

GIS-based Enterprise-level Decision Support framework for State Public Bus Transportation, Maharashtra, India (MSRTC)



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Broad Societal Concern

- *“Poor Technological competence of State Public Bus Transportation Maharashtra, India”*

Problems with existing System (MSRTC)

- Lack of convergence of Transportation, GIS-
 - VTS System- Used for real-time tracking of Bus vehicles
For last two years, one VTS system is being run at MSRTC, for 1 st year it run its trail in Nashik district, From Second year it is being replicated to complete Maharashtra. Apart from VTS, GIS interface is not being used by MSRTC in operations at Taluka level.

Research Output:

- GIS-based framework (digital geography) for Sinnar Taluka.
- Illustrating the Applications of proposed GIS-based framework.
- Benefits of GIS interface for MSRTC.
- Sinnar PHC Bus Scheduling in COVID-19 Epidemic time
- 3 QGIS plugin demonstrating GIS based framework meeting needs of stakeholders at MSRTC (Divisional Traffic officer)

Research Objectives

- To validate the GIS-based framework (digital geography) of shahapur by replicating on Sinnar as a proof of concept.

Research Question

DRQ. 1 What are the applications of the proposed GIS-based framework (Digital geography)? How is it beneficial in transportation?

DRQ. 2 What are the MSRTC stakeholders (Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO) and Bus Depot Manager) requirements from the proposed GIS framework?

Sinnar Taluka

Location- Nashik, Maharashtra

Area: 1,353 km² (census 2011)

Population: 346,390 (census 2011)

Load factor of Sinnar bus depot -

- 54-58% (without concession)
- 70% during the wedding season.
- 65% (with concession)

Transportation Infrastructure-

- Proximity with Nearest Railway Station. Devlali railway station is about 25 km away from Sinnar depot.
- Proximity to Highways- Two highways pass through the Sinnar Taluka.



Sinnar Taluka (Source: Wikipedia)

Digital Geography[1]

Technically, A digital geography is an undirected, planar graph $G = (V, E)$ where:

V is a set of vertices.

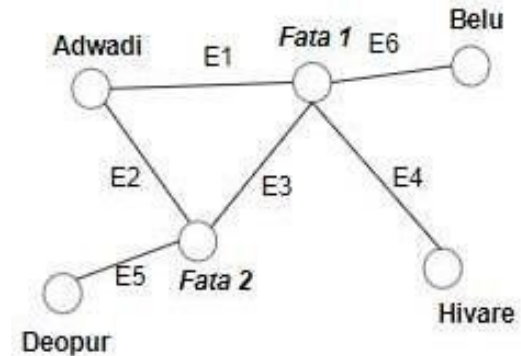
E is a set of edges.

Properties of a Vertex

1. Each vertex is a Point geometry.
2. Each vertex has a latitude and longitude.

Properties of an Edge

1. Each edge is a Polyline geometry.
2. Each edge e is an ordered set of vertices (v_i, v_j) such that v_i and $v_j \in$ Vertices.



$E = \{E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6\}$
 $V = \{Adwadi, Belu, Deopur, Hivare, fata1, fata2\}$

A Sample Graph [1]

ABC Analysis (Profitability Analysis)

Total number of Trips in for Sinnar July 2019=680

No. of Trips having ABC_Status="A"=36

No. of Trips having ABC_Status="B"=263

No. of Trips having ABC_Status="C"=381

Physical Meaning-

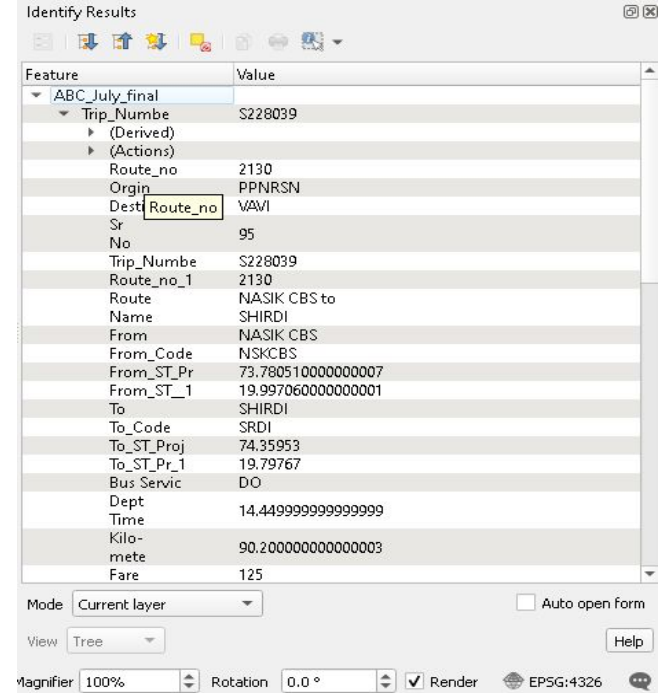
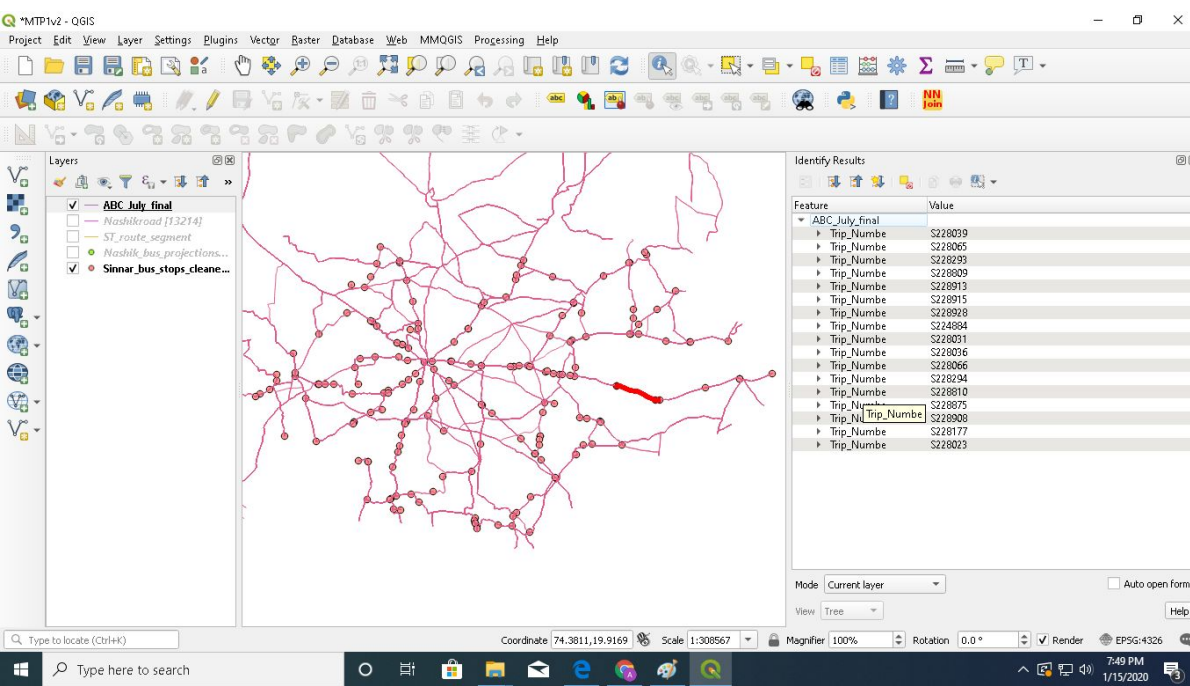
"A" Trips are Profitable having EPKM > Rs. 43.32 / km

"B" Trips are having EPKM between Rs. 43.32 and Rs. 22.1 /km

"C" Trips are in loss having EPKM < 22.1 /km.

Conclusion- "C" status trips needs more attention. Further there are very few trips which are profitable.

ABC Analysis Representation on Digital Geography



Click on any route Segment, All the Trip passing through the route segment will appear right

ABC details of Bus Trip S228039 by clicking on 'S228039;

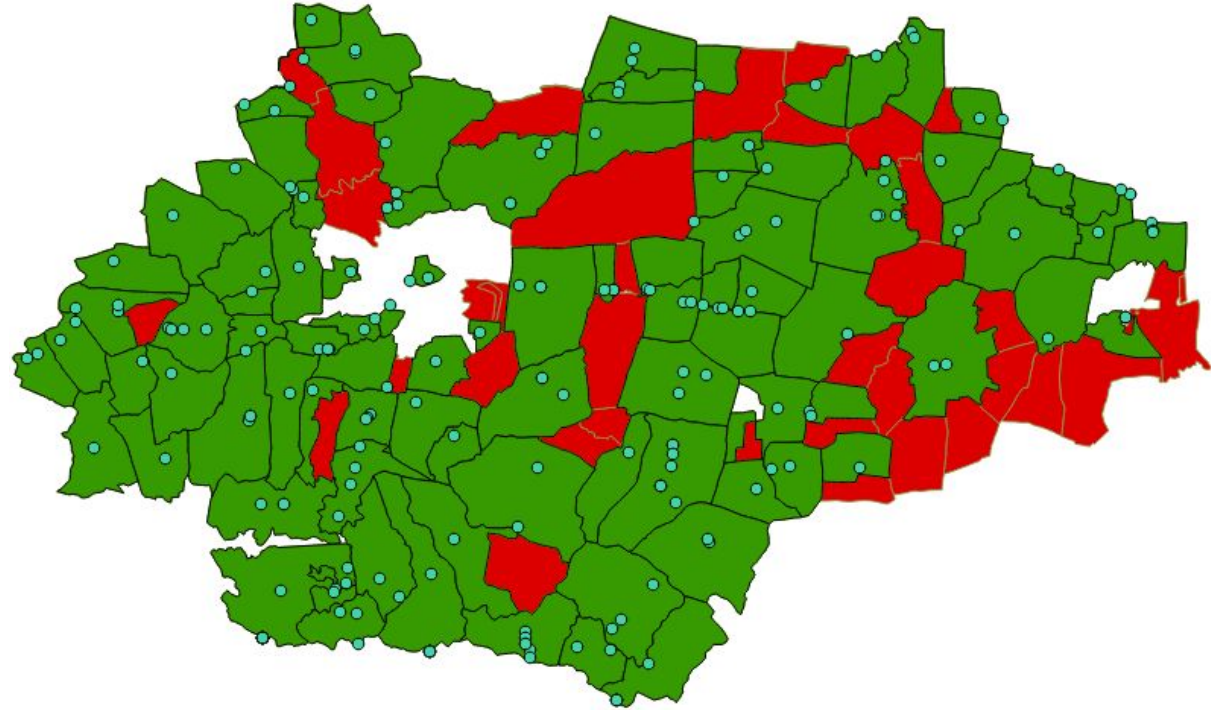
Applications of Digital Geography-

Analysis: Villages having Bus Stops

Total No. of villages in Sinnar
-128 (As per census 2011)

No. of villages having Bus
Stops- 98

**Percentage of village
having Bus Stops- 75.4%**



Legends-

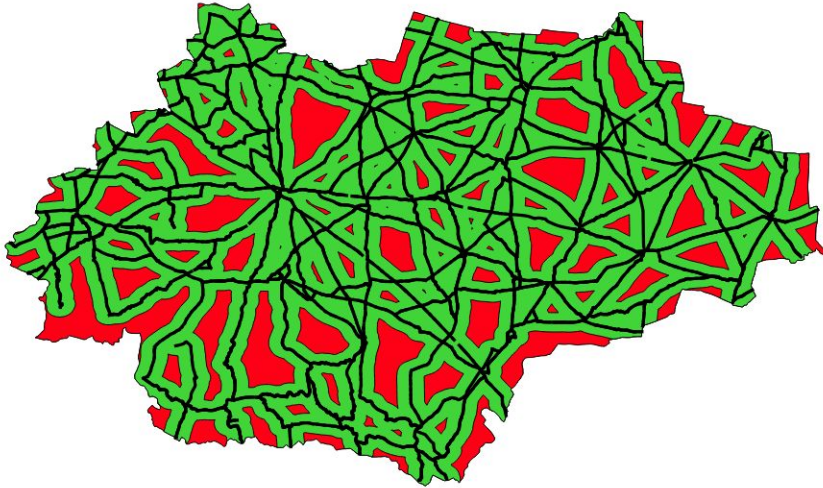
Blue dots representing Bus Stops

Green region representing villages having Bus Stop

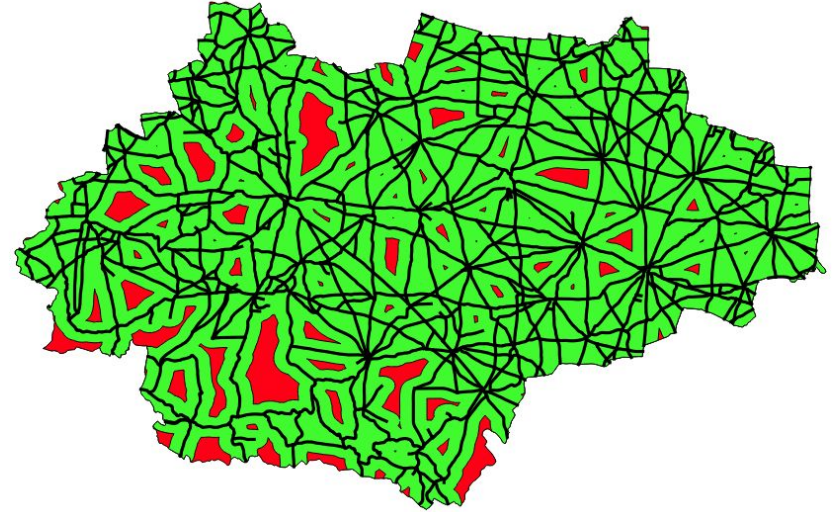
Red region representing villages having Bus Stop

Sinnar ST Route Coverage:

Here ST road coverage has been calculated considering coverage area as 1 Km within ST road reach. Similarly Sinnar Road Network coverage has been calculated. Green region representing area within 1 km reach of ST road. Red region beyond 1 Km

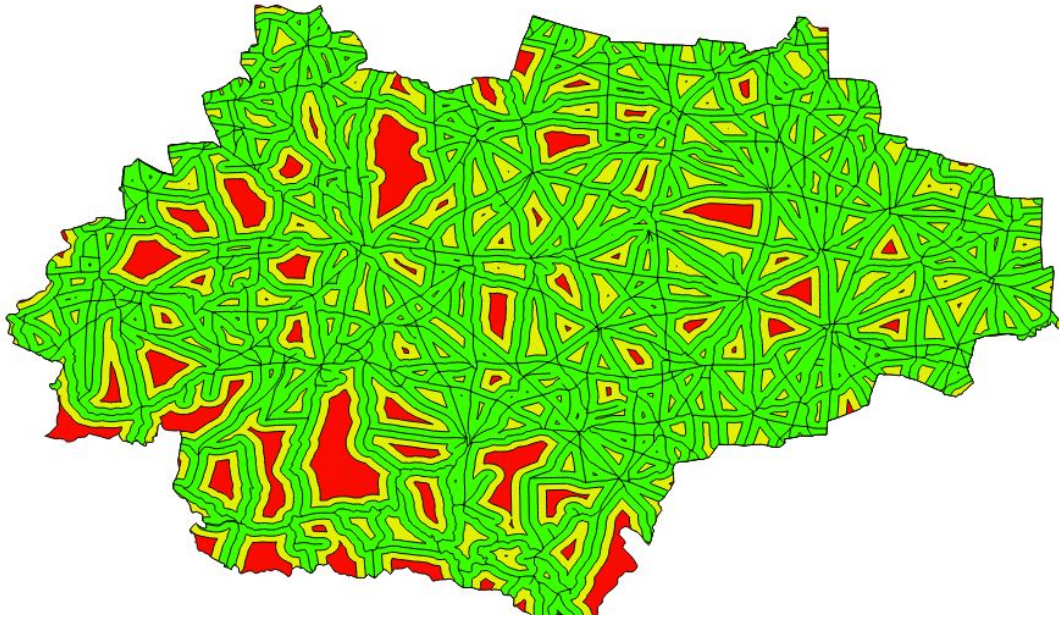


**Sinnar ST Route coverage area
80.07%**



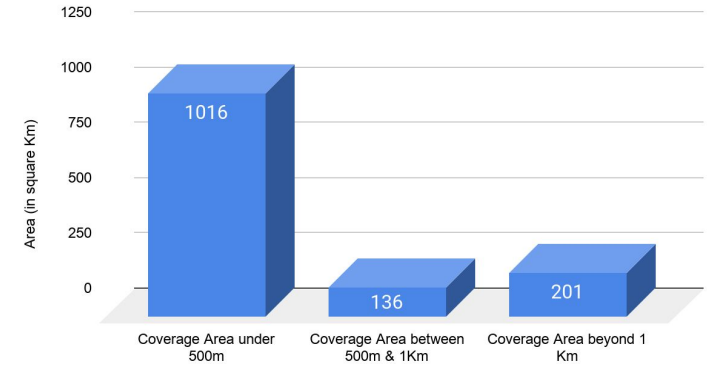
Sinnar Road coverage area 91.55%

Sinnar ST Route Multiple range Coverage Analysis-

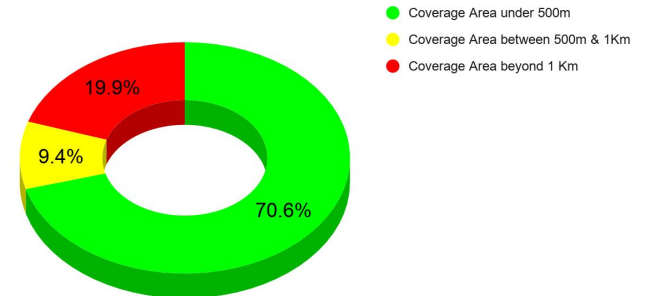


Physical Significance- Red Regions are those which are beyond 1.5 Km from ST Route. So, needs special attention.

Sinnar ST Coverage



Sinnar ST Route Coverage



Sinnar Road Coverage Analysis-

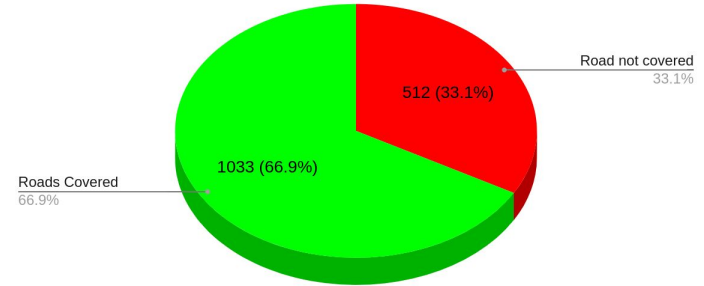


Sinnar ST road Coverage by ST-66.91%

Physical Significance-

Red lines are those where ST buses don't run. To improve coverage of an area, ST can try to run buses on these roads.

Sinnar Road Covered By ST

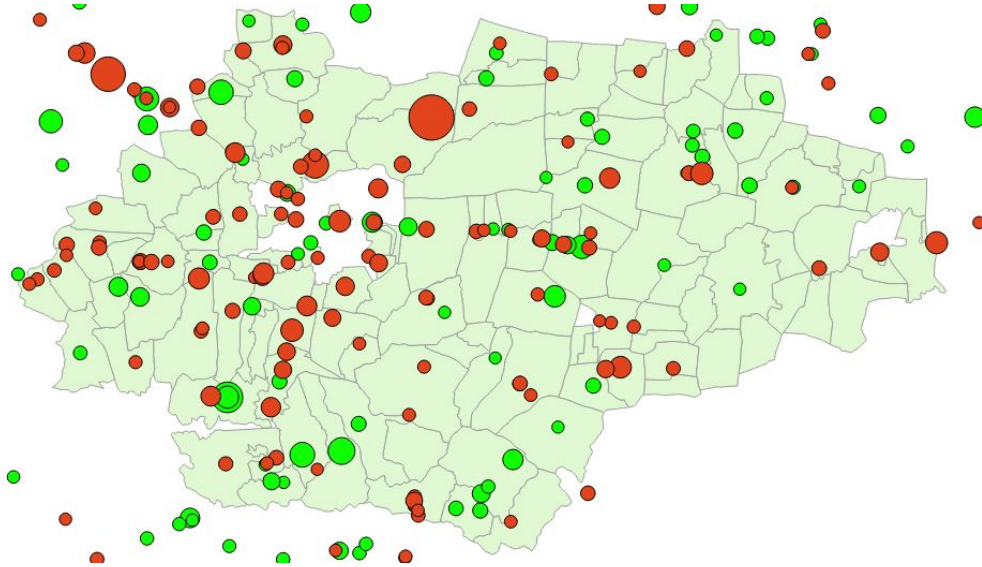


Legend:

Green Lines representing Roads covered by ST

Red Lines representing Roads not covered by ST

Bus Stop Dependency Analysis-



Physical Significance-

Imbalance in incoming and outgoing passengers denotes use of other means of transport like private transportation services, etc for going or coming in villages. Larger the circle means availability of other means of transportation.

* Reason hasn't validated through field survey

This Analysis shows the imbalance of incoming passenger and outgoing passenger on a bus stop based on tickets issued.

Greater the circle, greater is the imbalance.

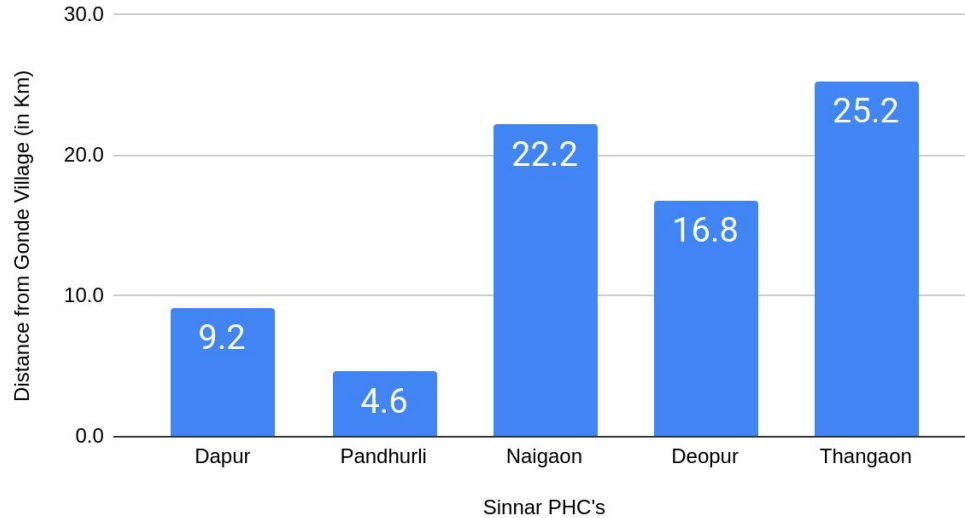
This analysis has been done on Sinnar July 2019 ETIM data, Similar can be replicated for 1 year for better accuracy.

Legends:

Green circles represents Incoming passengers are greater than outgoing passengers and Red circles vice versa.

Sinnar Village to PHC distance via road

All PHC's distance from Gonde Village in Sinnar Taluka



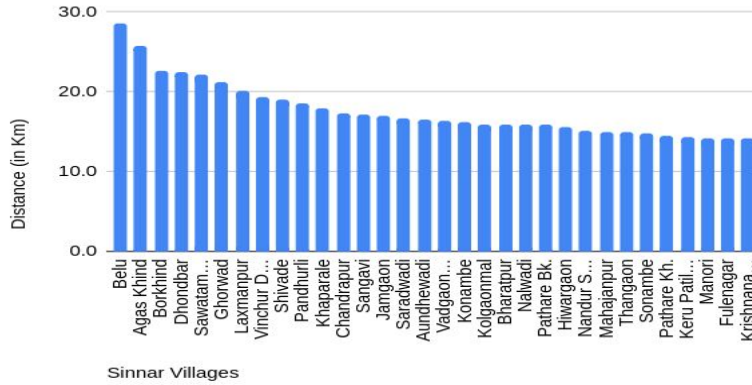
| Village Name | PHC | Distance (in km) |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|
| Gonde | Dapur | 9.2 |
| Gonde | Pandhurli | 4.6 |
| Gonde | Naigaon | 22.2 |
| Gonde | Deopur | 16.8 |
| Gonde | Thangaon | 25.2 |

Sinnar Village (Gonde) to All Sinnar PHC distance

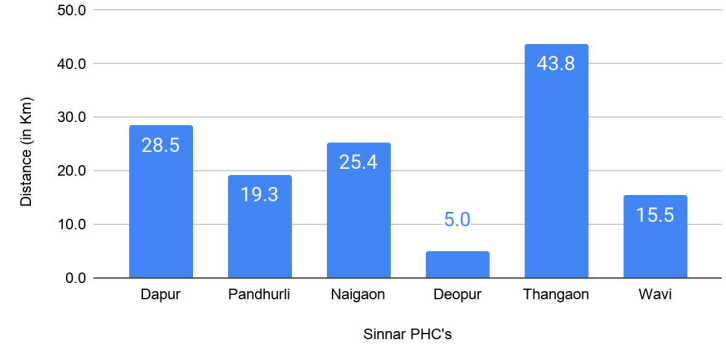
Physical Significance-

Through Digital geography, one can easily calculate distance of all Sinnar PHC from a village. So in case of any seasonal connectivity of road or disconnectivity via road to any PHC, one can know what other possible nearest PHC can be there.

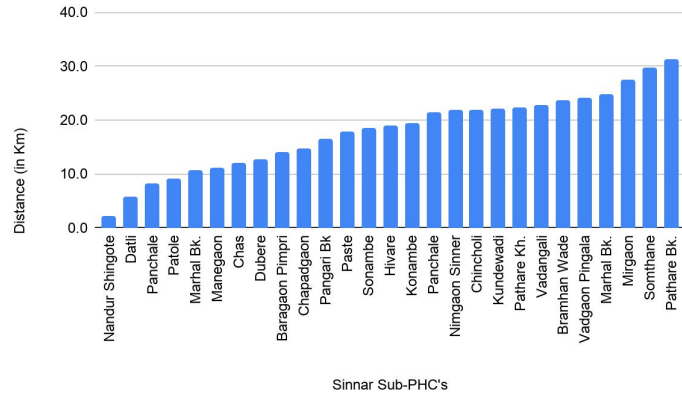
Sinnar Village to Nearest PHC Distance via Road



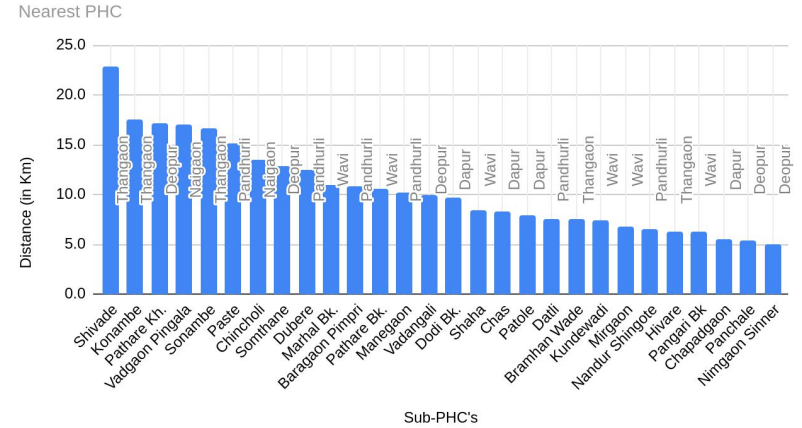
Distance of Sinnar Sub-PHC "Nimgaon Sinnar" with all Sinnar PHC's



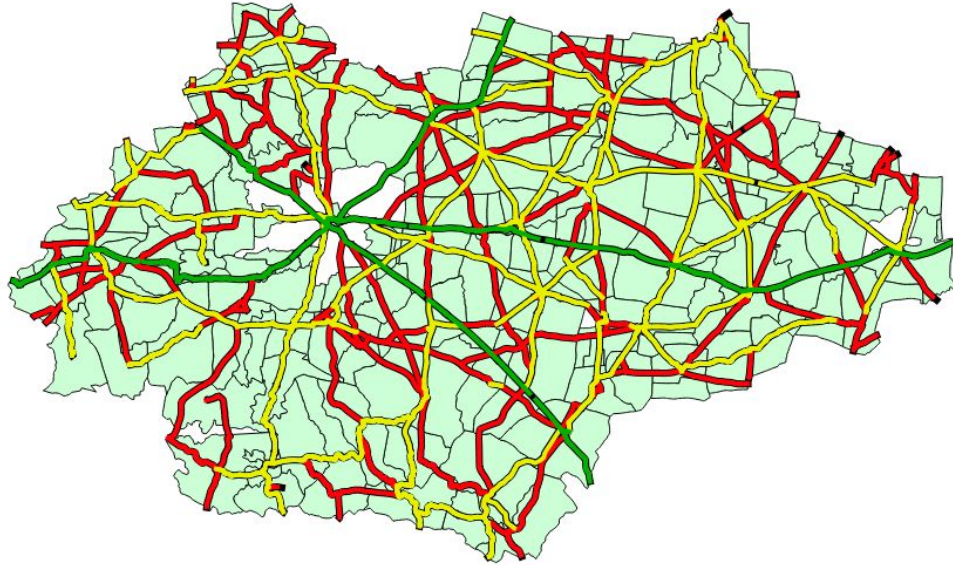
Sinnar Village "Gonde" to all Sinnar Sub-PHC distance



Sub-PHC to Nearest PHC Distance

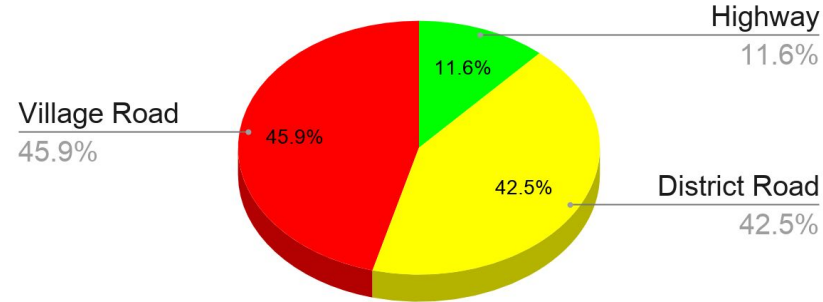


Road Type Analysis



Sinnar ST Road Types

(length in km)



Coverage Area under 500m Coverage Area between 500m & 1Km Coverage Area beyond 1 Km

| Type of Road | Length (in km) |
|---------------|----------------|
| Highway | 118 |
| District Road | 432 |
| Village Road | 466 |

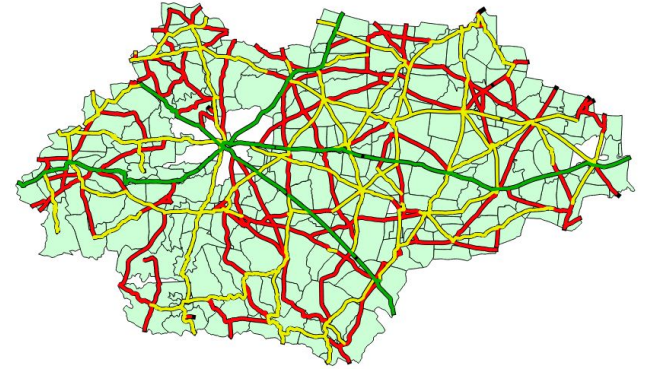
Sinnar ST Roads types length

Physical Significance- Green, yellow, red lines are representing Highways, District Roads, Village Roads etc. Running Speed is higher at green roads and lowest at yellow roads. This type of analysis can help in preliminary designing a **new Bus routes creation** where ST just need to maximize the green path as much as possible. Later can be validated through usual process .

Benefits of proposed GIS interface for MSRTC

1) New Route Creation-

- Road Quality/Suitability Check
- Estimate Arrival time on bus stops



Pros-

- Time Saving, Faster Decision Making.
- Cost Saving (Fuel and Manpower) on running bus trials & can be used in increasing number of bus trips in taluka.

Sinnar Road type Map

| Typical Activities in Route Creation | Assumed Time |
|--|---------------------|
| Proposal of New Route by Bus Depot Manager and report to DTO | 1 Day |
| Approval of DTO for running the bus trial on the proposed route | 1 Day |
| 10 Bus Trials on Proposed new route (Forward & Reverse Route) | 10 Day |
| Report to DTO and Bus Depot Manager for Quality or suitability of road | 1 Day ¹⁷ |

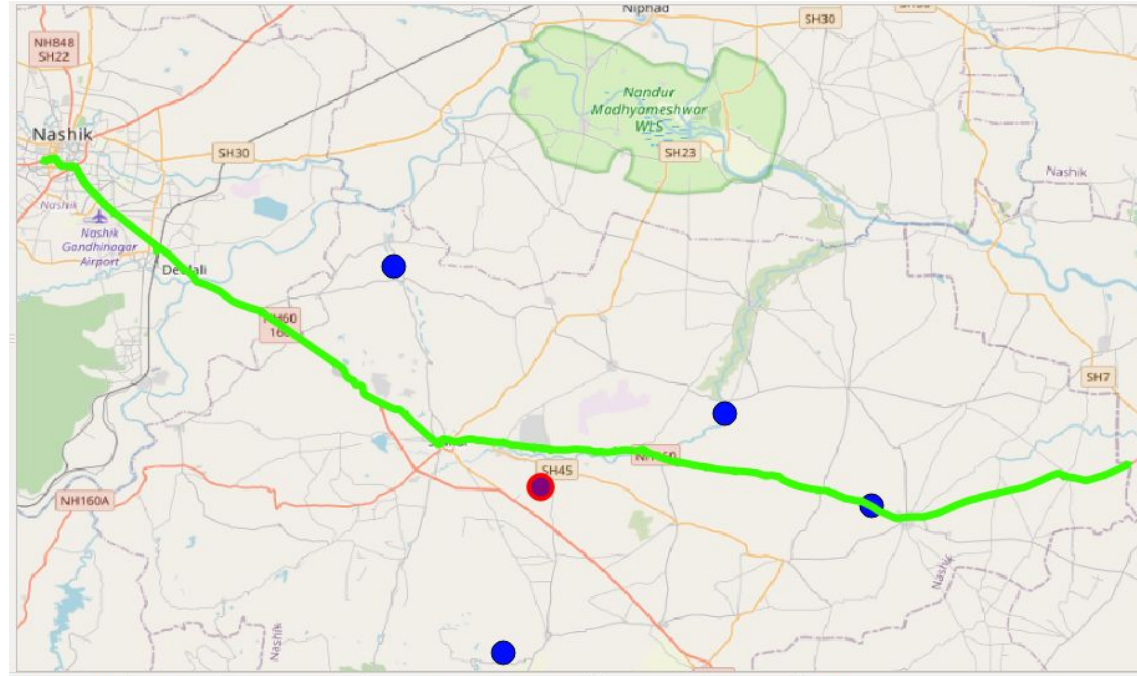
2) Routing:

Utility-

'B' and 'C' Category Bus trips can be routed through nearby important locations to increase bus traffic hence profitability.

Example-

Routing of Bus route (Green path) through a School (Red point)

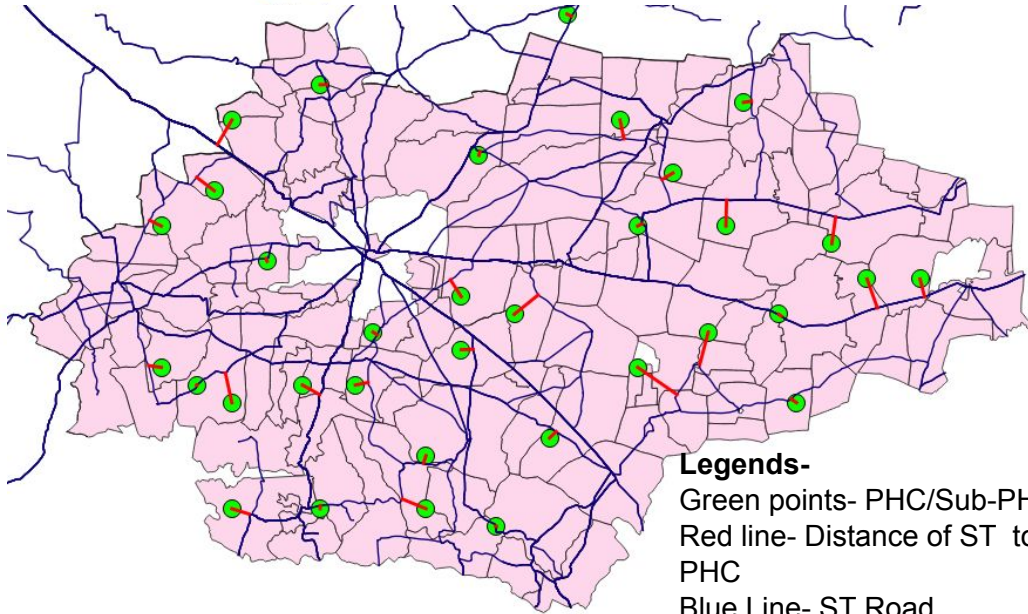


Legends-

Blue dots and Red point representing important locations like School, PHC, economic place like industry etc.

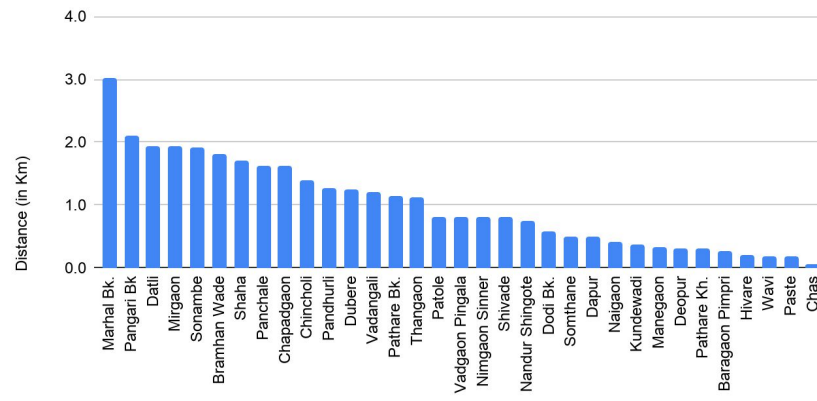
Green path representing Bus Route

3) Need for Feeder Bus-



Utility- Green points representing Sub-PHC or PHC, Red lines denoting distance to ST route represented in blue lines. Farthest a distance of a PHC or Sub-PHC from ST road, greater is the need for feeder bus. Same methodology can be applicable for schools etc

Sinnar PHC & Sub-PHC Distance to nearest ST road



| PHC or Sub-PHC village | Distance(in Km) |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Marhal Bk. | 3.0 |
| Pangari Bk | 2.1 |
| Datli | 1.9 |
| Mirgaon | 1.9 |
| Sonambe | 1.9 |

Top 5 Farthest Sinnar PHC or Sub-PHC 19

Sinnar PHC TimeTable Creation

Create Bus schedules providing access to villages from PHC and vice versa.

Assumptions-

- Selection of routes covering min, 75% bus stops in min. number of routes.
- Estimating Bus Traffic load to be 0.1% population from every village to PHC daily.
- Scheduling number of trips based on traffic load (in morning- from village and in evening- from PHC to village)

Result:

Village Covered: 93.75% i.e. (120 out of 128) considering 3 KM as coverage.

Predicted Load Factor:

| Route Number | Forward Trip | Reverse Trip |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2130 | 27.02% | 23.67% |
| 6891 | 25.81% | 27.60% |
| 7100 | 19.16% | 27.33% |
| 7102 | 20.48% | 28.68% |
| 7103 | 15.91% | 17.00% |

**Low Load Factor due to Strict social distancing*

Sample Output: Sinnar PHC Time Table

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|----|----------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | ROUTE_NO | Trip Type | Departure Time | from | to | Expected Arrival Time |
| 2 | 2130 | Forward | 8:15 | CHINCHOLI FATA | DARDE FATA | 10:35 |
| 3 | 2130 | Return | 7:30 | DARDE FATA | CHINCHOLI FATA | 9:50 |
| 4 | 6891 | Forward | 7:43 | SINNAR | DARDE FATA | 9:39 |
| 5 | 6891 | Return | 8:26 | DARDE FATA | SINNAR | 10:22 |
| 6 | 7100 | Forward | 8:16 | SINNAR | CHAS/NANDUR SHINGOTE FATA | 9:31 |
| 7 | 7100 | Return | 8:34 | CHAS/NANDUR SHINGOTE FATA | SINNAR | 9:49 |
| 8 | 7103 | Forward | 7:54 | SINNAR | AADWADI (LAST) | 9:27 |
| 9 | 7103 | Return | 8:38 | AADWADI (LAST) | SINNAR | 10:11 |
| 10 | 7118 | Forward | 7:47 | SINNAR | DEOPUR VILLEGE | 8:58 |
| 11 | 7118 | Return | 9:07 | DEOPUR VILLEGE | SINNAR | 10:18 |
| 12 | 7161 | Forward | 8:01 | SINNAR | JAKHORI FATA | 9:31 |
| 13 | 7161 | Return | 8:34 | JAKHORI FATA | SINNAR | 10:05 |
| 14 | 7165 | Forward | 8:41 | SINNAR | DATTA NAGAR | 10:46 |
| 15 | 7165 | Return | 7:19 | DATTA NAGAR | SINNAR | 9:24 |
| 16 | 85886 | Forward | 8:40 | SINNAR | NALWADI | 10:31 |
| 17 | 85886 | Return | 7:34 | NALWADI | SINNAR | 9:25 |
| 18 | 7102 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | AUNDHEWADI | 8:42 |
| 19 | 7102 | Return | 6:09 | AUNDHEWADI | SINNAR | 7:11 |
| 20 | 7107 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | BELU VILLEGE | 8:54 |
| 21 | 7107 | Return | 5:58 | BELU VILLEGE | SINNAR | 7:11 |
| 22 | 7130 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | KHAPRALE | 8:15 |
| 23 | 7130 | Return | 6:36 | KHAPRALE | SINNAR | 7:11 |
| 24 | 7131 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | SAYKHEDA FATA | 8:35 |
| 25 | 7131 | Return | 6:16 | SAYKHEDA FATA | SINNAR | 7:11 |
| 26 | 7139 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | VHIGANWADI | 9:33 |
| 27 | 7139 | Return | 5:18 | VHIGANWADI | SINNAR | 7:11 |
| 28 | 7147 | Forward | 7:41 | SINNAR | NIRHALE | 9:02 |

Load on PHC's-

| PHC Code | Bus Stop | Load as a %age to Population |
|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| DOPUIA | | 11.2% |
| DULWIA | | 17.0% |
| JGN | | 13.6% |
| MUSON | | 28.3% |
| TTAGSN | | 15.8% |
| VAVIK | | 14.1% |

Form 4

Sinnar PHC Bus Timetable

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
|----|----------|-------------|------------------|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1 | ROUTE_NO | BUS_STOP_CD | BUS_STOP_NM | STOP_SEQ | KM | Departure Time | Arrival Time | Halt Time | Trip Type | Route Type |
| 2 | 2130 | CHOF5 | CHINCHOLI FATA | 1 | 0:8:15 | 8:13 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 3 | 2130 | MEARI | MEHADARI | 2 | 3:2:8:23 | 8:21 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 4 | 2130 | MLANF | MALGAON FATA | 3 | 5:9:8:31 | 8:29 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 5 | 2130 | SNMR | SINNAR | 4 | 11:3:8:44 | 8:42 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 6 | 2130 | MUSLGN | MUSALGAON | 5 | 18:3:9:07 | 8:58 | | | 10 Forward | PHC |
| 7 | 2130 | MSLSNK | MUSALGAON (MIDC) | 6 | 17:1:9:07 | 9:05 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 8 | 2130 | MSLSN | MUSALGAON FATA | 7 | 18:7:9:12 | 9:10 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 9 | 2130 | DTL | DATELI | 8 | 21:9:9:21 | 9:19 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 10 | 2130 | KPDH | KOPADI KHURD | 9 | 23:7:9:26 | 9:24 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 11 | 2130 | KADIBD | KHOPADI BUDRUK | 10 | 24:3:9:30 | 9:28 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 12 | 2130 | SISN | DATTA MANDIR | 11 | 25:6:9:34 | 9:32 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 13 | 2130 | BOASNK | BHOKANI FATA | 12 | 26:2:9:37 | 9:35 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 14 | 2130 | DVURFT | DEVPUR FATA | 13 | 29:9:45 | 9:43 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 15 | 2130 | PPNRSN | PANGRI | 14 | 33:9:57 | 9:55 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 16 | 2130 | VAVI | VAVI | 15 | 39:3:10:10 | 10:08 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 17 | 2130 | SYFT | SAYALE FATA | 16 | 40:2:10:13 | 10:11 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 18 | 2130 | PATRE | PATHARE | 17 | 48:5:10:32 | 10:30 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 19 | 2130 | DREKA | DARDE FATA | 18 | 49:8:10:37 | 10:35 | | | 2 Forward | PHC |
| 20 | 2130 | DREKA | DARDE FATA | 1 | 0:7:30 | 7:29 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 21 | 2130 | PATRE | PATHARE | 2 | 1:3:7:35 | 7:33 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 22 | 2130 | SYFT | SAYALE FATA | 3 | 9:6:7:54 | 7:52 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 23 | 2130 | VAVI | VAVI | 4 | 10:5:7:57 | 7:55 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 24 | 2130 | PPNRSN | PANGRI | 5 | 15:9:8:10 | 8:08 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 25 | 2130 | DVURFT | DEVPUR FATA | 6 | 20:8:8:22 | 8:20 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 26 | 2130 | BOASNK | BHOKANI FATA | 7 | 23:6:8:30 | 8:28 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 27 | 2130 | SISN | DATTA MANDIR | 8 | 24:2:8:33 | 8:31 | | | 2 Return | PHC |
| 28 | 2130 | KADIBD | KHOPADI BUDRUK | 9 | 25:5:8:37 | 8:35 | | | 2 Return | PHC |

Sample Passenger Load Table Route No. 7100, Forward Trip

| BUS STOP NAME | KM | ROUTE NO | STOP SEQ | Population being served | Expected population being served | Expected Traffic at each bus stop considering traffic =0.1% | No. of Bus Services required considering bus Capacity max=25 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| GUREWADI | 5.1 | 7100 | 1 | 5615 | 5615 | 6 | 1 |
| GONDE FATA | 8.4 | 7100 | 2 | 3324 | 8939 | 9 | 1 |
| DAPUR | 14.8 | 7100 | 3 | 5902 | 14841 | 15 | 1 |
| DHULWAD FATA (PHC) | 16.8 | 7100 | 4 | 3791 | 2306 | 2 | 1 |
| CHAPADGAON | 19.7 | 7100 | 5 | 2306 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Plugin Development:

Plugins are made to customize Digital Geography as per the need proposed by MSRTC employees (Divisional Traffic Officer, i.e., DTO)

One of the Requirement Proposed by DTO-

Sometimes local people approach DTO, why a certain bus trip is cancelled by a Bus Depot, So to get the ABC analysis from a bus stop to some other bus stop at a given time and representing on GIS interface.

Plugin 1 Objective: To provide details of cancelled trip

Made for Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO), Nashik

No_Of_Trips

Source:

Destination:


From: Hour Minutes

To: Hour Minutes

Day:

Plugin 1 Inputs


All Possible Routes

 Total No. of all possible routes are 12

Routes are [9678, 18012, 18063, 19091, 19381, 37222, 83888, 102958, 104994, 119528, 119554, 125101]

Output (1): All routes passing through Source and destination

All possible Trips

 Total number of all possible Trips are 70

Trips are ['S224888', 'S228002', 'S228008', 'S228010', 'S228012', 'S228014', 'S228016', 'S228018', 'S228032', 'S228108', 'S228180', 'S228190', 'S228218', 'S228288', 'S228304', 'S228308', 'S228316', 'S228344', 'S228356', 'S228358', 'S228368', 'S228400', 'S228406', 'S228432', 'S228474', 'S228482', 'S228618', 'S228621', 'S228634', 'S228636', 'S228638', 'S228645', 'S228647', 'S228657', 'S228663', 'S228666', 'S228667', 'S228727', 'S228733', 'S228758', 'S228774', 'S228816', 'S228820', 'S228864', 'S228868', 'S228879', 'S228883', 'S228900', 'S228902', 'S228911', 'S228918', 'S228924', 'S228925', 'S228945', 'S228949', 'S228951', 'S228953', 'S228959', 'S228963', 'S228965', 'S228967', 'S228969', 'S228971', 'S228973', 'S228977', 'S228981', 'S228983', 'S228985', 'S228991', 'S228725']

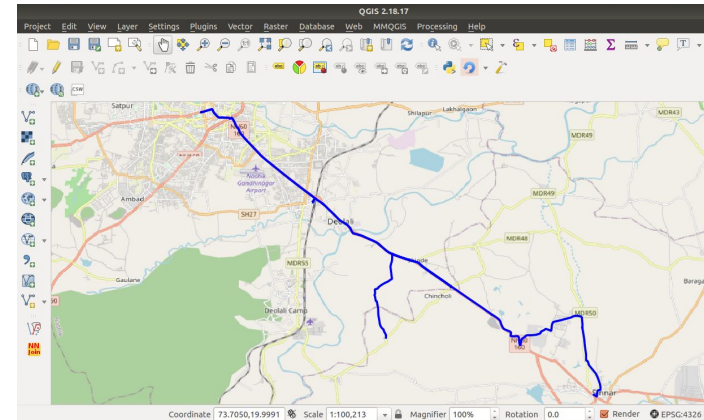
Final Output

Final Number of Bus Trips are 2

Final Trips between provided bus stops and Time are : 'S228725', 'S224888'

ABC Details of trips

ABC details:
S228725 , 'C',
S224888 , 'B',



Output (4): Bus Trip Route on GIS interface to display nearby affected region because of trip cancellation

Output (2): All bus trips passing through Source and destination irrespective of time

Output (3): All bus trips passing through Source and destination within provided time range

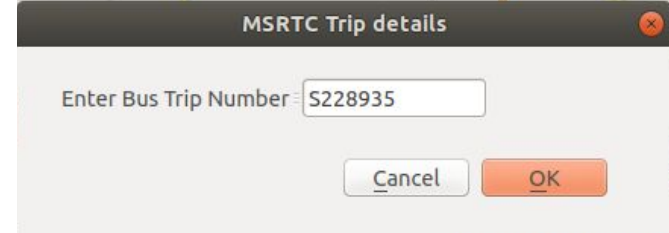
Plugin 2- MSRTC Trip Detail (Extension of Plugin 1):

Use- To get the path of any particular bus Trip along with ABC details.

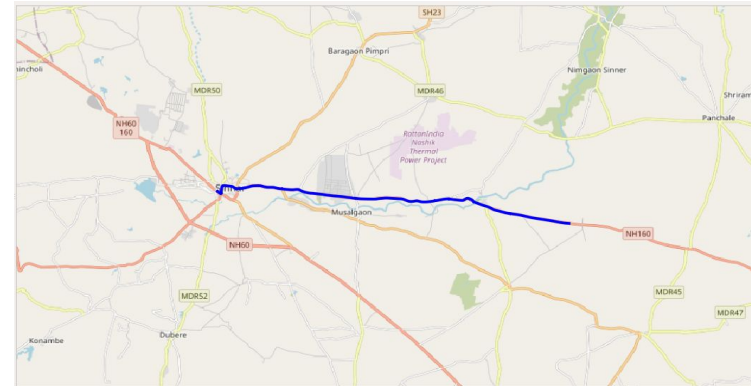
- Can be used as an extension after plugin 1 to get details of about any particular Bus Trip.

Physical Significance-

If a bus Trip is cancelled, then which areas are affected can be visualize from this Plugin



User Inputs for Plugin 2



Displays the path of the Bus Trip

Plugin 3: MSRTC PHC TimeTable Creator

(*Not in Report, developed later after report submission)

Use-

To create PHC Time Table for a Taluka

Data Required:

- Digital Geography of Taluka
- PHC Lat-Long.
- Village Population data.

Future Scope:

- Same methodology can be replicated to schools.



User Interface for Plugin 3

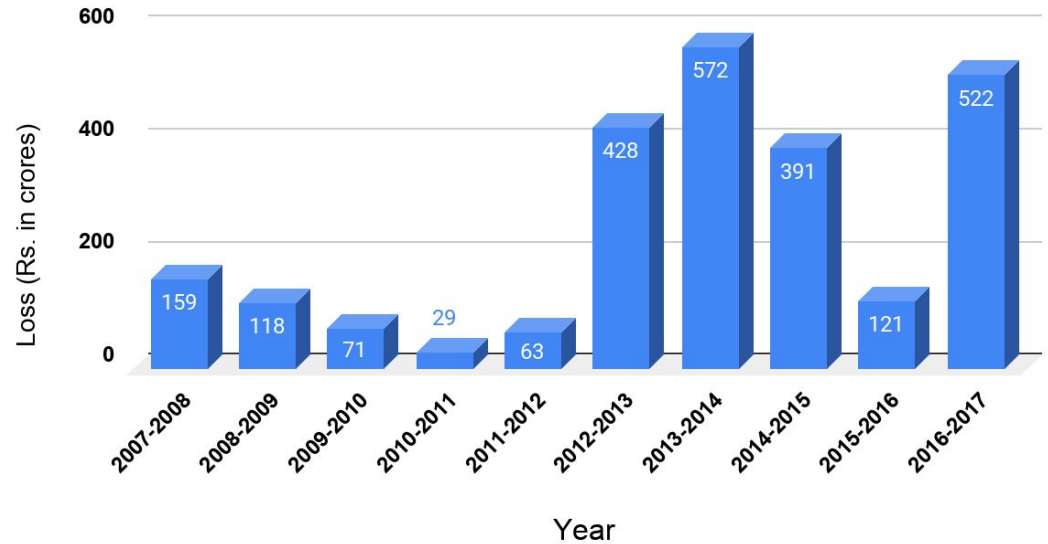


Output: Creates Form4.csv and PHCTimeTable.csv at Dekstop

Conclusion:

Currently MSRTC is in losses. Technical Interventions like GIS can help reduce losses and increase operational efficiency which directly and indirectly can benefits rural population .

MSRTC Loss (in crores) vs. Year



MSRTC Loss over the years

Future Scope:

- Study of Interaction with other modes of transport like railway station, nearby airport, private transportation like rickshaw, jeep etc.
- Field visits and interviews with MSRTC people to validate the work done.
- Development of GIS Interface for MSRTC.

Thank you!