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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bangladesh has a long history of natural disasters. The geographical location, land characteristics, multiplicity of rivers and the monsoon climate render Bangladesh highly vulnerable to natural hazards. Land use planning is an impotent component for modern urban development. Prior to land use planning it is essential to access surface and subsurface geological conditions and the relevant geological hazard and risk in and around the site of future urban development. Therefore, rigorous geological and geotechnical site characterization, including potential risk analysis, need to be carried out for a risk resilient urban development. From this point of view, Urban Development Directorate (UDD) has initiated conducting a geological study and seismic hazard assessment for the Meherpur Zilla, which includes three upazilas and announced a project entitled "Preparation of Development Plan for Meherpur Zila" to accomplish this goal. "Engineering Geological and Geo-Physical Surveys" is a significant component of this project. Subsurface geology and geotechnical information are considered as essential tools for over time and sustainable urbanization in this geological Study and Seismic Risk Assessment.

To know the subsurface soil condition of the study area, several geophysical and geotechnical surveys have been carried out up to 30 meters depth. To accomplish "Engineering Geological and Geo-Physical Surveys" following investigations have been executed: Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) and preparation of borehole logs; collection of undisturbed and disturbed soil; Down-hole seismic (PS Logging) test, Multi-Channel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW) and single Microtremor Measurement. Laboratory tests of soil samples such as Grain Size analysis, Natural moisture Content, Atterberg Limits, Direct Shear Test, Unconfined Compression strength, and Triaxial (Unconsolidated Undrain) tests are ongoing, which will give more qualitative and quantitative information about the subsurface. Regarding these, 30 SPT boreholes, 11 nos. of MASW, 15 nos. of single Microtremor and 7 nos. of Downhole seismic (PS Logging) have been performed.

Field and laboratory investigations data will be analyzed, and results will be integrated with all information in a module which can generate; sub-surface lithological 3D model of different layers, engineering geological map based on AVS30, soil type map, seismic intensity map, peak ground acceleration (PGA) and liquefaction potential zone map etc.

From above engineering geological and geophysical data base would give a clear idea about the geo-hazard status of particular landscape where newly urban developing activities or any other mega infrastructure projects are going on and this mentioned investigation also gives an idea about the vulnerability of existing landscape of a particular area. Based on these results, proper management techniques as well as other necessary adaptation processes could be addressed before or after the development activities in the studied area. Finally, from the achieved result from the Engineering Geological and Geo-physical Surveys will be incorporated in the master plan.

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Abbreviations

ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials

AVS30: Average Shear Wave velocity of 30-meter depth

BH: Borehole

MASW: Multi-Channel Analysis of Surface Wave

N value: Standard penetration resistance/Soil resistance or compactness

PGA: Peak Ground Acceleration

PS logging: Primary and Shear wave logging (Down-hole seismic test)

SA/PSA: Spectral Acceleration/ Peak Spectral Acceleration

SPT: Standard Penetration Tests

UDD: Urban Development Directorate

GWL: Ground Water Level

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Bangladesh has a long history of natural disasters. The geographical location, land characteristics, multiplicity of rivers and the monsoon climate render Bangladesh highly vulnerable to natural hazards. Geological study and seismic hazard assessment is one of the important development modules of this project. In this development plan, subsurface geological and geotechnical information is considered as an important tool for modern urban development. Prior to land use planning it is essential to access surface and subsurface geological conditions and the relevant geological hazard and risk in and around the site of future urban development, therefore a rigorous geological and geotechnical site characterization, including a potential risk analysis need to carry out for a risk resilient urban development.

In this development plan, subsurface geological and geotechnical information has been considered to determine subsurface soil condition of the project area and evaluate natural geological hazards such as earthquake, liquefaction and landslide which integrate the consequence into the design of the infrastructure.

In this context, the Urban Development Department (UDD) has prepared a project proposal titled "Engineering Geological and Geo-Physical Studys Under Preparation of Development Plan for Meherpur Zila".

Moreover, Urban Development Directorate (UDD) has initiated a project to prepare Geological Study and Seismic Hazard Assessment. Bangladesh has a long history of natural disasters. The geographical location, land characteristics, multiplicity of rivers and the monsoon climate render Bangladesh highly vulnerable to natural hazards. Seismically, Bangladesh is divided into four zones i.e. highly risk zone (zone VI), risk zone (zone III), moderate risk zone (zone II) and low risk zone (zone I). Meherpur Zila is situated in zone I (BNBC, 2020). Geological Study and Seismic Hazard Assessment are one of the important studies of Preparation of Development Plan. In this perspective, subsurface geological and geotechnical information is considered as an important tool for durable and sustainable urbanization. To achieve this "Engineering Geological and Geo-Physical Surveys" is one of the important modules of this project.

1.2 Client: About Urban Development Directorate (UDD)

In the backdrop of rapid urbanization associated with increases in population and economic development in the early sixties. It was keenly felt that a regional and central office had to be created for physical Planning. Accordingly Urban Development Directorate (UDD) was created on the 17th July 1965, under the administrative control of works, Power and irrigation department. The functions of the Urban Development Directorate are as follows:

- a. To advise the Government on matters of policy relating to urbanization, land use and land development.
- b. To prepare and co-ordinate regional plans, master plans and detailed layout and site plans for the existing as well as the new urban centers excluding the areas covered by the present town development authorities of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.
- c. To undertake socio-economic research and collection of data for determination of the location and pattern of future urban development.
- d. To prepare programs for urban development for execution by the sectoral agencies and secure approval of those from the national Council and assist the agencies in selection of sites for implementation of those programs.
- e. To act as a counterpart organization and focal point in the Government for all internationally aided physical planning and human settlement programs in the Country.
- f. To organize seminars/workshops for creating better physical planning awareness and to disseminate information through regular publication of the research and planning materials on urbanization and human settlement planning and development.
- g. To conduct in-service training of the officers and staff of organizations involved in spatial planning and development.
- h. To advise the existing urban development authorities on their operations at their request.

1.3 Location and Accessibility

Meherpur Zilla area is 716.08 sq km, located in between 23°36' and 24°00' North latitudes and between 88°33' and 88°55' East longitudes.

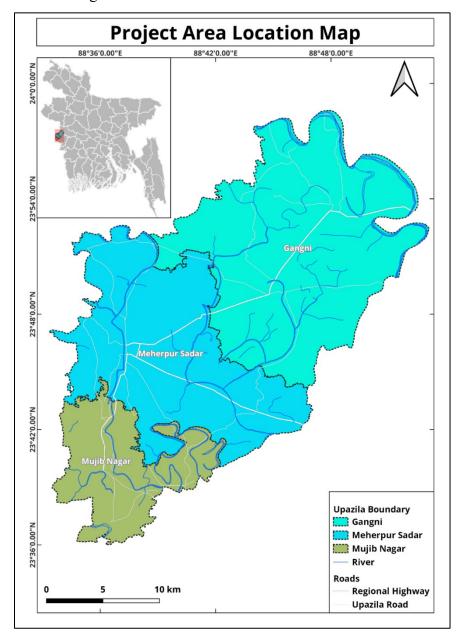


Figure 1 Location map of the project area

2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In this development plan, subsurface geological and geotechnical information's has been considered to determine subsurface soil condition of the project area and evaluating of natural geological hazards such as earthquake, liquefaction and landslide which integrate the consequence into the design of the infrastructures. The main objective will be achieved through the completion of the following sub-objectives:

- GIS based Geological/ Geomorphological map of the project area.
- Sub-surface lithological 3D model development and relevant interpretation.
- Soil classification map using geophysical and geotechnical investigations
- Engineering geological map based on Average Shear Wave (AVS30).
- Seismic hazard assessment (PGA/PGV, and SA) map of the project area.
- Foundation layers delineation and developing engineering properties of the sub-soil.
- Landslide vulnerable zones identification.
- Liquefaction susceptibility map construction of the study area.
- Formulation of Policies and plans for mitigation of different types of hazards, minimizing the adverse impacts of climate change and recommend possible adaptation strategies for the region.

3 STRATEGIC METHODOLOGY

The methodology consists of both field and laboratory investigations. To conduct this project work, geomorphological, geotechnical and geophysical data of soil will be collected, analysed and interpreted. Geomorphological data will be collected from satellite image (provided by UDD or other secondary source) of the study area to prepare a geomorphological map. Geotechnical data will be collected from field investigations *i.e.*, boring, standard penetration test (SPT), and laboratory investigations *i.e.*, soil physical properties test, consolidation test, direct shear test and triaxial test of undisturbed soil sample. Geophysical data will be collected from down-hole seismic test (PS logging); multi-channel analysis of surface wave (MASW) and Singles Microtremor survey. The total works will be conducted through the following methodology (flowchart)-

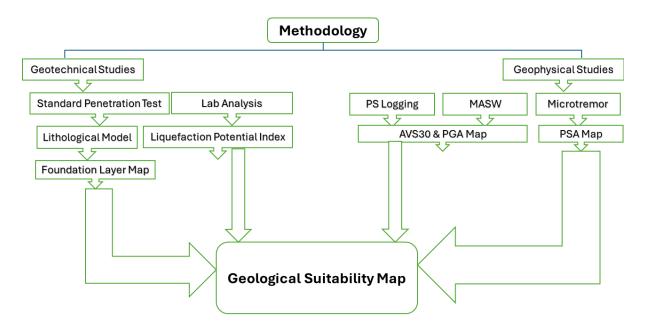


Figure 2 Methodology of the project.

However, following investigations will be conducted for collecting both engineering geological and geophysical data in the Project area (as per ToR):

	Name of investigations			
Area	Borelog with	PS logging	MASW	Single
Alea	SPT	(30m depth)	(30m depth)	Microtremor
	(upto 30m)			
Meherpur Zilla (716.08 sq km)	30	7	11	15

Test locations of the project area are shown in following figure-

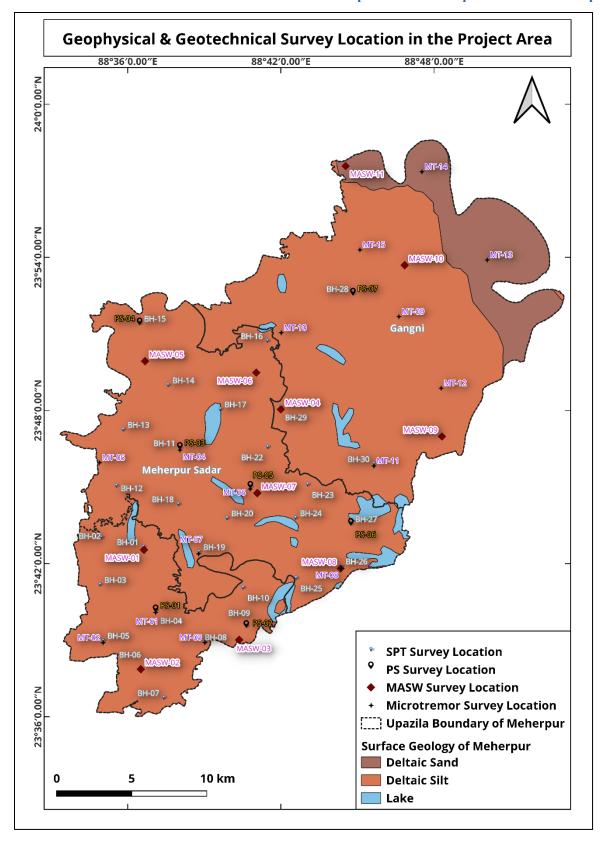


Figure 3 All Geotechnical and Geophysical Tests locations in the project area

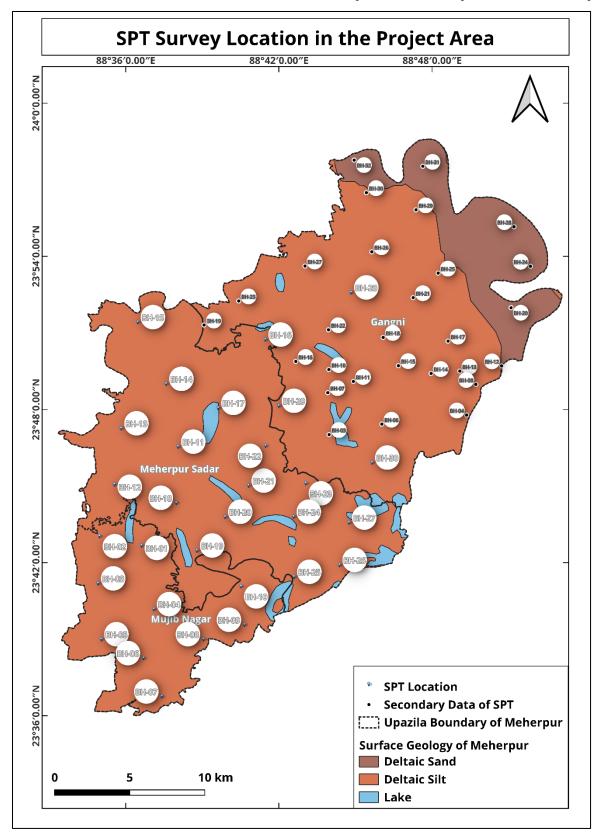


Figure 4 SPT location map

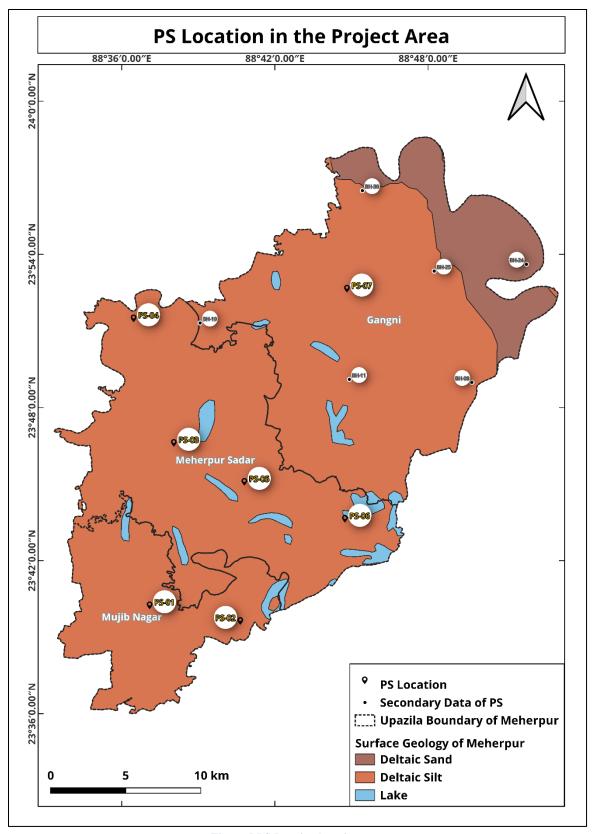


Figure 5 PS Logging location map

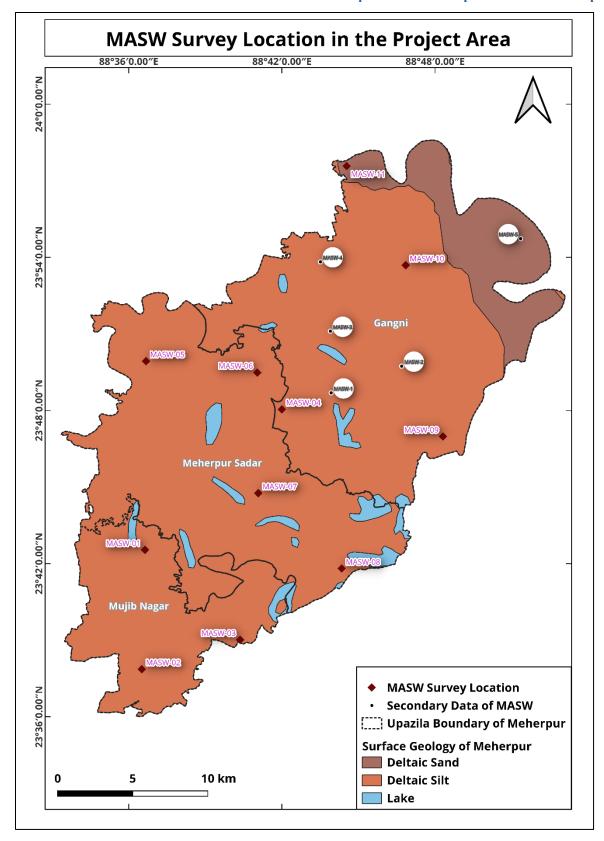


Figure 6 MASW location map

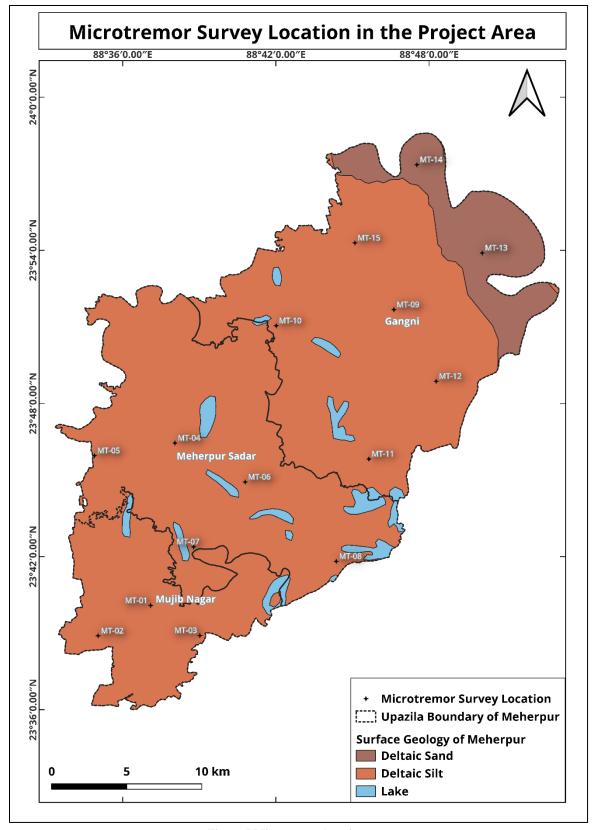


Figure 7 Microtremor location map

3.1 Brief Procedures of Surveys/Tests

The method of tests/surveys and application of Geophysical and Geotechnical investigation are given below-

3.1.1 Test Procedure of Downhole Seismic Test (Ps Logging)

Seismic downhole test is a direct measurement method for obtaining the shear wave velocity profile of soil stratum. The seismic downhole test aims to measure the travelling time of elastic wave from the ground surface to some arbitrary depths beneath the ground. The seismic wave is generated by striking a wooden plank with a 5-7 kg sledge hammer. The plank is placed on the ground surface at around 1 m in horizontal direction from the top of borehole. The plank is hit separately on both ends to generate shear wave energy in opposite directions and is polarized in the direction parallel to the plank.

The shear wave emanating from the plank is detected by a tri-axial geophone. The geophone is lowered to 1 m below ground surface and attached to the borehole wall by inflating an air bladder (if necessary). Then, measurements are taken at every 1 m interval until the geophone is lowered to 30 m below ground surface. For each depth, 9 nos. data (3 times hammer hit in three directions) will be taken and used to calculate the shear wave velocity. The first arrival time of an elastic wave from the source to the receivers at each testing depth can be obtained from the downhole seismic test.

Instrument List

The PS logging test equipment is listed below-

- 1. One Freedom NDT PC
- 2. Highly Sensitive Tri-axial Geophones.
- 3. One set Cable/Airline Spool
- 4. Wooden Plank.
- 5. Hammer weighs 5-7kg.

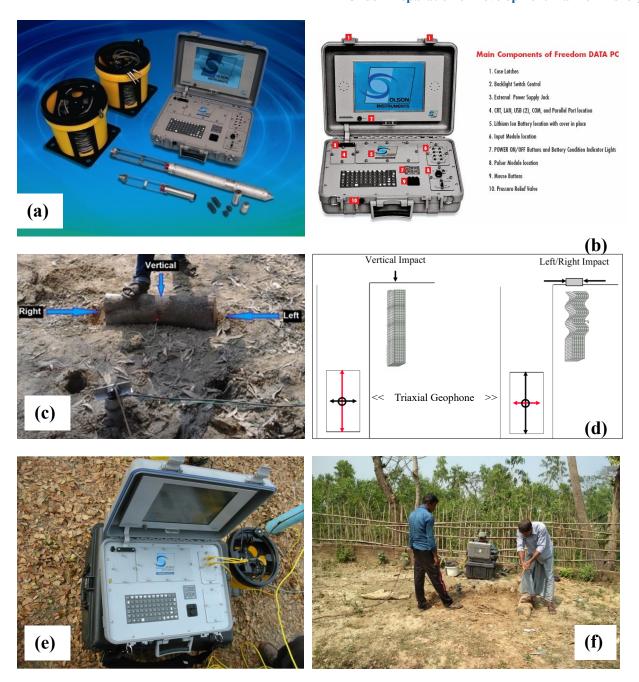


Figure 8 (a) Freedom Data PC with P-SV Downhole Source and 1 Tri-axial Geophone Receiver used in Crosshole Seismic Investigations; (b) Main Component of the Freedom Data PC; (c) Impact directions which are on the left, right and vertical directions; (d) Triaxial geophone behavior; (e) computer with cables which are connected to the geophone; (f) Field Data Acquisition by PS logger.

Analysis and Calculation from PS Logging

P-wave travel time is calculated by the first arrival of either peak or trough in the seismic trace and P-wave is characterized by higher frequency and lower amplitude. On the other hand, shear wave is characterized by lower frequency but high amplitude.

S wave travel time is calculated from the first cross as we hit in both directions of the wooden plank so there generate opposite phase shear waves in radial and transverse direction and cross at some points.

The recorded travel time then corrected using the Source Saint Distance (R) and Depth of the Geophone (D).

$$t_c = \frac{D * t}{R}$$

From the Corrected Travel Time t_c , Travel time Difference between top and bottom of the layer (Δt) provides layer's Shear wave velocity using following equation

$$V_i = \frac{H_i}{\Lambda t}$$

Besides, the average shear wave velocity upto 30 m depth has been determined using the following equation.

$$T_{30} = \sum \frac{H_i}{V_i}$$

$$AVS_{30} = \frac{30}{T_{30}}$$

Where,

 $H_i \text{: Thickness of } i^{th} Layer \text{ and } 30 = \sum H_i$

 V_i : S — wave velocity of i^{th} Layer

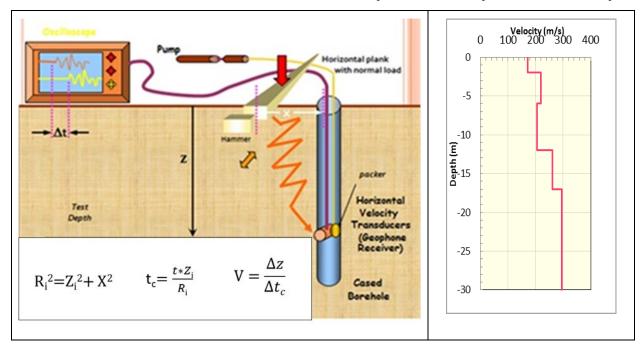


Figure 9 Calculation of Shear Wave Velocity and profiles by Downhole Seismic

3.1.2 Test Procedure for Multi-Channel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW)

The active MASW method was introduced in GEOPHYSICS in 1999. This is the most common type of MASW survey that can produce a 2D VS profile. It adopts the conventional mode of survey using an active seismic source (e.g., a sledge hammer) and a linear receiver array, collecting data in a roll-along mode. It utilizes surface waves propagating horizontally along the surface of measurement directly from impact point to receivers. It gives this VS information in either 1D (depth) or 2D (depth and surface location) format in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner.

Seismic energy for active source surface wave surveys can be created in various ways, but we use a sledgehammer to impact a striker plate on the ground since it is a low-cost, readily available item. To signal to the seismograph when the energy generates, a trigger switch is used as the interface between the hammer and the seismograph. When the sledgehammer hits the ground, a signal is sent to the seismograph to tell it to start recording.

During field work, usually 12-24 channels are used with 2-4m intervals, 1-2 m source (sledge hammer) offset. In this study the Spread will be with 24 channels with 2-meter intervals, 1m source offset (active Source). The Data will be recorded in Geophone with 0.065 ms sample interval, 2 seconds record length for Active Source Data Acquisition and 2ms sample interval with 1-minute record length (total 10 Minute) for Passive Source Data Acquisition. Natural frequency of Geophone is 4.5 to 10 Hz. And the Geophone spread configuration is as below:

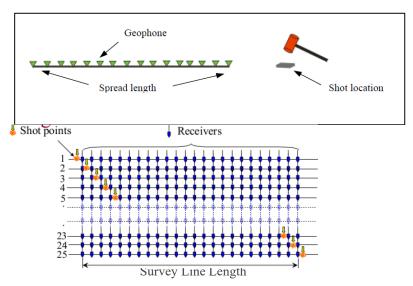


Figure 10 Schematic of linear active source spread configuration



Figure 11 MASW Field Data Acquisition

For active source at every station one data is acquired by stacking (3 times hammer hit) to enhance the data quality and for Passive Source data will be acquired 10 times with 1-minute recording length.

Analysis of MASW

MASW utilizes the frequency dependent property of surface wave velocity, or the dispersion property, for Vs profiling. It analyses frequency content in the data recorded from a geophone array deployed over a moderate distance.

The processing of MASW is schematically summarized in Figure 2.8. The principle MASW is to employ and arrange a number of sensors on the ground surface to capture propagating Rayleigh waves, which dominates two-thirds of the total seismic energy generated by impact sources. If the tested ground is not homogeneous, the observed waves will be dispersive, a phenomenon that waves propagate towards receivers with different phase velocities depending on their respective wavelength (Figure 2.9).

From field observation, the data in space-time domain is transformed to frequency-velocity domain by slant-stack and Fast Fourier transform using

$$S(\omega,c) = \int e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c}x} U(x,\omega) dx$$

where $U(x, \omega)$ is the normalized complex spectrum obtained from the Fourier transform of u(x,t), ω is the angular frequency, ℓ is the testing-phase velocity and $S(\omega, c)$ is the slant-stack amplitude for each ω and c which can be viewed as the coherency in linear arrival pattern along the offset range for that specific combination of ω and c. When ℓ is equal to the true phase velocity of each frequency component, the $S(\omega, c)$ will show the maximum value. Calculating $S(\omega, c)$ over the frequency and phase-velocity range

of interest generates the phase-velocity spectrum where dispersion curves can be identified as high-amplitude bands. The dispersion curve is, then, used in the inversion process to determine the shear wave velocity profile of the ground.

In theory, a phase-velocity spectrum can be calculated for a known layer model **m** and the field setup geometry. This process is called forward modeling. The inversion process tries to adjust assumed layer model as much as possible through several iterations in order to make the calculated spectrum looks similar to the dispersion curve obtained from the field test. Once the algorithm can match the calculated with the measured one, the assumed model will be considered as the true profile.

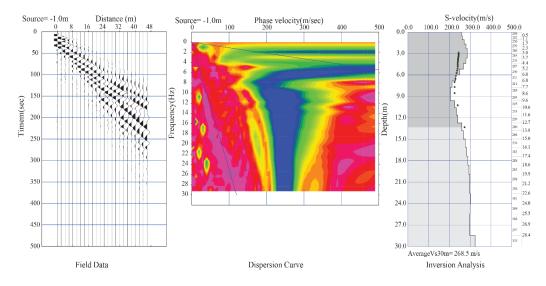


Figure 12 MASW data processing

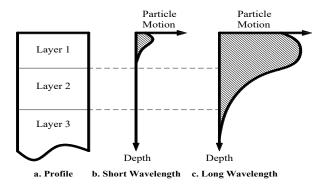


Figure 13 Wave dispersion in layer media

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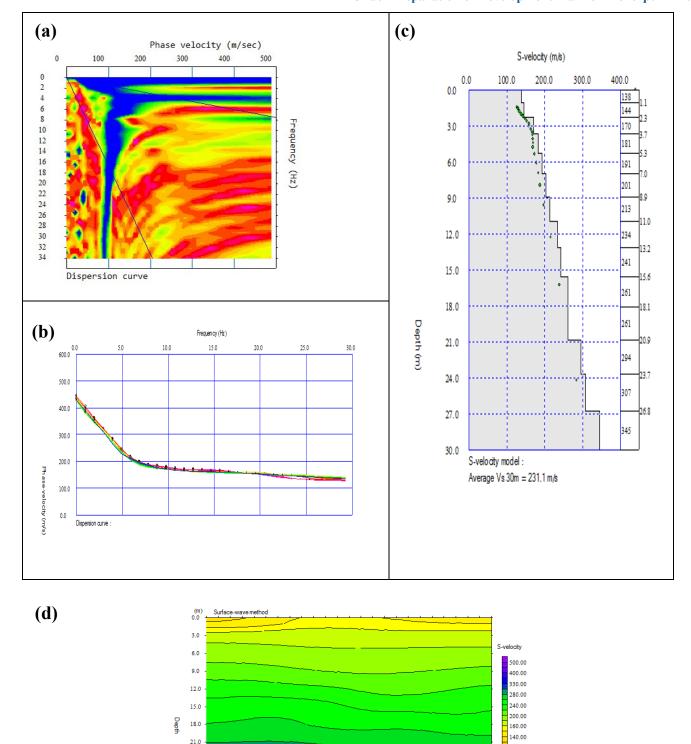


Figure 14 Active Source MASW Analysis (a) Phase Velocity Diagram; (b) Dispersion Curve; (c) 1D Layer Model; (d) 2D Layer Model

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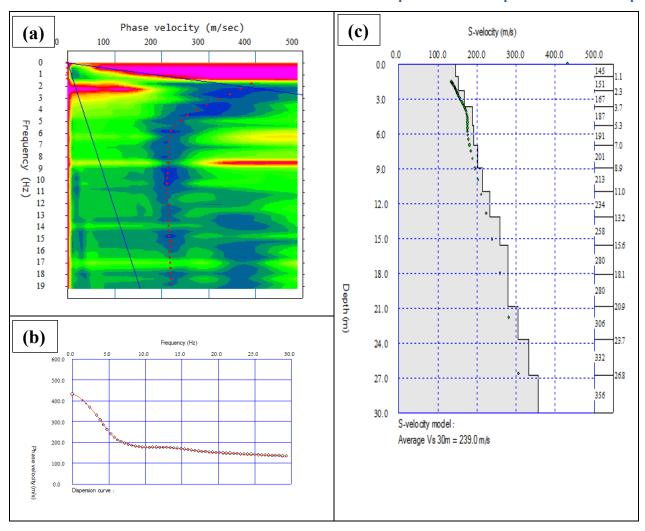


Figure 15 Passive Source MASW Analysis (a) Phase Velocity Diagram; (b) Dispersion Curve; (c) 1D Layer Model

In Addition, when passive source is used. In the phase velocity analysis, SPAC (Spatial Autocorrelation) method (Okada & Suto, 2003) is employed. (Okada & Suto, 2003) shows Spatial autocorrelation function $\rho(\omega, r)$ is expressed by Bessel function.

$$\rho(\omega, r) = J_0(\frac{\omega r}{c(\omega)})$$

Where, r is the distance between receivers, ω is the angular frequency, $c(\omega)$ is the phase velocity of the waves, J_0 is the first kind of Bessel function. The phase velocity can be obtained at each frequency using equation.

These calculations are carried out along the measuring line and the acquired data was transformed into a

Phase Velocity Diagram via SeisImager Software. Figure 2.10 (a) and Figure 2.11 (a) shows an example of Phase Velocity Diagram for Active Source and Passive Source. From Phase velocity diagram the dispersion curve was drawn. Figure 2.10 (b) and Figure 2.11 (b) show an example of dispersion curve of the survey. A one-dimensional inversion using a non-linear least square method has been applied to the phase velocity curves and one-dimensional S-wave velocity structures drawn example in Figure 2.10 (c) and Figure 2.11 (c). SeisImager software can also give a 2-D velocity model a sample of which is shown in Figure 2.10 (d).

Calculation of AVS 30 from MASW

The AV_{S30} can be calculated as follows:

$$T_{30} = \sum (Hi/Vi)$$

AVS
$$30 = (30/T_{30})$$

Where,

Hi= Thickness of the i th layer and Σ Hi= 30

Vi= S wave velocity of the I th layer

3.1.3 Test Detail and Procedure of Microtremor Measurement (Single Microtremor)

Microtremor method is a practical and economical seismic survey since it has potential to explore deep soils without a borehole. Microtremors are the phenomenon of very small vibrations of the ground surface even during ordinary quiet time as a result of a complex stacking process of various waves propagating from remote man-made vibration sources caused by traffic systems or machineries in industrial plants and from natural vibrations caused by tidal and volcanic activities. Observation of microtremors can give useful information on dynamic properties of the site such as predominant period, amplitude.

Field Data Acquisition System

Microtremor observations are performed using portable equipment, which is equipped with a supersensitive sensor, a wire comprising a jack on one site and USB port in another site, and a laptop computer is also used. The microtremor equipment needs to be set on the free surface and on the ground without any minor tilting of the equipment. The N-S and E-W directions are properly maintained following the directions arrowed on the body of the equipment. The sampling frequency for all equipment is set. Like the seismometer or accelerometer, the velocity sensor used can measure three components of vibrations:

two horizontal and one vertical. The natural period of the sensor is also set. A global positioning system (GPS) is used for recording the coordinates of the sites. The length of record for each observation is not less than 10 min.



Figure 16 Field data acquisition of Single microtremor

3.1.4 Standard Penetration Test (SPT) Method

The Standard Penetration test (SPT) is a common in situ testing method used to determine the geotechnical engineering properties of subsurface soils. The test procedure is described in the British Standard BS EN ISO 22476-3, ASTMD1586. A short procedure of SPT N-value test is described in the following paragraph.

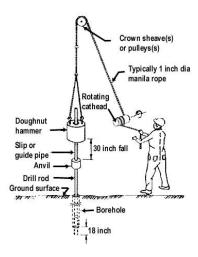


Figure 17 The SPT sampler in place in the boring with hammer and rope

The test in our field uses a thick-walled sample tube, with an outside diameter of 50 mm and an inside diameter of 35 mm, and a length of around 650 mm. This is driven into the ground at the bottom of a borehole by blows from a slide hammer with a weight of 63.5 kg (140 lb) falling through a distance of 760 mm (30 in). The sample tube is driven 150 mm into the ground and then the number of blows needed for the tube to penetrate each 150 mm (6 in) up to a depth of 450 mm (18 in) is recorded. The sum of the number of blows required for the second and third 6 in. of penetration is termed the "standard penetration resistance" or the "N-value". If the number of blows for 150mm drive exceeds 50, it is taken as refusal and the test is discontinued. SPT should be conducted at each 1.5m interval depth. When SPT "N-value" exceeds 50 times in consecutive 2/3 measurements, SPT process would be stopped.

The main objective of SPT is as follows:

- a) Boring and recording soil stratification.
- b) Sampling (both disturbed and undisturbed).
- c) Recording of SPT N-value
- d) Recording of ground water table.

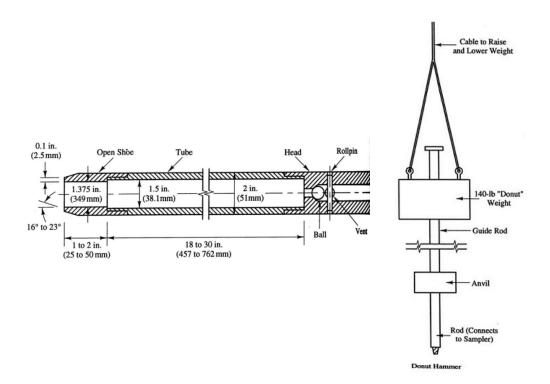


Figure 18 SPT Sampler and Donut Hammer

4 GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY

4.1 Geophysical Investigations

The main objectives of this investigation to estimate local site effects against earthquakes and the task has been segregated by three-fold: 1) To determine shear wave velocity profile at various sites, 2) To classify soil conditions according to seismic design specifications and 3) To analyze soil amplifications in the area. Field measurements of shear wave velocities were conducted in the study area and described below.

Shear wave velocity profile (Vs profile) in the field were carried out by three geophysical exploration methods namely 1) downhole seismic test (PS logging), 2) Multichannel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW) and 3) Single Microtremor.

Downhole seismic test is a direct measurement method for obtaining the shear wave velocity profile of soil stratum. Multichannel analysis of surface waves (MASW) is a non-invasive technique which can be used to determine the Vs profile at sites. Single Microtremor is used to determine predominant period and compare with Vs data. In this project, the downhole seismic, MASW and Single Microtremor tests have been performed at 7, 11 and 15 locations respectively. Geophysical investigations activities and field data acquisition are shown in Figure 19.





Figure 19 Geophysical investigations activities and field data acquisition

4.1.1 Downhole Seismic Survey (PS-logging)

As a fundamental parameter, shear wave velocity is required to define the dynamic properties of soils. If the soil velocity is less than 180m/s, it can be said to be loose or soft soil. Estimation of shear wave velocity (Vs) / average shear wave velocity (AVS) and mapping is a way to characterize variable site conditions, and it can also be used to model earthquake-related ground shaking. Estimation of AVS aims to generate a map of estimated shear wave velocities for the upper 30 m of the subsurface. Supplementary, this map can be used for seismic site response analysis i.e., to determine peak ground acceleration (PGA) and Spectral Acceleration (SA) values of both bedrock and ground surface. In this context, Downhole seismic survey data acquisition has been completed at Seven (7) different locations of Meherpur Sadar, Mujibnagar and Gangni Upazials of Meherpur Zilla area by 17th September to 20th September and the field raw data is being processed and interpreted.

Location of PS-logging is shown in Figure 5 and Table 1. The investigation of the PS-logging survey activities is enclosed in Appendix A in tabular format and also in graphical representation.

Table 1 Location of Downhole Seismic Survey (PS-logging)

Sl. No.	Point Name	Upazila	Lat	Long
PS-01	Vobanipur Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.668205	88.61821
PS-02	Mohajonpur Uttarpara Govt Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.658003	88.6774
PS-03	Meherpur Govt. High School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7742445	88.63402
PS-04	Sholmari Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.8555441	88.60776
PS-05	Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7488266	88.68004
PS-06	Patkelpota Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7246763	88.74567
PS-07	Near Durlovpur Mosjid	Gangni	23.8749166	88.74699

4.1.2 Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW) Test

To predict subsurface shear wave interval velocities, Multi-Spectral Analyses of Surface Wave (MASW) are popularly used. Shear wave velocities can also extract additional velocity-related information such as mechanical properties of soils and rocks. In general, MASW data compares favorably to other geophysical methods for predicting interval velocities. Furthermore, comparisons to vertical seismic profiles correlate well with MASW predicted shear wave interval velocities. In this perspective, MASW test has been completed at Eleven (11) different locations of Meherpur Sadar, Mujibnagar and Gangni Upazials of Meherpur Zilla area by 17th September to 20th September and the field raw data is being processed and interpreted.

Location of MASW tests is shown in Figure 6 and Table 2. The investigation of the MASW test activities is enclosed in Appendix B in tabular and also in graphical representation.

Sl.No.	Point Name	Upazila	Lat	Long
MASW-01	Dariapur Playground	Mujib Nagar	23.709083	88.610578
	Anandabash Playground behind			
MASW-02	Anandabash Girls High School	Mujib Nagar	23.631182	88.6084891
MASW-03	Mohajonpur Secondary School Playground	Mujib Nagar	23.650352	88.672655
MASW-04	Garadob	Meherpur Sadar	23.80079	88.69994
MASW-05	Teroghoria Eid Gagh Math	Meherpur Sadar	23.832305	88.61128
MASW-06	Shampur	Meherpur Sadar	23.824802	88.683888
MASW-07	Amjhupi High School	Meherpur Sadar	23.74608	88.68457
MASW-08	Baliarpur Purbopara	Meherpur Sadar	23.696909	88.738958
MASW-09	Sanghat Chandamari High School	Gangni	23.783093	88.805058
MASW-10	Debipur Government Primary School	Gangni	23.894892	88.780725
MASW-11	Kazipur Football Maath	Gangni	23.959642	88.742225

Table 2 MASW Survey Locations

The shear wave velocity is a fundamental parameter required to define the dynamic properties of soils. If the soil velocity is less than 180m/s, it can be said to be loose or soft soil. Estimation of shear wave velocity (Vs) / average shear wave velocity (AVS) and mapping is a way to characterize varying site conditions, and it can also be used to model earthquake-related ground shaking. Estimation of AVS aims to generate a map of estimated shear wave velocities for the upper 30 m of the subsurface. Furthermore, this map can be used for seismic site response analysis i.e., to determine Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) and Spectral Acceleration (SA) values of both bedrock and ground surface.

4.1.3 Single Microtremor Survey

Microtremor observations were performed using portable equipment, which is equipped with an ultra-sensitive sensor, a wire comprising a jack in one side and USB port in another side, and a laptop computer with GEODAS (Geophysical Data Acquisition System) made by Buttan Service Co. Japan, is used for the data acquisition. The microtremor equipment has been set on the free surface on the ground without any minor tilting of the equipment. The N-S and E-W directions are properly maintained following the directions arrowed on the body of the equipment. The sampling frequency for all the measurements is set at 200 Hz. The low-pass filter of 50 Hz is set in the data acquisition unit. Like the seismometer or accelerometer, the velocity sensor used can measure three components of vibration: two horizontal and one vertical. The natural period of the sensor is 2 sec. A Global Positioning System (GPS) is used for recording the coordinates of observation sites. Three components (NS, EW, and UD) of microtremors were observed for 20 minutes time period of data collection. In this perspective, Microtremor test has been completed at Fifteen (15) different locations of Meherpur Sadar, Mujibnagar and Gangni Upazials of Meherpur Zilla area by 17th September to 20th September and the field raw data is being processed and interpreted.

Location of Microtremor tests is shown in Figure 7 and Table 3. The investigation of the Microtremor survey activities is enclosed in Appendix C in tabular and also in graphical representation.

Sl. No. **Point Name Upazila** Lat Long MT-01 Vobanipur Primary School Mujib Nagar 23.6681886 88.6182097 MT-02 Sonapur Govt Primary School School Mujib Nagar 23.6484357 88.5839227 MT-03 **Dholmary Primary School** Mujib Nagar 23.6485396 88.6503493 MT-04 Meherpur Govt High School Meherpur Sadar 23.7742131 88.6340626 MT-05 Buripota Primary School Meherpur Sadar 23.7660193 88.5815818 MT-06 Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School Meherpur Sadar 23.7487754 88.6799311 MT-07 Ashrafpur Govt Primary School Meherpur Sadar 23.7064439 88.6463092 MT-08 Boliarpur Govt. Primary School Meherpur Sadar 23.696989 88.7393638 88.7769724 MT-09 Jorepukuria Secondary School Gangni 23.861312 MT-10 Nowpara Primary School 23.8508191 88.700172 Gangni MT-11 Bhatpara Govt. Primary School Gangni 23.7638196 88.7606622 MT-12 K. A. B. High School Gangni 23.8145666 88.8045911 MT-13 Motmura Govt Primary School 23.8982973 88.8346479 Gangni MT-14 Betbaria Girl's School 88.7920199 Gangni 23.9558882 Karamdi Secondary School MT-15 23.9049062 Gangni 88.7515474

Table 3 Test Locations of microtremor Survey

4.2 Geotechnical Investigations

To ensure safety of human beings and materials, geotechnical investigations have become an essential component of every construction, it includes a detailed investigation of soil strength, composition, water content, and other

important soil characteristics. The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) was conducted to know subsurface geological conditions. The bores with SPT were carried out at Thirty (30) different locations of Meherpur Sadar, Mujibnagar and Gangni Upazials of Meherpur Zilla area by 11th September to 28th September and the field raw data is being tested in laboratory.

4.2.1 Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

SPT is a common in-situ testing method used to determine the geotechnical engineering properties of subsurface soils. It was developed in the late 1920's and has been used extremely in North and South America, the United Kingdom, Japan, and elsewhere. Because of this long record of experience, the SPT is well-established in engineering practice. It is performed inside exploratory boring using inexpensive and readily available equipment, and thus adds little cost to a site characterization program.

All the borings were conducted, and preparation of field bore logs by visual classification in the presence of experienced technical personnel. The borehole records have to be taken that include soil type, nature of sample, soil moisture content and consistency, SPT blow counts (N Value), ground water observation and apparent origin (fill, alluvium, recent sediments, etc.) and daily field logs have been prepared. The borehole locations are given in the following Table 4 and the geotechnical activities and borehole Log sheet are enclosed in the Appendix D and Appendix E.

Table 4 Location of SPT Borehole

Sl. No.	Point Name	Upazila	Lat	Long
BH-01	Dariapur High School	Mujib Nagar	23.709654	88.610168
BH-02	Near Dariapur BDR Camp	Mujib Nagar	23.7158137	88.5828122
BH-03	Near Gourinagar Nagarmath Bottola	Mujib Nagar	23.684995	88.581826
BH-04	Vobanipur Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.668205	88.6182135
BH-05	Sonapur Govt Primary School School	Mujib Nagar	23.6484837	88.5839159
BH-06	Anandabas Markajul Ulum Madrasa	Mujib Nagar	23.6362041	88.611549
BH-07	Joypur Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.6111496	88.6234667
BH-08	Dholmary Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.648497	88.6506179
BH-09	Mahajonpur Uttarpara Govt Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.658003	88.6774004
BH-10	Komorpur Govt Primary School	Mujib Nagar	23.683074	88.675168
BH-11	Meher Govt. High School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7742445	88.6340245
BH-12	Shalika High School	Meherpur Sadar	23.749598	88.592546
BH-13	Harirampur Secondary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7861621	88.5969308
BH-14	Ujalpur High School	Meherpur Sadar	23.8152581	88.62626
BH-15	Sholmary Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.8555441	88.6077649
BH-16	Kaligangni Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.844148	88.691053
BH-17	Ramnagar Government Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7994972	88.6602618
BH-18	Amdah Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7375161	88.6329218

BH-19	Ashrafpur Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7063712	88.6463158
BH-20	Kola Govt. Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7283846	88.6647428
BH-21	Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7488266	88.6800397
BH-22	Khoksha Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7748401	88.6912091
BH-23	Hijuli Govt. Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7503449	88.7173481
BH-24	Road site of Roghunathpur Area	Meherpur Sadar	23.7285247	88.7094087
BH-25	Kathalpota Govt Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.6892956	88.7098221
BH-26	Boliarpur (Purbopara) Govt. Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.6969634	88.7393762
BH-27	Patkelpota Primary School	Meherpur Sadar	23.7246763	88.7456695
BH-28	Near Durlovpur Mosjid	Gangni	23.8749166	88.7469947
BH-29	Garadob Govt. Primary School	Gangni	23.8009408	88.6997816
BH-30	Bhatpara Govt. Primary School	Gangni	23.7638714	88.7607088

5 CONCLUSION

Seismically, Bangladesh is divided into four zones i.e. highly risk zone (zone VI), risk zone (zone III), moderate risk zone (zone II) and low risk zone (zone I). Meherpur Zila is situated in zone I (BNBC, 2020). Geological Study and Seismic Hazard Assessment are one of the important studies of Preparation of Development Plan. In this perspective, subsurface geological and geotechnical information is considered as an important tool for durable and sustainable urbanization. To achieve this "Engineering Geological and Geo-Physical Surveys" is one of the important modules of this project. To propitiate the risk of earthquake some initiatives have been taken by the concerned authority (UDD).

In this project work, both geophysical and engineering geological investigations have been conducted. The duration of the project is twelve months. In engineering geological survey Thirty (30) numbers of SPT boring (up to 30 m depth) were performed and the soil samples collected from the field have been tested in the laboratory. And in geophysical Surveys, total Seven (7) numbers of PS-logging, eleven (11) numbers of MASW and Fifteen (15) numbers of Microtremor test have been conducted by using some sophisticated instruments. Finally, from engineering geological and geophysical data base will give a clear impression about the sub-surface and surface status of landscape where newly urban developing activities or any other megaprojects for infrastructure development are going on and the investigation mentioned also gives an idea about the vulnerability of existing landscape of a particular area. Based on these results, proper management techniques as well as other necessary adaptation processes could be addressed before or after the development activities in the studied area.

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7 APPENDICES

Appendix A: Photographic Representation of Downhole Seismic Survey (PS-logging) Work

Appendix B: Photographic Representation of MASW Survey

Appendix C: Photographic Representation of Microtremor Survey Work

Appendix D: Photographic Representation of Geotechnical Survey (SPT) Work

Appendix E: Standard Penetration Test (SPT) Log sheet/ Borehole Log sheet.

7.1 Appendix A: Photographic Representation of Downhole Seismic Survey (PS logging)

PS ID: PS-01 (BH-04)

Location: Vobanipur Primary School, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.66821, Long: 88.61821





PS ID: PS-02 (BH-09)

Location:

Mohajonpur Uttarpara Govt Primary School, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.65800,Long: 88.677400





PS ID: PS-03 (BH-11)

Location: Meher Govt. High School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.77424, Long: 88.63402





PS ID: PS-04 (BH-15)

Location: Sholmari Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.85554 ,Long: 88.60776





PS ID: PS-05(BH-21)

Location: Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.74883 ,Long: 88.74567





PS ID: PS-06 (BH-27)

Location: Patkelpota Govt Primary School ,Meherpur

Lat: 23.72468 ,Long: 88.74567





PS ID: PS-07 (BH-28)

Location: Near Durlovpur Mosjid, Gangni

Lat: 23.87492 ,Long: 88.74699





7.2 Appendix B: Photographic Representation of MASW Survey Work

MASW Id: 01

Location: Dariapur Play Ground, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.709083, Long: 88.610578





MASW Id: 02

Location: Anandabas Play Ground, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.6318201, Long: 88.6084891





MASW Id: 03

Location: Mohajaonpur High School, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.650352, Long: 88.672655





MASW ID: 04 Location: Garadob

Lat: 23.800790; Long: 88.699940





MASW ID: 05

Location: Teroghoria Eidgah Math, Meherpur

Lat: 23.832305, Long: 88.611280





MASW ID: 06

Location: Shampur, Gangni Lat: 23.824802, Long: 88.683888





MASW ID: 07

Location: Amjhupi High School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.7458060 Long: 88.6854168





MASW ID: 08

Location: Boliarpur Purbapara, Meherpur Lat: 23.696909, Long: 88.738958





MASW ID: 09

Location: Sanghat Chandamari High School, Gangni

Lat: 23.7831396, Long: 88.8051658





MASW ID: 10

Location: Debipur Pirmary Scool, Gangni

Lat: 23.894892, Long: 88.780725





MASW ID: 11 Location: Kachari Bazar , Kajipur , Gangni Lat: 23.959642, Long: 88.742225





7.3 Appendix C: Photographic Representation of Microtremor Survey Work

Microtremor ID: 1

Location: Vobanipur Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.66819, Long: 88.61821





Microtremor ID: 2

Location; Sonapur Govt Primary School School, Mujibnagar

Lat: 23.64844, Long: 88.58392





Microtremor ID: 3

Location: Dholmary Primary School

Lat: 23.64854, Long: 88.65035





Microtremor ID: 4

Location: Meherpur Govt High School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.77421, Long: 88.63406





Microtremor ID: 5

Location: Buripota Primary School Lat: 23.76602, Long: 88.58158





Microtremor ID: 6

Location: Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School

Lat 2374878, Long: 88.67993





Microtremor ID: 7

Location: Ashrafpur Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.70644, Long: 88.64631





Microtremor ID: 8

Location: Boliarpur Govt. Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.69699, Long: 88.73936





Microtremor ID: 9

Location: Jorepukuria Secondary School, Gangni

Lat: 23.86131, Long: 88.77697





Microtremor ID: 10

Location: Nowpara Primary School, Gangni

Lat: 23.85082, Long: 88'70017





7.4 Appendix D: Photographic Representation of Geotechnical Survey (SPT) Work

BH ID: BH-01

Location: Dariapur High School Lat: 23.70965, Long: 88.61017









BH ID: BH-02

Location: Near Dariapur BDR Camp, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.71581, Long: 88.58281









BH ID: BH-03 Location: Near Gourinagar Nagarmath Bottola, Mujib Nagar Lat: 23.68500, Long: 88.58183









BH ID: BH-04

Location: Vobanipur Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.66821, Long: 88.61821









BH ID: BH-05 Location: Sonapur Govt Primary School School, mujib nagar









BH ID: BH-06

Location: Anandabas Markajul Ulum Madrasa, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.6362, Long: 88.61155









BH ID: BH-07

Location: Joypur Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.61115, Long: 88.62347



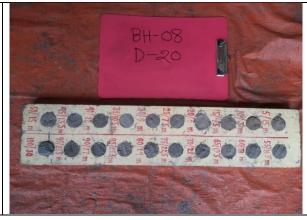
Location: Dholmary Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.6485, Long: 88.65062









BH ID: BH-09 Location:

Mahajonpur Uttarpara Govt Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat: 23.65800, Long: 88.67740



BH ID: BH-10

Location: Komorpur Govt Primary School, Mujib Nagar

Lat:23.68307, Long: 88.67517



BH ID: BH-11 Location: Meher Govt. High School, Meherpur Sadar Lat: 23.68500, Long: 88.58183







BH ID: BH-12

Location:. Shalika High School, Meherpur Sadar

Lat: 23.74960, Long: 88.59255





BH ID: BH-13

Location: Harirampur Secondary School, Meherpur Sadar

Lat: 23.78616, Long: 88.59693









BH ID: BH-14

Location: Ujalpur High School, Meherpur

Lat: 2381526, Long: 88.62626



BH ID: BH-15

Location: Sholmary Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.85554, Long: 88.60776



Location: Kaligangni Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.84415, Long: 88.69105



Location: Ramnagar Government Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.799500, Long: 88.66026



BH ID: BH-18

Location: Amdah Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.73752, Long: 88.63292









BH ID: BH-19

Location: Ashrafpur Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.70637, Long: 88.64632







BH ID: BH-20

Location: Kola Govt. Primary School, Meherpur sadar

Lat: 23.72838, Long: 88.66474



Location: Amjhupi Girls Govt. Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.74883, Long: 88.68004



Location: Khoksha Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.77484, Long: 88.69121









BH ID: BH-23

Location:. Hijuli Govt. Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.75034, Long: 88.71735









BH ID: BH-24

Location: Road site of Roghunathpur Area, Meherpur

Lat: 23.72852, Long: 88.70941









BH ID: BH-25

Location: Kathalpota Govt Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.68930, Long: 88.70982



Location: Boliarpur (Purbopara) Govt. Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.69696, Long: 88.73938



Location: Patkelpota Primary School, Meherpur

Lat: 23.72468, Long: 88.74567









BH ID: BH-28

Location: Near Durlovpur Mosjid, Gangni

Lat: 23.87492, Long: 88.74699









Location: Garadob Govt. Primary School, Gangni

Lat: 23.80094, Long: 88.69978









BH ID: BH-30

Location: Bhatpara Govt. Primary School, Gangni

Lat: 23.76387, Long: 88.76071

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7.5 Appendix E: Standard Penetration Test (SPT) Log sheet/ Borehole Log sheet

