

A Presentation to DoLR GOI

Basemap Generation and Incorporation of Available Datasets to Create a Digital Land Records System

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Introduction

Problem Overview and Key Input Datasets

Problem Statement

Objective: To **reconcile legacy land record** datasets, and generate **accurate village basemaps** which are (i) legally valid, and (ii) closely match ground reality (as far as possible), and **digital land record systems to support DLR functions.**

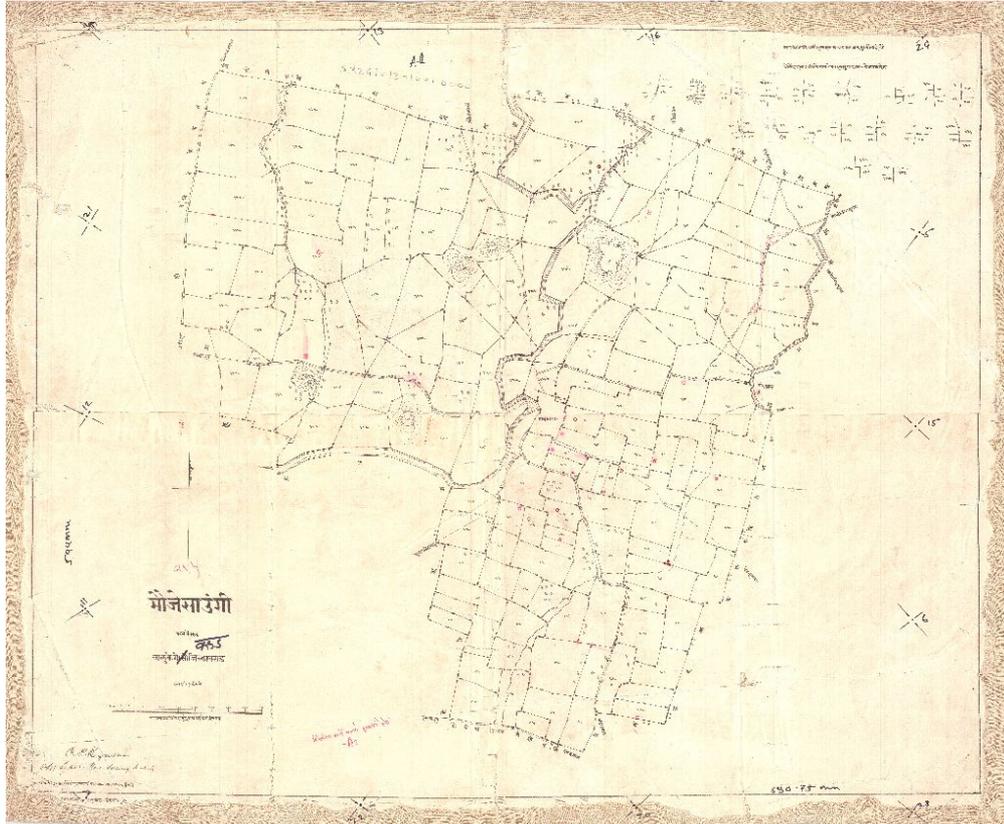
Existing Land Record Data

- **Village Survey Map:** Digitised set of cadastral/survey polygons
- **Approximate Georeferenced Village Boundaries:** Used to determine scale and position of village survey map
- **Textual Sub-Survey Records:** Parcel data at the finest level, mapping ID/area to ownership information

Additional Inputs

- **Segmented Farm Plots** (Google): Geography of individual farm plots, defined as the lowest granularity of agricultural land use in a given season
- **Ground Control Points:** Labeled locations of large rocks signifying land tri-junctions

Input 1: Village Survey Map



Paper maps: behind 66% of civil court cases in India (property disputes)

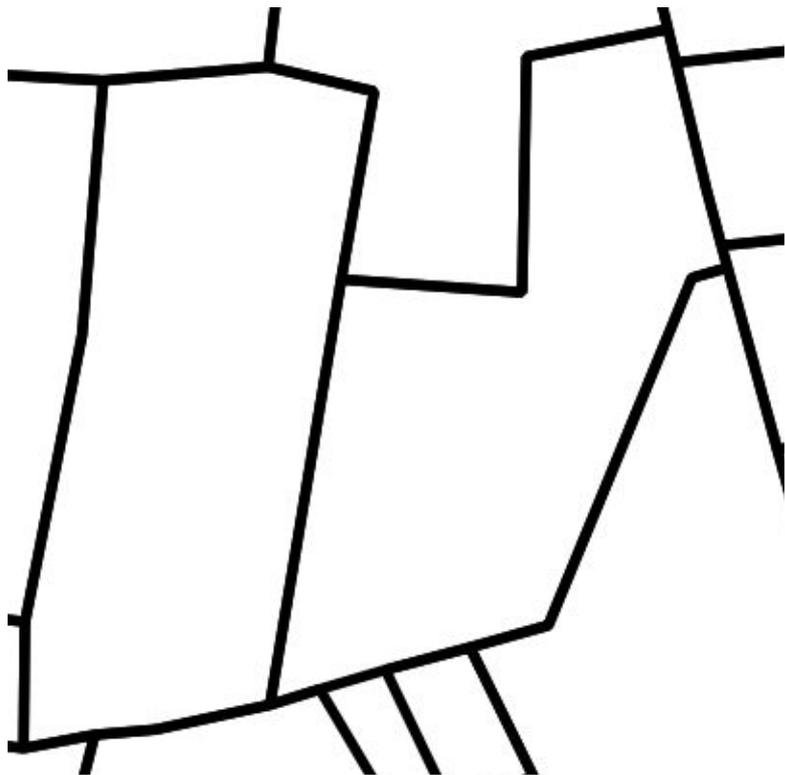


They were scanned, converted to GIS geometries by the department. Is this enough?



Digital drawing (Unscaled)

Overlaying the scaled and approximately georeferenced survey maps on modern satellite images finds a mismatch of over 25m across villages in multiple states!



A survey map in Maharashtra



Overlaid on satellite post geo-referencing

Input 2: Approximate Village Boundaries



GIS village cadastral map,
approximately
georeferenced and stitched
into an area partition by
MRSAC in the early 2000s

An approximate village boundary polygon is used to scale and position the survey map. These boundaries are derived from MRSAC cadastrals in Maharashtra.

Input 3: Google Farm Plots



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(Google
Research)

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Segmented farm plots are crucial for the **discretization of land**. They divide a region into polygons that are visually distinct in satellite images; ideally, the gaps between these polygons indicate changes in cropping pattern or physical gaps like bunds/roads.

Input 4: Sub-survey textual records

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Input 5: Ground Control Points (GCPs)



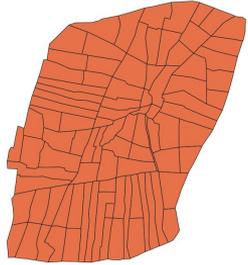
GCPs (black): Important junctions on the map

- Stones installed into the ground by the British are identified by local surveyors
- These stones are collected on ground via rovers
- Each GCP's corresponding vertex on the map is identified and labelled

Survey Basemap Generation

Review of Software Pipeline Developed

Input Data Sources for Basemap Generation

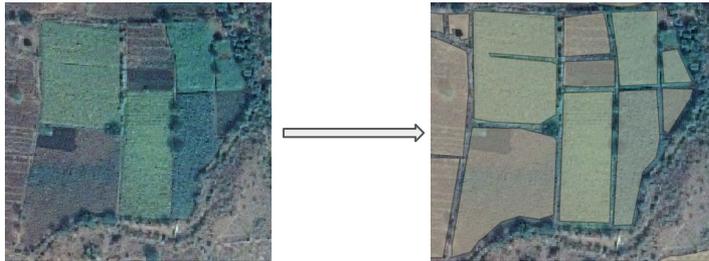


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Vectorised survey map (Map 0) + Akarbandh



Approximately georeferenced village boundary

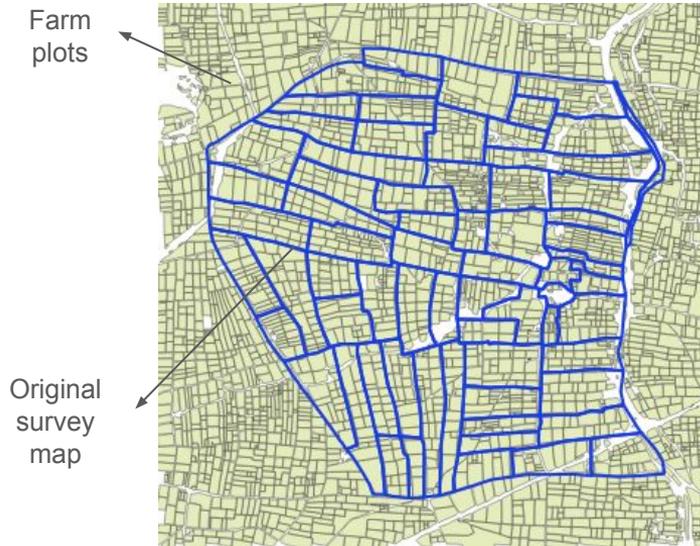


Google farm plots



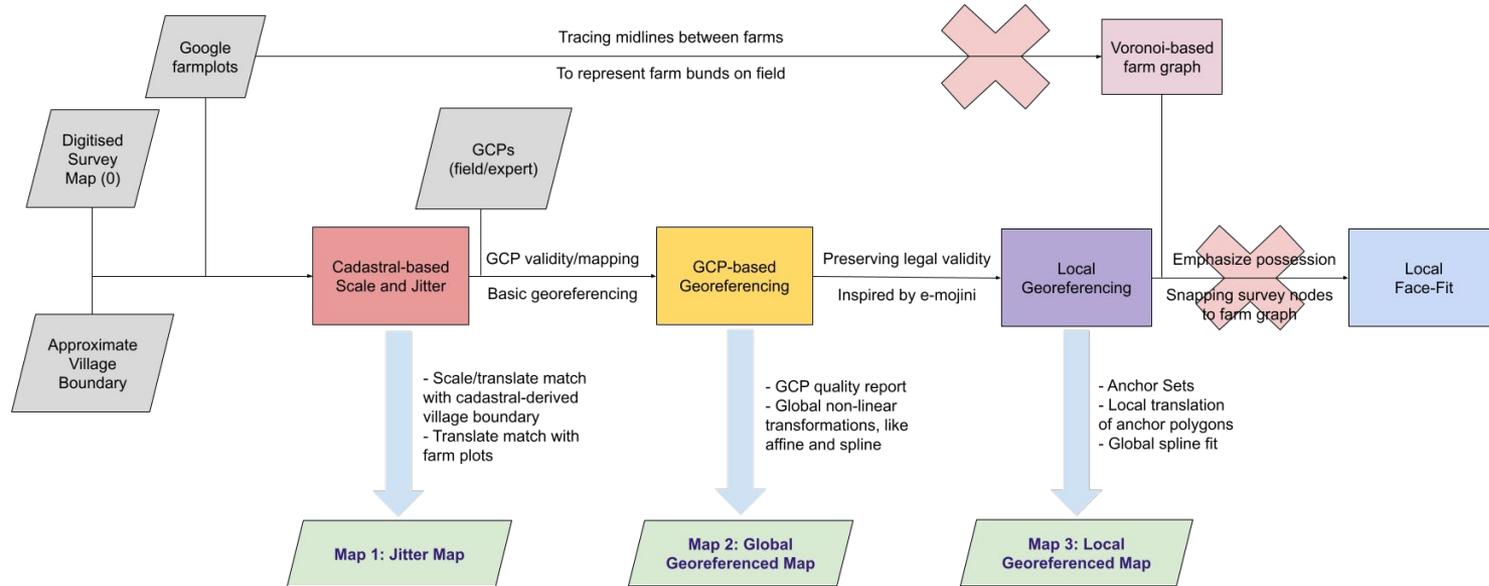
Ground Control Points (GCPs)

Overview of Problem Statement



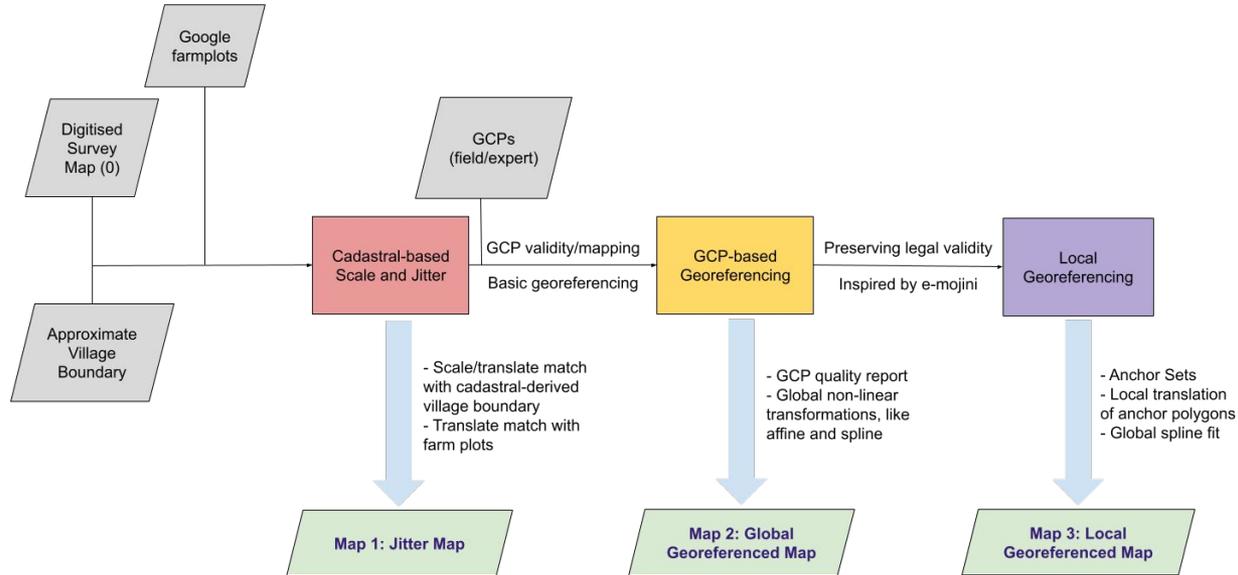
Main Idea: To match approximately georeferenced basemaps with farm plots so that areas are broadly preserved and distortion is minimal

Pipeline Summary



Original plan: adjust the survey polygon shapes using vertex editing to better align with agricultural possession. **Current: Upon request of the DoLR GoM, limited changes to local translation only (LG).**

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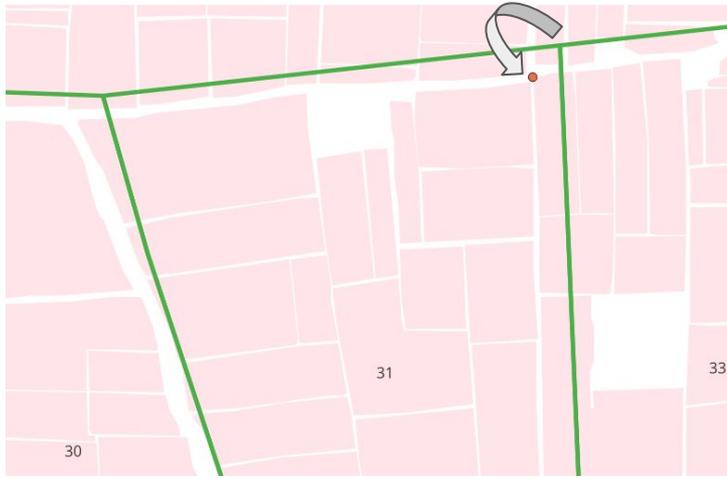
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Step 1: Global Jitter



Input	Reference	Output	Processing
Original survey map, or Map 0 (green)	Village boundary (purple), Google farm plots (not shown)	"Jitter map", or Map 1 (red)	Map 1 is produced by performing global scale, translate and rotate operations to best fit survey map with respect to cadastrals, and then farm plots.

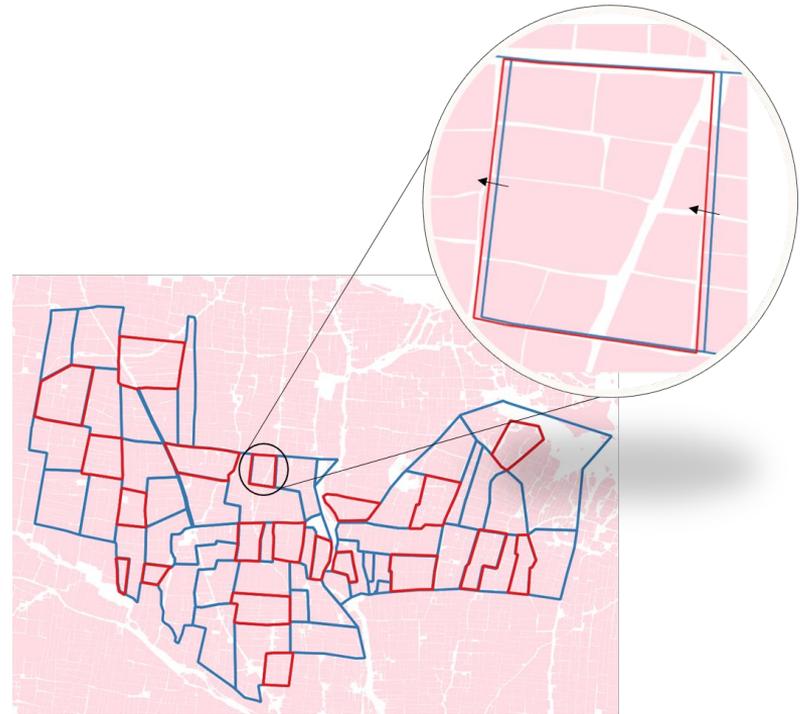
Step 2: Global GCP-based Georeferencing



Input	Reference	Output	Processing
Jitter Map (Map 1)	GCPs (orange), Farm plots (pink)	Global georeferenced map (Map 2)	Survey nodes are mapped onto GCPs, and global transformations are used to optimize GCP-survey distance; the method maximizing farm plot match with low distortion is chosen.

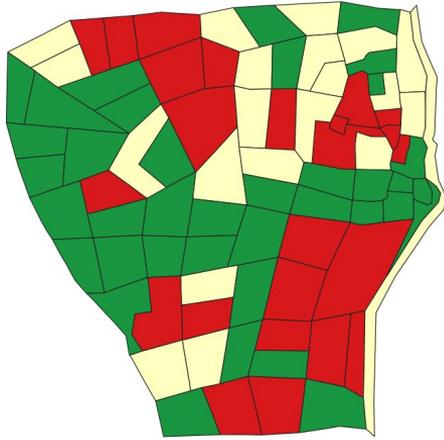
Step 3: Local Georeferencing: **Allowing local transformations**

Input	Global georeferenced map, or Map 2 (blue)
Reference	Farm plots (pink)
Output	LG Map, or Map 3
Processing	<p>(a) Iso-jitter: Each survey plot is translated to minimize excess area with respect to farm plots.</p> <p>(b) Anchor polygons: Plots that meet quality standards are selected; namely excess area (<5%), farm intersection (>50%), area (>1.5 hectares).</p> <p>(c) Global spline: Nodes of anchors are used as a reference to spline transform the map.</p>



Anchor polygons (red) are translated to fit farm plots, and Map 2 is transformed to match these polygons.

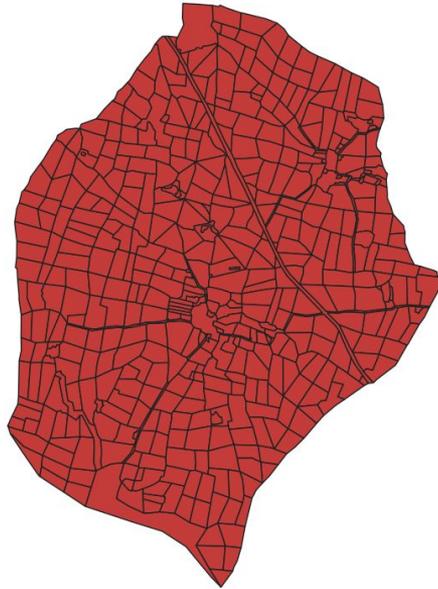
Validation



Sr. No.	village	Number of Survey Plots				Georeferenced Output	Refined Output			Possession Boundaries		
		Total	Non-Integer	Valid (unique, alphanumeric survey numbers)	Akarbandh Validity	% of survey numbers with over 95% farm rating	% of survey numbers within 5% of akarbandoth area	% of survey numbers within 5% of geo-referenced area and perimeter	% of survey numbers within 5% of geo-referenced area and deviation	% of survey numbers within 5% of akarbandoth area	% of survey numbers within 5% of geo-referenced deviation	% of survey numbers within 5% of geo-referenced area and deviation
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1	waghalgaon	67	2	65	60	50.77	61.54	58.46	30.77	63.08	33.85	32.31
2	khatnapur	23	4	19	18	10.53	42.11	42.11	10.53	26.32	26.32	21.05
3	shekhapur	66	4	57	11	28.07	10.53	49.12	14.04	8.77	7.02	5.26
4	matargaon	41	4	36	33	58.33	63.89	77.78	61.11	61.11	63.89	61.11
5	deolanakh	41	2	36	35	50.00	63.89	66.67	47.22	69.44	41.67	41.67
6	dagdagad	52	3	49	48	83.67	71.43	75.51	63.27	75.51	69.39	65.31
7	kharburdi	59	3	40	0	50.00	0.00	75.00	47.50	0.00	20.00	15.00
8	gopa	78	3	75	73	76.00	74.67	62.67	46.67	82.67	64.00	53.33
9	virshi	84	3	79	76	69.62	65.82	68.35	43.04	78.48	46.84	43.04
10	nirgudibk	60	5	54	52	9.26	51.85	53.70	16.67	51.85	7.41	5.56

Input	Reference	Output	Processing
LG Map (3)	GG Map (2), Farm plots, GCPs	Heatmaps and Statistics	Various quality metrics such as shape deviation, textual area difference, and average distance to bund are added to the survey map tables. Village statistics tables are also generated.

Similar issues in Telangana: mismatch with ground reality



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A village cadastral map with attributes in Telangana



Zoom-in: vertex distance between survey map (blue) and farm plot (red) gap is 26 meters

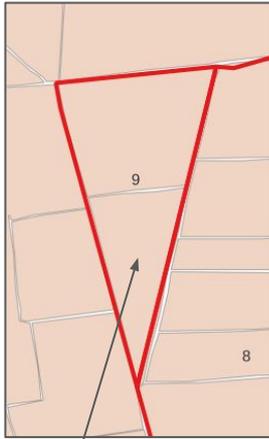
Statistics and Validation

Formulation of metrics and application via heatmaps
on generated basemaps

Key Metrics

Textual Metric: Area difference

Survey_No	Survey_No_Area_Ha_R
1	3.37
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3	6.71
4	12.91
5	4.36
6	9.18
7	3.46
8	7.45
9	2.49
10	12.85
11	7.90
12	10.30
13	9.83
14	9.76

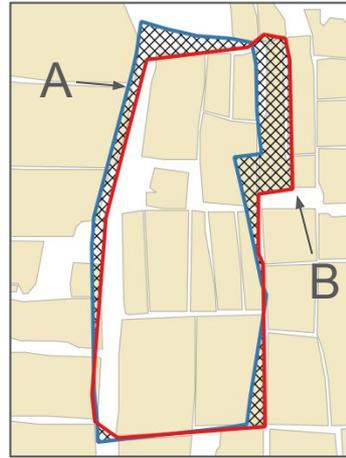


Akarbandh Area
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GIS Area
2.41 Ha

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area Diff} &= 100 * (2.41 - 2.49) / 2.49 \\ &= -3\% \end{aligned}$$

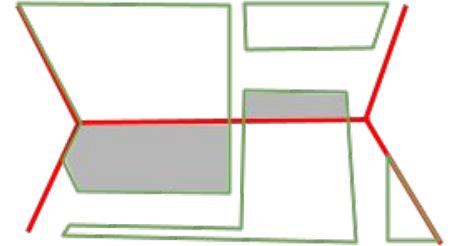
GIS Metric: Shape deviation with original map



Blue :- Original (A)
Red :- Final (B)
Shaded :- Area not common to both polygon, i.e. $(A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Deviation (shaded area)} \\ &= 100 * ((A \cup B) - (A \cap B)) / (2 * A) \\ &= 11\% \end{aligned}$$

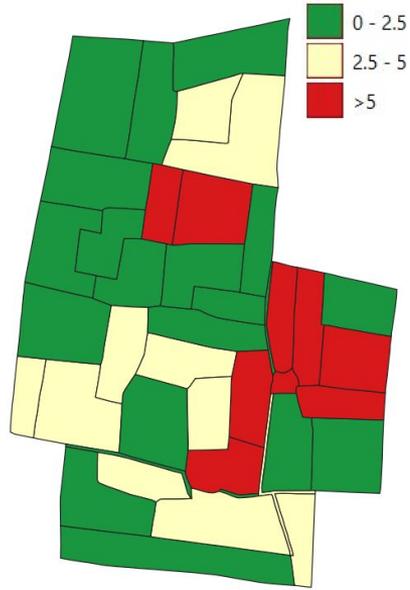
Possession Metric: Average Distance to Bund



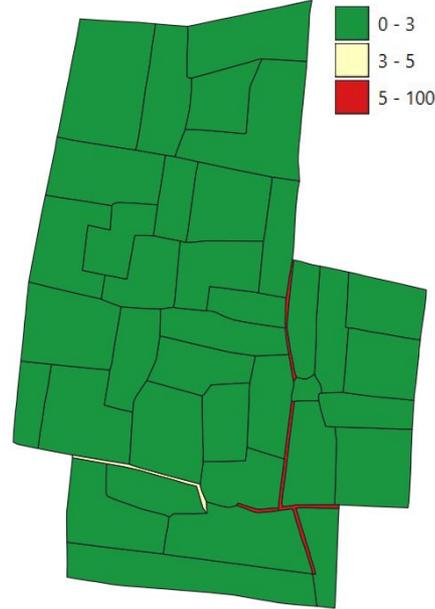
$$\text{Distance of edge from bund} = \frac{\text{Area of shaded region}}{\text{length of edge}}$$

The average distance to farm bund is computed for each survey edge individually, representing the distance to bund on the field.

Heatmaps for a Good Village: Taluka Bhatkuli



Average distance to bund heatmap for “Indapur” village in Bhatkuli



Shape deviation heatmap for “Indapur” village in Bhatkuli



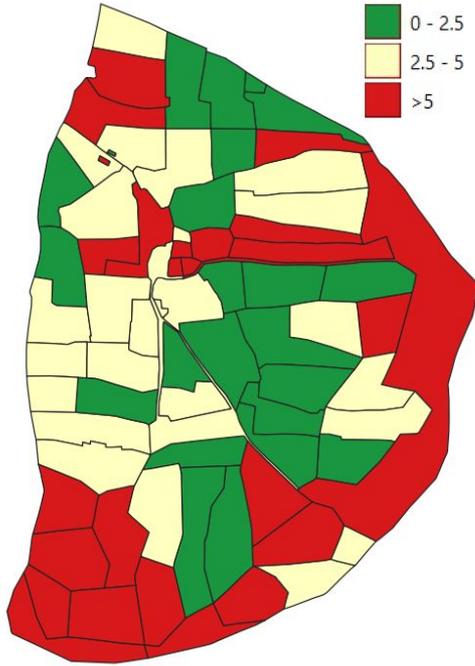
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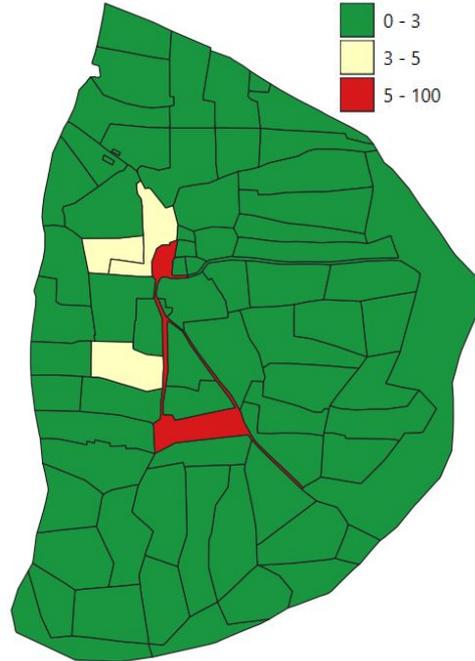
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Average DTB: Appropriate fit found with farm plots through local transformations

Heatmaps for a Bad Village: Taluka Gadhinglaj



Average distance to bund heatmap for “Mankadevi” village in Gadhinglaj



Shape deviation heatmap for “Mankadevi” village in Gadhinglaj



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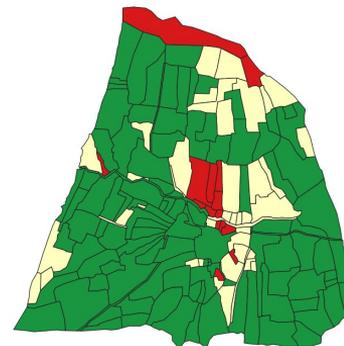
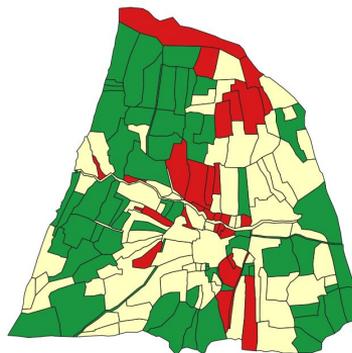
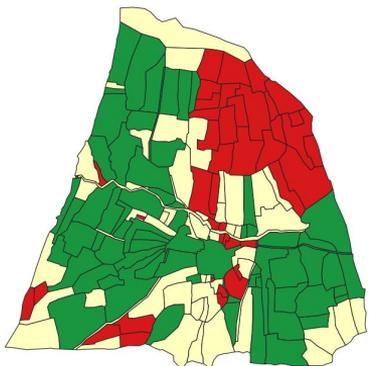


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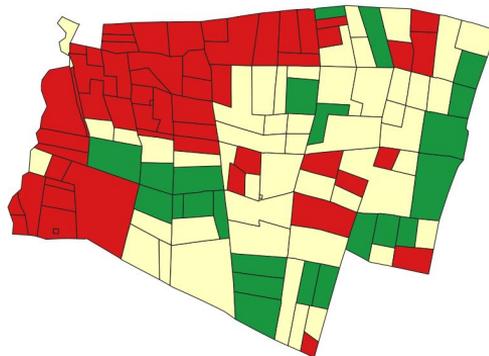
For bad talukas, field work is needed to reconcile internal boundaries

Visualizing DTB Metric Change across the Pipeline

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Statistics for villages in Pilot MoU

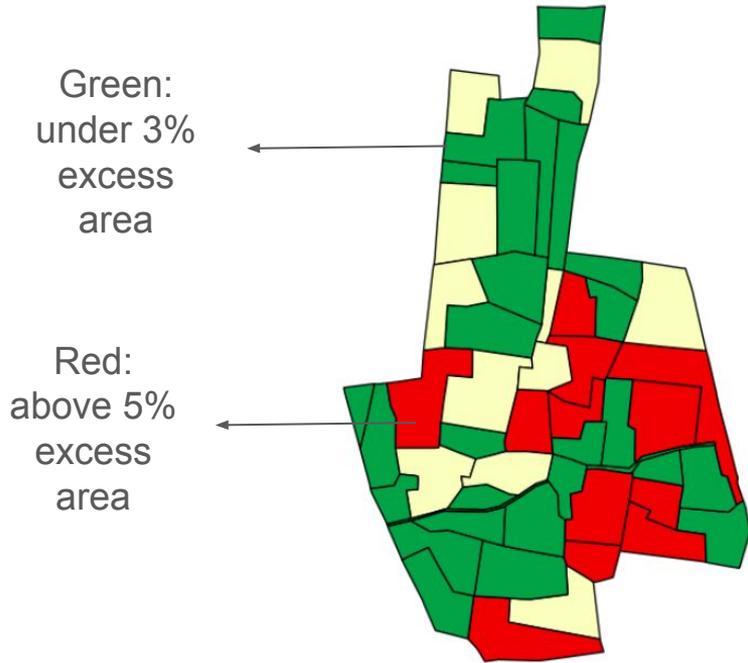
A summary of LG OUTPUTS for chosen villages across 5 talukas for Phase 4 delivery.

village	No. of survey plots	No. of anchor polygons	% of survey numbers within 3% of georeferenced area, perimeter and deviation	% of survey plots in LG with average bund distance < 2.5m	% of survey plots with average bund distance < 5m
akoli	92	17	86.67	34.44	70.00
shipgaon	58	12	100.00	55.56	72.22
<u>kanfodi</u>	66	14	96.23	30.19	66.04
jasapur	54	6	100.00	17.65	50.98
indapur	41	9	97.14	51.43	80.00
harangul	64	14	62.30	16.39	40.98
bhaddarpur	63	13	100.00	41.67	66.67
waghoda	39	4	94.74	15.79	36.85
dahatonda	13	4	92.31	23.07	69.23
banpimpla	43	7	90.00	12.50	42.50
kharbi	31	7	100.00	64.29	78.57

Overall Observations

- Total number of villages with successful map generation: **107**
- Total number of invalid villages: **20** (largely torn survey map or missing village boundary data)
- Area-perimeter-deviation metric: almost all polygons **consistently pass 3%** constraint
- Average DTB metric: variable from **taluka to taluka**; generally good in areas like Bhatkuli, but poor in Gadhinglaj

Field Validation



A village in MH: coloured by quality



Black: points
measured on
the field

Red:
georeferenced
map

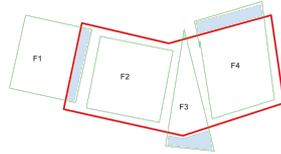
Avg. error: 2.2m

There was a large correlation between rating indicators developed and the actual field error in pilot villages.

MoU-I achievements

Execution

- Data validation and basemap generation of 120 villages in 5 districts
- Heatmaps and statistics created for all villages, to help with GIS verification and field use
- Pilot software developed and deployed on cloud

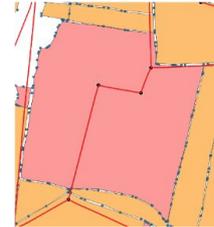


Processes

- Data Validation Protocols
- GCP Labeling and Spatial Distribution SOPs
- Software Training and Execution

R&D

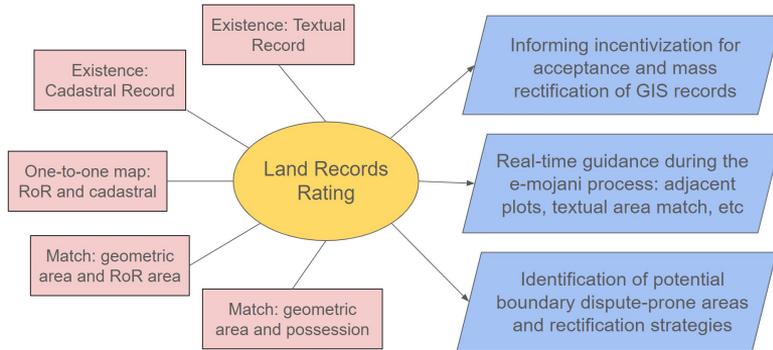
- Metrics developed: DTB, deviation, etc
- Bad farm plot recognition
- Farm bund generation
- Void handling: roads, rivers, gaothans
- Distortion-limiting LG transformations



MoU Addendum: Scale, Upstream, Downstream Integration

Module 1: Production of **Accurate Georeferenced Maps** for 6 Talukas (773 Villages)

Village	Survey plots		Georeferenced Output				mapped Output			
	Total	Non-integer	Village (polygon, georeferenced, survey numbers)	Abscissa validity	% of survey numbers within the 87% tolerance	% of survey numbers within the 90% tolerance	% of survey numbers within the 95% tolerance	% of survey numbers within the 98% tolerance	% of survey numbers within the 99% tolerance	% of survey numbers within the 99.5% tolerance
0	162	3	48	48	29.63	51.85	69.77	80.99	89.59	93.89
1	114	11	125	95	83.33	90.00	93.33	95.00	96.00	96.00
2	39	2	39	37	94.87	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
3	79	3	74	72	97.30	98.67	99.33	99.33	99.33	99.33
4	46	3	46	46	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5	19	4	19	19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6	41	4	36	32	88.89	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
7	23	4	19	19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
8	96	4	92	82	89.13	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
9	84	3	81	79	96.34	96.34	96.34	96.34	96.34	96.34
10	47	2	45	45	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
11	168	9	159	142	89.34	91.20	93.09	93.09	93.09	93.09
12	275	30	245	244	99.59	99.59	99.59	99.59	99.59	99.59
13	97	9	88	85	96.59	96.59	96.59	96.59	96.59	96.59



Module 2: Development of **Land Record Rating** for Individual Survey Plots based on available land record data for villages in Pilot talukas

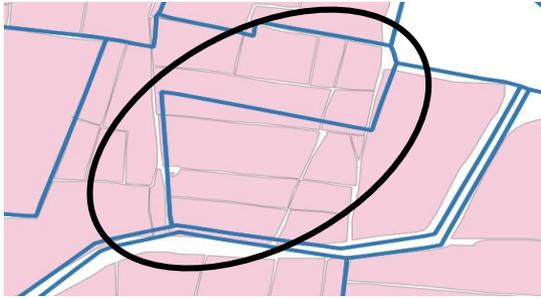


Module 3: Fixing of **Village Boundaries** for selected talukas

Digital Land Records System

Creating a complete land record management system that supports DLR functions

Module 2: Zone Identification for Internal Reconciliation



Identification: Plots that require internal reconciliation



Merged boundaries: polygons merged across red edges

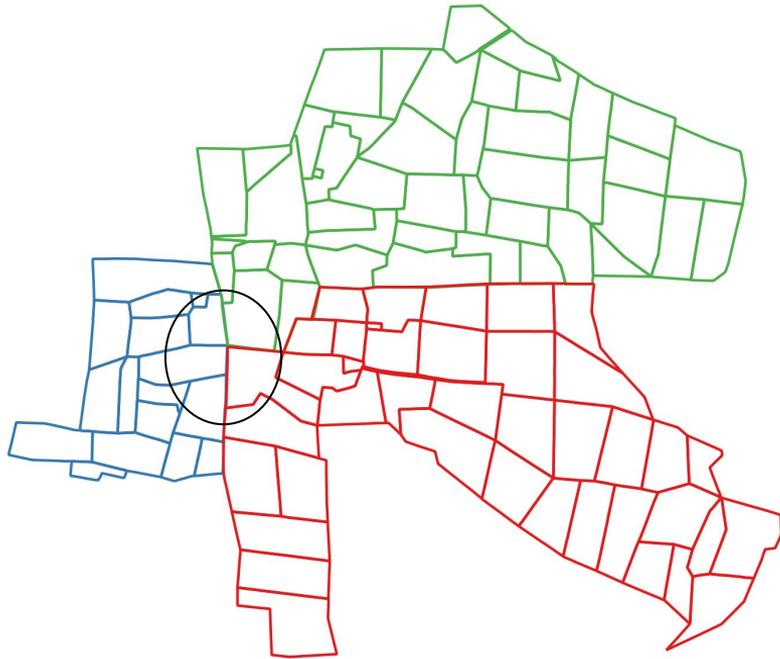


Average DTB heatmap: original map



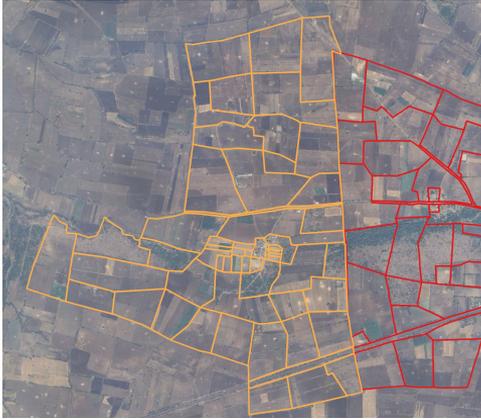
Average DTB heatmap: merged map

Module 3: Stitching Village Boundaries



Objective: To create a complete village partition, made through stitching village borders where appropriate and amending boundary plots without distortion.

Junction-Midline Mapping and Issues with Scale



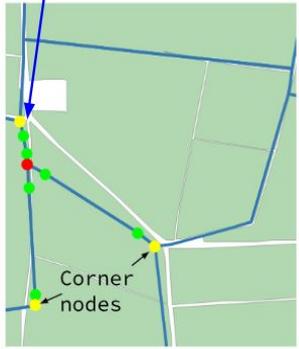
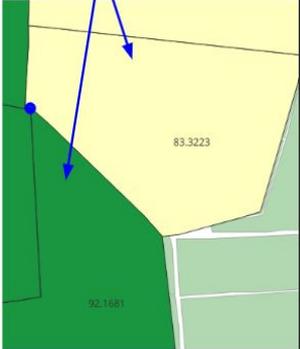
Issues to be tackled while performing bottom-up village survey map stitching:

- Road alignment: Preserving continuity of roads spanning across villages
- Unmapped area: Detecting village roads and other government land that is unmapped at boundaries

The border tri-junctions are mapped to the shared boundary, ensuring that roads remain aligned.

Beyond Basemaps: Reconciliation through Real-time Tools

Editing Tools	
<input type="button" value="Start Editing"/> (use right click to deselect and reselect the point)	Activates the editing mode for selecting and moving vertices on map
<input type="button" value="Stop Editing"/>	Stops the editing mode
<input type="button" value="Undo"/>	Reverts the last change made during the editing session.
Select Parameter to display	
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<input type="radio"/> Corrected Area Difference	
<input type="radio"/> Excess Area	
<input type="radio"/> Farm Rating Nodes	
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	The selected parameter value will be displayed on top of each polygon
Generate Heatmap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm rating	
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrected Area Difference	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excess Area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Rating Nodes	
	Generates coloring based on selected rating
<input type="button" value="Save to postgres"/>	
<input type="button" value="Save Layer Locally"/>	
	Saves the new edited layer back to postgres database or locally on computer

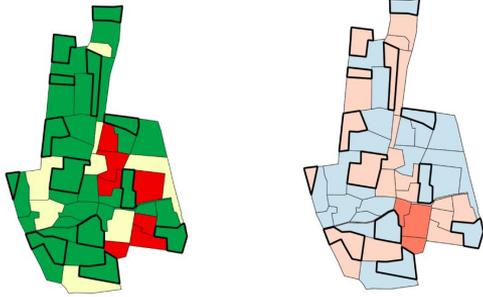
<p>Let's fix this polygon</p> 	<p>The red vertex should be somewhat here. Let's see whether it improves the rating</p> 	<p>Farm rating is improved from 76.42 to 83.32 and from 85.29 to 92.16 for these 2 polygons !</p> 
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A land reconciliation system: The way to systematically resolve boundary conflicts through real-time visual metric tracking and editor tools

Use Cases and Engagement

Direct and indirect applications of produced
basemaps and developed systems

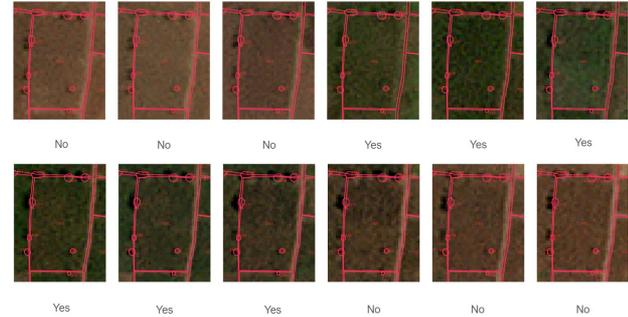
Applications



E-Mojani: Automatic Fixing for 50%+ Plots (High LRR)



Urban Planning: Better base maps are useful for road mapping, etc

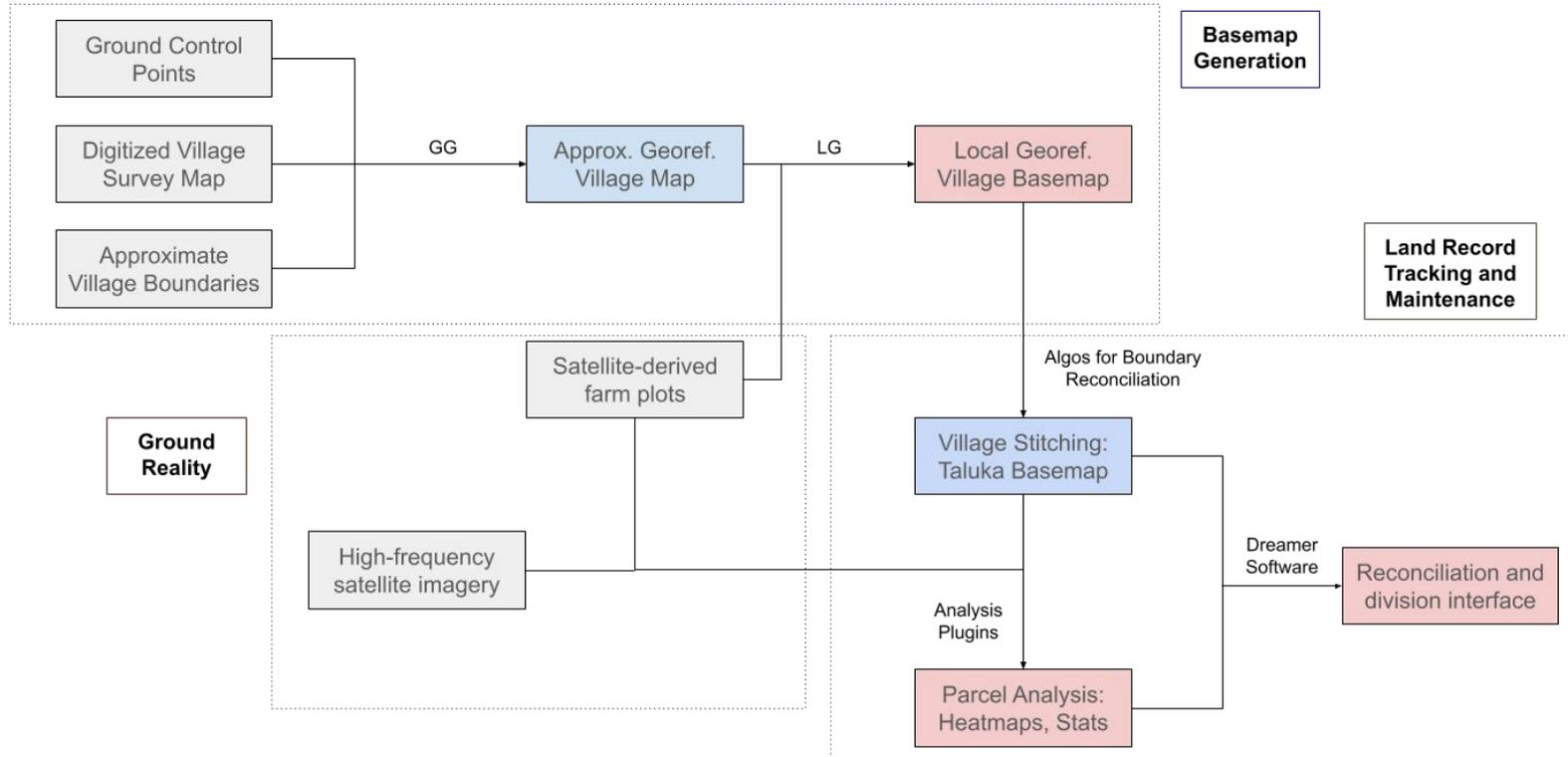


Agricultural Monitoring: Insurance and Subsidy Transfer

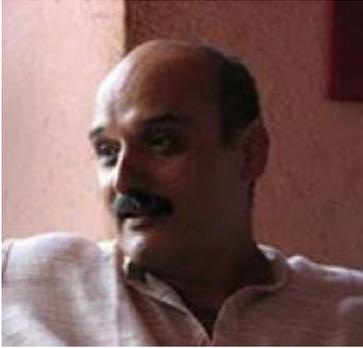


Efficiency in Land Development and Transfer

Land Records Framework: Overview



Introduction to Terrastack Tech. Pvt. Ltd.



Milind Sohoni

- Co-founder at TTPL
- Professor CSE, IIT Bombay
- Head CTARA, IITB ('11-'16)
- Executed projects like PoCRA, UMA, etc with state and national governments



Incubated by
SINE, IIT Bombay
in February 2024



Aaryan Dangi

- Co-founder at TTPL
- B. Tech. IIT Bombay CSE '25



Prototyping grant
given for land
records work:
October 2024



Team invited to
present our work
on land records:
November 2023

Introduction to Terrastack Tech. Pvt. Ltd.



Asim Rama Praveen

- Core Team, TTPL
- Software Engineering at Greenplum, etc for 20+ years



Bharat Adsul

- Core Team, TTPL
- Professor CSE at IIT Bombay



Lisan Kadivar

- Core Team, TTPL
- IIT Bombay CSE '25

Our Mission

We want to solve problems for individual farmers and landowners, and the agencies that support them.

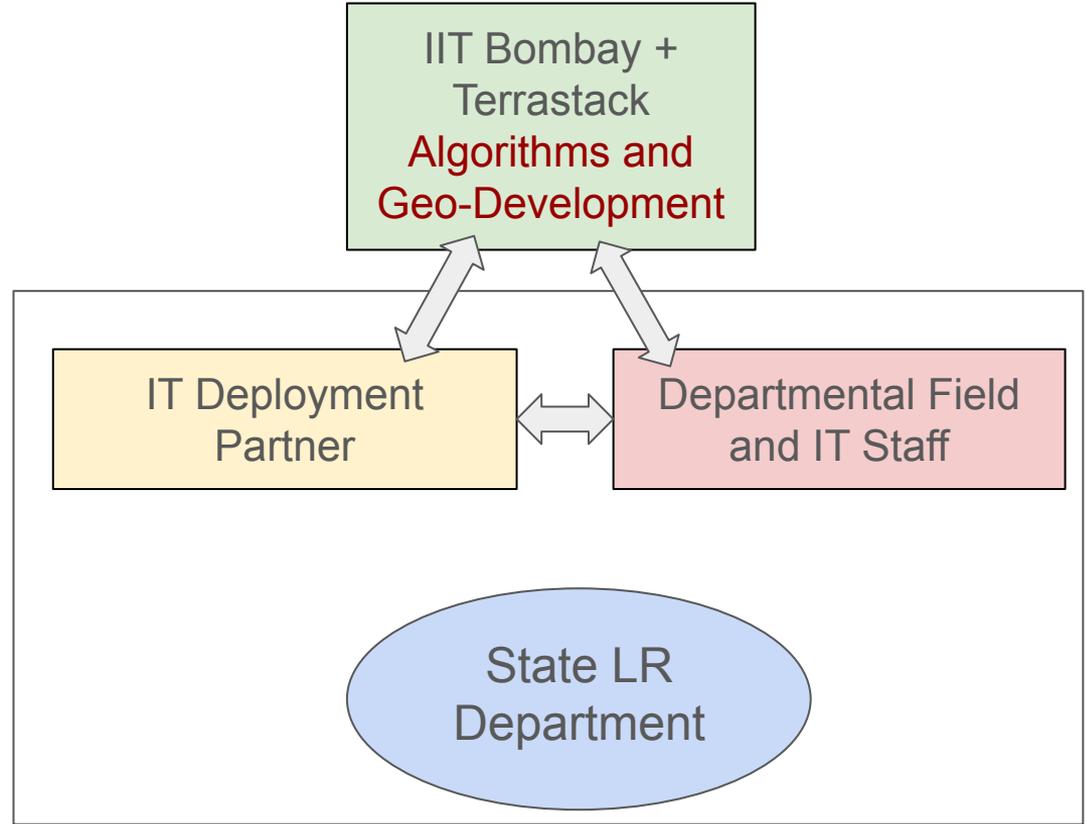
Our vision

Our aim is to build an end-to-end digital land records system, that allows for the modeling and analysis of land assets and events.

Typical Engagements

Module 3: Fixing of Village Boundaries for Pilot talukas		
	Deliverables: IIT Bombay	Responsibilities: DLR
Phase 5 (5 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the internal and external incoherence for existing village boundaries and area gaps between villages Release of alpha version of module: reconciliation of village boundaries Intermediate outputs made available from the end of third month onwards Outputs and statistics produced for 2 talukas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of relevant input data (original village boundary data) Assistance with phrasing rules to be followed when facing issues such as (i) road networks spread over multiple villages, (ii) missing village boundary roads on the survey map, (iii) overlapping road and stream polygons, and (iv) problems of a similar nature Designate IT staff to liaison with the IITB team To liaison with SOI for validation purposes of outputs
Phase 6 (4 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of beta version of module as per SOI recommendations and feedback Incorporation of developed pipeline into Module 1 software Rolling improvements and support in execution of module 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field validation of maps and relaying feedback from the field Quality checking of inputs and outputs with the help of relevant scripts and SOPs

Phase-wise delivery: MoU between GoM and IIT Bombay



Multi-partite engagements: building and scaling state-wise land record systems

What do we need to know to work with other states?

- Structure and quality of existing maps, and their formats
- Availability and accuracy of Ground Control Points (GCPs)
- Choice of metrics for optimization
- Current formalisation processes and legal status of already “modernised” land parcels
- Procedures for reconciliation of disputes and subdivision of land
- Decision on a reliable proxy for ground reality

A Peek into Our Team

