

Water and Development

Part 4a: *Minor Structures*

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The Design Cycle



Development Outcomes

- **Socio-economic**, normative concerns such as equity, access.
- More cropping area. More certain and more secure water.
- Good quality drinking water. easy to maintain systems.

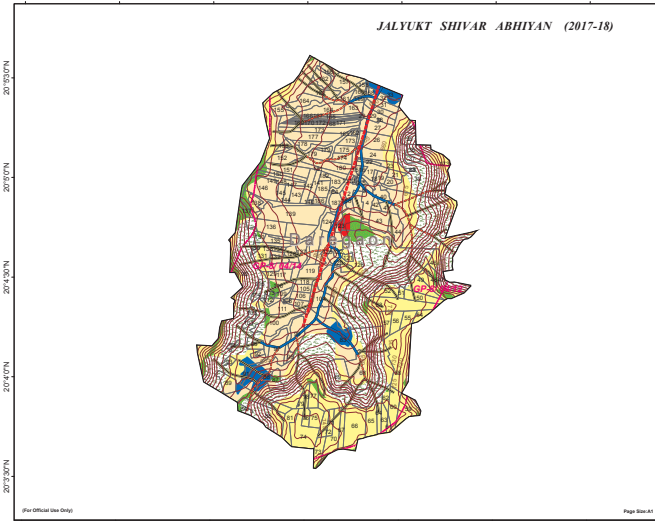
Bio-physical Outcomes

- **Science and Technology Choice**, Sustainability.
- Water requirements, norms. Specific flows and stocks.
Distribution Policy.

Design and Plans

- **Interventions**, Efficiency.
- Overall plans. Major and minor structures.

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Kilometers

SCALE - 1:20,000

In Map Show Existing Activities with Red Colour and Proposed Activities with Green Colour

20°3'30"N
20°4'0"N
20°4'30"N
20°5'0"N
20°5'30"N

Legend

- Lineaments/Cracks
- Contour 5 Meter
- Watershed Boundary
- Survey/GP No. Boundary
- Village Boundary
- Drainage Line Treatment**
- Gully Plug or L&B
- Earthen Halls Bund Gabion Benchmarks
- Water Diverting C.N.B.M.T.
- Area Treatment**
- Dry land Agriculture/Contour Bunding/ Farmpond
- Afforestation/ Dry Land Horticulture/Plantation
- CCT/Deep CCT/W&D/Faced Pond
- Compartment Bunding/Graded Bunding/Fan Pond/Wall Retaining
- River/ Homestead
- Village Area

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DATA SOURCES:
Village Map Directorate of Land Records
Lineaments/Cracks Derived from Satellite Data MRSAC,
Aurangabad; MRSAC
Contour Data Derived from SRTM data MRSAC,
Watershed -AUGLUS & GSDA
Drainage GSDA,Pune



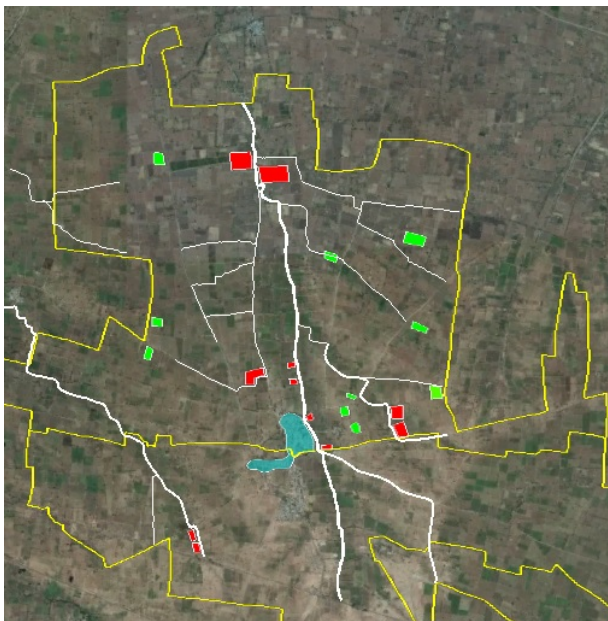
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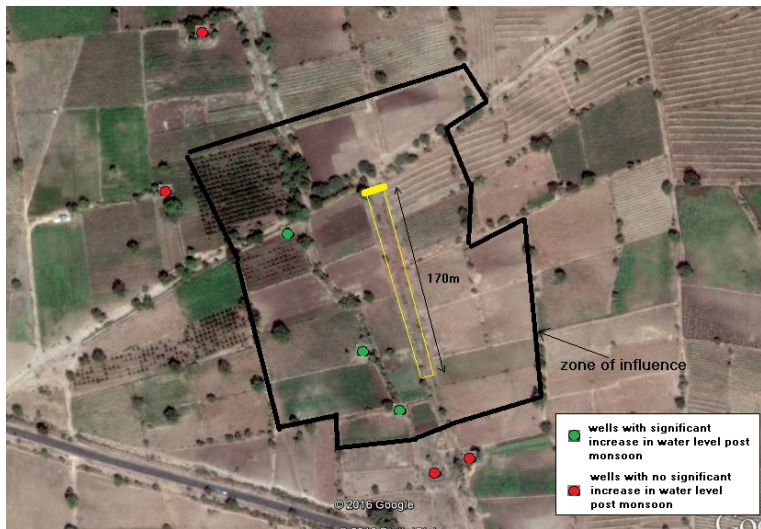
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Variable Access to Water



Interventions and their influence



Classification by Purpose

We may classify structures/procedures by their primary objective.

Groundwater Recharge: To enhance the recharge of groundwater or to improve soil moisture. Usually done either by

- (i) reducing the velocity of water-flow
- (ii) increasing the infiltration coefficient
- (iii) explicit groundwater recharge structure

Examples: Contour bunding, furrowing, well-recharge structures, percolation tanks.

Reducing Soil Erosion: To improve agriculture, protect building etc., or to protect downstream water structures. Examples:

- Terracing, contour bunds.
- Gabions and gully plugs.

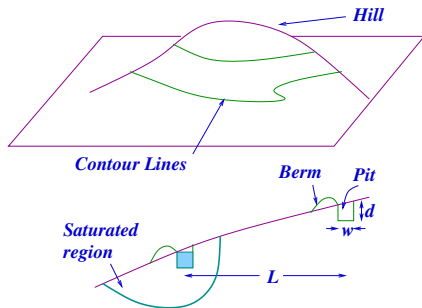
Surface Storage: To store water on the surface. Some examples are:

- Check-Dams, Weirs
- Rainwater harvesting

Contour Trenches



source:FAO



Parameters L , d , w depend on the slope, rainfall etc.

Working: Pits fill with water and remain so till the end of monsoon. This creates a local saturated layer which helps percolation. Also used alongside tree-plantation.

Contour Trenches



source:FAO

- On forest and common lands. **Slope less than 20%**. Risk of landslides.
- Intercept sliding sheet of water and capture and infiltrate.
- 2-3 fillings per season. 1000 running meters per hectare. Roughly 2000-3000 cu.m. infiltration.

Hill-sides



Baner, Pune. [source:http://stuffido.wordpress.com/2009/07/](http://stuffido.wordpress.com/2009/07/)

Contour-bunds

This is formed by firming the berms to create obstructions to water flow. It is especially useful for tree-planting.



Terracing

This is largely about preventing soil-erosion and utilizing the land for agriculture. It is used when the gradients are small.



source: FAO

Terracing and gullies



Top view

source: FAO

Terracing: Delicate construction. Special care must be taken for the inlet and outlet of water.

Example of gully formation in an agricultural field. Gullies may form in a single monsoon in fields with even a small gradient. These get reinforced and cause substantial damage.



source: FAO

Bunds and channels



- Rice-fields have bunds to maintain submergence.
- Fields in Black Cotton soils have channels to drain excess water, esp. for cotton or soyabean.
- **Water management**: must for dry-spells. Ensure soil moisture.

Furrowing

Soil may get compacted by overgrazing and animal/human use. This reduces infiltration coefficients substantially. For level lands, furrowing is a useful technique for increasing infiltration. **In fact, agricultural land is excellent for recharge.**



Farm Ponds



from TN agri. univ.

Farm Ponds-Design

Need

- Protective irrigation during Kharif
 - Support for critical Rabi/Crop crop
 - Recharge and Storage
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- How is it filled? Is it lined?
 - Ideal Use: Fill from run-off/base-flow or from canal-side wells.
Not from groundwater.
 - Lined if protective, unlined if community recharge.



Locations



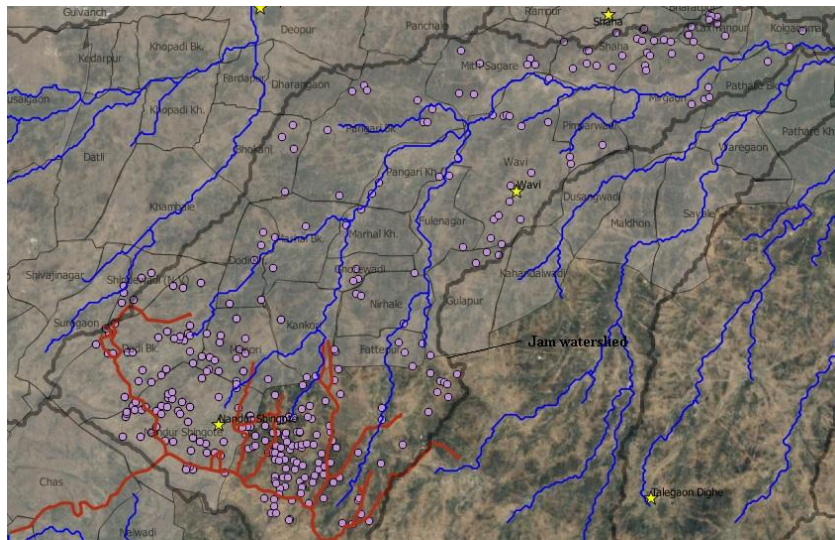
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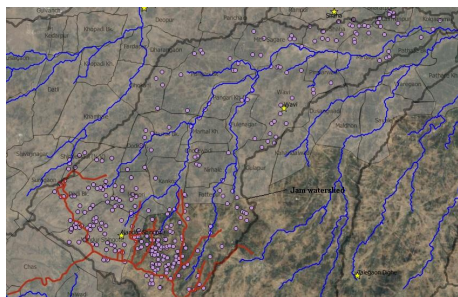
Count Them!



This needs analysis



Up1, Up2, Dn



Up1 Upstream with FP
Up2 Upstream, no FP
Dn Downstream

Ways of filling: Canal, Baseflow,
GW

	C	B	G
Up1	+1	+2	-1
Up2	0	0	-1
Dn	-1	-1	0

- Substantial investment both for construction and for filling it up.
- Rarely used for Kharif. Soil-moisture + Rabi.
- Annual horticulture.
- Improved Security. Increased losses.

Percolation Tanks and Bunds



source:

[http://forest.ap.nic.in/Sparks
of Success
APFD-02-05/007-Nallavally.htm](http://forest.ap.nic.in/Sparks_of_Success/APFD-02-05/007-Nallavally.htm)

- Dug-outs or obtained by bunding an existing flow to create a pond.
- If banded, then the design of the bund needs some care. It should have a **spillway**, and usually a **foundation**.
- Primary objective is to recharge groundwater by holding it during the monsoons and after it.
- Also serves as farm-ponds to **protect** kharif crops.
- **Periodic de-silting important**

Percolation Tank and Check-Dams



source:

<http://test1.icrisat.org/satrends/jan2006.htm>

- Note the spillways and pitching.
- Most dry up in 3 months.

source: http://washim.nic.in/DOC/Egs_files/image007.jpg

- A *check-dam* is designed differently.
- The bund is deeper with a clay core.

Vanrai Bandhara

- Temporary, must be installed after every monsoon.
- $< 2\text{m}$ in height, and may be used on top of existing bunds.
- Installed just after monsoons get over, but stream flows remain.
- Mainly to achieve/increment some recharge and some storage.

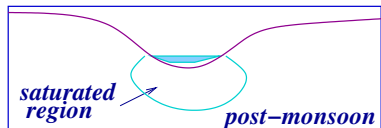
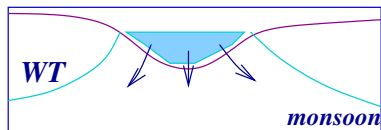


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The principle

- During the monsoons, connect the WT and the pond.
- Increase recharge during the monsoons.
- Helps reduce crop stress in lean periods.
- Post-monsoon, a perched WT.
- Increases soil moisture.
- **Silts** have low conductivity. Must be removed from tank bottoms to aid percolation.

- Evaporation losses about 5mm/day.
- Poor ambient conductivity \implies Wet longer



Gabions

Gabions are loose rock structures to prevent soil erosion.

- Located along/across gullies or stream banks.
- They trap soil and reduce water velocities.
- They help maintain and control stream flow.
- Typically built using wire-meshes.
- A cage is built which encloses rocks suitably arranged.
- Manual construction.
- Porous, does not hold water.



source:

http://lh4.ggpht.com/_KsQX_il

Across streams: an overflowing gabion

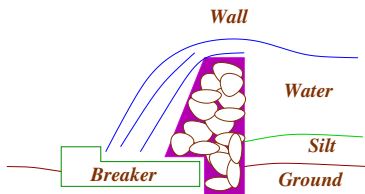


source: [http://www.bridgetrust.org/images/Gabion \(1\).jpg](http://www.bridgetrust.org/images/Gabion (1).jpg)

Masonry Structures



source: http://www.gomukh.org/images/index_02.jpg



- Boulder and concrete wall with a concrete breaker.
- Foundation and Key-wall to prevent leakage around the wall.
- Overflow structure, used as storage and silt trap.

Concrete Nala Bunds



Vented structure at Adoshi.

Design Principles

- **Storage/Recharge.** To create small storages within river beds.
- **Soil Conservation.** To obstruct water and reduce velocity of water. To trap silt.
- **Design:** RCC **Overflow** structure, compact and with foundation. 3-4m high, with apron. Roughly Rs 1-2 lakhs per meter.
- Storage created: $3\text{m} \times 20\text{m} \times 300\text{m} = 18000 \text{ Cu.m.}$ **Adequate for 18 Ha. protective irrigation** through pumps or through well-recharge.
- **Serious Issues :** **Flooding of banks!** **Silting.**



Adoshi vents operating



Kurlod structure



Useful for agriculture.

Needing Repairs



Manipada



Manipada repaired: in Monsoons



Manipada Upstream



Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting

This is especially useful in urban residential situations.

Aim:

- To collect rainwater for domestic use.
- also to use it for recharging groundwater.
- Example from Bangalore. Small (250L?) since (i) frequent use, and (ii) frequent rains.
- Systems can be big, but cost Rs. 3-4 per liter!.
- At this price, highly



source:

<http://bangalore.citizenmatters.in>

A novel idea: The TIDE polyhouse

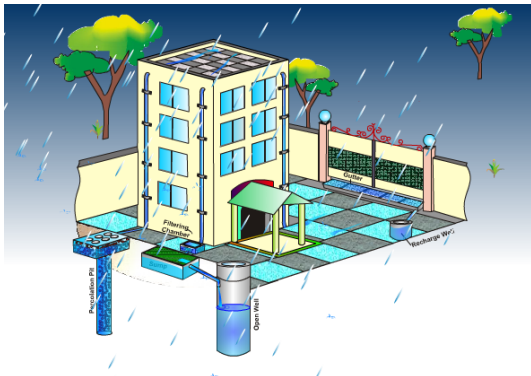
Drip Irrigation, greenhouse and rainwater harvesting.



source: <http://www.tide-india.org/products/06polyhouse.html>

Urban Rainwater collection

- Compulsory in many cities.
- Collected water either (i) drains into existing wells, or (ii) into a specially designed percolation structure.
- In Chennai, used primarily to push back saline water.
- Percolation well: about 1m wide, 5-10m deep, unlined, and filled with boulders, stones and

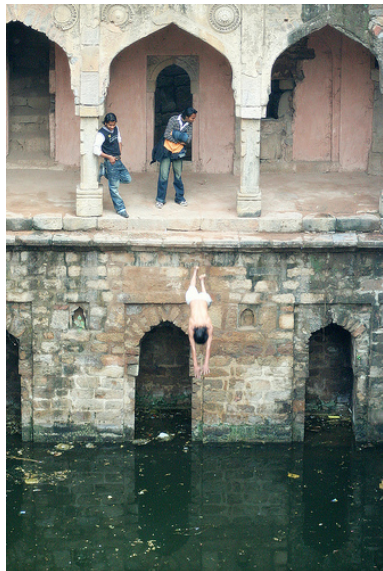


Rainwater Collection in Multistoried Roofs

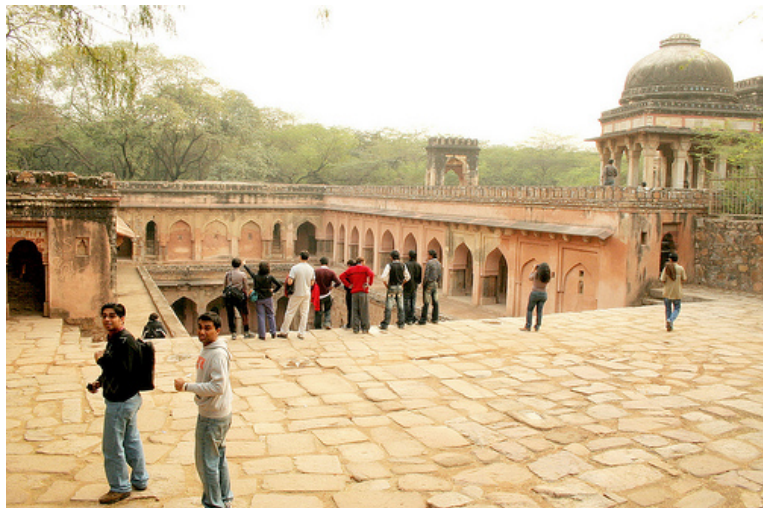
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Traditional: Baulis

- Historical examples of **urban residential** rainwater storage:
Baulis.
- Storage in the basement of homes/special buildings.
- Intricate network of drains leading to the basement, and also tapping groundwater.
- Popular all over India, esp. Delhi, Rajasthan and also in the South.



Rajon ki Bauli from Outside



source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/saad/>

Thanks

