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## Two-dimensional Dam break flow analysis of Cascade of Dam using HEC-RAS

**TS-1: Global Best Practices in Dam Safety Management & Governance**

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## Introduction

- Dams are barrier to store water
  - Irrigation
  - Flood moderation
  - Power generation
  - Domestic WS
  - Industrial WS
- Of the country but the same dam if **fails** will leads high **flood waves** that travel along a valley at quite high speed and can cause **partial or catastrophic loss of life and properties.**



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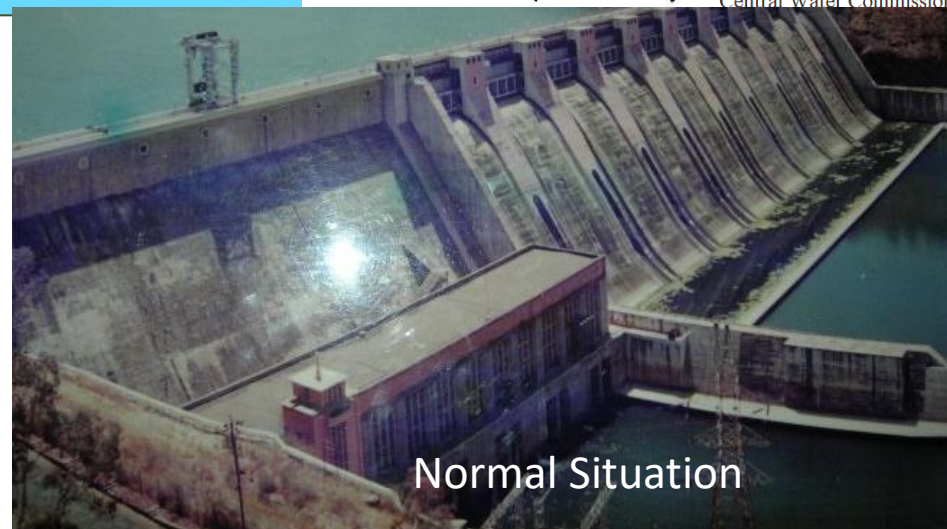
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## Motivation of the Study

- **Gandhi Sagar Dam** is the third largest dam of India
- First in the series of the Chambal valley project (4 dams/barrages).
- On **September 15, 2019**, one such **flood disaster** was faced by Dam when this dam came close to overtopping.
- Heavy rains in the catchment cause an **inflow of 17.88 lakh cusec** (5063.05 cumec) and **outflow of approximately 5 lakh cusecs** (1400 cumec) of water (CWC report).



Normal Situation



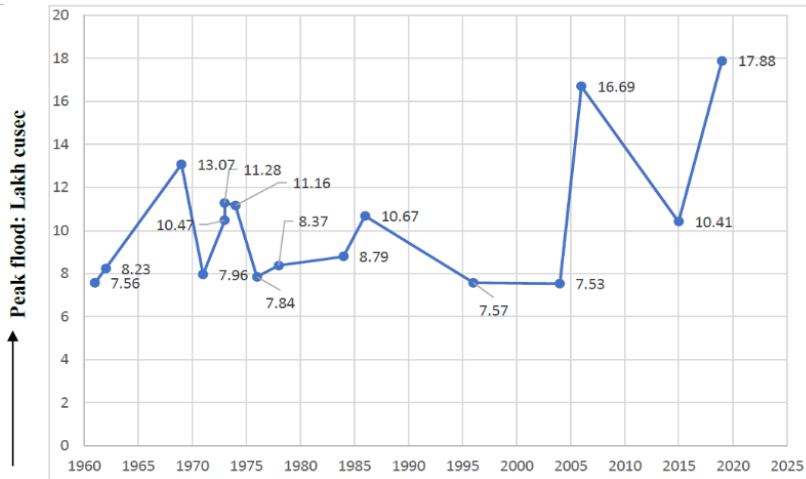
Sept 15 2019 Situation

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- The situation was so menacing that the CWC called it's overtopping a **“National Crises”**.
- RAPP is D/S of GS Sagar dam
- The topography is **high undulated**.
- Gandhi Sagar Dam has started experiencing floods shortly after the construction has finished.
- Change in runoff pattern due to change in ecology
- Erratic water flows have rendered the dam unsafe and arrangements for surplus storage is insufficient (Gupta and Kawadia, 2007).

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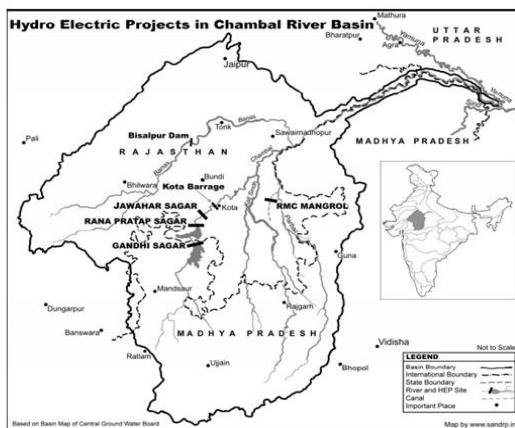
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## Study Area: Chambal Valley Project



Started in 1954 on the Chambal River.

**1st Stage (1960):** Gandhi Sagar Dam

**2nd Stage (1970):** Rana Pratap Sagar Dam

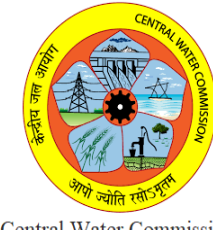
**3rd Stage (1971-72):** Jawahar Sagar dam and Kota Barrage

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## Salient Features of the Chambal Valley Project

| S. No | Particulars             | Gandhi Sagar                  | Ranapratap Sagar              | Jawahar Sagar                       | Kota Barrage                   |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.    | Lat. And Long.          | 24°42'24"N<br>&<br>75°33'12"E | 24°55'04"N<br>&<br>75°34'53"E | 25°2'12.796"N<br>&<br>75°40'39.92"E | 25°10'33.49"N<br>& 75°49'35"E. |
| 2.    | Catchment area(sq.km)   | 23051                         | 24864                         | 27195                               | 27454                          |
| 3.    | Type of dam             | Gravity dam                   | Gravity dam                   | Gravity dam                         | Earthfill dam                  |
| 4.    | Road top EL (ft.)       | 1324                          | 1172                          | 1000                                | 862                            |
| 5.    | Overflow crest EL (ft.) | 1284                          | 1129                          | 936                                 | 812                            |
| 6.    | Dead storage (ft.)      | 1250                          | 1125                          | NA                                  | NA                             |
| 7.    | MWL (ft.)               | 1312                          | 1162                          | 990                                 | 857                            |
| 8.    | FRL (ft.)               | 1312                          | 1157.5                        | 980                                 | 854                            |

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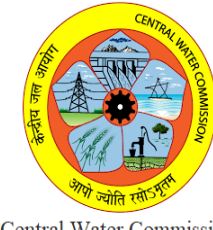
|     |                         |                      |                      |                      |                    |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 9.  | Sluice gate             | 9 Nos.<br>(10'*25')  | 4 Nos.<br>(9'*11')   | NA                   | 2 Nos.<br>(9'*11') |
| 10. | Crest gates (ft.)       | 10 Nos.<br>(60'*28') | 17 Nos.<br>(60'*28') | 22 Nos.<br>(55'*44') | NA                 |
| 11. | Gross capacity (MCM)    | 7165                 | 2905                 | 67                   | 70                 |
| 12. | Live capacity (MCM)     | 6605                 | 1443                 | 25                   | 10                 |
| 13. | Dead capacity (MCM)     | 560                  | 1462                 | 42                   | 69                 |
| 14. | Power hydel (MW)        | 115                  | 172                  | 99                   | 0                  |
| 15. | Rabi irrigation<br>(Ha) | Rajasthan            | 225000               |                      |                    |
|     |                         | Madhya Pradesh       | 362100               |                      |                    |

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## Data Used

| S.NO | DATA USED   | SOURCE  |
|------|---|---|
| 1.   | Digital elevation model(DEM) of study area  | Alaska satellite facility (12.5 m)  |
| 2.   | Salient features of Gandhi Sagar Dam  | MPWRD   |
| 3.   | LULC of Study area  | Prepared using LANDSAT 8 satellite image and survey of India toposheets using ArcGIS. |
| 4.   | Flood hydrograph (Gandhi Sagar Dam)   | MPWRD   |
| 5.   | Elevation storage curve of Gandhi Sagar and Ranapratap Sagar reservoir.                   | MPWRD   |
| 6.   | Elevation storage curve of Jawahar Sagar and Kota Barrage reservoir.                      | MP & Raj WRD  |
| 7.   | Salient features of Ranapratap Sagar Dam, Jawahar Sagar Dam and Kota Barrage respectively | <a href="http://water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd#">http://water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd#</a>   |
| 8.   | Satellite Image (LANDSAT 8)   | <a href="https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/">https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/</a>         |

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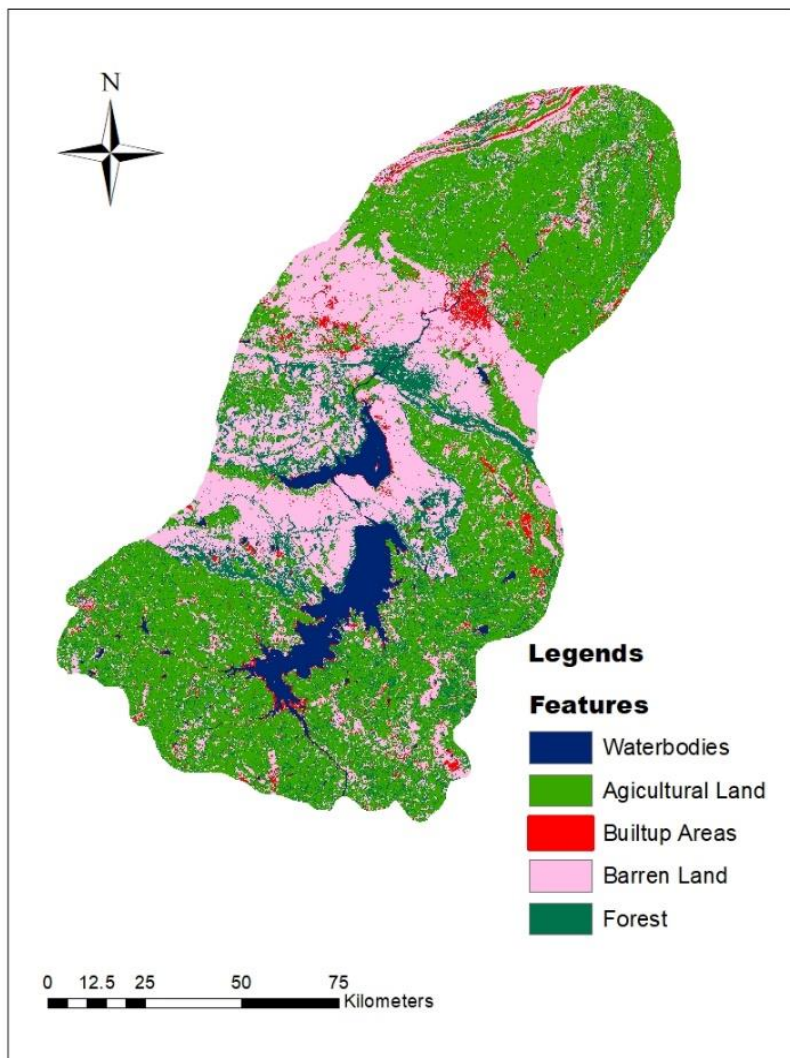


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### Table: LULC Features Area

| Features          | Area (sq.km) | Area (%) |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| Waterbodies       | 873.81539    | 5.459944 |
| Agricultural Land | 7211.085     | 45.05771 |
| Built-up Areas    | 535.232      | 3.344341 |
| Barren Land       | 5078.291     | 31.73117 |
| Forest            | 2305.686     | 14.40684 |

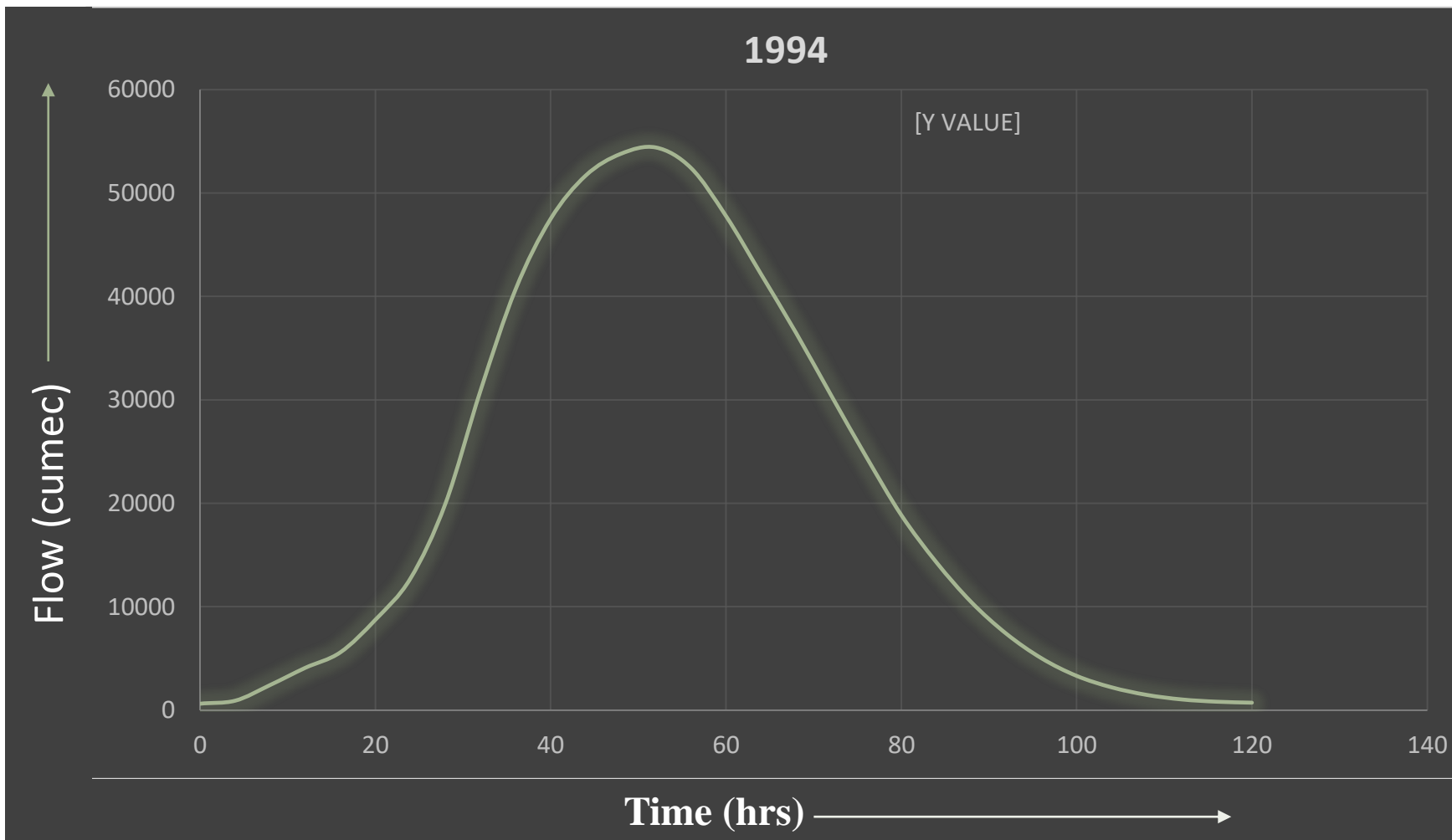


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**Fig. Design Flood Hydrograph of Gandhi Sagar Dam**

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# METHODOLOGY

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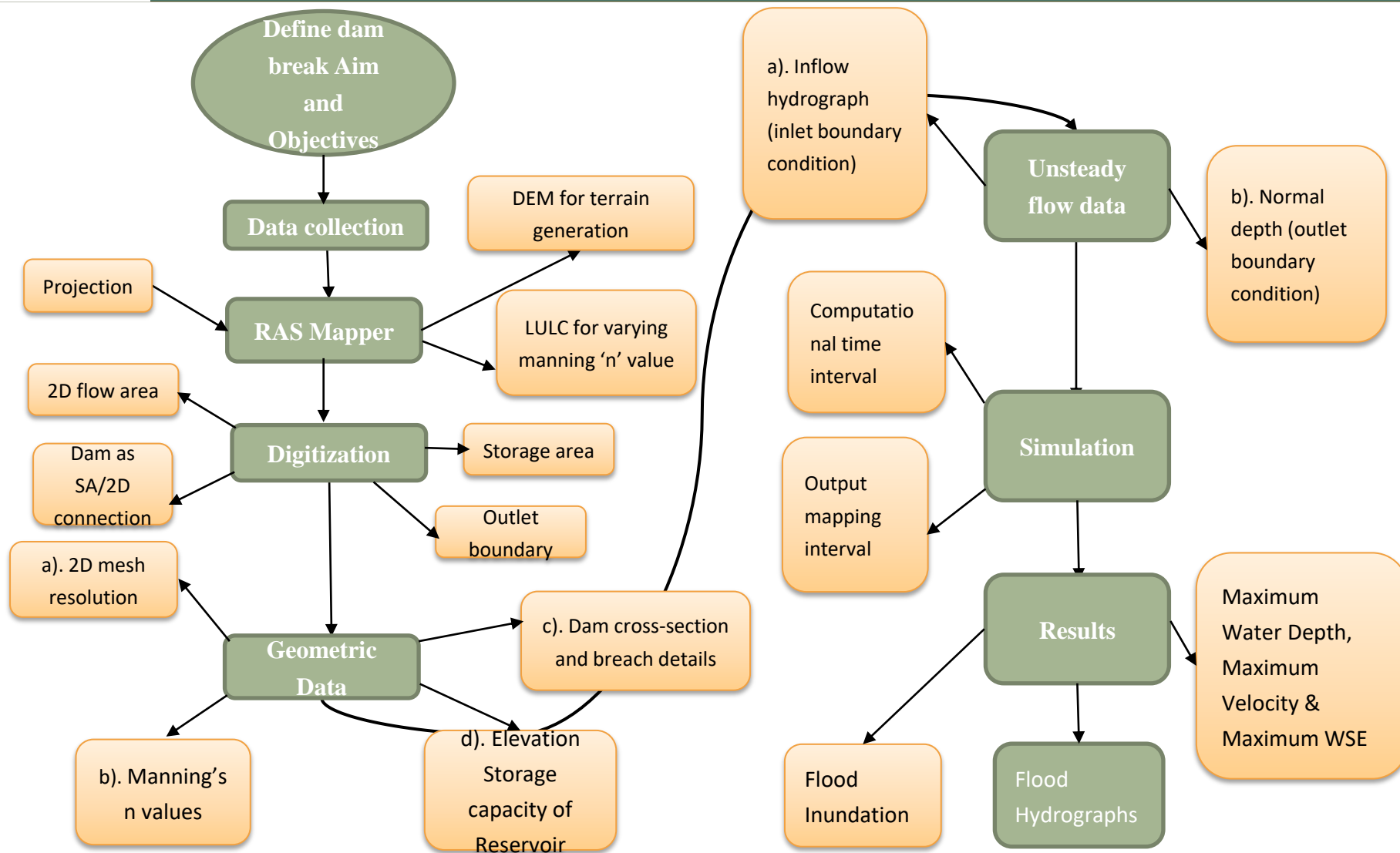


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## Model Setup

- A two-dimensional mesh was created for the expected flood area due to the dam break. The cell size of the mesh is 50 m X 50 m.
- LANSAT 8 satellite is used to prepare LULC map for the study area to provide varying manning's n values.
- The whole study area has been divided into 5 features classes viz. Water bodies (0.04), Agriculturr (0.035), Built-up Areas (0.1), Barren Land (0.025) & Forest (0.16) (Chow, 1959).
- Storage area is digitized and the elevation versus storage curve obtained as an input
- SA/2D flow connection and was used to represent dam body in the model.
- The breach plan was computed using **USACE 2007 guidelines for Gravity Dam** and **Froehlich 2008 empirical equation for earth fill dam.**

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## RESULTS and ANALYSIS

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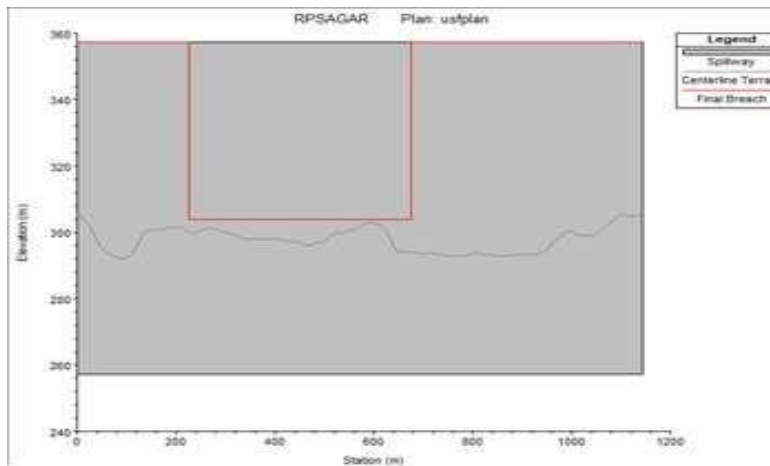


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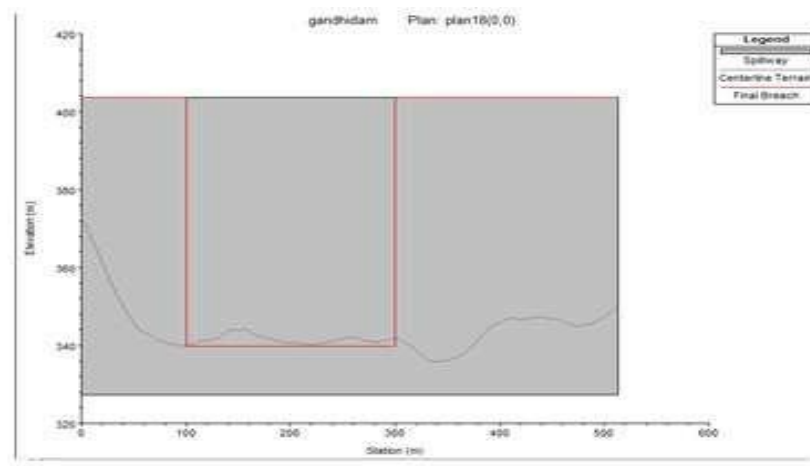
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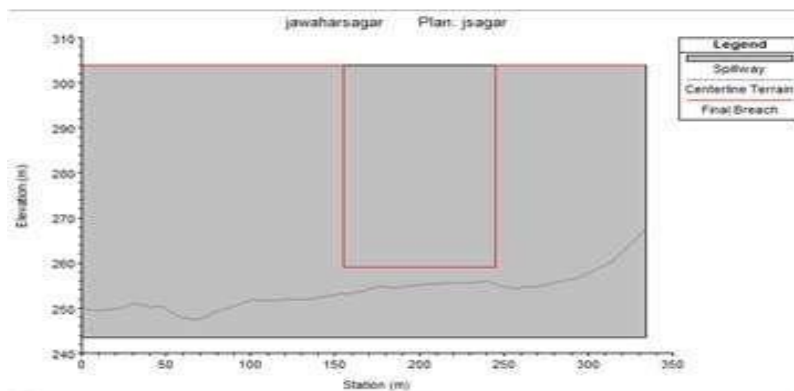
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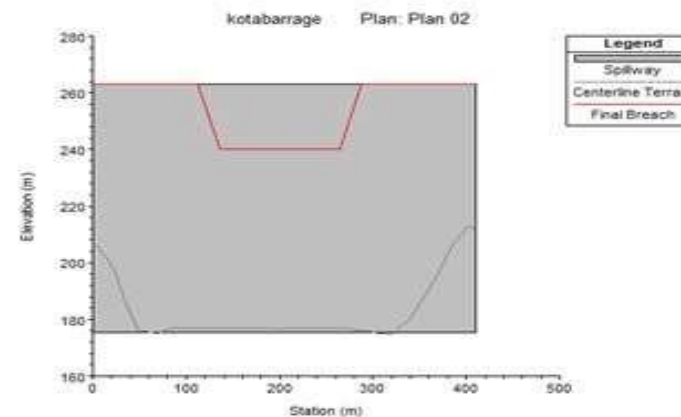
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Fig. Breach Plot for a) Gandhi Sagar dam b) Ranapratap Sagar dam c) Jawahar Sagar Dam and d) Kota Barrage**

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- In this HEC-RAS model setup, each dam's lateral inflow flood hydrograph *is given as the inflow boundary condition and normal depth as an outflow boundary condition.*
- Computation interval : 5 seconds
- Mapping output interval : 30 seconds,
- Hydrograph output interval : 1 hour,
- Detailed output interval : 1 hour
- The analysis of each dam is proceeded subsequently based on the preceding Dam break scenario.
- Equation set used for unsteady flow modeling is **diffusion wave equation** and the initial condition time for 2D flow analysis is set to 8 hrs.

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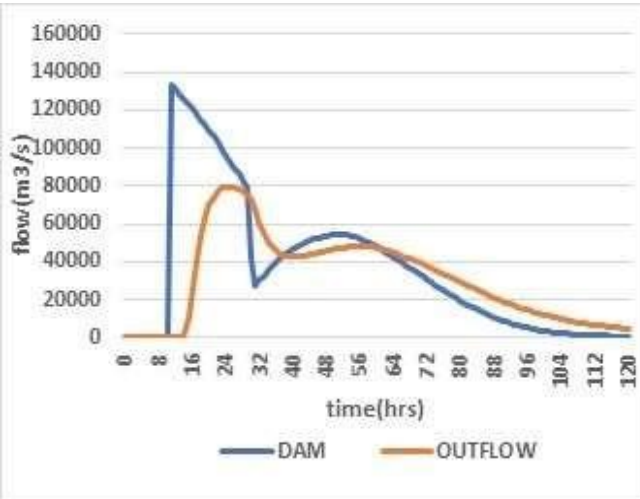


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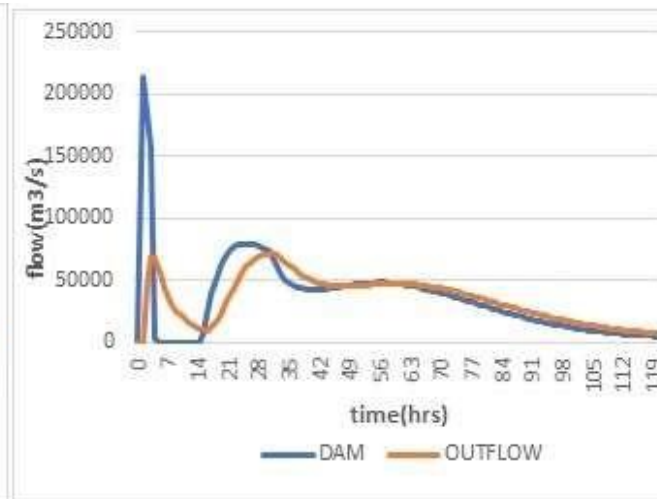
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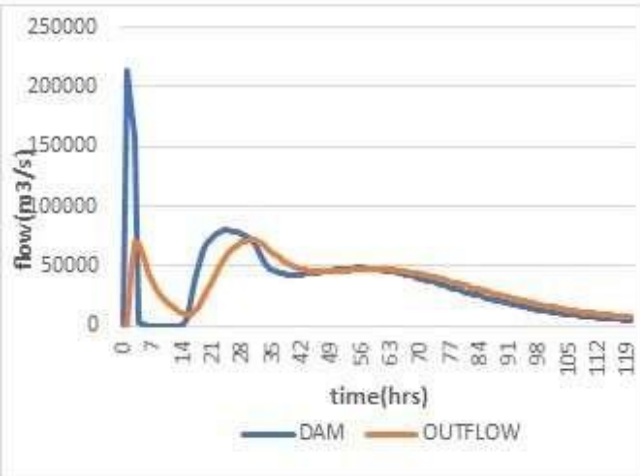
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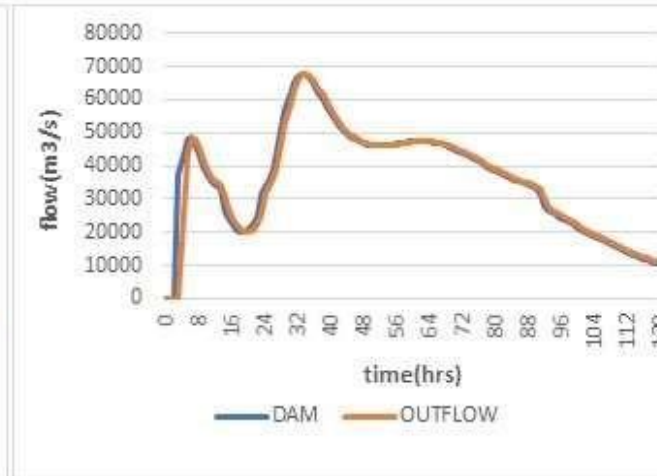
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**Fig. Flood Hydrograph Obtained downstream of (a) Gandhi Sagar Dam, (b) Ranapratap Sagar Dam, (c) Jawahar Sagar Dam, and (d) Kota Barrage**

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**Table. Maximum Depth, Mean Depth, and Maximum velocity at villages/Town nearby Kota Barrage**

| Affected Villages/town | Area of Village/town (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Maximum Depth (m) | Mean Depth (m) | Minimum Arrival Time (h:mm:ss) |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Gaonri</b>          | 1.957846                                | 16.2616           | 2.65624        | <b>2:34:30</b>                 |
| <b>Ram Kherli</b>      | 0.752624                                | 12.0499           | 3.41774        | <b>6:04:30</b>                 |
| <b>Kherli Pande</b>    | 2.435877                                | 11.3177           | 2.51794        | <b>5:56:30</b>                 |
| <b>Pipalda Shekhan</b> | 1.129614                                | 11.9434           | 3.75197        | <b>5:51:30</b>                 |
| <b>Daslana</b>         | 1.266168                                | 10.9623           | 2.79948        | <b>6:10:00</b>                 |
| <b>Borkhandi</b>       | 2.642331                                | 10.9771           | 2.71592        | <b>5:47:30</b>                 |
| <b>Hanuwant Khera</b>  | 2.274345                                | 10.9751           | 3.22904        | <b>6:53:30</b>                 |
| <b>Rajnagar</b>        | 1.218089                                | 10.9739           | 2.70612        | <b>8:41:00</b>                 |
| <b>Kota (RJ)</b>       | <b>155.4487</b>                         | <b>24.1414</b>    | <b>8.14137</b> | <b>0:11:03</b>                 |
| <b>Badoonda</b>        | 8.634013                                | 12.2791           | 5.75863        | <b>6:02:30</b>                 |
| <b>Chhapawada</b>      | 2.337028                                | 13.7337           | 5.5022         | <b>5:48:00</b>                 |
| <b>Bajar</b>           | 5.334004                                | 10.5155           | 4.66389        | <b>7:25:00</b>                 |

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| Affected Villages/town | Area of Village/town (m <sup>2</sup> ) | Maximum Depth (m) | Mean Depth (m) | Minimum Arrival Time (h:mm:ss) |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Teetarwasa             | 3.006049                               | 11.7879           | 3.9787         | 4:30:00                        |
| Gamach                 | 4.298826                               | 13.1289           | 3.54735        | 4:09:00                        |
| Keshonagar             | 3.472765                               | 15.6864           | 2.03918        | 2:06:30                        |

## *Effect of Flood on Rawatbhata Atomic Power Station (RAPS)*

The effect of the flood on RAPP due to Gandhi Sagar Dam break is analyzed for two cases.

- i) When upstream dam reservoir, Ranapratap Sagar reservoir is empty.
- ii) When upstream dam reservoir, Ranapratap Sagar reservoir is full.

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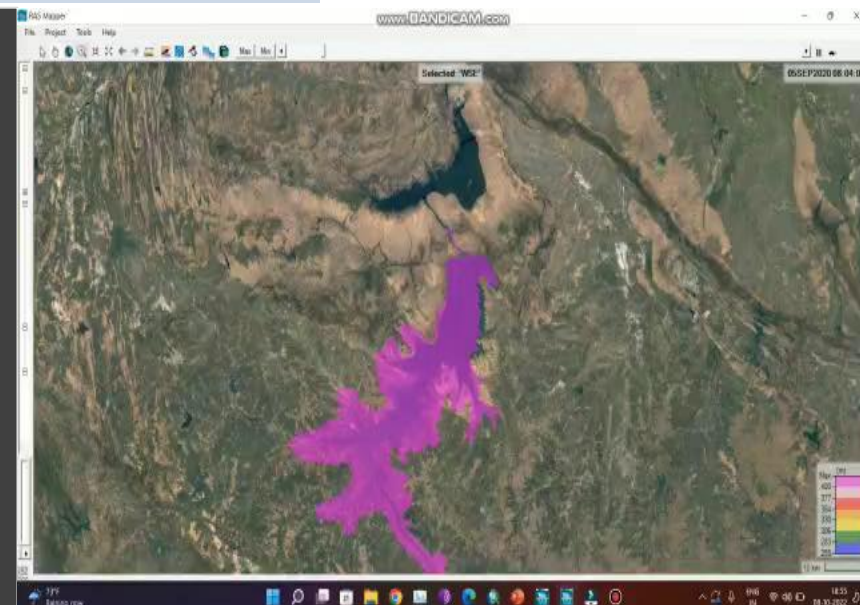
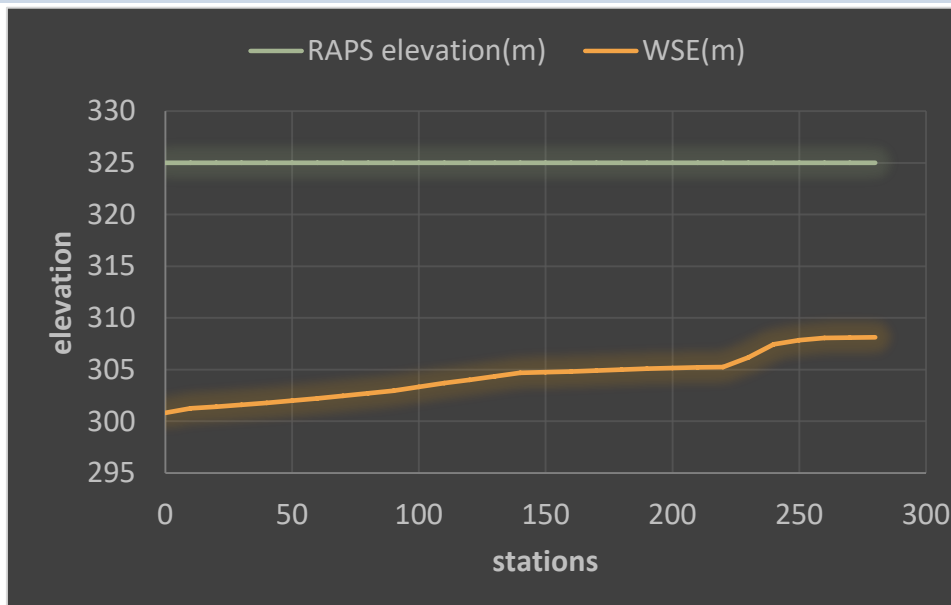
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## CASE 1: When Ranapratap reservoir storage is empty



- Max water surface elevation due to Gandhi Sagar dam break flood near the power plant found out is 308.2 is less than 325 m RL of Rawatbhata Nuclear Power Plant
- floodwater will not reach up to the nuclear power station. But a proper site visit is necessary to take precautionary measures to keep the power plant safe.

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there is a chance of flood at that

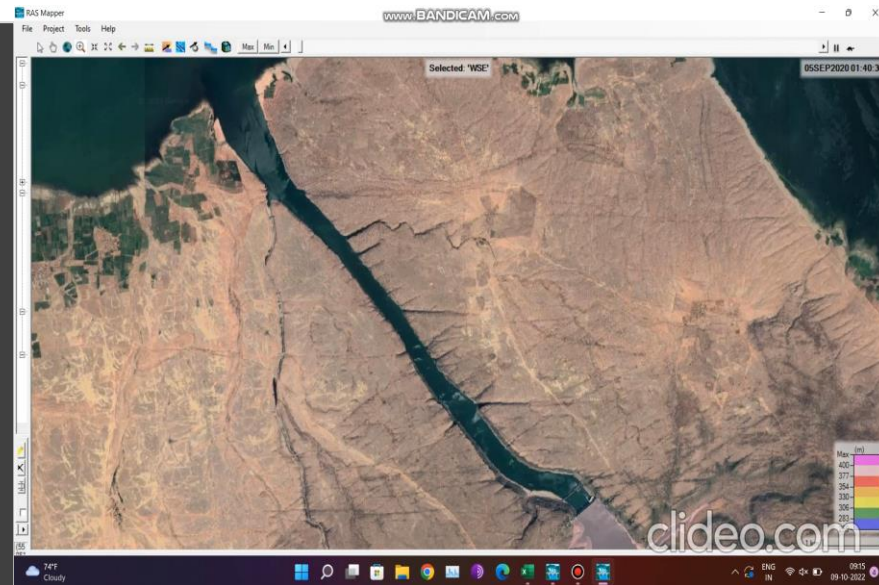
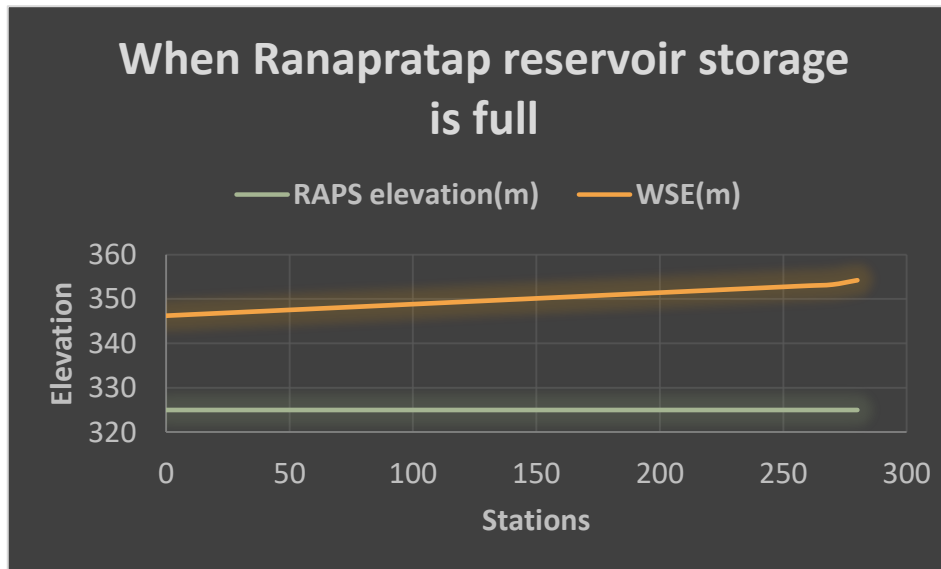


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## CASE 2: When Ranapratap reservoir storage is full.



- Max water surface elevation due to Gandhi Sagar dam break flood near the power plant found out is 354 m which is more than 325 m RL of Rawatbhata Nuclear Power Plant
- floodwater will may cause significant damage to many of the plant's reactors. This situation may be more devastating than the Chornobyl Disaster of Japan.



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## CONCLUSIONS

1. The max discharge **D/S of Gandhi Sagar Dam (D1)** is **79822.26 cumec** is higher than the PMF of Ranapratap Sagar Dam (D2) (18400 cumec) may cause Failure of Ranapratap Sagar dam (D2).
2. Similarly, the **maximum** discharge of D2 is **71822.19 m<sup>3</sup>/sec** which is higher than PMF of Jawahar Sagar Dam (D3) (**21225 cumec**) may cause Failure of D3.
3. The dam break of Gandhi Sagar dam may lead to break all the structures including Kota barrage (D4).
4. Dam break time of Gandhi Sagar dam (D1) is 14:37:25 Flood arrival time from Gandhi Sagar dam (D1) to Ranapratap Sagar dam (D2) is 1:16:30 hrs and Ranapratap Sagar dam (D2) to Kota (D4) is 3:47:00 hrs.
5. The elevation of RAPP is 325 m will be affected severely when D1 is broken and D2 is full may cause may cause significant--damage to many of the plant's reactors.

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