

An Experimental Work on Concrete for Enhancement in Compressive Strength by Adding Bacillus Subtilis

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Abstract

Recently, bacterial concrete is gaining popularity because of the advantages such as self-healing property, accelerated sturdiness, superior strength and many others. When dwelling organisms are delivered into cementitious substances, many elements are predicted to steer their pastime. A conducive environment such as temperature, nutrients, pH etc., is essential for the survival and supposed hobby of bacteria in concrete.

In concrete, crack is very vital phenomenon due to having low tensile strength and strain which cause settlement, shrinkage and growth in concrete. Without any remedy and precaution crack is elevated furthermore require an pricey repair. In this paper the Bacillus Subtilis, a gram fantastic micro organism turned into used to result in the precipitation of calcite. This method is especially relevant due to numerous fact like it's miles pollutants free and herbal. The comparative end result is taken into consideration for evaluation of strength and durability with the addition of micro organism in cracked specimen. The average percentage power of mortar cubes advanced with controlled concentration of micro organism.

1. Introduction

The rising technologies toward the evolution of concrete from normal concrete to distinctive types of concrete which include excessive power (HS), high performance concrete (HPC), extremely-excessive overall performance (UHPC), self-compacting (SSC), fibre bolstered concrete (FRC) and so forth., is developing at the faster rate to reap the intention in terms of electricity and durability. In the past few many years enormous paintings has been done with the intention to enhance

the overall performance by means of software of diverse materials and technology. Among all the influential elements, nutrients for the survival of bacteria in cement mortar is considered within the take a look at. Compressive electricity are determined at diverse degrees of curing to observe the influence of bacterial hobby in concrete Compressive energy are determined at numerous levels of curing to have a look at the affect of bacterial hobby in concrete.

Microbial mineral precipitation due to metabolic activities of some particular microorganisms in concrete to improve the overall behaviour of concrete has emerge as an critical area. In the recent past, researchers located that compressive strength and sturdiness of cementitious device may be advanced with the inclusion of microorganisms.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

In order to perform the mission paintings various literatures had been studied and findings received through them had been used to become aware of the studies vicinity, summarizations of literatures are as follows:-

- A method of power development of cement-sand mortar by way of the microbiologically precipitated mineral precipitation became defined by means of P.Ghosh et al. (2005). A thermophilic anaerobic microorganism is included at exceptional cellular concentrations with the integration water. The look at showed that a 25% boom in 28 day compressive power of cement mortar changed into performed with the addition of approximately a hundred and five cellular/ml of mixing water. The power development is because of boom of filler material inside the pores of the cement-

sand matrix as shown by the scanning electron microscopy. The change in pore size distribution and total pore extent of cement–sand mortar because of such increase is also cited. E. Coli microorganisms were also used in the cement mortar for assessment, however no development in power changed into observed.-“**Use of microorganism to enhance the strength of cement mortar**”.

- As artificial polymers, used for concrete restore, may be dangerous to the environment, using a organic restore approach turned into investigated via K. Van Tittelboom et al. (2010). These caused crystals can consequently fill the cracks. The crack recuperation ability of bacteria and conventional restore strategies had been as compared on this studies by means of water permeability checks, ultrasound transmission measurements and visible examination. Thermo gravimetric evaluation confirmed that micro organism were capable of precipitate CaCO_3 crystals within the cracks. It was seen that natural micro organism cultures had been now not able to bridge the cracks. However, whilst micro organism were protected in silica gel, cracks had been crammed completely.-“**Use of bacteria to repair cracks in concrete.**”

- Microbially more desirable calcite precipitation on concrete or mortar had emerge as an essential place of studies concerning construction substances. Study examined through V.Achal et al. (2011) said the impact of calcite precipitation triggered by means of *Sporosarcina pasteurii* (Bp M-3) on parameters affecting the sturdiness of concrete or mortar. An less expensive industrial waste, corn steep liquor (CSL), from starch enterprise changed into used as nutrient supply for the increase of bacteria and calcite manufacturing, and the consequences obtained with CSL have been in comparison with the ones of the same old business medium. Bacterial deposition of a layer of calcite at the floor of the specimens ended in big decrease of water uptake, permeability, and chloride penetration in comparison with control specimens without bacteria. The results obtained with CSL medium had been similar to the ones received with popular medium, indicating the economization of the biocalcification process. The consequences endorse that calcifying bacteria play an

vital position in enhancing the durability of concrete systems.- “**Effect of calcifying bacteria on permeation properties of concrete structures,**”

Fly ash acts as a partial alternative fabric for both Portland cement and first-class combination. An innovative method of microbial calcite precipitation in fly ash-amended concrete have been investigated. This is the first document through V.Achal et al. (2011) to discuss the position of microbial calcite precipitation in improving the sturdiness of fly ash-amended concrete.. Treated mortar cubes absorbed more than three instances less water than control cubes due to microbial calcite deposition. Microbial deposition of a layer of calcite on the floor of the concrete specimens ended in massive lower of water uptake and permeability in comparison to manipulate specimens without micro organism. Microbial cells additionally averted ingress of water correctly in specific concentrations of fly ash-amended concrete. Scanning Electron Micrography (SEM) analyses evidenced the direct involvement of micro organism in calcite precipitation. The technique of the prevailing observe gives us twin surroundings pleasant benefits. First, use of fly ash-a recovered aid reduces depletion of herbal sources and additionally reduces the energy-intensive production of different concrete substances, main to savings in each power utilization and emissions of greenhouse gases.- “**Improved strength and durability of fly ash amended concrete by microbial calcite precipitation.**”

Microorganism is a unique residing element and has the capacity to precipitate minerals via the process of biomineralization. The precipitation process happened evidently and maximum of the prompted products are very important compound composed of including carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur, phosphorus and silica. So some distance, concrete incorporated with microorganism that capable of precipitate calcium carbonate (calcite) changed into mentioned. However, little records on silica precipitation and its effect on concrete properties have been revealed. The concrete specimens had been incorporated with *Bacillus subtilis* silica adsorbed in their cellular wall via H Afifudin et al. (2011) -. Concrete specimens with 5 distinct

concentrations of Bacillus subtilis cell with 104, a hundred and five, 106 and 107 cellular/ml and control (without Bacillus subtilis) were forged. The experimental investigation made to show that the silica precipitated through this microorganism can beautify the concrete houses namely its compressive power and resistance to carbonation. The microstructure of the concrete contained Bacillus subtilis become additionally tested. It turned into observed that the inclusion of Bacillus subtilis into the concrete better the compressive electricity. The concentration of 106 cell/ml become discovered to be the premier concentration to offer most more desirable effect to the compressive energy. However the effect of such as Bacillus subtilis to the resistance to carbonation of the concrete specimen is determined to be insignificant.- **“Microorganism precipitation in enhancing concrete properties.”**

3. MIX DESIGN

Concrete Mix Design

Concrete blend design is defined as the suitable choice and proportioning of elements to provide a concrete with pre-described characteristics inside the fresh and hardened states.

In widespread, concrete mixes have been designed a good way to gain a exact workability, electricity and durability. The choice and proportioning of materials depend on the structural necessities of the concrete, the surroundings to which the structure may be uncovered, the site conditions, particularly the techniques of concrete production, shipping, placement, compaction and completing and so forth.

Design stipulations: The following are layout prerequisites for which layout is made in IS technique. The popular aggregate length, publicity environment and fine control shall be given as in keeping with actual site conditions.

- a) Characteristic compressive strength required 30 N/mm²

- b) Maximum size of aggregates 20 mm
c) Degree of workability compacting factor 0.90
d) Degree of quality control Good
e) Type of exposure Mild

Data required

The required details of material traits like specific gravity, water absorption and moisture content for mix design are shown below. The houses of substances had been tested inside the laboratory and the outcomes are produced.

Table 1:

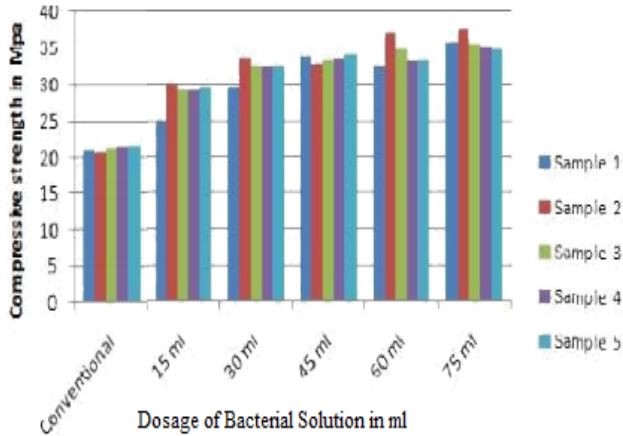
Sl. No.	Properties	Values
1	Specific gravity of cement	3.15
2	Specific gravity of coarse aggregate	2.78
3	Specific gravity of fine aggregate	2.64
4	Water absorption (Coarse aggregate)	1%
5	Water absorption (Fine aggregate)	1.2%
6	Free surface moisture(Coarse aggregate)	Nil
7	Free surface moisture (Fine aggregate)	2.0%

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

Table 2: compressive strength test results 7days

Type Of concrete	Compressive strength of concrete after 7 days				
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5
Conventional	20.8	20.7	21.1	21.4	21.5
15 ml	25	30.2	29.1	29.2	29.4
30 ml	29.7	33.6	32.4	32.5	32.6
45 ml	33.8	32.74	33.27	33.54	34.1
60 ml	32.5	37.2	34.85	33.3	33.2
75 ml	35.8	37.6	35.7	35.3	34.9



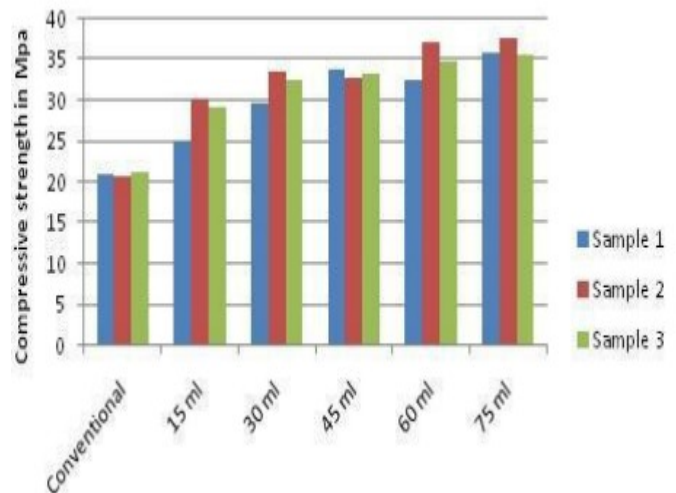
Graph 1: compressive strength test results 7days

Table 4: compressive strength test results 28days

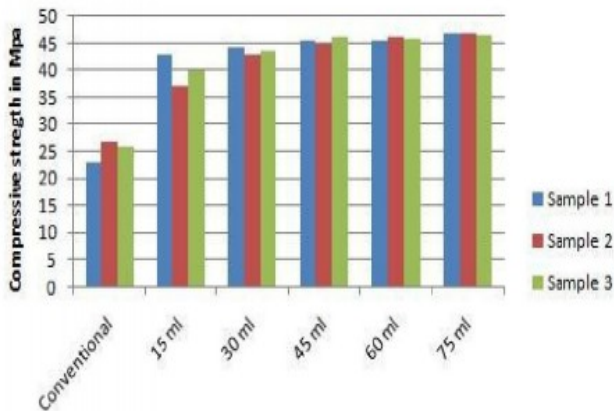
Type of concrete	Compressive strength of Concrete after 28 Days		
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Conventional	31.45	33.9	36.81
15 ml	42.6	48.3	46.9
30 ml	54.5	51.9	53.2
45 ml	51.6	55.4	53.7
60 ml	53.8	54.1	53.95
75 ml	49.7	52.9	51.0

Table 3: compressive strength test results 14days

Type of concrete	Compressive strength of Concrete after 14 Days		
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Conventional	22.8	26.7	25.83
15 ml	43.0	37.1	40.05
30 ml	44.2	42.9	43.55
45 ml	45.4	44.8	46.1
60 ml	45.6	46.2	45.7
75 ml	46.9	46.7	46.5



Graph 3: compressive strength test results 28days



Graph 2: compressive strength test results 14days

Table No 5: Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity Reading

SR No.	Property of Concrete	RCC Member	Prob. Distance mm	Time Micro sec	Velocity Km/sec	Probing Method
1	Conventional Concrete	Cube	150	29.3	5.12	Direct
2	Bacterial concrete					
	15 ml	Cube	150	29.8	5.03	Direct
	30 ml	Cube	150	28.3	5.30	Direct
	45 ml	Cube	150	29	5.17	Direct
	60 ml	Cube	150	30.2	4.97	Direct
	75 ml	Cube	150	29.2	5.14	Direct

4.2 Split tensile test :-

Split tensile strength for 7 days

S.N O	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)
1	0.989	1.257

Split tensile strength for 14 days

S.N O	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)
1	2.26	2.857

Split tensile strength for 28 days

S.NO	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)
1	3.68	4.24

4.3 Flexural test:-

Flexural strength for 7 days

S.N O	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)
1	5.24	6.4

Flexural strength for 14 days

S.N O	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)

1	7.24	8.2
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Flexural strength for 28 days

S.N O	Conventional concrete(N/mm ²)	Bacterial concrete(N/mm ²)
1	8.64	9.48

5. CONCLUSION

The Bacillus subtilis had been removed from soil and this bacteria are surroundings pleasant which is proved to be safe.

If microbiology laboratory is developed, the lifestyle and increase of bacteria can be done at negligible fee. Hence it is able to be value effective also.

The end may be summarized as:

The compressive strength was discovered to increase with bacterial addition and this increase is especially because of deposition of microbial brought on calcium carbonate precipitation on the microorganism cell surfaces and in the pores of the mortar. It was observed that during normal mortar, the compressive strength turned into improved with the increase in bacterial cellular concentration as much as 106 cells/ml. Maximum growth in compressive strengths turned into achieved at 106 cells/ml.

The percent increase in compressive energy of 45ml and 60ml bacterial concrete the usage of B. Subtilis for 7 days is higher than traditional concrete.

Bacteria can further be used in mortar and bricks to enhance their homes. Crack remediation the use of bacterial concrete is higher than epoxy remedies. Although the cracks appeared to be completely healed from the surface, they remained partly or absolutely open for each manipulate and micro organism primarily based mortar for the final inner portions of the crack. However, on the same time it is able to be visible from the outcomes that the micro organism based totally self-

recovery agent can be efficiently applied to enhance the self-restoration ability since it results within the formation of a dense layer of precipitates along the crack wall and everywhere in the surface of the specimen as properly.

It is thought that bacterial based totally self-restoration method can be employed to concrete structures that aren't effortlessly handy for preservation restore which include underground structures, bridges, and dams. As the cracks may be immediately sealed, the protection costs may be reduced and the carrier life of the systems can be extended even though the initial expenses are assumed to be higher.

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