



Trend Analysis Variations and Relation Between Discharge and Rainfall: a Study on Kushiyara River

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Abstract

Water resources and rivers play a very important role in economy and agriculture. But due to climate change and improper management, water resources are losing the natural discharge capacity from upper stream. This study was under taken to find out the trends and variability of rainfall and discharge at two stations of the Kushiyara River. Rainfall and discharge data Daily time series data of stream flow or discharge at Sheola (1976 to 2007) and Sherpur (1982 to 2007) and observed discharge data in certain interval from 2008 to 2016 have been analyzed in this study. For trend analysis, Mann-Kendall Test (MK) and Sen's Slope Estimator method were used as non-parametric test and relationship assessment was done by undertaking Pearson's Coefficient of Correlation. Annual discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station showed downward trend and maximum discharge was found downward trend at both stations. In Mann-kendall test and Sen's Slope Estimator method showed downward trend in most cases. Climate change and improper land management may have influenced the present condition.

Key words: Annual and seasonal rainfall, Kushiyara river, Seasonal discharge, Trend analysis

Introduction

Water is an essential element for natural and artificial environment which is carried by rivers and provides the life generating-fuel to ecology (Islam and Sikder, 2016). If a country is considered as a human body then water is the blood of body and river is vein. The livelihood pattern of human being is largely depended on the river. Many historical ancient civilizations were developed on the bank of rivers (Spencer and Thomas, 1987). River serves the human race with different purposes. Many sectors of human society, including economy, culture, politics, transportation and agricultural characteristics have been influenced by river for thousands of years. River is a geographical feature. It rises generally from a mountain or lake. At first several very narrow streams of water join together and form one larger stream. This stream gradually widens in its course. On its way, it is joined by other smaller rivers. They are called its tributaries. At last the river falls into a sea, lake or another river. The mouth of the river becomes very wide A river generally receives its water by the melting of snow on mountains. Sometimes it is fed by rain. The origin of the water drains by the river is rainfall, river discharge and stream flow, melting of glaciers, base flow from groundwater, etc. (Raghunath, 2006). River discharge and rainfall are two the most important hydrological

characteristics that govern the quantity of water in rivers (McMahon, 1982). River discharge is a powerful integrating tool and its monitoring can provide accurate and timely data to response of the land surface to atmospheric forces. It is also one of the accurately measured components of the hydrological cycle (Shiklomanov *et al.*, 2006) and therefore can provide real-time estimation of water cycle trends and variability. Variability in rainfall characteristics (type, amount, frequency, intensity and duration) is among the important climate change impacts. Rainfall variability affects water resources sustainability which includes the availability, management, and utilization of water resources. This in turn may affect ecosystems, land productivity, agriculture, food security, water quantity and quality, and human health (EPA, 2014).

Due to climate change and human activities, many rivers are altering their discharges. Over the past decades, about 22% of the world's rivers showed statistically significant decrease in annual discharge (Walling and Fang, 2003) due to water consumption and diversion and reservoir construction, which is leading to great environmental problems (Wiegel, 1996; Trenhaile, 1997; Yang and Saito, 2003). Climate change has resulted in a decrease in discharge at Kushiyara River in Sylhet of Bangladesh (Nury *et al.*, 2013). The dramatic decrease in discharge from the

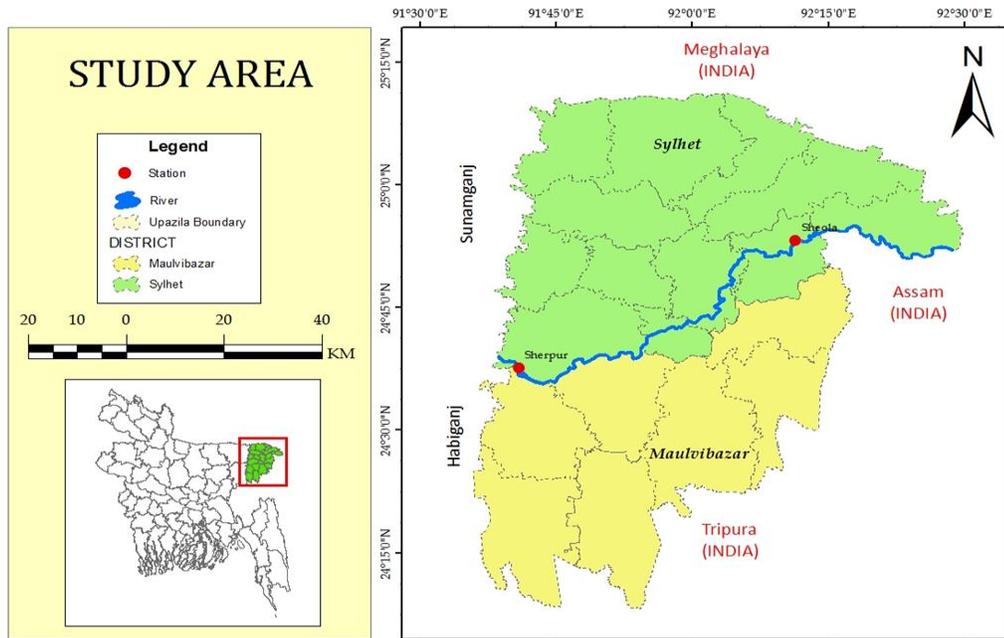
Yellow River (Huanghe) has led to great impacts on the economy of the delta and on the ecology of the adjacent sea (Tian, 1997; Ye, 1998; Cui, 2002). The decrease in water discharge has also reduced sediment supply and caused coastal erosion in many river systems (Jay and Simenstad, 1996; Wiegel, 1996; Yang *et al.*, 1998; Yang and Saito, 2003). On the other hand, about 9% of the world's rivers showed statistically significant increasing trends in annual discharge (Walling and Fang, 2003). Increase in discharge usually occurs in high latitude rivers (Peterson *et al.*, 2002; Manabe *et al.*, 2004). For instance, the annual discharge of the Lena River in the Arctic increased by more than 10% from the 1940s to the 1990s (Yang *et al.*, 2002; Ye *et al.*, 2003). In case of Rainfall, a significant increase has been found in the average annual rainfall of Bangladesh (Shahid, 2010) where decreased rainfall has been evidenced at Sylhet (Nury *et al.*, 2013).

Bangladesh is an agricultural based country. All agricultural activities are largely depended on stream flow of river. Kushiya River flows through Sylhet and Maulvibazar districts. So agricultural activities in adjacent area (Fenchugonj, Jokigonj, Bianibazar, Rajnagoretc) of Kushiya River is depended on the discharge of Kushiya River. Study of discharge trend of Kushiya River shows the hydrologic condition of Kushiya River. In a floodplain, land use practices depend mainly on the depth of flooding due to population pressure, crop variety and intensity. Agricultural productivity, the choice of crops grown and the cropping pattern in the basin are also largely determined by hydrologic conditions (MPO, 1987). Though a lot of studies have been conducted on the trend of river discharge and variability rainfall all over the world but little attention has been paid to adjacent areas of Kushiya River. For this reason objective of the study was to assess the annual and seasonal discharge of Kushiya River at Sheola station and

Sherpur station; to appraise the annual and seasonal rainfall of Kushiya River at Sheola station; to analyze the trend of discharge of Kushiya River at Sheola and Sherpur station; to find relation of discharge between Sheola and Sherpur station; to analyze the trends in Rainfall at Sheola Station and to find relation between discharge at Sherpur station and rainfall at Sheola station.

Materials and Methods

This study area of this research was Kushiya River within Sylhet and Maulvibazar district. Kushiya River is a Trans-boundary Rivers of Bangladesh. Kushiya River originates from the northern hills of Assam in India where it is known as Barak and then it flows further creating the border between Nagaland and Manipur states. The river enters Bangladesh along 24°53' north latitudes and 92°32' east longitudes after flowing westward from Milchar in Kachar district (India). Kushiya River has a length of about 161 km with an average width of 250m and in the monsoon season the mean depth of the Kushiya reaches up to 10m. For the collection of hydrologic data, two gauging stations were selected which are known as Sheola and Sherpur. Sheola station locates in Sylhet district and Sherpur Station locates in Maulvibazar district. Selection of two gauging station was based on some factors such as hydrologic conditions or characteristics are not same at all places of river course, upper stream and lower stream shows different characteristics of discharge, lower stream discharge always depends on upper stream discharge, rainfall station of Sheola which is located near the upper stream of river has contributed to lower stream discharge by runoff, base flow etc. Daily time series data of stream flow or discharge at Sheola (1976 to 2007) and Sherpur (1982 to 2007) and observed discharge data in certain interval from 2008 to 2016 have been analyzed in this study. Total period of discharge data is 42 years at Sheola station and 35 years at Sherpur station.



Map 01. Location of Sheola and Sherpur Station

In other hand, daily time series data of Rainfall at Sheola station have been analyzed. Time period of rainfall data is 40 years which is 1977 to 2016. All of time series data are secondary data which have been used in this study. These data are collected from government authorized organizations. Discharge (from 1976 to 2007) of Sheola station and discharge (from 1982 to 2007) of Sherpur station and rainfall (from 1977 to 2008) of Sheola station have been collected from National Water Resource Database (NWRD) founded and maintained by Water Resource Planning Organization (WARPO). Base map of Sylhet and Maulvibazar district are collected from website of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). In trend analysis, there are two types of trend test which one is parametric test and another one is non-parametric test. Mann-Kendall Test (MK) and Sen's Slope Estimator method is used as non-parametric test. Non-parametric data is more reliable for hydrologic data. It was used to making decision on trend.

Mann-Kendall's trend test

The non-parametric Mann-Kendall test is commonly employed to detect monotonic trends in series of environmental data, climate data or hydrological data. The purpose of the Mann-Kendall (MK) test (Mann 1945; Kendall 1975; Gilbert 1987) is to statistically assess if there is a monotonic upward or downward trend of the variable of interest over time. Main benefit of this test is that the data need not conform to any particular distribution. No assumption

of normality is required (Helsel and Hirsch, 1992). It is highly recommended for general use by World Meteorological Organization (Mitchell *et al.*, 1966). The hypotheses of Mann and Kendall's trend test is

H_0 = Time series values are independent and identically distributed i.e. there is no trend.

H_A = There is a monotonic (not necessarily linear) trend.

So, it is a two-tailed test. The test statistic, S (score) is then computed as

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \text{sign}(y_j - y_i)$$

Where, $\text{sign}(y_j - y_i)$ is equal to +1, 0, or -1, n is the total number of observation. A positive value of S indicates an upward trend and a negative value of S indicates downward trend. It has been documented that when $n \geq 8$, the statistic S is approximately normally distributed with mean.

$$E(S) = 0$$

The variance statistic is given as

$$\text{Var}(s) = \frac{n(n-1)(2n+5)}{18}$$

Therefore, the test statistic z is calculated as

$$Z = \begin{cases} \frac{(S-1)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(S)}} & S > 0 \\ 0, S = 0 \\ \frac{(S+1)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(S)}} & S < 0 \end{cases}$$

Z follows standard normal distribution with mean zero and variance unity. A positive value of test statistic indicates a positive association means upward trend, a negative value of test statistic indicates a negative association means downward trend and test statistic w= equal zero means no association(no trend). The null hypothesis of no trend is rejected when S and Z are significantly different from zero.

Sen’s Slope estimator test

This test computes both the slope (i.e. linear rate of change) and intercept according to Sen’s method. First, a set of linear slopes is calculated as follows:

$$T_i = \frac{x_j - x_k}{j - k} \quad \text{For } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Where, X_j and X_k are considered as data value at time j and k ($j > k$) correspondingly. The median of these N values of T_i is represented as Sen’s estimator of slope which is given as:

$$Q_i = \begin{cases} \frac{T_{N+1}}{2} & N \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{T_N}{2} + \frac{T_{N+1}}{2} \right) & N \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Sen’s estimator is computed as $Q_{med} = T_{(N+1)/2}$ if N appears odd, and it is considered as $Q_{med} = [T_{N/2} + T_{(N+2)/2}] / 2$ if N appears even. At the end, Q_{med} is computed by a two sided test at $100(1 - \alpha) \%$ confidence interval and then a true slope can be obtained by the non-parametric test. Positive value of Q_i indicates upward or increasing trend and a negative value of Q_i gives adownward or decreasing trend in the time series.

Statistical Analysis

Pearson’s coefficient of Correlation is used to show the relationship between variable. Discharge-discharge, discharge-rainfall relation is determined by correlation. Relation is spectacted by percentage. Probable error (PE) is calculated to examine the significance of correlation. Coefficient of correlation is calculated to determine the dependency rate of dependent variable on independent variable. All types of data were processed and analyzed by using Microsoft Office 2013, Minitab 18 and MAKESENS 1 0. The Maps had been prepared by using Arc GIS 10.3 software. After data entry had been completed, simple one way tables and graphs had been prepared for the analysis to make the report more understandable.

Results and Discussion

Assessment of annual and seasonal discharge of Kushiyara river at Sheola station and Sherpur station

Annual mean, maximum and minimum discharge at Sherpur station is higher than Sheola station (Table 1). Mean discharge at Sheola is varied from 1010.345 to 463.68 m^3/s and mean discharge at Sherpur station was lied between 1434.039 m^3/s (1986) and 783.67 m^3/s (2003). Maximum discharge at Sheola varied from 2960 to 1413.14 m^3/s while Sherpur varied from 3950 to 1727.34 m^3/s . Minimum discharge at Sheola varied from 122 to 25.02 while Sherpur varied from 176.86 to 16.36. From the above findings, it could be said that water discharge at downstream (Sherpur) is higher than upstream (Sheola).

Table 1. Annual discharge scenario at Sheola and Sherpur Staion.

Indicators (m^3/s)	Sheola Station	Sherpur Station
Mean Discharge	738.9	970.17
Highest Mean Discharge	1010.345 (1990)	1434.039 (1986)
Lowest Mean Discharge	463.68 (1979)	783.67 (2003)
Annual Mean Maximum Discharge	2138.92	2251.7
Annual Mean Minimum Discharge	64.9	92.55
Highest Annual Maximum Discharge	2960 (1983)	3950 (1991)
Lowest Annual Maximum Discharge	1413.14 (2014)	1727.34 (2009)
Highest Annual Minimum Discharge	122 (1992)	176.86 (2000)
Lowest Annual Minimum Discharge	25.02 (1999)	16.36 (2016)

There was also noticeable difference of discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station. Rainfall, runoff and tributaries contribute to being high discharge at Sherpur than Sheola (Fig 1, Fig 2). Seasonal discharge of both Sheola and Sherpur station has been visualized in Fig. 3 and found that there was significant difference between Sheola and Sherpur discharge in

summer and winter season. Monsoon discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station is nearly same. Summer and winter discharge at downstream than station is higher upstream station. Monsoon discharge at downstream is lower than upstream station. Climate change could be the possible reason for such findings.

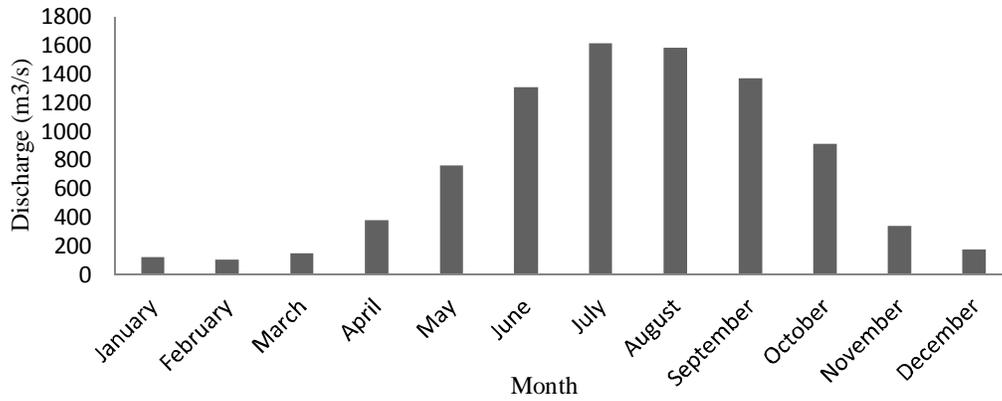


Fig. 1. Mean monthly discharge at Sheola station.

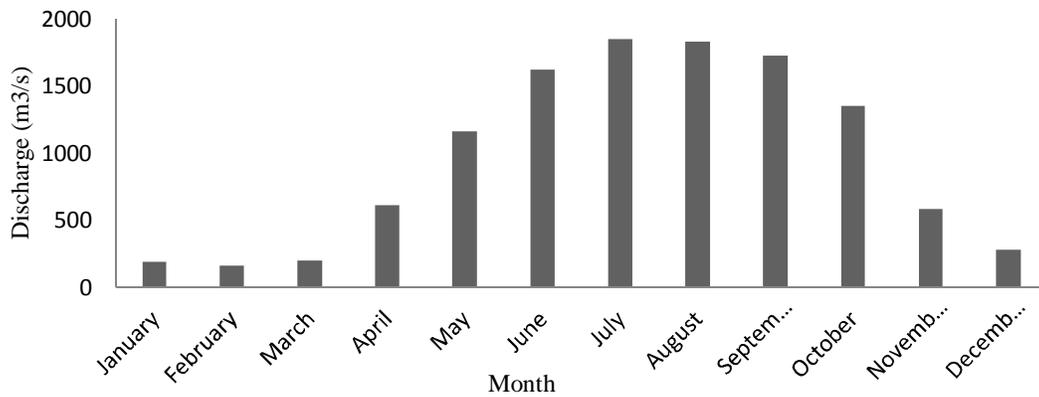


Fig. 2. Mean monthly discharge at Sherpur station.

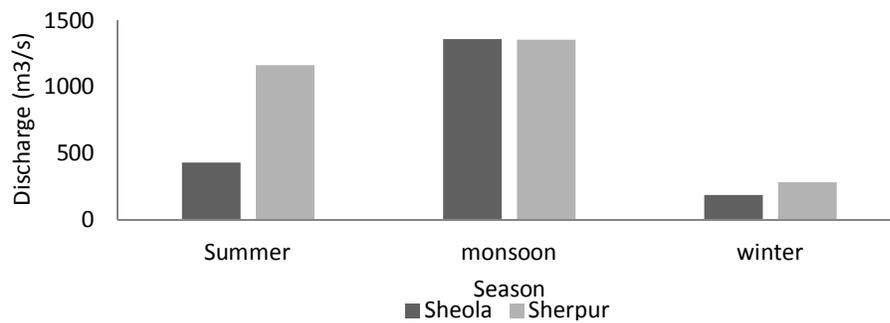


Fig. 3. Seasonal mean discharge at Sheola and Sherpur Station

Appraisal of the annual and seasonal rainfall of Kushiyara River at Sheola station

Annual mean rainfall at Sheola was 4016.62 mm (Table 2). The highest rainfall (5516 mm) was occurred in 1991 and lowest in 2006.

Table 2. Seasonal mean discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station

Season	Seasonal Mean Discharge (m ³ /s)	
	Sheola	Sherpur
Summer	429.6878	1163.482
Monsoon	1358.402	1352.564
Winter	186.665	281.8263

Analysis of mean monthly rainfall at Sheola station revealed that highest rainfall occurred in June and lowest in January (Fig. 4). Seasonal mean of rainfall data showed that highest rainfall occurred in Monsoon season and lowest in winter season (Fig. 5). This

revealed that from March to May, Kushiyara River receives maximum rainfall in a year and from November to February, it receives minimum rainfall in a year.

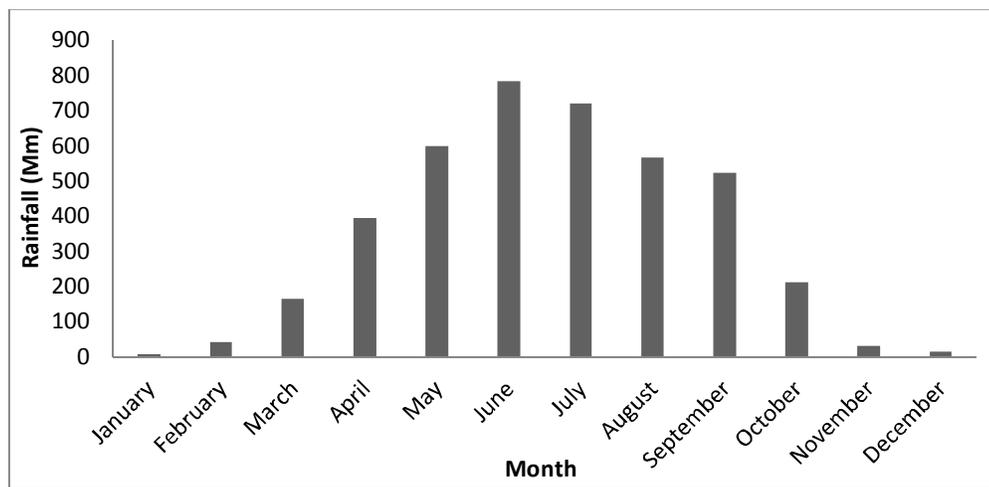


Fig. 4. Mean monthly rainfall at Sheola station

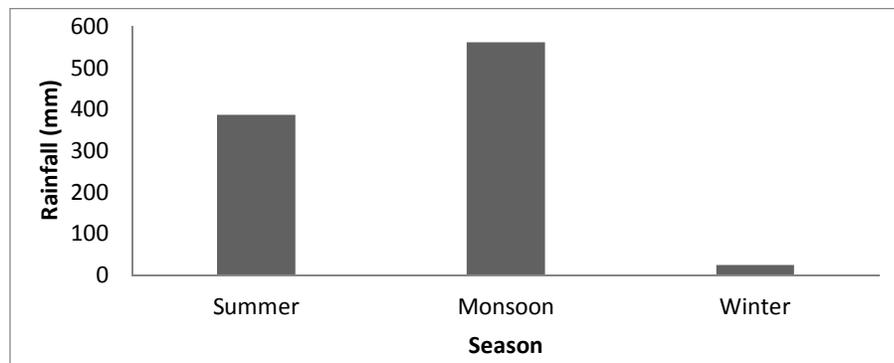


Fig. 5. Seasonal mean rainfall at Sheola station.

Trends in discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station

Non-parametric tests such as Mann-Kendall test and Sen’s slope estimation have been conducted to find out the trend in annual mean discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station. A total 35 years (1982 to 2016) data has been used for trend analysis. Values of Mann-Kendall Test and Sen’s Slope have been presented in

Table 3. Negative value of Z indicates the downward trend at Sheola and Sherpur station but not significant at 95% significance level. Significance or insignificance is determined by P-value. P-value of Sheola and Sherpur station are 0.174304 and 0.1817 both respectively. P-value of both stations are higher than ($\alpha = 0.05$). Significance of trend be evident when

P-value is lower than $(=0.05)$ and insignificance of trend be evident when P-value is higher than $(=0.05)$. Sen's Slope Estimator has been used to calculate the slope of discharge change. Value of Sen's Slope gives the change per unit time period (in per year). Positive value of Sen's Slope indicates upward trend and negative value of Sen's Slope indicates downward trend. Value of Sen's Slope at Sheola and Sherpur

station is -2.186 and -1.806 respectively. So these values acquaint that discharge at Sheola station and Sherpur station is downward. Both MK Test and Sen's Slope shows the decreasing trend at Sheola station and Sherpur station. So finally it concluded that decreasing trend at Sheola station is high rate than the decreasing trend at Sherpur station. Trends of both stations are insignificant trend.

Table 3. Mann-Kendall test and Sen's Slope value of annual mean discharge

Mann-Kendall Test			
Station	Test Statistic Z	P-value	Sen's Slope
Sheola	-0.937295	0.174304	-2.186
Sherpur	-0.9088	0.1817	-1.806

In the trend analysis of seasonal mean, estimated values of Mann-Kendall test and Sen's Slope has been presented in Table 4. In Sheola station, it appears that trends of mean seasonal discharge in winter showed upward trend. Winter mean discharge trend is statistically significant due to p-value (0.0218935) is lower than $(=0.05)$. Monsoon and summer discharge trends showed downward trends and trends are statistically insignificant. Here P-value is higher than value. On the other hand, Sherpur station showed that trends of summer and monsoon indicates downward trend and trends is statistically insignificant. P-value of summer and monsoon is 0.0777830 and 0.432341 respectively. These p-values are higher than value. Winter seasonal mean discharge at Sherpur station shows upward trend and it also statistically

insignificant due to P-value (0.247643) > value. So from this test, it showed similar results like upstream station (Sheola) has been showed downward or decreasing trend and downstream station (Sherpur) has been showed downward or decreasing trend in summer monsoon. In winter, though both stations indicated upward trend but downstream trend was lower than upstream trend. Here only in winter both Sheola and Sherpur Station showed increasing trend. Sen's Slope value gave a hint of the change of time series data variables. Sen's Slope value of summer, monsoon and winter of Sheola station are -2.323, -6.141 and 2.163 respectively and value of summer, monsoon and winter of Sherpur station are -6.838, -0.216 and 1.114 respectively.

Table 4. Mann-Kendall and Sen's slope value of seasonal mean discharge

Station	Sheola			Sherpur		
	Mann-Kendall Test		Sen's Slope	Mann-Kendall Test		Sen's Slope
	Z-value	P-value		Z-value	P- Value	
Summer	-0.511252	0.304587	-2.323	-1.42014	0.0777830	-6.838
Monsoon	-1.36334	0.0863881	-6.141	-0.170417	0.432341	-0.215
Winter	2.01612	0.0218935	2.163	0.681924	0.247643	1.114

Value of Mann-Kendall Test and Sen's Slope estimation for maximum and minimum discharge has been exhibited to Table 5. In Mann-Kendall Test maximum discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station was

downward and statistically significant. P-value of those stations are lower than $(=0.01)$ value which is significant at 99% significance level. For minimum discharge, Sheola and Sherpur station showed upward

trend and these trends are statistically insignificant. Because P-value of both station is higher than (=0.05) value. Sen's Slope value shows the magnitude of change of trends. Positive value of Sen's Slope indicates upward or increasing trend. Negative value of

Sen's Slope indicates downward or decreasing trend. Sen's Slope value of maximum and minimum at Sheola station is -30 and 0.003. On the other hand maximum and minimum at Sherpur station is -20.438 and 0.397.

Table 5. MK Test, Sen's Slope statistics of annual maximum and minimum discharge

Station	Sheola			Sherpur		
	Mann-Kendall Test		Sen's Slope	Mann-Kendall Test		Sen's Slope
	Z-value	P-value		Z-value	P-value	
Maximum	-5.42495	0.000	-30	-3.82057	0.0000666	-20.438
Minimum	0.0568057	0.47735	0.003	0.866608	0.193078	0.397

Relationship of discharge between Sheola and Sherpur station

Pearson's coefficient of correlation was conducted to measure relation between both stations. Discharge of Sheola station was considered as independent variables and discharge of Sherpur station as dependent variable. Reason behind this consideration is Sheola station

locates in upstream river and Sherpur station locates in downstream river. So discharge of downstream is always depended on upstream discharge. The findings have been presented in Table 6, Table 7 and Table 8. Table 6 shows the result of correlation of annual mean discharge at both stations. In this table, it seems that value of r is 0.762648 which is closer to +1.

Table 6. Correlation of annual mean discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station

Independent Variable	Dependent Variable	r	P.E.	r ²	r ² in %
Annual Mean Discharge at Sheola Station	Annual Mean Discharge at Sherpur Station	0.762648	0.048	0.5816	58.16

That means there has strong positive relation between both stations. Value of r is significant because r is six times greater than P.E. (0.048). r² (0.5816) determine the proportion that means 58.16% discharge of Sheola station depends on the the discharge of Sherpur station. Statistically it calculated that a medium portion of discharge of Sherpur station is depends on the discharge of Sheola station. 41.84% discharge of other water sources rather than discharge of Sheola. The other water source may be some local water source like rainfall, run-off from land fall into river and juri river locates after Sheola station. Manu River contributes the discharge of water which came from the station of Sheola. These sources could have sound effect on the discharge of Sherpur station. Minor change of discharge at Sherpur station is occurred by local source and major change occurred by the discharge of Sheola station. From Table 7, it can be

observed that the value of r of all three seasons is positive and nearly close to +1. As a result, it can be said that discharge of Sherpur station is strongly depends on the discharge of Sheola station. Rate of dependency of seasonal mean discharge are summer (89.21%), monsoon (38.72%) and winter (62.96%). In this percentage, it could be said that there are strong relation of summer mean discharge between both stations. But surprisingly, there is nearly moderate relation of discharge between both stations in monsoon. Discharge of water which maybe came from the Sheola station could be retreated by other ways like irrigation, channels and other activities is likely to be the reason of moderate relationship. In winter, there was moderate relation between both stations.

Correlation from Table 8 exhibited that the value of r is positive that means there has positive relation. r is

value of maximum discharge is less nearly to +1 and $\neq 0$ value of minimum discharge is far from +1, nearly to 0.5. P.E. value determines the significance of correlation. For maximum discharge, $\neq 0$ value is six times higher than P.E. of maximum. So this correlation of maximum discharge is significant. On the other hand, $\neq 0$ value of minimum discharge is not six times

higher than P.E. of minimum. As a result, this correlation of minimum discharge is insignificant. 45.46% of maximum discharge of Sherpur station is depends on the maximum discharge of Sherpur station. 13.3% of minimum discharge of Sherpur station is depends on the minimum discharge of Sheola station.

Table 7. Correlation of seasonal mean discharge at Sheola and Sherpur station

Independent Variables	Dependent Variables	r	P.E.	r ²	r ² in %
(Sheola Station)	(Sherpur Station)				
Mean Discharge in Summer	Mean Discharge in Summer	0.99453	0.012	0.8921	89.21
Mean Discharge in Monsoon	Mean Discharge in Monsoon	0.622301	0.071	0.3872	38.72
Mean Discharge in Winter	Mean Discharge in Winter	0.793479	0.042	0.6296	62.96

Table 8. Correlation of maximum and minimum flow at Sheola and Sherpur station

Independent variables	Dependent variables	r	P.E.	r ²	r ² in %
Maximum Flow at Sheola	Maximum Flow at Sherpur	0.674292	0.063	0.4546	45.46
Minimum Flow at Sheola	Minimum Flow at Sherpur	0.364703	0.1	0.133	13.3

Trends in rainfall at Sheola station

Table 9 shows the seasonal rainfall trend at Sheola station. It is spectacted that summer and monsoon rainfall indicates downward trend and winter rainfall notifies upward trend. Mann-Kendall Test of all seasonal rainfall is statistically insignificant. Statistically significance or insignificance is depended on P-value. If P-value is higher than $(=0.05)$ value

then it is insignificant trend. When P-value is lower than $(=0.05)$ value then it is significant trend. Negative value of Sen's Slope indicates the downward and positive value of Sen's Slope indicates upward trend. Sen's Slope values of all seasonal rainfall are negative which means there has downward trend. Sen's Slope values of summer, monsoon and winter are -6.615, -3.724 and 0.433 respectively.

Table 9. Mann-Kendall and Sen's slope test trend of seasonal rainfall at Sheola station

Season	Sheola Station		
	Mann-Kendall Test		Sen's Slope
	Z-value	P-value	
Summer	-1.16518	0.121973	-6.615
Monsoon	-0.466073	0.320582	-3.724
Winter	0.662502	0.742961	0.433

Insignificant trend means there has no enough evidence to detect trend. Seasonal rainfall is delineated in Fig. 6. Decreasing trend of summer and monsoon rainfall will hamper on the flow of Kushiyara River

and agricultural activities (irrigation) in Sheola region. In winter, excessive rainfall can impede on agricultural activities in winter.

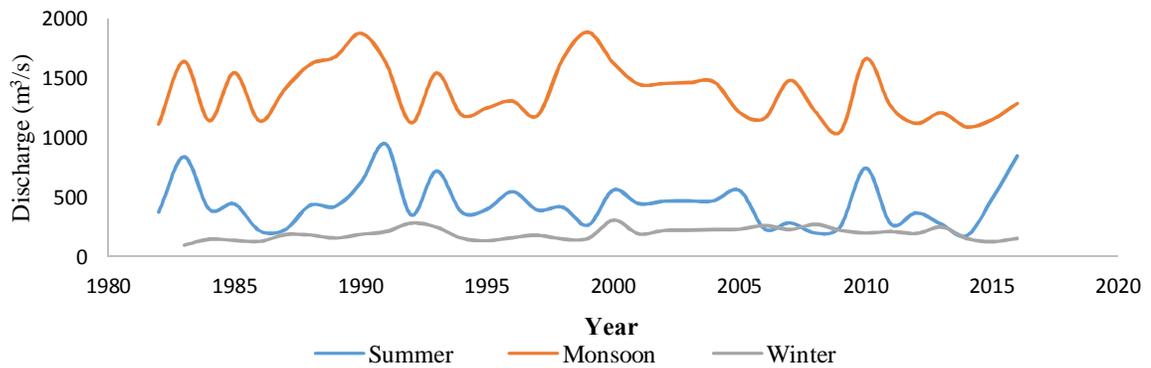


Fig. 6. Seasonal mean discharge at Sheola station

Relationship between discharge at Sherpur station and rainfall at Sheola station

The main hydro-meteorological quantities (rainfall and river discharge) has been correlated and presented in Table 10 and Table 11. 35 years (From 1982 to 2016) time periods of rainfall data at Sheola station and discharge of Kushiyaraø River at Sherpur station has been analyzed. Here rainfall considered as an independent variable and discharge considered as dependent variable. In Table 10, the correlation between annual rainfall at Sheola station and discharge

at Sherpur station have been presented. The correlation table shows the correlation and dependency rate between discharge at Sherpur station and rainfall at Sheola station. In this table, it appears that r is positive. There has a positive correlation between discharge and rainfall. Value of r is 0.605353 which is nearly close to +1. That means there has strong relationship. Correlation is significant because r is six times higher than probable error (P.E.). r^2 determine the percentage of dependency. From table 7.1, 36.64 % of discharge at Sherpur station is fed by rainfall of Sheola station.

Table 10. Correlation between rainfall at Sheola station and discharge at Sherpur station

Independent Variable	Dependent Variable	r	P.E.	r ²	r ² in %
Rainfall at Sheola Station	Discharge at Sherpur Station	0.605353	0.0722	0.3664	36.64

Rest of 63.36% of discharge at Sherpur station is contributed by other source like tributaries (Juri River, Manu River etc), stream flow from upper course, rainfall at Barak River basin etc.

In Table 11 the calculated data of correlation between seasonal rainfall at Sheola station and discharge at Sherpur station has been presented. From Table 10, it seems that r value of correlation of summer, monsoon and winter are 0.497274, 0.490676 and 0.33923 respectively. Value of r is positive. So there has positive relationship between rainfall at Sheola station and discharge at Sherpur station. But relations

between variables are insignificant. Reason behind this insignificance is values of r are not six times higher than probable errors (P.E.) values. r^2 determine the percentage of correlation. From percentage value, it indicates that correlation between rainfall and discharge of summer and rainfall and discharge of monsoon is nearly same. Relation percentages are 24.72% and 24.07% respectively. So it can be explained as there is closer rainfall variability in summer and monsoon season. In winter, correlation between rainfall and discharge is 11.5%. Correlation in winter is lower than summer and monsoon season.

Table 11. Seasonal correlation between rainfall at Sheola station and discharge at Sherpur station

Independent Variables	Dependent Variables	r	P.E.	r ²	r ² in %
(Rainfall at Sheola Station)	(Discharge at Sherpur Station)				
Summer Rainfall	Summer Discharge	0.497274	0.085	0.2472	24.72%
Monsoon Rainfall	Monsoon Discharge	0.490676	0.086	0.2407	24.07%
Winter Rainfall	Winter Discharge	0.33923	0.1	0.115	11.5%

Conclusions

Main targets of study are trend analysis, relation of discharge and rainfall. Mann-kendall test, Sen’s slope and correlation have been conducted to achieve these targets. Besides these, monthly variation of rainfall and discharge have been analyzed in this study. Coefficient of variation has been used to find monthly variation. Statistical methods have been conducted to this study. From this research, it has been appeared that annual discharge of Kushiyara River is decreasing and rainfall at Sheola station is also decreasing. Sedimentation, transportation, irrigation and fishing are strongly links to river. Decreasing trend of yearly discharge at Kushiyara River might affect the water demand to meet the needs of growing communities, farmers, energy producers and manufacturers. Irrigation and navigation would be affected severely. Rainfall is decreasing year to year. Irrigational and sedimentation activities will be hampered due to scarcity of rainfall. In winter season, monthly variation of rainfall is maximum than other seasons. So it needs to take proper plans for replenish the surface water management otherwise surface water condition would be worse. Based on this study following recommendations were made:

- Annual mean discharge is decreasing. Proper plan of surface water consumption for irrigation is necessary to be prepared. Implementation of plan is needed to be monitored.
- Changing of Kushiyara river discharge and rainfall is not isolated phenomena. It links to climate change. So it needs to take policy to face climate change and adapt climate change.
- Decreasing rainfall has huge impacts on agricultures or other activities. Suitable surface water management should be taken to replenish these activities.
- Discharge and rainfall trends showed statistically not significant. This happen due to small sample size. To avoid this, it must to take large sample size for future studies.

- Fluctuation of rainfall is high in winter. That may causes for many environmental and agricultural damages. It should be taken proper policy to reduce these impacts.

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