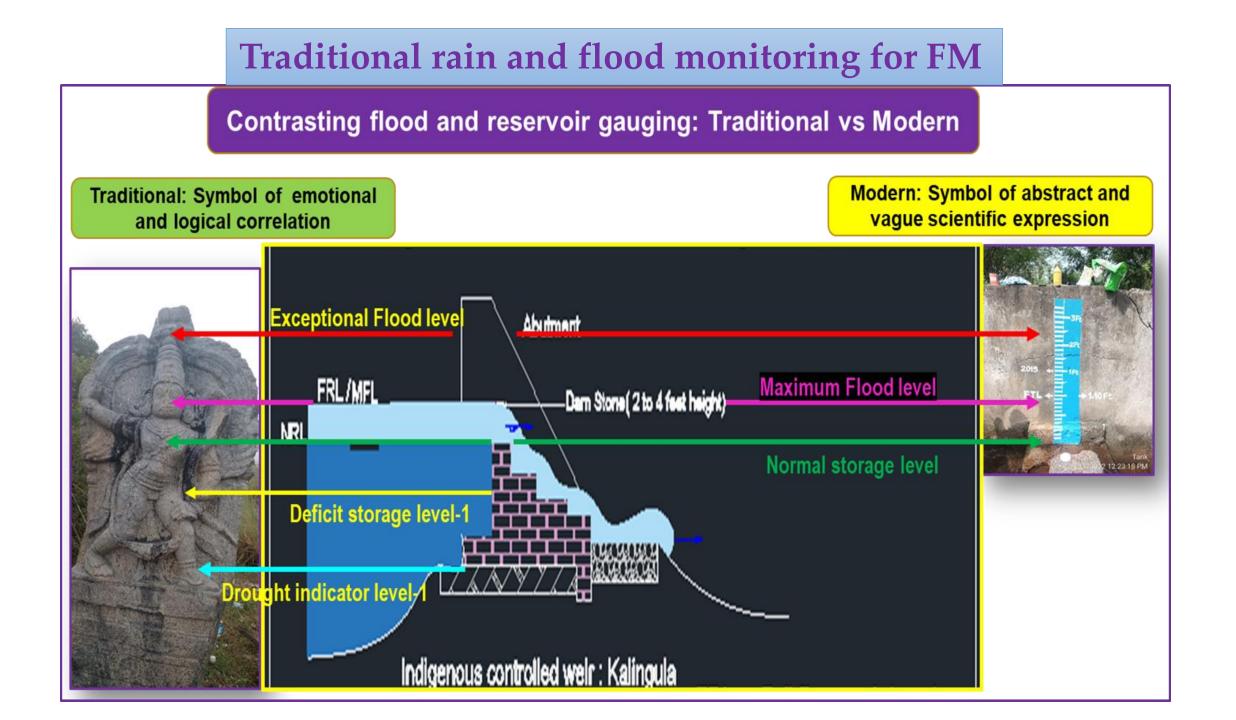


Water Management and Governance in TCMR



Traditional and present operation and maintenance system

Domain of the	Key findings		
TCMR in FMP	Traditional	Present	
Governance	Mahasaba-local	Hierarchical and	
		centralised	
Management	Local village	SMDA, DDMA and 7	
	board(Variyams)	Departments	
Rain forecasting			
and flood			
monitoring		Indian meteorological	
Long-term	Panchang	Department(IMD)	
Medium and	Panchang, biotic and		
Short-term	abiotic indicators	IMD	
Real-time	Grinders, mortars and Idols	Scales and gauging	
Pre and Post monsoon flood management activities	integrated and proactive	fragmented and reactive	
Flood management during extreme floods	synchronised with the flooding process and local operation of the K- weir and wetlands. Human relay across TCMR	Limited control and access to the field before flooding events. Robust rescue, relief and a temporary restoration	



Sediment management strategies and Sustainability

Contrasting cultural change in sediment management of TCMR Periodical sediment removal from TCMR: Location & purpose CATCHMENT POND Construction sand UPPER RESERVOIR Wetland reclamation-silty clay RAINFED DRY LAND POND REED BED & WINT BREAKER Levees strengthening, mud wall GRASS LAND TOP BUNE LEVEL LOWER RESERVOIR KALINGULA WEIR/ SPRING POND/ CONTROLLED WEIR FARA POND LAND (PADDY) MFL/FRL INLET POND FBZ Potters-Idols& pottery Dam strengthening Courtesy: Mylapore times Courtesy: JohnPeter Reed bed sediment control & roofing WSA Traditional Vinayaka idols in clay form TCMRs **Modern Plaster of Paris Vinayaka** FSA UNCONTROLLED WEIR NCA EARTH DAM Brick making AND SPILLWAY Compulsory removal of sediments NOTE from reservoir bed: 6 m³ person/year FBZ FLOOR BUFFER ZONE GL GRAZING LAND NCA NATURAL CATCHMENT AREA FSA FORE SHORE AREA WATER SPREAD AREA WSA FBA FLOOD BUFFER AREA FRL FULL RESERVOIR LEVEL SECTION ALONG THE TCMR FLOOD FLOW PATHWAY MFL MAXIMUM FLOOD LEVEL

Water Body / Part of TCMR	Sediment control	Functional Stakeholders	
Upper Ponds	Course sand / Silty-		
(Enthal)	sand	Pottery(God idols, offerings, utensils, granaries) and forming roads.	
Thangal and Eri's	Silty Clay, Fine Sand		
/ Reservoirs	mixed with clay and silt	of the und	
Wetlands	Silty-clay	Wetland farmers	
Channels	Silty-clay, Silty-fine sand	Strengthening and forming levees in the adjacent land with turfing	
	sand	with turning	

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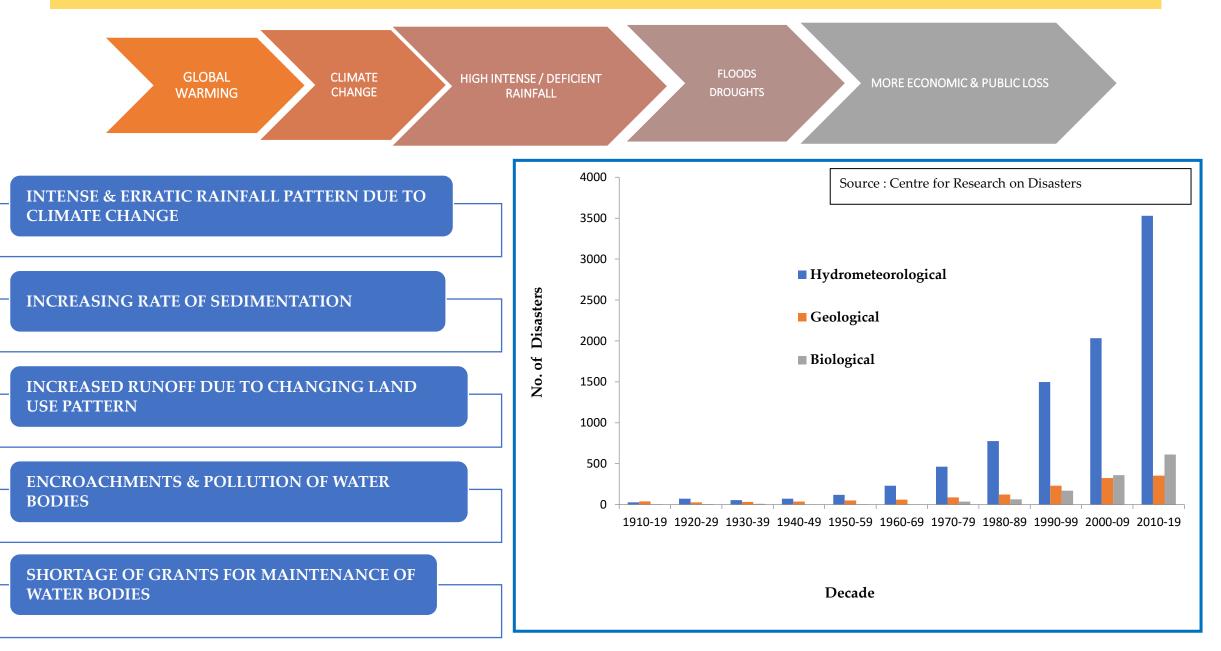


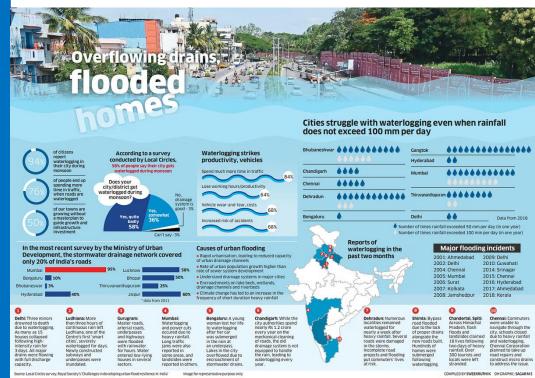
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CHALLENGES IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT





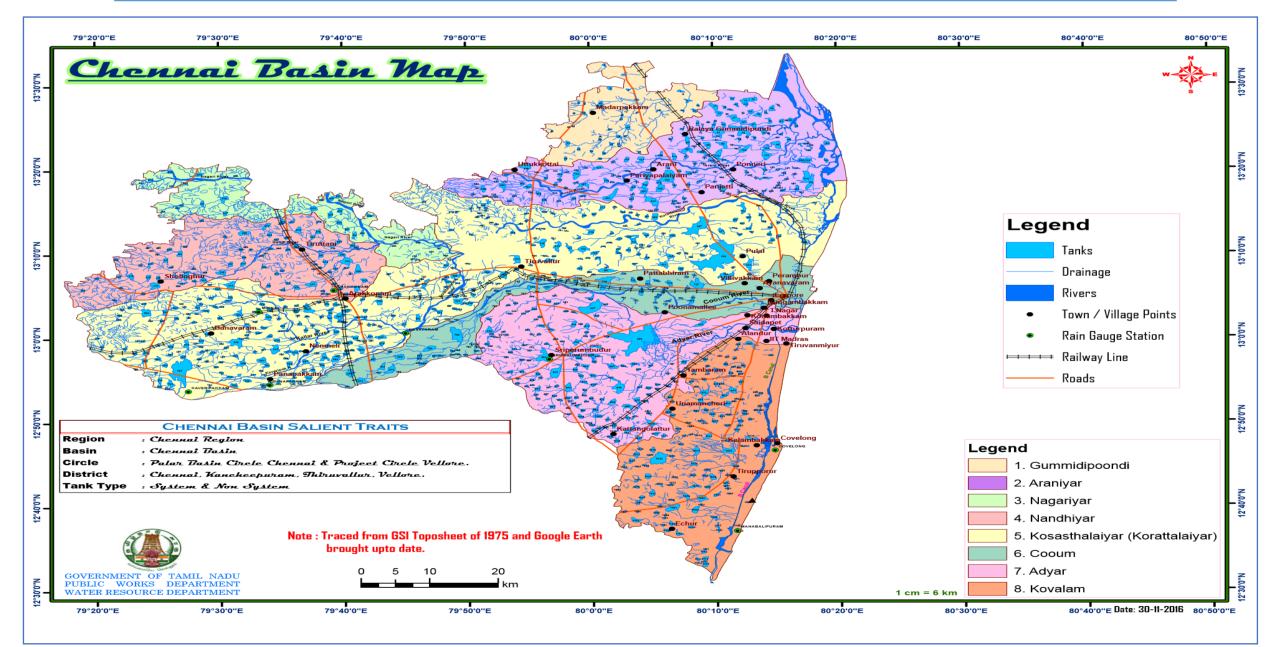
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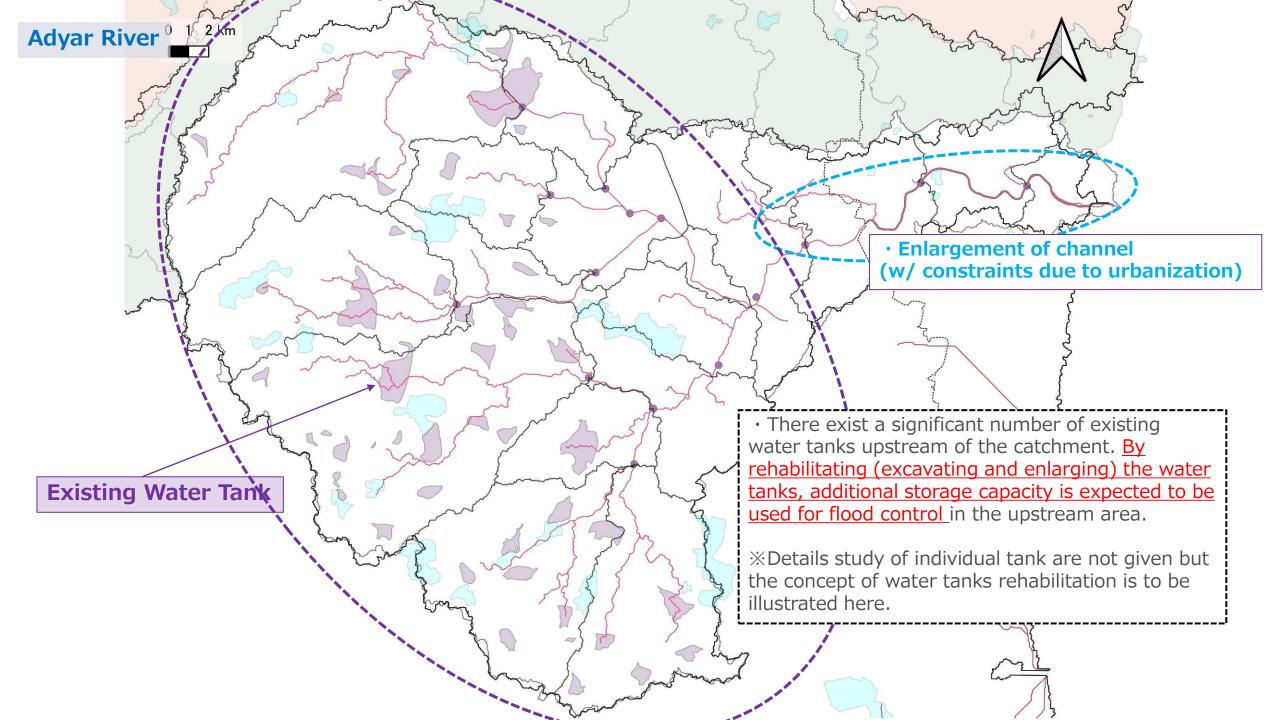


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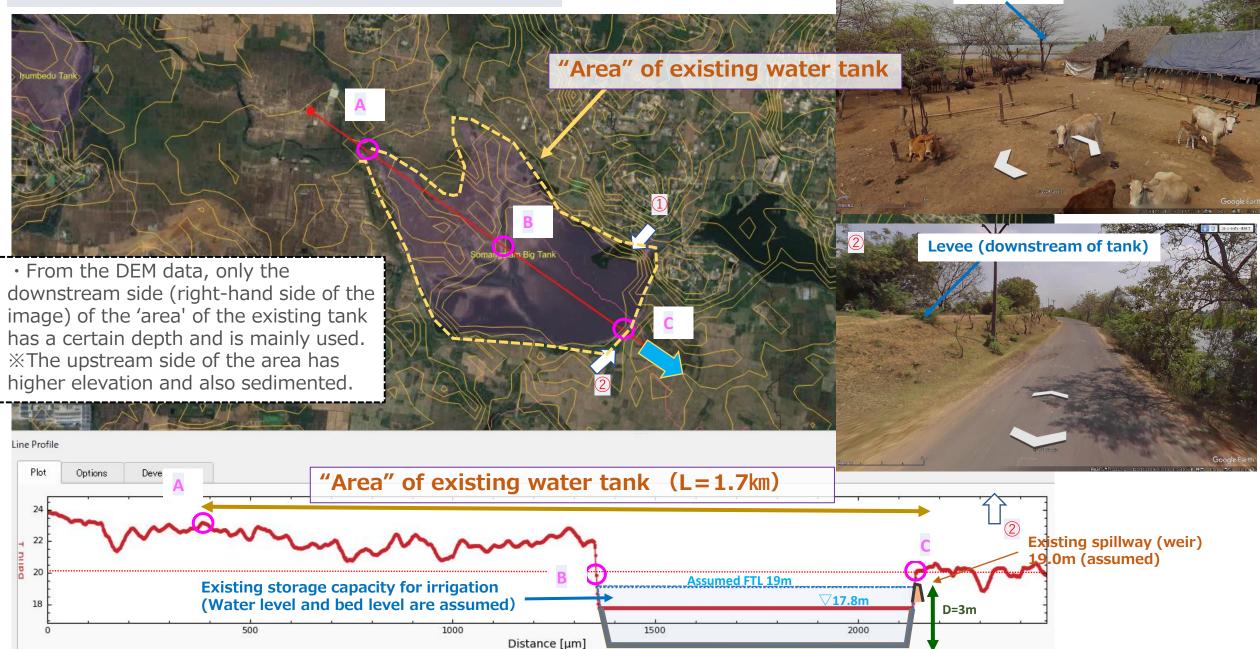
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CHENNAI DRAINAGE BASIN MAP





Current Condition of Wetland (A typical Tank)



Assumed Tank-bed Level 16m

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Water Tank

Rehabilitation of Existing Wetland: Basic Concept

• The existing tank area will be excavated and the increased storage capacity will be used for flood control.

• The existing tank area (downstream of the tank) is assumed to have a maximum depth of about 4 m and an average depth of about 3 m.

• The water storage capacity is therefore increased by uniformly excavating to an average depth of about 3 m.

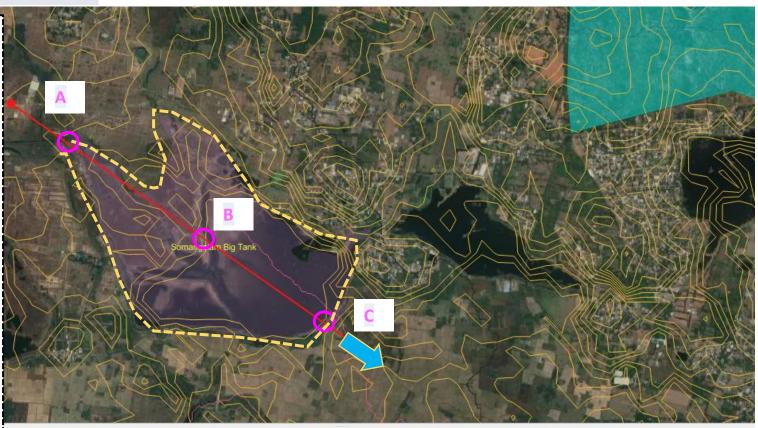
• The embankment will not be raised.

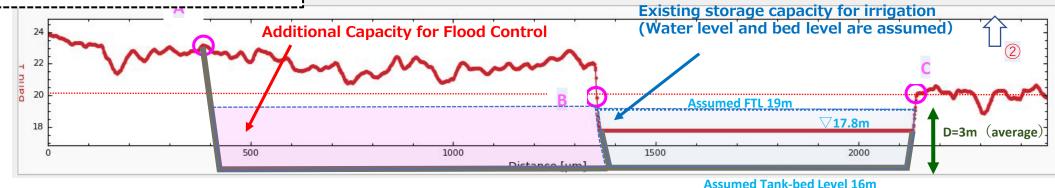
• Water intake operations (water intake levels) for irrigation purpose to be considered.

 \cdot The tank dries up in the late dry season.

 \Rightarrow Removal of sediment to be carried out during this period, if necessary.

⇒ Rehabilitation of 50 tanks in the Adyar catchment can provide additional storage capacity of 53 MCM for flood control, compared to the existing storage capacity of 59 MCM.

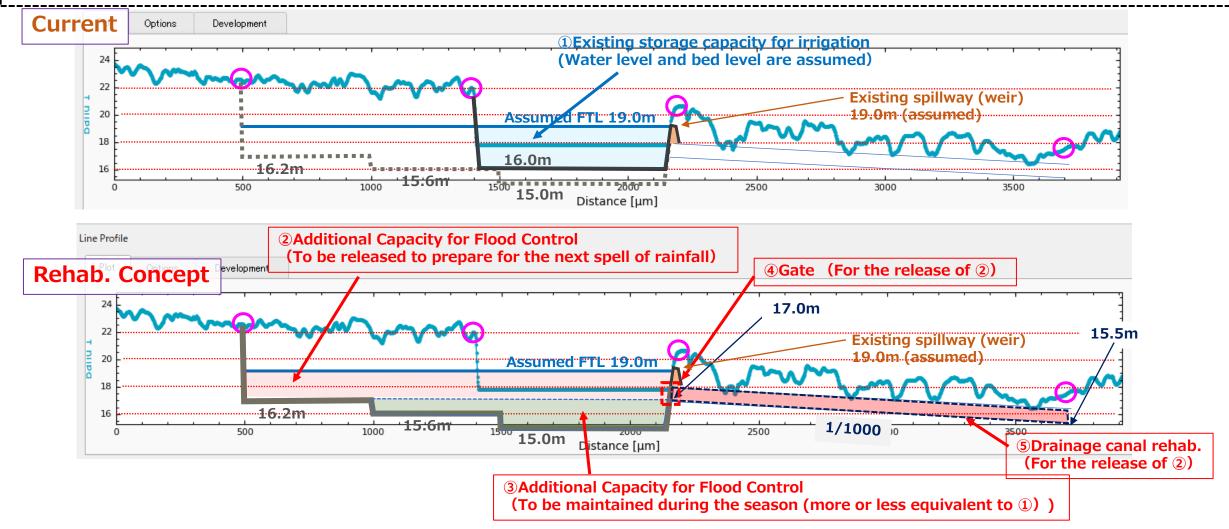




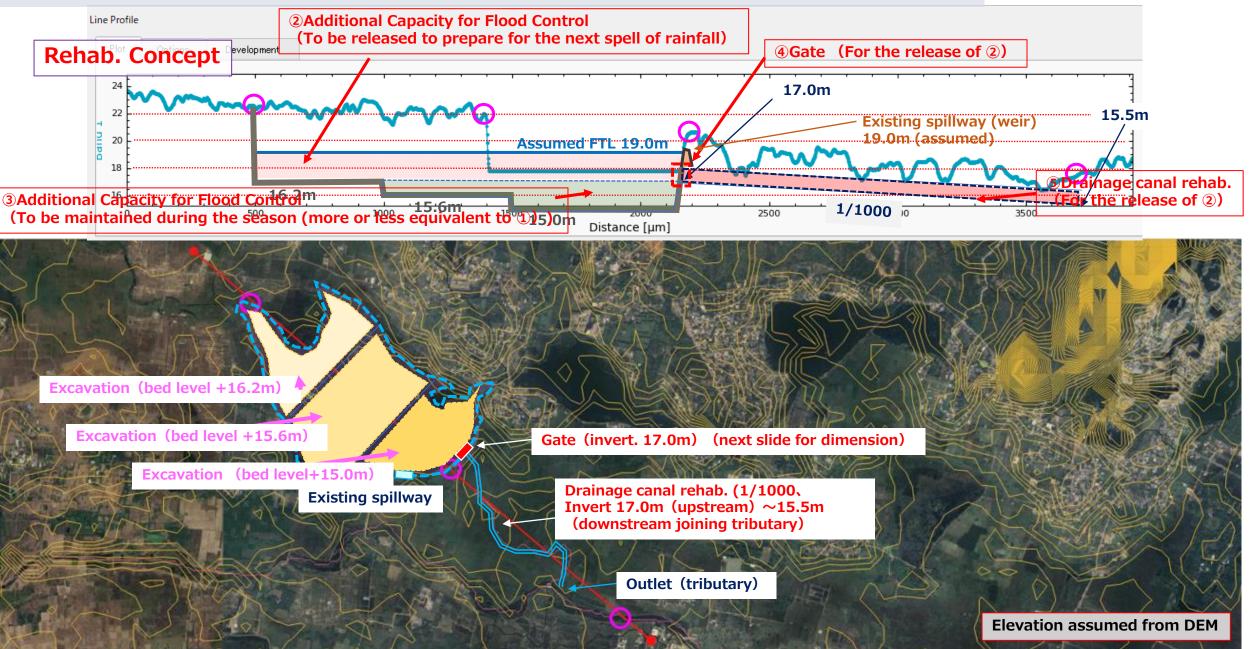
Rehabilitation of Existing Water Tank: Revised Concept reflecting TNWRD's comment

TNWRD's comment A & B

- ✓ A: Release the stored flood discharge and prepare them for the next rainfall spell in the monsoon season.
 - \Rightarrow Install a gate in the downstream to release water.
- ✓ B. To facilitate drainage and water intake, a gradient / elevation difference should be considered at tank bed.
 - \Rightarrow Consider steps at tank bed (The steps of a minimal level to ensure water storage capacity)



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Our Understanding on the Guwahati Urban Flood Vulnerability Statistics



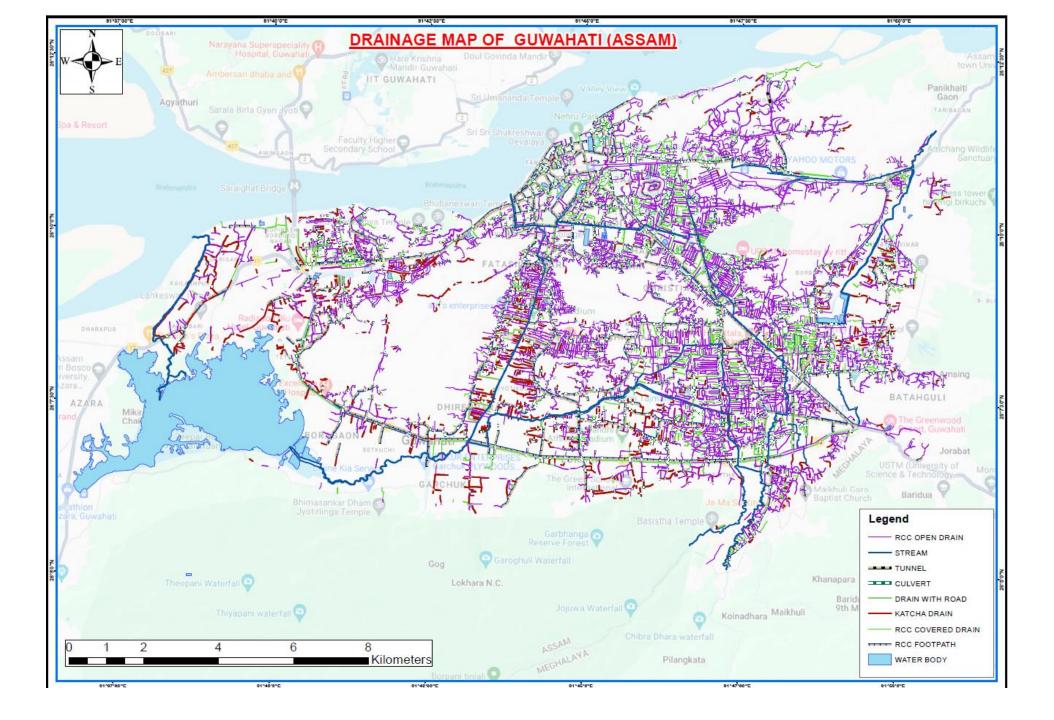
Guwahati Urban Statistics

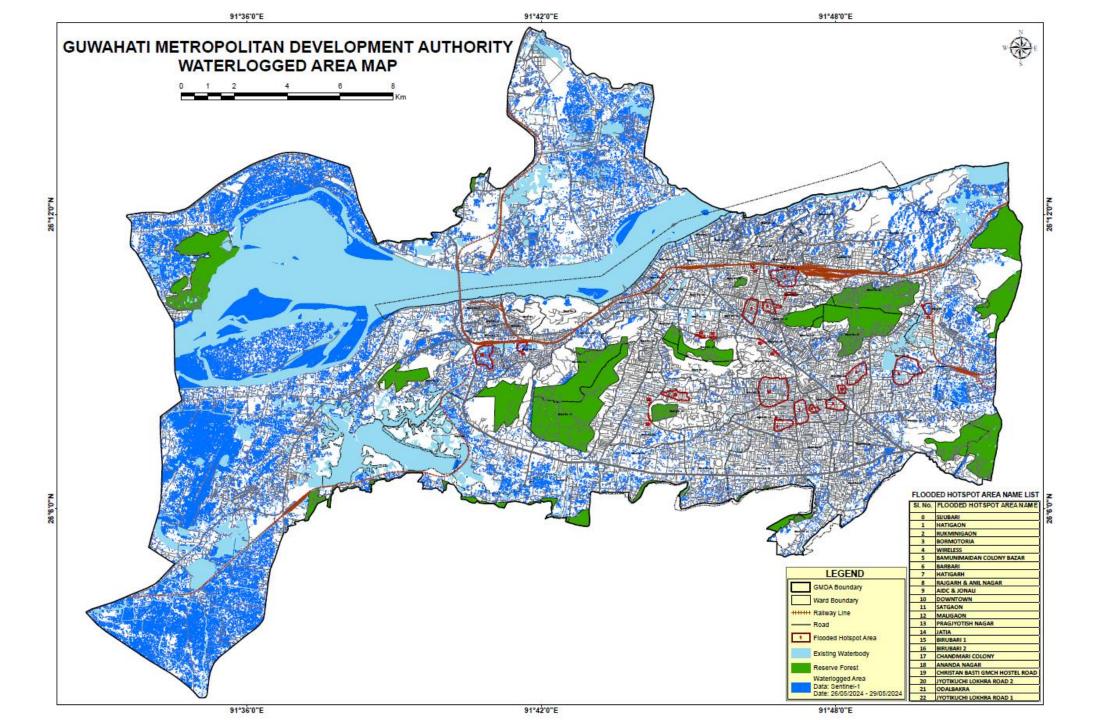
	Guwahati urbanisation	GMC	GMDA
No.	Area	274 sq.kms	328 sq.kms
	Population as per 2011 census	9,63,429	11,41,699
	Population Density in Guwahati persons/sq.km	4444	3480
	% of Assam's urban population in Guwahati		25%

1. Annual Urban floods

- 2. Landslides
- 3. Water crisis during summers in Guwahati



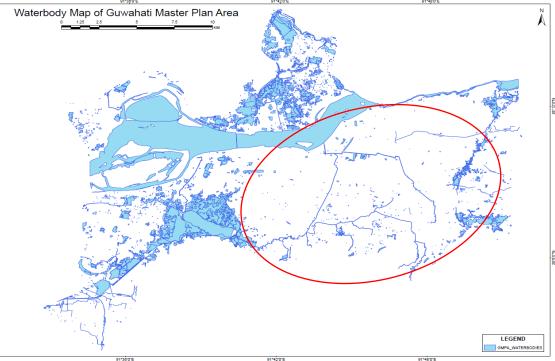




Where has Guwhati gone wrong in last few decades?

- Complete dependence on concrete interventions
- Indiscriminate built-up across flood plains, water bodies, hills, greens with encroachments
- Urban Master Plans not addressing vulnerability
 - Riverine floods (fluvial and flash) and
 - Urban flood (pluvial)
 - No proper hydraulic design for the SWDs
- Extraction of ground water poor supply network from surface water
- No proper sewage collection, treatment and disposal

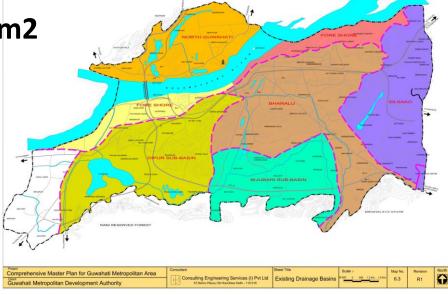


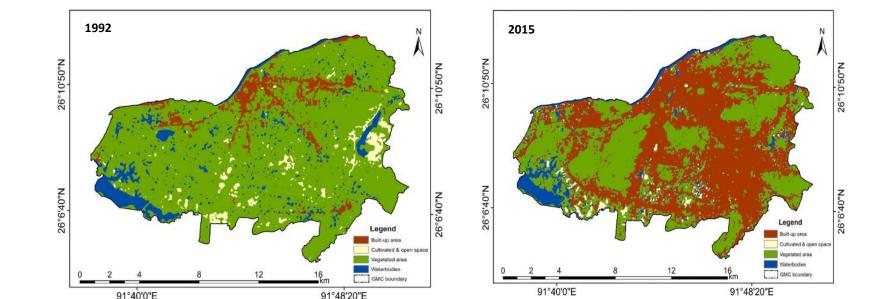


Urban Storm Water Drainage Issues in Guwahati

- Fragmented drains lack of complete networks with unscientific planning
- Lack of Watershed based approach
- Adhoc storm water drainage design; issues with gradients and outflows,
- Lack of sewerage systems polluting the natural channels,
- Lack of legal inventory on wetlands and other waterbodies and their catchments – no authority specifically protecting against built-up on them
- Absence on the use of traditional wisdom in flood management

Combined catchment: 403 km2 GMDA Area = 216 km2





Challenges in Urban Flood Management



Drainage Master Plan & Sponge city plan

- Redoing the Guwahati
 Drainage Master Plan after
 20 years
- Developing Guwahati Sponge city plan & DPR : Re-looking at city hydrology and catchment areas
- Mapping all natural and built drains as well as flood vulnerable areas using DGPS and ETS (Electronic Total Station) Surveys

Multi-stakeholder interventions

- Mission Flood free
 Guwahati addressing artificial flooding for
 Guwahati
- Multiple stakeholders GMC, GMDA, PWD, Water
 Resource, ASDMA led by DC
 Kamrup and C&S DoHUA
- Focus on:
 - > Redesigning of drains,
 - Manual desilting & Mechanical super-suckers,
 - removal of encroachment on water bodies, etc

Building Resilience in Guwahati

Towards Risk-informed Master Plan



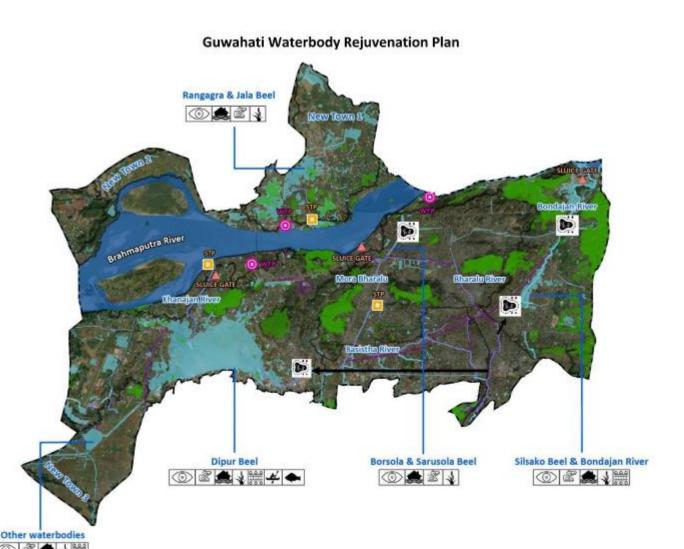
Edge to edge built-up on Bharalu R.

- Development control regulations along the water bodies in the urban areas initiated through Assam Unified Building Byelaws, 2022
- RFP for Integrated Urban Drainage Master Plan for Guwahati watershed and hydro-dynamic based approach which looks at entire watershed uptill the outfall.
- Urban Lab, being set up with support of GIZ to **navigate stakeholder involvement** to develop climate resilient, inclusive drainage master plan
 - Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS) for urban areas to be setup
 - Rainfall Forecasting (GFS, ECMWF & IMD) and Flood Forecasting for Brahmaputra Basin is available and integrated with SDMA
 - Hydro Modelling for the Urban Areas of Guwahati City
 - Area / Street Flood Forecast with web-based flood alert dissemination
 - Flood Mitigation Measures.

Building Resilience in Guwahati

Silsakoo Revitalisation

- The Guwahati Water bodies Conservation & Restoration Act, 2008 recognised 5 water bodie. for restoration within GMDA area, including Deepor Beel, Silsakoo Beel, Bondajan, Borsola and Sorusola beel.
- Silsakoo beel rejuvenation was taken up to address the critical degradation and encroachment issues affecting the beel.



Outcomes from the Silsako Beel Rejuvenation

- **1. Increase of retention capacity:** Catchment area is 52 sqkm. Present retention capacity is 0.8 Million cubic meter, but increasing with reclamation and revitalization of beel peripheries.
- 2. Diversion of Bahini river: Work is on progress to divert around 5 cubic meter water through mechanical measures into Silsakoo, so as to reduce the inflow of Bahini river to the flood-prone low-lying residential zones of Dispur revenue circle.
- **3. Bio-remediation of Silsako Beel:** Bioremediation of Silsako beel and 3 upstream channels shall be started. This work is taken as per NGT direction & action taken report submitted by Govt. of Assam.
- **4. Climate change:** Around **8000 trees** will be planted and Riparian zone of Silsakoo beel will be created. Plantation begun under Hon'ble CM's Chief Minister's Institutional Plantation Programme (CMIPP).

STRATEGIES FOR GUWAHATI

- The interventions proposed in this project are focused on the following three strategies based on the River basin approach and hydrological analysis carried out in a holistic manner.
 - 1. Conservation of Flood Water
 - a. Riverine Reservoir / Barrages / Check Dams / Dykes
 - b. Capacity addition by Deepening and foreshore reclamation
 - c. Intra-Basin Transfers & interconnecting drains
 - 2. Climate Change adaptive Rehabilitation and Ecological Restoration.
 - a. Providing Flood Regulators / additional Outlets and eco-restoration
 - b. Increased freeboard and flood buffering capacity.
 - c. Increasing carrying capacity of Macro drain
 - 3. Flood Protection and River Training works
 - a. Construction of Flood protection wall and Bunds
 - b. Formation of new link Channels and river training works
 - 4. Artificial Recharge Works
 - a. Check Dams/ Dykes
 - 5. Inter and Intra Basin/Sub Basin Transfer
 - a. Riverine Reservoir / Barrages / Check Dams / Dykes / Abundant Quarries with Pumping System

Building Resilience through Sponge city plans - First State in India to develop an integrated Master Plan

- Framework for Sponge city along with DPR prepared for: Guwahati
- Sponge city Planning framework

Integrated Water Resource Management Plan to manage increased demand for water

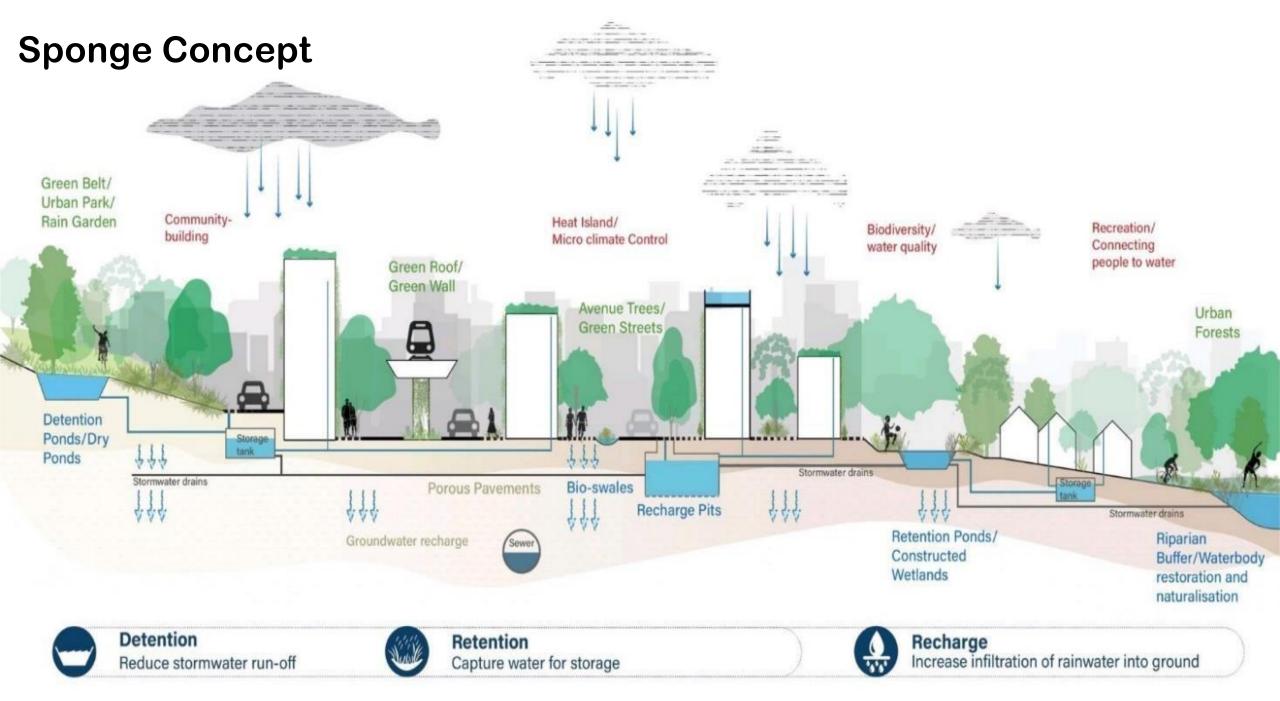
- Increased wastewater generation
- Inadequate sewage collection
- Ground water quality & localised flooding

Water Rejuvenation plan for selected water bodies

Stormwater management strategy

Identification of Sponge City Infrastructure projects and costing

Building Sponge Cities



Blue Green Infra Interventions for Guwahati through Sponge City Plan

Waterbody Rejuvenation Projects	Water Recycling & Green Corridors	Storages & Detention	STORM WATER INFILTRATION DRAIN WITH ECO BLOC RWH STRUCTURE
Rejuvenation of Bondajan Channel	Incentive to reuse recycled water	Rainwater Harvesting & groundwater recharge for households	
Rejuvenation of Bharalu River	Green corridor along ROW of OIL	Installation of	
Rejuvenation of Mora Bharalu channel	Naturalized channel to convey runoff to	injection wells	
Rejuvenation of Basistha River	Redirection of storm runoff	Creation of Rain gardens near CE Irrigation office	
Rejuvenation of Barsola & Sarusola Beel			
Protection & conservation of Deepor Beel			

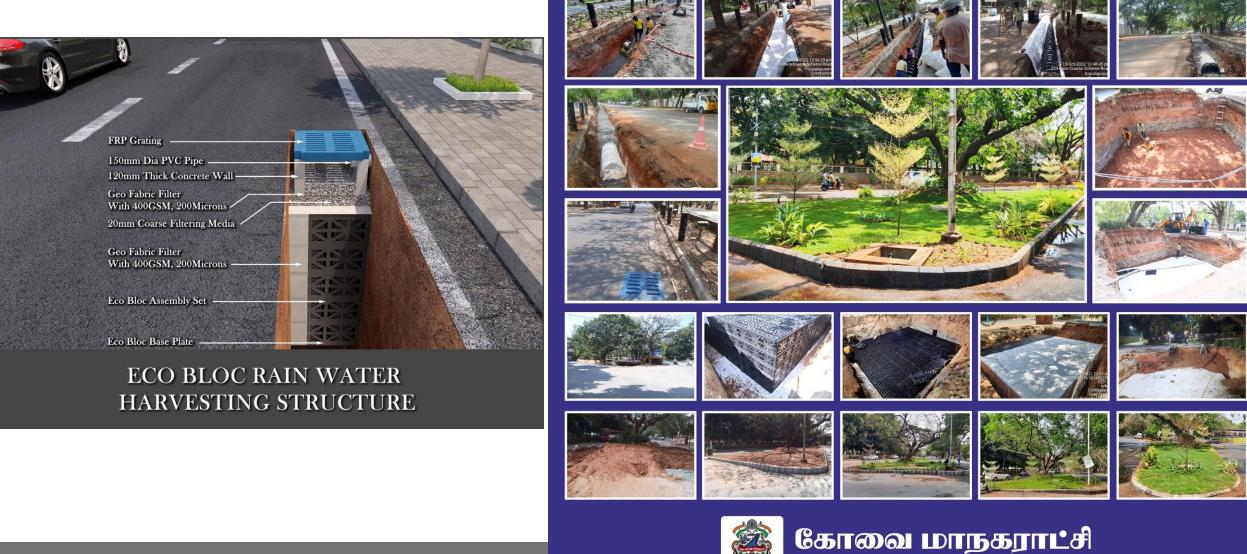
Rain Water Harvesting Infiltration tanks using Ecoblocs implemented by Chennai Corporation successfully in the Integrated Storm Water Drain

Solutions Implemented by Chennai City through Storm Water Infiltration Tanks Using Ecoblocs



Rainwater Harvesting & groundwater recharge infiltration tanks at the OSR Land parcels and at the Public Parks can be created in Guwahati as Rainfall-Runoff Source Control Measure

ECO BLOC SPONGE PARK





COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Integrating Green, Blue and Heritage components in the Old City Local Area Plan & River-front development plans of Guwahati

Stage	Details The following are the Draft proposals for Green, Blue and Heritage:	 A. Development of Botanical Garden on Old Jali land B. Riverfront Development Part 2 - Demolishing CP Bungalow & Revitalisation of Padam Pukhuri C. Riverfront development Part 2 - Demolishing DC Bungalow & Proposal for Landscaping of the area D. Remodelling Nehru Park 	 E. Development of Jor Pukhurl F. Road Network Improvement around Botanical Garden G. Revitalisation of Dighuli Pukhuri H. Improvement of M.G Road I. Improvement of Jail Road 	 J. Pedestrianisation of SS Road (from M.G to M.N Road & Improvement from M.N Road to G.B Road) K. Proposal of Cycle track on Riverfront L. Riverfront Development Part 1 & Part 3 M. Preserving the Ambari Heritage Precinct
aft Proposals Green, Blue nd Heritage	 Connecting Existing Green and Blue spaces within the site Enhancing connections with the Riverfront Provision of NMT lanes along existing major roads. Improving the existing green spaces Connecting all important green, blue and heritage areas (defining a trail for tourists) Enhancing pedestrian connections Pedestrianizing of SS Road 	<text></text>	Brahmaputra Derite Nag kota pukhuri Padami pukhuri Bockeut Boc Order Boc Order Boc Order Boc	Copeway Image: Copeway

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Restoration of Historical Water Tanks and Ponds within the City

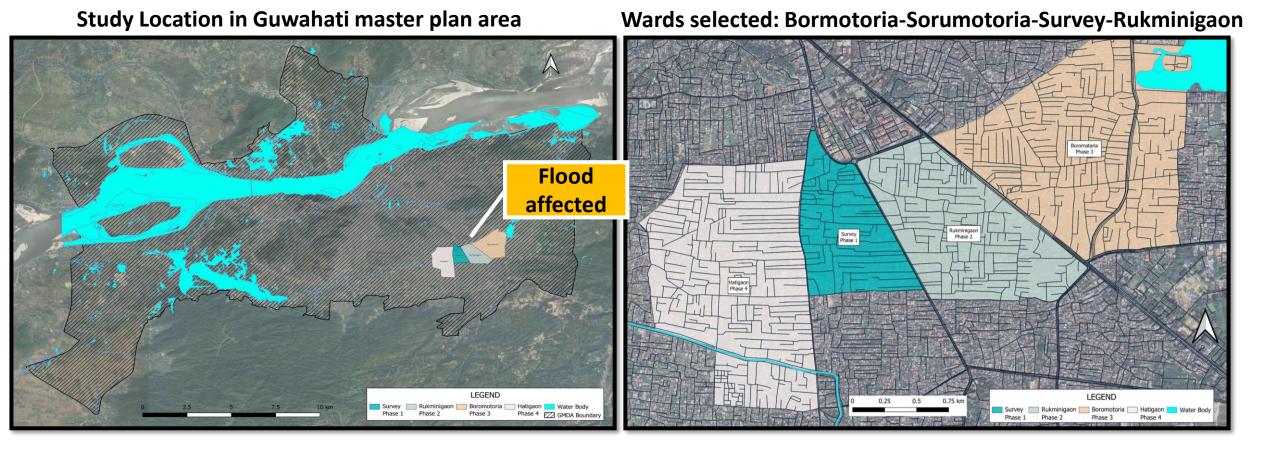


Twin Ponds of Jur-Pukhuri, revieved and upgraded to a public park by GMDA



Additionally AUKH project: Ward-level drainage solutions

- Problem area mapping for water logging solutions through Assam Urban Knowledge Hub
- DGPS Survey on major affected drainage channels
- Reconnaissance survey of every road and drain in the ward

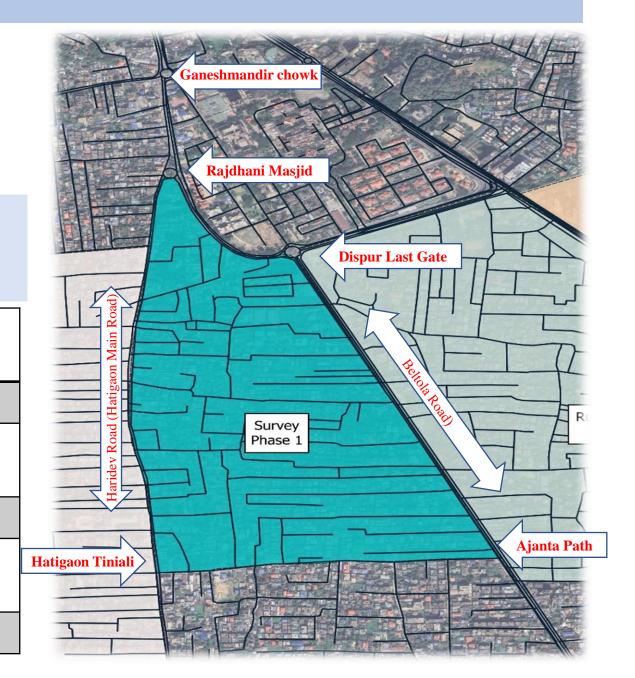


DRAINAGE PLANNING SURVEY AREA- Phase 1

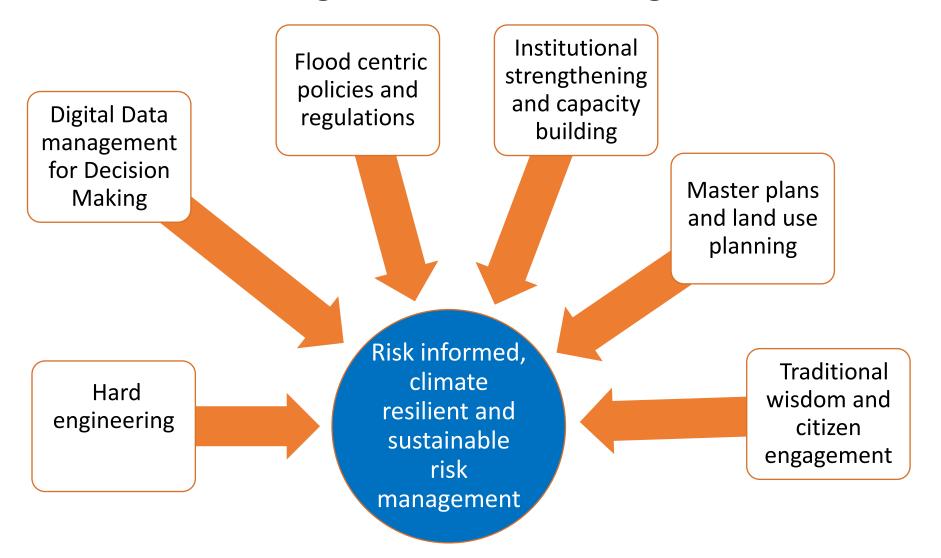
Area covered in 1^{st} ward= 0.789 Sq.Km (78.9 Ha)

Total No of Water Logging Area = 10 (appx)

SL. NO	TYPE OF DRAIN	TOTAL LENGTH (KM)
1	Pakka with Open	9.79
2	Pakka with Covered	12.2
3	Katcha (open)	0.47
4	Under Construction	0.45
	Total Drains	22.71



Comprehensive Solution Approach through Setting up of "Urban Labs" for Integrated Disaster Management



GIZ – Urban Labs – Development of Check List for the Urban Drainage Master Plan

Problems in existing Drainage system in our cities	Steps for the Urban Drainage Master Plan
Issues in drain gradients and engineering due to non-existent/non-scientific Survey & Planning	 Engineering Survey LiDAR survey for creation of DEM to assess natural flow network RTK Survey for drain gradients, DGPS/Bathymetric survey for gradients of bigger drains & natural channels Mapping & Evaluation of existing Drainage Network Mapping of the Flood levels based on historical observations using RTK DGPS
No link from catchment up to outfall resulting in water logging	 Watershed Based Approach Mapping of entire Basin for assessment of local conditions from catchment up to outfall Micro catchment delineation analysis
Non-scientific evaluation of run-off and siltation	 Rainfall – Runoff Analysis and Modeling as per CPHEEO Guidelines Assessment of run-off through rainfall analysis, study of land use for built-up, etc Hydrodynamic Modelling with 1D and 2D simulations
Non-assessment of existing water bodies and channels for retention & carrying capacity	 Flood Zoning & Inundaton Mapping Maximum capacities of water bodies Carrying capacity of major Nals/drains Development of Flood Zoning and Flood Inundation Maps for various return period events
Changed weather pattern and increased occurrence of high intensity rainfall events due to climate change	 Flood Mitigation and Climate Resilient Solutions with O&M Plan Climate resilience integrated through water sensitive designs and nature based solutions with O&M Plans

Principles of risk-informed, integrated, resilient, inclusive and sustainable urban development



Design with the user and foster citizen-centric governance



Contribute to urban governance and existing urban planning processes

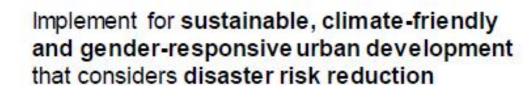


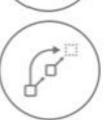
Address local urban challenges and improve municipal services



Strengthen the local economy and digital ecosystem in order to enable prosperity for all

Thank you.







Design for scale and facilitate transferability and scaling-up of digital solutions and processes

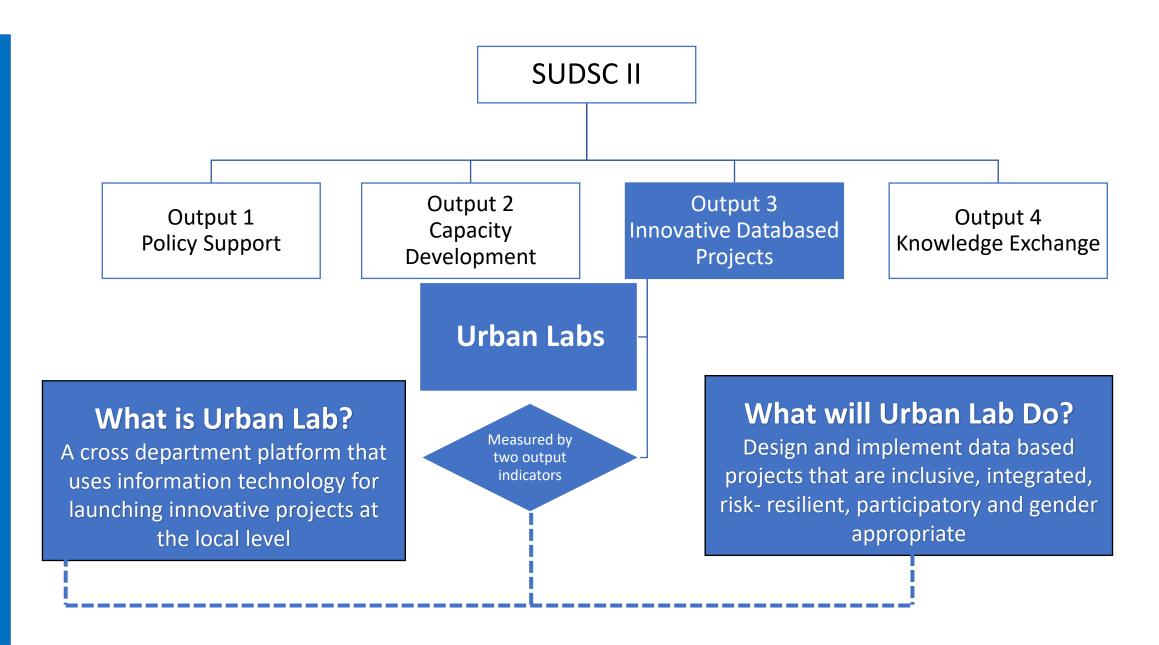
Be data driven, use disaggregated data for women and make a responsible use of data



Prioritize open source

We Deliver Our Commitments We also tie Reason and **Passion together** to put Urban Labs into Operation

Outputs of SUDC II and Urban Labs



Participatory interventions for data-based decision-making, showcasing data-Data-based Sustainable based, digital Decision solutions for Urban sustainable urban Making Development development in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Create synergies between public sector (MoHUA, state and city level), private sector, academia, and civil society for further development of data-based, digital solutions for sustainable urban development Participatory, inclusive and genderresponsive, innovative, data-based projects are implemented in the areas of disaster risk management, public spaces, urban green spaces and peri-urban space.

Data-based digital tools for cross-sectoral spatial planning are integrated into innovative projects for informed decisionmaking

- Support decision-making and provide citizens with high quality services in urban planning, disaster management, and operational management
- Design and provide support for implementing public policies
- Hold regular meetings of inter-departmental stakeholders to exchange knowledge and co-create innovative solutions for urban challenges
- The approach is data based, participatory, crosssectoral, gender sensitive, inclusive and sustainable

Integrated urban planning



(Land use, infrastructure, environment, climate resilience all tied together) Gender responsiveness Disaster Risk management Innovative digital tools & technologies

- GMC
- Guwahati Smart City Ltd
- GMDA
- AUIDFL

City

level

- GMDW&SB, FREMAA, WRD, Housing & Urban Affairs, ASDMA, Biodiversity Board, ULM (for gender component), PWD, **Revenue Dept** State level
- MoHUA, Regional office of CWC, IMD, Brahmaputra Board, NIUA, NDMA
- IIT,

Engineering institutes, Drainage contractors, NGOs, Community entities





- Deeper Stakeholder Participation in Urban Planning
- Data Analysis to enable evidence based Decision Making
- Integrate (spatial, economic, social, environmental, and gender-centric) Urban Planning
- Develop capacities to embed climate resilient Disaster Response
- Promote Knowledge Sharing (internal and external)

- Improvements in Urban Planning Framework, Drainage Master Plan and Zoning Regulations (to make city climate resilient, risk informed, gender focused and inclusive) in alignment with SDGs (SDG 5, 11 and 17)
- Implementation plan for responding to abnormal hydrological events, drainage and urban flooding issues to make the city climate resilient (e.g. Urban Lab to develop parameters, processes and protocols for engineering designs)
- Recommendations on innovative *pilot* projects with costs using digital tools (e.g. App based alerts, proximity to rescue and rehabilitation centres).
 Standard designs for a shelf of projects to be warehoused in Urban Lab
- Implementation plan for gender responsive approaches (e.g. during disasters). Gender data to be warehoused in Urban Lab

- Discuss Work Plan, Deliverables and Time Frame
- Meet with officials of Guwahati Smart City Ltd and GMC officials
- Consult the local giz team and understand expectations and obligations
- Meet up with all Stakeholders and collect relevant quantitative and qualitative data (ward data, population data, flood loss estimates, GSCL and GMC budget, past flood responses, staffing & training, capacity building needs. Understand the Needs from the lens of Stakeholders
- Conduct site visits to "flood hot spots", interact with women, NGOs/CSOs and SHGs
- Understand the current status of Drainage Master Plan and assess gaps