

# LANDSLIDE FORECASTING AND EARLY WARNING – A PRELIMINARY REPORT

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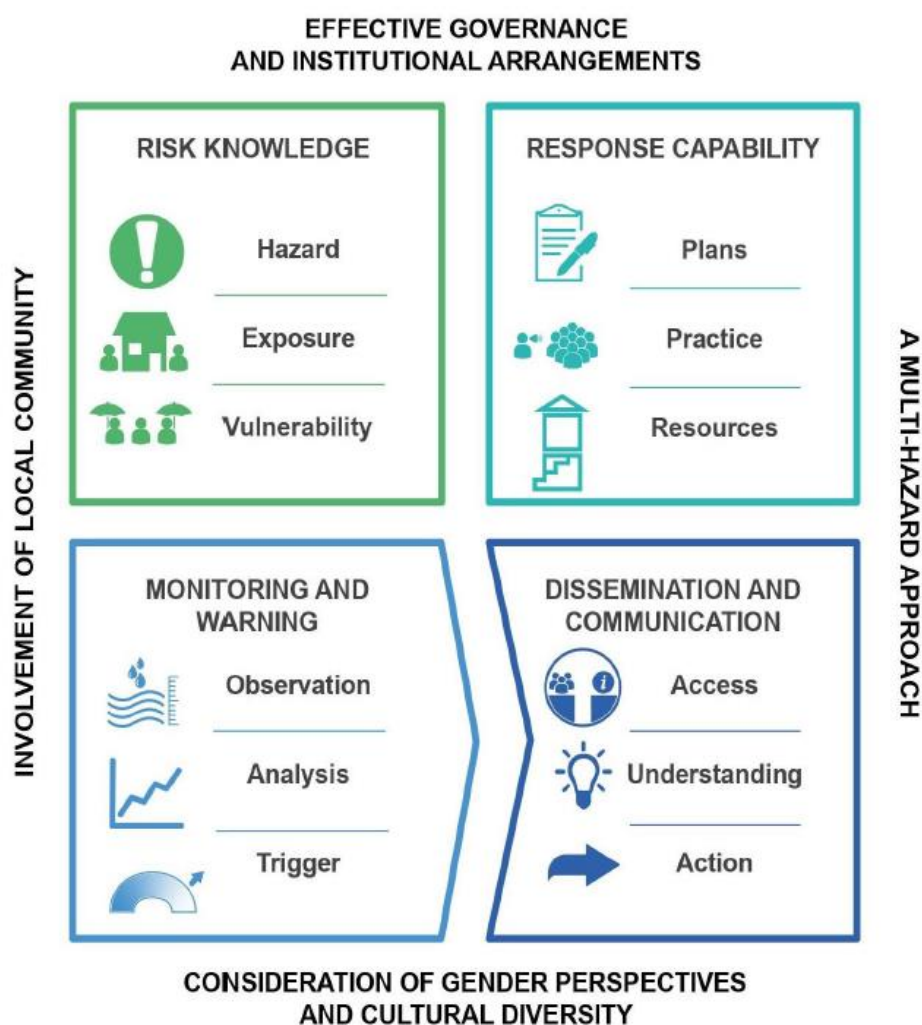
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## LANDSLIDE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (LEWS)

A Landslide Early Warning System transmits the information about the hazard before it occurs, providing an opportunity for people to act, to save lives and livelihoods, thus reducing the risk of the disaster (*Landslide SHEAR program*).

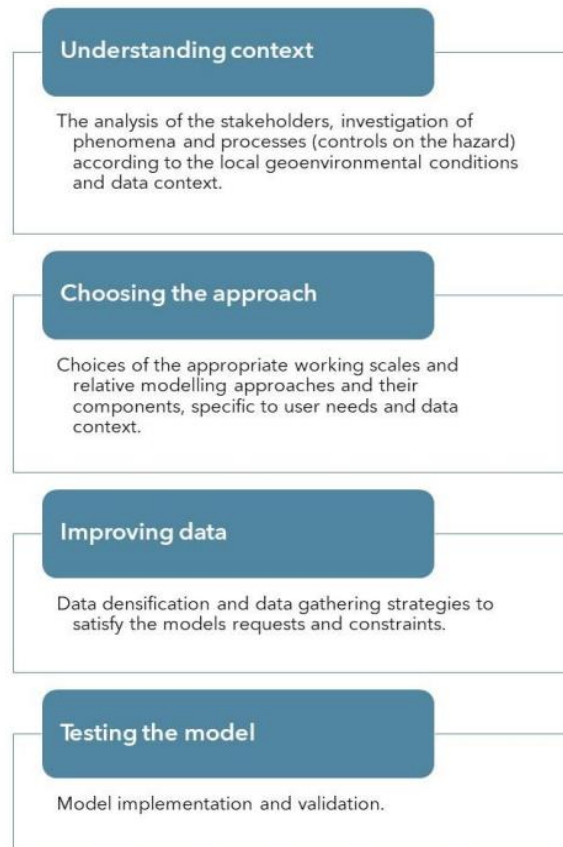
According to UNISDR, EWS is the set of instrumentation, which gives an information of Soil/Rock movement to people and makes them aware to prepare for hazardous situation and can hence minimize the loss.



**Figure 1.** Components of an effective early warning system (Practical Action, 2021; based on WMO, 2017)

## LANDSLIDE FORECASTING

A component of LEWS, forecasting is the prediction of spatial and temporal likelihood/probability of occurrence of slope failure.

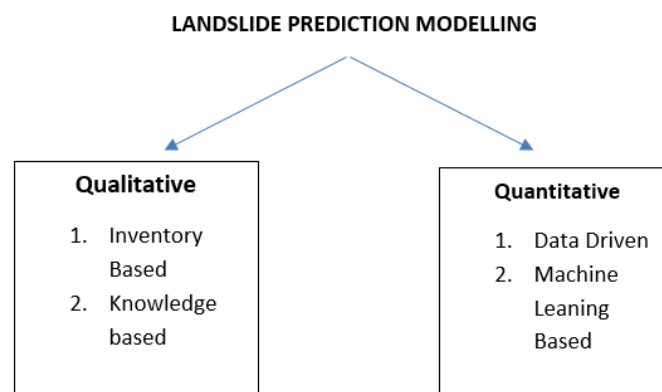


**Figure 2.** Approach for Landslide Forecasting -By SHEAR programme under which was the Landslip Project (Budimir et al. 2022)

## **Brief review of the state-of-art in the field (National & International)**

### **National**

**Kainthura and Sharma., 2022** compared Landslide prediction models based on different ML algorithms such as Bayesian Network (HBNRS), Backpropagation Neural Network (HBPNNRS), Bagging (HBRs), XGBoost (HXGBRS), and Random Forest (HRFRS). The study was conducted in Uttarakashi, using 373 landslide and 181 non landslide points for training-testing, The features



related to points used consist of 15 conditioning factors (Erosion, Bank failure, Hydrology, Rainfall etc.) which were filtered and used in training. It was found that rough set theory coupled with hybrid XGBoost algorithm has best performance in predicting landslides in the region with limited data. The accuracy was found to be 89.2%.

**Abraham and Satyam., 2022** compared different rainfall threshold parameters for Landslide occurrence in Western Ghats, these were Empirical- ED, Probabilistic ED, ID, EI, and RS. CTRL-T and SIGMA model was used for calculating some of these parameters. RS (Rainfall severity - Soil wetness) and ED derived from CTRL-T were found best in the considered study area for prediction of landslide.

**Harilal et al., 2019** developed regional and local ID thresholds for entire Sikkim, India and Gangtok respectively. The regional and local threshold were calculated as rainfall of 43.6 mm and 100 mm per day. They also concluded that Antecedent rainfall is the factor that mostly dominates Landslide events in Sikkim region.

**Wanare et al., 2022** discussed various EWS methods- Wireless data transfer, Simplified measuring method, Acoustic emission, MEMS (Micro electromechanical systems) based approach, IOT based approach and Use of Tilt and Displacement sensors. This approaches are used to monitor and deformation, soil moisture, deformation (or tilt), soil suction, fracturing and associated emissions

communicated using radio signals, or powered by solar power, low cost instrument. He discussed about indicators of slope failure and suggested optimal depth of displacement sensors for effective slope failure to be 1000 mm.

**Abraham and Satyam., 2020** modified SIGMA model for Kalimpong town near Darjeeling for estimating rainfall thresholds used in forecasting of landslides. The thresholds in this model are defined from the function of standard deviation of a transformed statistical distribution derived from cumulative rainfall in  $n$  (any no. between 1 and 365) no. of days. The generated probability distribution plot tells the criticality of rainfall for landslides. The model was found to be 92% efficient.

**Dikshit and Satyam., 2019** worked in Kalimpong for comparing different thresholds types- empirical (ID, Antecedent), Probabilistic (Bayes), Hydrological (FLaIR). He also monitored Chibo area of Kalimpong using MEMS Tech. for 5 months to measure water content, displacement etc. His results indicate that rainfall intensity of  $0.95 \text{ mm hr}^{-1}$ , Antecedent rainfall of 133.5 mm over 20 days, (from FLaIR model) rainfall of 152.5 mm, and at tilting rate of 0.1 per hour, all these conditions can generate landslides in the region. He suggested that combination of two-dimensional Bayesian probability and antecedent rainfall would provide a better estimate of landslide forecasting and stated the need of hourly rainfall data, and increased spatial-temporal accuracy of landslide points for better results.

## **International**

**Brunetti et al., 2021** showed how satellite rainfall products outperform ground observations in India for landslide forecasting by comparing rainfall data from different sources- IMD (ground-based), SM2R- soil moisture data (EUMETSAT'S ASCAT satellite-based data) converted to rainfall, IMERG-GPM (satellite-based), and PMERGE-H i.e. fusion of SM2R and GPM DATA (for improving resolutions). 197 Landslides event collected from entire India occurring in span of 13 years between 2007 to 2019 were used in the study. Duration and intensity for each LS event was reconstructed and CTRL-T tool was used for creating ED rainfall threshold from each type of rainfall dataset. It was found that AUC was in sequence  $\text{PMERGE-H} > \text{IMERG-GPM} > \text{SM2R} > \text{IMD}$ .

**Chen et al., 2023** developed a model named iHydroSlide3D v1.0 that combines a Hydrological model CREST (Coupled Routing and Excess Storage) and a 3D slope stability model to predict the volume and area of future landslides. To match the spatial resolution of both the models a soil moisture downscaling method was used (90 m to 12.5 m).

**Sequi and Veveakis, 2022** studied different deep seated landslides using combination of different material properties such as velocity, shear stress pore pressure, basal temperature and other properties of landslide's shear band, incorporated it in a mathematical heat-energy equation of the

shear band located at the base of the landslide. This way properties of shear band were used to predict the instability of the landslide based on location around a steady state curve.

**Casagli et al., 2023** reviewed various Remote sensing (RS) techniques for predicting the time of failure (ToF) of landslides. Certain precursors such as Tertiary creep, rainfall amount (using rainfall thresholds), acoustic or seismic emissions related to progressive fracturing and ground displacement (using Displacement velocity thresholds) are monitored using RS techniques such as MTInSAR, GBInSAR, Doppler radars and high resolution multispectral data to predict the landslide event.

**Patton et al., 2023** showed that Landslide prediction can be done using rainfall data of scanty no. of Landslide events especially in data sparse remote regions. For the handling data scarcity they incorporated rainfall data of 6000 non landslide days. Predictor variables such as triggering and antecedent precipitation, groundwater etc. were used in Bayesian and frequentist methods to differentiate between landslide and non-landslide rainfall days by using logistic and poisson regression. It was found 3 hours precipitation data, Bayesian method and logistic regression produced good prediction results.

**Guzzetti et al., 2020** reviewed all the LEWS developed and operational between 1977 to 2019 with regional (Hong kong, California, West Oregon, Seattle, Vancouver, Colombia, Rio de Janeiro, Java, Chittagong, South Taiwan, Italy), national (Taiwan, Italy, Norway, Central America and Caribbean, Indonesia, Scotland) and global coverage . Hong Kong has oldest working LEWS and Maximum working LEWS are based on rainfall thresholds (76.9%).

**Nocentini et al. 2023** used machine learning algorithm Random Forest to aid in spatiotemporal prediction of landslides. The parameters of 410 Landslide events were used for training. These dynamic parameters were Cumulative Rainfall, Rainfall Intensity and, Month of Landslide, Landslide susceptibility Index etc. The Trained ML model was capable of predicting occurrence of landslide based on real-time input of these parameters. The parameters were also tested for their independence and significance. The final results were found better than the SIGMA model.

**Teza et al., 2022** developed a MATLAB toolbox named Wadenow for Rainfall triggered Landslide velocity forecasting. Two methods named CWT (Continuous Wavelet Transform) and CNN with two types of time-series data; Velocity and Rainfall related to Landslide events were used. CWT was used to create velocity and Rainfall scalograms, which were further classified by CNN to provide prediction of landslide velocities

## LANDSLIDE FORECASTING METHODS SUMMARIZED

| S.NO. | METHOD   | DESCRIPTION  |                           |          |            | Source  |
|-------|--|--|---------------------------|----------|------------|---|
|       |  | Summary  | Location                  | Scale    | Accuracy   |   |
| 1.    | Use of Hydrological models.  | iHydroSlide 3D model;<br>Mix of Hydrological (with soil moisture downscaling method) + 3D Slope stability model.   | China                     | Regional | AUC = 0.77 | <a href="#">Chen et al., 2023</a>   |
|       |  | SHALSTAB   | Kerala, India             |          |            | <a href="#">Abraham et al., 2023</a>  |
|       |  | SHETRAN  | Kalimpong, India          |          |            | <a href="#">Abraham et al., 2021</a>  |
|       |  | TRIGRS ( Transient Rainfall Infiltration and Grid-based Regional Slope Stability)  | Kerala, India             |          |            | <a href="#">Abraham et al., 2023</a>  |
| 2.    | Using Basal-failure plane's temperature and Groundwater pressure.  | Uses basal temp of shear band and groundwater pressure to predict slide velocity using a formula related to Strain rate.   |                           | Local    |            | <a href="#">Sequi and Veveakis, 2022</a>  |
| 3.    | Rainfall Thresholds Types;<br>Are usually based on<br>ID (Intensity-Duration),<br>ED (Event cumulative-Duration),<br>EI (Event cumulative-Intensity),<br>RS (Rainfall Severity-Soil wetness)<br>AR (Antecedent Rainfall) | SIGMA model – Thresholds are based on function of standard deviation of Precipitation data of each day.  | Kalimpong                 | Regional | 92%        | <a href="#">Abraham et al., 2020, 2022</a>  |
|       |  | CTRL-T- (Calculation of threshold for rainfall induced Landslides-Tool) - Two statistical methods Frequentist statistical method and 'Bootstrap' non-parametric methods are used to generate the Threshold curve between the cumulative rainfall(mm) and rainfall days. The past events of landslides are plotted in a graph and threshold value of R.F. is known, which is used to predict new events<br><br>PRAISE-MET + FLAIR model | India (Various locations) |          | AUC = 0.92 | <a href="#">Dikshit et al., 2019</a><br><br><a href="#">Gariano and Melillo et al., 2023</a><br><br><a href="#">Brunetti and Melillo., 2021</a> |



|    |  |  |   |                    |                                     |   |
|----|--|--|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
|    |  | PRAISE (Prediction of Rainfall Amount Inside Storm Events) is used for R.F. Forecasting using NWP, MET is the historical meteorological data, FLAIR helps for identification of R.F. thresholds (such thresholds are very local).  | Italy   |                    |                                     | <a href="#">Luca and Capparelli., 2022</a>  |
| 4. | Displacement-Velocity thresholds<br><br>Displacement forecasting   | <p>Predicts time of failure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By monitoring tertiary creep.</li> <li>• Sensing acoustic or seismic emissions related to progressive fracturing.</li> <li>• Uses doppler radar, GBInSAR, MTInSAR or A-DInSAR</li> <li>• Uses GNSS or other sensor data with ML/DL algorithms.</li> </ul>   | China   | Local              |                                     | <a href="#">Segui et al., 2022</a><br><br><a href="#">Casagli et al., 2023</a><br><br><a href="#">Moretto et al. 2021</a><br><br><a href="#">Yang et al., 2022</a><br><br><a href="#">Duan et al., 2023</a> |
| 5. | ML or DL methods such as (Eg. LHASA); Logistic Regression Random Forest, Bayesian Network, Backpropagation Neural Network, Bagging, XGBoost, And there hybrids., etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes sample of LS and non LS events.</li> <li>• For those points, find influencing factors. Conditioning factors can be parameters from bhukosh data such as rock state/hydrology/Erosion etc. or the cumulative rainfall (diff. meteorological datas), intensity and landslide susceptibility index .</li> </ul> <p>Also Suitable for data sparse regions, where;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It takes hourly precipitation data of few LS and large no. of Non LS events.</li> <li>• Or uses hybrid ML algorithms.</li> </ul> | Alaska<br><br>Uttarkashi<br><br>Global<br><br>Italy | Regional and Local | 0.74<br><br>89.9%<br><br>AUC = 0.91 | <a href="#">Nocentini et al., 2023</a><br><br><a href="#">Kainthura and Sharma et al., 2022</a><br><br><a href="#">Khan and Kirschbaum., 2022</a><br><br><a href="#">Patton et al., 2023</a>                |

|    |  |   |       |       |     |  |
|----|--|---|-------|-------|-----|--|
|    | LSTM and DBN, etc.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also used in Displacement forecasting.</li> </ul>  | China |       |     | <a href="#">Yang et al., 2022</a><br><a href="#">Duan et al., 2023</a>       |
| 6. | Real time monitoring of soil and ground movement, slope inclination, water content. etc. | Using wireless instruments or solar panel based sensors- MEMS, IOT sensors, tilt and displacement sensors.  | India | Local |     | <a href="#">Wanare et al., 2022</a><br><a href="#">Esposito et al., 2022</a> |
| 7. | WADENOW-A MATLAB toolbox for forecasting LS velocities.                                  | <p>Uses CWT (Continuous wavelet transform) and DL (Deep Learning methods such as CNN)</p> <p>CWT is used for creating scalograms of velocity and rainfall timeseries data<br/>CNN identifies trends and helps in forecasting.</p> | Italy | Local | 98% | <a href="#">Teza et al., 2022</a>  |

### **PARAMETERS USED IN ABOVE METHODS**

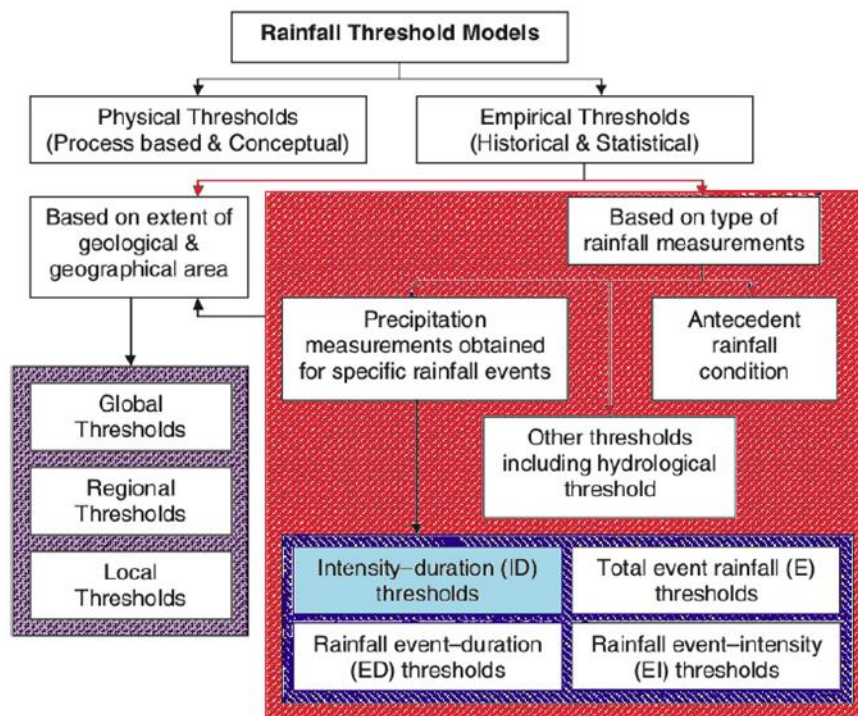
All essential parameters were compiled and following list was made. The regular monitoring of these parameters is essential for Landslide forecasting.

| Sno. | PARAMETER                   | SOURCE                                    |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1.   | Land Use                    | Satellite                                 |
| 2.   | Aspect                      | Satellite                                 |
| 3.   | Slope                       | Satellite                                 |
| 4.   | RQD                         | Geotechnical/Field based                  |
| 5.   | Lithology                   | Field based/Geoportals                    |
| 6.   | Soil composition/Mineralogy | Field based/Geo-portals                   |
| 7.   | Fault/Fracture no.          | Ground based                              |
| 8.   | Fault/Fracture spacing      | Ground based                              |
| 9.   | Seismicity                  | Geo-portals                               |
| 10.  | Rainfall                    | Satellite/IMD geoportal/Field sensor data |
| 11.  | Soil wetness/moisture       | Ground based/ Satellite                   |
| 12.  | Groundwater Pressure        | Ground based                              |
| 13.  | Pore pressure               | Ground based                              |
| 14.  | Soil/Overburden Thickness   | Geophysical                               |
| 15.  | Shear Strength              | Geotechnical                              |
| 16.  | Ground Displacement         | Satellite/Field sensor based              |

**Disclaimer- There may be more concerned parameters.**

## PHASE I- Rainfall Threshold Method

A triggering threshold is represented by a mathematical equation describing the critical rainfall condition above which landslides are triggered.



**Figure 3.** Flow diagram of rainfall threshold models for landslide occurrences recognized by Guzzetti *et al.* (2007).

Some of the common threshold types include meteorological thresholds, probabilistic and hydro-meteorological (see figure 3.)

In this work we are using meteorological thresholds, these are derived considering the historical relationship between the occurrence of rainfall and landslides only. There types are; ID (Intensity-Duration), ED (Event cumulative and Duration), AR (Antecedent Rainfall).

## 1. ID (Intensity-Duration) Threshold

These thresholds are computed utilizing using the power law equation

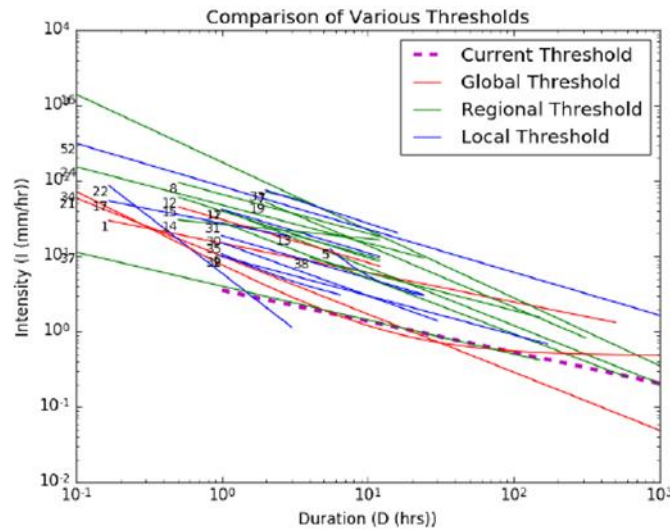
$$I = \alpha D^{-\beta}$$

Where, I is rainfall intensity (mm/h), D is rainfall duration (h) ,  $\alpha$  is a scaling parameter (the intercept) and  $\beta$  is shape parameter which controls the slope of threshold curve.

Daily/Hourly intensities of rainfall events associated with the occurrence of landslides were calculated and plotted against the duration of events in hours in logarithmic scale

$$\log(I) = \log(\alpha) + \beta \log(D)$$

The Eq. is in the form of a straight line  $y = mx + c$ . Approach is based on linear regression and the data is fitted using a power law.



**Figure 4.** Example of Rainfall intensity duration (ID) thresholds from literature (Dikshit and Satyam, 2018).

## 2. ED (Event cumulative and Duration) Threshold

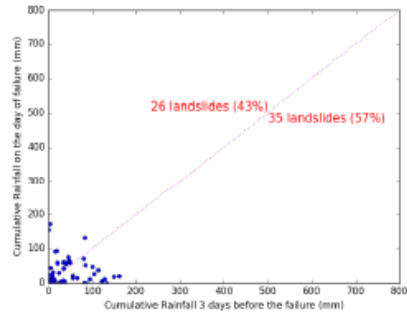
The cumulative rainfall event, E, is determined as the accumulated rain from the beginning of rainfall to the precipitation that induces the slope failure. The power law equation used to calculate this threshold is expressed as;

$$E = \alpha D^{-\gamma}$$

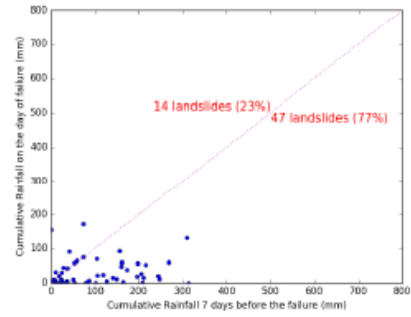
Whereby, cumulative rainfall event, E is measured in (mm), rainfall duration, D is expressed either in (hour) or (day), while  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the coefficient of rainfall depth and the threshold

### **3. Antecedent Rainfall Threshold**

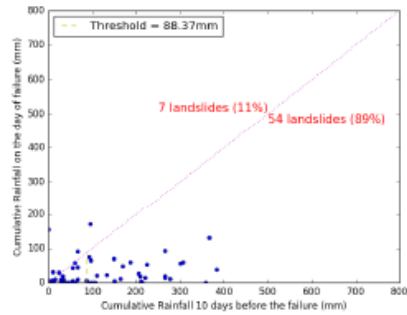
Antecedent Rainfall is sum of rainfall, days before landslide event. Research suggest that an antecedent rainfall of 3 days to 4 months is significant in explaining landslide occurrences. Antecedent rainfall influences soil moisture and groundwater level thus causing slopes to failure. The no. of days used for this threshold type are 3, 7, 10, 15, 20, and 30. The plot is made for rainfall on day of failure and cumulative rainfall for specific days before failure. These plots are used to find the no. days are actually significant for landslide occurrence.



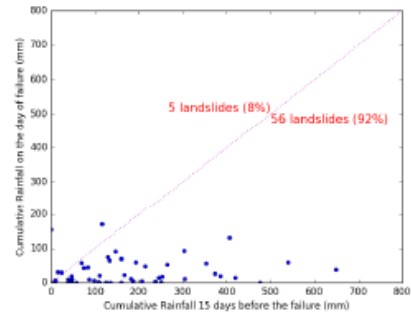
(a) Cumulative rainfall of 3 days before failure (mm)



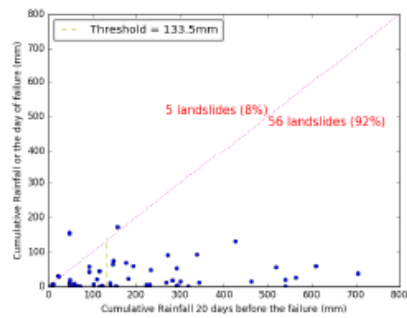
(b) Cumulative rainfall of 7 days before failure (mm)



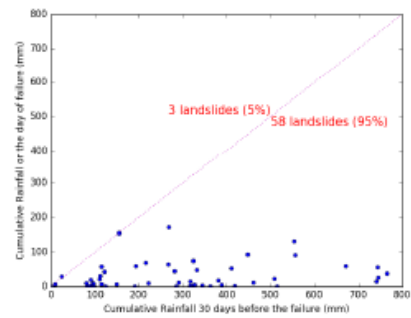
(c) Cumulative rainfall of 10 days before failure (mm)



(d) Cumulative rainfall of 15 days before failure (mm)



(e) Cumulative rainfall of 20 days before failure (mm)



(f) Cumulative rainfall of 30 days before failure (mm)

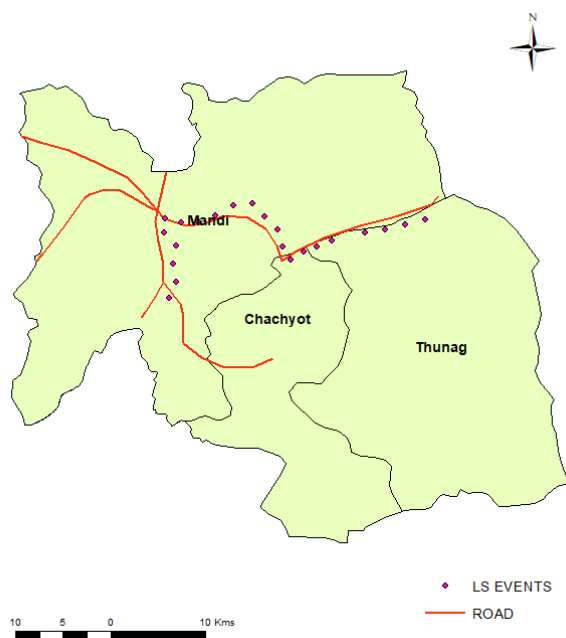
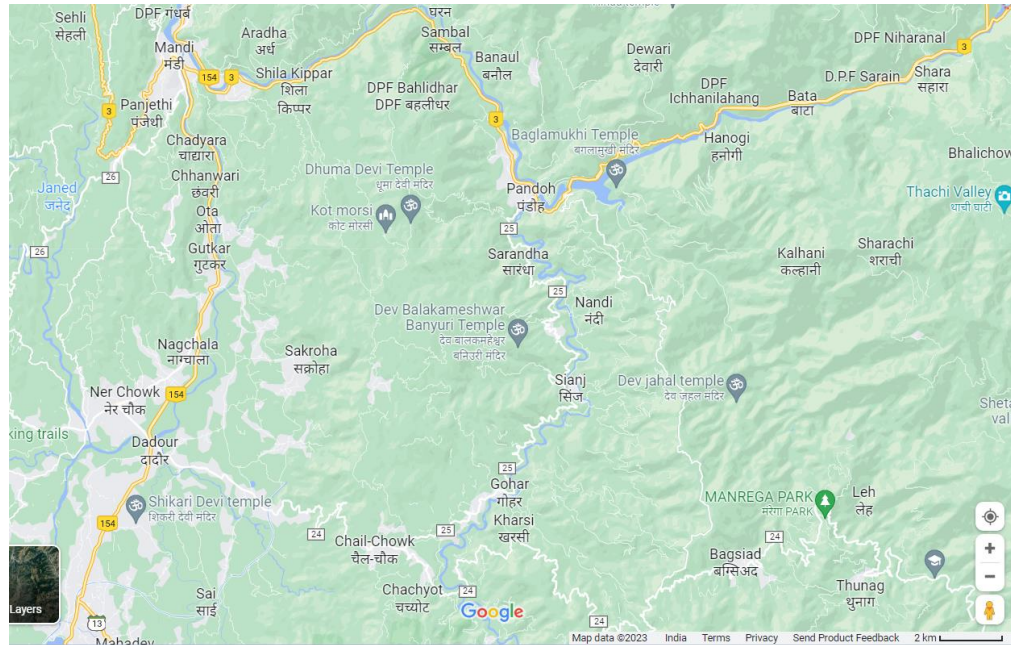
**Figure 5.** An Example showing relationship between antecedent rainfall prior to failure (3, 7, 10, 20, 30 days) and daily rainfall for landslide occurrences (Dikshit and Satyam, 2018)



## A Prototype for Landslide Forecasting Using Rainfall Thresholds

### STUDY AREA

The region selected for the study is a stretch of 41 km along the National Highway – 3 and 154 in



**Figure 6.** 1)Roads of Interest. 2) Map depicting slide events on NH 154 and 3 stretch in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh . 3) Recent Image of slide on Road.(Source-Google maps, IIT mandi data, Abp news imagery)



Pandoh region of Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh. The stretch extends between coordinates 31.55152, 76.89702 to 31.71653, 77.20919. The road is along Suketi and Beas river. The area has average elevation of 760 m and average yearly precipitation is 832 millimetres.

## DATA USED

The data used was acquired and compiled by IIT Mandi. For 90 Landslide events occurring in year 2014, rainfall data for the day of landslide events and its 30 days before was utilised for this analysis.

*Date and Location  
of Landslide event  
on the NH3 and 154  
road.*

Rainfall on and  
before the day of  
Landslide.

| Sr. No. | Blocked on | latitude  | longitude | Rainfall | Rainfall(one day ago) | Rainfall(two day ago) | Rainfall(three day ago) | Rainfall(four day ago) | Rainfall(five day ago) | f |
|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 1       | 7          | 11        | 12        | 15       | 16                    | 17                    | 18                      | 19                     | 20                     |   |
| 1       | 20140812   | 31.701816 | 76.968287 | 0        | 3.9                   | 2.9                   | 2.4                     | 6.4                    | 7.7                    |   |
| 2       | 20140812   | 31.701816 | 76.968287 | 0        | 3.9                   | 2.9                   | 2.4                     | 6.4                    | 7.7                    |   |
| 3       | 20140812   | 31.694463 | 77.042545 | 0        | 3.9                   | 2.9                   | 2.4                     | 6.4                    | 7.7                    |   |
| 4       | 20140812   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 0        | 3.9                   | 2.9                   | 2.4                     | 6.4                    | 7.7                    |   |
| 5       | 20140812   | 31.691779 | 77.125837 | 0        | 1.9                   | 1.2                   | 1                       | 1.8                    | 3.7                    |   |
| 6       | 20140716   | 31.691238 | 76.935228 | 35.2     | 0.5                   | 4.9                   | 1.5                     | 0                      | 0                      |   |
| 7       | 20140716   | 31.705375 | 76.93618  | 35.2     | 0.5                   | 4.9                   | 1.5                     | 0                      | 0                      |   |
| 8       | 20140716   | 31.708053 | 76.984254 | 35.2     | 0.5                   | 4.9                   | 1.5                     | 0                      | 0                      |   |
| 9       | 20140716   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 35.2     | 0.5                   | 4.9                   | 1.5                     | 0                      | 0                      |   |
| 10      | 20140716   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 35.2     | 0.5                   | 4.9                   | 1.5                     | 0                      | 0                      |   |
| 11      | 20140729   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 12.9     | 12.7                  | 19.7                  | 4.3                     | 0.5                    | 8.5                    |   |
| 12      | 20140729   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 12.9     | 12.7                  | 19.7                  | 4.3                     | 0.5                    | 8.5                    |   |
| 13      | 20140729   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 12.9     | 12.7                  | 19.7                  | 4.3                     | 0.5                    | 8.5                    |   |
| 14      | 20140729   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 12.9     | 12.7                  | 19.7                  | 4.3                     | 0.5                    | 8.5                    |   |
| 15      | 20140729   | 31.691779 | 77.125837 | 8.2      | 6.6                   | 18.1                  | 1.8                     | 0                      | 9.7                    |   |
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| 20      | 20140730   | 31.699112 | 77.164132 | 11.5     | 8.2                   | 6.6                   | 18.1                    | 1.8                    | 0                      |   |
| 21      | 20140730   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 22      | 20140730   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 23      | 20140730   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 24      | 20140730   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 25      | 20140730   | 31.691238 | 76.935228 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 26      | 20140730   | 31.691238 | 76.935228 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 27      | 20140730   | 31.705375 | 76.93618  | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 28      | 20140730   | 31.705375 | 76.93618  | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 29      | 20140730   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 30      | 20140730   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 31      | 20140730   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 32      | 20140730   | 31.694463 | 77.042545 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 33      | 20140730   | 31.705375 | 76.93618  | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 34      | 20140730   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 35      | 20140730   | 31.717459 | 77.001487 | 5        | 12.9                  | 12.7                  | 19.7                    | 4.3                    | 0.5                    |   |
| 36      | 20140815   | 31.673462 | 77.067939 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 37      | 20140815   | 31.673462 | 77.067939 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 38      | 20140815   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 39      | 20140815   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 40      | 20140815   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 41      | 20140815   | 31.677938 | 77.079819 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 42      | 20140815   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |
| 43      | 20140815   | 31.691779 | 77.125837 | 37.5     | 42.4                  | 4                     | 0                       | 1.9                    | 1.2                    |   |
| 44      | 20140815   | 31.691779 | 77.125837 | 37.5     | 42.4                  | 4                     | 0                       | 1.9                    | 1.2                    |   |
| 45      | 20140815   | 31.694853 | 77.14504  | 37.5     | 42.4                  | 4                     | 0                       | 1.9                    | 1.2                    |   |
| 46      | 20140815   | 31.699112 | 77.164132 | 37.5     | 42.4                  | 4                     | 0                       | 1.9                    | 1.2                    |   |
| 47      | 20140815   | 31.68369  | 77.094219 | 28       | 27.6                  | 10.9                  | 0                       | 3.9                    | 2.9                    |   |

### Working;

The above table is the required format which shall be the input for this analysis.

As the above data is for a stretch of NH 3 and 154, Mandi, the forecast generated is applicable to same stretch, Mandi only. This tool can take inputs of any area (but most suited for smaller regions to give more accurate local forecasts as compared to regional forecasts) and give forecast based on the Three type of Thresholds- ID, ED, AR<sub>x</sub>. x in AR is the no. of significant days for which antecedent rainfall is taken, this differs for each area of interest.

Different thresholds are more suitable for different areas. In this tool, users need to upload Landslide event and associated Rainfall data for any area in the above format, for generating a basic forecast, the tool will ask user values of E, D and Antecedent Rainfall 20 and 30 days before as antecedent rainfall of 20 and 30 days was found significant for area of interest of this study. With very few and easy changes in this code antecedent rainfall for any days suitable for user's interest region can be taken as input.

Finally, by using historical and latest Rainfall parameters entered by user, a basic forecast could be generated utilising all three types of thresholds, using all threshold makes this system more applicable to different areas as for different regions a different threshold is suited more.

**NOTE:** Landslide forecasting is complex as occurrence of landslides is affected by large no. of variables that differs in space and time. In this technique, only single but most important variable for landslide forecasting- Rainfall is used. As already mentioned above, large no. of other parameters (in phase 2 and 3 of experimental methodology for EWS) could be extracted and utilised for generating forecasts of more accuracy and reliability.

The accuracy assessment of this tool was not done due to lack of more and good quality data. If the quality of input to this tool i.e. Landslide event-Rainfall data of good accuracy could be utilised the output or forecast accuracy will surely increase.

## METHODOLOGY USED

Two ways were used for the implementation of this method. Initially method was executed in excel and then using Python programming.

### MODE 1

**SOFTWARE /TOOL Used- Microsoft Excel**

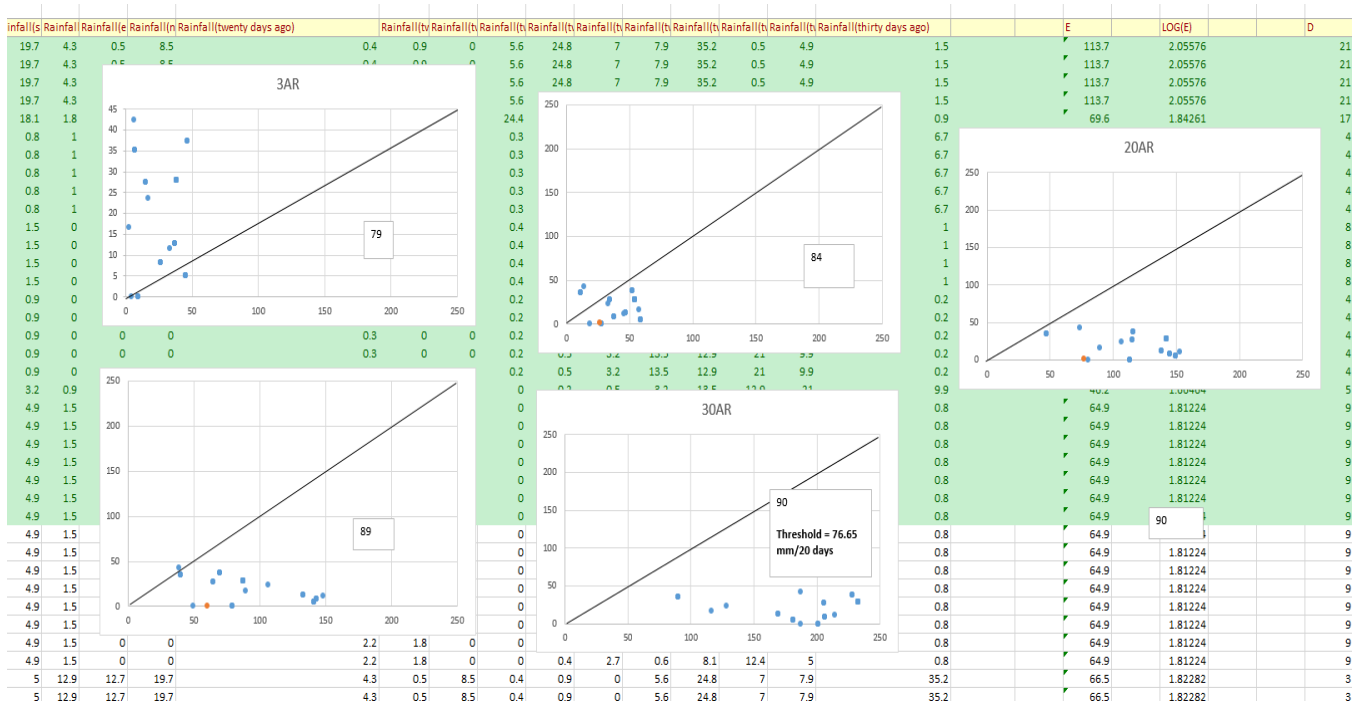
**INPUT – Landslide event and associated rainfall data by IIT Mandi.**

The parameters are generated from input data. These were Cumulative Rainfall (E), Duration (D), Intensity (I), and Antecedent Rainfall (AR) -3, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30 Days.

| E     | LOG(E)   | D  | LOG(D)   | I        | LOG(I)   | R |
|-------|----------|----|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 113.7 | 2.05576  | 21 | 1.322219 | 5.414286 | 0.733541 |   |
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| 113.7 | 2.05576  | 21 | 1.322219 | 5.414286 | 0.733541 |   |
| 113.7 | 2.05576  | 21 | 1.322219 | 5.414286 | 0.733541 |   |
| 69.6  | 1.842609 | 17 | 1.230449 | 4.094118 | 0.61216  |   |
| 42.1  | 1.624282 | 4  | 0.60206  | 10.525   | 1.022222 |   |
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| 59.9  | 1.777427 | 8  | 0.90309  | 7.4875   | 0.874337 |   |
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| 59.9  | 1.777427 | 8  | 0.90309  | 7.4875   | 0.874337 |   |
| 34.7  | 1.540329 | 4  | 0.60206  | 8.675    | 0.938269 |   |
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| 34.7  | 1.540329 | 4  | 0.60206  | 8.675    | 0.938269 |   |
| 34.7  | 1.540329 | 4  | 0.60206  | 8.675    | 0.938269 |   |
| 34.7  | 1.540329 | 4  | 0.60206  | 8.675    | 0.938269 |   |
| 46.2  | 1.664642 | 5  | 0.69897  | 9.24     | 0.965672 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |
| 64.9  | 1.812245 | 9  | 0.954243 | 7.211111 | 0.858002 |   |

## 1. AR threshold

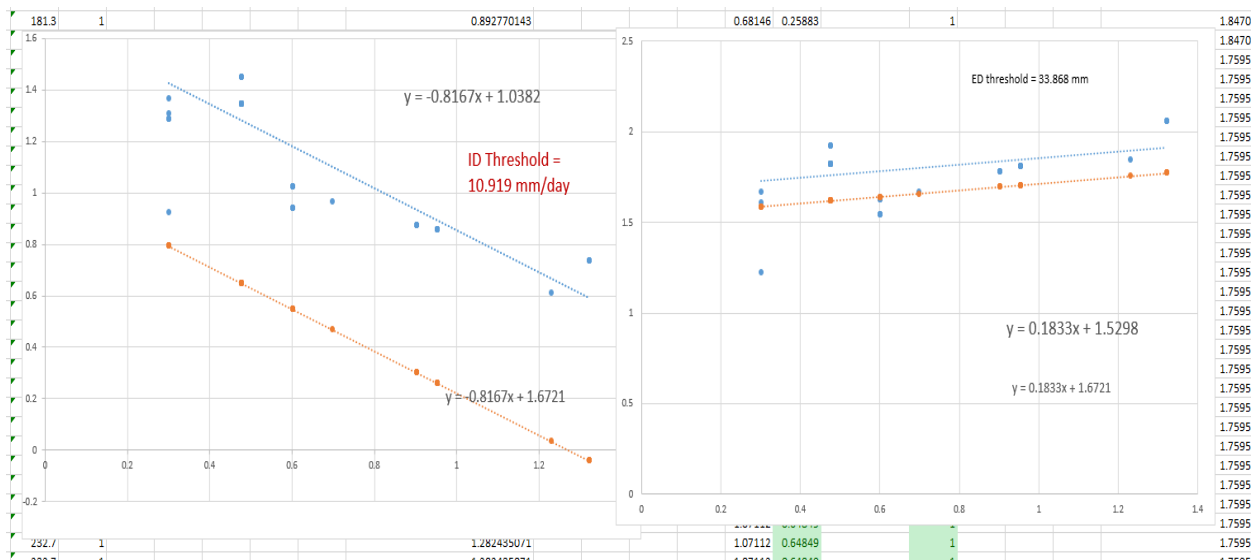
The Antecedent Rainfall Threshold is generated using cumulative rainfall for 3, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30 no. of days before failure. The plot is made for rainfall on day of failure and cumulative rainfall for specific days before failure.



**Figure 7.** Plots showing Antecedent Rainfall Threshold (for 3, 7, 15, 20, 30 days) for study area of NH 3 and 154. Orange dot signifies the threshold point. Threshold is significant for AR<sub>30</sub> and AR<sub>20</sub> and is calculated using probability distribution function for the data under the bisecting line. Plots were made in excel.

## 2. ID and ED Threshold

The cumulative rainfall event,  $E$ , is determined as the accumulated rain from the beginning of rainfall to the precipitation that induces the slope failure. The power law equation used to calculate ED threshold. Daily intensities ( $I$ ) of rainfall events and  $E$  associated with the occurrence of landslides were calculated and plotted against the duration ( $D$ ) of events in hours in logarithmic scale to create ED and ID plots.



**Figure 8.** Plots showing ID (Intensity-Duration) and ED (Event Cumulative Rainfall- Duration) Thresholds. The blue line is the best fit line and Orange line represents the Threshold line generated by equations of Power law and Gaussian distribution.

## MODE-2

**Software/Tool – Python Programming in Jupyter Lab**

**INPUT – Landslide event and associated rainfall data by IIT Mandi.**

The execution of the tool with code, outputs is mentioned below.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import scipy
from scipy.stats import powerlaw
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
```

```

#####
data2 = pd.read_csv("G:\work_done\Paavithra\mandi_ls_data.csv")

####
y = data2.iloc[:,1:]

#####

y = np.array(y)

#####
LS = []

for v in y:
    pp = []
    uu = 0
    for a in v:
        uu = uu + 1
        if a == 0:
            if uu == 1:
                continue
            else:
                break
        elif a != 0:
            pp.append(a)
    E2 = sum(pp)
    D2 = uu
    I2 = E2/D2

    LS.append([E2,D2,I2])

LS = np.array(LS)

#####
user = input('Enter event cumulative rainfall till today in mm (E): ')
dayy = input('Enter No. of Rainfall event Days (D): ')
user2 = fl

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AR\_20 = input('Enter cumulative Rainfall of previous 20 Days (AR20): ')

AR\_30 = input('Enter cumulative Rainfall of previous 30 Days (AR30): ')

Enter event cumulative rainfall till today in mm (E):

Enter event cumulative rainfall till today in mm (E): 70  
Enter No. of Rainfall event Days (D): 5

Enter cumulative Rainfall of previous 20 Days (AR20):

Enter event cumulative rainfall till today in mm (E): 70  
Enter No. of Rainfall event Days (D): 5  
Enter cumulative Rainfall of previous 20 Days (AR20): 95

Enter cumulative Rainfall of previous 30 Days (AR30):

#FOR AR

ar\_list = []

AR20 = []

AR30 = []

for K in y[:,1:21]:

AR = sum(K)

AR20.append(AR)

for S in y[:,1:31]:

AR = sum(S)

AR30.append(AR)

AR20 = np.array(AR20)

AR30 = np.array(AR30)

Y\_AR = y[:,0]

```

standTWENTY = np.std(AR20)
twentyar = 3*standTWENTY - standTWENTY

plt.scatter(AR20, Y_AR, color = "m", marker = "o", s = 10)

plt.plot(220,220)

plt.plot(twentyar, 0, "go")

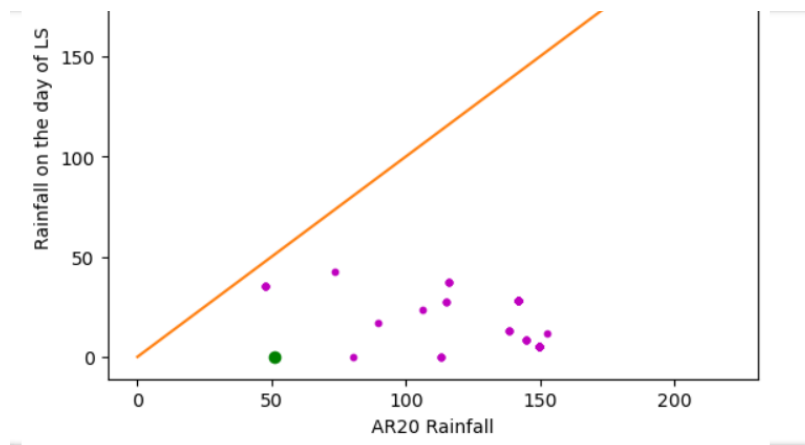
plt.plot([0,50,100,150,200,220],[0,50,100,150,200,220])

plt.xlabel('AR20 Rainfall')
plt.ylabel('Rainfall on the day of LS')
#plt.title('')
#plt.plot(AR_20, 0, "go")
plt.show()
c = 0
n = 0
while c < 89:
    if AR20[c] > Y_AR[c]:
        n = n + 1
    c = c + 1
print('Landslides towards AR:',n, ', Landslides towards LS day:', (89-n), ',
THRESH', twentyar)

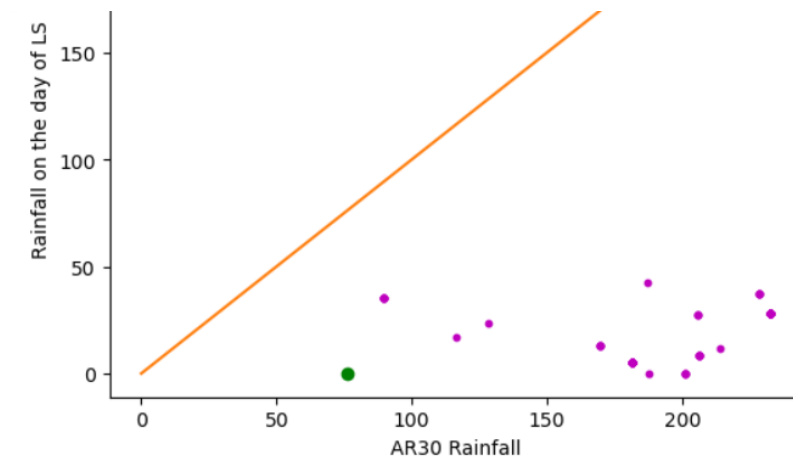
#####
standTHIRTY = np.std(AR30)
thirtyar = 3 * standTHIRTY - standTHIRTY
plt.scatter(AR30, Y_AR, color = "m", marker = "o", s = 10)
#plt.plot(AR_30, 0, "go")
plt.plot(220,220)
plt.plot(thirtyar, 0, "go")
plt.plot([0,50,100,150,200,220],[0,50,100,150,200,220])
plt.xlabel('AR30 Rainfall')
plt.ylabel('Rainfall on the day of LS')
#plt.title('')
plt.show()
c = 0
n = 0
while c < 89:
    if AR30[c] > Y_AR[c]:
        n = n + 1
    c = c + 1
print('Landslides towards AR:',n, ', Landslides towards LS day:', (89-n), ',
THRESH', thirtyar)

```





Landslides towards AR: 89 , Landslides towards LS day: 0 , THRESH 50.8201000868702



Landslides towards AR: 89 , Landslides towards LS day: 0 , THRESH 76.342750866579

The Threshold value for the study area is provided with the graph. The user's input of ED is depicted as green point.

```
#FOR ED

x_data = LS[:,1]
y_data = LS[:,0]
yy_data = LS[:,2]

x = np.log10(x_data)
y = np.log10(y_data)
yy = np.log10(yy_data)
```

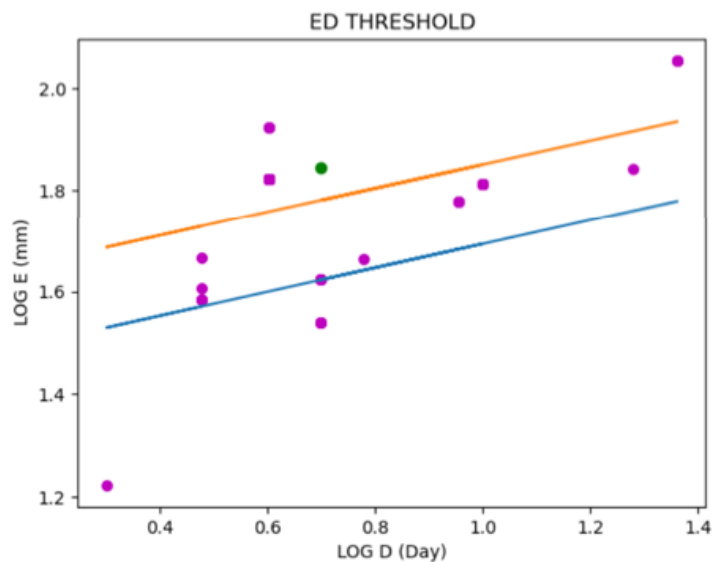
```

dayy = float(dayy)
user = float(user)
#FOR BEST FIT
beta, alpha = np.polyfit(x, y, deg = 1)
y_line = alpha + beta * x
stdd = np.std(y_line)
thresh_line = y_line - 3*(stdd)
elog = np.log10(user)
logday = np.log10(dayy)
betaaa, alphaaa = np.polyfit(x, thresh_line, deg = 1)
Threshold = alphaaa + betaaa * logday
THRESH1 = np.power(10,Threshold)

plt.scatter(x, y, color = "m", marker = "o", s = 30)
plt.plot(x, thresh_line)
plt.plot(x, y_line)
plt.plot(logday, elog, "go")
plt.xlabel('LOG D (Day)')
plt.ylabel('LOG E (mm)')
plt.title('ED THRESHOLD')
plt.show()

print('For this area cumulative event rainfall more than',THRESH1,'mm can
cause LS')

```



For this area cumulative event rainfall more than 41.969637440858236 mm can cause LS

Blue line is the ED threshold, Green point is the above input of E and D

```
#FOR ID
```

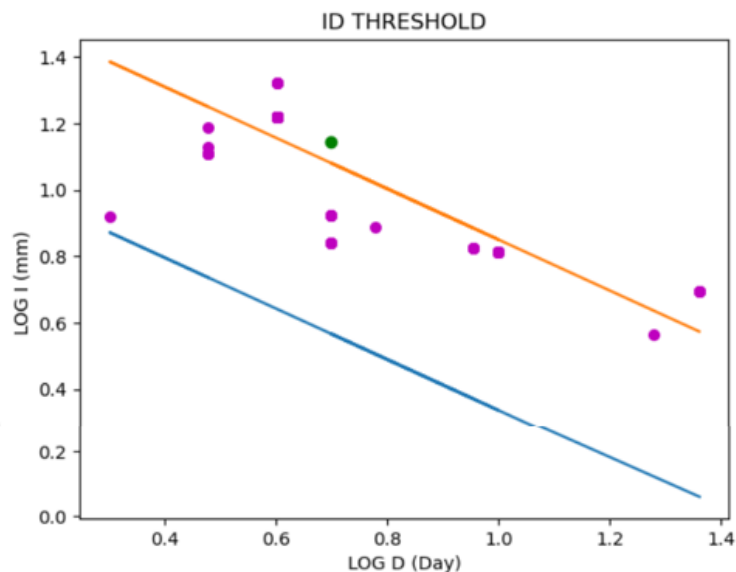
```

plt.scatter(x, yy, color = "m", marker = "o", s = 30)
user2 = float(user2)
b, a = np.polyfit(x, yy, deg = 1)
y_linee = a + b * x
elog2 = np.log10(user2)
stddd = np.std(y_linee)
thresh_linee = y_linee - 3*(stddd)
ba, aa = np.polyfit(x, thresh_linee, deg = 1)
Threshold2 = aa + ba * logday
THRESH2 = np.power(10,Threshold2)

plt.plot(x, thresh_linee)
plt.plot(x, y_linee)
plt.plot(logday, elog2, "go")
plt.xlabel('LOG D (Day)')
plt.ylabel('LOG I (mm)')
plt.title('ID THRESHOLD')
plt.show()

print('For this area rainfall intensity more than',THRESH2,'mm/day can cause
LS')
#####

```



For this area rainfall intensity more than 3.688833845984894 mm/day can cause LS

Blue line is the ID threshold, Green point is the above input of I and D.

Now based on the user's input being above or below the threshold value, votes are provided to each threshold type, if input value exceeds threshold type, there is a chance of landslide occurrence according to the threshold type, thus vote (Yes/No- for landslide occurrence) is calculated and summed for all threshold type to give a better final forecast of occurrence of landslide event.

#### Generation of Forecast

Based on the inputs, if input variables are exceeding the thresholds, VOTE is 1 and if not the VOTE is 0 for the method.

If sum of votes = 1, then there is Low probability of LS occurrence.

If sum of votes = 2, then there is Medium probability of LS occurrence.

If sum of votes = 3, then there is High probability of LS occurrence.

If sum of votes = 4, then there is Very High probability of LS occurrence.

```
#VOTING

VOTE = 0

if user > THRESH1:
    VOTE = VOTE + 1
    print('ED VOTE = 1')
else:
    VOTE = 0
    print('ED VOTE = 0')

if user2 > THRESH2:
    VOTE = VOTE + 1
    print('ID VOTE = 1')
else:
    print('ED VOTE = 0')

AR_20 = float(AR_20)
twentyar = float(twentyar)

if AR_20 > twentyar:
    VOTE = VOTE + 1
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```

        print('AR20 VOTE = 1')
else:
    print('AR20 VOTE = 0')

thirtyar = float(thirtyar)

AR_30 = float(AR_30)

if AR_30 > thirtyar:
    VOTE = VOTE + 1
    print('AR30 VOTE = 1')
else:
    print('AR30 VOTE = 0')

if VOTE == 0:
    print('\n\nThere is 0 % probability of Landslide occurrence:~')
elif VOTE == 1:
    print('\n\nThere is a LOW probability of Landslide occurrence:~')
elif VOTE == 2:
    print('\n\nThere is a MEDIUM probability of Landslide occurrence"!!')
elif VOTE == 3:
    print('\n\nThere is a HIGH probability of Landslide occurrence"!!!')
elif VOTE == 4:
    print('\n\nThere is a VERY HIGH probability of Landslide occurrence"!!!!
:0')

```

For this area rainfall intensity more than 3.688833845984894 mm/day can cause LS  
ED VOTE = 1  
ID VOTE = 1  
AR20 VOTE = 1  
AR30 VOTE = 1

"There is a VERY HIGH probability of Landslide occurrence"!!!! :0

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NOTE: The use of python over excel improved the results of the tool

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