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A Delineation of Crop Diversification of Bawada Circle in Indapur Tahsil (Pune District)

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Abstract :

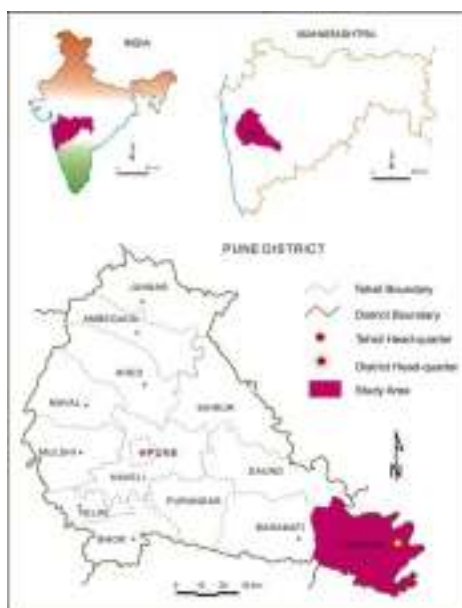
In this paper an attempt has been made to analyze crop diversification in study area. Ten major crops have been considered for analysis. Crop diversification is one of the technique delineating agricultural regions. The factors like rainfall and irrigation affect crop diversification. The study area though experiences semi-arid climate, has the irrigation facilities due to canal and backwater of Ujjani dam. The primary and secondary data are collected and crop diversification is done using Gibb's Martin Index.

General Introduction :

The agriculture is a basic activity of human beings since ancient period. Agriculture contributes 27 percent to India's total national income. 62 percent population is associated in the agriculture activity and 90 percent of rural population is engaged in agricultural and allied activities. Agriculture provides raw materials to small as well as large scale industries and much of export items. (Davis, 1982) Agro-based industries give output and employment to many people. Rainfall is vital and instrumental in case of Indian agriculture. The present paper is attempted to study the landuse pattern in *Indapur tahsil* in Pune district for its better landuse planning. The regional survey of landuse and its mapping is made by *Patrick Geddes*, Later, on *Late L. D. Stamp* in Britain (1930). This is perhaps, the first attempt to survey the land. Many geographers, economists and planners have further attempted for landuse planning. The *Indapur tahsil* is one of the tahsils in Pune district consisting of 143 villages and only three urban settlements. *Indapur Tahsil* is situated in South-east side of Pune district; it lies entirely in the *Bhima-Nira* basins. The present study has attempted to study the crop diversification of *Bawada Circle* in *Indapur tahsil* (Pune district) for its better landuse planning and management for the development of circle.

Study Area :

The *Bawada Circle* is one of the circles in *Indapur tahsil* consisting of 18 villages. Geographically, this area extends from 17.894959° to 18.072995° North latitudes and 74.940695 to 75.135104° East longitudes. The study area experiences semi-arid climate. Month April, May and June are the hottest months with maximum mean temperature of 40° centigrade. Temperature gradually reduces in December and January with minimum mean temperature 12 ° centigrade. The medium black and deep black soils appear within study area. The soil fertility encourages growing various crops like Sugarcane, *Jawar*, *Bajra*, Wheat, Vegetables etc.



Objectives

- To identify Crop diversification of study area.
- Suggesting solutions for better landuse in study area.

Data Sources

The present study is based on primary data. Primary data have obtained from the questionnaires. The questionnaires cover aspect like crop landuse, farmers' education, income from various sources and problems regarding agriculture and allied sectors. Besides this information concerned *Talathi* and *Sarpanch* were contacted to get more information of these villages. The data regarding major ten crops were obtained for the year 2011 at village level for 18 villages through questionnaires. These crops include *jawar*, wheat, sugarcane, *bajara*, corn, fodder crops, pulses, oil seeds, fruits and vegetables. The data collected were then converted into percentage.

Methodology:

The following methods are used for the study

Crop Diversification

Gibb's Martin Index has been applied the Crop Diversification and computed for 18 villages in *Bawada Circle (Indapur tahsil)*.

Formula-

Index of Diversification

$$= 1 - \frac{\sum x^2}{(\sum x)^2}$$

Whereas: X = Percentage of total cropped area occupied by each crop or Hectare age under individual crop.

Crop Diversification:

Crop diversification is one of the technique delineating agricultural regions. Crop diversification measured by relating number of crops grown to the percentage of area occupied by each of them in a region. This means that more the number of crops then higher the crop



diversification. In contrast, if only one or two crops are grown, diversification is least. The term crop specialization indicates cultivation of fewer numbers of crops and crop diversification implies rising a variety of crops form the soil. The keener the competition the higher the magnitude of diversification and lesser the diversification the grater will be the trend towards specialization or monoculture farming where emphasis is on one or two crops. Crops are diversified in the field due to erratic nature of rainfall and insufficient irrigation.

Result and Discussion

The table shows the index of crop diversification of *Bawada* Circle in *Indapurtahsil*

Index of Diversification

Sr. No.	Village	Index of Diversification
1	Bedsinge	0.71
2	Bhatnimgaon	0.77
3	Awasari	0.81
4	Surwad	0.76
5	Bhandgaon	0.74
6	Vakilwasti	0.82
7	Bawada	0.81
8	Nirnimgaon	0.81
9	Kacharewadi	0.74
10	Sarati	0.73
11	Ganeshwadi	0.80
12	Pimpri BK	0.68
13	Tannu	0.66
14	NiraNarsingpur	0.80
15	Giravi	0.74
16	Ozare	0.73
17	Gondi	0.72
18	Lumewadi	0.74

Fig. 2 presents crop diversification pattern in *Bawada* Circle(*Indapur Tahsil*). The maximum crop diversification appears in village *Vakilwasti* (0.82), *Awasari*, *Bawada*, *Nirnimgaon* (0.81) located in west side and lowest at village *Tannu* (0.66), *PimpriBK* (0.68)



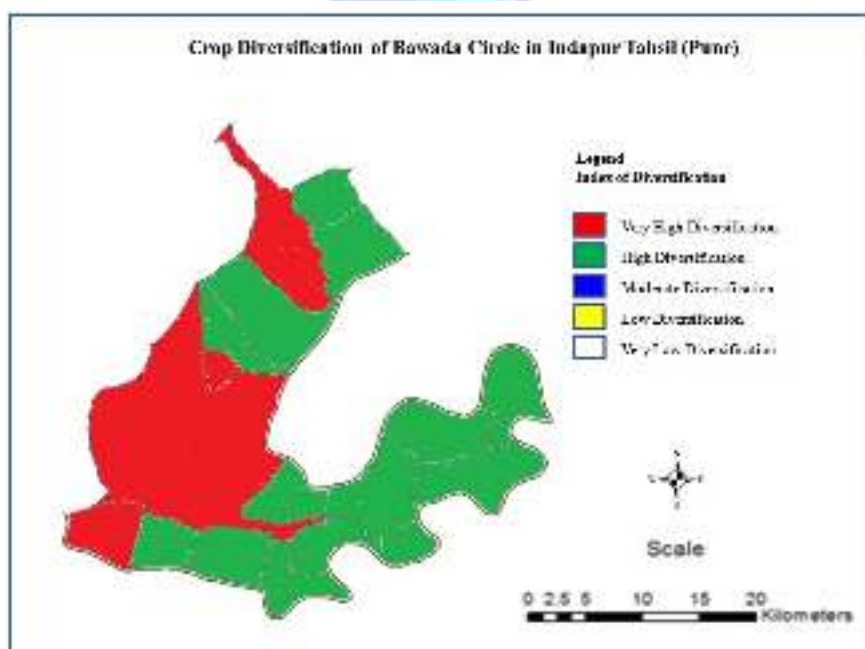
in East parts in study area. It is seen that whole study area is divided into five crop diversification regions follows as:

1. Area of very high crop diversification. (0.81 to 1.00)
2. Area of high crop diversification (0.61 to 0.80)
3. Area of moderate crop diversification (0.41 to 0.60)
4. Area of low crop diversification (0.21 to 0.40)
5. Area of very low crop diversification (0.00 to 0.20)

Crop Diversification Regions

Types of Diversification	Value	No. of Villages	Percentage of Villages	Gross Cropped Area	Area in Percentage
Very High Diversification	0.81 to 1.00	04	22.23	4791.8	59.45
High Diversification	0.61 to 0.80	14	77.77	3269.2	40.55
Moderate Diversification	0.41 to 0.60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Low Diversification	0.21 to 0.40	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Very Low Diversification	0.00 to 0.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Source: Computed by Researcher



It is observed that 59.45 % area appears in the very high and 40.55 % area appears high crop diversification covering 77.77 % villages (14) and 22.23 % villages (04) respectively in *Bawada Circle (Indapur tahsil)*. Very low, low and moderate crop diversification is disappeared in the study area.

High diversification is found eighteen villages out of 14 villages in *Bawada Circle*. Very high diversification is found in 04 villages namely, *Awasari, Bawada, Nirningaon* and *Vakilwast* have identified in North and West part in study area. Very low and low diversification



is not found in study area. The area in percent of very high crop diversification region is more than other classification of crop diversification.

Conclusion and Suggestions :

1. The majority of the villages in the study area show high crop diversification.
2. The cultivation of sugarcane crop in villages can be replaced by sugar beet as the sugar beet processing facility is available in tahsil. By replacing sugarcane the problem of soil salinity can be overcome and more income can be generated from saline-alkali soil by growing other crops.

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The UGC has revised “**Approved List of Journals**” that would be considered for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Direct Recruitment of Teachers and other academic staff as required under the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges) Regulation, 2016. The UGC - approved List of Journals consists of i) Journals Indexed in WoS (Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index) ; ii) Journals Indexed in Scopus ; iii) Journals Indexed in Indian Citation Index ; iv) Journals Recommended by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) ; and v) Journals Recommended by the Universities during Phase I and Phase II (16th to 22nd June, 2017).

Recommendations for 7,255 additional journal titles were received from 141 universities during the second phase (16th to 22nd June, 2017) of opening the Recommendation Platform. All recommended journal titles were subjected to the checklist devised by the Standing Committee. After removing poor - quality journals, duplicate journals and journals that did not qualify the check - list criteria set up by the Standing Committee, 2,405 unique journal titles were included in the UGC - approved List of Journals.

In addition, the UGC received several complains about inclusion of poor - quality journals so on after release of UGC - approved list of journals on 2nd June 2017 that included 6,507 journals recommended by the universities and by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. The Standing Committee also identified more than 800 poor-quality journal titles based on feed-back from individuals and institutions from amongst 6,507 journals recommended during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. These 800+ journal titles were also removed from the current list of UGC - Approved List of Journals. The UGC also checked for duplicate titles that were inadvertently listed twice on UGC-approved list of journals and the duplicate entries were merged to a single title. Subsequently, the UGC received additional complaints from various sources including e-mails from faculty, researchers, other stakeholders and newspaper reports regarding inclusion of poor quality journals. Journal titles reported as predatory were further evaluated by the Standing Committee and 168 journal titles were removed.

The Revised UGC - Approved List of Journals now consists of 32,659 journal titles.

An update on UGC - List of Journals

The UGC List of Journals is a dynamic list which is revised periodically. Initially the list contained only journals included in Scopus, Web of Science, and Indian Citation Index. The list was expanded to include recommendations from the academic community. The UGC portal was opened twice in 2017 to universities to upload their recommendations based on filtering criteria available at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/journallist/methodology.pdf>. The UGC-approved List of Journals is considered for recruitment, promotion and career advancement not only in universities and colleges but also other institutions of higher education in India. As such, it is the responsibility of UGC to curate its list of approved journals and to ensure that it contains only high-quality journals.

To this end, the Standing Committee on Notification on Journals removed many poor-quality/predatory/questionable journals from the list between 25th May 2017 and 19th September 2017. This is an ongoing process and since then the Committee has screened all the journals recommended by universities and also those listed in the ICI, which were re-evaluated and re-scored on filtering criteria defined by the Standing Committee. Based on careful scrutiny and analysis, 4,305 journals were removed from the current UGC-Approved List of Journals on 2nd May, 2018 because of poor quality/incorrect or insufficient information/false claims.

The Standing Committee reiterates that removal/non-inclusion of a journal does not necessarily indicate that it is of poor quality, but it may also be due to non-availability of information such as details of editorial board, indexing information, year of its commencement, frequency and regularity of its publication schedule, etc. It may be noted that a dedicated web site for journals is one of the primary criteria for inclusion of journals. The websites should provide full postal addresses, e-mail addresses of chief editor and editors, and at least some of these addresses ought to be verifiable official addresses. Some of the established journals recommended by universities that did not have dedicated websites, or websites that have not been updated, might have been dropped from the approved list as of now. However, they may be considered for re-inclusion once they fulfil these basic criteria and are re-recommended by universities.

The UGC's Standing Committee on Notification on Journals has also decided that the recommendation portal will be opened once every year for universities to recommend journals. However, from this year onwards, every recommendation submitted by the universities will be reviewed under the supervision of Standing Committee on Notification of Journals to ascertain that only good-quality journals, with correct publication details, are included in the UGC-approved List.

The UGC would also like to clarify that 4,305 journals which have been removed on 2nd May, 2018 were UGC-approved journals till that date and, as such, articles published/accepted in them prior to 2nd May 2018 by applicants for recruitment/promotion may be considered and given points accordingly by universities.

The academic community will appreciate that in its endeavour to curate its list of approved journals, UGC will enrich it with high-quality, peer-reviewed journals. Such a dynamic list is to the benefit of all.

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