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The Future Ground: Urban Planning for Infrastructure Resilience (Case: Mumbai)

The world is witnessing the largest cumulative urban expansion in history - against the backdrop of climate change and disasters. This anticipated growth requires extensive construction and renewal of reliable infrastructure systems that form the backbone of resilient urban development. The challenge is that infrastructure systems will be exposed to a range of hazards, that are changing with a fair degree of uncertainty. Infrastructure decisions that are not made mindfully to adapt and respond to these uncertainties can lock-in risks and face higher vulnerabilities than what they were designed for. Through the CDRI Fellowship, we propose the development of a risk-informed urban planning framework which will form the basis for informing resilience of multiple infrastructure systems. This will fill an important knowledge gap by helping planners identify: (1) the range of climate/disaster variables that impact infrastructure; (2) socio-economic/environmental variables; and (3) connect them with long-term planning actions.



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Amateur Radio Station in District EOC, Jaipur

Communication failures in disasters cause avoidable mortality, morbidity, and infrastructure losses. To mitigate this vulnerability, Indian district EOCs should establish fail-proof frugal amateur radio stations (ARS) that provide variety of voice, text, image, and data communication modes. In US, I and other hams have used ARS in EOCs as club station and for disaster drills. Policy and regulation changes are required in India to establish ARS at district EOCs. This research aims to establish a demonstration ARS in district EOC at Jaipur for later widespread scale up. This will give maximum social benefit return compared to any other DRI investment.



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Incorporating Infrastructure Resilience in India's Port-led Development Model

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Intertwined Natures Adaptation to Climate Change Using Green & Blue Infrastructure in Lambayeque, Peru

Intertwined Natures aims to create a regional identity and awareness as well as achieving a new equilibrium in Lambayeque, Peru by exploring the innovative method of interlinking theoretical principles, design interventions and hands-on workshops. Navigating from academic hypothesis to solving challenges in the real world. The re-shaping of the territory through green and blue infrastructure not only enables the retrofitting of nature into urbanised areas, –or rural towns where nature is disappearing–, but it holds the potential to mitigate and manage flood/stormwater resulting from natural disasters, thus allowing nature to perform as resilient infrastructure.



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Disaster Resilience of Bridges Exposed to Climate Change and Growing Traffic load during Design Life

A major challenge associated with the development of disaster resilient bridge infrastructure (DRBI) is to account for bridge health degradation and transient nature of disasters over bridge service life. This research will address the issue through life-cycle resilience assessment of degrading bridges under earthquakes and floods, while accounting for the evolving natures of traffic load demand and flood hazard. Performance of bridges on surface and water will be evaluated through an integrated numerical and probability analyses framework. Research will yield time-variant seismic vulnerability of bridges, evolution of bridge seismic risk, life-cycle disaster resilience, and uncertainties associated with final outcomes.



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Thermal Stress testing of residential building using reference weather data

The research aims at developing a procedure to perform thermal stress testing of a mid-size residential building layout under thermal extremes conditions. This methodology aims to identify and quantify 'thermal stress' due to the extreme climate in building energy performances. To represent the impact of climate change on building resilience a better representation of extreme climatic data in weatherfiles is required. In this procedure, extreme climate data will also includes Urban heat island effect, heat waves and cold-snaps, which are significant contributors in mortality and morbidity due to thermal extremes. Further, the extreme and typical are compared statistically for analyzing and ranking levels of thermal stress.



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Decision Support Tool for Climate Risk Management in Manufacturing Industries.

Climate-B Ventures seeks to develop a software product that serves as a Decision Support Tool to strengthen the adaptive capacity and resilience of manufacturing SME industries in India towards physical climate risks such as floods, water scarcity, cyclones and heat waves. The product will help organizations quantify the expected financial loss due to these risks, simulate the efficacy of various adaptation projects which can reduce the financial loss, enable multi-criterial optimization of the most suitable set of projects, and manage their implementation through a project management dashboard, through a cloud-based web application.



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National scale landslide database and landslide susceptibility map of Nepal

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Machine Learning for Infrastructure Defect Detection Through Employing Rule-Based Verification on Aerial Imagery

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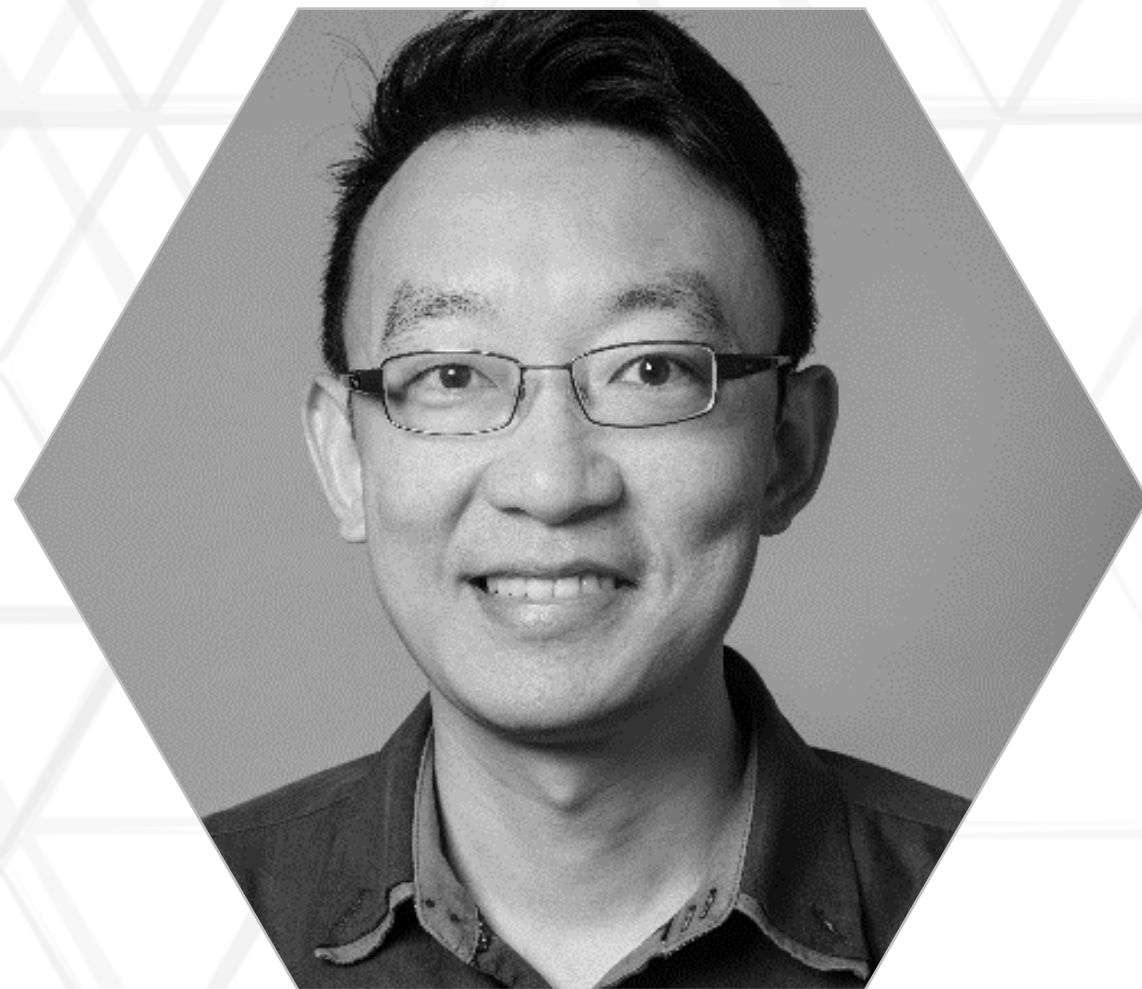
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Inventory of High-Altitude Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction in Transboundary Himalayan Region (InHAW)

The InHAW proposal aims to an inventory of high-altitude wetlands, i.e., natural infrastructures located at an altitude above 3000 m, important for ecosystem services and disaster risk reduction in the transboundary Himalayan region. This research focuses on finding out probable wetlands that can reduce the impact of landslides and flood events. The proposed maximum entropy algorithm considering present and future extreme climatic changes fosters future wetland inventory modeling innovation. The inventory approach can build-up research capacity and promote research excellence in nature-based solutions for the regions where wetland systems are less focused due to the data-scarcity and international disputes.



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Integrating Plans and Strengthening Communications Through Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

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Innovative Structural Protection System for Resilient Community against Multiple Hazards

Hospital buildings are lifeline structures, which must remain functional during and after any natural/ accidental (manmade) disaster. Some major hospital buildings in India have experienced aging, hampering their earthquake and wind resilience. Also, hospital buildings must have higher fire rating. However, several earthquake-triggered collapse of hospital buildings and fatalities due to fire accidents are reported. Hence, developing novel lightweight and fire-resistant fiber-reinforced bearings (FRBs) for retrofitting of hospital buildings under multi-hazard scenarios is proposed. Technology development and translational research proposed herein will lead to patentable end-products of two variants of tri-axially braided functionally-graded natural FRB devices and retrofit processes for immediate field applications in real-life hospital buildings.



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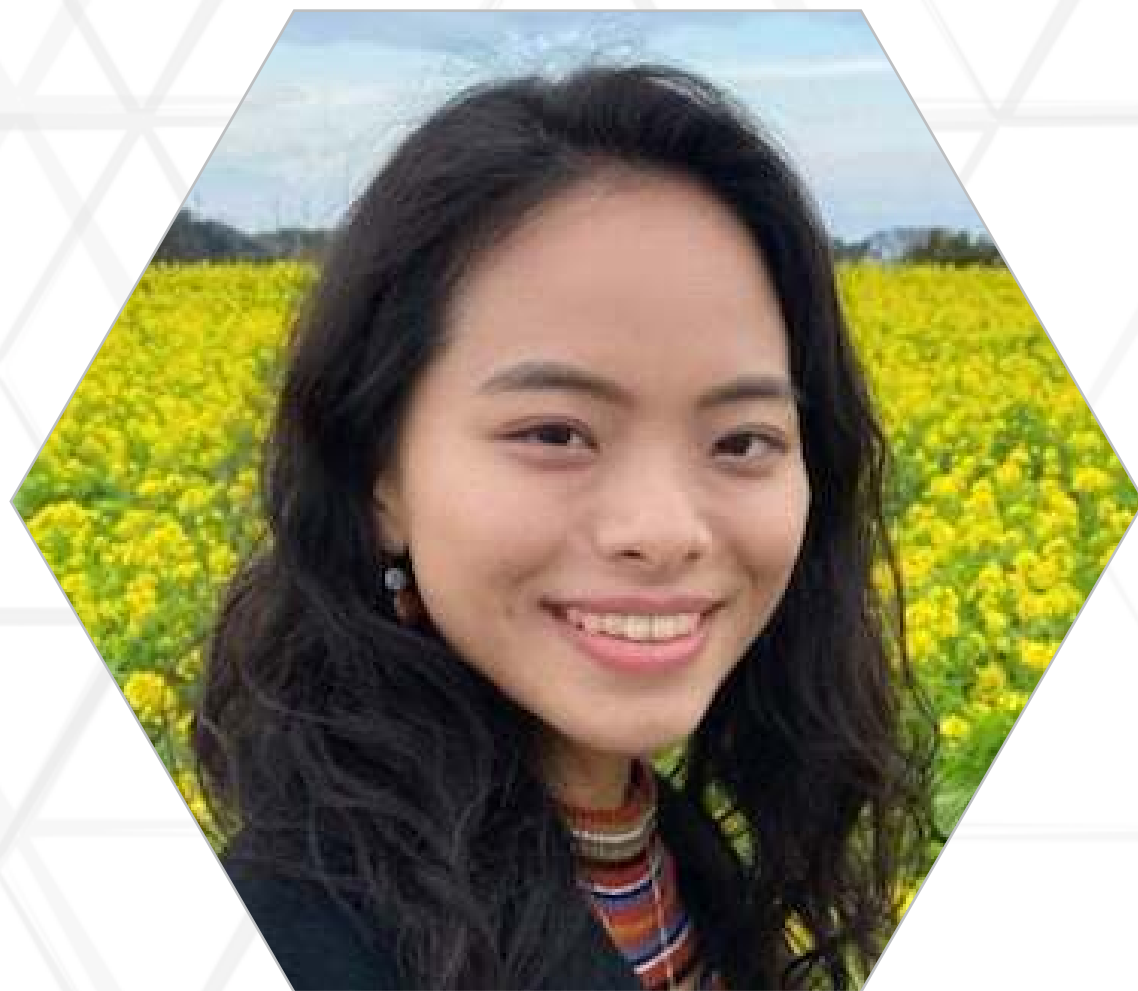
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Risk-Informed School Evaluation Tool (RISE Tool)

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