

# Krishna River Downstream Temporal Channel Variations

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3 **1. Title Page**

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## 9 2. Key Points-

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- 11 ➤ Hydraulic Parameters increases downstream
- 12 ➤ Temporal changes in the channel geometry of Krishna river

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29 **PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY:**River dimensions (area,width,depth )primarily along  
30 with other criteria displays changes as they move from source towards sea.In this paper such  
31 changes is studied thoroughly for Krishna river for 2 decades(1990-2010) after analyzing data  
32 as obtained from Central Water Commission and ISRO launch Water Resources Information  
33 System (WRIS), a comprehensive solution for accessing data on water in India.

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35 **4. KEYWORDS:** Krishna river,Downstream, Channel Geometry, Discharge, Peninsular  
36 River,Power-log relationship

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## 38 5.Text

### 39 1.INTRODUCTION

40 Modification of Channel Geometry takes place in the following –

41 1)Cross-Sectional form i.e. the size (Channel Width  $w$ , Mean

42 Depth  $d$ , Cross-Sectional Area  $A_c$ , Wetted Perimeter  $WP$  and Hydraulic Radius  $R$  and the  
43 shape of the channel in terms of Width to Depth Ratio or Form-Ratio) downstream. Change  
44 in these properties is fundamental to hydrologic geometry, which refers to the rate of change  
45 of hydraulic variables (width, depth and velocity) as discharge increases (Leopold and  
46 Maddock, 1953). The basin area increases downstream, discharge in most rivers also  
47 increases with the distance (Leopold et al., 1964).

48 Downstream trends in channel geometry are important from the standpoint of the  
49 understanding of the river behavior (Pitlick and Cress, 2002). Studies on downstream  
50 Hydraulic geometry downstream, receives very little attention which otherwise should  
51 have. Channel Geometry of rivers have received wide attention for the last 5 decades years  
52 (W.B.Langbein, 1964; Richard David Hey, 1978; M Paul Mosley 1981; Colin P Stark 2006;  
53 Mingfu Guan et al 2016). Effects on Channel Geometry due to discharge variation have been  
54 studied by (Mingfu Guan et al 2016; O. Turitto et al 2008; Stephen R. Holnbeck Holnbeck  
55 2004; W Robert C Myers 1991; Mehmet Isak Yuse et al 2012; Ellen Wohl .A. Wilcox  
56 2005; Yanjum Wang et al 2020; Guangming Hu et al 2016; W.R Osterkamp et al  
57 1982; Changes in Channel Geometry due to sediment size researches undertaken by (Demetrio  
58 Antonio Zema et al 2018; W.R Osterkamp et al 1982; L.B Leopold 1992; Ellen Wohl  
59 2004) Channel Geometry and channel lithology was studied by ( Naser Naimi-Ghassabian  
60 2014). Recent studies on Channel Geometry downstream on World rivers like Colorado river  
61 (John Pitlick, Robert Cress 2002) exhibit that channel properties, bank-full width, depth, slope  
62 change systematically downstream, the Blue river (Scot A Lecce 2013) studied that lack of a  
63 downstream trend in the width:depth ratio along the Blue River. Niger River (Olutoyin A  
64 Fashae et al 2020) depicts The channels of four basins out of six becomes progressively  
65 narrowed and deepened downstream while that of the remaining two becomes progressively  
66 wider and shallower downstream. Uper Ogun River Basin (Adeyemi Olusola et al 2020)  
67 focuses on variation in downstream hydraulic geometry and increase in downstream  
68 discharge. Studies on Channel Geometry on the Indian rivers like River Kolong (Minakshi  
69 Bora et al 2017) studied highest rate of increase of velocity with discharge, Burhi Dihing

70 river(Jogendra N Sarma et al 2017)have shown width decreases but depth and velocity  
 71 increase towards downstream. William L. Graf (2006),Downstream hydrologic and  
 72 geomorphic effects of large dams on American rivers Geomorphology (2006) concluded  
 73 Very large dams on American rivers have large, statistically significant effects on  
 74 downstream hydrology and geomorphology.

75 Thus,it is observed that channel geometry systematically changes downstream both on a  
 76 Global and Indian scale.

## 77 **1.1 INTRODUCTION TO STUDY AREA**

78 The Krishna River is the second largest river in the Peninsular India and stretches over an  
 79 area of 2,58,948 km<sup>2</sup>.It rises in the Western Ghat at an elevation of about 1337 m a.s.l.  
 80 adjacent to the north of Mahabaleshwar,near Jor village,around 64 km from the Arabian Sea  
 81 and flows for about 1400km before debouching into the Bay of Bengal.

82 The river drains through the states of Karnataka(1,13,271 km<sup>2</sup>),Andhra Pradesh (76,252  
 83 km<sup>2</sup>) and Maharashtra (69,425 km<sup>2</sup>).Geographically Krishna Basin is between 73°17' to  
 84 81°9' east longitudes and 13°10' to 19°22' north latitudes, representing almost 8% of surface  
 85 area of India.It is bounded by Balaghat range in the north ,by the eastern Ghat in the south  
 86 and east and by the Western Ghats in the west.The Mullayanagiri Peak (1930 m a.s.l.),in  
 87 Karnataka it is the highest point within the Krishna Basin. The principal tributaries joining  
 88 the Krishna River are Tungabhadra,Malaprabha,Ghataprabha(Right)and  
 89 Bhima,Musi,Munneru(Left). Krishna ranks as fifth largest river basin in India with a  
 90 catchment area of  $\sim 2.6 \times 10^5$  km<sup>2</sup>. The river traverses a length of  $\sim 1400$  km across the states  
 91 of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, before draining into the Bay of Bengal. The  
 92 Geology of the basin is dominated by basalts, crystalline rocks,deccan trap,peninsular  
 93 gneiss,quaternary alluvium. With red,black,saline,alkaline,lateritic mixed, minor components.  
 94 It has about thirteen major tributaries (the Bhima and the Tungabhadra are the two largest)  
 95 and several small-to-large-scale reservoirs for irrigation and/or hydropower generation  
 96 schemes (e.g. Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem). The climate of the region is mostly  
 97 monsoonal-humid to semi arid along the Western Ghats.Rainfall of 400-5000mm.Rainy  
 98 season comprises July,August .September. Soils in the basin are generally shallow in depth,  
 99 and they belong to the type Entisols, Alfisols and Vertisols (black soils for cotton and  
 100 sugarcane). The major cultivations of the basin are rice, sugarcane and oil seeds. Concerns  
 101 are raised about shrinkage of the basin, frequent emergence of extreme events such as floods

102 and degradation of water quality of the Krishna and its tributaries. Despite no major annual  
 103 rainfall variation, observation of large-scale decrease in water discharges in both upper and  
 104 lower reaches of the basin has stressed the need of management and allocation of water  
 105 resources in the basin. It has 176 Hydrological Stations on Main River and has 251 dams.

106 Table(I).Here

107 Fig.1.1. Here

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## 109 **2. METHODOLOGY**

110 The following methods and datasets were entailed in order to meet objectives of the  
 111 study .

112 Cross-sectional data were downloaded from India Water Resource Information System  
 113 (India-WRIS) portal. For two decades (approximately from 1990-2010) at an interval of 5  
 114 yrs nearly for 176 profiles was choosen. Although a number of variables have been used to  
 115 describe the cross

116 sectional form, to define the channel morphology in terms of shape, size and efficiency

117 (Petts and Foster, 1985). However, taking into consideration the availability of data, the

118 morphological parameters used in the present study.

119 Table (II). Here

120 Cross-Sections were plotted in MS Excel and data for Width,Depth,Cros-Sectional  
 121 Area,Wetted Perimeter,Hydraulic Radius,Form Ratio,Mean Velocity were derived for 9  
 122 Stations namely

123 Karad,Kurunwad,Arjunwad,Huvenhedgi,Deosugur,Agraharam,Pondugala,Wadenapalli,Vijay  
 124 awada Downstream on Main Krishna river was analyzed.

125 The Bankfull stage were considered to determine the channel Cross-Sectional Area  
 126 (using area of Trapezium),the width,and wetted perimeter using Phythagoras Formula in MS  
 127 EXCEL.Depth(d) and Hydraulic Radius® parameters were derived accordingly.

128 1)Depth(d)=Cross-Sectional Area(Ac)/Width

129 2)Hydraulic Radius®=Cross-Sectional Area(Ac)/Wetted Perimeter(Wp)

130 3)Form Ratio=Width/Depth

131 4)Wetted Perimeter(WP)=B+2H where,B=base,H=height of flow in mts

132 5)Qmax=A\*V in m<sup>3</sup>/s

133 6)Mean Velocity(V)=Qmax/Ac

134 As Discharge data is not available for many sites,the maximum discharge(Qmax)was  
135 estimated for each cross-section by using the following equation,where A is the upstream  
136 catchment area

137  $Q_{max}=392.8 A^{0.337}(r^2=0.68)$

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139 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:** Channel form varies in the Downstream direction as  
140 discussed previously.Channel Width,Depth,Hydraulic Radius,Wetted Perimeter,Form  
141 Ratio,Qmax,Mean Velocity have been evaluated alongwith channel Cross-Sectional Area.  
142 Area generally increase downstream as expected. with certain derivations .

143 Table (III )Here

144 3.1 Bankfull Area

145 The Channel Bankfull Area (Ac) increases downstream as expected.Increase is not uniform  
146 but there are deriviations in this pattern at some channel cross-sections.

147 1) In 1990 upstream area is 6558.35m sq at Huvenhedgi increasing to16353.48 m sq at  
148 Vijayawada downstream.

149 Fig.1.2(i) Here

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151 2) There are noteworthy derivations in Area and width at Pondugala in 1995.Whereas a  
152 remarkable increase in Channel Bankfull Area(Ac) and Bankfull Width is observed at  
153 Vijayawada in the lower reaches. Channel Area. In 1995 Channel Bankfull Area (Ac)varies  
154 between 4653.64 m sq upstream at Karad to 16571.58 m sq downstream at Vijayawada

155 Fig.1.2(ii)Here

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158 3) In 2000 Channel Bankfull Area ( $A_c$ ) varies between upstream Karad with 4565.95 m  
159 sq and increases downstream to 16399.4 m sq at Vijayawada.

160 Fig.1.2(iii)Here

161 4) Similarly in 2005 Channel Bankfull Area ( $A_c$ ) varies between upstream Karad having  
162 4190.01 m sq, increasing downstream to 12413.78 m sq at Vijayawada.

163 Fig.1.2(iv)Here

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165 4) In 2010 Channel Bankfull Area ( $A_c$ ) varies from upstream Karad having 4266.655 m  
166 sq increasing to downstream to 6073.6 m sq at Vijayawada.

167 Fig.1.2(v)Here

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## 170 **3.2 Channel Form**

171 The channel cross-section is characteristically irregular in outline and is locally  
172 highly variable in nature. Although a number of morphological variables have been used to  
173 describe the channel form, the most frequently used variables are the channel width, depth,  
174 the wetted perimeter, the hydraulic radius and the width/depth or form ratio. The Channel  
175 form is defined as a function of discharge. Thus an increase in discharge is reflected in  
176 increase in channel parameters namely width and depth. Accordingly in the following paper  
177 downstream changes of channel form is discussed

178 **3.2.1 Channel Width(W)**- maximum channel width refers to the water surface width at  
179 maximum discharge ( $Q_{max}$ ). Channel Width is mostly used to define the size of the channels,  
180 and been described by Leopold et al (1964) as one of the three variables to define the  
181 Hydraulic Geometry of different river channels and is expressed as  $W=aQ^b$ . In the Upland  
182 region, although the channel width goes on increasing downstream and there is variation in  
183 channel size from place to place. Channel width is a function of the prominent discharge and  
184 is related to the flow velocity. The channel size is a function of flow (Leopold et al., 1964).  
185 This suggests that the channel dimensions of these rivers are adjusted to large flow. The

186 channels are narrow in the source region, and mostly less than 1000/0m wide. Whereas further  
 187 eastwards, the channel width increases to more than 1400m. The channels are wider in Semi-  
 188 Arid regions. Width increases in a more consistent manner than any other factor (Leopold et al  
 189 1964). Width is increasing downstream as expected.

190 The average channel width is 922.5m, in the Upland region at Huvenhedgi is 760m with at  
 191 Upstream region to 1480m at Vijayawada in downstream (1990).

192 The average channel width is 816.4m with 420m at Karad in upstream area and 1482m at  
 193 Vijayawada in downstream (1995). The average channel width is 686.5, having upstream  
 194 Karad as 420m and downstream Vijayawada 1452m (1995)

195 The average channel width is 732.75m, 420m at upstream Karad and 1452m at Vijayawada  
 196 downstream. (2000)

197 The average channel width is 746.43, 380m, at upstream Karad and 1440m at downstream  
 198 Vijayawada. (2005)

199 The average channel width is 757.43m, upstream Karad is 385m and Downstream  
 200 Vijayawada increases to 1417m (2010)

201 In the present study too width increases in a consistent manner at every 5 yrs interval.

202 Some typical channel cross-sections of the Krishna river for a decade (1990-2010) is seen  
 203 Fig 1.2(i-v).

204 **3.2.2 Channel Depth(D)**- Channel Depth analysis is an important river channel parameter for  
 205 estimation of stream energy. In general depth varies between 8-16m in the study area. Depth in  
 206 the upstream is less than 12m deep. Depth is seen to be consistently increasing in the  
 207 downstream direction as expected and reaches great heights of >10m.

208 The average channel depth is 10.95, Upstream Huvenhedgi depth is 8.63m and Downstream  
 209 Vijayawada depth escalates to 11.05m (1990)

210 The average channel depth 8-16m in depth. As expected, the maximum depth increases in the  
 211 downstream direction. (1995)

212 The average channel depth is 10.28m, Upstream Karad depth is 10.87m increasing to 11.29m  
 213 at Downstream Vijayawada (2000) The average channel depth is 9.60m, with Upstream depth at  
 214 Karad is 11.03m and Downstream depth is 13.734m at Wadenapalli (2005)

215 The average channel depth is 8.97m. The Upstream channel depth at Karad is 11.08m and  
 216 Downstream depth increases to 13.73m at Wadenapalli is 11m. Upstream at Karad depth is  
 217 11.08m increasing to 11.18m Downstream at Vijayawada. . In the Upstream areas the  
 218 channels are less than 15m depth. The depth generally ranges between 8-16 m(2010)

219 **3.2.3 Hydraulic Radius**-Hydraulic Radius, is a measure of channel efficiency (Petts and  
 220 Foster, 1985), referring to the proportional losses of energy by friction between the flowing  
 221 water and channel beds and banks, as compared to the losses within the water. Large values of  
 222 R are often associated with streams with large discharges, conversely low values (and reduced  
 223 efficiency) are given by small streams (Blackie's Dictionary of Geography).

224 Hydraulic Radius ranges between 8.62 and 11.04. The mean is 7.08m. Hydraulic Radius  
 225 ranges from 8.62 to 15.25m (1990), (1995) H.R ranges from 2.14m to 15.46m and the average  
 226 Hydraulic Radius is 9.16m. In most cases Hydraulic Radius upstream is observed to be low  
 227 depicting shallow channels. On the contrary Hydraulic Radius is found to be higher in the  
 228 downstream direction. This reveals that the channels are incised downstream. Hydraulic  
 229 Radius varies from 8.41m to 15.63m and average hydraulic radius is 9.04m (2000) In 2005  
 230 Hydraulic Radius to range from 0.09 to 15.46m. Mean hydraulic radius is 9.25m, 2010 reveals  
 231 hydraulic radius ranging from 0.09m and 11.49m with mean value of 7.34m.

232 Hydraulic Radius from 1990-2010 is seen to be directly associated with discharge except for  
 233 cross-section at Karad in 2010 where hydraulic radius is very low in spite of moderately high  
 234 discharge. In most cases the hydraulic variables like channel depth is low in the upstream  
 235 reaches showing the shallow nature of the channels, for example the R value at Karad (2010)  
 236 is about 0.09m. As against this in the lower reaches the hydraulic radius is high and most  
 237 large rivers have R-values around 13.66m at Wadenapalli in 2005. This points to the incised  
 238 nature of the channels in the downstream direction.

239 **3.2.4 Wetted Perimeter**-Wetted Perimeter is the area of the cross-sectional area that is  
 240 "wet". Wetted Perimeter shows an increasing trend downstream. River channel width and  
 241 channel wetted perimeter is positively co-related. Channel wetted perimeter is always slightly  
 242 more than the channel width at all cross-sections. Wetted Perimeter is  $>300$  for every  
 243 year. The mean wetted perimeter is 925.29m. Width is 922.5m (1990), Table (III) The average  
 244 wetted perimeter is 819.88m. The width is 4082m and the wetted perimeter is  
 245 4099.38m (1995) In 2000, mean wetted perimeter is 748.82m. The width is totaled to be 5862m  
 246 and wetted perimeter is 5990.53. The mean wetted perimeter of 750.34m. The width is 5225m

247 and wetted perimeter is 5252.38(2005),In (2010)total width is 5302m and wetted perimeter is  
 248 average wetted perimeter is found o be 623.59.Wetted Perimeter of a river channel is also a  
 249 function of Discharge.

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251 **3.2.5 Form Ratio(width-depth ratio)**-The width-depth or form ratio (F) is a measure of  
 252 channel shape and is related to boundary resistance and sediment transport (Schumm, 1977).  
 253 The shape of the channel (narrow, shallow) is determined by the nature of material on the bed  
 254 and banks (Schumm, 1977). Shape refers to the dimensions or form of channel in cross-  
 255 section.Shape of the channel is controlled by its width and depth.It is therefore measured by  
 256 the ratio of water surface width to mean depth.This ratio is known as the Form  
 257 Ratio(Schumm,1977).It is a dimensionless number. The shape of the channel  
 258 (narrow,shallow)is determined by the nature of material on the bed and  
 259 banks(Schumm,1977). Rivers increase their width-depth ratio in the downstream direction  
 260 and Big rivers relatively have large width-depth ratio(Kale,Gupta 2001). In general, the  
 261 channels of the Upland rivers have a box-shaped appearance (Kal.e, 1990; Deodhar and Kale,  
 262 1999). Narrow and deep channels are characterized by low form ratio,and shallow ,wide  
 263 channels have high form ratio(Leopold et al 1964).

264 Form Ratio in 1990,is 253.73m.1995 is 400.45m.2000,F.R is 505.21m,2005 is  
 265 532.58m,2010 is 737.62.

266 Form Ratio upstream values are lower than 40m in few cases,indicating the channels are  
 267 narrow,F-Ratio downstream is greater than greater than 130m.This focuses that the channels  
 268 show wide and shallow channels. The box-shaped nature of the channel reflects that during  
 269 low flows the flow width-depth ratio is very high and the geomorphic of the channels is very  
 270 low. However, with the arrival of high flows the width-depth ratio goes on decreasing and the  
 271 geomorphic effectiveness of the flows increases. Thus it can be concluded that high flows  
 272 have an important role to play in the erosion and sediment transportation.This form in  
 273 channel shapes upstream(box-shaped) to downstream(wide and shallow channels) at 5 yr  
 274 interval is correlated in figures given below.

275 **3.2.6 Qmax**-Maximum discharge or annual peak discharge data was available from Water  
 276 Resource Information System(WRIS)website.The dimensions of a river channel at all points  
 277 is dependent on the Discharge(Q).This voluminous amount of water travels through river  
 278 cross-sections at a point of time.Upstream the area being drained being small,discharge is

279 also small. Contrarily Downstream, the amount of Discharge increases,  $Q_{max}$  is high  
 280 upstream but decreases remarkably in the middle reaches and then is found to increase  
 281 downstream,  $Q_{max}$  increases upstream to downstream..Significant high or low discharge  
 282 values are seen at Pondugala cross-sections.

283 **3.2.7 Mean Velocity**-Velocity tends to increase slightly downstream in most rivers, velocity  
 284 (Leopold et all 1964).Present study too follows the same Velocity in rivers is not confined to a  
 285 point but rather to the mean velocity for the river channel on a whole.Velocity increase is  
 286 directly co-related with increase in depth.Deeper is the maximum velocity (Chow  
 287 1959).1990 the Mean velocity is 1.28m/s .Velocity decreases as expected from 1.18m/s at  
 288 Huvenhedgi to 0.75m/s at Vijayawada .In 1995, the Mean Velocity is 0.40 m/s.Upstream  
 289 Velocity upstream at Karad decreases from 0.63m/s to is 0.23m/s at Vijayawada  
 290 downstream. In 2000, the Mean Velocity is 3.31, Velocity decreases from 6.10m/s upstream  
 291 at Karad to 0.50m/s at Vijayawada.Table 1.4(d)/2005 the Mean Velocity is 2.30 m/s, similar  
 292 decrease in velocity upstream to downstream is observed from 1.51m/s at Karad to 0.01m/s in  
 293 Vijayawada.The Mean Velocity in 2010, is 0.91m/s. reverse trend in velocity from upstream  
 294 velocity 0.2m/s at Karad increases to 1.m/s at Wadenapalli is observed.

### 295 **3.3 Cross-Sections Shape**

296 The shape of the cross-sections of a river channel at any location is a function of the  
 297 flow ,the quantity and character of the sediment in movement through the section, character or  
 298 composition of the material making up the bed and banks of the channel(Leopold et all,1964).

299 The plots in 1990, show that by and large the channels from upstream Huvenhedgi to  
 300 downstream Vijayawada.Channel gradually transforms from upstream box-shaped at  
 301 Huvenhedgi to saucer shaped at Vijayawada.

302 The plots in 1995 from upstream Karad to downstream Vijayawada are box-shaped.The  
 303 channels are irregular upstream and flat channel beds are found downstream.

304 In 2000 from Karad Upstream to Vijayawada Downstream.Upstream banks steep with  
 305 narrow channels, with downstream progression steepness reduces and channels become wide.

306 2005, Representative channel cross-sections from Upstream Karad to Downstream  
 307 Vijayawada.Upstream channels are steep and narrow and steepness gradually lessens and  
 308 channels become wider.

309 2010, shows channel cross-sections from Upstream Karad to Vijayawada  
 310 Downstream. Channel are narrow and steep upstream and flattens Downstream. Upstream banks  
 311 are steeper and gradually steepness reduces downstream.

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### 313 **3.4 Cross-sectional area vis-à-vis channel geometry and hydraulic parameters** 314 **Relationship**

315 In order to depict the relationships, power law regression analysis was carried out. Power-law  
 316 regression equation and correlation was derived using drainage area, width, depth, wetted  
 317 perimeter, hydraulic radius,  $Q_{max}$ , form ratio, velocity and cross-sectional area available for  
 318 nine gauging sites and cross-sectional area. The obtained correlation shows strong and  
 319 positive correlation for drainage area, width and wetted perimeter and weak correlation for  
 320 depth, hydraulic radius, discharge and mean velocity.

321 Table (IV). Here

322 Gradual increase in Drainage Basin ( $D_b$ ) is seen with Cross-Sectional area ( $A_c$ ) and strong  
 323 correlations for 2000, 2005, 2010. The correlations statistically significant at 0.05/95%  
 324 confidence level. Low correlation in 1990 and neither statistically significant at  
 325 95% confidence level is seen. Correlation is strong in 1995 but not statistically significant at  
 326 95% confidence level is observed.

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328 □ Significant increase in Cross-Sectional Area ( $A_c$ ) and Channel Width ( $W$ ) and strong  
 329 and positive correlations is present, indicating width increases consistently downstream in  
 330 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 except 1990. The correlations are statistically significant at 0.05/95%  
 331 confidence level.

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334 □ . Poor correlations is found between Cross-sectional Area ( $A_c$ ) and Channel Depth ( $D$ )  
 335 states that depth is not found to be increasing downstream correspondingly from 1990-2010  
 336 and co-relations are not statistically significant at 95%/0.05 Confidence level.

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338 □ Poor correlations is found between Cross-sectional Area(AC)and Hydraulic  
 339 Radius,shows low rate of increase downstream and correlation not statistically significant at  
 340 0.05/95% confidence level from 1990-2005.Exception in statistically significant value is  
 341 found in 2010. This points to the incised nature of the channels in the downstream direction.

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344 □ Strong and positive correlations is found between Cross-Sectional Area and Wetted  
 345 Perimeter (1995-2010),indicating wetted perimeter increases downstream systematically with  
 346 increase in area.The correlations are statistically significant at 0.05/95% confidence level.  
 347 1990 shows low correlation and not significant at 95% confidence level.

348 □ Positive correlations is found between Cross-Sectional Area and Form Ratio  
 349 indicating Form Ratio increases downstream and channels become wider.The correlations are  
 350 though not statistically significant at 0.05/95% confidence level in 1990-2000. Moderately  
 351 Strong and Statically significant correlations are found in 2005-2010 .

352 □ Poor correlations indicate Qmax and crossectional area does not increase  
 353 downstream systematically and there are latitudinal differences resulting from local  
 354 factors.The correlations are statistically significant at 0.05/95% confidence level in 1990-  
 355 1995.Qmax in year 2000-2010 do not follow the trend of and thus insignificant correlation at  
 356 0.05 level is observed in Qmax downstream

357 □ Significantly Low Correlation between Velocity and cross- sectional area in  
 358 downstream direction and reveals that variability in Qmax downstream seriously affects  
 359 Mean Velocity.The correlations are not statistically significant at 0.05/95% Confidence  
 360 level.Velocity has strong correlation wirh cross-sectional area in 1990 though not statistically  
 361 significant.

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363 From the study of channel morphology major conclusions are derived.

364 A. As the maximum discharge /Q max increases corresponding increase in Cross-  
 365 Sectional Area,Width,Depth,Wetted Perimeter,Form Ratio,Velocity,Hydraiulic Radius is  
 366 observed upstream Karad to downstream Vijayawada.

367 B. Significant increase in Area and Width is observed at Vijaywada station in 1995.

368 C. The Channel Depth,Hydraulic Radius increase downstream.

369 D. The Form -Ratio varies between 88.07-141.04(1990),37.91-132.54(1995),30.98-  
370 128.56(2000),34.95-167.04(2005),34.04-330.59(2010),

371 E. The Channels Forms Upstream generally depicts greater depths in comparison to  
372 width,which changes downstream to box-shaped forms depicting greater width in relation to  
373 depth,indicating high Form Ratio(Width-Depth)Ratio.Some channels are vertical in forms  
374 whereas the others have asymmetrical, symmetrical side banks and saucer shaped banks.

375 Noticeable variations in Channel Geometry of the downstream channels can be  
376 contributed both fluvial forces and lithologic resistance.Most importantly channels adjust  
377 their channel Geometry corresponding to the downstream channel discharge.Close  
378 observation of the hydrological parameters display that the entire data set presents a very well  
379 developed downstream hydraulic geometry but mainly between depth and velocity suggests  
380 that there is a weak influence of lithologic resistance over width.

381 Basin area increases downstream, discharge in most rivers also increases with the distance  
382 (Leopold et al., 1964).In the present study too changes in both parameters is applicable.

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384 **Global Concern** - Understanding the downstream Temporal Channel Geometry/Hydraulic  
385 Parameters variations of rivers is of prime importance in planning the long term implications  
386 of increase/decrease of channel area,width,depth,hydraulic radius,wetted perimeter and mean  
387 velocity..Study on the Temporal Channel Geometry is useful to study the influence of human  
388 activity and dams in catchment area if any.

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## 460 8. TABLES

### 461 > Table (I)

FEATURES	FACTS
Length	1400km
Catchment Area	254945km
Major Tributaries	Tungabhadra, Malaprabha, Ghataprabha (Right) Bhima, Musi, Munneru (Left)
Geology	Deccan Trap, Peninsular Gneisses, Quaternary Alluvium, Crystalline Rocks
Climate	Monsoonal-humid to semi arid
Rainfall (mm)	400-5000
Soil	Red, Black, Saline, Alkaline, Lateritic, Mixed
Rainy Season	July, August, September
No. of Hydrological Stations on Main River	176
Dams	251

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463 ➤ **Table (II).**

Parameters	Symbol/Unit
WIDTH	W/m
MEAN DEPTH	D/m
WETTED PERIMETER	WP/m
HYDRAULIC RADIUS	R/m
FORM RATIO	W/D/m
CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA	XS/m
MEAN VELOCITY	V/m/s
Qmax	Q/m <sup>3</sup> /s

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465 ➤ **Table (III).**

STATION	DRAINAGE BASIN AREA(m <sup>2</sup> )	Xs AREA(Ac)m <sup>2</sup>	WIDTH(m)	DEPTH(m)	WETTED PERIMETER R(m)	HYDRAULIC RADIUS(m)	FORM RATIO(m)	Qmax(m <sup>3</sup> /s)	MEAN VELOCITY V(m/s)
<b>1990</b>									
1)KARAD	5462	NA							
2)KURUNWAD	15190	NA							
3)ARJUNWAD	12660	NA							
4)HUVENHEDI	55150	6558.35	760	8.63	761.24	8.62	88.07	7752	1.18
5)DEOSUGUR	129500	NA							
6)AGRAHARAM	132920	8307.4	960	8.65	961.58	8.64	110.98	10800	1.30
7)PONDUGALA	221220	7569.66	490	15.45	496.37	15.25	31.72	14145	1.87
8)WADENAPALI	235544	-							
9)VIJAYAWADA	251360	16353.48	1480	11.05	1481.95	11.04	133.94	12239	0.75
<b>1995</b>									
1)KARAD	5462	4653.64	420	11.08	425.74	2.14	37.91	2944	0.63
2)KURUNWAD	15190	NA							
3)ARJUNWAD	12660	NA							
4)HUVENHEDI	55150	6597.3	760	8.68	762.12	8.66	87.56	3572.223	0.54
5)DEOSUGUR	129500	NA							
6)AGRAHARAM	132920	7905.75	940	8.41037234	941.76	8.39	111.77	4218	0.53

7)PONDUGAL A	221220	7513.3125	480	15.65	485.89	15.46	30.67	690.6	0.09
8)WADENAP ALLI	235544	NA							
9)VIJAYAWADA	251360	16571.58	1482	11.18	1483.87	11.17	132.54	3764	0.23
<b>2000</b>									
1)KARAD	5462	4565.95	420	10.87	425.2662	10.74	38.63	27870.82	6.10
2)KURUNWAD	15190	3684.7	430	8.57	436.78	8.44	50.18	2593.78	0.70
3)ARJUNWAD	12660	3942.75	430	9.17	436.12	9.04	46.90	1747.292	0.44
4)HUVENHEDGI	55150	6404.68	760	8.43	761.40	8.41	90.18	3765	0.59
5)DEOSUGUR	129500	NA							
6)AGRAHARAM	132920	8090.6	940	8.61	941.87	8.59	109.21	5601	0.69
7)PONDUGALA	221220	7584.69	480	15.80	485.16	15.63	30.75	6423	0.06
8)WADENAPALI	235544	9057.81	950	9.53	1050.301	8.62	99.64	2956.996	0.33
9)VIJAYAWADA	251360	16399.4	1452	11.29	1453.63	11.28	128.56	8135.13	0.50
<b>2005</b>									
1)KARAD	5462	4190.01	380	11.03	384.45	0.09	34.46	6312 NEW	1.51
2)KURUNWAD	15190	4007.75	395	10.15	403.12	9.94	38.93	10092	2.52
3)ARJUNWAD	12660	NA							
4)HUVENHEDGI	55150	6647.95	770	8.63	771.84	8.61	89.19	10047.24 NEW	1.51
5)DEOSUGUR	129500	NA							
6)AGRAHARAM	132920	8081.55	960	8.42	961.97	8.40	114.01	53545.5	6.63
7)PONDUGALA	221220	7513.3125	480	15.65	485.86	15.46	30.67	17719.061	2.36
8)WADENAPALI	235544	10980.84	800	13.73	803.97	13.66	58.28	16792.73	1.53

9)VIJAYAWAD A	251360	12413.78	1440	8.62	1441.17	8.61	167.04	16650.3 1	0.01
<b>2010</b>									
1)KARAD	5462	4266.655	385	11.08	389.8175	0.09	34.74	1188.73 9	0.28 NEW
2)KURUNWAD	15190	4039.975	420	9.62	426.55	9.47	43.66	3846.78	0.95
3)ARJUNWAD	12660	3182.425	340	9.37	346.55	9.18	36.32	2587.44 8	0.81
4)HUVENHEDG I	55150	6433.35	760	8.46	761.54	8.45	89.78	8097.14 6	1.25
5)DEOSUGUR	NA	NA							
6)AGRAHARA M('09)	132920	8081.55	960	8.42	961.97	8.40	114.037 5	-	-
7)PONDUGALA	221220	NA						-	
8)WADENAPAL LI	235544	6020.967	1020	11.53	1023.08	11.49	88.49	6005.74 2	1.00
9)VIJAYAWAD A	251360	6073.6	1417	4.29	1417.59	4.28	330.59	6954.42 7	1.15 NEW

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468 **Table (IV).**

YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$Y=78.537x^{2.51}$ $R^2=0.4681$	X
1995	$y=595.23x^{1.70}$ $R^2=0.6088$	X
2000	$\log y=308.67 x^{1.91}$ $R^2=0.742$	✓ ✓
2005	$\log y=374.96x^{1.01}$ $R^2=0.8457$	✓ ✓
2010	$\log y=878.12\log x^{1.46}$ $R^2=0.62$	✓ ✓

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470 (ii)

YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE 0.05/95%
1990	$y=0.200x^{8.26}$ $R^2=0.65$	X
1995	$y=0.1309x^{9.17}$ $R^2=0.76$	✓ ✓
2000	$y=0.4084x^{6.77}$ $R^2=0.72$	✓ ✓

2005	$y=0.08x^{10.43}$ $R^2=0.74$	✓ ✓	471
2010	$y=0.0002x^{56.53}$ $R^2=0.75$	✓ ✓	472 473

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YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	No Correlation	
1995	$y=7.65x^{1.09}$ $R^2=0.004$	X
2000	$y=3.02x^{1.37}$  $R^2=0.1026$	X
2005	$y=10.05x^{1.01}$  $R^2=0.0001$	X
2010	$y=127.96 x^{0.48}$  $R^2=0.0956$	X

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(iv)

YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$y=4.7626x^{1.22}$ $R^2=0.02$	X
1995	$y=0.0007 x^{2.47}$ $R^2=0.41$	X
2000	$y=0.0071 x^{1.06}$ $R^2=0.03$	X
2005	$y=1E-08x^{1.84}$ $R^2=0.29$	X
2010	$y=0.0001x^{17.08}$ $R^2=0.05$	✓ ✓

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YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$y=0.2097x^{8.18}$ $R^2=0.66$	X
1995	$y=0.142x^{8.99}$ $R^2=0.77$	✓ ✓
2000	$y=0.29x^{6.56}$ $R^2=0.82$	✓ ✓
2005	$y=0.119.57 x^{9.57}$ $R^2=0.77$	✓ ✓
2010	$\log y=0.003 x^{27.97}$ $R^2=0.72$	✓ ✓

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490 (vi).

YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$y=0.0402x^{6.82}$ $R^2=0.28$	X
1995	$y=0.0058x^{10.81}$ $R^2=0.53$	X
2000	$y=0.01x^{9.71}$ $R^2=0.43$	X
2005	$y=0.011x^{2.78}$ $R^2=0.47$	✓ ✓
2010	$y=2E-05x^{60.26}$ $R^2=0.52$	✓ ✓

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492 (vii)

YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$\log y=4.6116+6.9\log x$ $R^2=0.901$	✓ ✓
1995	$\log y=2E+0.01 \log x$ $R^2=0.043$	✓ ✓
2000	$\log y=200.1+2.32 \log x$ $R^2=0.045$	X
2005	$\log y=6.59+7.40 \log x$ $R^2=0.32$	X
2010	$\log y=33.23+3.36 \log x$ $R^2=0.04$	X

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YEAR	CORRELATION	SIGNIFICANCE at 0.05/95%
1990	$y=918.99+0x^{0.19}$ $R^2=0.62$	X
1995	$\log y=66483+0.05 \log x$ $R^2=0.13$	X
2000	$\log y=759.21+6.65 \log x$ $R^2=0.11$	X
2005	$\log y=(6E+09)+0.003\log x$ $R=0.2703$	X
2010	$\log y=0.007+3.46 \log x$ $R^2=0.04$	X

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498 **9.FIGURES**

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501 **10.TABLE CAPTIONS**

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- 505       Cross-Sections.
- 506       • Table (IV).(1990-2010)(Power-Law relationships for Krishna Bain between
- 507       CrossSectional Area( $A_c$ ) and (i)Drainage Basin( $D_b$ ),(ii)Channel Width,(iii)Channel
- 508       Depth,(iv)Hydraulic Radius,(v)Wetted Perimeter,(vi)Form
- 509       Ratio,(vii) $Q_{max}$ ,(viii)Velocity

510 **11.FIGURE CAPTIONS**

- 511       ▪ FIG.1.1(A)Map of Krishna river Basin
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