

EXPERIMENTAL ON POLYPROPYLENE FIBRE CONCRETE BY USING PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF NATURAL ADMIXTURE WITH FINE AGGREGATE AND TITANIUM DIOXIDE WITH CEMENT

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ABSTRACT

The strength performance of concrete reinforced with polypropylene (PP) fibre is examined in this work. Polypropylene (PP) fiber is added to M30 grade concrete in 0%, 0.5%, 1%, 1.5%, and 2%. Our ancestors employed a range of plants as natural admixtures during construction to improve the structure's overall performance. It is more appropriate to combine the traditional idea with contemporary architecture. Consequently, in lieu of chemical admixtures, the workability, compressive strengths, and porosity of herbal extracts are being evaluated. Titanium dioxide is a white mineral that occurs naturally that cleans by absorbing hazardous impurities and adding it to cement. To give porcelain enamels their brightness, hardness, and acid resistance, titanium dioxide has been used as an pacifying and bleaching agent. Natural admixture (chebula powder) is partially replaced with fine aggregate 0.25%,0.5%,0.75%,1%. Titanium dioxide is partially replaced with cement 0.25%,0.5%,0.75%,1%,1.2%. Compressive and tensile strength tests are performed on concrete at 7 and 28 days to ascertain its mechanical properties.

KEYWORDS: Polypropylene Fiber, Natural Admixture, Titanium dioxide .Compressive Strength and Split Tensile Strength

1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is the most significant foundation material in all civil engineering buildings and the most dependable and long-lasting building material in the world. Cement, water, fine aggregate, and coarse aggregate are the components of concrete. Most concretes that are used have a lime basis, such as Portland cement concrete or concretes that are made using several hydraulic cements. The most important building material is cement, and it's very likely that this material will continue to be important in the future. The materials used in building and engineering have to meet ever-increasing specifications.

During construction, our ancestors added a range of plants as admixtures to improve the overall performance of the structure. The white mineral titanium dioxide, which is found naturally, cleans the cement by absorbing harmful pollutants. Titanium dioxide is used as an opacifying and bleaching agent in porcelain enamels to give them brightness, hardness, and acid resistance. A non-polar, somewhat crystalline member of the polyolefin family is polypropylene. Its properties are comparable to polyethylene, although it is slightly stronger and more heat resistant. It is a white, mechanically tough compound that has a good chemical resistance. Bio-PP is the biobased version of polypropylene (PP). The second most widely produced commodity plastic after polyethylene is polypropylene.

2. OBJECTIVES

The following are the study's objectives:

- a. To maximise the use of Titanium dioxide in cement.
- b. To maximise the use of natural aggregate as the fine aggregate.
- c. To assess results from split tensile and compressive strength testing.

3. MATERIALS

a. Cement: The primary use of cement is as a binder in concrete, which is used in building and hardens to bond other materials. In building, ordinary Portland cement (OPC) of grade 53 is utilised.

b. Fine aggregate: Made mostly of crushed stone or natural sand, fine aggregate is a crucial component of concrete. The concrete's hardened qualities are significantly influenced by the density of tiny particles.

c. Coarse aggregate: Coarse aggregate is defined as the aggregate that is kept above IS Sieve 4.75 mm. According to IS 383:1970, the usual maximum size is progressively 10–20 mm.

d. Water: One of the most crucial components of building is water, which is needed for curing work, mixing cement concrete, and preparing mortar, among other things. The strength of the motor and cement concrete during

building is directly impacted by the quality of the water utilized.

e. Natural Admixture: Extract from Kadukkai (*Terminalia chebula*) is used as a Natural Admixture (NAD). It was collected from local stores, powdered, and combined with concrete. Its binding and hardening properties are exceptional. Keeping the previously described logic in mind, the goal of this study is to show that natural organic plant extract can be used in place of or in addition to chemical admixtures.

f. Titanium dioxide: A remarkable photocatalytic substance that gives cement-based products biocidal, self-cleaning, and smog-abating qualities. TiO₂ has an impact on how cement hydrates and how its internal structure develops. This article discusses the formation of a cement pore network and the hydration process. Titanium and oxygen combine to form titanium dioxide, a naturally occurring substance. It is a nonliving substance.

g. Polypropylene Fiber: Anon-polar, somewhat crystalline member of the polyolefifin family is polypropylene. Its properties are comparable to polyethylene, although it is slightly stronger and more heat resistant. It is a white, mechanically tough compound that has a good chemical resistance. Bio-PP is the biobased version of polypropylene (PP). The second most widely produced commodity plastic after polyethylene is polypropylene.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

a. Compressive strength test: The cube specimens of 150mm x 150mm x150mm were cast and tested in compression testing machine for 7 and 28days of curing period for different proportions of concrete mix and presented in table 2.

Table 1: Compressive strength result on concrete by chebulla powder as partial replacement of fine aggregate.

S.No.	% of Chebulla powder	Compressive Strength, N/mm ²	
		7 Days	28 Days
1	0%	25.34	38.76
2	0.25%	31.62	48.49
3	0.5%	32.71	49.64
4	0.75%	33.58	50.69
5	1%	31.69	47.73

Table 2: Compressive strength result on concrete by Titanium dioxide as partial replacement of cement

S.No	TiO ₂	Compressive strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	25.34	38.76
2	0.25%	26.71	41.59
3	0.5%	28.49	43.77
4	0.75%	29.73	45.05
5	1%	30.31	45.78
6	1.2%	29.73	44.42

Table 3: Compressive strength result by addition of Polypropylene fibre in concrete

S.No	PPF	Compressive strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	25.34	38.76
2	0.5%	27.41	42.68
3	1%	28.93	44.38
4	1.5 %	30.65	46.45
5	2%	30.12	45.44

Table 4: Compressive strength of concrete for combined partial replacement of fine aggregate by 0.75% chebulla powder + cement by 1 % Titaniumdioxide + and addition of 1.5 % Polypropylene fibre.

S.No	CP+TiO ₂ +PF	Compressive strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	25.34	38.76
2	0.75%CP+1%TiO ₂ +1.5%PPF	43.34	61.93

Split tensile strength:

At the age of 7 and 28days, the cylindrical specimens (150mm diameter x 300mm height) were tested for evaluating the split tensile strength. The experiment is performed by putting a cylindrical sample horizontally between a compression testing machines.

Table 5: Split tensile strength result on concrete by chebulla powder as partial replacement of fine aggregate.

S.No.	% of Chebulla powder	Split tensile Strength, N/mm ²	
		7 Days	28 Days
1	0%	2.65	3.87
2	0.25%	3.26	4.82
3	0.5%	3.44	4.94
4	0.75%	3.49	5.01
5	1%	3.28	4.71

Table 6: Split tensile strength result on concrete by Titanium dioxide as partial replacement of cement

S.No	TiO ₂	Split tensile strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	2.65	3.87
2	0.25%	2.84	4.15
3	0.5%	2.99	4.34
4	0.75%	3.07	4.45
5	1%	3.15	4.52
6	1.2%	3.09	4.38

Table 7: Compressive strength result by addition of Polypropylene fibre in concrete

S.No	PPF	Split tensile strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	2.65	3.87
2	0.5%	2.96	4.25
3	1%	3.08	4.42
4	1.5 %	3.16	4.59
5	2%	3.08	4.48

Table 8: Split tensile strength of concrete for combined partial replacement of fine aggregate by 0.75% chebulla powder + cement by 1% Titanium dioxide + and addition of 1.5 % Polypropylene fibre.

S.No	CP+TiO ₂ +PF	Split tensile strength results, N/mm ²	
		7 days	28 days
1	0%	2.65	3.87
2	0.75%CP+1%TiO ₂ +1.5%PPF	4.26	6.18

5. CONCLUSION:

1. At 0.75% replacement of Fine aggregate by chebulla powder the achieved compressive strength of concrete is 33.58N/mm² and 50.69N/mm² for 7 days and 28 days.
2. At 1% replacement of cement by Titanium dioxide the achieved compressive strength of concrete is 30.31N/mm² and 48.78N/mm² for 7 days and 28 days.
3. By addition of polypropylene fibre in concrete the achieved compressive strength is 30.65N/mm² and 46.45N/mm² for 7 days and 28 days.
4. Combined partial replacement of fine aggregate by 0.75% chebulla powder + cement by 1% Titanium dioxide + and addition of 1.5 % Polypropylene fibre in concrete the achieved compressive strength is 43.34N/mm² and 61.93N/mm² for 7 days and 28 days.

5. At 0.75% replacement of Fine aggregate by chebullapowder the achieved split tensile strength of concrete is 3.49N/mm^2 and 5.01N/mm^2 for 7 days and 28 days.
6. At 1% replacement of cement by Titaniumdioxide the achieved split tensile strength of concrete is 3.15N/mm^2 and 4.52N/mm^2 for 7 days and 28 days.
7. By addition of polypropylene fibre in concrete the achieved split tensile strength is 3.16N/mm^2 and 4.59N/mm^2 for 7 days and 28 days.
8. Combined partial replacement of fine aggregate by 0.75% chebulla powder + cement by 1% Titaniumdioxide + and addition of 1.5 % Polypropylene fibre in concrete the achieved split tensile strength is 4.26N/mm^2 and 6.18N/mm^2 for 7 days and 28 days.

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