# SANDHYA FARSWAN

### GEOSPATIAL ANALYST

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### INTERESTS

- Remote Sensing
- Geospatial Science
- GIS
- Sustainable Environment
- Climate Change

### EDUCATION

### MASTER OF SCIENCES

#### (REMOTE SENSING & GIS APPLICATIONS)

2009 - 2012 School of Earth Sciences, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, India

M.Sc Dissertation thesis at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) on: 'DEM Generation Using Satellite Stereo Data for a part of Patna District, Bihar'

**Summer Training** (2 months) at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC):

- Digital Image Processing (DIP) of Landsat (ETM+) satellite imagery
- Land use land cover & change detection (LULCC) mapping

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCES (BOTANY, ZOOLOGY & CHEMISTRY)

#### 2006 - 2009

Faculty of Sciences, Birla Campus, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, India

Advance Diploma in Software Engineering (ADSE) from APTECH Computer education (2006-2008).

# PROFILE

I am a geospatial data analyst with nine years of experience in remote sensing and GIS research domain. Strong creative and analytical skills with an interest in developing and exploring environmental sciences through geomatics visualization.

# EXPERIENCE

#### INFORMATION OFFICER

#### July 2015 - Present

School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Geospatial data collection, compilation, processing and GIS mapping
- Information dissemination of spatial or non-spatial data and publication related to environment and climate change
- Working on thematic area and mandates 'Geodiversity and Impact on Environment' under Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India.

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

#### January - April 2014

Center for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Study of Chambal basin & watershed analysis using DEM dataset
- Worked under project funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on: 'Socio-Economic factors affecting land degradation & its impact on sustainable rural development: A case study of Chambal region, India'

#### JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

July 2012 - July 2013

Center for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Study of Parvati basin in the western Himalayan valley, Himachal Pradesh.
- Land use land cover, change detection and geomorphology mapping
- Watershed analysis using DEM dataset & field survey done under project funded by Digital Terrain modeling Research Laboratory (DTRL), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Ministry of Defence.

### TRAINING COORDINATOR - GIS & DRR

#### February 2012 – June 2012

Appropriate Technology India, Guptkashi, Uttarakhand, India

• Community-managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) - the identified solution measures integrated with GIS & the organic agricultural value chain, livelihood activities in the Himalayan valleys of Uttarakhand, India.



# SKILLS

- ESRI ArcGIS/INFO
- QGIS
- ERDAS Imagine
- Google Earth Engine
- R
- Content writing
- Graphic design
- Project & Data Management

### O N L I N E T R A I N I N G C E R T I F I C A T E

- Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience by UN Environment Programme (UNEP). (November 2022)
- 2 **Fundamentals on REDD+** by UN-REDD Programme, (September 2022)
- <sup>3</sup> Geospatial Information Technology (GIT) in Fragile Contexts by United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), (July 2022)
- 4 Integrating Climate Risk Information into NAPs by World Meteorological Organization. (July 2022)
- 5 Understanding Phenology with Remote Sensing by NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (July 2020)
- An Inside Look at how NASA Measures Air Pollution by NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (May 2020)

# PUBLICATIONS

2023

Mina, U., Dimri, A.P. and **Sandhya Farswan** (2023) 'Forest fires and climate attributes interact in central Himalayas: an overview and assessment'. *Fire Ecology*, 19, 14. DOI: 10.1186/s42408-023-00177-4

**Sandhya Farswan** and Swati Singh (2023) 'A Review on Disaster: Causes, Mitigation and Adaptation'. EIACP: *Geodiversity & Impact on Environment*, Vol-27 (4), 2023 (ISSN: 0974-1364).

2019

**Sandhya Farswan**, Vishwakarma, C.A., Mina, U., Kumar, V., Mukherjee, S. (2019) 'Assessment of rainwater harvesting sites in a part of North- West Delhi, India using Geomatic tools'. *Environmental Earth Sciences*, 78:329. DOI: 10.1007/s12665-019-8332-y.

2019

Singh, S., **Sandhya Farswan**, Meena, R., Ramanathan, AL. (2019) Landfill: Solution or a Bigger Problem to the Environment. ENVIS: *Geodiversity & Impact on Environment*, Vol-24 (2), 2019 (ISSN: 0974-1364).

2018

Singh, S., **Sandhya Farswan**, Mina, U., Ramanathan, AL. (2018) An Indian Perspective of Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+). ENVIS: *Geodiversity & Impact on Environment*, Vol-23 (3), 2018 (ISSN: 0974-1364).

2017

Singh, S., **Sandhya Farswan**, Mina, U., Ramanathan, AL. (2017) Waste and Waste Management in India. ENVIS: *Geodiversity & Impact on Environment*, Vol-22 (4), 2017 (ISSN: 0974-1364).

2016

Kumar, M., Ramanathan, AL., Tripathi, R., **Sandhya Farswan**, Kumar, D., Bhattacharya, P. (2016) A study of trace element contamination using multivariate statistical techniques and health risk assessment in groundwater of Chhaprola Industrial Area, Gautama Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India. *Chemosphere*. 166:135-145. DOI 10.1016/j.chemosphere.2016.09.086.

### OFFLINE WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

- 1 Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics- Application to Remote Sensing by Sikkim University & IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRSS). (August 19-20, 2019)
- 2 Artificial Intelligence in Governance and Disaster Management by Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR), Jawaharlal Nehru University. (March 11-13, 2019)
- 3 Google Earth Engine hands-on technical training by Google India at Jawaharlal Nehru University (February 23, 2018)
- 4 **Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in the Himalayas: Opportunities and Challenges** by Uttarakhand State Disaster Mgmt. Authority (USDMA), at Dehradun. (November 21-22, 2017)
- 5 **Glaciers and Water Resource Management** by Global Initiative on Academic Network course (GIAN), Ministry of Human Resource & Development (MHRD), Govt. of India, at Jawaharlal Nehru University. (July 25-31, 2016)
- 6 **Tropical Ecosystems in a Changing World : Tropical Ecology Congress** by School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. (December 10-12, 2014)