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Pristine Aisle of Budhi Ganga from Mahabharatafame Hastinapur to Athwart

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Abstract: ***The ancient flow of the Ganges during the Mahabharata period is known today as Budhi Ganga. Earlier, the Ganges used to flow only near the Mound of Ulta Khera (locally Known as Pandav mound). But the floods during the reign of King Nichakshu changed the flow of the Ganges as well as changed the place and left "Budhi Ganga" for his memories. The name of Budhi Ganga is also recorded in the revenue records. In Hastinapur Kauravan, Karna Ghat (bathing place of Karna) was situated at one end of the Ganges whereas Draupadi Ghat (bathing place of Draupadi) and Pandeshwar Mahadev Temple are in Hastinapur Pandavan. All this is still there, but the Ganges has gone far away. A stream of Budhi Ganga passes through Hastinapur Kaurwan Pandavan, Gajpura, Shimla, Dayalpur, Alipur Morna gets in.A stream of the Budhi Ganga, passing through Hastinapur Kaurwan Pandavan, joins the Ganges via Gajpura, Shimla, Dayalpur, Alipur Morna (however in Alipur Morna two streams split from Budhi Ganga, one joins the Ganges and the other proceeds towards Garhmukteshwar).The "Ganga" of hope never left the Ganges and always flowed non-stop in the form of "Budhi Ganga"***
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I. INTRODUCTION

In our previous paper entitled Archaic Route of Budhi Ganga Formerly Known as River Ganga [1], we showed the origin of the ancient aisle of Budhi Ganga from Ishaqwala to Hastinapur with ancient maps of flow of Budhi Ganga. Now we will show the ancient route of Budhi Ganga from Hastinapur to Kunda via Draupdi Ghat, Gajupura, Shimla, Dayalpur, Alipur Morna through Google Map. The track of Budhi Ganga was important in Hastinapur in many ways as the palace of Kuru Kingdom was situated on this bank and Maa Ganga meet with Bhishma on this course. Several attempts were made to destroy this track in "Independent India" by converting this land of Budhi Ganga into Agricultural Land and providing this land on lease for agriculture purpose. Considering the importance of Budhi Ganga in Hastinapur, the government of that time allotted agricultural leases on the land of Budhi Ganga. This day was the most unfortunate day in the history of Mahabharatafame Hastinapur. Due to which efforts were made to eliminate the track completely in Hastinapur. Flow of the Ganges was not stopped for King Shantanu, then how could it have stopped like this? Even today, where the full path was found, the Budhi Ganges flowed. Due to the marshy land on the track on which the *patta* was allotted, it was not possible to do farming. In most parts, till date, cultivation has not been done on these agricultural lands in this condition. In this research paper, prima facie the flow of Budhi Ganga from Hastinapur (Kaurvan and Pandavan) to Kunda has been shown; no legal aspect has been discussed in detail yet. However, there was complete tampering with the law regarding the Budhi Ganga. In the next research paper, we will discuss the legal aspects and the mistakes of the Revenue Department in detail.

II. BUDHI GANGA IN HASTINAPUR AND BEYOND

In Hastinapur this Budhi Ganga used to enter *Kauravan* where it , proceed through *Pandavan* and further. Actually, in the revenue records, Hastinapur was divided into two parts – Hastinapur *Kauravan* and Hastinapur *Pandavan*. In Hastinapur some important ancient structure are situated on the bank of Budhi Ganga, in *Kauravan* realm Barakhamba Mound, Maa *Kamakhya Siddh Pith*, Karna Ghat Temple and Hridas Kuti where as in *Pandavan* realm Draupadi Ghat, *Pandeshwar Mahadev* Temple, *Draupdeshwar Mahadev* Temple, Maa Ganga- *Bhishma Pitahma* Meeting place and Mound of Ulta Khera(locally known as Pandav Tila) are irreducible. However in Alipur Morna two streams split from Budhi Ganga, one joins the Ganges and the other proceeds towards Garhmukteshwar.

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III. GOOGLE MAP SHOWING THE TRACK OF BUDHI GANGA IN HASTINAPUR AND BEYOND

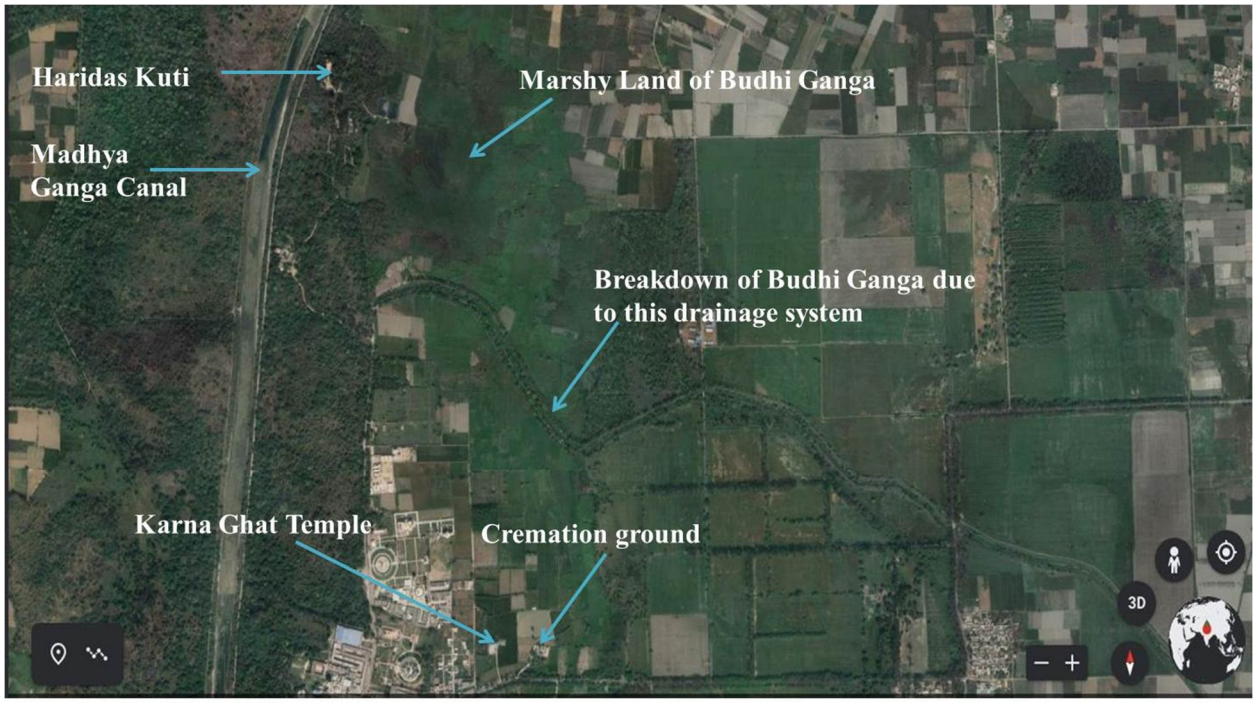


Image 1: Entry of Budhi Ganga (at present marshy land of Budhi Ganga) behind Baba Haridas Kuti in Hastinapur Kaurvan.

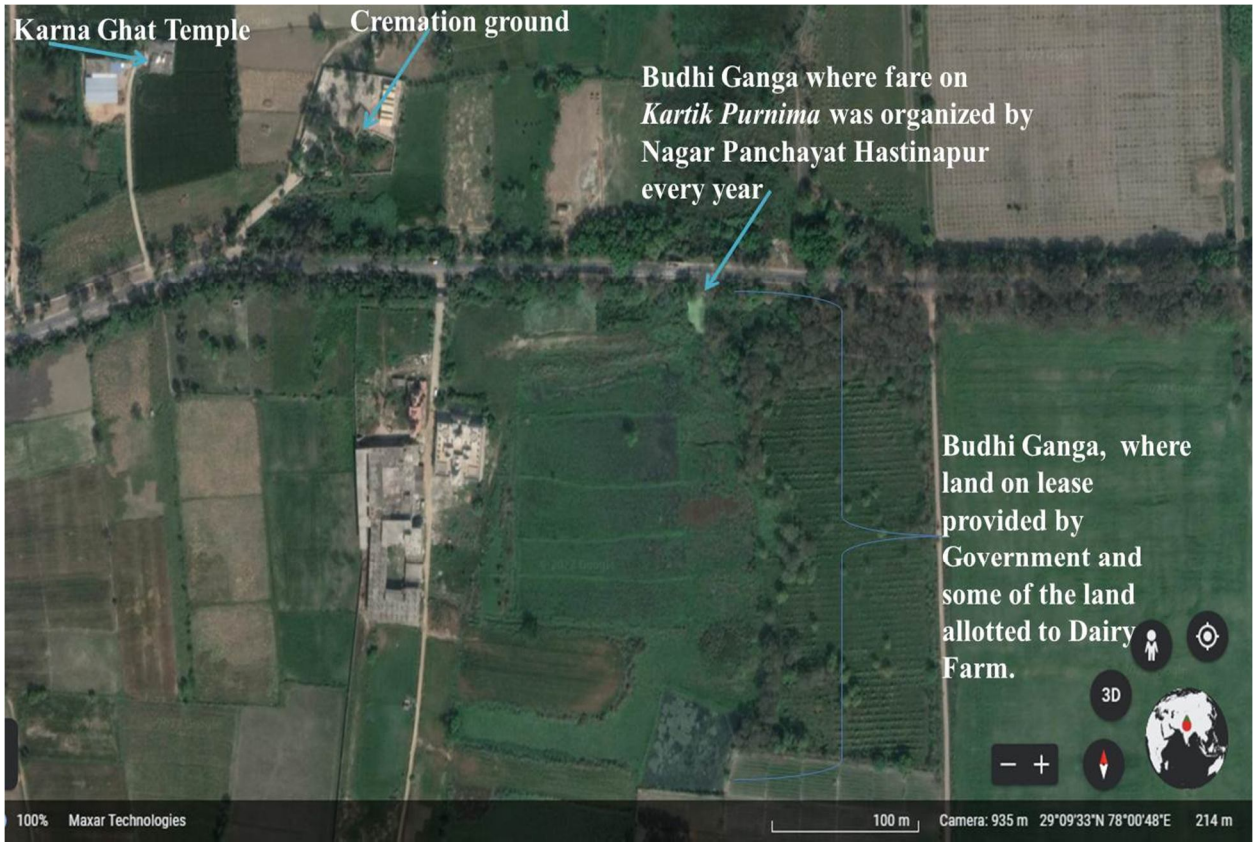


Image 2: Track of Budhi Ganga near Karna Ghat Temple and Cremation Ground in Hastinapur Kaurvan .

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Image 3: Track of Budhi Ganga in Hastinapur Pandavan situated near to Mound of Ulta Kheda.



Image 4 : Marshy land of Budhi Ganga Near Pandeshwar Temple in Hastinapur Pandavan



Image 5 : Google map showing the track of Budhi Ganga in continuity from near Pandeshwar Temple

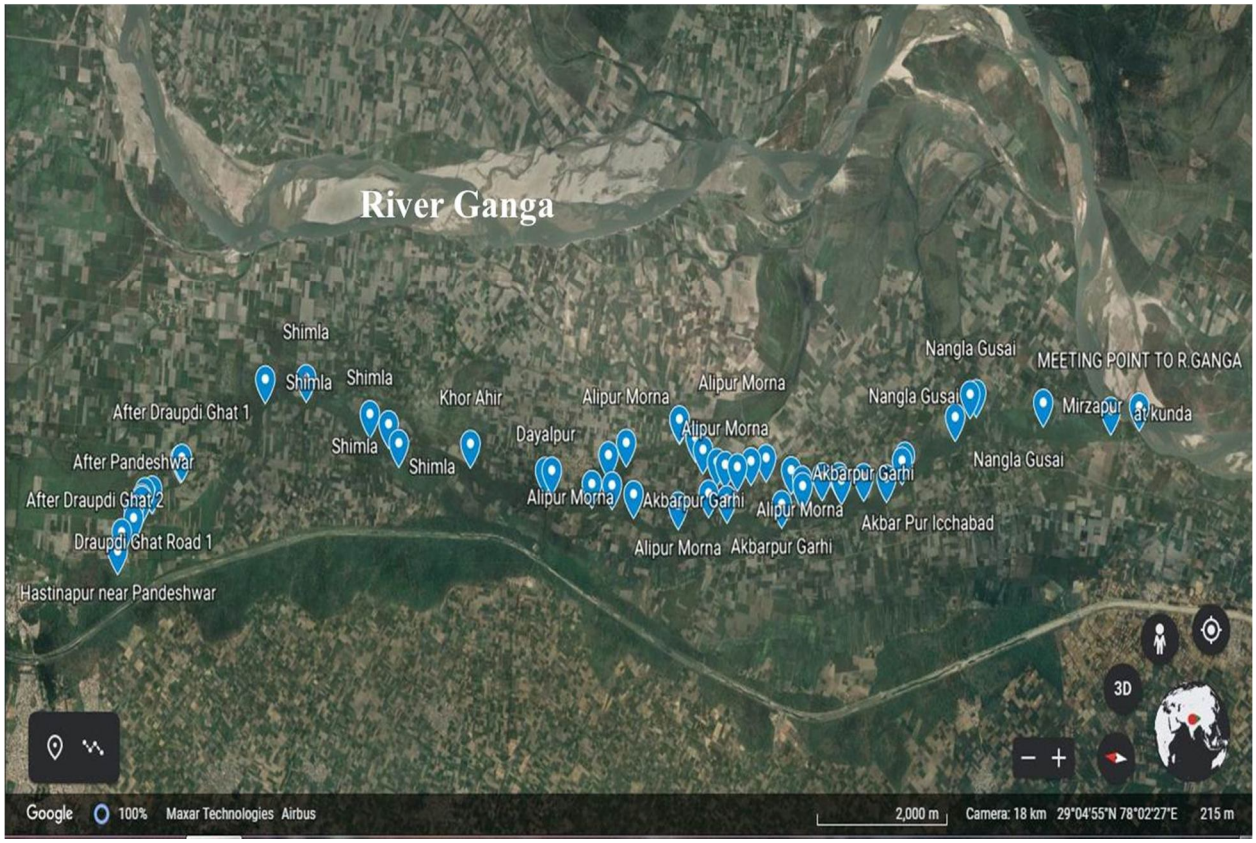


Image 6 : A complete route map of Budhi Ganga from Pandeshwar Temple to near Kunda.

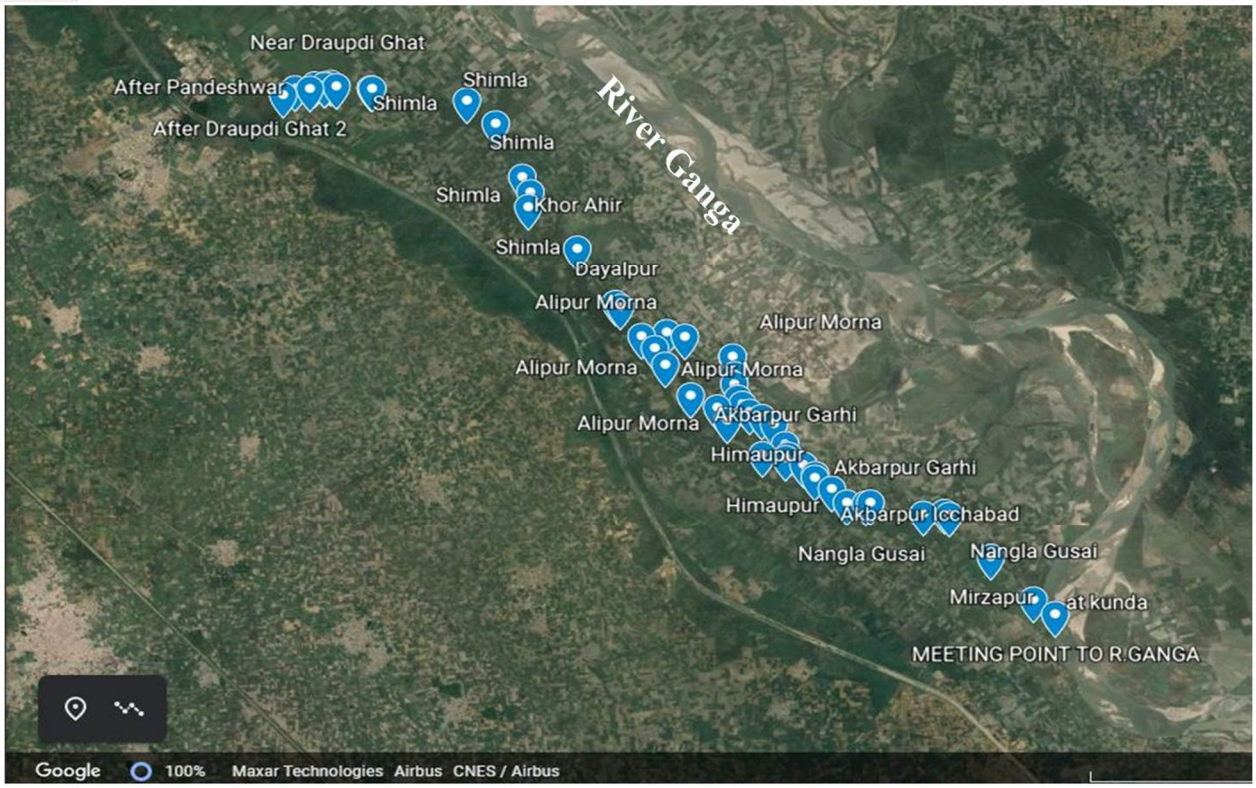


Image 7 : Flow of Budhi Ganga Starting from Pandeshwar Temple to Kunda via Draupadi Ghat, Gajupura, Shimla, Dayalpur, Alipur Morna and so on



Image 8: Marshy land of Budhi Ganga in behind Haridas Kuti (for location refer Image 1)



Image 9: Budhi Ganga, a fair is organized by local administration on *Kartik Purnima*. In inset *Asthi Kalash* has been shown, Bone immersion is also done by the people in Budhi Ganga.



Image 10: Land of Budhi Ganga on which govt. allot agricultural *pattas*



Image 11 : Budhi Ganga near Draupadi Ghat Temple.

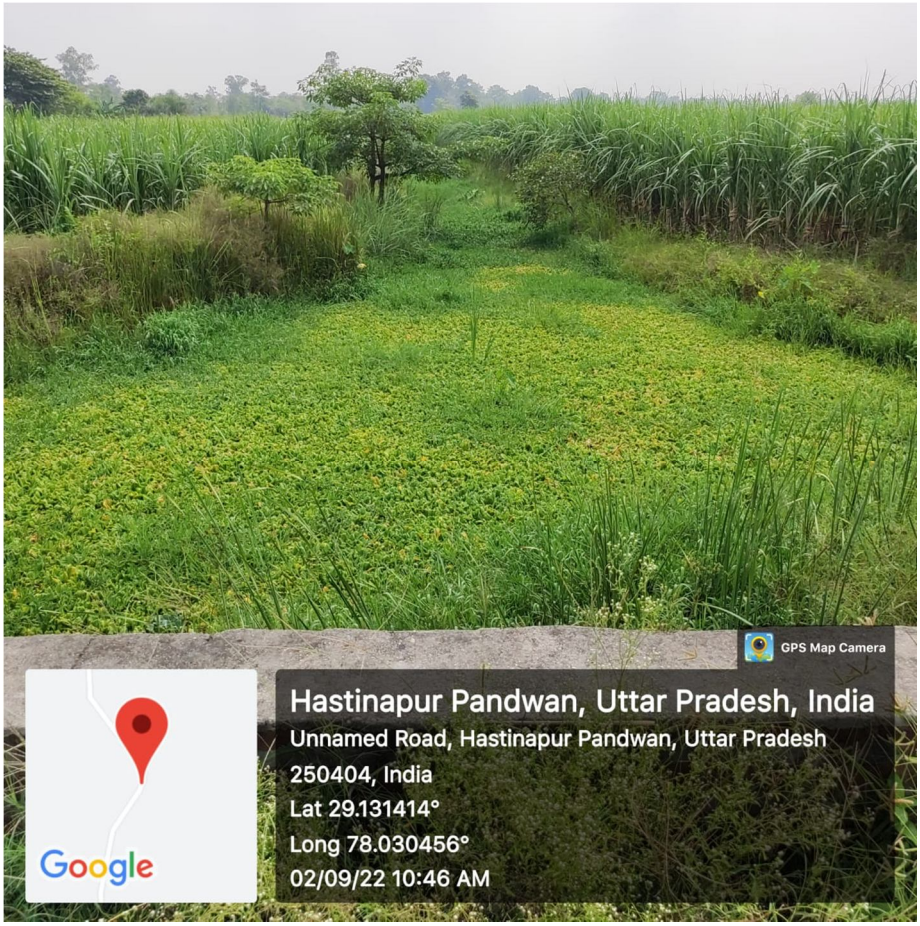


Image 12: Budhi Ganga at Hastinapur Pandwan (near Gajupura)

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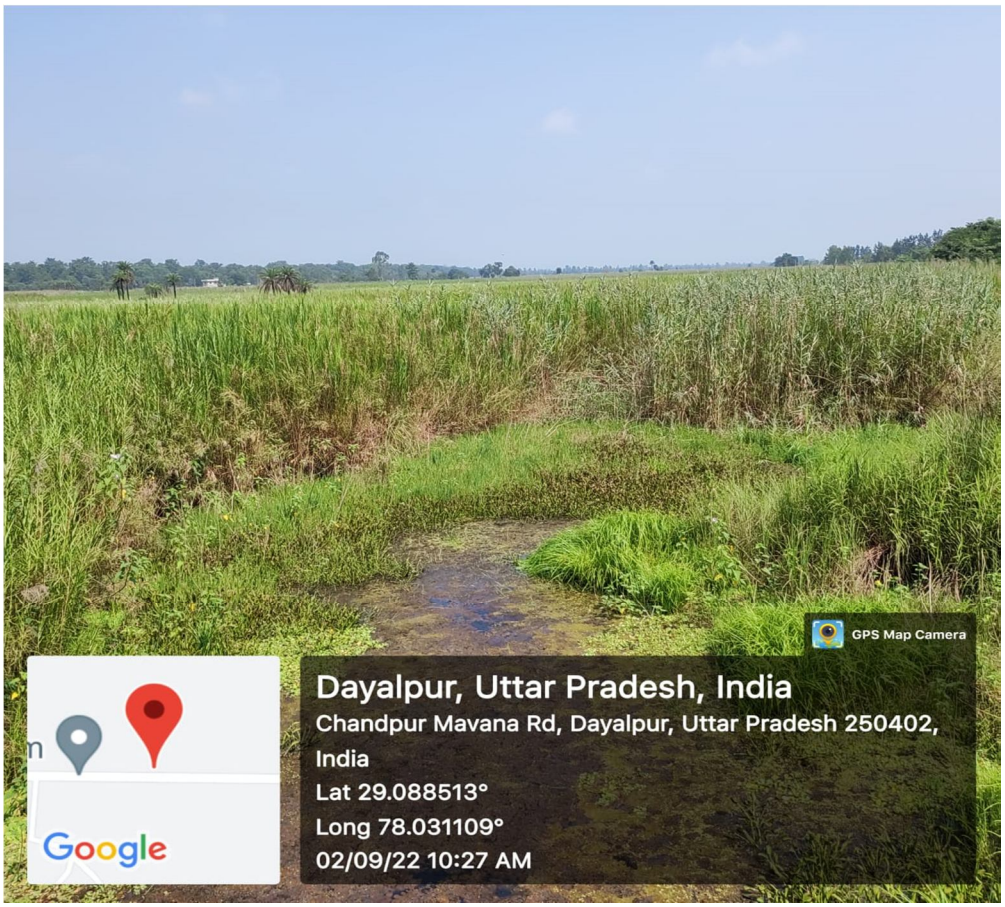


Image 13: Budhi Ganga at Dayalpur (Tehsil Mawana, District Meerut)



Image 14: Bridge on Budhi Ganga at Dayalpur (Tehsil Mawana, District Meerut)



Image 15 : Budhi Ganga at Alipur Morna (Tehsil Mawana, District Meerut)

IV. ONLY THE PLACE OF FLOW CHANGED, NOT THE WAY OF FLOW

During the research on Budhi Ganga, shocking facts were revealed, in which its flow is very important. The flow of the ancient route of Ganges (presently known as Budhi Ganga) and the current route of the Ganges are exactly the same. Just as the Ganges used to flow during the time of Mahabharata, so it is flowing today. It is clear that the flood in reign of King Nichakshu and the subsequent floods only changed the location of the Ganges and not the way it flows.

V. CONCLUSION

Hastinapur was indeed misbehaved with the Budhi Ganga moving from district Muzaffarnagar. The verses of Mahabharata, describing the Ganges in Hastinapur, do not tire, the same Ganga is crying out for compassion to save her existence today. This Budhi Ganga did not allow her existence to end. First, under the guise of arranging Bengali families changed the land-utility of the Budhi Ganga and allotted agricultural *pattas*. Indeed, the Hastinapur who protected the Ganges during the Mahabharata, in the same Hastinapur after independence, there was a period of ending this old route of Ganges. Mound of Ulta Khera has been a witness to the ferocity of the Ganges, this mound has been demolished many times by the Ganges, the evidence of this has been found in the excavations of the year 1950-52 and the year 2021-22 by the Archaeological Survey of India.

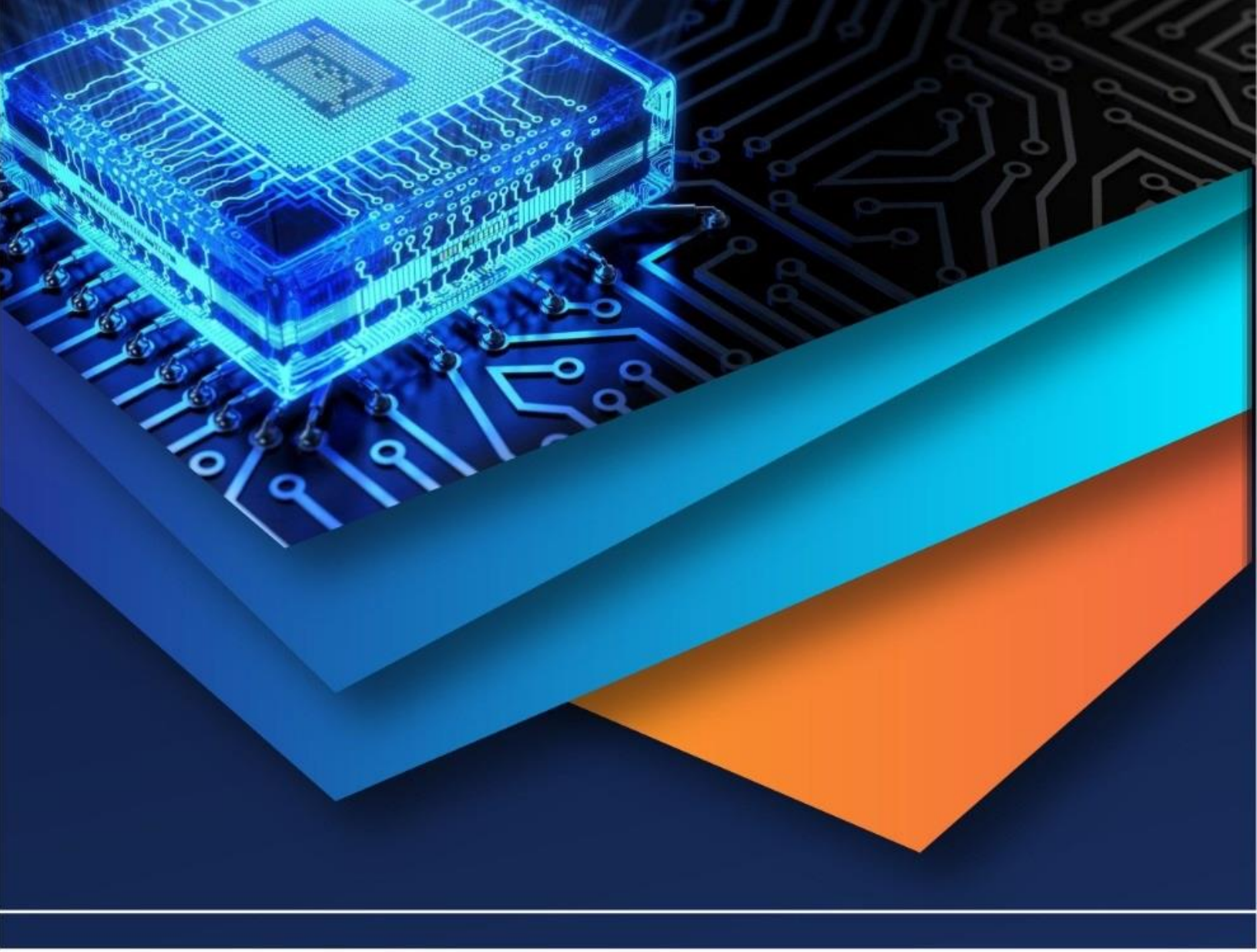
In the end, one thing is definitely that Ganga has become old in Hastinapur, but she did not let her aphorism, no matter what the crisis may come. The allotment of lease was done, but due to the marshy land, cultivation could not be done in many areas till date. Shantanu could not stand before Ganga's solemn vow; we are still ordinary human beings.

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