

DSS-H: Decision Support System—Hydrology

Neeranchal National Watershed Project under PMKSY of GoI

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DSS-H is a planning and monitoring tool to make the watershed development in India a science-based activity, leading to effective problem solving with improved efficiency

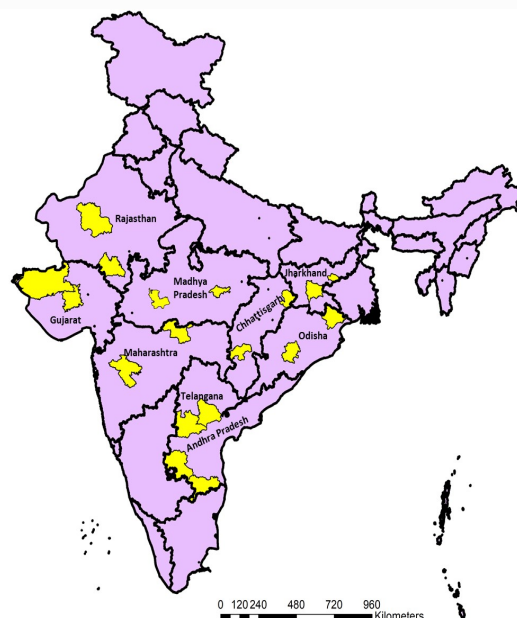
The Government of India has been implementing various watershed development programmes over the last 50 years. It has launched the “Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana” (PMKSY) with an objective of providing access to irrigation to every farm ‘*Har Khet ko Pani*’ and efficient use of water ‘*Per Drop More Crop*’. One component of PMKSY is the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), which is implemented by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), and has now become the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of PMKSY.

Neeranchal National Watershed Project (NNWP)

The World Bank assisted NNWP was conceptualized to address through proof of concept, some of these emerging challenges that the existing IWMP framework was grappling with. The Project Development Objective of NNWP is “to support the Watershed Development Component of the PMKSY (WDC-PMKSY) to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected sites, and adoption of new processes and technologies into the broader programme in participating States”. Neeranchal is expected to positively influence the outcomes of the ongoing WDC-PMKSY through technical and financial support for better delivery and impacts through improved planning approaches, capacity building, coordination and convergence, and supportive R&D.

NNWP also supports institutional strengthening for improved service delivery through capacity building of implementing organisations, adoption of effective project management practices including processes and technologies at the National, State and District levels. As an important deliverable, NNWP will assist in scientific hydrological assessment and planning of watershed projects, through identification of water surplus and deficient areas, catchment prioritization, improved identification of water harvesting potential, planning for optimal water availability and use in rainfed areas and application of innovative tools for community water budgeting

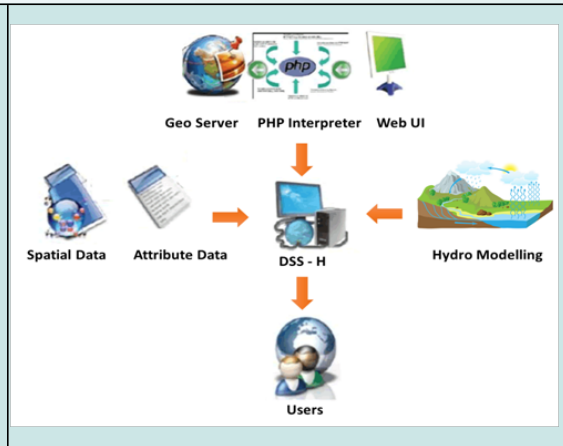
NNWP is being implemented in nine participating states i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan, and cover approximately 60 percent of the rainfed area of the country. The project will contribute to improved watershed management activities in identified watersheds in two districts in each participating State, with each watershed of about 5,000 ha.



About DSS-H

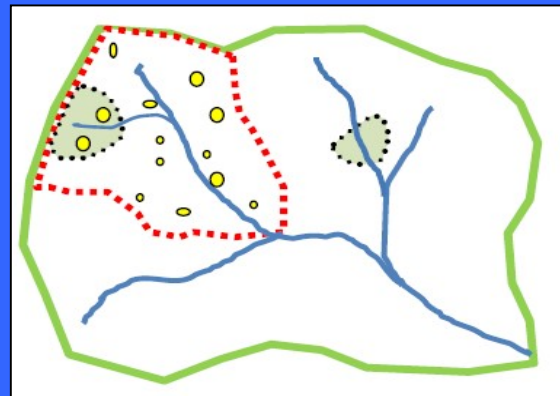
DSS is a tool that helps decision makers by compiling useful information from a combination of raw data, documents and models to solve problems and make decisions. It presents data in such a way that users can make decisions more easily.

The DSS-H is intended to be a useful tool for planning of appropriate soil, land, crop and water-related interventions at the watershed scale. Once developed, DSS-H will be used by the SLNAs in “Neeranchal States” to derive hydrology-related information for use in preparation of the DPRs for their projects. DSS-H will also provide results and information regarding impact assessment of the watershed interventions, such as check dams, ponds, groundwater recharge structures, improvement in water use efficiency through appropriate crop and land management.



DSS-H will provide:

- Suitable sites for water harvesting structures
- Selection of appropriate design
- Estimation of number of structures feasible
- Water availability from different sources
- Water demand for different uses
- Water balance
- Measures for addressing gap in water demand
- Impact assessment through various indices



DSS-H utilizes relevant data on meteorology, hydrology (surface water, groundwater, water quality), geomorphology, soil, irrigation, land use and land capability, crops and cropping practices, water demand, demographic, socio-economic, etc.

Thematic output from DSS-H is available in the form of maps, graphs, tables, reports. Hydrology modeling tools are used to derive the results under different modules of DSS-H, which are useful in preparation of DPRs, DIPs, etc.

Themes & maps: Thematic layers; maps of location, drainage, geomorphology, soil, soil health, landuse, land capability, DEM, crops, structures, sampling sites,...

Tables: Spatial, non-spatial data tables, time series, probability distribution tables

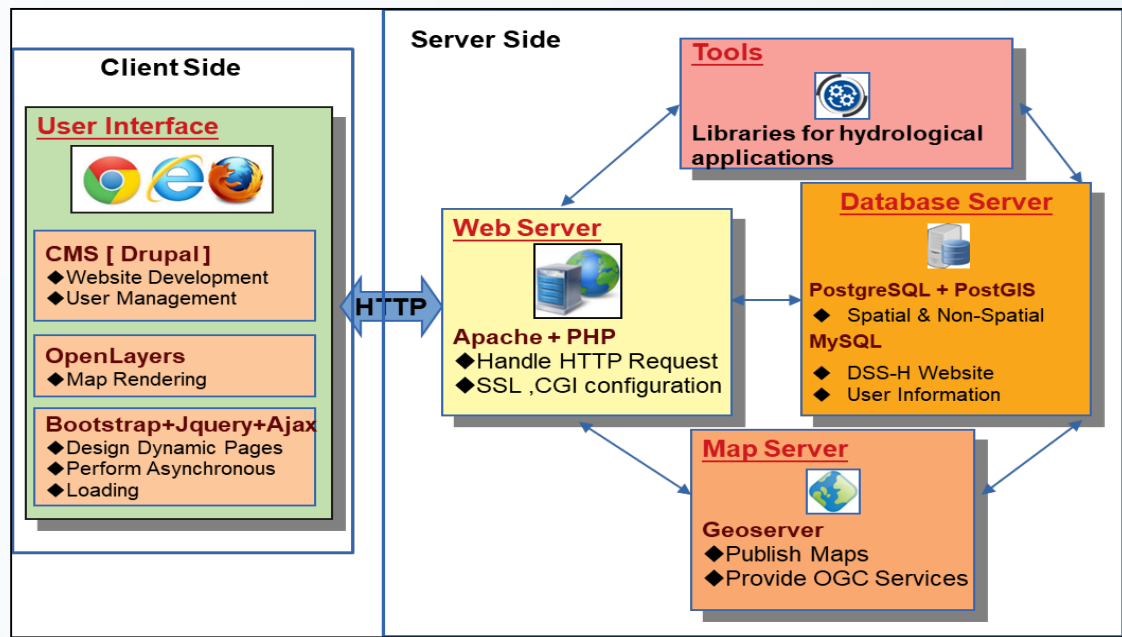
Graphs: Graphs for tables (input data and results)

Geotagged Structures: Soil and water conservation and groundwater recharge structures.

DSS Queries: Watershed specific queries/ answers on water availability, water demand, environment and livelihood, impact assessment

Metadata: Information regarding data

DSS-H Architecture



Modules of DSS-H

DSS-Hydrology for Neeranchal National Watershed Project

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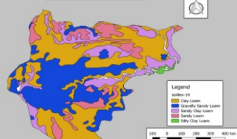


Objective of DSS-Hydrology

The overall objective is to support DoLR and States to develop and pilot decision-support systems (DSS-H) to facilitate improved returns from watershed management through assessment of investment options, site selection and prioritization. Prioritization relates to soil and water conservation measures including landuse practices at sub-watershed level that can then be downscaled to guide micro-watershed level planning.

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Soil Texture Map of IWMP-19



PLANNING

Planning for drinking water, livestock, industry and crops, Database generation, Design storage estimation, Water Demand estimation, water balance estimation, pre project Water use efficiency, crop productivity/production and soil health condition

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SITES AND STRUCTURES

Identification of suitable site for water harvesting structures, selecting appropriate structures for water conservation, soil conservation, Ground water recharge, catchment and command area of structures, estimation of number of structures feasible in the watershed.

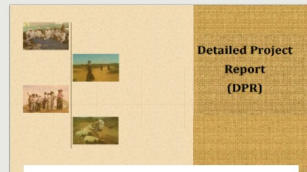
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IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Estimation of runoff with change in Land Use, computation of water quality Index, NDVI and NDWI, estimation of change in ground water table, soil moisture and soil erosion, post project crop production and water use efficiency, social vulnerability analysis

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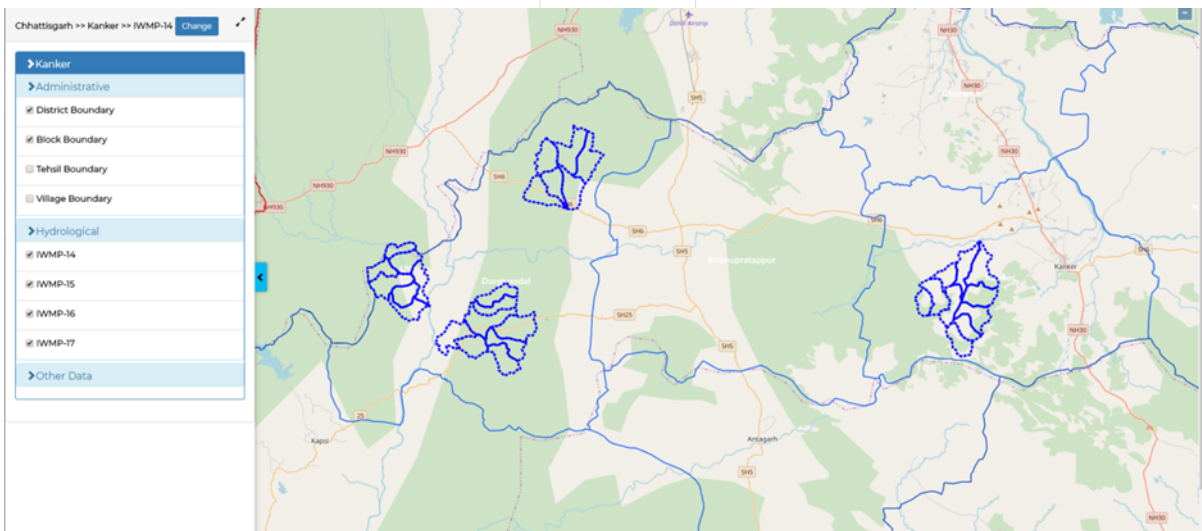


Detailed Project Report (DPR)

The DSS-H will provide the basic project information, geography and geohydrology of watershed, socio-economic profile of watershed, drinking water requirement, detail of crop area and yield, ground water table information in the watershed area

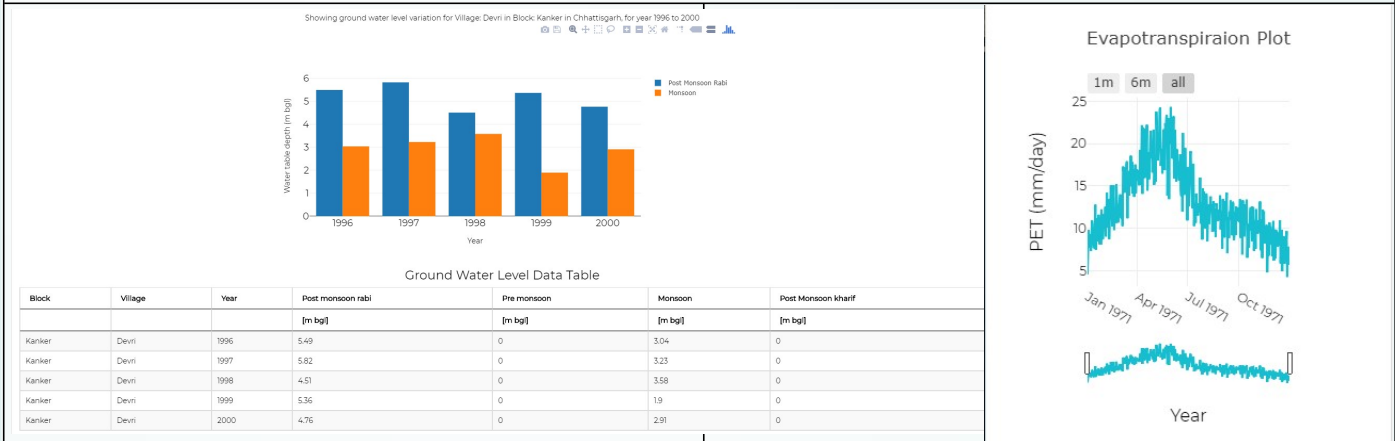
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SELECT STUDY AREA

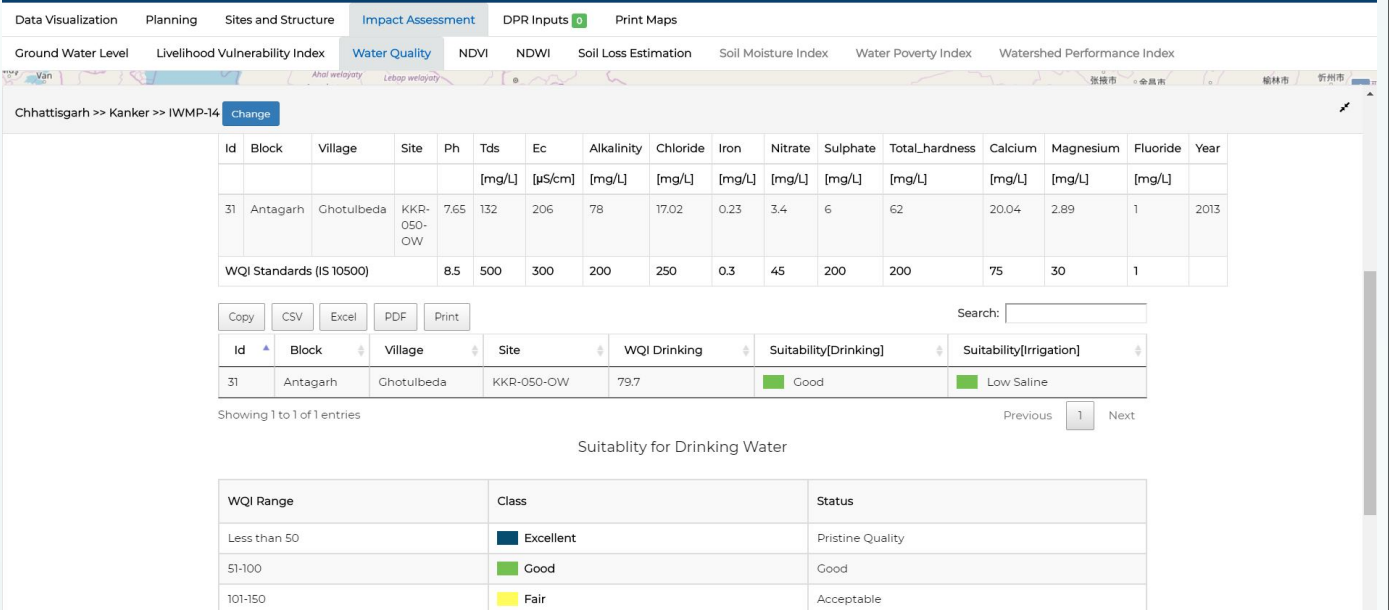


DSS-H Tools

Many tools are included in DSS-H for computation of hydrological parameters and various indices required for impact assessment. These tools are for computation of Runoff, ET, Ground Water Recharge, Soil Loss, Crop Water Requirement, Water Quality Index, Soil Moisture Index, Water Poverty Index, Watershed Sustainability Index, Watershed Performance Index, Livelihood Vulnerability Index.



DSS - Hydrology under Neeranchal National Watershed Project



Features of DSS-H

Interactive
Flexible
Modular
User friendly interface

Web based
Thin Client based
Geo-visualization
Built with free and open source technologies

DSS-H developed by:

National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) is a premier Research and Development organization under the MoWR, RD & GR, (Government of India). The main objective of NIH is to undertake, aid, promote and coordinate systematic and scientific work on all aspects of hydrology and water resources.

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