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**Abstract**—Land Suitability analysis is important for preparation of Development Plan. The planning requires undertaking study of topography, water resources, land utilization, and development needs. The RS & GIS techniques offers suitable analytical opportunity to study variables required for selection of sites for various uses. This paper presents process adopted for the preparation of development plan of Anand Vidyanagar Karamsad Urban Development Authority (AVKUDA), regarding the land suitability analysis. The location and types of land to be protected were identified using RS Data and GIS analysis.

**Keywords**— AVKUDA; Land Suitability; Planning; RS & GIS

### I. INTRODUCTION

Land Suitability: Slope analysis and its impact especially on drainage, sewerage, water supply, rainwater harvesting system, etc. Natural Drainage and water bodies, Sunlight and wind direction analysis. Geology soils and ground water status. Ground cover- parks, open spaces, forest, orchards, green belts, etc.

### II. COMPATIBILITY OF THE LAND

A. Compatibility of the land use was analysed for existing strength, weakness, opportunity and threat analysis for the sites. The matrix based decision logic was chosen for the conceptual proposals. The compatible uses were placed accordingly. The analysis also included the extension of the current uses and rejection of certain non-compatible uses in earlier development plans.

B. The planning mechanism involved the discussion with stakeholders which was undertaken in two stages before and after the initial plan preparation. The key stakeholders which include the decision makers at the urban local bodies and authority itself were shown the conceptual plan and discussion on key proposals took place. The proposal were also discussion with the state and region level town planning officials and their opinion also were incorporated in the proposed plan. However, the plan expects inputs from the general public before being finalized in coming next stage.

C. *Identification of Natural Hazards Areas and Protected Zones*

**Flood Hazard:** The most common hazard in the region is due to excessive rainfall and poor management of the drainage network. The water bodies within the AVKUDA region is poorly managed leading to encroachments, dumping of solid waste, and reduction in natural areas. The increasing runoff due to increase in impervious surface leads to accumulation of water in the low lying areas.

**Double cropping area:** AVKUDA is part of the great grain producing Charotar region, considered as one of the productive belts of the Central Gujarat. Out of the 33 villages within the authority area about 50 percent of the villages have large tracts of land under the agricultural crop. In these villages about 70 percent of the working population is dependent upon the primary sector. Nearly 30 percent of population an estimated 2.2 lakh persons are dependent on the agricultural income only. The villages like Adas, Mogar, Samarkha, Jhakaria, Jol, Boriya, Rajupura, Anklawadi, Gopalpura, Gana, etc are dependent on agriculture. Many villages like Navli, Napad Talpad, Napad Vanto, Hadgud and Adas also has agro-based industries and infrastructure which are likely to be remain so in next ten years. The prospective land holders with

irrigation facilities from Mahi canal and other sources are cultivating double crop per year. [3]

### III. METHODOLOGY AND DATA

The land suitability analysis was done for the selected project area of AVKUDA covering 282 sq. kms. The data were sourced from the open sources such as Bhuvan (ISRO), USGS and others from their websites. The sources were used data in formats available such as tiff, geotiff., etc. The data is used with minimal correction with following steps (a) Scanning of Cadastral Maps and digitization (Vector data) (b) Processing RS Imagery (ASTER and LISS-III) (c) Joining of attribute data with vector data. Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 shows the Work Flow for preparing Base Map.

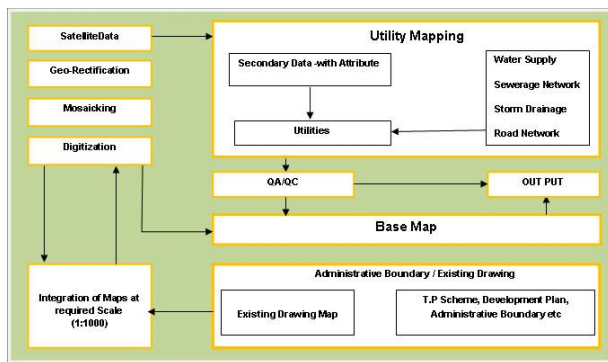


Fig. 1: Workflow of Base Map preparation

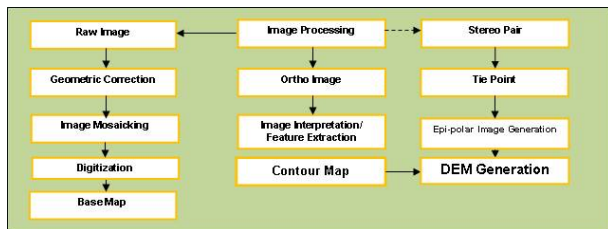


Fig.2 : Base Map preparation

Latest available LISS-III data and ASTER data for download were used. The cadastral maps available with revenue department were digitized. Data for land use up to 2013 available with revenue department was used.

#### LISS DATA

The Linear Imaging Self Scanning Sensor (LISS-III) is a multi-spectral camera operating in four spectral bands, three in the visible and near infrared and one in the SWIR region, as in the case of IRS-1C/1D. The new feature in LISS-III camera is the SWIR band (1.55 to 1.7 microns), which provides data with a spatial resolution of 23.5 m unlike in IRS-1C/1D (where the spatial resolution is 70.5 m).[1] Fig. 3 shows the False Color Composite (FCC) created from LISS-III Data.



Fig. 3 False Color Composite created from LISS III Band Data

[Note: (Band 5 (Red), Band 4 (Green), Band 3 (Blue)) (Note: Downloaded from <http://bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in/data/download/index.php>, L3\_SAT\_8B\_V1\_72.75E22.5N\_f43g14\_01nov08.zip downloaded on 26/02/2013)]

#### ASTER DATA

The Advanced Space borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) is an advanced multispectral imager that was launched on board NASA's Terra spacecraft in December, 1999. ASTER covers a wide spectral region with 14 bands from the visible to the thermal infrared with high spatial, spectral and radiometric resolution. An additional backward-looking near-infrared band provides stereo coverage. The spatial resolution varies with wavelength: 15 m in the visible and near-infrared (VNIR), 30 m in the short wave infrared (SWIR), and 90 m in the thermal infrared (TIR). Each ASTER scene covers an area of 60 x 60 km.[2] Fig. 4 shows the ASTER data tile of the study area.

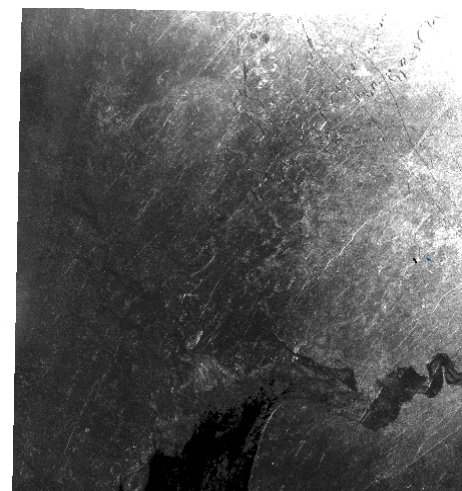


Fig. 4 ASTER Data

[ASTER Data Downloaded from <https://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/data.asp> ASTGMT2\_N22E072.zip Downloaded on 27/02/2013]

### A. Spatial and Attribute Data Processing

The images are used to generate thematic information – the Repository Content and the thematic maps also need to be as per defined standards. If the GIS database is standardized, then extracting outputs and providing services will also be possible. Spatial data of Cadastral maps, LISS – III data for Land use Land Cover and Processed ASTER data is overlaid to identify developable and non-developable area based on physical features and land use.

Data regarding land use and cropping is collected from revenue department this attribute data is used to identify and validate double cropping area and statutory water bodies. Also the natural drainage pattern and creek areas are identified for protection.

### B. Integration of GIS/RS Data

- Assessment of all required inputs for developing GIS database for the project area.
- Collection and collate of data (LISS-III, Cadastral and ASTER) from different departments, agencies and websites.
- Geo-referencing of Cadastral Map.
- Digitization of base map features and contours from department maps (Base maps are in form of \*.dwg and it consists of Town Planning Schemes, Revenue Survey Number, Block No., Census Survey Number, Ward Number, etc.).
- Digitization of high-resolution satellite images to update the base map features.
- Development/Integration of attribute data with digitized features in the GIS Database.
- Integration of high-resolution satellite images with GIS Database.
- Integration of Town Planning scheme / Development plans with GIS Database.
- Creation and categorization of land suitability matrix, from existing database.

This has resulted in competency of land parcel for development with different land use and same is considered while assigning land use to the parcels. Fig. 5 shows the flow chart of integration of Remote Sensing and GIS data base

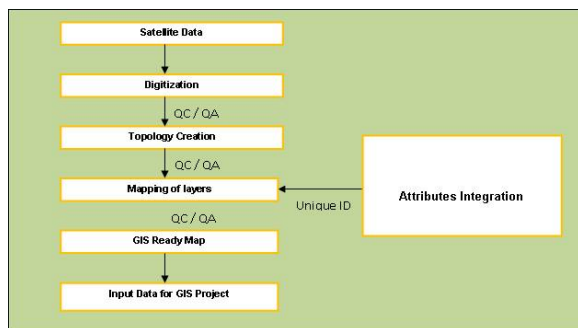


Fig. 5 Integration of Remote Sensing and GIS Data

### IV. RESULTANT THEMATIC MAPS

The following results were derived from the data processing using the open source RS/GIS software. Fig 6 is result of the ASTER Data processing and shows the Elevation profile of the Anand Urban Agglomeration

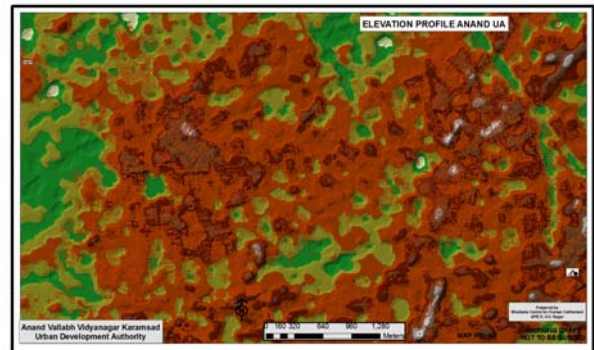


Fig.6 Elevation Profile of Anand Urban Agglomeration

Fig 7 shows the area prone to water logging same is confirmed during field visits and interviews with officials and citizens.

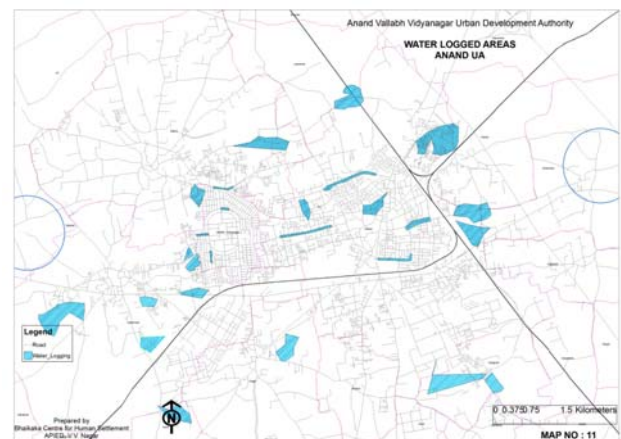


Fig. 7 Water Logged area in Urban Agglomeration

**Table 1: Existing Land Use AVKUDA (2013)**

Existing Land Use AVKUDA (2013) Area in Hectares							
CLASS	Anand	Bakrol	VVN	Mogri	Karamsad	Other villages	TOTAL
Agriculture	536.56	1422.88	0.14	638.47	1224.48	16755.88	20578.41
Commercial	93.05	3.03	10.00	12.51	12.14	124.08	254.80
Gamtal	0.00	27.42	0.00	13.39	20.50	259.09	320.39
Industries	19.54	0.00	0.00	77.14	171.49	91.31	359.48
Public Purpose	380.23	15.13	48.36	23.60	36.45	185.73	689.50
Public Utility	74.33	3.52	21.79	3.35	44.68	63.99	211.66
Residential	778.57	216.15	100.23	47.20	203.95	872.48	2218.59
Transport	224.50	52.50	28.71	10.22	89.32	1165.91	1571.16
Vacant	0.00	0.22	0.28	0.00	0.00	252.07	252.57
Waterbody	23.07	29.07	0.00	27.83	27.49	643.83	751.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>2129.84</b>	<b>1769.92</b>	<b>209.52</b>	<b>853.70</b>	<b>1830.50</b>	<b>20414.38</b>	<b>27207.86</b>

The area of double cropping is identified and selected as a last option for land use change. Fig 8 shows the double cropped areas in AVKUDA region.

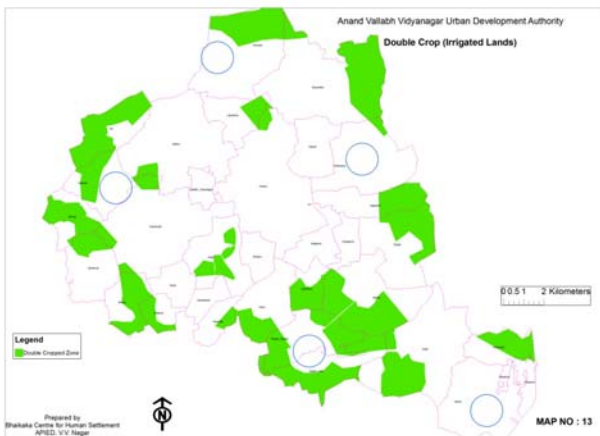


Fig.8 Double cropped area

Using Land use compitability parameters and actual situation of zones land suitability matrix is developed. Fig. 9 shows the land suitability matrix for AVKUDA region.

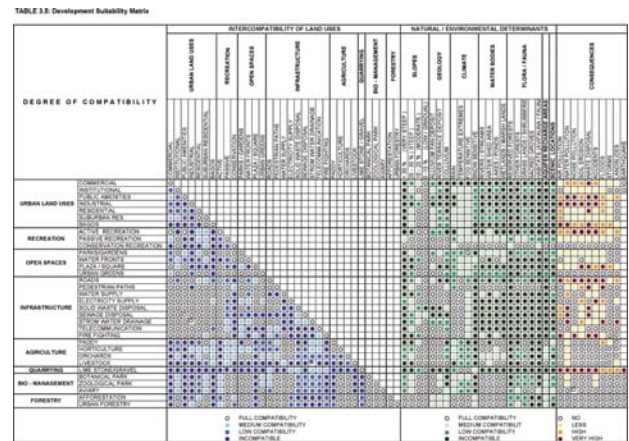


Fig.9 Land Suitability Matrix

### V. CONCLUSION

The results of this analysis were used to allocate the final land use for the study are generated. The remote sensing data can be used to generate the thematic maps apart from the topographic information, hydrological mapping and land use. The land suitability matrix prepared after generating the thematic maps, using overlay techniques of GIS. The resultant draft development plan was presented to the authority after conducting extensive public consultation. The focus of the technology here is to apply the techniques of RS/GIS to suit to policy requirements and concerns of the development authority. We hope the efforts on our team would inspire the researchers to continue to conduct similar exercise.

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