

# Estimation and Analysis of Rainfall–Runoff for Urban Hydrology using TR-55 SCS–CN and GIS Approach in Hebbal Valley of Bengaluru, South India



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**Abstract:** Urban floods are increasing frequently and severely. Climate change is usually attributed to urban floods with insufficient evidence. While in certain cases this appears to be true, the influence of landscape change in urban growth is more important. This study analyses development of an urban landscape with the complexity of established cities and combines physiographic data for the assessment of peak surface runoff in the study area, Hebbal valley. A portion of the Cauvery river basin draining into the Pinakini river in the district of Bangalore. It encompasses a 305.21 sq.km region in East Bengaluru and North Bengaluru. The land use and land cover classification was classified as 14 different categories: dark, light, roads and vegetation. The region of study has undergone unpredictable expansion and changes in the Land Use Land Cover in the last two decades. Several flood occurrences have occurred in different regions of Hebbal Valley throughout recent years. Rainfall analysis conducted between 1970 and 2018 with 1596mm of greatest precipitation. For the study, several space and non-space data were collected and thematic maps were produced. Runoff estimates for 2018 were made for 24 micro water sheds in the Hebbal Valley using SCS-CN TR55 technique for urban hydrology. The objective of this study is to determine the quantity of peak runoff produced, to develop better urban management techniques. The finding shows that rush volume has increased in recent years as land use patterns have changed and precipitation intensity has increased substantially over shorter periods. The study suggests spatial intervention efforts to provide suitable buildings and measures for flood flow.

**Keywords:** Curve Number, GIS, Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG), SCS-CN, Runoff Estimation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Flooding interferes with the environment, which causes both the natural and human conditions and the cost of the ecosystem, human costs including death and bodily harm, and sickness. The figures include the cost of medicine, economic costs, social costs and of the ecosystem costs. As socioeconomic activity, infrastructures and human beings are aggregated, the severity and cost of flood damage in cities or metropolitan areas is enhanced and increased. Increased incidence of urban flooding has been linked to urbanisation in flood plain areas [1] [2]. Urbanization increases population and building density, which increases surface screening and impenetrable areas, leading to fast increases in volume and speed of runoff [16]. Urbanization has been shown as a major contributor to the production of artificial floods that have affected the masses of ecosystems and energy dynamism. In 2050 urban development, along with global population growth, could bring 2.5 billion people to cities, with Asia and Africa accounting for almost 90% of that increase, according to the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs[17][18].

Previous research of different estimation of runoff has shown that SCS-CN is good for our Indian conditions. [3][4] Therefore, this study uses the SCS-CN method, which includes techniques for remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS), to estimate the study area.

## II. STUDY AREA

Hebbal valley is a component of the Cauvery river basin draining into the Pinakini river in the district of Bangalore extending from 13°02'48"N in latitude and 77°35'13"E in longitude.. It encompasses a 305.21 sq.km region in East Bengaluru and North Bengaluru as shown in fig 1 and fig 2. Urbanization in Bengaluru is the leading source of conversion of former surfaces to unprecedented concrete and asphalt areas urban floods are a complex occurrence, which can be caused by poor drainage in several forms, such as high intensity rainfall. The main source of floods in Bengaluru is Rainfall. A lot of precipitation has affected a lot of human activities in Hebbal valley.

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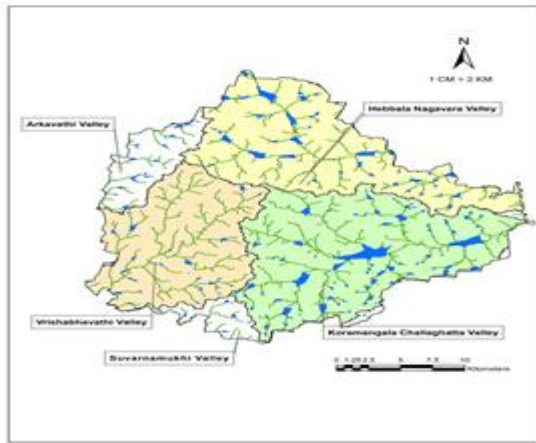
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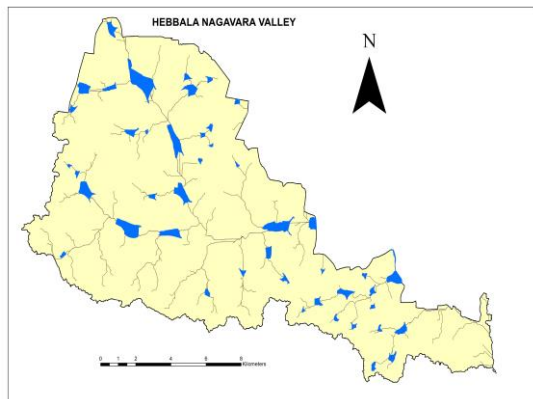
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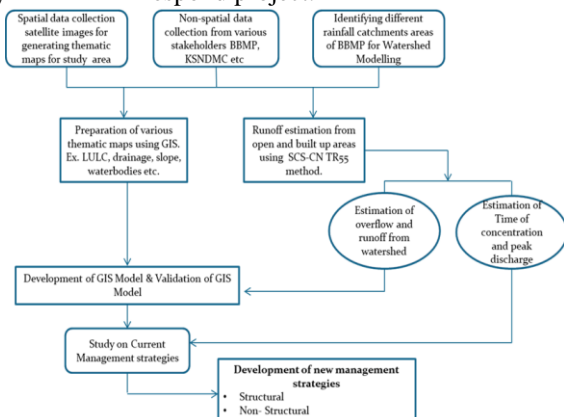
**Fig 1. Map showing location of study area & different valleys of Bengaluru**



**Fig 2. Map showing Hebbal Valley**

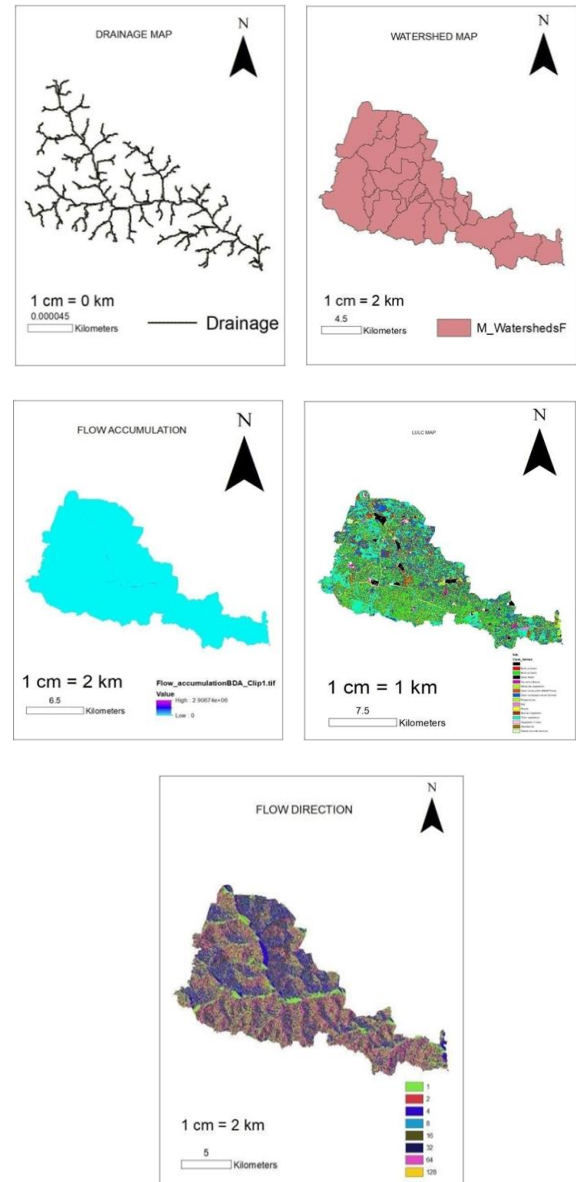
### III. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

Topo maps have been scanned and georeferenced from Survey of India (SOI) on a scale of 1:50,000. The current research utilized multi-spectral Resources satellite data – 2A LIS S IV of 5m resolution, 2.5m resolution Cartosat-1 and 10m digital elevation model (DEM). Visual satellite-image interpolation has been performed using GIS techniques for the research region. The topo sheets were used to designate flow accumulation, drainage, LU/LC, the watershed boundary and other relevant maps necessary for predicting runoff for additional information concerning spatial data. The ground truth assessment was carried out before the thematic maps for the region of research were defined. Flowchart 1 depicts methodology of the present studies on “Urban Flood Monitoring and Management using RS & GIS for Bengaluru City” an ISRO- Respond project.



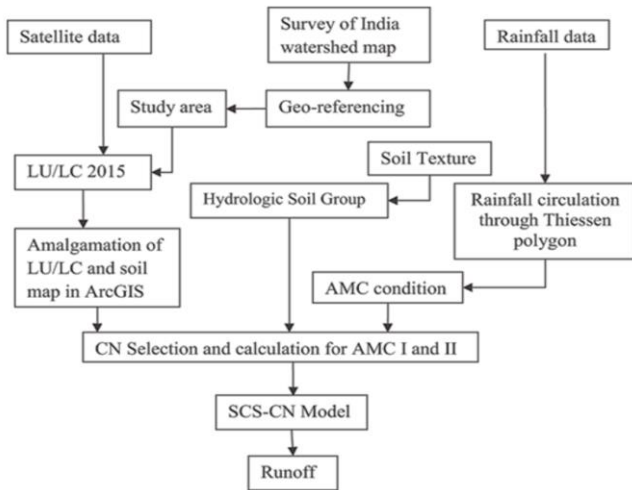
**Flow chart 1 Methodology adopted for present study**

Runoff was calculated using Micro Watersheds- TR55 NRCS Soil Conservation Service - SCS-CN Model for Urban Hydrology [10]. The soil map was collected by the Bengaluru Karnataka State Remote Sensing and Applications Centre, for the study region, and Rainfall data collected at different locations from the Karnataka Natural Disaster Monitoring Center for Rainfall data for the 2018 study area. For estimation of run-off Land Use Land Cover it was characterised using ArcGIS-10.5 software. The values in the hydrologic soil group and the previous moisture condition in the watershed have been determined. The number of the curve value. Fig 3 shows the thematic maps prepared for study area.



**Fig 3. Thematic Maps delineated for study area**

The approach for runoff calculation in the current study is presented in Flowchart 2.



Flowchart 2 Methodology to estimate runoff by SCS-CN

The SCS-CN approach is normally used empirical method to estimate the quantity of runoff for a catchment [11].

$$Q = (P - I_a) \cdot \frac{P - I_a + S}{P + I_a + S} \quad (1)$$

Where Q is runoff generated in mm, P refers to precipitation in mm, I<sub>a</sub> is the initial abstraction in mm and S is potential retention factor. Where,

$$I_a = 0.2S \quad (2)$$

For Indian condition, Potential retention factor is given by,

$$S = (25400/CN) - 254 \quad (3)$$

Where, CN refers to Curve Number which is taken from Mary C. Halley P.E. et al. cumulative curve number was derived from LULC classifications considering hydrologic soil group (HSG) classifications such as group A, B, C & D. [4][6] Equation rewritten as

$$Q = (P - 0.2S) \cdot \frac{P - 0.2S}{P + 0.8S} \quad (4)$$

### A. Antecedent Moisture Condition

AMC conditions are basically derived as AMC I, AMC II & AMC III it is considered taking care of preceding rainfall events for purpose of runoff modelling. Where AMC I refer to dry condition in past 5 days, AMC II average condition and AMC III refers to wet condition. Table 1 and 2 represents the AMC condition and multiplication factor for associated curve number.

Table 1 AMC for determining the value of CN

AMC Type	Total Rain in Previous 5days	
	Dormant season	Growing season
I	Less than 13mm	Less than 36mm
II	13 to 28mm	36 to 53mm
III	More than 28mm	More than 53mm

Table 2 Multiplication factor for converting AMC II to me and III conditions

Curve number/Weighted curve number for AMC II	Factors to convert from AMC II to III	
	AMC I	AMC II
10	0.40	2.22
20	0.45	1.85
30	0.50	1.67
40	0.55	1.50
50	0.62	1.40
60	0.67	1.30
70	0.73	1.21
80	0.79	1.14
90	0.87	1.07
100	1.00	100

### B. Calculation of Curve Number

Runoff was calculated using Micro Watersheds- TR55 NRCS Soil Conservation Service - SCS-CN Model for Urban Hydrology. Table 3 represents calculation of weighed CN in study. Figure 4 depicts composition of LULC for one watershed.

Table 3 Calculation of weighted CN for Krishnarajapura Watershed

MICROWATERSHED-23					
RAINGAUGE STATION: KRISHNARAJAPUR					
Rowid	FEATURE_CLASS	AREA_SQKM	%AREA	CN	Product of CN X Area
1	Thick vegetation	1.4838	10.33	71	105
2	Moderate vegetation	0.7626	5.31	73	56
3	Sparse vegetation	1.6276	11.33	76	124
4	Open lands/agriculture/ fallows/	2.7102	18.86	74	201
5	Built-up (dark)	0.8647	6.02	90	78
6	Built-up (light)	4.9452	34.41	80	396
7	Open lands within BBMP Parks	0.0204	0.14	74	2
8	Roads	1.7993	12.52	98	176
9	Rail	0.0529	0.37	98	5
10	Deep water	0.0090	0.06	74	1
11	Vegetation in lake	0.0391	0.27	100	4
12	Weeds (smooth texture)	0.0042	0.03	86	0
13	Dry tank (others)	0.0356	0.25	91	3
14	Playgrounds	0.0152	0.11	91	1
	Total	14.3697			1151

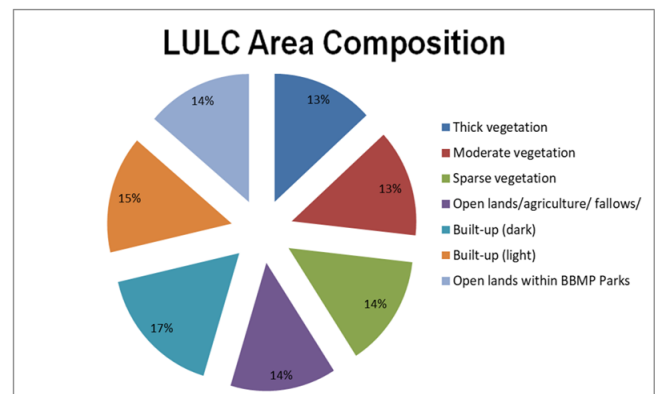


Fig 4 Land Use Land Cover Composition of Krishnarajapura Watershed

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Calculations of runoff under different AMC conditions have been estimated using SCS-CN as per the TR55 in LULC compositions for 24 different Hebbal Valley micro-watersheds. Figure 5 shows the precipitation trend in the region of Bengaluru for years past and present changes in the precipitation pattern can be seen in 2005 with more than 1596 mm of precipitation [1]. Figure 6 illustrates the percentage deviation trend in rainfall for the study area. Table 4 presents the results of runoffs from watersheds adopting SCS-CN for particular 2018 precipitation events. For the study area, the figure 5 displays the trend of rainfall.



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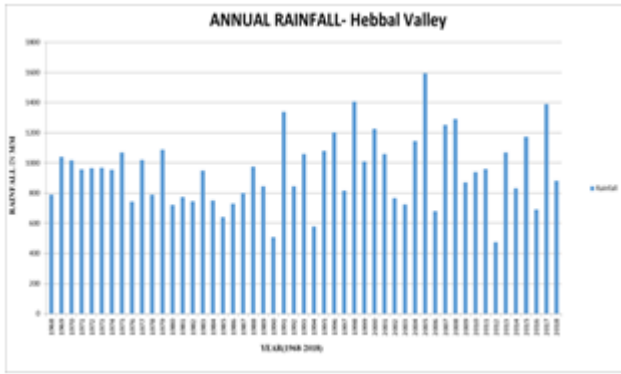


Fig 5 Rainfall analysis for Hebbal Valley

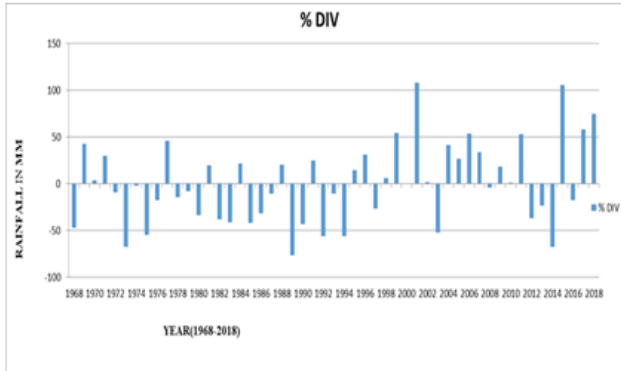


Fig 6 Rainfall deviation for Hebbal valley

Table 4 Sample calculation of amount of runoff generated

DATE	RAIN FALL (mm)	AMC (condition)	CN	S	Runoff (Q) in mm	Q in m	Area of Watershed in m <sup>2</sup>	Total Volume of runoff in m <sup>3</sup>
Sep-14	15.8	1	63.2	147.30	0.000	0	14369675	0
Sep-15	23.0	1	63.2	147.30	0.000	0	14369675	0
Sep-16	1.5	3	91.3	24.09	0.000	0	14369675	0
Sep-17	42.8	3	91.3	24.09	23.239	0.02324	14369675	333932
Sep-18	7.2	3	91.3	24.09	0.211	0.00021	14369675	3027.84
Sep-19	0.0	3	91.3	24.09	0.000	0	14369675	0
Sep-20	0.2	3	91.3	24.09	0.000	0	14369675	0
Sep-21	4.1	3	91.3	24.09	0.000	0	14369675	0

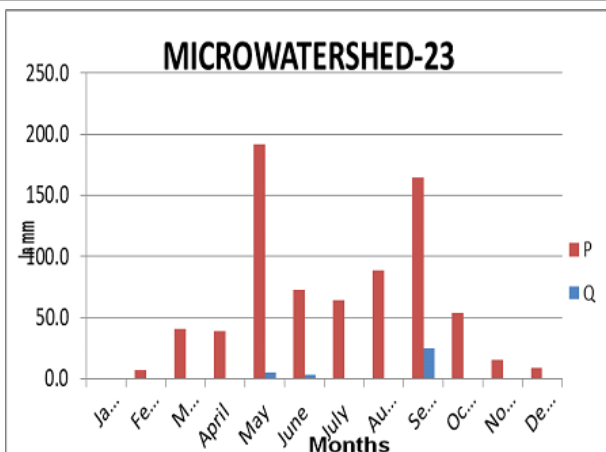


Fig. 7 Runoff variation for the year 2018

Fig 7 shows the variation in rainfall-runoff for the various months of 2018, it is seen that in the month of September highest runoff was generated in particular watershed of Krishnarajapura of Hebbal Valley.

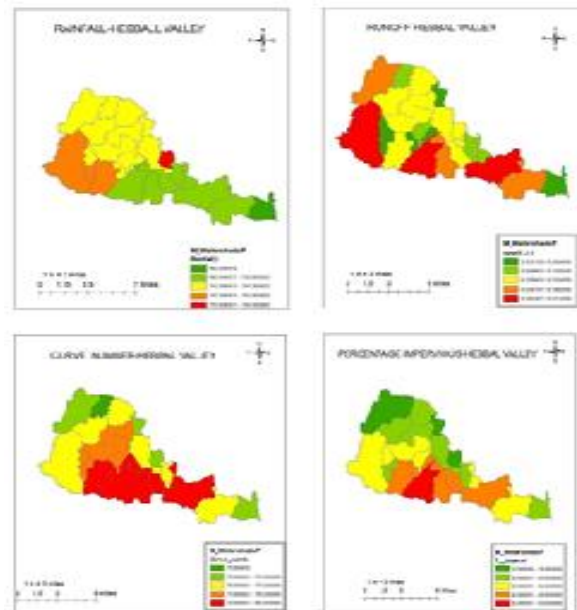
Table 6 Calculation of Peak Discharge

Peak Discharge		
Drainage Area, Am	5.55	m <sup>2</sup>
Runoff curve number	80	
Time of Concentration, Tc	11.27	hr
Rainfall Distribution	II	
Rainfall, P (24hr)	42.80	mm/day
	1.69	in/day
Initial Abstraction, Ia	0.41	in
Ia/P	0.24	
Unit Peak Discharge ( Graph), qu	500.00	csm/in
S	2.48	
Runoff Q	0.39	in
Peak Discharge, qp	1068.11	cfs
	30.25	m <sup>3</sup> /s

Table 6 Calculation of Time of Concentration

Time of Concentration (Tc)		
Flow Length	7529.67	ft
Watercourse slope, s	0.01	%
Average Velocity, V	0.19	ft/s
Time of concentration, Tc	11.27	hr

Time of Concentration and Peak discharge is calculated as per TR 55 for urban watersheds as shown in Table 5 and Table 6 for Krishnarajapura watershed and the same is conducted for other watersheds of study area. Results extracted from satellite imageries and results obtained from runoff estimation is incorporated in database of GIS using ArcGIS software and Fig 8 shows various GIS thematic maps consisting % impervious, curve number, rainfall, runoff, volume of runoff, mean daily intensity, peak discharge and time of concentration for various micro watersheds of Hebbal Valley.



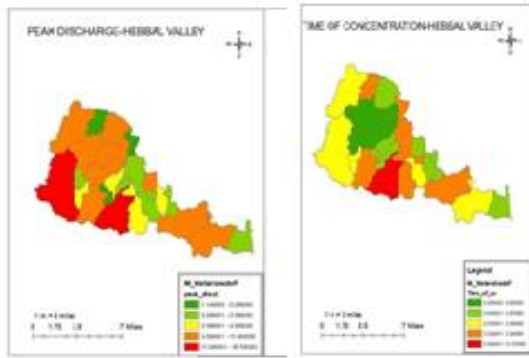


Fig 8 Results of the study incorporated in GIS

### V. CONCLUSION

Rapid evolution and encroachment are a major cause of flooding in the city of Bengaluru. The area under consideration is frequently damaged by floods without rainy season constraints. Over 50 per cent of total annual precipitation is recorded in August, September and October in 2005 with maximum annual precipitation of 1596 mm. For the study the satellite image, precipitation details were obtained. The study field subject maps were generated, such as accumulation of flow, flow direction, drainage, land use, etc Runoff estimates for Hebbal Valley for the year 2018 were calculated for the 24 micro-watersheds of the research region using SCS-CN TR-55 for an urban hydrologic approach and time of concentration. The results and additional computations of the runoff estimates have been included in GIS and a map has been developed. A short assessment on management strategy for storm-water runoff has been collected in several nations and an appropriate technique has been derived to be adapted to the current urban context. The rise in concrete surfaces and the conversion into impermeable layer of former strata was a severe negative, leading to flooding in the study area. The main concerns for smooth administration of life are disasters. Uninterrupted movement of persons must be taken care of. Lakes and rajakaluve precipitations cause the incidence of flash flooding in order to properly maintain the existing structures and to recommend and design a better management strategy for the field of research. The flood results in the study region and practical data on floods have been matched in the study area. Studies have also shown that action on present management methods must be taken and storm water management approaches must be integrated for the city of Bangalore.

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