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Integration of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System offers tremendous scope to update theme oriented information which can be easily used for better management of the earth's environment. The biggest strength of satellite borne sensor - data is the accuracy, periodicity, speed and efficiency. Being a multi-disciplinary and integrated approach, G.I.S. is easily amenable to both - visual and digital analysis.

Since the past 2-3 decades this technology is gaining wider acceptability in the world and is increasingly being used for systematic surveying, mapping and appraisal of the status of the environment. For the urban planner, it is a real boon since it allows for continuous update on landuse-data, making it realtively easy to monitor and manage the urban sprawl and assess the impact of unregulated growth in fast growing cities.

Not many geographers have made use of these modern tools and technologies in their research, particularly while undertaking spatio-temporal analyses.

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