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## Groundwater prospectus mapping using well points based on remote sensing and GIS techniques in a micro-watershed

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### Abstract

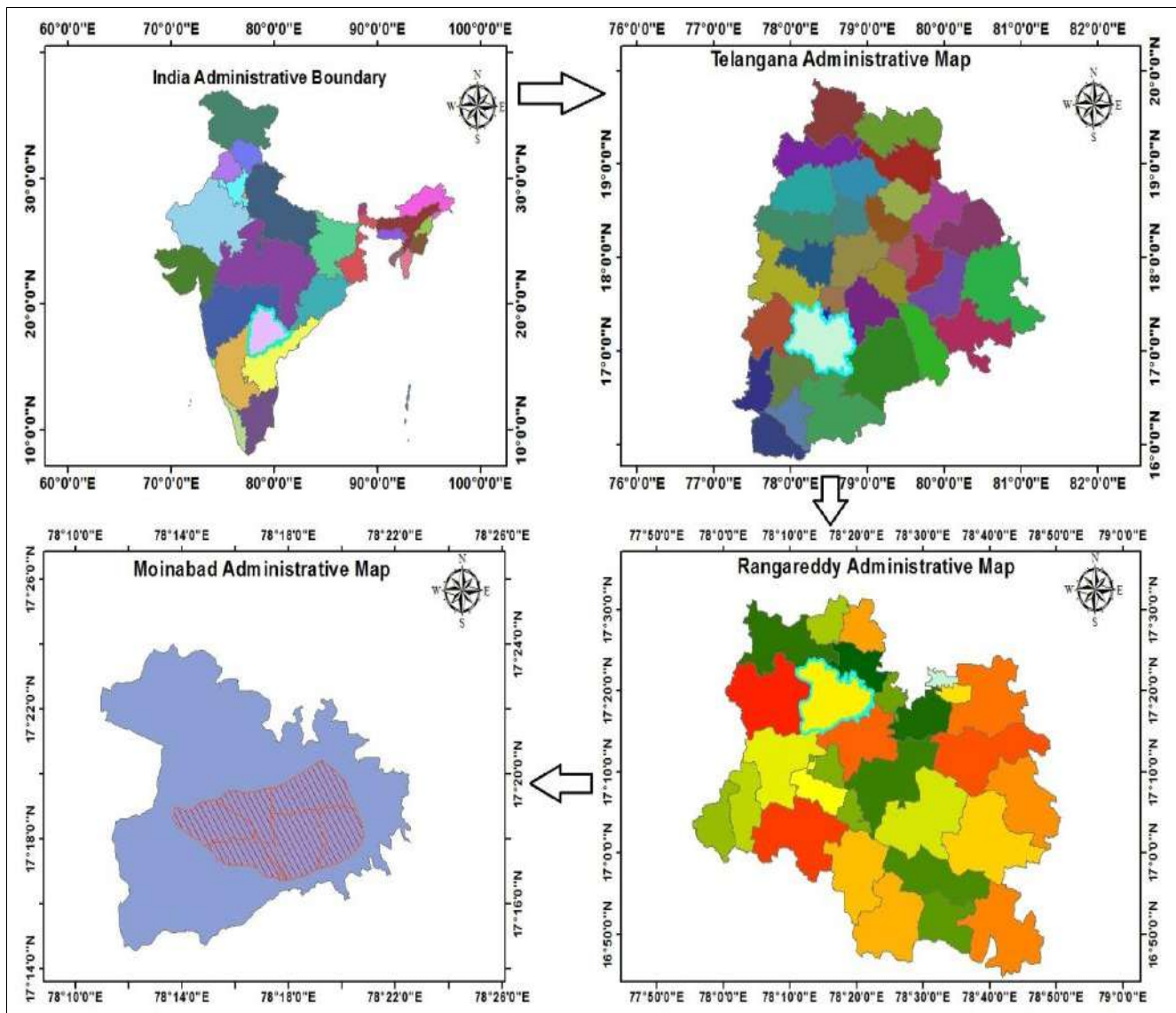
Evolution of the Groundwater Prospectus mapping using well points based on Remote Sensing and GIS techniques in a micro-watershed tributary Musi River, Ranga Reddy District, Southern Telangana zone State. The study area map showing a unit with horizontal in green Colour indicates that the expected yield range in that unit is 100-200 LPM and the depth range of the well is >80 M, horizontal hatching in red and yellow Colour indicates that the expected yield range in that unit is 50-100 LPM and the depth range of the well is >80 M, Oblique hatching in yellow Colour indicates that the expected yield range in that unit is 50-100 LPM and the depth range of the well is 30-80 M, The inselberg's, linear ridges, dykes; etc. in red Colour indicates that expected no yield. However, the purpose of studying the research manuscript using well points data for delineation of groundwater quality analysis and Groundwater mapping.

**Keywords:** Remote sensing & GIS, Well points, Arc-GIS, thematic layer, and groundwater modelling

### Introduction

Groundwater is the major source of drinking water in both urban and rural areas. Over the years, increasing population, urbanization and expansion in agriculture have led to the unscientific exploitation of this resource. It is an important source of water for the agricultural and industrial sectors. The demand for water has increased over the years and this has led to water scarcity in many parts of the world, especially in India. This alarming situation calls for a cost and time-effective technique for proper evaluation of groundwater resources, management and planning. Interpreted remote sensing and GIS can provide the appropriate platform for convergent analysis of diverse data sets for decision making in groundwater management and planning. The remote sensing technology and GIS tools have opened new paths in water resources studies. Temporal data from remote sensing enables the identification of groundwater aquifers and assessment of their changes, whereas, geographical information system (GIS) enables user-specific management and integration of multi-thematic data. Remote Sensing and GIS applications have been used by numerous scientists in the mapping of groundwater potential zones (venkatachalam *et al.*, 1991; Ghosh, 1993; Saraf & Choudhary, 1998). The Indian Remote Sensing programmer is directed towards the realization of operational capabilities in space and ground segments of the technology for regular monitoring of earth resources and the environment (Gupta and Roy, 2000). The Spatio-temporal variations in rainfall and regional/ local differences in geology and geomorphology have led to an uneven distribution of groundwater in different regions across the country. The poor prospects and over-exploitation in certain zones are the main reasons leading to the scarcity of drinking water in many parts of the country (NRSA, 2000). Apart from visual interpretation, many researchers for deriving geological, structural and geomorphological details use digital techniques. Commonly 1: 50,000 are a good scale for hydrogeological studies (Bartarya, 1995) [2]. The main aim of the present study is to evaluate the groundwater potential in the Moinabad mandal of Ranga Reddy district of Telangana State. In order to achieve this goal, to prepare the different thematic map which is a controlling a ground water parameter like as Geology, geomorphology, slope, water level/table and land use/ cover. Finally, to prepare a ground water prospects map by integrating different controlling/indicative terrain in GIS environment.

## Study Site



**Fig 1:** Study Area Map

The study area is the river part of Musi River basin, Moinabad Mandal of the Dist. Ranga Reddy Telangana State, India. Autonomous region and covers 52 Sq.km. (approx.). The study area located between  $17.3267^{\circ}\text{N}$   $78.2752^{\circ}\text{E}$  (approx) and at an altitude of 566 m. Ranga reddy district also known as the 'Land of Red Soil' is well known for its culture values. There is one major reservoir in the Musi basin, namely Himayatsagar. Drainage of the Eastern Ghat is coarse and dendritic with steep and narrow valleys. The study area is bounded in the north by Gandipet Mandal, in the east by Rajendra Nagar Mandal, in the south by Shamshabad Mandal and on the west by Chevella

Mandal.

Reddy. The district lies between North latitudes  $17.3267^{\circ}\text{N}$   $78.2752^{\circ}\text{E}$  and at an altitude of 566 m. The Mandal is bounded in the north by Gandipet Mandal, in the east by Rajendra Nagar Mandal, in the south by Shamshabad Mandal and on the west by Chevella Mandal. Before the re-organization of districts, the village was under the jurisdiction of Chevella revenue division and in Ranga Reddy district. The Administrative map of Moinabad Mandal is presented in the fig.no.1 and 2. Delineated the micro-watershed of the study site at the MSc Applied Geology 4<sup>th</sup> semester dissertation work.

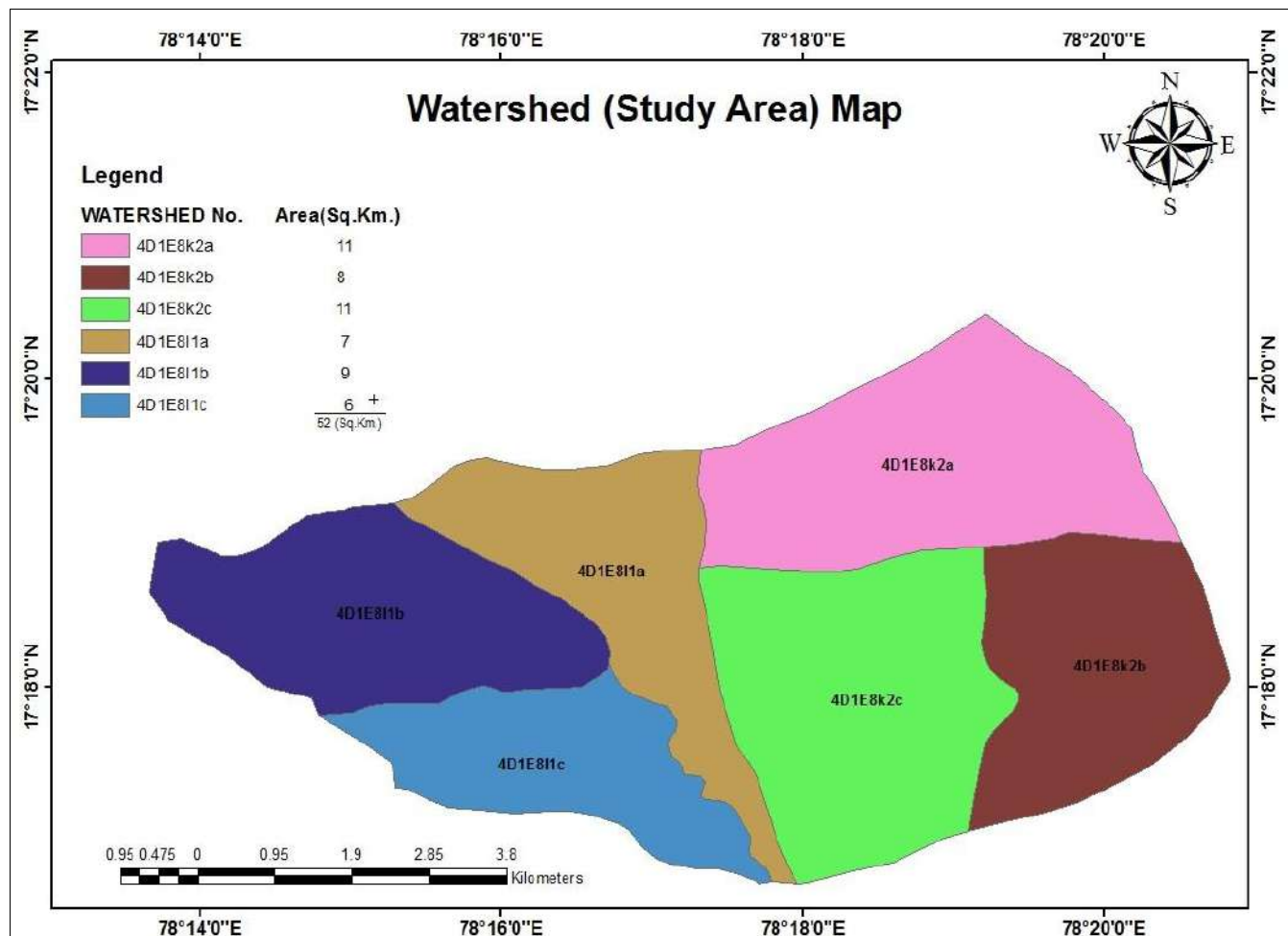


Fig 2: Watershed Map

### Methodology

RS and GIS techniques were applied in this paper to depict the groundwater prospect zones.

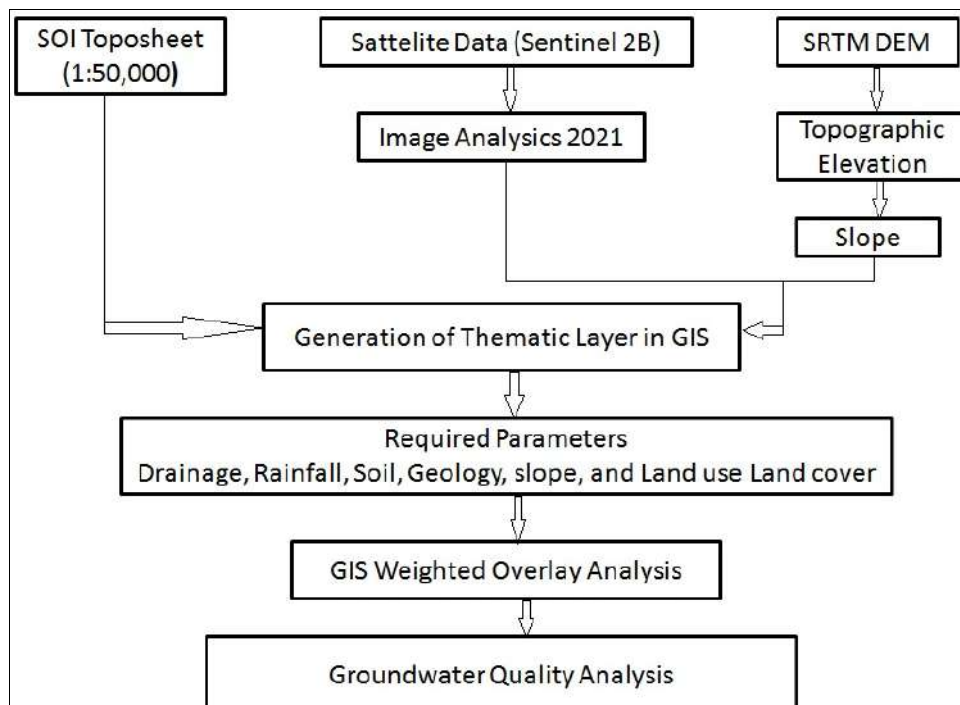
The Spatial database has been developed using Survey of India (SOI; Toposheets Download [http://www.surveyofindia.gov.in/pages/display/189-open-series-maps\(osm\)](http://www.surveyofindia.gov.in/pages/display/189-open-series-maps(osm))) from this source, the status of 1:50,000 open series maps (OSM) and IRS-P6 Satellite sensors LISS-IV (Linear Imaging self-scanning sensor) image used the research activity and data interpretation, LISS-IV image (spatial resolution 5.8 m.) from the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC; <https://nrsc.gov.in/>) and United States Geological Survey (USGS; <https://search.earthdata.nasa.gov/>) respectively.

The Cartosat-1 DEM and Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM GL1) Global 30m DEM from open topography (<https://portal.opentopography.org>) data has been used to obtain digital elevation model map (observed

the Mean value and Standard deviation), slope, and drainage network generate to the Arc-GIS 10.3 software using the drainage and lineament density map is created in GIS environment using the drainage and lineament layer. DEM data was used to delineate the basin boundary (Oh *et al.*, 2011) [8] with the support of the hydrology tool in GIS software.

Satellite data with supporting ancillary information used in UTM (Universal transverse Mercator) Projection, spheroid datum WGS-84 (World Geodetic System).

The methodology has been developed keeping in view the concept discussed above. It is basically a systematic procedure evolved to prepare a groundwater prospects map using satellite data and GIS techniques in conjunction with limited fieldwork. Various steps involved in the preparation of groundwater prospects maps are furnished as a flow chart.



**Fig 3:** Flow Chart of the study area

**Table 1:** Thematic layers derived from different thematic layer Resources

Thematic layers	Data and sources
Soil	The Digital Soil Map Of The World ( <a href="http://www.esri.com/">http://www.esri.com/</a> )
Lithology/Geology	Survey of India: ( <a href="https://bhukosh.gsi.gov.in/Bhukosh/Public/">https://bhukosh.gsi.gov.in/Bhukosh/Public/</a> )
Geomorphology	Survey of India: ( <a href="https://bhukosh.gsi.gov.in/Bhukosh/Public/">https://bhukosh.gsi.gov.in/Bhukosh/Public/</a> )
Land use/Land cover	Copernicus Sentinel Data ( <a href="https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/">https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/</a> ), Sentinel 2B
Drainage/Drainage density	Copernicus Sentinel Data ( <a href="https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/">https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/</a> ), Sentinel 2B
Slope	Copernicus Sentinel Data ( <a href="https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/">https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/</a> ), Sentinel 2B
Rainfall	CHRS Data Portal ( <a href="https://chrsdata.eng.uci.edu/">https://chrsdata.eng.uci.edu/</a> )

## Result and Discussion

### Parameters Influencing Groundwater

The groundwater quality analysis for the study area were generated through the integration of various thematic maps viz., Drainage, Rainfall, Soil, Geology, slope, and Land use Land cover using remote sensing and GIS techniques.

#### 1. Drainage & Drainage density

Drainage and Drainage density is an important factor for delineating the groundwater mapping. This map is also prepared from survey of India toposheets on 1:50,000 scale.

The pattern of drainage is generally dendritic with wide valleys in western piedplain. Drainage of the Eastern Ghat is coarse and dendritic with steep and narrow valleys According to drainage density; the study area is divided into five subclasses, i.e., Very Poor, Poor, Moderate, Good and Very Good covering an area of 646.11, 516.89, 387.66, 258.44 and 129.22 km, respectively of the total area 1938.32 km. show in Figure No. 4 and 5 after that drainage and drainage density map geo-processing tools in Arc-GIS 10.3 software's of used in thematic layer.



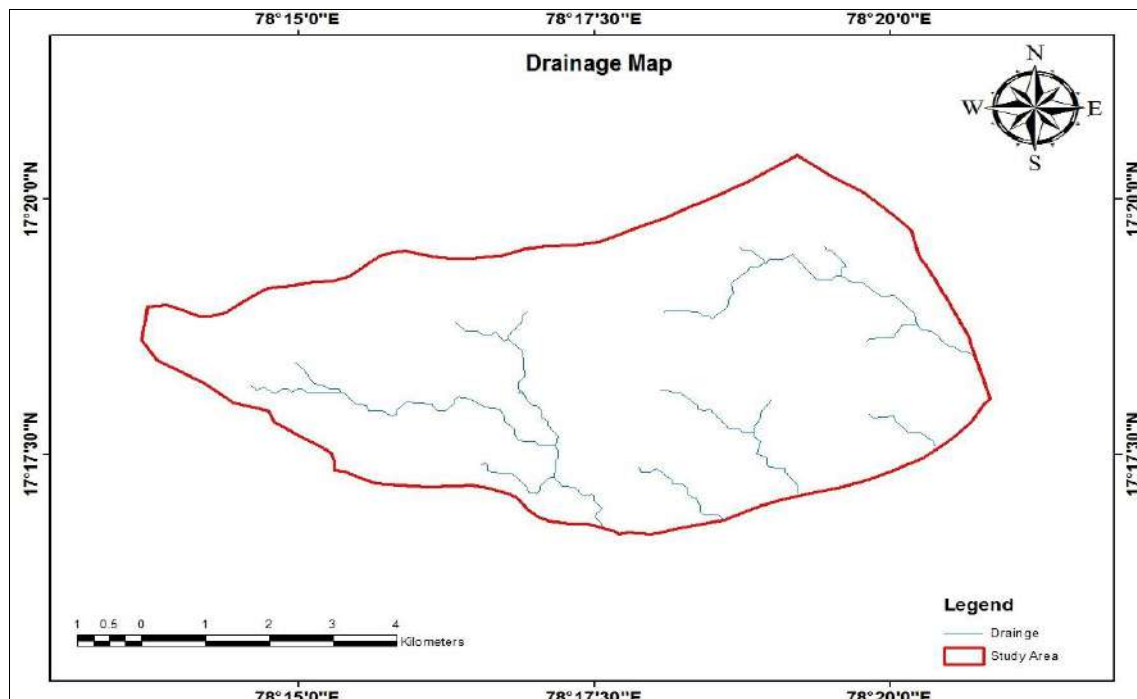


Fig 4: Drainage Map

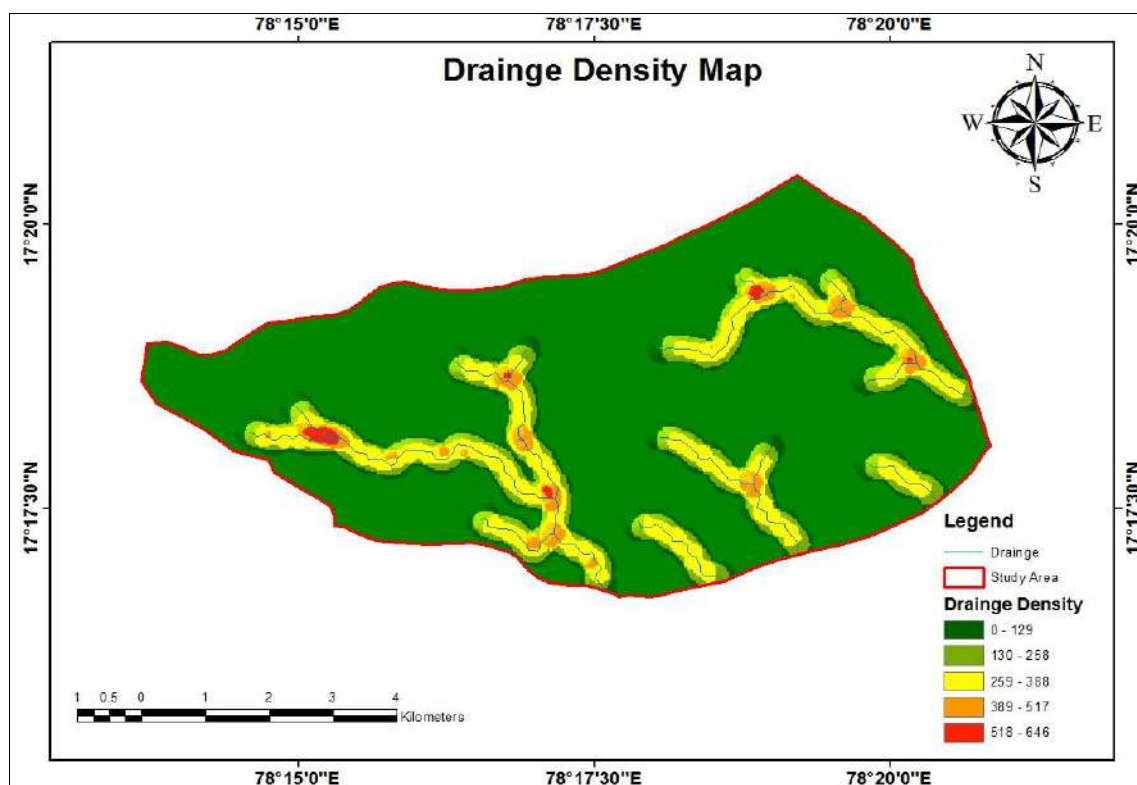
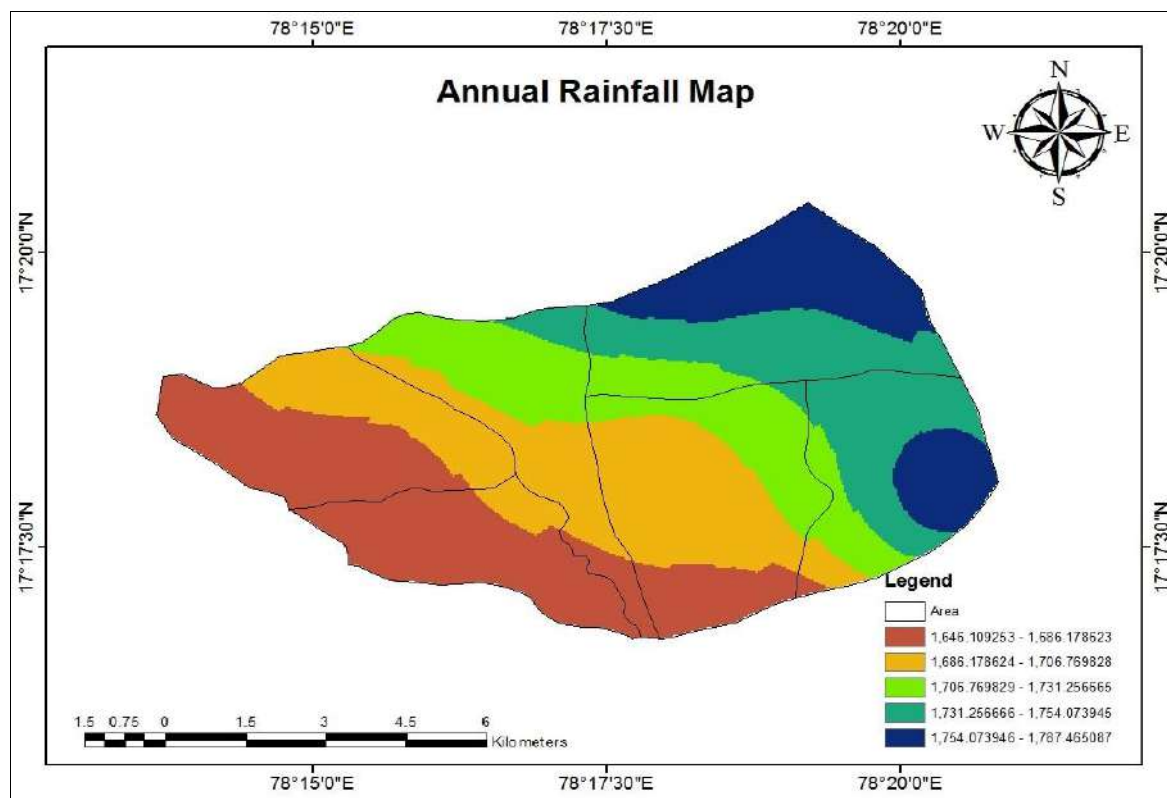


Fig 5: Drainage Density Map

## 2. Rainfall

Studied the rainfall map was prepared with the help of data collected from the climate research unit, time series data of last 10 years. The average rainfall data was prepared with the help of IDW techniques in Arc-GIS 10.3 software's. The average rainfall of the area ranges from 1646.109 MM to

1787.45 MM show in Figure No. 6 from the rainfall map we can see that the rainfall is increasing as we move from West to East. More than 90% of the total annual rainfall occurs during monsoon season spread over from June to October. The rainfall is not continuous but occurs in spells of varying durations and intensities.

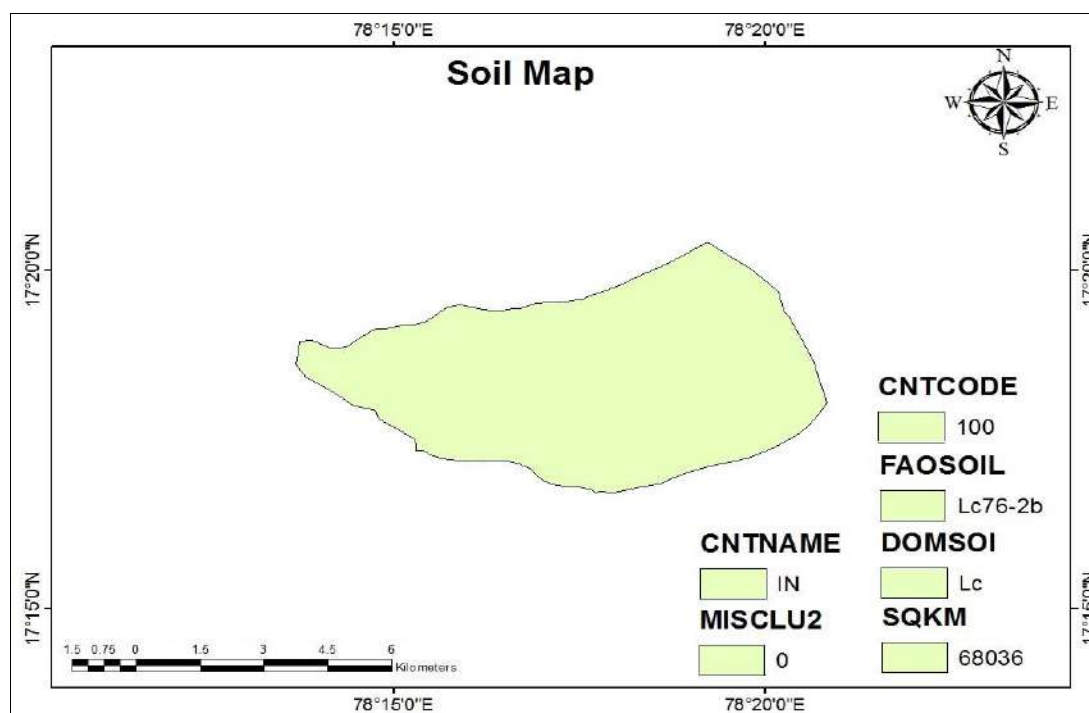


**Fig 6: Annual Rainfall Map**

### 3. Soil

Soil is an important factor for delineating the groundwater mapping. The analysis of the soil type reveals that the study area is predominantly covered by red lateritic soils and black cotton soils. (In deeply buried pediments and

moderately buried pediments) red soil, and loamy soil, at some places as shown in earth Surface is dark brown Laterite soil, show in Figure No. 7 during research found the study area soil characteristics.



**Fig 7: Soil Map**

### 4. Geology

Geology is an important factor for delineating the groundwater mapping. The study area is underlain by various geological formations like Archaean granites and

gneisses, Proterozoic Bhima series and the younger Deccan traps. The Archaean crystalline rocks occupy nearly three fourths of the district comprising older metamorphic rocks, peninsular gneissic complex (migmatites) and younger

intrusive rocks. Intrusive of dolerite dyke are common in the area. The upper preterozoic sediments of Bhima group

comprising of limestone and shale occur in the western most corner of the study area. Show in Figure No. 8.

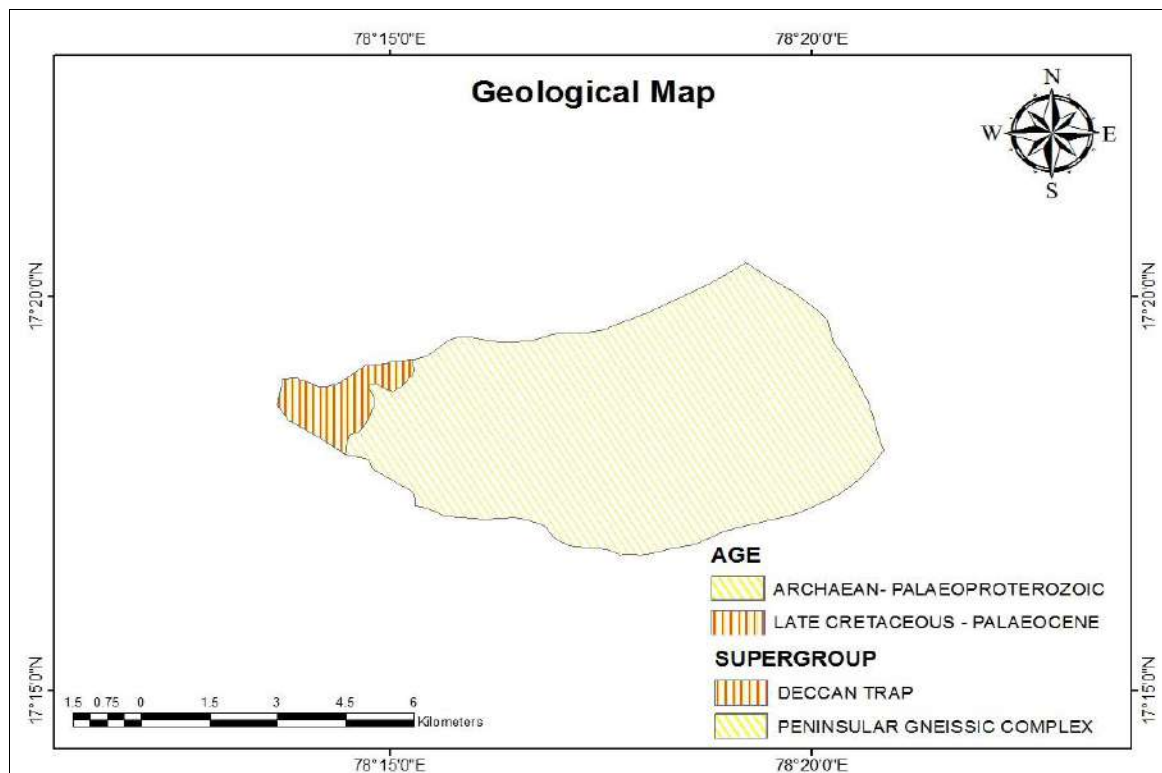


Fig 8: Geological Map

## 5. Slope

Slope is one of the important terrain parameters which are explained by horizontal spacing of the contours. In general, in the vector form closely spaced contours represent steeper slopes and sparse contours exhibit gentle slope whereas in the elevation output raster every cell has a slope value. Slope is calculated in percent. Analysis of slope within the

study area resulted from DEM data which showed that the study area falls under low to moderate slope areas. The slope of the study area varies from 1% to >50%. An increasing percentage of slope decreases the infiltration capacity of the soil and formation hence promoting runoff. The majority of the study area falls under >15 % slopes. Show in Figure No. 9.

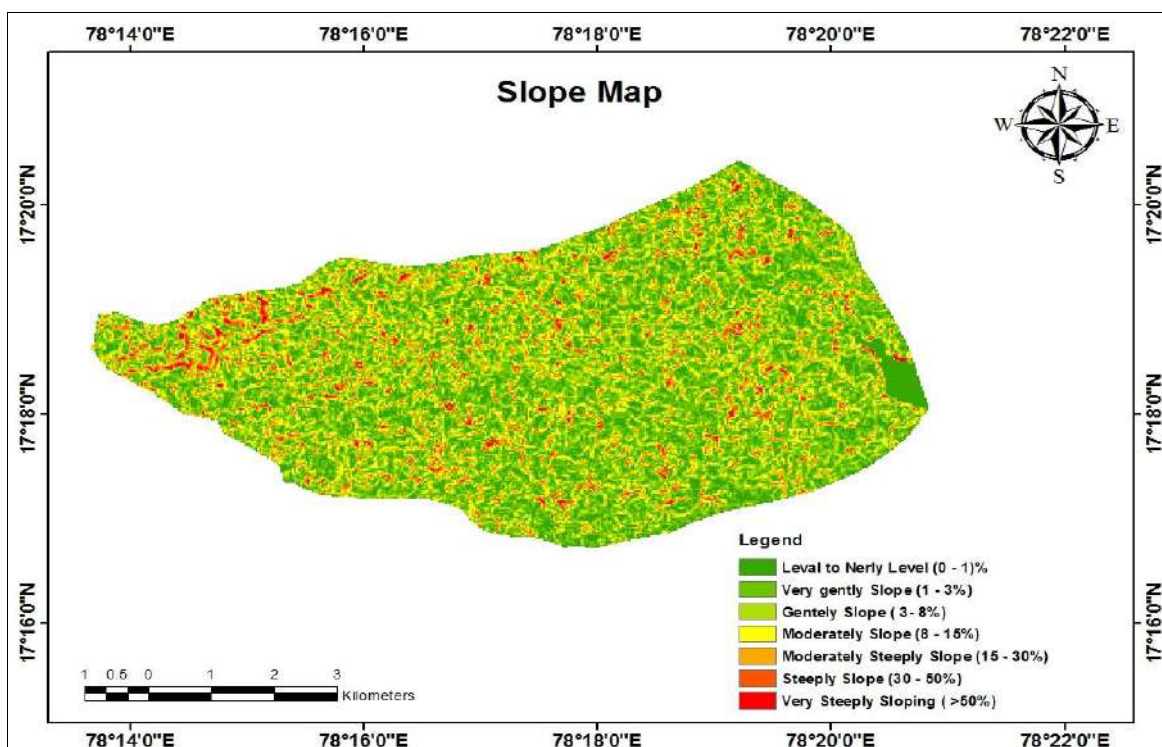


Fig 9: Slope Map



## 6. Land use Land cover

Land use Land cover mapping is one of the important applications of remote sensing. Land use plays a significant role in the development of groundwater resources. Remote sensing provides excellent information with regard to spatial distribution of vegetation type and land use in less time and

low cost in comparison to conventional data groundwater research manuscripts reviewed literature. The majority of the area is comprised of Built-up area (40.90%), followed by agricultural/cropland (15.71%), build-up area (9.87%), water bodies (10.89%) and barren/waste land (20.38%). show in Figure No. 10.

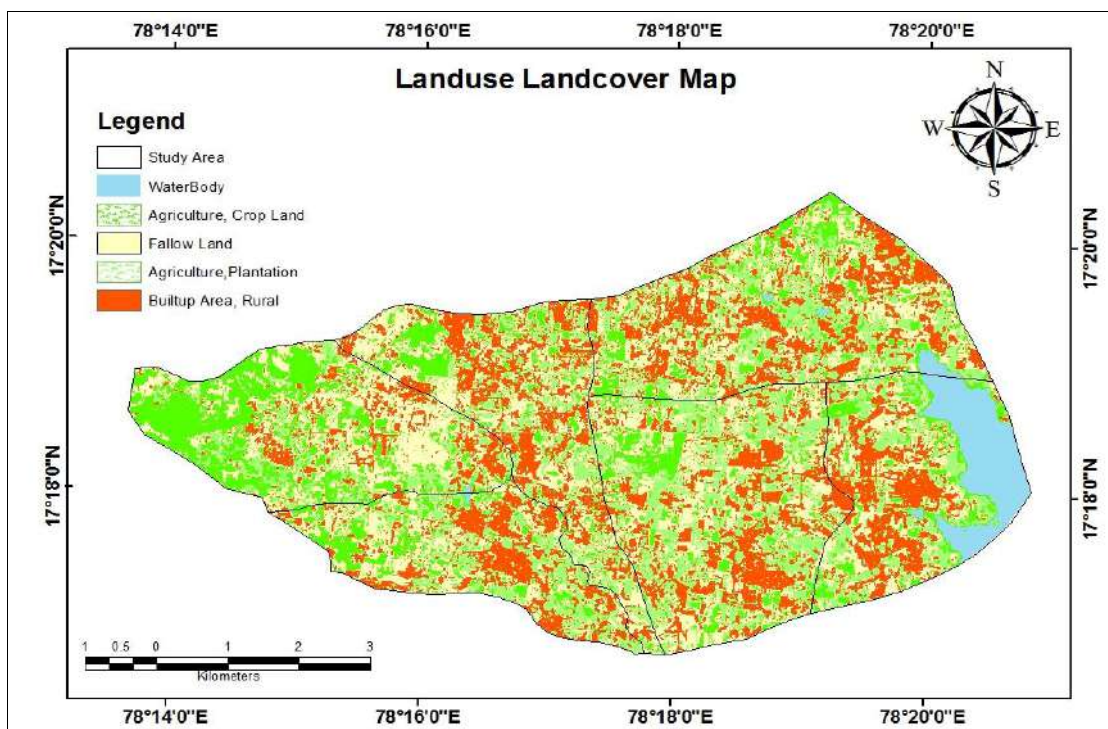


Fig 10: Land use Land cover Map

## 7. Groundwater quality analysis

The study area map showing unit with horizontal in green colour indicates that the expected yield range in that unit is 100-200 LPM and the depth range of the well is >80 M, horizontal hatchuring in red and yellow colour indicates that the expected yield range in that unit is 50-100 LPM and the depth range of the well is >80 M, Oblique hatchuring in yellow colour indicates that the expected yield range in that

unit is 50-100 LPM and the depth range of the well is 30-80 M, The inselberg's, linear ridges, dykes; etc in red colour indicates that expected no yield. Show in Figure No. 11. However, identified the groundwater mapping that is the very important research at the human beings and save the surface water and groundwater that's a very good gifts of the new generations.

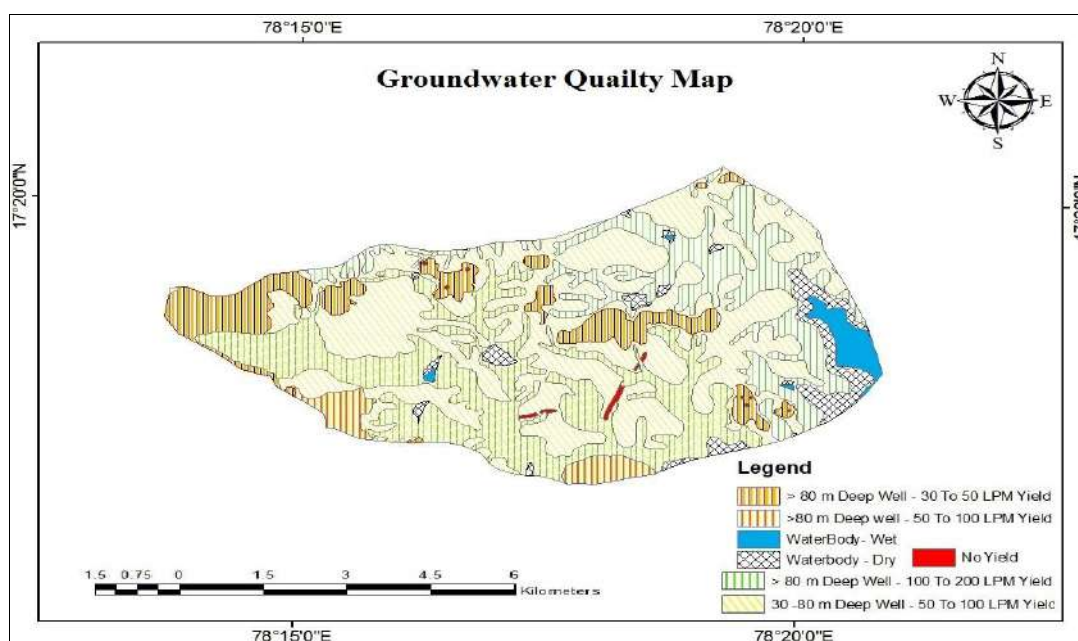


Fig 11: Groundwater Quality Map



## Conclusion

Satellite imageries, topographic maps and conventional data were used to prepare the thematic layers of Drainage, Rainfall, Soil, Geology, slope, and Land use Land cover. The various thematic layers are then integrated in the GIS environment to prepare the groundwater mapping of the study area. According to the groundwater mapping in the study area. The results of the present study can serve as guidelines for planning future artificial recharge projects in the study area in order to ensure sustainable groundwater utilization. This is an empirical method for the exploration of groundwater mapping using remote sensing and GIS techniques and it succeeds in proposing study sites for groundwater zones. This method can be widely applied to a vast area with rugged topography for the exploration of suitable sites.

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We declare that we have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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