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PREFACE

This study, with environmental approach is an attempt to understand linkages between geomorphology and environment. It was during the post visit of 2001 earthquake in the Kutch region that the Rann fascinated me, and I was hooked to it. And this somehow influenced me to work on the area.

The Kutch district falls under the semi-arid climatic conditions. The climatic characteristics of area shows transitory phase between the arid and semi humid type. Semi-arid area is often used as an example where there is high level of morpho-dynamic activity. One of the reasons for this is the presence of both precipitation as well as high ambient temperature. Much of its precipitation falls in the form of frequent heavy rain storms. The entire Kutch district on an average receives less than 500mm of rainfall, which still skews towards both the Ranns, making it absolute water stressed district of Gujarat.

Detailed analysis of any geomorphic landscape essentially demands to identify and review the study area in the light of morphoclimatic region