

## Low Cost Mountain Road Network Maintenance Impact and Infrastructure

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### Abstract

The essential focal point of our investigation is to distinguish the difficulties and challenges that we face and to track down some possible arrangements while developing and upkeep of roads in the territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The roads go through the wraps that are generally ice inclined, situated at high heights and we experience freezing temperature there. Aside from its sloping nature, the climatic conditions are extremely cruel for most piece of the year, in which the precipitation is more, generally as snow that covers the entire of the land including roads. The valley has a couple of ways out as public thruways that go through hilly ranges at high heights, where the snowfall is weighty during cold weather months. The state being overwhelmed by undulating geography, road is the excellent methods for transport. The cutting of roads and their upkeep through the consistent rugged reaches has become a test for the architects and constructors. The reason for concern is that Kashmir has the road thickness of 35.71 km for each 100 sq km; this is one of the least in the country. In this paper, we present a portion of the materials and a portion of the improved strategies in street development to conquer the difficulties that we experience during development and support of roads in Kashmir.

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## Introduction

Ai greati deali ofi worki hasi beeni donei toi distinguishi developmenti andi supporti difficulti ini coldi andi bumpyi territories.i Thei informationi werei organizedi abouti howi toi keepi thei roadsi fromi icingi andi gettingi roadsi developmenti.i Thei datai ini regardsi toi thei development,i checkingi andi avoidancei ofi ice arrangementi becausei ofi surfacei andi sub-surfacei water.i Thei techniquei fori developmenti andi thei mistakei ini panningi andi planningi ofi Roadi promptsi thei icei arrangementi .i Basedi oni differenti pasti investigates,i ai systemi wasi createdi toi forestalli developmenti ofi icei .i Seveni proceduresi werei createdi toi lesseni thei icei development.i Thei cuti offi channeli oughti toi bei giveni toi keepi wateri fromi arrivingi ati thei streets.i Thei quantityi ofi avalanches i ai specifici territoryi reliesi oni itsi separationi fromi focali point,i thei inclinationi ofi slanti whichi isi expresslyi identifiedi withi sheari strengthi andi thei dirti sort.i Expansioni ini thei poweri ofi tremori sizei causesi upsurgei ini thei quantityi ofi avalanches .i Thei reasoni fori avalanches becausei ofi seismici tremorsi isi thei decreasei ini slanti strengthi becausei ofi constanti shaking.i Thei avalanches happeni wheni thei sheari poweri beatsi thei sheari strengthi ofi thei interfacei promptingi unsteadinessi ofi thei inclinei thati causesi thei uprootingi ofi soili particlesi lastlyi thei massi development.i Thei examinationsi werei donei oni thei asphalti thati werei immersedi becausei ofi floods.i Thei asphalti freei itsi solidarityi rapidlyi fori initiali sixi toi abouti twoi monthsi andi afterwardi consistentlyi ini oppositioni toi thei anticipatedi plan.

### *A. Geographical features of Kashmir valley*

Thei provincei ofi Jammui andi Kashmiri hasi beeni announcedi asi slopingi statei byi "Branchi ofi Geologicali studyi ofi India".i Kashmiri isi ai valley,i encircledi byi strongi mountainsi oni thei entiretyi ofi itsi sides.i Thei primaryi Kashmiri Valleyi [34.1667°i N,i 74.i 7500°i E]i runningi 132i kmi longi andi 32i kmi widei coversi thei regioni ofi 15,520.3i km<sup>2</sup>i withi thei risei ofi 6,070i fti abovei oceani level.i Thei environmenti staysi coldi fori mosti piecei ofi thei yeari primarilyi fromi Novemberi toi walki thati encountersi greatesti snowfall.i Thei yearlyi precipitationi isi 1530i mmi andi thei normali snowfalli isi 195i cm.i Thei recordedi highi temperaturei isi 33°Ci andi thei recordedi lowi isi -i 18°C.i Thei valleyi ofi Kashmiri liesi ini zonei 4i andi zonei 5i ofi tremori draftingi accordingi toi "Divisioni ofi topographicali reviewi ofi India".i Thesei zonesi arei viewedi asi thei seismici tremori inclinedi zones.i Thei insidei streetsi arei inclinedi toi floodingi whilei ai largei portioni ofi ouri significanti roadsi goi throughi highi heightsi ofi Pir-panjali rockyi reaches,I particularlyi thei fundamentali waysi outi ofi valleyi likei Jammu-Srinagari publici thruwayi thati goesi throughi Patnitopi ati ai heighti ofi 6640i ft,i Mughali Roadi thati goesi throughi Piri kii Galii ati ai risei ofi 11500i fti andi thei Anantnag-kishtwari roadi thati goesi throughi sinthani topi ati thei elevationi ofi 12500i fti fromi meani oceani leveli streetsi arei presentedi toi extremelyi unforgivingi climatici conditionsi likei heftyi snowfalli andi discontinuousi downpours.i Thesei conditionsi leadi toi differenti imperfectionsi ofi soils,i rocks,i inclinesi throughi whichi thei streeti passesi thei ati lasti promptsi enduring,i decreasei ini sheari strengthi ofi soil,i insecurityi ofi slantsi otheri thani differenti streeti deformitiesi ofi streets.i

Subsequently, we face a ton of difficulties which buildings and keeping up streets in these regions



*Fig.1 The map of Jammu and Kashmir (study area)*

### Challenges

#### Floods

The inner roads associating different areas inside the Kashmir valley are both uneven roads just as plain roads. The streets arranged in plain regions including the National highway that separates Kashmir into two sections extending from north of Kashmir valley to the extraordinary south, is the road of vital significance [16]. This road lacks seepage framework and is more inclined to flooding, since it moves corresponding to the waterway Jhelum. At whatever point there are substantial downpours during summers, it gets enormous amounts of water from its catchment regions including different feeders like Lidder, Vaishno, and so forth and it floods, it immerses the public interstate viz, NH-1A and all the significant areas and town streets that come in its manner directly from south of the valley up to north end [17]. There is no flood channel present to deplete away the water, in spite of the fact that there was one directly built in the Srinagar city however that doesn't exist anywhere now because of infringements and strong garbage removal there. The new surge of 2014 impeded the augmenting interaction of public roadway because of immersion of the entire zone. Presently the public authority has showed some drive to develop flood channels from Awantipora the will take additional release from the waterway and will empty into the Wulari lake. Because of this, a ton of enormous stretches of public parkway will be kept from immersion. Some low-lying streets stay lowered for quite a while, because of that; they build up the different deformities like potholes, settlement of subgrade and depriving of bitumen. The zone encompassing waterway Jhelum has dirt that remains for the most part soaked and consequently holds more water. Since the region has primarily the

adaptable asphalt, it is a great deal of settlements happen there even at lesser burdens [18]. There isn't a lot of effect on the inflexible and semi-unbending asphalt despite the fact that there might be reflection breaking because of differential settlements in the subgrade. Subsequently floods predominantly influence the asphalt and thwart the development work.

#### *Ground Frost*

In the sloping territories of Kashmir, the temperature goes underneath  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  in winters and never surpasses  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  even in the mid-year long stretches of June and July. In cold weather months, these roads stay covered by day off the ice activity happens. The dress of frigid and glaciolacustrine causes are more icy touchy. Ice profundity is reliant on the yearly ice aggregate the grain size of the dirt, and snow profundity. The capillarity of soils is significantly more influenced by its ice affectability. The narrow ascent of water can be up to 3 m in silty soils. Because of hairlike ascent of water to the surface, it freezes and structures isolated ice layers. The residue holds water on the superficial level and structure ice hurls that is the principle worry for road constructors. The frozen ground is viewed as settled soil and it can't make any issue except if it stays frozen. As the day temperature builds, defrost starts and it conveying limit is lost. Ice defrosts first at the focal points of the street and structures at sections like ice table in the street bank, which defers the seepage of liquefied waters. Because of this, the water moves along the street surface rather than seepage framework built, bringing about the development of longitudinal breaks on the bank sides. The lopsided ice hurling causes the disintegration of asphalt, longitudinal and cross over breaks and potholes. On the off chance that ground ice stays for longer period, it will prompt mishaps because of elusive conditions on the roads.

#### *Snow Drift*

The entire Kashmir stays under snow cover for most of the year and the significant spots inclined to blizzard incorporate Banihali top and Patnitop on public interstate, Sinthani top and Anantnag-Kishtwari road and Peeri kii Galii on Mughali Road. The ice soil framed and the constant freezing and defrosting activity, falls apart the wearing course and it scraps off the upper layer of the street when we attempt to clean the ice up the streets. To anticipate snow gathering in various climates, Finnish designers have utilized the Russian equation

$$Q = L h_m \Phi \eta \beta \quad (1)$$

Where  $Q$  = the depth of snow on one meter wide strip

$L$  = the length for which snow accumulates

$h_m$  = maximum snow depth in 10 year period

$\Phi$  = erosion threshold value for the wind speed 5 to 7 m/s in different environments: 0-0.1 steep, vegetated landscape

$B$  = sublimation coefficient of snow, normally 0.7

$\eta$  = coefficient of the steadiness of the wind drift from different directions

Their length is for which snow accumulates as follows:

- 15,000–20,000 ft good topography or icy surface
- 12,000–17,000 ft open hilly area
- 3000–6000 ft hilly area, some vegetation
- <500 ft steep slopes, vegetated
- <600 ft forest

Maximum snow depth in 10 year periods (higher values are used with wind speed) is 5 m/s;

Erosion threshold values are as follows:

- 0.2–0.3 ft hilly tundra, scattered vegetation
- 0.4–0.5 ft open, hilly place
- 0.7–0.8 ft open, even place
- 0.7–0.9 ft open, frozen surface
- 0.8–1.0 ft mountainous summit

#### *Earthquakes and Landslides*

The Kashmiri valley lies in the zone of frequent seismic activity, which is viewed as the tremor inclined zone, we regularly experience large earthquakes causing the relaxation of soils and at last the colossal mass development of earth. The Srinagar-Jammu public parkway goes through these Himalayan reaches that are inclined to avalanches. The Himalayas were shaped approximately 26 million years prior, and even today it isn't in stable condition. The mass slides rise so rapidly that even today its inclines are in shakable condition. There are heavy rains and snow during cold weather months in view of high RLI of this spot that has brought about profound enduring profiles, on slants that are not really steady. This aggregation of water in soils creates pressure that prompts the shear disappointment of the dirt and hence the mass development of the dirt. These avalanches and snow torrential slides moving along the slope slant at exceptionally rapid obliterate the streets situated underneath the slope. The avalanches these days have become a standard now as opposed to exemption, and even a little deluge prompts the avalanches and henceforth the conclusion of the roadways.

The pieces of public thruways from Banihali to Rambani including Penthall, Digidol, Ramsui and so forth are more inclined to avalanches since they comprise of sedimentary rocks. These stones fluctuate in thickness from 0.5 m to 3 m however regularly it is 1 m. Aside from this, different sandstone beds exist. These stones are permeable and exceptionally penetrable in light of the fact that they have been blamed to create little broken stone masses. Water enters profoundly into its surface and causes enduring zones and creates pressing factors and grease in disappointment planes. Consequently the stones lose their solidarity. The lower Himalayas are

comprisedi ofi Metai morphici rocksi thati arei seriously collapsedi andi brokeni andi arei henceforthi morei inclinedi toi enduring.

### *E. Drainage Problems*

Thesei streetsi goingi throughi slopesi needi morei considerationi takingi everythingi intoi account.i Therei arei noi "tricki wateri channels"i toi redirecti andi catchi thei wateri fromi thei slopei slant.i Ati whateveri pointi iti downpours,i therei isi gigantici mass-developmenti ofi earth,i thei garbagei ofi avalanches andi thei aggregatedi snowi blocki thei wastesi alongi thei sidei ofi thei road.i Thei amassedi snowi alongi thei sidei ofi thei roadi softeni consistently wheni thei daysi becomei morei swelteringi andi consequently becomei ai dangeri fori itsi upkeep.

Mosti extremei lengthi ofi streetsi ini Kashmiri goi throughi thei loweri parti ofi thei slopesi becausei ofi which,i thei wateri fromi thei slantsi overviewi andi causei decayi ofi asphalti ofi surface.i Thei aggregationi ofi wateri promptsi thei undulationsi becausei ofi differentiali settlementsi thati isi causedi becausei ofi thei maintenanci ofi dampnessi ini thei subgradei soil.i Thisi issuei generally winsi ini thei streeti extendsi whichi is encircledi byi thei twoi slopesi wherei noi daylighti comes..



**Fig. 2** Deteriorated condition of road (a) due to heavy snow fall (b) because of floods



**Fig. 3i** Roadi closurei duei toi landslides

### *F. Material Transportation Issues*

The unique consideration and treatment for street development in very chilly climate conditions begins from activation of assets. Conveying asphalt development materials to a high height is troublesome where the temperature is low and can be exceptionally uneconomical. It is hard to keep up the high temperature of bitumen that is fundamental for the achievement and long existence of any asphalt. Aside from this, working in freezing temperature can prompt the disintegration of well-being, profitability and workmanship of laborers, artisans and designers working at the site. The primary illnesses related with chilly climate working are Frostbite and Hypothermia. In Frostbite, there happens the real freezing of tissue. Uncovered skin gets defenseless against frostbite when the air is cold. Hypothermia happens when the body center temperature dips under 35°C. When this happens, the body loses its capacity to forestall heat misfortune and is losing heat more rapidly than it can make heat. The apparatus planted at the site deal with the issues like freezing of fills and greases. In this manner, the proficiency of machines.

### *G. High initial construction and maintenance costs*

At the underlying stage, in bumpy regions, the street development costs are a lot. This is the result of heavy earthwork and impacting of hard shakes that will be finished. The time has come devouring cycle and requires a very long time to finish the task. The four-laning of the parkway was begun in 2015 and missed its first cutoff time and now its cutoff time has been set as 2019. The measure of 2136.97 crore has been endorsed for the Udampur-Rambani area and 2168.66 cr. was endorsed for the Ramban-Banihali area. It misses a large number of the cutoff times in light of severe climate that wins in this piece of the world. This year because of heavy snowfall, it stays shut for most pieces of the cold weather months subsequently deterring the work. The persistent avalanches in the Banihal-Rambani area and waste disappointments have prompted increments in support work in this area. In this manner consistently, its upkeep costs increments and devours a great deal of assets.

## **Solutions**

1. The concrete essentially Chunami and Ferro-concrete utilized in the development of inflexible asphalt ought to have the underlying relieving season of under 2.5 h and last setting season of at least 5.2 h. The totals of stone and carbonate rocks can be utilized.
2. The sub-base thickness of not less than 0.5 m should be used to prevent frost heave and differential settlements.
3. The development of toe-dividers essentially the mass gabion dividers to forestall the low-sum avalanche garbage from entering the street that may harm street asphalt and seepage.
4. The cut-off drains with trapezoidal cross-section should be provided at numerous places for better drainage.

5. Toi capturei generallyi freei soil,i geti fencesi principallyi ofi block,Iconcretei mortari ori stonesi thati arei richlyi accessiblei cani bei utilized.
6. Toi forestalli singulari breakingi causedi becausei ofi entrancei ofidampnessi ini lighti ofi delayedi precipitation,i breaki fixingi containingi jutei fiberi blendedi ini withi cut-backi bitumeni cani bei utilized.
7. Toi fixi hugei troubledi territory,i thei fixi worki shouldi bei possible,i hazei sealsi comprisingi black-topi emulsionsi andi water,i chipi sealsi asi bituminousi layeri andi slurryi sealsi bituminousi emulsionsi cani bei utilizedi fori surfacei treatment
8. Increasingi vegetationsi isi thei effectivei methodi toi preventi soili erosion,i snowi driftingi andi weathering
9. Toi preventi snowi drifting,i thei snowi fencesi cani be constructedi andi thei roadsi havei toi bei placedi paralleli toi thei windi direction.
10. Thei visuallyi impairedi dumpi cani bei developed,i andi thei porousi geotextilei cani bei presentedi oni thei topi surfacei andi thei sidei ofi leakagei layeri toi permiti drainagei intoi thei jettison.i Thei basei andi sidesi shouldi bei impermeablei toi forestalli leakagei intoi thei bank.
11. Ani adaptablei wastei cani bei utilizedi ini avalanchesi inclinedi territories,i sincei littlei breakingi won'ti influencei thei activity

### **Conclusion**

Accordinglyi fromi ouri investigationi wei presumei thati iti considerablyi morei hardi toi buildi andi keepi upi roadi neglectedi andi uneveni localesi likei thati ofi Kashmiri valley.i Wei recognizedi thei difficultiesandi trackedi downi somei reasonablei difficultiesi toi counteri them.i Iti wasi trackedi downi thati thei significanti developmentsi andi upkeepi challengei isi toi buildi roadsi ini thei icei coveredidistricts.i Thei territoryi beingi morei inclinedi toi tremorsi oni thei groundsi thati broadi avalanchesi thati expandsi thei supporti worki andiexpensesi ofi thei road,i ini thisi wayi hampersi thei traffici streami outi andi abouti andi stopsi thei upkeepi cycle.i Thei anotheri difficultiesi distinguishedi wasi thei massi developmentsi ofi earthi promptingi thei conclusionsi ofi streetsi ,i thati causei heftyi harmi toi streeti otheri thani botheri andi perili toi thei voyagersi becausei ofi substantiali gridlocks.i Thei besti arrangementsi werei recognizedi toi defeati thesei difficultiesi thati arei affordable,i plausiblei andi simplei accessible.

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