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FOREWORD

Sedimentation is a byproduct of erosion in the catchment area of the reservoir and therefore, lesser the rate of erosion, smaller is the sediment load entering the reservoir. Type of soil, drainage density, vegetation, rainfall intensity and duration, shape of the catchment and land use/land cover affect the erosion. Deposition of silt takes place in various parts of reservoir which gradually reduces its capacity. Dead storage capacity as well as live storage capacity gets affected due to siltation. Information about reduction in the storage capacity is necessary for the planning and operational purposes. In some of the reservoirs, the rate of siltation has been higher than what was considered at the planning stage. Therefore, it has become necessary to conduct surveys in all the existing reservoirs for ascertaining siltation rate and consequently to assess their useful life. The data will also be useful for deriving siltation indices for different regions and river basins for use in the future design of the reservoirs. These surveys will enable selection of appropriate measures for controlling sedimentation along with efficient management and operation of reservoirs. The conventional techniques like boat mounted eco-sounder; HYDAC etc. are time consuming as well as costly. Remote sensing technique can be used to calculate the present live storage capacity of a reservoir due to its synoptic and repetitive coverage. These surveys based on remote sensing data are faster, economical and reliable.

Central Water Commission has been regularly involved in carrying out sedimentation assessment studies of various reservoirs through remote sensing techniques. As a part of 50 reservoirs study which were proposed to be taken up under the plan scheme "Research & Development Programme in Water Sector" during the period 2017-20 (i.e. beyond 12th Five Year Plan) / upto the end of 14th Finance Commission, the work "Sedimentation assessment study of Forty (40) reservoirs in India through Remote Sensing Technique" was awarded to MERI, Nashik. Rest will be carried out in-house. Out of these forty (40) reservoirs, the study of twenty three (23) reservoirs were found feasible and hence, completed. The balance were found non feasible due to non-availability of cloud free imageries or non-attainment of FRL/MDDL.

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Abbreviations

AOI	Area of Interest
μm	Micrometer
CWC	Central Water Commission
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
ERS	European Remote Sensing Satellite
FCC	False Color Composite
FRL	Full Reservoir Level
IR	Infra Red
IRS	Indian Remote Sensing Satellite
LISS	Linear Imaging Self Scanning Sensor
MDDL	Minimum Draw Down Level
MERI	Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MWL	Maximum Water Level
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
NDWI	Normalized Difference Water Index
NIR	Near Infra Red
NRSC	National Remote Sensing Centre
R	Red band
SAT	Shift Along Track
SQRT	Square Root
SRS	Satellite Remote Sensing
WSA	Water Spread Area

Units Used

ha	Hectare
km	Kilometer
m	Meter
Mm^2	Million square meter
Mm^3	Million cubic meter
sq km	Square kilometer
sq mi	Square mile

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Water resources sector has got high priority in all our developmental plans and accordingly large number of dams has been constructed to supply water for domestic, irrigation and industrial purposes. Natural processes like erosion in the catchment area and its deposition in various parts of the reservoir gradually, reduce the capacity of the reservoir. Dead as well as live storage get affected by it. The information about the reduction in capacity is necessary for all planning and operational purposes, which can be obtained through capacity surveys done at regular interval. The Remote Sensing technique can be used to calculate present capacity of the reservoir. It is very useful due to its simple analysis procedure and repetitive coverage by imagery. The surveys based on remote sensing data are faster, economical and more reliable. Department of Water Resources, River development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jalshakti, Government of India has initiated the programme to evaluate capacity of various reservoirs in the country. Accordingly the Central Water Commission has entrusted MERI, Nashik the work of "Sedimentation Assessment Study of Forty (40) Reservoirs in India through Remote Sensing Technique". The present study is in regard to Bhatghar Reservoir, Maharashtra, India.

Present study aims in updating the elevation-area-capacity curve of Bhatghar Reservoir, Maharashtra, and finding the capacity loss due to sedimentation in live storage. For carrying out the analysis, Resourcesat 2 and Resourcesat 2A LISS III data with 23.5 m resolution have been used. Satellite data for ten passes falling between MIN RL (595.020 m) and FRL (623.280 m) are used for the analysis.

The Bhatghar dam is located on the Yelwandi River. The dam site is located near Bhatghar village in Bhor taluka, Pune district. The project has a designed gross capacity of 672.650 Mm^3, with live capacity of 665.570 Mm^3.

This study reveals that the present live capacity of reservoir is reduced by 62.293 Mm^3 witnessing a loss of 9.360 % in a period of 91 (1926-2017) years. This amounts to 0.103 % loss per annum in live storage since the impoundment.

SEDIMENTATION ASSESSMENT OF BHATGHAR RESERVOIR, MAHARASHTRA, THROUGH SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING

1. Introduction

India – the second largest country in the world in terms of population – has about 17.3% of world's population, about 4% of world's water resources, and 2.44% of total geographical land area of the world. Therefore, in spite of having an average annual average precipitation to the tune of more than 1105 mm/year, the population density (lack of land resources) and per capita water resources availability make India a water-stressed country, as a whole. However, at a regional or basin level, many areas in the country are water-scarce or severely water-scarce owing to the spatial and temporal variability of water resources.

It is estimated that average annual precipitation over India is about 3880 BCM. Out of this precipitation, the average annual water resources availability of the country is about 1999.2 BCM, as estimated by Central Water Commission (CWC) in 2019. The water resources availability situation gets more murkier due to topographical and other constraints. Due to this, the total utilisable water resources in the country are about 1122 BCM (690 BCM of surface water and 432 BCM of groundwater). On one hand, the per-capita water resource availability is reducing due to increasing population and on the other, per-capita water usage is increasing due to industrialisation, urbanisation and change in lifestyles or dietary habits, making the available water resources still dearer.

India has typical monsoon-based climate where more than 75% rainfall occurs in three months i.e. July, August, and September. The total number of rainy days typically is in the tune of only 20-25 days per year (100-150 hours of rain per year) for most parts of the country. As a result, the bulk of annual water (75-80%) in rivers is available only in these three months. Therefore, in order to sustain life and other activities throughout the year from resources that are available only through 20-25 rainy days, it is absolutely essential to store the water in appropriately-sized storage structures (depending upon the topography and hydrology of the area).

So far, India has developed just 257.812 BCM as live storage capacity and 46.765 BCM is under construction. Realising the importance of storage structures, a large number of reservoirs have been built, since independence, during each plan in almost all river basins, except Ganga and Brahmaputra, to tap the available surface water and to utilize it as and when needed. The capacity of reservoirs is gradually reducing due to silting and hence sedimentation of reservoir is of great concern for all the water resources development projects.

Correct assessment of the sedimentation rate is essential for assessing useful life of the reservoir as well as optimum reservoir operation schedule. Since 1958, when it was established that the live storage of reservoir is getting reduced due to siltation, a systematic effort has been made by various departments / organizations to evaluate the capacity of reservoirs. Various techniques like boat echo sounder, etc. being replaced by hydrographic data acquisition system (HYDAC) and HITECH method using Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS). The conventional techniques are found either time consuming or costly and require considerable manpower. Remote sensing technique to calculate the present live capacity of reservoir is found to be very useful in this context due to its synoptic and repetitive coverage. The surveys based on remote sensing data are faster, economical and more reliable.

These surveys will enable selection of appropriate measures for controlling sedimentation along with efficient management and operation of reservoirs thereby deriving maximum benefits for the society.

This report covers the study of Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra by Central Water Commission, New Delhi.

2. Sources and Mechanism of Sedimentation

In order to obtain The principal sources of sediments are as follows:

1. Deforestation
2. Excessive erosion in the catchment
3. Disposal of industrial and public wastes
4. Farming
5. Channelisation works
6. Human activities
7. Land development, highways, and mining

The sedimentation is a product of erosion in the catchment areas of the reservoir and hence lesser the rate of erosion, smaller is the sediment load entering the reservoir. Various factors govern the erosion, transport and deposition of sediment in the reservoir. Type of soil, drainage density, vegetation, rainfall intensity and duration, shape of catchment and land use / land cover affect the erosion. Sediment transportation depends upon slope of the catchment, channel geometry and nature of riverbank and bed. Deposition is a function of bed slope of the reservoir, length of reservoir, flow patterns, inflow - outflow rates, grain size distribution, mode of reservoir operation, etc.

In order to obtain the knowledge of sedimentation in the reservoir, it is necessary to study the mechanism of sedimentation, which will help to mitigate reservoir sedimentation, prolong the life span of reservoirs and to take full benefits of reservoirs. The sediment deposition in a reservoir depends on the following:

- Longitudinal and lateral valley shape
- Length and shape of reservoir
- Flow patterns in reservoir
- Capacity to inflow volume ratio (trap efficiency)
- Grain size distribution of sediment
- Water and sediment discharges
- Mode of reservoir operation
- Nature of incoming floods

Reservoirs created by dams on rivers lose their storage capacity due to sedimentation. As water enters a reservoir, its velocity diminishes because of the increased cross-sectional area of the channel. If the water stored in the reservoir is clear and the inflow is muddy, the two fluids have different densities and the heavy turbid water flows along the channel bottom towards the dam under the influence of gravity (Figure 1). This condition is known as "stratified flow" and the underflow is called a "density current". A large proportion of the transported silt eventually gets deposited at different levels of a reservoir and causes reduction not only in dead storage but also in live storage capacities.
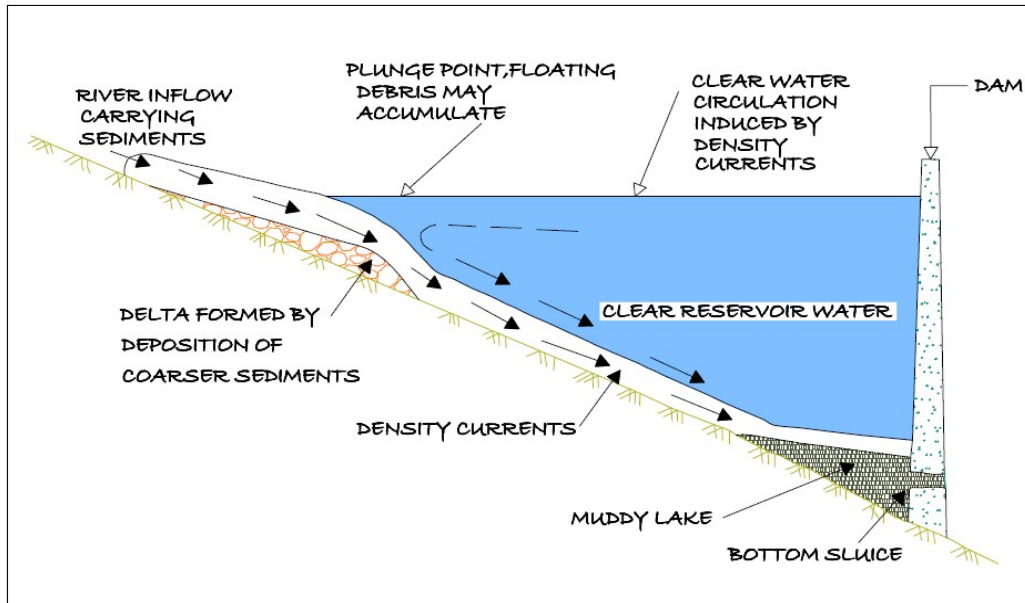
Figure 1: Conceptual sketch of density currents in a reservoir

Earlier it was believed that sediment always gets deposited in the bottom elevations of reservoir affecting the dead storage rather than depositing throughout the full range of reservoir depth. It is now fully realized that deposition takes place throughout the reservoir reducing the incremental capacity at all elevations.

Longitudinal deposition patterns in the reservoir will vary from one reservoir to another as influenced by pool geometry, discharge and grain size characteristic of the inflowing load and reservoir operation. There can be four types of depositing patterns in the reservoir as shown in the Figure 2.
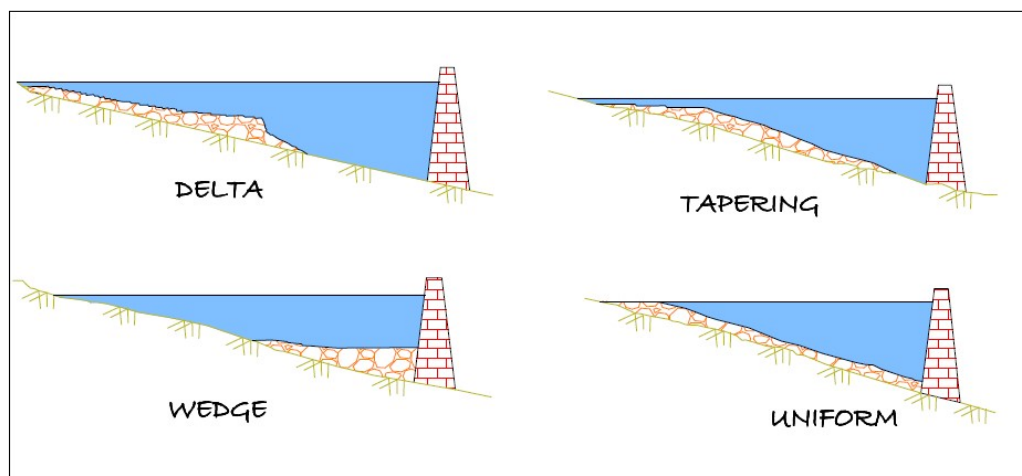
Figure 2: Longitudinal patterns of sediment deposition in a reservoir

Delta deposits contain the coarsest fraction of the sediment load, which is rapidly deposited at the zone of inflow. It may consist entirely of coarse sediment or may also contain a large fraction of finer sediment such as silt. Wedge-shaped deposits are thickest at the dam and become thinner moving upstream.This pattern is typically caused by the transport of fine sediment to the dam by turbidity currents. Wedge-shaped deposits are also found in small reservoirs with a large inflow of fine sediment, and in large reservoirs operated at low water level during flood events, which causes most sediment to be carried into the vicinity of the dam. Tapering deposits occur when deposits become progressively thinner moving toward the dam. This is a common pattern in long reservoirs normally held at high pool level, and reflects the progressive deposition of fines from the water moving toward the dam. Uniform deposits are unusual but do occur. Narrow reservoirs with frequent water level function and small load of fine sediment can produce nearly uniform deposition depths. Several factors like amount of sediment load, size distribution, fluctuations in stream discharge, shape of reservoir, stream valley slope, vegetation at the head of the reservoir, location and size of reservoir, outlets, etc., control the location of sediment deposits in the reservoir.

Figure 3 shows different levels in the reservoir where-in the capacity is affected. Reservoirs operate between Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL), which is at sluice level to Full Reservoir Level (FRL), which is at dam level. The storage between these two levels is the live storage as shown in Figure 3. The storage below MDDL is the dead storage. Water stored along the valley bed is known as valley storage
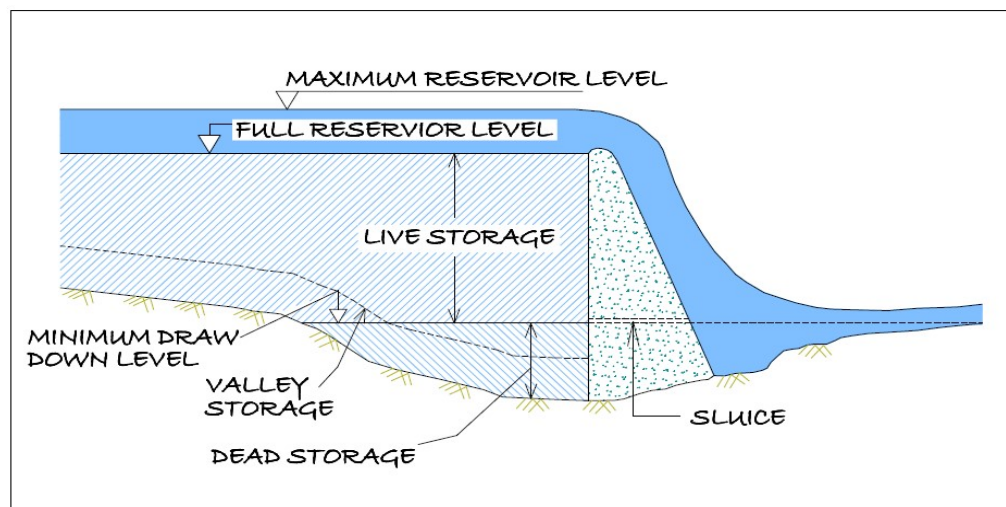
Figure 3: Conceptual sketch of different levels in a reservoir

3.   Control of Sedimentation

Due to the multiple variables involved in reservoir sedimentation, no single control measure can be considered as the most effective. The measures, which can be employed to limit sedimentation and turbidity, are as under:

1. Soil and water conservation measures within the drainage basin, contour ploughing, strip cropping, suitable farming practices, improvement of agricultural land, construction of small dams/ponds/terraces/check dams on gullies
2. Revetment and vegetation cover
3. Evacuation of sediment
4. Reservoir shoreline protection
5. Stream bank and flood plain protection
6. Ridge plantation such as pasture development and reservoir shoreline protection

Silting not only occurs in the dead storage but also encroaches into the live storage zone, which impairs the intended benefits from the reservoirs. Therefore, the problem of sedimentation needs careful consideration. Adequate provision has to be made in the reservoir for accumulation of anticipated quantities of silt. Steps are also required to be taken to ensure that the storage capacities available are not lost or get reduced by accelerated sedimentation.

4.   Remote Sensing in Reservoir Sedimentation

Remote sensing is the art and science of collecting information about earth's feature without being in physical contact with it. Various features on earth surface reflect or emit electromagnetic energy depending upon their characteristics. The reflected radiation depends upon physical properties of the terrain and emitted radiation depends upon temperature and emissivity. The radiations are recorded by the sensors onboard satellite and then are transmitted back to earth. Discrimination between features depends on the fact that the response from different features like vegetation, soil, water is different and discernable. Data received at ground stations, is digitally or visually interpreted to generate thematic maps.

Data acquisition is done from various polar orbiting satellites (orbiting around 800 to 900 km altitude), namely Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellite, European Remote Sensing (ERS) satellite, Landsat and SPOT satellites. Data from these satellites are being received and archived by National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) at Hyderabad.

Present study utilizes data from Resoucesat 2 and Resoucesat 2A satellite. They have LISS III sensor, which operates in four spectral bands. Three bands are in the visible and near infra red region with spectral band widths as 0.52-0.59 μm, 0.62-0.68 μm and 0.77-0.86 μm and spatial resolution as 23.50 m. Fourth band with spectral bandwidth of 1.55-1.75 μm falls in short wave infra red region.

Reservoir sedimentation surveys are essentially based on mapping of water-spread areas at the time of satellite over pass. It uses the fact that water-spread area of the reservoir reduces with the sedimentation at different levels. The water-spread area and the elevation information are used to calculate the volume of water stored between different levels. These capacity values are then compared with the previously calculated capacity values to find out change in capacity between different levels.

5.   Objectives

The objective of the study is to estimate capacity loss of Bhatghar reservoir due to sedimentation through satellite remote sensing. Following objectives will be achieved in the study.

(i)   Updating of Elevation-Area-Capacity curve using satellite data in live storage zone of Bhatghar reservoir.

(ii)   Estimation of live storage loss due to sedimentation in Bhatghar reservoir.

6.   Study Area

The Bhatghar dam is located near Bhatghar village in Bhor taluka, Pune district, on the Yelwandi River. The dam site is located at 18^0 10' 30'' N latitude and 73^0 52' 00'' E longitude. The location of the dam is shown in Figure 3 as Index Map.

The Bhatghar dam serves the purpose of irrigation, drinking and industrial use. The catchment area at the dam site is 331.50 sq km. The dam was impounded in the year

1926. The FRL and MDDL of the reservoir are at a level of 623.280 m and 587.520 m respectively. The dead storage and live storage capacity of Bhatghar dam are 7.080 Mm^3 and 665.570 Mm^3 respectively.

The storage is used mainly for irrigation. It is let down into the Nira River as required and is picked up by the two canals. The Nira left bank canal and Nira right bank canal at Vir dam about 27 Km from the Bhatghar dam. Salient features of Bhatghar project are given in Annexure (I).

Source: Bhuvan

18⁰ 14' 08" N
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73⁰ 52' 20" E
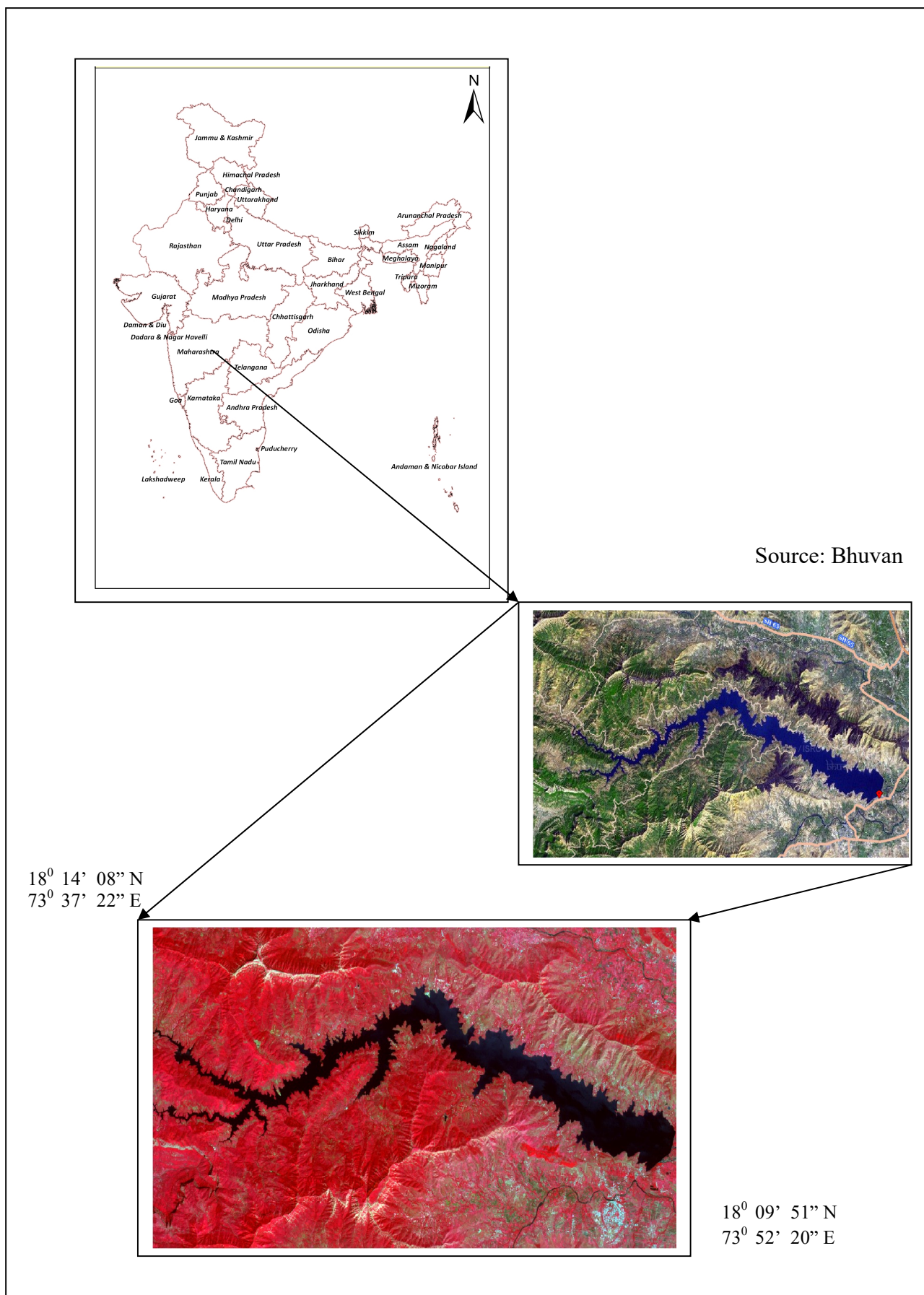
Figure 4: Index map of Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

7.   Previous Surveys

Summary of previous surveys is as shown in Table 1. It is to mention that, the field authority is using the design storages for water planning purpose in current situation. Hence they have provided the data of design storages only. Therefore comparison of current study is done with design data only.

Table 1: Summary of previous surveys

Details of survey	Gross capacity (Mm^3)	Cumulative loss	Cumulative % loss
Design survey (1926)	672.650	-	
Hydrographic Survey MERI, (2007)	564.06	108.59	16.14

8.   Approach of Present Study

Remote sensing technique is utilized to assess the sedimentation between operating levels of reservoir. This operating range between MDDL (587.520 m) and FRL (623.280 m) varies each year and depends upon yield in the reservoir and utilization of water. During 2016 to 2019 the minimum and maximum levels in this reservoir fluctuated in various ranges. They are shown in Table 2. The cloud free levels in this range are selected for analysis.

Table 2 : Status of cloud free levels achieved during 2016 to 2019

Sr. No.	Water year	Minimum level (m)	Maximum level (m)	Difference of minimum and maximum levels (m)
1	2016-2017	595.020	621.900	26.880
2	2017-2018	597.310	623.160	25.850
3	2018-2019	608.920	623.280	14.360

The information reveals that in the water year 2018-2019, reservoir was filled up to FRL 623.28 m while it got depleted close to MDDL (595.020 m) in the water year 2016-17. For present study five images from water year 2016-2017, two images from water year 2017-2018 and three images from water year 2018-2019 have been used. The year of survey of present study is treated as year 2016-2017.

9.   Data

9.1   Field data

Following data set was obtained from Executive Engineer, Pune Irrigation Division, Pune for Bhatghar reservoir and used in the analysis.

i)   Index map of reservoir

ii) Latitude and longitude of the reservoir

iii) Original area capacity table at 0.1ft interval.

iv) Salient features of the project

v)   Reservoir levels for given dates of satellite pass.

9.2   Satellite data

Resourcesat 2 and Resourcesat 2A LISS III images of 23.5 m resolution having Path 95, Row 60 have been used in present analysis. The FCC images are as given in Figure 4. The dates of satellite pass of selected images and corresponding reservoir levels are given in Table 3.

Table 3: Details of satellite data

Sr. No.	Date of pass	Elevation (m)
1	16 - May - 2017	595.020
2	22 - Apr - 2017	598.040
3	10 - Apr - 2017	602.970
4	29 - Apr - 2018	606.790
5	07 - Mar - 2019	609.990

6	11 - Feb - 2019	612.460
7	09 - Feb - 2017	615.260
8	16 - Jan - 2017	617.980
9	11 - Jan - 2018	620.570
10	14 - Oct - 2018	623.280
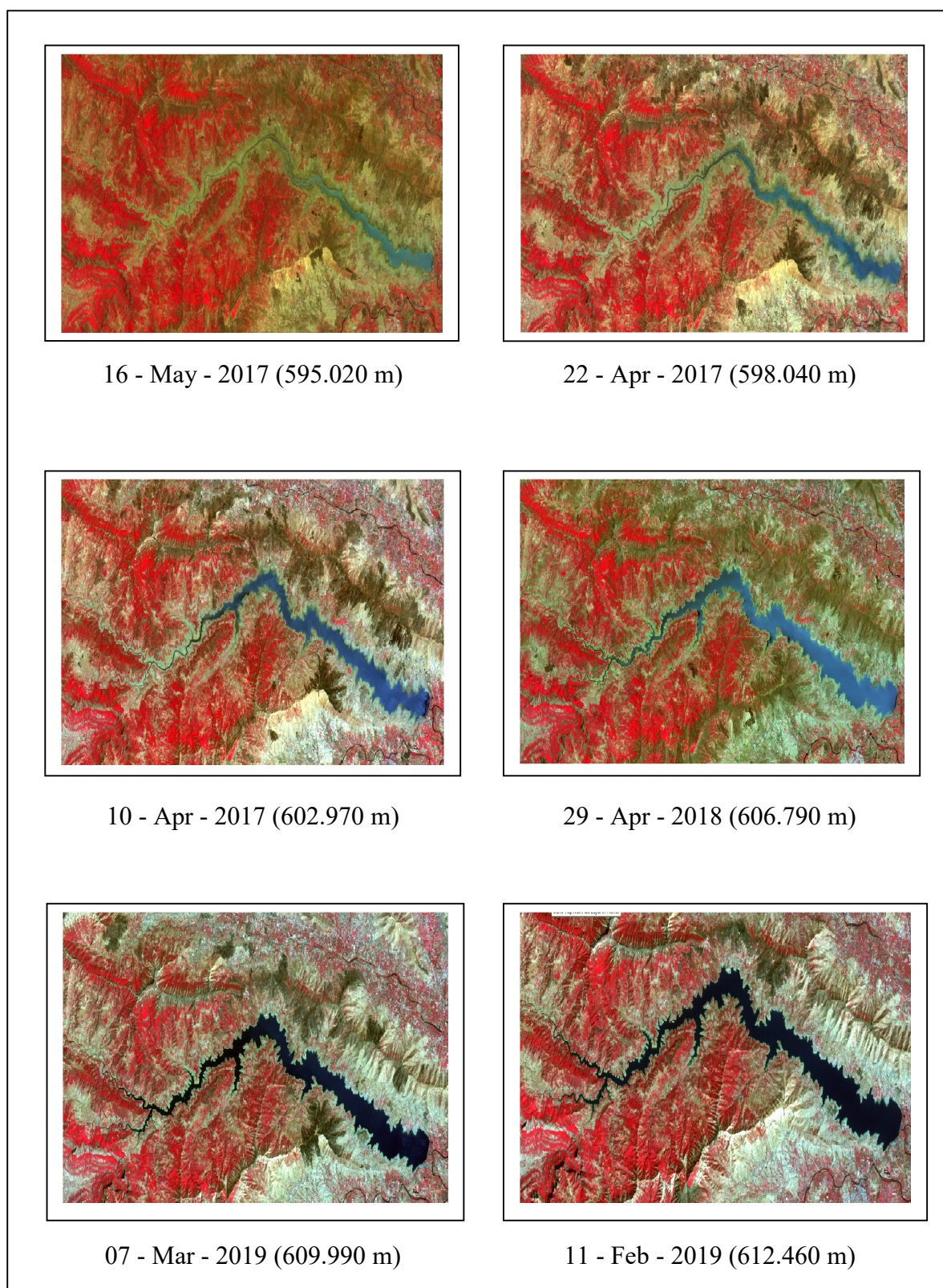
16 - May - 2017 (595.020 m)

22 - Apr - 2017 (598.040 m)

10 - Apr - 2017 (602.970 m)

29 - Apr - 2018 (606.790 m)

07 - Mar - 2019 (609.990 m)

11 - Feb - 2019 (612.460 m)

Figure 5: FCC's of Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

09 - Feb - 2017 (615.260 m)	16 - Jan - 2017 (617.980 m)
11 - Jan - 2018 (620.570 m)	14 - Oct - 2018 (623.280 m)
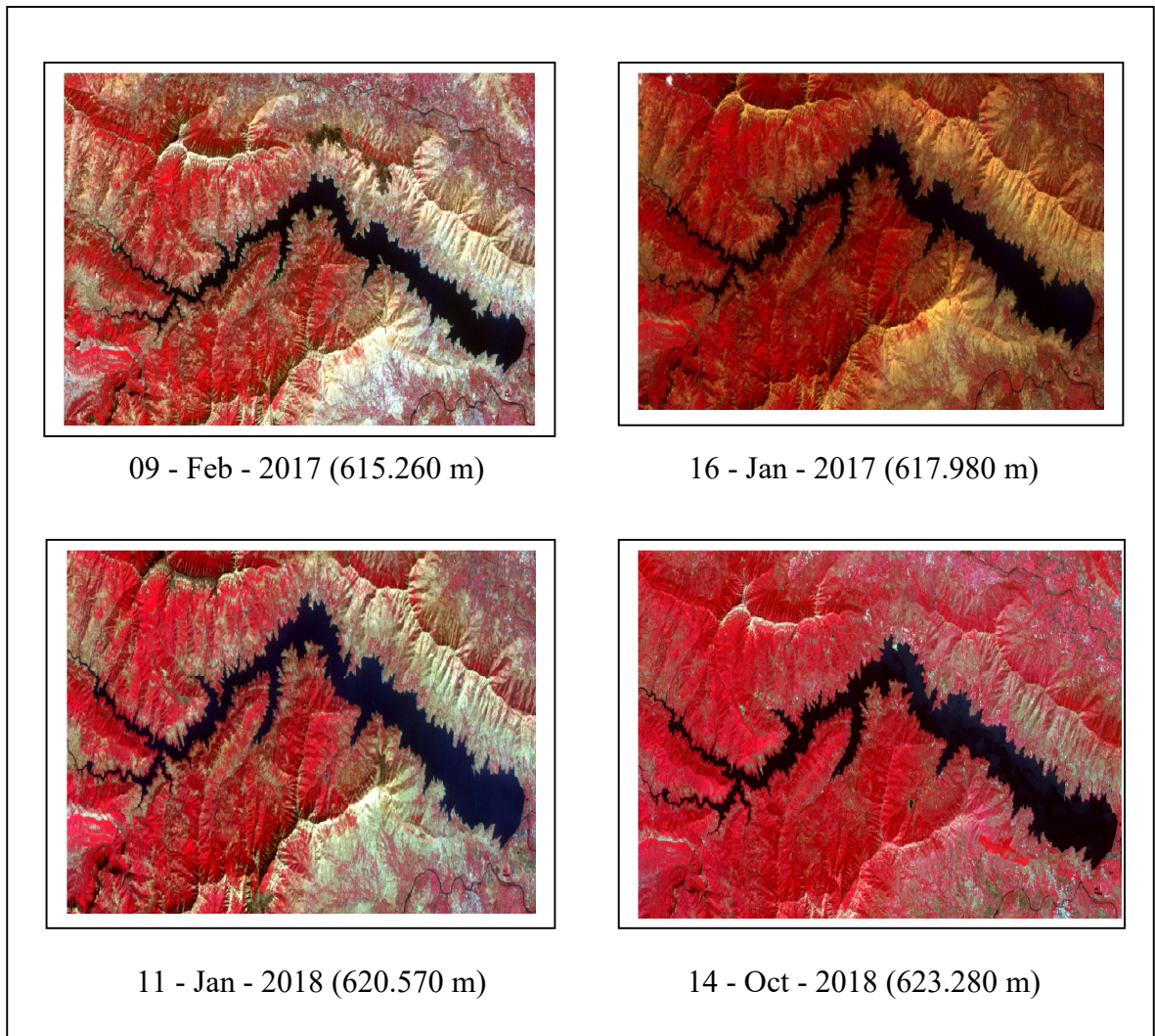
Figure 5: FCC's of Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

9.3   Criteria for satellite dates selection

The selection of the satellite data for the present study is based on the following guidelines given in the MOU signed between CWC, New Delhi and MERI, Nashik.

(i) To carry out the feasibility assessment of the given reservoir regarding availability of cloud free satellite data of dates of satellite pass corresponding to reservoir levels near MDDL as well as near FRL and at uniform interval to the extent possible in between MDDL and FRL for the latest water year or maximum up to two previous water years.

(ii) To carry out sedimentation analysis through SRS technique to cover the entire live storage zone of the reservoir.

(iii) In case of inability to cover the entire live storage zone of the reservoir due to non-availability of cloud free satellite data at FRL and MDDL, the study may be taken up if minimum of 80 % of live storage capacity is covered by the available cloud free dates of satellite pass on maximum and minimum reservoir levels.

NRSC website has been browsed to prepare a list of dates of satellite pass over the Bhatghar reservoir for the year 2016 to 2019. The reservoir levels on these dates along with corresponding water spread areas and capacities have been obtained from field officers.

The reservoir has been depleted up to 595.020 m as against MDDL (587.520 m). The maximum level covered in the present study is 623.280 m, which is FRL. Variation in the study level is (623.280 – 595.020) = 28.260 m. The difference between FRL and MDDL is (623.280 – 587.520) = 35.760 m.

In the present study, storage of 639.150 Mm^3 has been covered as against total live capacity of 665.570 Mm^3. Thus the percentage live storage covered by this study is 96.030 %. (Annexure II).

Statement giving cloud free dates of satellite pass, reservoir levels, areas and capacities for the Bhatghar reservoir has been prepared and submitted to CWC. The CWC has finalized the dates and placed order of images with NRSC, Hyderabad. The data has been received directly to MERI from NRSC, Hyderabad.

10.   Software Used

The analysis is done using the software ERDAS IMAGINE Ver. 2010. This software provides facility for satellite image analysis, by different methods.

11. Methodology

The basic approach is to find out the water-spread areas from satellite data for different water levels between MDDL to FRL. The difference between areal spread of water between current year and earlier years is the areal extent of silting at these levels. The methodology for estimation of live capacity of reservoir using remote sensing consists of following major tasks

(i)   Digital data base creation

(ii) Estimation of water-spread area

(iii) Calculation of reservoir capacity

(iv) Comparison of result with previous surveys

(v)   Estimation of live capacity loss due to sedimentation

11.1   Procedural flow chart

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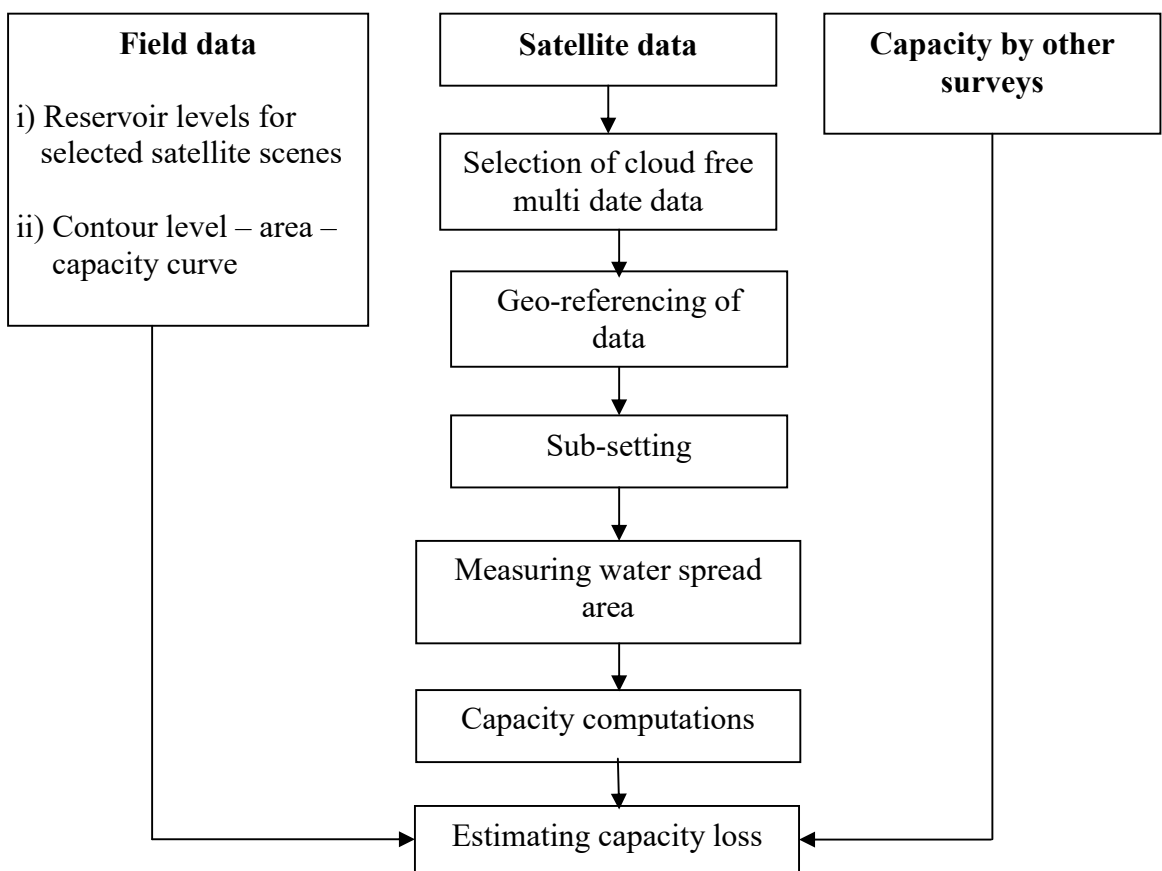
Figure 6: Flow chart showing methodology for reservoir capacity estimation

11.2 Data loading

All the scenes are loaded in the system. These are listed as different files. They are renamed corresponding to falling levels. It helps in identifying the images during analysis. These files are in .img formats.

11.3 Image geo-referencing

Geo-referenced ready satellite images have been used in the analysis. However, when all the images are superimposed and swiped, slight displacements of images are noticed. Treating the image of the highest water level as the base image all the remaining images are again geo-referenced using image to image option of the ERDAS IMAGINE software.

11.4 Area extraction

A subset of the rectified scene is defined so as to facilitate and use in subsequent analysis. Rectified scene is loaded on the system. A small area around reservoir is extracted from one scene in interactive way. Once the area of interest (AOI) is finalized other scenes are extracted using the same AOI.

11.5 Water spread area extraction

There are various methods for the extraction of water area information from remote sensing imagery, which, according to the number of bands used, are generally divided into two categories, i.e. single-band and multi-band methods.

The multi-band method takes advantage of reflective differences of each involved band. There are two ways to extract water information using the multi-band method. One is through analyzing signature features of each ground target among different spectral bands, finding out the signature differences between water and other targets based on the analysis, and then using an if-then-else logic tree to delineate land from open water.

The other one is a band-ratio approach using two multispectral bands. One is taken from visible wavelengths and is divided by the other usually from near infrared (NIR) wavelengths. As a result, vegetation and land presences are suppressed while water features are enhanced. However, the method can suppress non-water features but do

not remove them, and therefore the Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) was proposed by Mc Feeters (1996) to achieve this goal.

The NDWI is expressed as follows (Mc Feeters 1996):

$$NDWI = \frac{Green - NIR}{Green + NIR}$$

Where Green is a green band such as TM band 1, and NIR is a near infrared band such as TM band 3.

This index is designed to

(1) maximize reflectance of water by using green wavelengths;

(2) minimize the low reflectance of NIR by water features; and

(3) take advantage of the high reflectance of NIR by vegetation and soil features.

As a result, vegetation and land presences are suppressed while water features are enhanced.

Table 4: Range of NDWI values for Bhatghar reservoir

Date of pass	Minimum value	Maximum value
16 - May - 2017	0.0058	0.2921
22 - Apr - 2017	0.0102	0.2863
10 - Apr - 2017	-0.0394	0.2234
29 - Apr - 2018	-0.0346	0.2574
07 - Mar - 2019	0.0012	0.5082
11 - Feb - 2019	0.0560	0.4781
09 - Feb - 2017	0.0500	0.2925
16 - Jan - 2017	0.0640	0.3048
11 - Jan - 2018	0.0002	0.1466
14 - Oct - 2018	-0.0472	0.1110

Using the above range of values, water spread areas are extracted for all the scenes. The Water Spread Areas (WSA) derived for all the scenes and their corresponding water levels are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Water spread areas extracted from satellite data

Date of pass	Elevation (m)	Area (Mm^2)
16 - May - 2017	595.020	4.491
22 - Apr - 2017	598.040	7.422
10 - Apr - 2017	602.970	13.741
29 - Apr - 2018	606.790	18.293
07 - Mar - 2019	609.990	22.202
11 - Feb - 2019	612.460	25.364
09 - Feb - 2017	615.260	27.746
16 - Jan - 2017	617.980	31.029
11 - Jan - 2018	620.570	32.662
14 - Oct - 2018	623.280	33.147

The water spread areas on selected dates of satellite pass are shown in Figure 6. The tail of the reservoir is defined by removing the river portion from extracted WSA, carefully.

11.6   Water spread area at regular interval

Water levels on the dates of pass for selected satellite data are not available at regular interval. However to get WSA values at regular interval of elevation, area-elevation curve is plotted for the reservoir and a Third order polynomial has been fitted. The areas at an elevation interval of 1.0 m are computed from this best fit equation. These values are given in Table 5.

11.7   Calculation of reservoir capacity

Computation of reservoir capacities at different elevations have been derived using following formula

$$V = H / 3 * (A_1 + A_2 + SQRT (A_1 * A_2)).$$

Where V is reservoir capacity between two successive elevation of h_1 and h_2

  H is the elevation difference, $H = (h_1 - h_2)$

  A_1 and A_2 are areas of reservoir water spread at elevation h_1 and h_2 respectively.

The cumulative live capacities derived at different elevation have been shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Areal extent and cumulative live storage capacity of reservoir at regular interval defined from graph

Water elevation m	Water spread area Mm^2 (2016-17)	Cumulative capacity Mm^3 (2016-17)
MDDL 587.520	0.126	0.000
588.000	0.230	0.084
589.000	0.534	0.456
590.000	0.950	1.188
591.000	1.472	2.389
592.000	2.092	4.162
593.000	2.805	6.602
594.000	3.603	9.798
595.000	4.480	13.832
596.000	5.430	18.779
597.000	6.446	24.710
598.000	7.521	31.686
599.000	8.648	39.764
600.000	9.821	48.993
601.000	11.034	59.415
602.000	12.280	71.066
603.000	13.552	83.977
604.000	14.844	98.170
605.000	16.148	113.662
606.000	17.459	130.461
607.000	18.770	148.572
608.000	20.074	167.991
609.000	21.365	188.707
610.000	22.636	210.705
611.000	23.880	233.960
612.000	25.091	258.443

613.000	26.263	284.118
614.000	27.387	310.941
615.000	28.459	338.863
616.000	29.472	367.827
617.000	30.418	397.771
618.000	31.291	428.624
619.000	32.086	460.312
620.000	32.794	492.751
621.000	33.409	525.852
622.000	33.926	559.519
623.000	34.336	593.650
FRL 623.280	34.431	603.277

18⁰ 14' 08" N
73⁰ 37' 22" E

18⁰ 09' 51" N
73⁰ 52' 20" E

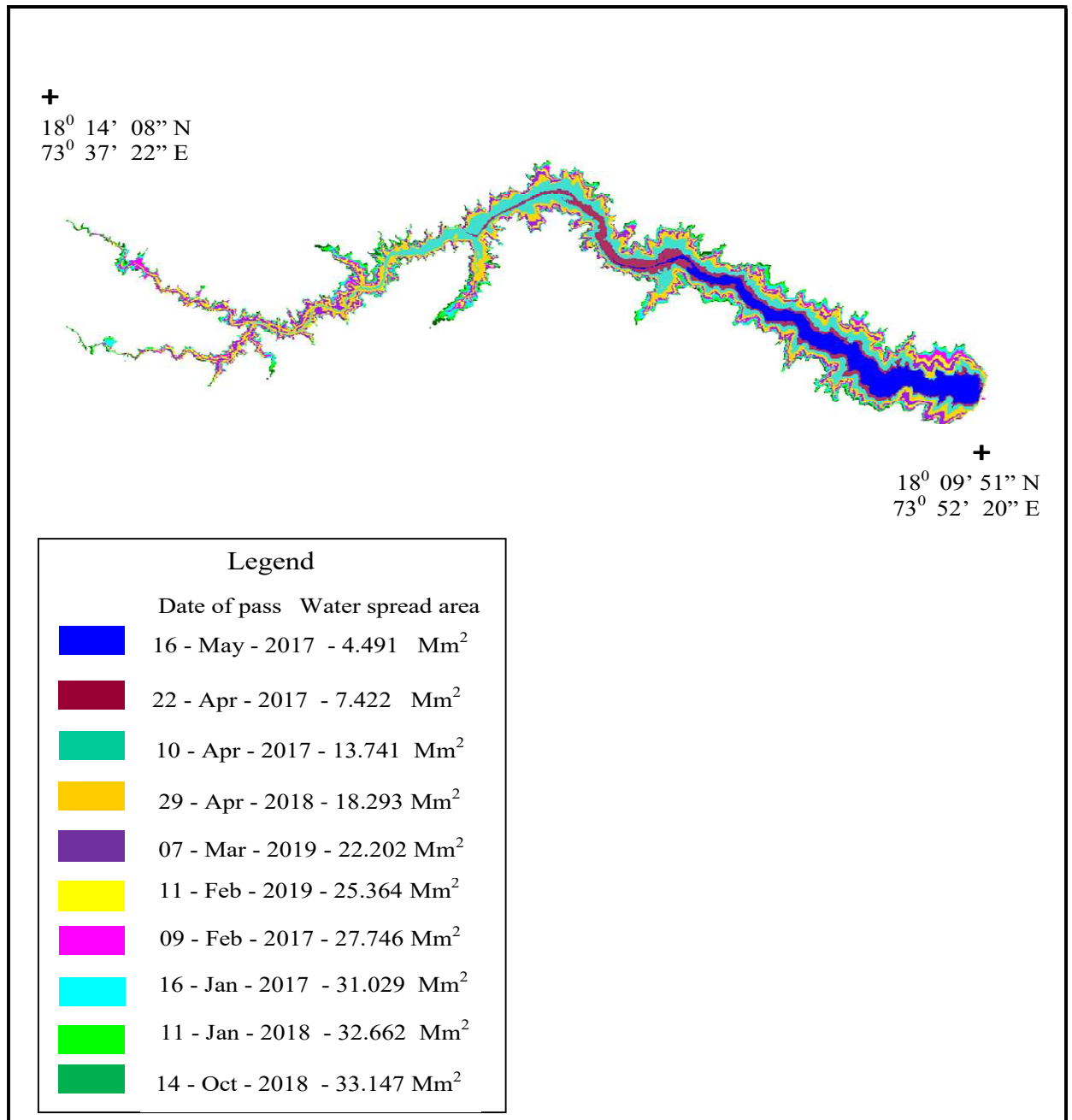| Legend	
Date of pass	Water spread area
■	16 - May - 2017 - 4.491 Mm^2
■	22 - Apr - 2017 - 7.422 Mm^2
■	10 - Apr - 2017 - 13.741 Mm^2
■	29 - Apr - 2018 - 18.293 Mm^2
■	07 - Mar - 2019 - 22.202 Mm^2
■	11 - Feb - 2019 - 25.364 Mm^2
■	09 - Feb - 2017 - 27.746 Mm^2
■	16 - Jan - 2017 - 31.029 Mm^2
■	11 - Jan - 2018 - 32.662 Mm^2
■	14 - Oct - 2018 - 33.147 Mm^2

Figure 7: Water spread areas on different dates of satellite pass

SRS elevation area curve is shown in Figure 8 and tabulated in Table 5. Elevation capacity curves is shown in Figure 9 and tabulated in Table 6. The elevation-area curve drawn through original and present surveys carried out for Bhatghar reservoir are shown in Figure 10 which is based on Table 7. The elevation-capacity curve drawn through original and present surveys carried for the Bhatghar reservoir are shown in Figure 11 and tabulated in Table 8. In Figure 12 updated SRS elevation-area-capacity curve is drawn and tabulated in Table 6.

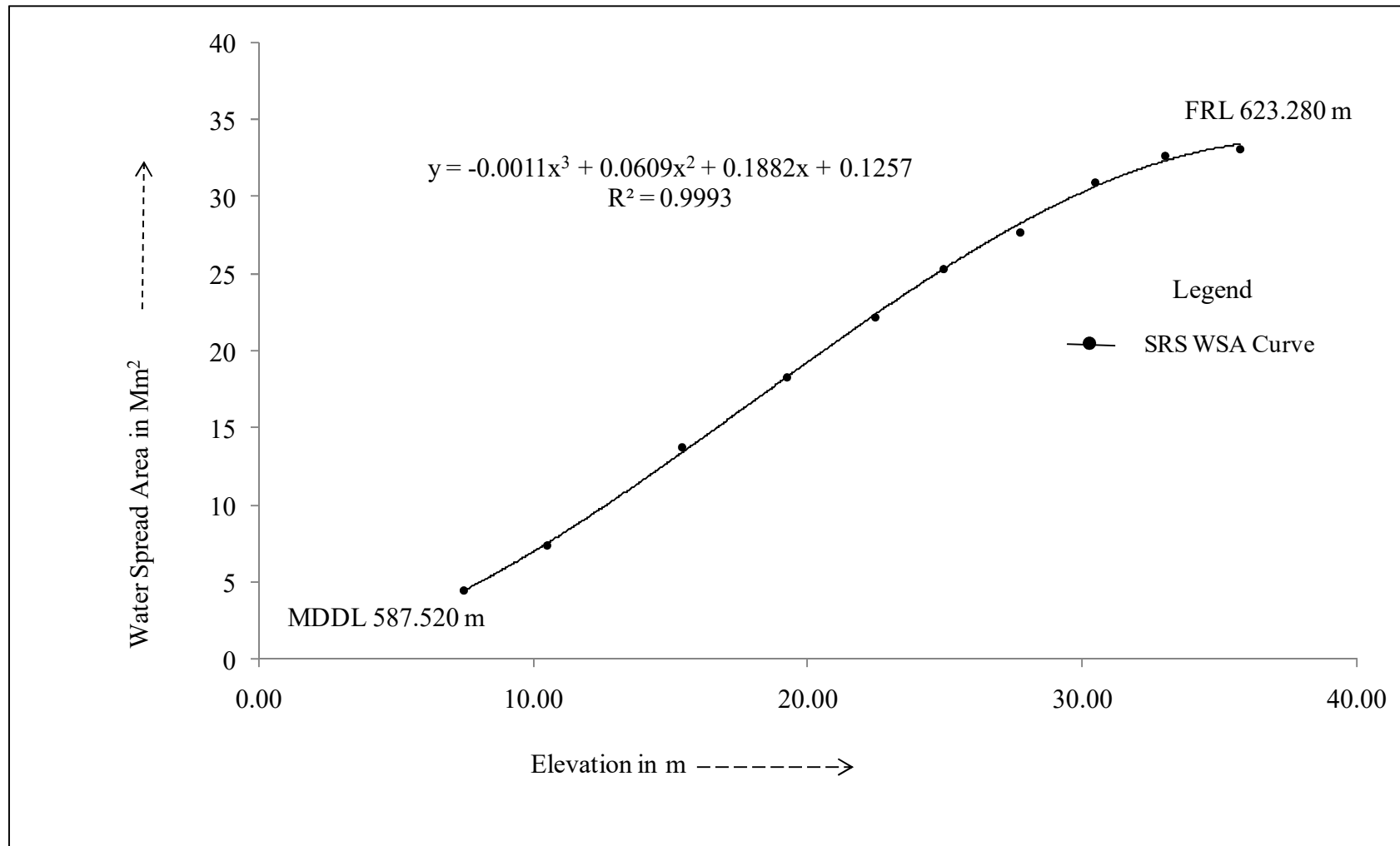Figure 8:   SRS Elevation-Area curve for Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra
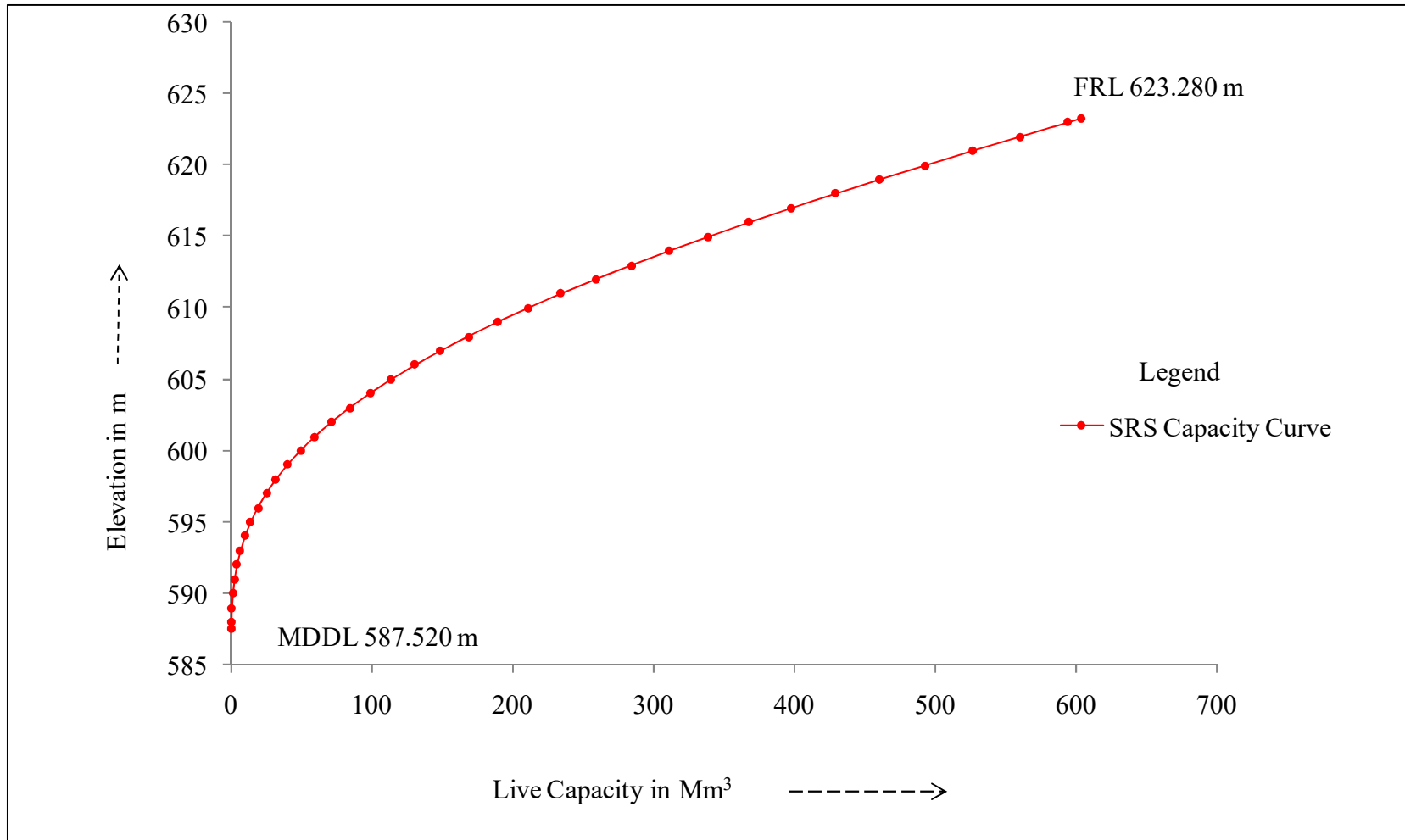
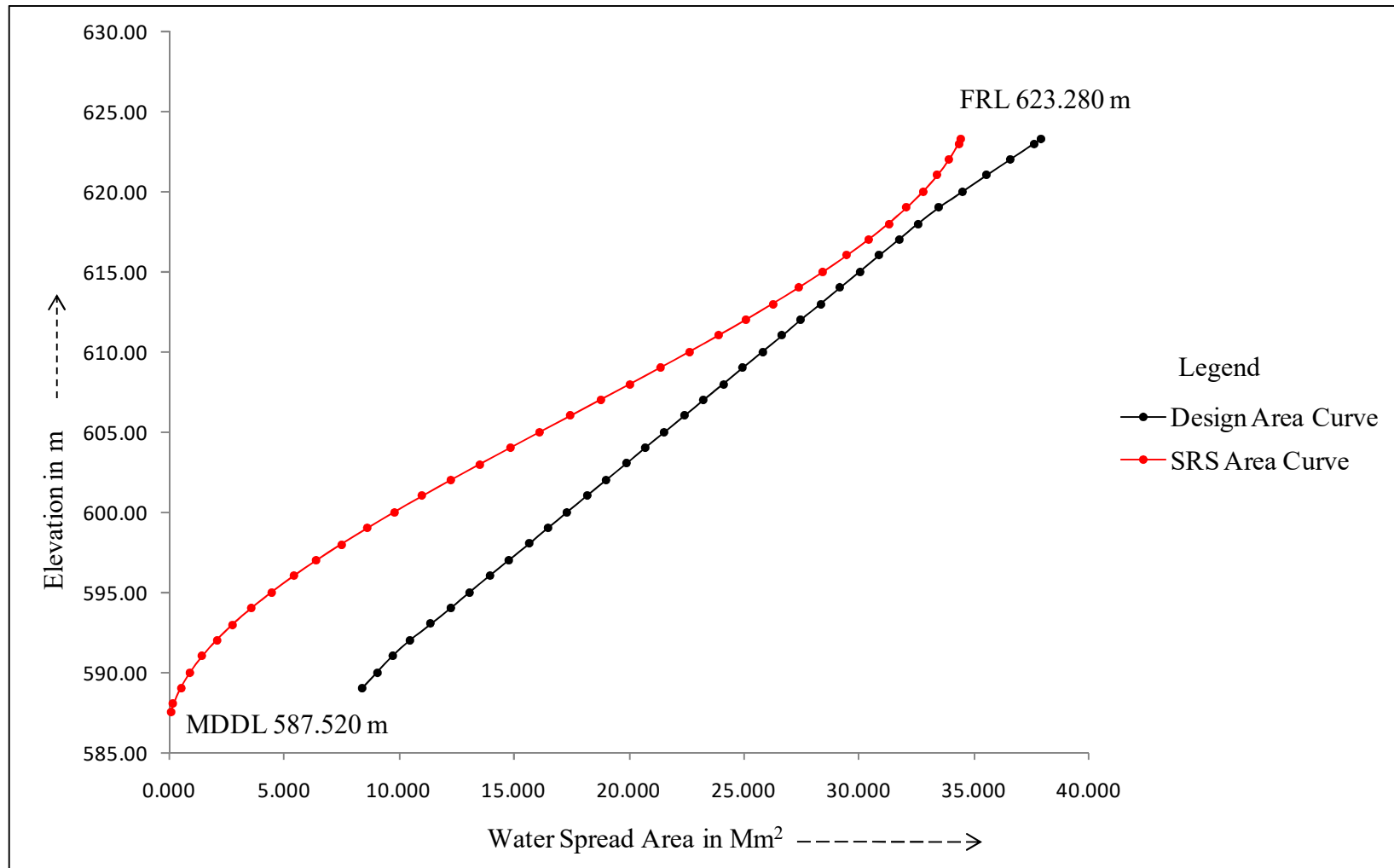Figure 9 :   SRS Elevation-Capacity curve for Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

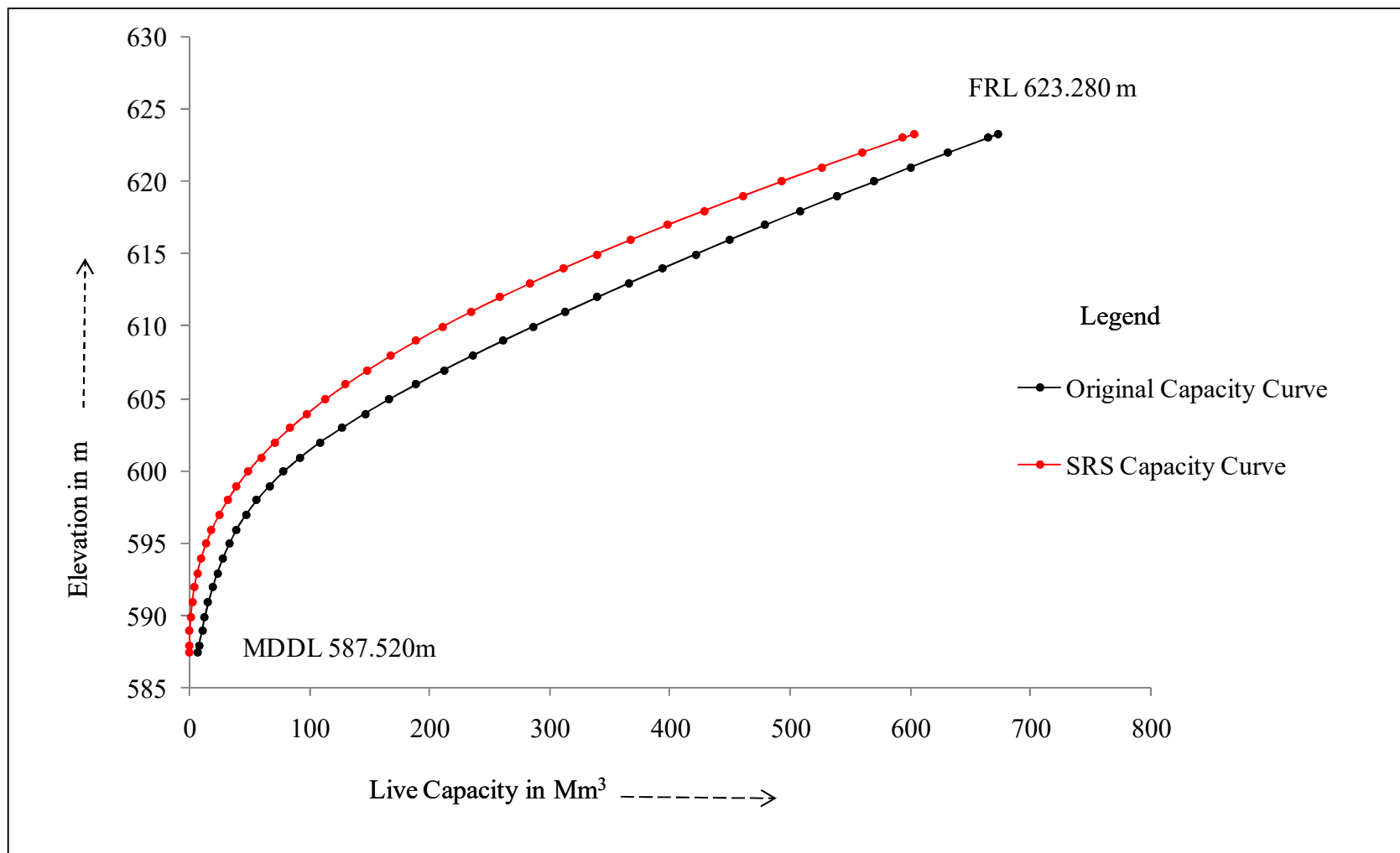Figure 10 : Elevation - Area curve for Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

Figure 11: Elevation - Capacity curve for different years for Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra
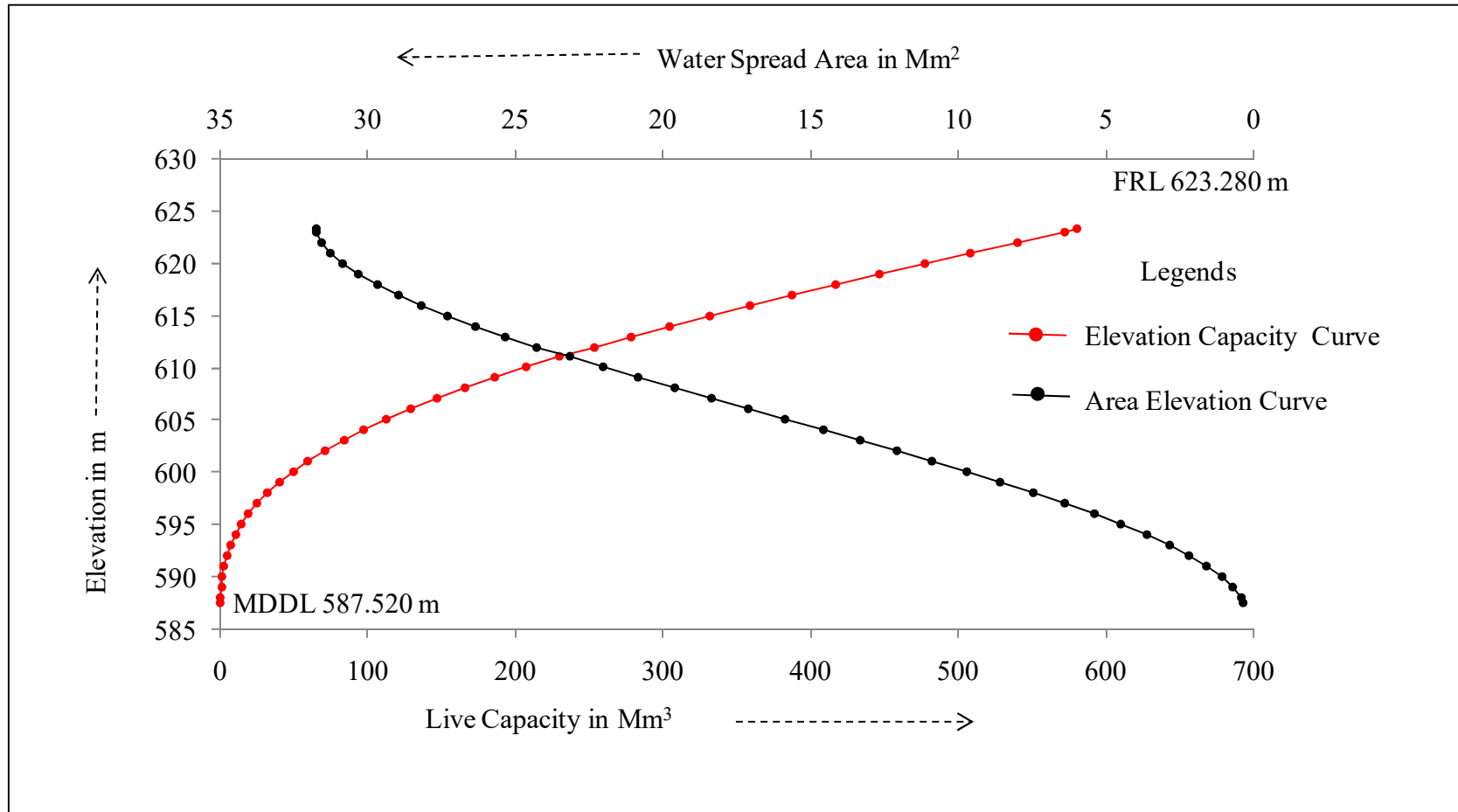
Figure 12 : Modified SRS Elevation - Area - Capacity curve for Bhatghar reservoir, Maharashtra

11.8   Comparison with earlier surveys

The comparison of water spread area obtained through remote sensing analysis with original surveyed data is given in Table 7.

Table 7: Comparison of water spread areas of reservoir (Mm^2)

Water elevation m	Original survey 1926	SRS survey 2016-17
MDDL 587.520	NA	0.126
588.000	NA	0.230
589.000	8.393	0.534
590.000	9.045	0.950
591.000	9.700	1.472
592.000	10.480	2.092
593.000	11.383	2.805
594.000	12.250	3.603
595.000	13.080	4.480
596.000	13.920	5.430
597.000	14.780	6.446
598.000	15.650	7.521
599.000	16.470	8.648
600.000	17.320	9.821
601.000	18.160	11.034
602.000	19.013	12.280
603.000	19.870	13.552
604.000	20.700	14.844
605.000	21.557	16.148
606.000	22.410	17.459
607.000	23.248	18.770
608.000	24.100	20.074
609.000	24.947	21.365
610.000	25.797	22.636
611.000	26.660	23.880
612.000	27.480	25.091
613.000	28.340	26.263
614.000	29.180	27.387
615.000	30.030	28.459
616.000	30.870	29.472
617.000	31.730	30.418
618.000	32.570	31.291

Water elevation m		Original survey 1926	SRS survey 2016-17
	619.000	33.480	32.086
	620.000	34.510	32.794
	621.000	35.540	33.409
	622.000	36.580	33.926
	623.000	37.615	34.336
FRL	623.280	37.910	34.431

The comparison of present live storage capacity with original capacity is given in Table 8.

Table 8: Comparison of live storage capacity of reservoir (Mm^3)

Water elevation m		Original survey 1926	SRS survey 2016-17
MDDL	587.520	7.080	0.000
	588.000	8.060	0.084
	589.000	10.590	0.456
	590.000	13.130	1.188
	591.000	16.110	2.389
	592.000	19.550	4.162
	593.000	23.350	6.602
	594.000	28.010	9.798
	595.000	33.450	13.832
	596.000	40.230	18.779
	597.000	47.050	24.710
	598.000	56.090	31.686
	599.000	66.610	39.764
	600.000	78.750	48.993
	601.000	92.850	59.415
	602.000	108.560	71.066
	603.000	126.950	83.977
	604.000	146.050	98.170
	605.000	166.660	113.662
	606.000	188.800	130.461
	607.000	211.630	148.572
	608.000	235.430	167.991
	609.000	260.630	188.707
	610.000	285.902	210.705
	611.000	312.366	233.960
	612.000	338.960	258.443
	613.000	365.747	284.118

614.000	393.260	310.941
615.000	421.420	338.863
616.000	449.770	367.827
617.000	478.830	397.771
618.000	508.220	428.624
619.000	538.470	460.312
620.000	569.890	492.751
621.000	599.840	525.852
622.000	631.250	559.519
623.000	663.593	593.650
FRL 623.280	672.650	603.277

11.9   Field visit and ground truth

Field visit of the reservoir area has been carried out on 28th November 2019 for ground truth verification. Some predetermined ground truth points marked on the satellite image printouts along with their latitude and longitude values have been verified, with the help of GPS (Trimble Juno) receiver. Following officers were present during this visit.

Officers from Resources Engineering Center, MERI, Nashik

i)   Shri. G. R. Gangapurkar, Sub Divisional Engineer

ii)   Shri. R. V. Gaikawad, Assistant Engineer Grade - II

iii)   Shri. A.B. Dhokchaule Junior Engineer

Team from Bhatghar reservoir project

i)   Shri. A.H. Nalawade, Sectional Engineer

Latitude and longitude values of the reservoir components have been recorded during the field visit. Reservoir levels used in the present analysis have been confirmed in field visit. The reservoir level on the day of visit was observed 623.190 m. The Photographs of ground truth scenario are shown in Annexure III.

12.   Results and Discussions

The loss in live storage capacity of the reservoir in remote sensing survey (2016-17) due to sedimentation since original survey (1926) and hydrographic survey (2007) is given in Table 9.

Table 9: Live storage capacity loss due to sedimentation from original survey

Details	Original survey (1926)	Hydrographic survey (2007)	SRS survey (2016-17)
Live capacity (MCM) at FRL 623.280 m	665.570	560.561	603.277
Loss in capacity (MCM)	-	105.009	62.293
% Live capacity loss (since 1926)	-	15.777	9.360
Annual % live capacity loss	-	0.187	0.103
% Live capacity loss between two consecutive surveys (of the original capacity)	-	-	-
% Loss in live storage between the survey since impoundment	-	Error	9.360%

The following observations are recorded from the present study.

- Present live capacity (year 2016-2017) of Bhatghar reservoir is found as 603.277 Mm^3. Modified SRS elevation-area-capacity values are given in Table 5 and Figure 11.

- It is to be mentioned that the reservoir was impounded in year 1926 with live storage capacity of 665.570 Mm^3. It is reported by field officials that in year 2007 Reservoir Sedimentation Survey Division MERI, Nashik carried out Sediment assessment by Hybrid Technique of Remote Sensing and DGPS Bathymetric survey which concluded a cumulative loss of 108.590 Mm^3 and stating live storage capacity of 564.060 Mm^3. However the field authority has not accepted the survey in year 2007 and they are still using the storages of design survey only

13. Limitations

The sedimentation survey using Remote Sensing Technique has following limitations

- The remote sensing based capacity estimation works between the operating levels i.e. MDDL to FRL only. Thus changes can be estimated only in live capacity of reservoir.

- The cloud free satellite data throughout reservoir operation in single year is not possible. As such data from different years are selected.

- General error can creep in the identification of tail end of reservoir, particularly in the rainy season. Reservoir authorities have been consulted to remove this ambiguity.

- From year 2016 to 2019 images below water level 595.020 m are not available. Hence extrapolation from water level 595.020 m to MDDL is carried out to cover entire live storage.

14. Conclusions

Following conclusions can be drawn from the study:
- The live storage capacity of Bhatghar reservoir is 603.277 Mm^3 in year 2016-17.
- Capacity loss of 9.360 % in live storage is observed in a period of 91 years since first impounding in 1926.

- Annual live capacity loss works out to 0.103 %.

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Salient Features

A	Location		
	Village	:	Bhatghar
	Taluka	:	Bhor
	District	:	Pune
	State	:	Maharashtra
	Longitude	:	73^0 52' 00"
	Latitude	:	18^0 10' 30"
	River	:	Yelawandi
B	**Hydrology**		
	Catchment area	:	331.500 sq km
C	**Masonry and Earthen Dam**		
	Length of dam	:	1625.000 m
	Height of the dam	:	56.40 m
D	**Capacity of Dam**		
	Gross storage capacity at FRL	:	672.650 Mm^3
	Dead storage capacity	:	7.080 Mm^3
	Live capacity	:	665.570 Mm^3
	Design spillway discharge capacity	:	1462.000 m^3/s
	Type of spillway	:	Ogee
	No., Size of spillway	:	Automatic 45 Nos. (3.04 X 2.43 m) Rolling 36 Nos. (3.04 X 2.43 m)
E	**Reservoir Data**		
	Top of dam	:	Ch.0.00 to 932.92 m - 624.65 m Ch. 932.92 to 1625.00m - 626.65 m
	Full reservoir level	:	623.280m
	Spillway crest level	:	620.850 m
	Minimum draw down level	:	587.520m
	River bed level	:	576.040 m
	Deepest foundation level	:	568.4200 m
	Year of impounding	:	1926

Reservoir Levels Pertaining to Cloud Free Satellite Data

Path/Row - 95 / 60   Gross storage capacity at FRL – 672.650 Mm^3

FRL – 623.280 m   Design live storage – 665.570 Mm^3

MDDL – 587.520 m   Dead storage capacity – 7.080 Mm^3

Date of pass	Reservoir level (m)	Capacity covered (Mm^3)
1	2	3
16 - May - 2017	595.020	33.500
22 - Apr - 2017	598.040	56.420
10 - Apr - 2017	602.970	126.390
29 - Apr - 2018	606.790	206.870
07 - Mar - 2019	609.990	285.730
11 - Feb - 2019	612.460	350.990
09 - Feb - 2017	615.260	428.870
16 - Jan - 2017	617.980	507.690
11 - Jan - 2018	620.570	586.500
14 - Oct - 2018	623.280	672.650
Variation in capacity		(672.650 – 33.500) = 639.15
% variation of live storage		(639.15/665.57)*100 = 96.030 %

Ground Truth Scenario

Dam top view

Downstream side of dam

Upstream side of dam

Automatic gates

Water spread area

Hydro power station

Gauge post

Top bund level

Crop nearby submergence

D/S side river

Vegetation in submergence

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