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I. INTRODUCTION

Determination of climate features is most important for the success or the failure of agricultural decisions. It is a fact that production of food strongly depends on climate changes; it will show details of humidity, temperature, wind and rainfall for the current day and the forecast for the next five days [1]. In addition, a farmer will also be provided with the extreme weather alerts like hailstorms or unseasonal rains. Rainfall is very significant and essential for agricultural depended countries like India because over 50% of rural households depends on agriculture as their principal means of livelihood. The factory farm sphere of India has occupied almost 43 percent of India's geographical area.

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Usually, agriculturists utilised traditional methods to anticipate the rain based on their perception of such marvels the formation of halo around the moon, wind and cloud movement, lightning, animal behavior, bird movement etc. Later on, those customary strategies joined with logical perceptions that can end up being preferable in determining climate over depending on single strategy. As existing, operational long scale forecasting of rainfall in SWM are publicized by IMD (India Meteorological Department) for an entire country and four broad regions of India [6]. Every broad consists of 8-10 meteorological subdivisions out of 36. Operational LRF of SWM rainfall is not yet available to users at the spatial resolution of a meteorological subdivision/cluster of districts/district. Using a proposed technique, LRF of SWM & NEM rainfall for subdivisions wise were being given since 1990, depended on this new method, has accomplished in delivering better forecasts for all subdivisions for the past 26 years, as well forecast for the nation as a whole.

AP&TS jointly have 23 districts, agriculture in these states principally depends on rain-fed water sources for irrigation. In AP and TS 71% of people are dependent on agriculture and its partnered segments, altogether geological zone 42 % of the land is utilized for cultivation in the two states (total 27.44 Million Hectors, 12.754 Million Hectors in agriculture)[5,4]. It is evaluated that about 65 percent of the cultivated space falls under dryland agriculture while the rest is irrigated. This area is drought prone to erratic rainfall received during crop season; this requires precise rainfall forecast framework for farmers to take decisions on crop management system.

a) Agro – Climates Zones in AP & TS

This section describes the various zones (parts), required average rainfall for cultivation, different type's soils and variety of crops grown in those zones. Combined Andhra Pradesh is the fifth largest state in India with a geographical area of 27.44 m ha. Several primary yields are grown on its soils. These States(23 districts) have been divided into seven agro-climatic zones (viz., Krishna-Godavari, North Coastal, Southern, Northern Telangana, Southern Telangana, Scarce Rainfall and High altitude and Tribal). These seven zones of AP & TS states geographically shown as in Fig. 1.



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frameworks developed in these zones are outfitting in Table 1.

Table 1: Zone Wise Different Soils and Required Rainfall for Crops Grown in AP&TS

S. No.	Name of the Zone	Received Rainfall (mm)	Soils	Major Crops were Grown
1	Krishna- Godavari (Delta) Zone	800-1100	River valley and delta alluvial soils, mixed red and black and deep black soils in sub coastal valley	Rice, cotton, black gram/green gram, groundnut, fodder, tobacco, sugarcane, chillies, coconut, sesamum
2	North- Coastal zone	1000- 1100	Coastal alluvium Patches below lateritic and red sandy uplands	Rice, groundnut, pearl millet, finger millet, sugarcane, sesamum, horse gram, green gram, black gram
3	Southern zone	750-1100	Coastal alluvium belt Below lateritic and red sandy hinterlands	Rice, groundnut, sorghum, pearl millet, red gram, finger millet, horse gram
4	Northern-Telangana zone	900-1200	Mixed red and black soils and medium black soils and plateau, heavy black soils in valleys and red sandy soils in uplands	Sorghum, rice, maize, cotton, groundnut, red gram, and Bengal gram
5	Southern-Telangana zone	700-900	Red sandy soils and medium black and lateritic soils	Sorghum, rice, castor, groundnut, pearl millet, red gram, horse gram, finger millet, green gram, maize, safflower
6	Scarce-rainfall zone	500-700	Red sandy soils in uplands and mixed red and black to deep black soils in lower areas	Groundnut, sorghum, setaria, rice, cotton, coriander, pearl millet
7	High-altitude tribal area zone	1000-1300	Red sandy soils in uplands	Rice, pearl millet, groundnut, finger millet, sesamum, tuber crops, forest trees and horticultural crops

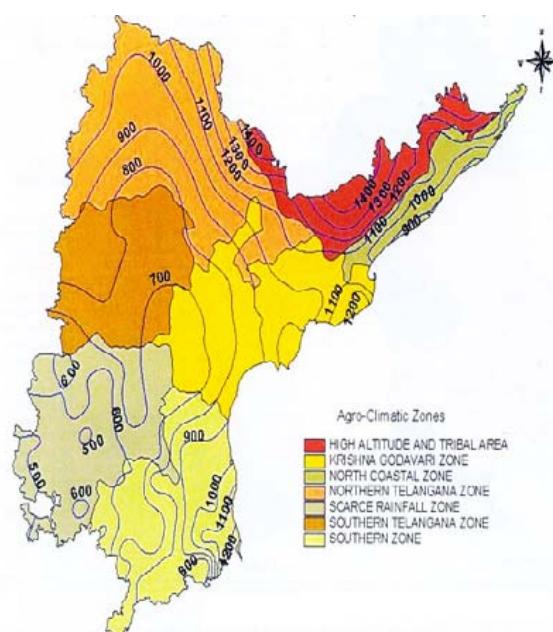


Fig. 1: Agro-Climate Zones of AP&TS states

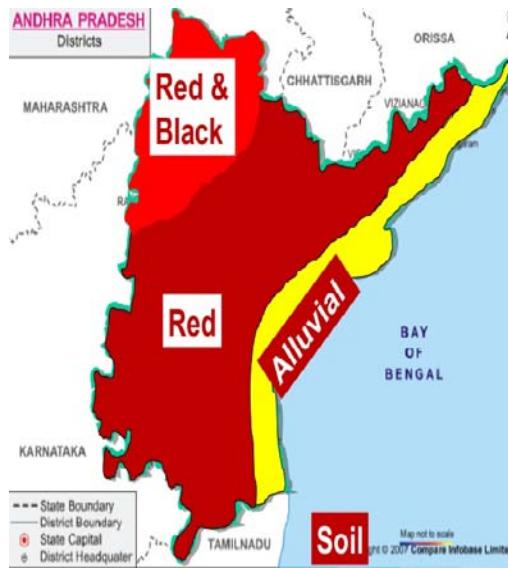


Fig. 2: Soil Map of AP & TS states

Table 2: Soil Types Exist in District Wise and Various Crops Were Grown in Different Soils

Soil Type	Places (Districts) of Occurrence	Major Crops
Red soils	Parts of Ranga Reddy, Medak, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore and Kurnool	Groundnut, sorghum, pearl millet, foxtail millet, red gram, green gram, cowpea, castor and horse gram
Laterites	Kavali taluk of Nellore, Zaheerabad Mandal of Medak and very small pockets in Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and West Godavari	Mango, Cashew and Tamarind trees
Black soils	Parts of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam, Medak, Ranga Reddy, Mahabubnagar, Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore and Guntur	Cotto, chillies, sunflower, Bengal gram, sorghum, safflower and coriander
Alluviums Soils	Parts of East and West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur	Rice, Sugar-cane, Plantain, Guava, Lemon and Oranges.

a) Soils Types

Due to various forms of mineral and organic compositions, there are different types of soil that undergo different environmental pressures. Mainly four types of soils exist in these two states where they are Red, Laterites, Black and Alluviums soils. Soil map of these states shown in fig. 2. Variety of soils, places of their occurrence and crops are grown soils are discussed in Table 2.

b) Crops Types

Crops can be divided into four main categories depending on their usage. There are Food Grains (Rice, Wheat, Maize, Millets and pulses), cash crops (cotton, jute Sugarcane, Tobacco and oilseeds), plantation crops (Tea, coffee, coconut and rubber) and horticulture crops (fruits and Vegetables). These are geographically represented in Fig. 3. Rice covers about one-third of the total cultivated area of the state; it is also cultivated in rabi season with the use of irrigation. *Jowar, Bajra and Ragi* are grown in large areas, but unfortunately area under these crops has drastically decreased over the years. Locally crop season is classified as Kharif

(June/July- Sept/Oct), Rabi (Nov/Dec -April/May) and Ziad (summer)[2,3]. Different crops grown in two states seasonal wise and required weather conditions summarized in Table 3.

c) Rainfall

Agricultural production in AP&TS at most depends upon the distribution of rainfall. The high amount of rainfall in the beginning and sunny/ dry weather at the time of ripening is very helpful for a good crop. AP acquires maximum rainfall during SWM (Southwest Monsoon) (Jun-Sept) as well as NEM (Northeast Monsoon) (Oct-Dec). SWM offers 69% (925 mm) of rainfall in the total of AP and NEM offers 22% (300 mm) of rainfall in the total of AP and remaining contributed by during winter and a hot period is shows in Fig. 4. Information on probable rendering of SWM & NEM could show to be important in farming plan, agriculture activities and management of rain water [13]. This type of forecast is very useful for agriculturists as an input, like fertilizers, seeds, etc.

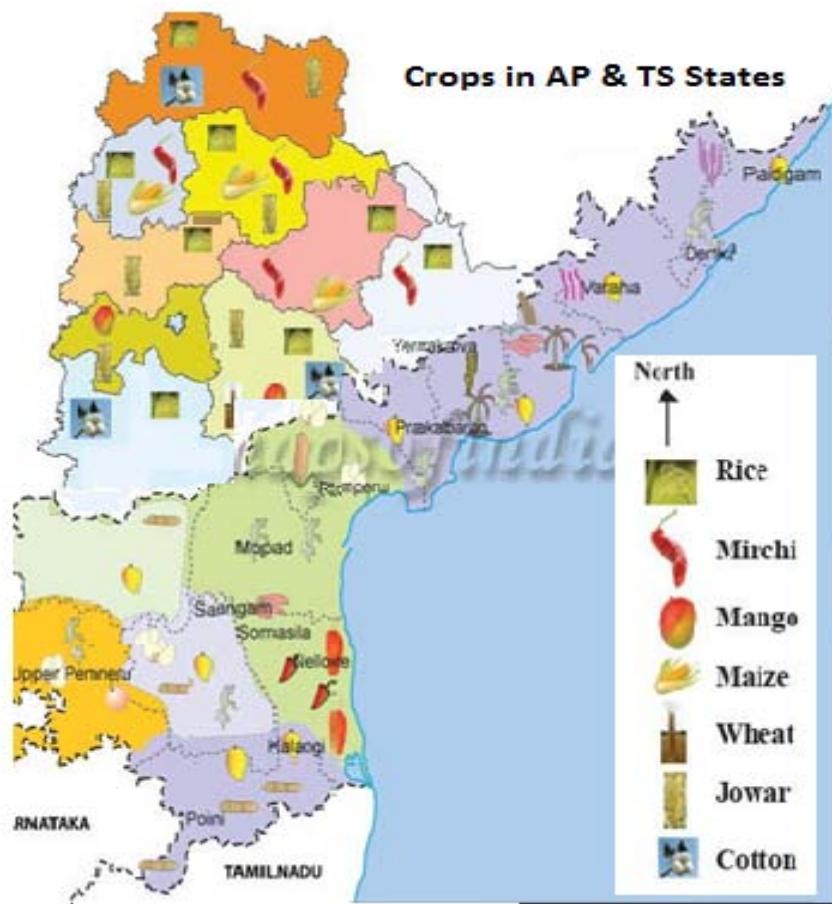


Fig. 3: District wise Crop Map of AP& TS States

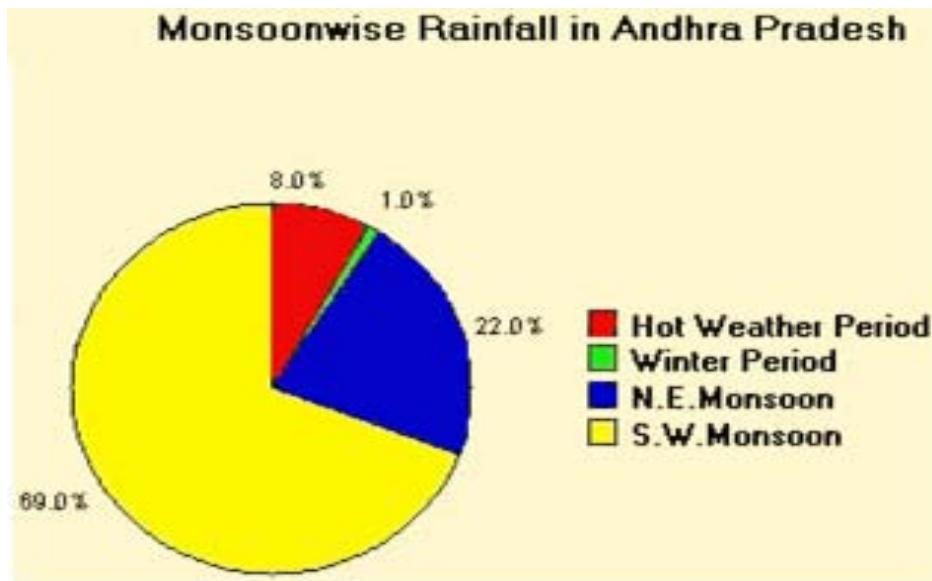


Fig. 4: Avg. rainfall percentage monsoon wise in AP&TS

Table 3: Variety of crops and their required weather conditions to grown in AP & TS

Crop Name	Area in Hectors(Lakh)	Soil Supported	Season	Rainfall Need (mm)	Avg. Temp. Needed (°C)	Remarks	
Rice	40.96	deep clayey and loamy soil	Kharif and Rabi	150 to 300	22 - 32		
Rice	3.19	Inferior alluvial or loamy soil.		50 to 100	27 -32		
Jowar	7.63						
Maize	0.56						
Bajra	0.43						
Ragi	3.19						
Wheat	0.10	fertile loamy and clayey loamy soil	Rabi	75 to 100	10-15 21-26	sowing harvesting	
Redgram	5.50	loamy soils	Rabi	40-45	20 -25		
Greengram	3.42						
Blackgram	4.46						
Bengalgram	6.15						
Groundnut	14.61	Red and Black Soils	kharif	50-75	20 - 30		
Castor	1.68	Red and light alluvial soils	Khariff	50-75	20-25		
Sunflower	2.88	Black soil	kharif and rabi	52-75	55-80		
Soybean	1.42	Black soil	Kharif	50-90	57-85		
Cotton	16.21	Black soil	kharif	50 -100	21-30		
Sugarcane	1.75	deep rich loamy soil	Kharif	75-150	21-27		
Chilli	1.96	Sandy and clay loamy soil	kharif and rabi	40 -90	20-25		
Tobacco	1.51	alluvial soils, black clayey or loamy soils	kharif and rabi	50-100	15-20		
Jute	-	Light sandy or clayey soils	kharif	120 - 150	70-100		

II. RELATED WORK

In this section, we discussed about recent related work done around the globe. Kipkorir E.C, et al. [1] proposed the model for climate analysis of Baringo District which is located in Kenya and authors discussed about how the weather is changed according to the different seasons and they summarized the season wise rainfall in that district of past 20 years from 1980 to 2000. O Prasad, et al. [2] proposed a method of long range Forecast (LRF) in seasonal level rainfall as district during the south monsoon of Vayu Mandal and them taken 12 days of rainfall data for prediction purpose.

A.Ramakrishna, et al. [3] submitted work on periodical analysis of rainfall patterns of Nira Basin and they proposed a model for forecasting of rainfall. Authors consider of 2-8 years of data after 1960's and they used a wave let analysis, it produces accuracy results compared to existing methods. P. Guhathakurta, et al. [11] analyzed extreme rainfall patterns in Andhra Pradesh where monsoon and post-monsoon seasons.

For this study, they consider more than 70 years of data 1901-2000 of 155 substations in AP.

Vijaya Kumar, et al. [6] presented work on long term rainfall trends in India and they consider 135 years (1871-2005) of 30 subdivision of India. Authors concluded as monsoon months (June-Sept.) have received 80% of annual rainfall. J Nagendra Kumar, et al. [10] proposed GIS-MAP model for spatial analysis of rainfall data of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states using R. They summarized data as district wise and compared with existing methods. O Prasad, et al. [12] reviewed the district level long scale rain forecast during southwest monsoon in Andhra Pradesh. They identified as the maximum of annual rainfall is getting in SWM, NEM.

III. DATA USED AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

District wise rainfall data during SWM, NEM season for a period of 12 years (2004-16) have been considering for this study, this data is collected from IMD (India Metrological Department). Clustering

equations are developed between rainfall data and different seasons using DBSCAN algorithm and Cluster Dendrogram method by using R-Studio for 12 years (2004-16) data. Long Period Average (LPA) of monthly, seasonal and annual rainfall dataset for the districts of AP & TS is shown in Annexure A.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The dataset contains the rainfall values for past 12 years (2004-16) in district level that are representing in seasonal wise (SWM, NEM), the data file in figure 5. First, we normalized the data for easy representation then applied the clustering methods (DBSCAN and Hierarchical) to identify the rainfall patterns using R-Tool. Plot the graphs to identify the rainfall patterns of past 12 years in SWM, NEM using DBSCAN Algorithm and identify the all season's rainfall patterns by using Hierarchical clustering model. Dataset contains total 274 instances and it divided into three clusters. 241 instances fall in to cluster one, it represents regular rainfall patterns of districts in southwest monsoon season, and 31 instances fall into cluster two it represents 20-30 percent fewer rainfall patterns and four instances distributed into cluster 3 as represents extreme less rainfall patterns. These three cluster objects represented in different color codes in fig.5a for SWM, 5b for NEM.

Comparison graph of rainfall received in SWM and NEM of AP& TS states shown in Fig.6 as years wise (2004-16). The analysis shows that max of rainfall received during the period of SWM & NEM, so this is period is very important for agriculture to make their own crop decisions. Agriculture field is requires better prediction system for analysis of weather conditions during June to December months.

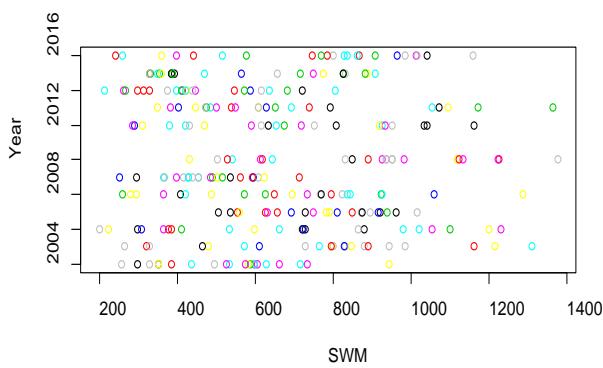


Fig. 5 a: Rainfall patterns in Southwest Monsoon

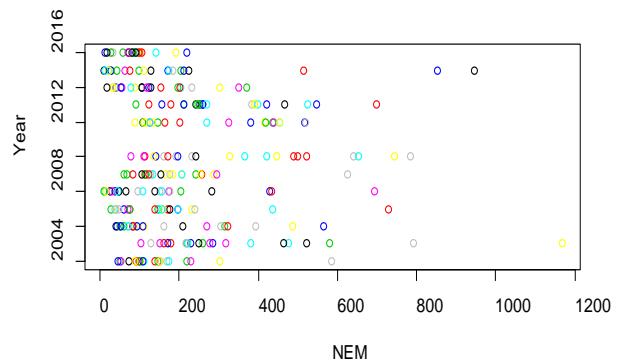


Fig. 5 b: Rainfall patterns in Northeast Monsoon

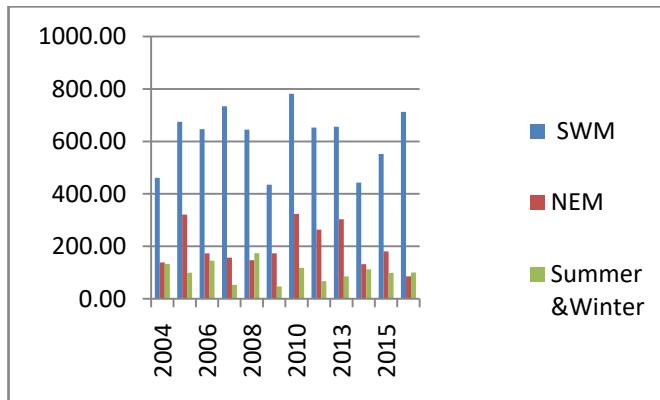


Fig. 6: Seasonal Rainfall comparison in different years

V. CONCLUSION

In traditional methods, rainfall forecast is challenging task and we cannot get accuracy results. In this proposed a novel approach to predict the long scale rainfall patterns of AP & TS states district level. It is efficient and accurate to compare with community models and it is producing better results. DBSCAN algorithm is used to identify the rainfall patterns as density wise (high, low) for long term forecast by using past 12 years data of AP & TS district level. These types of new technology is used for large scale rainfall forecasting data analysis has the potential to better enhancement the weather prediction too.

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Annexure A : Monsoon wise rainfall data of 23 Districts of AP&TS states (2004-2016)

Dist. Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual		
													North-East monsoon		
Khammam	6.42	6.95	15.86	22.83	44.12	178.63	300.40	294.40	254.64	103.10	178.87	3.58	1409.82		
Krishna	10.62	13.53	13.29	15.75	71.18	150.66	190.95	196.38	190.62	173.06	181.84	9.42	1217.30		
Kurnool	1.92	2.81	14.62	20.55	50.62	98.88	109.21	115.15	159.34	89.20	124.27	2.01	788.59		
Medak	7.48	7.92	32.38	18.53	28.16	96.80	200.43	159.74	192.13	69.99	131.06	0.92	945.56		
Nellore	8.04	11.01	11.40	15.24	52.78	56.62	80.25	102.82	91.71	232.03	161.87	100.84	924.60		
Nizamabad	8.62	8.07	27.38	20.86	20.64	133.76	254.46	210.80	198.65	66.73	132.69	0.87	1083.54		
Prakasam	6.44	12.41	15.38	17.68	58.11	73.44	89.51	102.47	126.25	172.69	149.47	21.03	844.89		
Ranga Reddy	4.06	5.33	23.42	34.30	38.83	102.79	156.97	176.90	175.76	77.98	126.87	0.82	924.03		
Shrikakulam	7.56	7.55	15.77	28.68	87.02	156.35	198.01	188.21	238.32	196.71	217.51	11.76	1353.45		
Vishakhapatnam	4.87	10.66	16.53	41.61	75.31	159.15	151.28	170.14	230.10	197.82	213.96	13.99	1285.41		
Vizaya Nagararam	14.34	6.86	16.81	30.74	84.38	177.86	181.82	195.72	227.94	168.24	198.09	10.78	1313.59		
Warangal	5.46	6.85	24.81	19.56	31.43	158.21	268.21	238.20	228.96	83.48	156.22	1.96	1223.35		
West Godavari	4.45	7.61	8.16	12.33	62.54	149.55	208.69	223.77	219.81	161.40	190.60	10.03	1258.94		
Adilabad	12.59	6.31	24.34	13.94	19.79	158.43	313.32	237.47	214.49	68.90	141.70	1.22	1212.49		
Ananthapur	3.86	3.28	14.68	27.63	68.87	64.66	68.13	82.06	129.02	87.66	108.34	5.68	663.89		
Chittoor	2.82	7.12	14.12	29.68	80.34	83.36	96.78	113.78	126.42	155.88	141.15	74.68	926.12		
Cuddapah	1.99	5.70	9.30	19.08	44.24	72.72	86.01	100.16	116.59	105.72	111.16	25.27	697.94		
East Godavari	2.05	6.52	9.41	24.37	66.67	144.36	192.96	183.14	219.06	182.92	200.99	11.22	1243.68		
Guntur	7.70	12.80	10.78	13.07	56.65	113.26	148.16	157.70	183.30	143.88	163.59	10.58	1021.48		
Hyderabad	6.61	8.29	25.32	32.30	35.32	102.73	177.16	175.54	195.41	84.65	140.03	1.51	984.86		
Karim Nager	15.43	9.59	33.61	21.13	27.98	140.39	273.58	225.59	237.60	84.37	160.99	1.27	1231.52		
Mahabub Nager	2.01	2.50	17.89	23.31	31.26	87.62	121.45	129.11	165.60	91.49	128.55	1.60	802.39		
Naigonda	7.52	9.66	2.84	17.14	40.38	110.68	118.44	157.76	175.14	124.06	149.60	0.64	913.86		