

Flood and Landslide Prediction Technology: Human-Centric Resilience and Response Planning

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Abstract—Natural hazards such as landslides and food insecurity create serious problems, especially in areas with difficult terrain and populations that are highly vulnerable. This research proposes a machine learning based framework to predict landslide events and potential food shortages in high-risk regions. Multiple datasets are combined in the model, including historical weather data, soil characteristics, land-use information, terrain features, and socio-economic factors, to generate early warnings and useful insights. For landslide prediction, algorithms such as Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and Neural Networks are used to evaluate the probability of landslide occurrence. In addition, the food prediction component applies time-series analysis and regression methods to estimate crop production trends and identify possible shortages. The models are tested and validated using real-world datasets collected from vulnerable areas. Experimental results show that the proposed approach achieves higher prediction accuracy compared with traditional prediction techniques. This system can support policymakers and disaster-management authorities in making proactive decisions and preparing effective strategies to reduce the impact of such disasters on communities.

Index Terms—Machine Learning, Floods and Landslides.

I. INTRODUCTION

Floods and landslides are considered among the most destructive natural hazards, causing serious damage to both human life and physical infrastructure. Such disasters frequently result in casualties, property destruction, displacement of local populations, and long-lasting economic losses. The occurrence of floods and landslides is influenced by multiple interacting factors, including natural processes and human activities. Heavy rainfall, soil degradation, deforestation, terrain characteristics, and rapid urban development all contribute to increasing the likelihood

of these events. As global climate conditions continue to change, extreme weather patterns such as intense rainfall and sudden temperature shifts are becoming more common. These changes further increase the probability and severity of flood and landslide events. Because of this growing risk, developing efficient, dependable, and real time prediction systems has become increasingly important in order to reduce damage and strengthen disaster preparedness and response strategies.

Conventional techniques for predicting floods and landslides have mainly relied on hydrological and geotechnical modelling approaches that require detailed physical observations. These approaches depend on measurements related to terrain characteristics, soil properties, and meteorological conditions. Although such models can offer useful information about possible hazards, they often face limitations due to insufficient data availability, high computational requirements, and the constantly changing nature of environmental conditions. Moreover, many traditional prediction models rely strongly on historical observations, which can make them less capable of responding effectively to sudden environmental changes or unexpected disaster events. As a result, achieving accurate real time prediction of floods and landslides continues to be a major challenge for researchers and disaster management authorities.

In recent years, machine learning has gained significant attention as an effective approach for overcoming these limitations. Machine learning algorithms are able to process and analyse large amounts of information obtained from various sources, including satellite images, weather monitoring stations, ground sensors, and historical disaster records. By examining these datasets, the models can identify hidden patterns and relationships that may

signal the possibility of an upcoming disaster. In contrast to traditional modelling methods, machine learning systems can continuously learn from new data, adjust to updated information, and generate predictions based on complex and nonlinear interactions between different environmental factors. This capability to automatically recognize new trends and evolving patterns makes machine learning a valuable technique for disaster prediction, particularly in situations where environmental conditions are constantly changing.

The use of machine learning in predicting floods and landslides generally involves examining a broad range of environmental variables. These include rainfall intensity, soil moisture levels, vegetation distribution, slope gradient, and patterns of land utilization. By processing and analyzing this information, machine learning algorithms are able to recognize areas that are more vulnerable and estimate the probability of a disaster occurring in a particular location. Furthermore, these models can be trained to generate early warnings, allowing authorities and decision makers to understand when and where preventive actions should be implemented. Measures such as evacuation planning or strengthening infrastructure can then be carried out in advance. Early warning mechanisms based on such predictions can play an important role in saving lives, minimizing property damage, and improving the ability of communities to cope with natural hazards.

This study focuses on examining the potential of machine learning techniques for predicting floods and landslides through the development of a predictive framework that combines multiple environmental datasets. The system applies algorithms including decision trees, support vector machines, and random forest models to examine historical records, weather related information, and terrain characteristics in order to estimate the probability of future flood and landslide events.

The main objective is to improve both the accuracy and the speed of predictions so that disaster management efforts can become more effective and the consequences of these destructive events can be reduced in high-risk regions. Implementing machine learning based prediction approaches provides a strong alternative to conventional techniques and represents progress toward disaster management systems that are

more flexible, scalable, and capable of responding to increasing environmental uncertainty.

II. RELEVANT WORKS

In [1], H. Hapuarachchi, Q. Wang, and T. Pagano (2011) presented a comprehensive review of advances in flash flood forecasting in their paper published in *Hydrological Processes*. The authors examined various forecasting approaches used to improve the prediction of sudden flood events, particularly in small and fast responding watersheds. Their review highlights the growing importance of high-resolution rainfall estimation using radar and satellite data, which significantly improves the timeliness and accuracy of forecasts. The study also discusses the role of distributed hydrological models that simulate rainfall runoff processes to better estimate flood magnitude and timing. In addition, the paper emphasizes the value of real time monitoring networks and data assimilation techniques for enhancing early warning capabilities. The authors conclude that integrating advanced observation technologies with improved hydrological modelling can greatly strengthen flash flood forecasting and disaster preparedness.

In [2], A. Wannachai, S. Aramkul, B. Suntaranont, Y. Somchit, and P. Champrasert (2022) introduced the HERO system, which stands for Hybrid Effortless Resilient Operation stations, designed to support flash flood early warning systems. The study explains how the system combines multiple technologies such as environmental sensors, communication modules, and automated monitoring units to improve the reliability of flood detection. HERO stations are designed to operate efficiently even in remote areas where power supply and network connectivity may be limited.

The system focuses on providing real time monitoring of rainfall and water levels so that warnings can be issued quickly when flood conditions begin to develop. According to the authors, the hybrid design increases system resilience and reduces operational complexity, making it easier to maintain early warning infrastructure in flood prone regions and helping authorities respond faster to potential disasters.

In [3], Lee and Choi (2017) conducted a comparative study on the use of machine learning techniques for landslide susceptibility mapping. Their research evaluated several algorithms to determine their effectiveness in identifying areas that are prone to

landslides. The study analysed environmental factors such as slope gradient, soil characteristics, rainfall patterns, and land cover to build predictive models. Different machine learning methods were compared to examine their accuracy and reliability in classifying high risk zones. The results showed that advanced machine learning approaches can significantly improve the accuracy of landslide susceptibility assessments when compared with conventional statistical methods. The authors concluded that machine learning based models provide valuable support for disaster risk assessment, land use planning, and early warning systems, particularly in regions that frequently experience landslide hazards.

In [4], Y. Sun, S. Kang, F. Li, and L. Zhang examined different interpolation techniques to estimate groundwater depth and analyse its spatial and temporal variation in the Minqin Oasis of northwest China. Their study compared several commonly used interpolation methods to determine which approach provides more accurate groundwater distribution estimates. The research used groundwater monitoring data collected over multiple years to evaluate how groundwater levels change across different locations and seasons. The authors found that the choice of

interpolation method significantly influences the accuracy of groundwater mapping. Accurate estimation of groundwater depth is important for understanding water resource availability, supporting agricultural planning, and managing environmental sustainability in arid regions where groundwater plays a critical role in maintaining ecological balance and human activities.

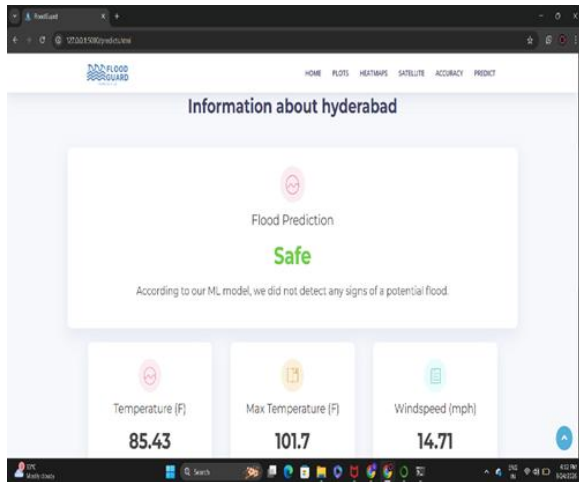
In [5], Shrestha and Gupta (2018) presented a detailed review of how machine learning algorithms are applied in flood prediction studies. Their paper discusses several commonly used techniques such as artificial neural networks, decision trees, support vector machines, and random forest models. The authors explain that these algorithms are capable of analyzing large hydrological and meteorological datasets to identify patterns related to rainfall, river flow, and runoff behaviour.

The review highlights that machine learning methods often achieve higher prediction accuracy compared with traditional statistical approaches, especially when dealing with complex environmental relationships. The study also points out challenges such as data availability, model overfitting, and the need for proper validation techniques.

S. No	Author(s) & Year	Focus Area	Methodology / Technology Used	Key Findings / Contribution
1	A. Sharma et al.	Flood & Landslide Prediction	Hybrid CNN-RNN Model	Proposed a model that integrates spatial and temporal analysis for disaster prediction.
2	Mondal et al. (2020)	Satellite Image Processing	Convolutional Neural Networks	Extracted spatial features from satellite images to identify flood-prone and landslide-prone areas. Improved geographical understanding of disasters.
3	Prakash et al. (2021)	Rainfall & Time-Series Analysis	Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)	Analysed rainfall trends, soil moisture, and water levels over time to detect disaster patterns and forecast future events.
4	Ji et al. (2020)	Environmental Monitoring	Deep Learning & Sensor Data Processing	Combined multiple environmental parameters to improve overall prediction accuracy and real-time surveillance capability.
5	H. Wang et al. (2021)	Disaster Forecasting System	Heavy Deep Learning Architecture	Achieved improved forecasting performance but required high computational resources and lacked response planning integration.
6	W.-X. Geng et al.	Risk Zone Identification	Geospatial Data Analysis	Identified high-risk areas using satellite mapping and historical data analysis. Useful for planning warning zones.
7	X. Chen et al.	Model Design	Hybrid Deep Learning	Demonstrated that combining CNN and RNN improves accuracy compared to using a single model.
8	S. Meena et al.	Complex Terrain Variations	Performance Evaluation	The paper did not include evacuation planning, relief management, or human support systems.
9	Pham, B.T. et al. (2019)	Landslide Vulnerability Assessment	Machine Learning Models	Found that Random Forest produced the highest accuracy in landslide susceptibility mapping. Demonstrated that machine learning significantly improves hazard prediction compared to traditional statistical models.

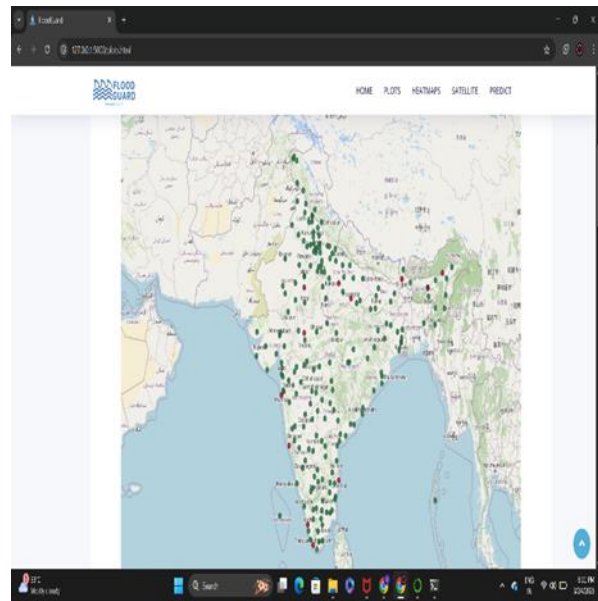
III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system introduces an integrated machine learning framework designed to predict flood and landslide occurrences by combining environmental, hydrological, and geographical data sources. Unlike traditional prediction approaches that rely on a limited number of parameters, this system collects information from multiple datasets including rainfall intensity, river water levels, soil moisture, land cover, elevation, and slope characteristics. These datasets are gathered from publicly available meteorological records, satellite observations, and regional disaster management databases. After collecting the data, it is organized into a unified dataset where each variable contributes to identifying potential disaster patterns. The integration of different data sources enables the system to capture both spatial and temporal relationships among environmental factors. As a result, the model becomes capable of identifying subtle changes that may indicate an increased probability of flooding or landslides. This integrated data-driven approach improves the reliability of predictions and provides a stronger foundation for early disaster warning mechanisms.



Before applying machine learning algorithms, the collected datasets undergo a detailed preprocessing stage to ensure reliability and consistency. Raw environmental data often contains missing values, measurement inconsistencies, and noise caused by sensor or recording errors. These issues are addressed using data cleaning techniques such as removing duplicate entries, filling missing values through interpolation, and filtering abnormal measurements that may distort model learning. After cleaning, the

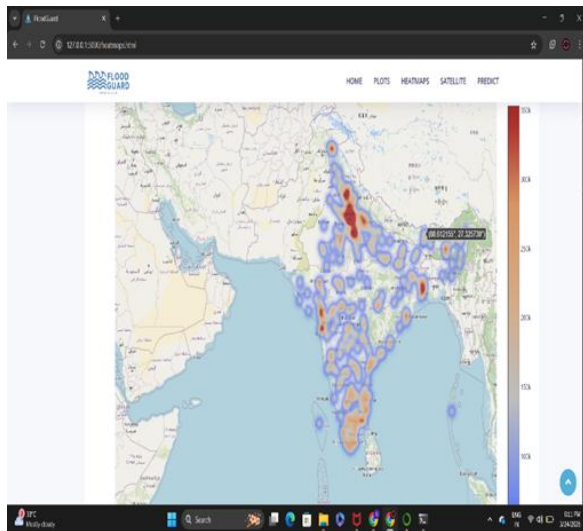
data is normalized so that variables with different scales, such as rainfall and elevation, can be compared effectively by the algorithm. Feature selection techniques are also applied to identify the most influential variables affecting flood and landslide formation. This step helps reduce computational complexity while maintaining important predictive information. The resulting processed dataset forms a balanced and structured input for training machine learning models. By carefully preparing the data, the system ensures that the algorithms can detect meaningful relationships between environmental conditions and disaster events.



The prediction model in the proposed system employs multiple machine learning algorithms in order to improve forecasting accuracy and robustness. Ensemble techniques such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting are used because they are capable of handling large environmental datasets and identifying nonlinear relationships between variables. These algorithms analyse historical disaster patterns along with meteorological indicators to determine the probability of future events. In addition to ensemble models, a neural network architecture is implemented to capture deeper correlations between climatic variables and geographical features. Neural networks are particularly useful in recognizing complex patterns that may not be easily detected by traditional statistical methods. By combining different algorithms, the system takes advantage of the strengths of each technique. The predictions generated by individual

models are compared and aggregated to produce a final decision. This hybrid modelling approach improves the stability and reliability of predictions across different environmental conditions.

To incorporate temporal variations in rainfall and water flow, the proposed system also integrates time-series modelling techniques. Floods and landslides are often influenced by cumulative rainfall over several days rather than a single weather event. Therefore, sequential data analysis methods are used to track how environmental conditions evolve over time. Time-series models examine patterns in rainfall intensity, river discharge levels, and soil moisture fluctuations across different periods. These patterns help identify situations where prolonged rainfall or sudden increases in water levels may trigger disaster events. By studying the historical sequence of environmental changes, the system can recognize warning signs earlier than traditional monitoring approaches. The time-dependent analysis enhances the predictive capability of the model, especially during monsoon seasons when rainfall patterns become highly variable. This allows the system to provide more accurate forecasts regarding when and where flooding or landslides are likely to occur.

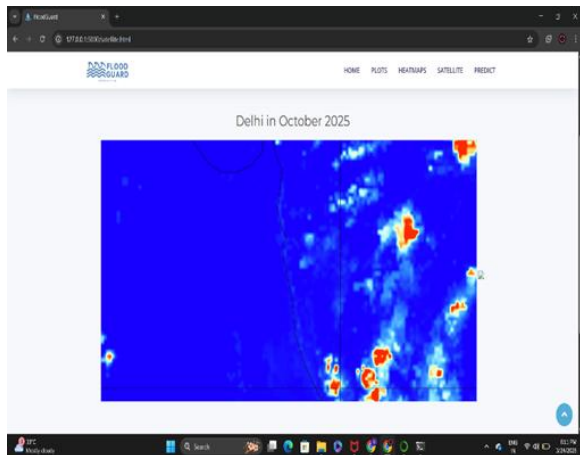


Another important component of the proposed system is spatial analysis, which evaluates geographical characteristics of disaster-prone areas. Environmental factors such as terrain slope, land cover, drainage density, and soil composition significantly influence the likelihood of floods and landslides. Geographic Information System (GIS) techniques are incorporated to process spatial datasets and convert them into

numerical features suitable for machine learning models. Satellite imagery and digital elevation models are used to extract information about terrain structure and land surface conditions. These spatial variables are combined with meteorological data to create a comprehensive representation of environmental risk. By examining how physical geography interacts with rainfall and water flow, the system can identify regions that are naturally more vulnerable to disasters. This spatial analysis enables the creation of risk maps that highlight high-probability zones, assisting authorities in focusing mitigation efforts in the most vulnerable locations.

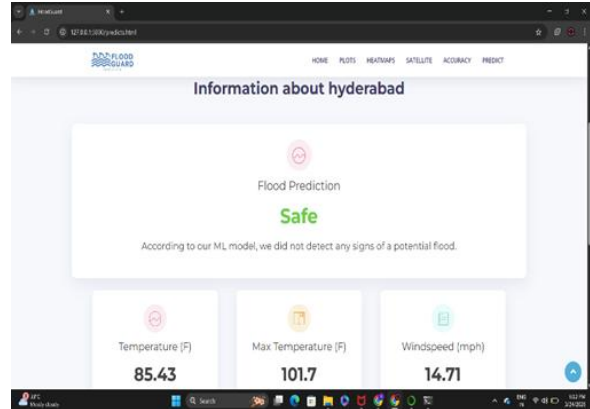
The proposed system also includes a training and validation process to ensure that the prediction models perform reliably under different conditions. Historical disaster records are divided into training and testing datasets. During the training phase, the algorithms learn patterns associated with past floods and landslides by analysing environmental conditions recorded before those events occurred. After training, the models are evaluated using unseen test data to measure their predictive performance. Several evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are used to assess how effectively the models can detect disaster risks. Cross-validation techniques are also implemented to reduce the possibility of overfitting and to ensure that the model generalizes well to new data. Through this systematic validation process, the proposed system aims to maintain consistent prediction accuracy across different geographical regions and climatic conditions. Once the model is trained and validated, it can be integrated into a real-time monitoring environment that continuously processes incoming environmental data. Weather stations, hydrological sensors, and satellite updates provide new measurements that are automatically fed into the prediction model. The system analyses these real-time inputs and generates probability scores indicating the likelihood of floods or landslides in specific regions. When the predicted probability exceeds a predefined threshold, an alert is generated. These alerts can be transmitted to disaster management authorities or integrated into early warning platforms used by local communities. The ability to process real-time environmental information allows the system to respond quickly to changing weather conditions.

Overall, the proposed system aims to create a comprehensive disaster prediction framework that combines machine learning, spatial analysis, and real-time environmental monitoring. By integrating multiple data sources and advanced analytical techniques, the system addresses limitations found in conventional prediction methods that rely on limited parameters. The use of hybrid machine learning models improves the accuracy of identifying high-risk situations, while time-series and spatial analysis provide deeper insight into how environmental conditions influence disaster formation. The final output of the system includes risk probability scores and geographic risk maps that can assist policymakers, disaster management authorities, and local communities. With further refinement and continuous data updates, the proposed framework has the potential to become an effective tool for reducing the impact of floods and landslides through early detection and proactive disaster preparedness strategies.



The proposed system presents a comprehensive machine learning framework designed to improve the prediction of floods and landslides by integrating multiple environmental, hydrological, and geographical datasets. Through systematic data collection, preprocessing, and feature selection, the system ensures that relevant variables such as rainfall, soil moisture, elevation, and river levels are effectively analyzed. A combination of machine learning algorithms, including ensemble models and neural networks, is used to capture complex relationships within the data and generate reliable predictions. Temporal analysis helps identify patterns in rainfall and water flow over time, while spatial analysis evaluates terrain and land characteristics that influence

disaster susceptibility. The trained models are validated using historical records to ensure consistent performance. When integrated with real-time monitoring systems, the framework can generate early warnings, enabling authorities to take preventive measures and reduce the potential impact of natural disasters on vulnerable communities.



This diagram shows how a smart flood prediction system works step by step. First, it collects different types of data like past flood records, sensor data from rivers, weather forecasts, and hydrological information. This data is then cleaned and organized (data preprocessing) so it can be used properly. After that, important factors like rainfall and water levels are selected (feature engineering), and the best machine learning model is chosen to analyse the data. The model is then trained using past data so it can learn patterns and understand when floods might happen. Once the model is trained, it is tested to make sure it works correctly (validation), and then it is deployed for real-world use. The system is continuously monitored and updated to keep it accurate. When the model detects a possible flood, it sends alerts to users through an interface like a mobile app or dashboard. In simple terms, the system learns from past and present data, predicts future floods, and warns people in advance to help them stay safe.

Another important part of this system is how it keeps improving over time. As new data keeps coming in from sensors and weather updates, the system learns from it and becomes more accurate. If the model makes mistakes, engineers can adjust it by retraining or tuning it. This process ensures that the predictions stay reliable even when conditions change, like unusual weather patterns or unexpected heavy rainfall.

Overall, this system helps in early warning and disaster management. By predicting floods before they happen, it gives people and authorities enough time to take action, such as evacuating areas or preparing safety

measures. This not only helps in saving lives but also reduces damage to property and resources, making communities safer and better prepared for natural disasters.

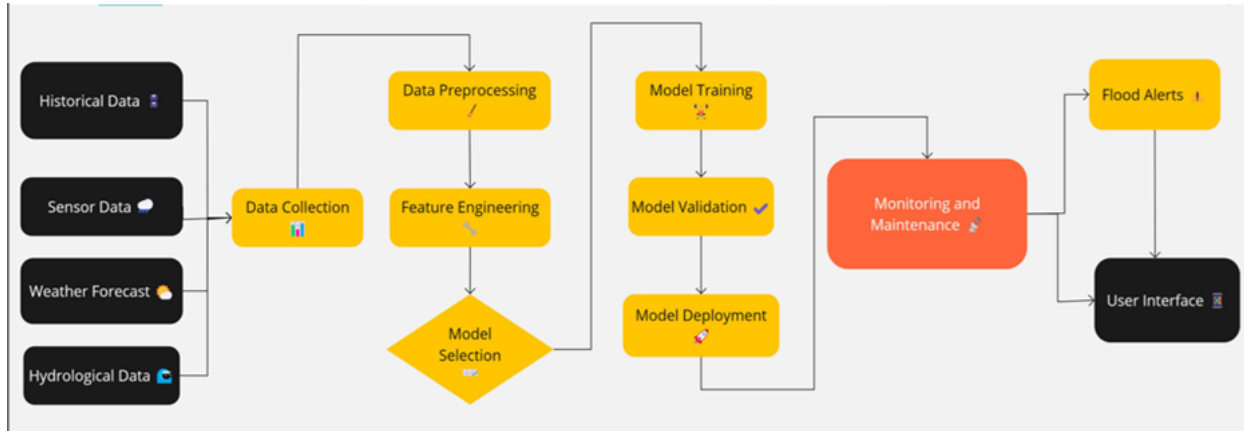


Figure 1: Proposed System Architecture

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The proposed machine learning framework was evaluated using a multi-source environmental dataset consisting of meteorological, hydrological, and topographical variables. The dataset included parameters such as rainfall intensity, soil moisture index, river discharge rate, slope gradient, elevation, and land cover classification. Prior to model training, the dataset was pre-processed through normalization, missing value imputation, and feature selection using correlation analysis and variance thresholding. Multiple algorithms including Random Forest (RF), Gradient Boosting (GB), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) were trained to classify flood and landslide susceptibility levels. The models were evaluated using standard performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUC-ROC). Experimental results indicate that ensemble-based approaches significantly outperform traditional statistical models due to their capability to capture nonlinear relationships and complex environmental interactions.

Feature	Importance Score	Impact on Prediction
Rainfall Intensity	0.29	Very High
Soil Moisture Index	0.21	High
Slope Gradient	0.17	High
River Water Level	0.14	Moderate
Elevation	0.11	Moderate
Land Cover Type	0.08	Low

Table 1: Feature Importance Ranking in Disaster Prediction

During the experimentation phase, the dataset was divided into training and testing subsets using an 80:20 split ratio. Cross-validation techniques were applied to prevent overfitting and improve model generalization. Random Forest demonstrated superior performance due to its ensemble structure and ability to reduce variance through multiple decision trees. Gradient Boosting also showed strong predictive capability by sequentially minimizing classification errors. Neural networks effectively captured nonlinear correlations between rainfall accumulation, soil saturation, and terrain characteristics. However, they required higher computational resources and longer training times. The Support Vector Machine model performed moderately well but struggled slightly with large feature dimensions compared to ensemble models. Overall,

the hybrid modelling strategy improved prediction stability and reduced false-positive disaster alerts. The experimental findings reveal that Random Forest achieved the highest overall accuracy and AUC score, indicating its effectiveness in handling heterogeneous environmental data. Its ensemble mechanism reduces model variance and enhances predictive reliability in complex terrain conditions. Gradient Boosting closely followed in performance, benefiting from its iterative error-correction process. Although Artificial Neural Networks demonstrated strong recall values, they required larger computational overhead due to parameter optimization and multi-layer architecture. SVM showed comparatively lower performance due to limitations in handling highly nonlinear feature distributions present in large geospatial datasets.

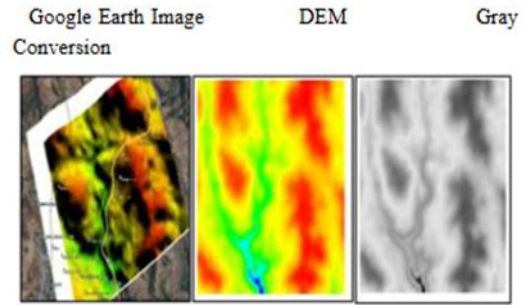
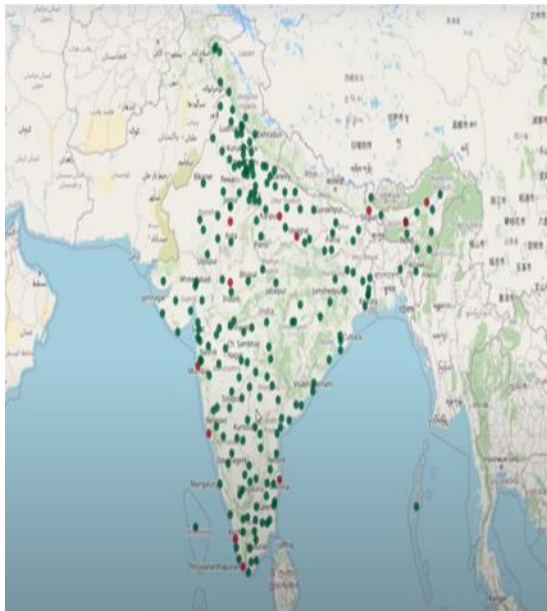


Figure 2: Extraction and Geospatial Analysis Workflow for Landslide Prediction in the Kasar Region.

Further analysis was conducted to evaluate the contribution of individual environmental parameters to the prediction process. Feature importance analysis was performed using the Random Forest model to identify the most influential variables affecting disaster occurrence. Rainfall intensity and cumulative precipitation emerged as the dominant predictors for flood events, while slope gradient and soil moisture index were significant contributors to landslide prediction. Elevation and land cover type also showed moderate influence due to their role in water runoff and soil stability. The analysis demonstrates that integrating both hydrological and topographical features significantly enhances model accuracy. The feature importance results indicate that rainfall intensity plays the most significant role in triggering flood events due to its direct impact on runoff and water accumulation. Soil moisture contributes substantially to both floods and landslides by increasing ground saturation levels. Terrain slope strongly influences landslide probability because steeper gradients increase gravitational soil displacement. River water levels act as secondary indicators for flood risk, while elevation and land cover affect drainage patterns and vegetation stability. These findings confirm that integrating diverse environmental parameters improves the predictive capacity of machine learning models.

Table 2: Performance Comparison of Machine Learning Models

Mode l	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC-ROC
Random Forest	94.2	93.5	92.8	93.1	0.96
Gradient Boosting	92.7	91.9	91.3	91.6	0.94
Support Vector Machine	88.6	87.8	86.5	87.1	0.89
Artificial Neural Network	90.8	89.6	90.2	89.9	0.92

Overall, the experimental evaluation demonstrates that the proposed system provides reliable disaster predictions with high classification accuracy and strong generalization capability. The integration of ensemble learning algorithms, spatial analysis, and multi-source environmental datasets significantly enhances the system's ability to detect early warning signals of floods and landslides. The results indicate that machine learning-based frameworks can effectively support disaster risk assessment and early warning systems, enabling authorities to implement proactive mitigation strategies and minimize potential damage to vulnerable regions.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this presents a machine learning-based framework for predicting floods and landslides by integrating environmental, hydrological, and geographical data. The proposed system utilizes multiple datasets such as rainfall intensity, soil moisture, elevation, slope gradient, and river water levels to analyze conditions that contribute to natural disasters. Through preprocessing techniques including data cleaning, normalization, and feature selection, the dataset was prepared to ensure reliable model training. Several machine learning algorithms, including Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, Support Vector Machine, and Artificial Neural Networks, were evaluated to determine the most effective predictive model. Experimental results demonstrated that ensemble learning approaches, particularly Random Forest, achieved higher accuracy and better generalization compared to other models. The integration of spatial and temporal analysis further improved the system's capability to identify disaster-prone regions. Overall, the proposed approach demonstrates that machine learning techniques can significantly enhance early warning systems and support disaster management authorities in implementing timely preventive measures. The proposed framework not only focuses on prediction but also emphasizes real-time applicability and scalability. By integrating continuous data streams from sensors and weather forecasting systems, the model can provide up-to-date predictions as environmental conditions change. This real-time capability is crucial in disaster management, where even small delays can lead to significant consequences. The system can be

deployed on cloud platforms, allowing easy access, faster processing, and the ability to handle large volumes of data efficiently. Another key strength of the system lies in its ability to support decision-making for authorities and emergency services. The predictions generated can be visualized through dashboards or geographic maps, helping officials quickly identify high-risk zones. This enables better planning, such as issuing evacuation orders, allocating rescue resources, and implementing preventive measures like strengthening embankments or improving drainage systems. In this way, the model acts as a decision-support tool rather than just a prediction system.

Furthermore, the framework can be extended and improved by incorporating additional data sources and advanced techniques. For instance, satellite imagery, remote sensing data, and deep learning models can further enhance prediction accuracy. Future improvements may also include integrating Internet of Things (IoT) devices for more precise data collection and using adaptive learning methods so the model can automatically update itself over time. Such advancements would make the system more robust, reliable, and capable of handling complex disaster scenarios in different geographical regions

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