## Indian Earth Observation Programme

## for Sustainable Development:

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## India: Resources & Challenges



## Indian EO Programme: Plans

*...... we must be second to none in the applications of advanced technologies to the real problems of man and society......* 

 Conduct periodic natural resources inventory, enable national spatial data infrastructure and provide state of environment reports to the nation,
 Support information needs for disaster management system
 Maximize ourreach of natural resources

Maximize outreach of natural resources information in support of developmental efforts of government, industry and voluntary agencies,

Develop a better scientific understanding of the earth system and its processes,

Enable an information service for public and society based on EO

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## **Indian EO Programme: Dimensions**



**Space Infrastructure** 

- Launch vehicles (PSLV, GSLV)
- Spacecrafts (LEO, GEO and beyond)
- Sensors (Optical/Microwave)

Applications

- Natural Resources Development
- Advanced R&D for landatmosphere-ocean interactions
- Synergy between EO, Satellite Communication & Navigation

#### **Ground Segment**

- Data Acquisition and Processing
- International Ground stations
- Cal-val programme
- TTC Network

Capacity Building

- Formal education through CSSTE-AP, IIRS, IITs....
- Technology transfer & on-the job training
- RESPOND programme

#### Institutionalization

- National Natural Resources Management System
- Involvement of stake-holders from the planning level
- Antrix & NDC

#### **International Cooperation**

 Bilateral and multilateral cooperation with various countries and international Organisations

### Indian EO Systems – Evolution



## Earth Observation Applications towards Societal Benefit

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## **Sustainable Agriculture**

#### Increase area under agriculture

 Identify culturable wastelands / marginal lands

#### Increase cropping intensity

 Improvised cropping practices like cultivation in Kharif/post-Kharif fallows

#### Increase productivity

- Retention/improvement of soil fertility
- Site-specific management of agriculture
- Increase area under HYVs

#### Crop Production Forecasting (FASAL)

Potential Fishing Zone Forecast





## Water Security

- Development of spatial information system on groundwater resource
- National Water balance modelling
- Glacier inventory, retreat, Snowmelt runoff, snow physics
- Inventory of surface water bodies
- Performance evaluation of irrigation commands
- Integrated Watershed Development

#### **RGNDWM: Implementation & Feedback**

State	No. of Wells Drilled as per	Success Rate (%)
	Ground Water Maps	
Andhra Pradesh	29873	90.0
Chattisgarh	19,503	90.0
Gujarat	34	100.0
Karnataka	5213	93.0
Madhya Pradesh	7730	92.0
Kerala	10.430	90.0



#### **Overland Water Depth**



## **Environment & Ecosystems**

- Desertification Monitoring
- Environmental Impact
  Assessment of Agriculture
- Forest extent, type and density, Monitoring afforestation/ deforestation, Encroachment
- Wetland inventory/conservation
- Coastal, Mangroves and Coral reefs studies
  - **Coastal Zone Mapping**



#### **Desertification Status Map of India**



#### Methane Emission From Riceecosystem-RS/GIS Approach



## **Biodiversity**

#### Understanding, monitoring and conserving biodiversity





#### India's biodiversity

Flora: 7.0% of world's Fauna: 6.5% of world's

## Disasters in India - Vulnerability

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## **Vulnerability:**

- 5700 Km Long Coastline -Cyclone-prone
- 40 Mha Flood-prone
- 68% of Net Sown Area (116 Districts) - Droughtprone
- 55% Total Area Seismic Zones III - V
- Sub-Himalayan/ Western Ghats -Landslide-prone

The Indian Sub-Continent is among the World's Most Disaster-prone Areas Severity Index (Last 50 yrs Data) Analysis based on Extent affected (Population, Area);



## **ISRO Disaster Management Support Services**















- Monitoring of major natural disasters using satellite and aerial data,
- Development of appropriate geospatial techniques/tools,
- Creation of digital database,
- Acquisition of close contour data for hazard prone areas using ALTM,
  - Strengthening the communication back-bone,
- Development of air-borne SAR (DMSAR) towards all-weather monitoring capability,
- Establishment of a Decision Support Centre at NRSA as a single-window service provider and
- Support the International Charter on Space and Major Disasters, as a signatory.

## **Disaster Mitigation**



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## Weather and Climate

- Extended Range Monsoon Forecasting
- Ocean State Forecasting
- Cyclone Track and intensity prediction
- Regional Climate Models
- Weather forecasting for satellite launching
- Glacial Retreat In Himalayas caused by Climate Change





Altimeter Wave information for Indian Ocean using wave models and satellite wind.





### **Energy** Improving management of energy resources

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Gravity Modelling for Petroleum Exploration



Mining activities



NTPC

Korba Coal Mines and environments, Chattisgarh



 Possible applications of remote sensing and GIS towards site suitability for bio-fuel plantation, hydropower projects and optimal pipeline routing

## **Human Health**

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### Telemedicine in India



## More than 160,000 patients benefited.

## **Transverse Area: Data Management**



## **Natural Resources Data Base (NRDB)**

- Creation of databases of spatial information, with common standards and accessibility
- Databases created on 1:50,000 scale for 21 states & UTs in the country
- Include 21 primary layers viz. land use, geomorphology, soil, etc.
- 8 derived layers such as groundwater prospects, slope etc. and action plans



Land Resources Action Plan Water Resources Action Plan

## **Transverse Area: Capacity Building**

- Centre for Space Science & Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP)
- Established in Nov 1, 1995
- 10 Countries signed agreement to establish CSSTEAP (Current Membership: 15)
- Provides Training and education in:
  - Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (R
  - □ Satellite Meteorology & Global Climate (SATMET)
  - Satellite Communications and Global Positioning Systems (SATCON)
  - □ Space and Atmospheric Sciences (Space Science)
- 669 Students trained so far, including 391 P.G.Diploma



SAC, Bopal Campus Ahmedabad





RS&GIS SATCOM SATMET SP.SC.

## **Transverse Area: User Engagement**





## Synergy of EO & Satellite Communications Village Resource Centres





Provide key technological solutions for development using space and other modern tools

Provide connectivity, resource and weather information

Synergies of remote sensing, communications and navigation using satellite and other modern mean

- VSAT network using INSAT for main centres
- Advisories on land and water resources, cropping patterns, weather, markets

Education and health amenities through linkage with institutions

## **India in International Partnership**

- Bilateral cooperation with 32 countries in Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America
- Multilateral cooperation with United Nations, Inter-Governmental Organisations and International Non-Governmental Entities (incl. GEOSS)
- Launching of sensors/satellites of many countries on Indian EO satellites/launch vehicles
- ISRO-CNES joint mission- Megha-Tropiques
- International Ground Stations
- Training & Education for Asia-Pacific
- Hosting International Conferences (ISPRS-TCIV, APRSAF-2007, GEOSS workshop.....)







## ISRO/IEEE/ISPRS/OGC Workshop The User and the GEOSS Architecture VI Applications in Public Health for The Indian Ocean Region September 26,2006, Goa,India

- Attended by 42 participants including 14 foreign participants
- 8 Lectures and one demonstration
- 4 Breakout Groups Meeting on GEO User and Architecture, Public Health and GIS, Telemedicine and OGC: Open Standards for GEOSS Interoperability
- Details available on www.commission4.isprs.org



## Indian EO Missions – Road Ahead

