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GEOLOGICAL AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL STUDIES OF MALWA PLATEU (INDIA) USING IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNIQUE -A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The Malwa plateau is a prominent Geological. Geomorphological and Geographical feature of Central India. It's importance has further been enhanced because of the rivers Narmada and Tapti, which are the only Westawardly flowing rivers in the country.

The area selected for the study was bounded by the following limits:

$$77^{\circ}$$
-00'E - 79° -00' E
 22° -00'N - 24° -00' N

The Geological succession of the above area is: Pleistocene and recent formations along the Narmada Catchment.

> Deccan trap Upper palaeozoic and lower Gondwana formations Vindhyans

Looking to the complex geological formations, morphological features the above area was selected to apply the modern Remote Sensing techniques of Mapping.

The data sets used for the above study were:

- 1. Imageries comprising of band 4.5.6 and 7 of Landsat 1 & 2.
- 2. Ancillary data such as topsheets B & W paper prints, Diazo prints and false color composites.

Methodology comprised of both visual and Digital interpretation techniques. For Digital interpretation techniques the interactive system of M/s Spectral Data Corporation available at Forestry Department University of Toranto Canada was used. The following functions were available with the system:

- 1. Data input/output

- Gray scale and mapbuild
 Image Data analysis
 Ratio and transportation Analysis

- 5. Paramater alteration
- 6. Video Digitizer option
- 7. Scatter Digram option
- 8. Color printer option
- 9. Universal programming option
- 10. There were six other options which were totally copyright of the manufacturer.

Out of the above functions, function till color printer option were used.

The above analysis provided us with the latest lithostratigraphical map. The information such as Dip and strike were compiled with the available geological maps.

This study let us to conclude that landsat data is an aid in geological mapping and these methods can compliment conventional mapping techniques.