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UNEARTHING URBANIZATION DYNAMICS OF MALAPPURAM, KERALA: A SPACE-BASED APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Urbanization, a complex process of societal transformation, presents a dichotomy of benefits and challenges. This study delves into the dynamics of urbanization within Malappuram, employing European satellite Sentinel-2 imagery and eight carefully chosen indices to analyze urban built- up features. These indices include the Normalized Difference Built-up Index (NDBI), New Built- up Index (NBI), Built up Area Extraction Index (BAEI), Normalized Built up Area Index (NBAI), Normalized Difference Concrete Condition Index (NDCCI), Urban Index (UI), Built-up Index (BUI), and Enhanced Built-Up and Modified Built-up Area Index (MBAI). Each index captures distinct aspects of urban land use, facilitating a comprehensive examination of the urbanization process. By scrutinizing these indices, the study aims to unravel the intricate interplay between urban expansion, development, and its associated impacts. Through meticulous analysis, this research endeavors to shed light on both the positive contributions and the potential challenges arising from unchecked urbanization, offering insights crucial for informed decision-making and sustainable urban development strategies in Malappuram and similar contexts worldwide.

Keywords: Urbanization Effects, Geospatial Indices, Sentinel-2, Sustainable Growth, Societal Development

OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

This study delves into the intricate dynamics of urbanization, realizing its dual nature encompassing both advantages and challenges. Focused on Malappuram, the research employs Sentinel-2 imagery, leveraging nine carefully selected indices such as NDBI (Kuc & Chormański, 2019), NBI, UI BUI, BAEI, NBAI, NDCCI, BRBA, and MBAI. These indices serve as crucial metrics to extract urban built-up features, delivering a detailed analysis of urban development. The analysisseeks to solve the impact of unchecked over-urbanization by scrutinizing specific land-use classes, including built-up areas. The study aims to contribute valuable insights into the developing tapestry of societal progress and its implications for the chosen region (Bakirtas & Akpolat, 2018).

METHODOLOGY

This study employs Sentinel-2 imagery to assess the impact of urbanization in Malappuram district. The methodology focuses on nine indices, which are NDBI (Zha et al., 2003), NBI, UI, BUI (He et al., 2010), BAEI Bouzekri et al. (2015), NBAI, NDCCI, BRBA, and MBAI (Waqar & Hussain, 2012). This comprehensive index selection aims to analyze specific urban land-use classes, providing a complete understanding of the effects of urbanization on the chosen study area. These geospatial indicators are derived from satellite bands through mathematical equations.

RESULTS

Based on the assessment of the Sentinel-2 imagery, this study strategically employs the extraction of urban built-up features in Malappuram from 2017 to 2023. The results aim to unfold the consequences of urbanization on the selected study area. The study provides insights into the positive side of the urban boundary from Satellite bands and challenging facets by delineating major urban land-use classes through indices like NBAI, NDCCI, BRBA, and BAEI. This detailed analysis contributes to a holistic understanding of the effects of unchecked over- urbanization, guiding informed decisions for sustainable progress and growth in the complex tapestry of societal development.

Table 2: Low and High Range of All Indices

| Name of Indices | Range 2017 | | Range 2020 | | Range 2023 | |
|---|------------|-------|------------|------|------------|------|
| | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| Normalized Difference Built-up Index (NDBI) | -0.91 | 0.82 | -0.59 | 0.65 | -0.45 | 0.52 |
| New Built-up Index (NBI) | -5.42 | 1.30 | -2.36 | 0.63 | -2.33 | 0.54 |
| Built Up Area Extraction Index (BAEI) | 0.05 | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.73 | 0.16 | 0.79 |
| Normalized Built Up Area Index (NBAI) | 0.98 | 1 | 0.99 | 1 | 0.99 | 1 |
| Normalized Difference Concrete Condition Index (NDCCI) | -0.44 | 0.73 | -0.30 | 0.59 | -0.23 | 0.60 |
| Urban Index (UI) | -0.83 | 0.72 | -0.46 | 0.54 | -0.45 | 0.52 |
| Built-up Index (BUI | -1.48 | 0.62 | -1.04 | 0.59 | -1.05 | 0.46 |
| Band Ratio for Built-up Area (BRBA) | 0.05 | 10.16 | 0.15 | 2.54 | 0.11 | 2.47 |
| Modified Built up Area Index (MBAI) | 638 | 191 | 316 | 416 | 319 | 270 |

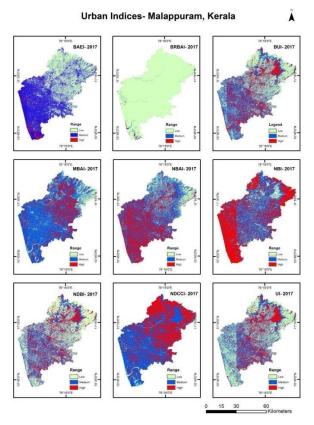


Figure 2: 2017 Urban Indices Range Value

CONCLUSION

In the rich tapestry of societal development, urbanization substantiates a double-edged force, bearing fruits of progress yet entwined with challenges. This study, centered on Malappuram, intricately dissects urban development using Sentinel-2 imagery, guided by nine indices. These indices reveal the urban landscape dynamics. Results uncover the impact, shedding light on the delicate balance between growth and challenges. This inclusive approach delineates major land- use classes and navigates urbanization merits and demerits, offering a valuable compass for steering toward sustainable and informed developmental trajectories.

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