# **BEYOND CLEANSING**

Transitioning Towards Socio-Ecological Resilience in the Ganges River Basin through an Adaptive Spatial Planning Model

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# PRESENTATION STRUCTURE

Introduction Problem Research Questions Theories and Notions Conceptual Framework Strategic Interventions at Different Scales Adaptive Planning Pathways Stakeholders Engagement Scenarios Conclusions



# **Major River Basins across the World** Europe **North America South America** Africa **Antarctica**



Source: Anthony Acciavatti, 2015



## **Ganges River Basin**





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Environmental

# **Drivers of Change**



**Drivers of Change: Urbanization** 



## **Drivers of Change: Urbanization**



Patna: 2019

#### Urban Sprawl



Patna: 1990



# **Drivers of Change: Infrastructure Development**



Urbanization

Infrastructure Development

Climate Change

## **Drivers of Change: Infrastructure Development**

First Irrigation Canal: 1842



Source: Google Earth, 2019

### Inequality of Distribution



Source: Arjun Swaminathan, idronline.org



Source: UNICEF India, 2017, Flicker.com

# **Drivers of Change: Climate Change**



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**Water Crisis** 



## **Governance and Planning of Ganges River Basin**



## **Problem Statement**



#### Spatial Injustice

Distributional and Procedural

## **Line of Inquiry : The Dual Nature of Externalities**





Source: IPCC, 2014



## **Line of Inquiry : Capital**



How can the development of water centric infrastructures help to cope the dynamic economic, social and environmental vulnerabilities along the banks of River Ganges through an Adaptive Spatial Planning Model within the basin?

## **Theoretical Notion 1**



The field of activity - four angles

#### Interdependence - Integration

Every element in a system has its own infrastructure, every scale has its own flows within the system. For a system to function, integration of flows is necessary rather than optimum use of infrastructure.

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## **Theoretical Notion 2**



Web dossier of infrastructure interactions - Heinrich Boll Stiftung

#### Infrastructure Ecology

"Infrastructure ecology views urban systems as complex adaptive systems; the sustainability and resilience of which emerge from the complex interactions and co-evolution of a city's interdependent engineering, ecological, and socioeconomic infrastructure through time and space." -A. Pandit (2017)

## **Theoretical Notion 3**



Endless Rhythm', Robert Delaunay, 1934

#### **Evolutionary Resilience**

The social and the ecological systems are interdependent systems. The system remains to continue in loops of adaptive cycles.

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## **Roadmap**



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#### Ganges River Basin





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#### A. Hilly Section



**B. Flat Plains** 



C. River Delta



**Sections of River** 

#### **Ganges River Basin**





The Polluted Segment

A. Hilly Section



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**Zoom-in** (Eco-Sensitive : Highly Engineered)



# **Vulnerability**

#### (Analytical Framework ; Context)

## Social:







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# **Vulnerability**

#### (Analytical Framework ; Context)

### Economic:











### Social:

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## **Vulnerability**

#### (Analytical Framework : Context)







#### **Economic:**











## Ecological:







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## **Conceptual Framework**



## **Frame of Reference**



## Frame of Reference: Strategic Objective



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**Vision** "By 2050, the project aims to achieve adapta-tion towards the on-going water challenges of flooding and drought in the Ganges River Ba-sin, by enhancing, protecting and connecting various environmental sensitive areas, through re-arranging and re-programming of the exist-ing urban landscape and urban morphology, by including local communities and actors in the planning process." ++Urban Planning Landscape Water Governance Architecture Engineering Society antiger of


## Frame of Reference: Strategic Objective



#### **Principles of Resilience**

## Frame of Reference: Strategic Objective

#### **Spatiality of Resilience**



# **Robustness**



Systemic goals and vision

### **Adaptivity**

#### **Connectedness**









Connecting functions (Polycentricity)

#### **Diversity**



Mix-use development



Landscape Architecture



Flexible design

framework

Flood-able, multipurpose landscape



Connecting ecology



Biodiversity

Water Management and Engineering

2 ... 2 Governance and

Society



100 year disaster protection



Stronger bonds between community and government



Flexible capacity system



Flexible policies



Integrated water management



Awareness and participation



Multiple water source and storage









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#### Adaptive Spatial Planning

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#### **Adaptive Spatial Planning**

Allocation of responsibilities at different scales

## Frame of Reference: Quantitative State Concept



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#### Knowledge of System's Behaviour



## Frame of Reference: Quantitative State Concept

Knowledge of System's Behaviour



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#### **Challenges and Opportunities**



Urban Planning



1. Rural areas and 2nd tier cities<br/>lack diversity in function and<br/>depend on urban centres2. Lack of robust infrastructure<br/>networks





3. High population and dense urban fabric, leading to high pressure on land



1. Connecting 2nd tier cities and<br/>rural areas to reduce pressure on2. Re-orienting cities towards<br/>river to establish relation urban centres





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1. Cultural practices and habits



2. Low public engagement capacity



3. Lack of education and awareness





1. Bottom up planning to include local expertise

2. Existing social bonds and strong sense of community



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3. Multi-sectoral and multi-level stakeholder collaboration and distribution of responsibilities.



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#### **Scale Sensitive Design**



**Sections of River** 

Scale 3:

Local adaptation of Strategies

#### Scale Sensitive Design: Regional Scale



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#### Scale Sensitive Design: Regional Scale



**1. Highly engineered river basin** 

Source: gaonconnection, edited by author

#### 2. Water Crisis and Flooding



Source: ANI Commuters, DNA India, edited by author





#### **3. Pressurized Urban Centers**

Source: Saurav Anuraj. Patnabeats, edited by author

#### 4. Water Pollution

Source: Daniel Bachhuber, Alliance for Water Stewardship, edited by author

#### Scale Sensitive Design: Regional Scale



**1. Creating room for the river** 

Source: Johan Roerink Aeropicture, Landezine, edited by author

2. Performative landscape strategy for water cycle management









Source: Surindar Singh Hara, thefarmstory, edited by author





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#### **3. Comprehensive connectivity across the basin**

Source: Author

### 4. Pollution Management

Source: stormwatersystems, edited by author









Strategy 2: Performative landscape strategy for water cycle management



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#### Strategy 3: Comprehensive connectivity across the basin



### Strategy 4: Pollution management



#### Scale Sensitive Design: Metropolitan Scale



**Sections of River** 

Scale 3:

Local adaptation of Strategies

#### Scale Sensitive Design: Metropolitan Scale

1. Lack of Infrastructure (Sewage and Water Supply)



2. Dense Urban Fabrics and Loss of green-blue networks







# 3. Relationship of the city with the river

### 4. Lack of Industries (Agro)
#### Scale Sensitive Design: Metropolitan Scale



1. Using Infrastructure networks for integrated socio-ecological development



MS1



MS3





Source: greywateraction, edited by author



MS2





#### **3. Activating River Edge**

Source: Suneet Mohindru. Pintrest, edited by author

## 4. Establishing Agro industries and small scale industries

MA Actions under Metropolitan Strategy (MS) 1 Key: ---- Street Trees 12 Plots 1. Multi-utility underground tunnels 2. Setting up storm-water harvesting network 3. Planter-beds and pocket parks along streets. 4. Adopting pervious material palette. 4 km

Strategy 1: Using Infrastructure networks for integrated socio-ecological development



Strategy 2: Designing of performative landscape for ecological and socio-economic benefits



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Strategy 4: Establishing Agro-industries and small scale industries



#### Scale Sensitive Design: Local Adaptation of Strategies



**Sections of River** 

Scale 3:

Local adaptation of Strategies

#### Scale Sensitive Design: Local Adaptation of Strategies





1. Urban



#### Scale Sensitive Design: Local Adaptation of Strategies





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2. Peri-Urban





#### Scale Sensitive Design: Local Adaptation of Strategies





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#### Manifestation 1: Urban Area (Existing Conditions)



#### Manifestation 1: Urban Area (Urban Planning)







#### Manifestation 1: Urban Area (Landscape Architecture)





Design for public places and awareness programs



#### Manifestation 1: Urban Area (Water Engineering)





Pedestrian and small scale bridges across river



Design for public places and awareness programs



#### Manifestation 1: Urban Area



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#### **Stakeholder Engagement**





#### **Community Participatory Planning**









#### Adaptive Pathways

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#### Adaptive Pathways

Adaptive Pathways



Local Adaptation Urban Areas	<u>Step 1</u>	Step 2	<u>Step 3</u>	Step 4
<u>Operability</u>	1			
Actors:	- Patna Municipal Corporation - Water and Sanitation Department			
Instruments:	- Sewage Network Plan			
Objectives:	- Stop Sewage flow into the River (Social + Ecological Benefits)			
Co-Management	Public Sector			

Step 5	Step 6	<u>Step 7</u>	Step 8
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Adaptive Pathways





**<u>2a:</u>** Activating riverfront, adding temporary structures to existing Ghats



**<u>2b</u>:** Planning and construction of access roads to the riverfront



# **<u>2c:</u>** Changing land use for a few buildings along the riverfront



#### Adaptive Pathways

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<u>Operability</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2b</u>		
Actors:	- Patna Municipal Corporation - Water and Sanitation Department	- Patna Municipal Corporation - Ward Office - Road Construction Department		
Instruments:	- Sewage Network Plan	- Workshops, Compensation Plan - Revised Town Planning Scheme		
Objectives:	- Stop Sewage flow into the River (Social + Ecological Benefits)	- Access Roads to the River (Social Benefits)		
Co-Management	Public Sector	Public Sector + Private Owners		

<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>	<u>Step 7</u>	Step 8
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Adaptive Pathways



**<u>2b+3c</u>**: Constructing parks along the riverfront





**<u>2b+3e</u>**: Establishing water connectivity with boat routes and pathways.
Adaptive Pathways 4a 4b **4c 3a** 3b **4d 2a 3c** 4e **2b** 3d 2b **4f** 2b 3d **2c** 3e 4g 3f 4h 4i **3g** 4j 4k Local Adaptation Urban Areas <u>Step 1</u> Step 3 Step 4 Step 2 Decision Assessment Assessment Decision Operability <u>2b</u> <u>3d</u> <u>1</u> - Patna Municipal Corporation - Patna Municipal Corporation - Patna Municipal Corporation Actors: - Water and Sanitation Department - Ward Office - Road Construction Department - Sewage Network Plan - Workshops, Compensation Plan - Programming Plan Instruments: - Updated Land Use Plan - Revised Town Planning Scheme - Stop Sewage flow into the River - Creating Activities along the River Objectives: - Access Roads to the River (Social + Ecological Benefits) (Social Benefits) (Social + Economic Benefits) Co-Management Public Sector + Private Owners Public Sector Public Sector 

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#### Adaptive Pathways





**2b+3d+4d:** Connecting green patches, taking greens along the river into the city



**2b+3d+4e:** Increasing permeability by promoting permeable paver blocks, maintaining slopes to river



**2b+3d+4f:** Constructing wetland parks and regulating temporary agricultural fields for dry seasons on the river bed

Adaptive Pathways



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#### Adaptive Pathways **Planning across Scales and Time**



Local Scale



#### **Scenarios**



Integrated and Adaptive Development

Local Adaptation









Phase A	Growth
Phase B	Momentary Equilibrium
Phase C	Collapse
	Impact on Ecological System
	Impact on Human System
	Disaster Intensity
	(Assume Flooding with 2 year
	moderate and 10 year high
	intensity cycle)



#### Scenario Case 2



Phase A	Growth
Phase B	Momentary Equilibrium
Phase C	Collapse
	Impact on Ecological System
	Impact on Human System
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Scenario Case 3



# Local adaptation of strategies within the adaptive planning framework (Desired )

Phase A	Growth
Phase B	Momentary Equilibrium
Phase C	Collapse
Phase D	Re-orientation
	Impact on Ecological System
	Impact on Human System
	Disaster Intensity
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#### **Current Condition**



#### **Climate Mitigation Strategies**



Local Adaptation







#### Detailed Proposed Planning Pathway and Challenges within the Current Capacities



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#### Stakeholder Engagement

#### (Current Capacities vs Proposed Roles)

Level of Governance	Current Roles	Redefine
Level 0: Ward Offices	<ul> <li><u>Represent ideas</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>Conduct participatory me</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Zero decision power</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>Power to formulate proje</u> (eg: pervious paving, rain within metropolitan strate</li> </ul>
Level 1: Local Municipalities	<ul> <li>Develop Land Use Plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participatory planning an</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Execution of State planned water infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inform State departments</li> <li>Design within the frameward</li> </ul>
Level 2: State Government	<ul> <li><u>Planning of Infrastructure Projects</u></li> <li><u>Deciding/Approving funds for Spatial Planning</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bridge between Local Pl Policies</li> <li>Developing strategies un</li> </ul>
Level 3: Central Government	<ul> <li>Independently setting up Policies</li> <li>Allocation of funds to States</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work as Mediator between state projects</li> <li>Development of Policies sectors and levels of gov</li> </ul>
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Planning and National

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