

Experimental Study on Partial Replacement of Cement with Fly Ash And Coarse Aggregate With Sea Shells In Concrete

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Abstract- *The project “Experimental Study on partial Replacement of cement with Fly Ash and Coarse Aggregate with Sea Shells in Concrete” deals with the Eco Friendly approach to the continuously growing construction Industry. Civil engineering practice and construction works in India depend to a very large extent on concrete. Concrete is one of the major building materials that can be delivered to the job site in a plastic state and can be molded in situ or precast to any form or shape. Concrete basic constituents are cement, fine aggregate (sand), coarse aggregate (granite chippings) and water. Hence, the overall cost of concrete production depends largely on the availability of the constituents (and selected additives).*

Water reacts chemically with cement to form the cement paste, acts as binder holding the aggregate together which is an exothermic hydration reaction. Aggregates are usually described as inert “filler” material of either the fine (sand) or coarse (gravel) variety which are Conventional or Natural Materials. Now a days, we are facing drastic shortage of conventional construction materials, Lack of economical materials, Depletion in Natural materials and day by day it is further increasing so it is required to provide alternative to this condition for Sustainable Development and study proposed some materials can replace these materials efficiently.

Seashell and Fly ash are the materials which looks like a waste but these contains Engineering properties which can replace conventional construction materials like Aggregate and Cement. Seashell is a hard, protective layer, a calcareous exoskeleton which encloses, supports and protects the soft parts of an animal (molluscs). As they grow, the shells increases in size which becomes a strong compact casing for the mollusc inside. The major mollusc seashell includes, bivalves such as clams, scallops, and cockle. The hard shells are regarded as waste, which are accumulated in many parts of the country, when dumped and left untreated may cause unpleasant odour and disturbing view to the surrounding. Also the aggregate surface texture influences the bond between

aggregate and cement paste in hardened concrete. Thus it opens an investigation into its potential as a partial replacement of coarse aggregate.

Fly ash is a black finely divided residue resulting from the combustion of powdered coal and transported by the flue gases and collected by the electrostatic precipitator. It is obtained from a nearby thermal power plant site.

I. INTRODUCTION

General :

Infrastructure development across the world created demand for construction materials. Concrete is the premier civil engineering construction material. Concrete manufacturing involve consumption of ingredients, aggregates, water and admixture. Among all the ingredients, aggregates form the major part. Two billion tons of aggregate are produced each year the United States. Production is expected to increase to more than 2.5 billion tons per by the year 2020. Use of natural aggregate in such a rate leads to a question about the preservation of natural aggregates sources. In addition, operations associated with aggregate extraction and processing are the principal causes of environmental concerns. In light of this, in the contemporary civil engineering construction, using alternative materials in place of natural aggregate in concrete production makes concrete as sustainable and environmentally friendly construction material. Different alternative waste materials and industrial byproducts such as fly ash, bottom ash, recycled aggregates, foundry sand, china clay sand, crumb rubber, glass were replaced with natural aggregate and investigated properties of the concretes.

The basic constituents of concrete are cement, water and aggregate (and selected additives). Cement is produced by heating limestone and clay to very high temperatures in a rotating kiln. Cement is produced by grinding the resulting clinker to a fine powder. Water reacts chemically with cement to form the cement paste, which essentially acts as the “glue”

(or binder) holding the aggregate together. The reaction is an exothermic hydration reaction. The water cement ratio is an important variable that needs to be "optimized". High ratios produce relatively porous concrete of low strength, whereas too low a ratio will tend to make the mix unworkable. Aggregates are usually described as inert "filler" material of either the fine (sand) or coarse (stone) variety. Aggregate tends to represent a relatively high volume percentage of concrete, to minimize costs of the material.

Recent investigation of Indian sea shells has indicated greater scope for their utilization as a construction material. Greater utilization of sea shells will lead to not only saving such construction material but also assists in solving the problem of disposal of this waste product. So the need for the replacement of the present material that is the concrete manufacturing has to be changed to meet the needs of the structures. So the most economical, ecological, light – weight and increasing the ease of work construction of the structure is important in the present economy. So the role of the light – weight concrete has come into the field.

Use of Alternative Materials:

Answer is simple due to increase in cost of normal coarse aggregate it has forced the civil engineers to find out suitable alternatives to it. A modern lifestyle, alongside the advancement of technology has led to an increase in the amount and type of waste being generated, leading to a waste disposal crisis. This waste may be generated from construction fields, such as demolished concrete, glass, and plastic.

More production equals more waste, more waste creates environmental concerns of toxic threat. An economical viable solution to this problem should include utilization of waste materials for new products which in turn minimize the heavy burden on the nation's landfills. Recycling of waste construction materials saves natural resources, saves energy, reduces solid waste, reduces air and water pollutants and reduces greenhouse gases.

The construction industry can start being aware of and take advantage of the benefits of using waste and recycled materials.

Need of Study:

As modern engineering practices become more demanding, there is a corresponding need for special types of materials with novel properties. Scientists, engineers and technologists are continuously on the searching for materials, which can act as substitute for conventional materials or which

possess such properties as would enable new designs and innovations resulting in to economy, so that a structure can be built economically. Many attempts have been made to develop new materials, which is the combination of two or more materials. Such materials are called composite materials. Concrete can be concluded as a composite material as it is a mixture of different materials. For reducing the cost of concrete, greater use of pozzolanic materials like fly ash and blast furnace slag was suggested for the cement, sea shells, glass and ceramic material are used in case of fine aggregates, when coming to case of coarse aggregates palm kernel shells, coconut shells and sea shells.

The use of these materials as the substitute material in concrete would reduce the disposal problem now faced by thermal power plants and industrial plants, agricultural areas and at the same time achieving the required strength of concrete. Already many investigations have been going on the partial replacement of coconut shells in place of coarse aggregate. In the present investigation sea shells has been used as partial replacement of coarse aggregate and cement by lime powder. Sea shells are also available in large quantities.



Fig.1 Sea Shells (Cockle Shells)



Fig.2. Fly Ash

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Review Of Literature:

Many researchers have studied the engineering properties of sea shell, crushed sea shell aggregates and seashell ash in the recent past.

A.P. Adewuyi and T. Adegoke et al (2008) concluded that, the strength of periwinkle shell concrete is determined based on the properties of the shells and various percentage replacements; Concrete with 35.4% and 42.5% periwinkle shells inclusion can still give the minimum 28-day cube strength values of 21 N/mm² and 15 N/mm² expected for concrete mixes 1:2:4 and 1:3:6, respectively.

J.O. Osarenmwinda and A.O. Awaro (2009) investigated the potential of periwinkle shell as coarse aggregate for concrete. The results showed that concretes produced with ratio (1:1:2, 1:2:3 and 1:2:4) mixes indicated compressive strengths of 25.67 N/mm², 19.5 N/mm² and 19.83 N/mm² at 28 days curing age respectively.

These strength values met the ASTM-77 recommended minimum strength of 17 N/mm² for structural light weight concrete while the mixes with compressive strengths of 14 N/mm² and 16.5 N/mm² respectively did not meet the standard values.

Falade, Ikponmwosa and Ojediran (2010) investigated the behavior of lightweight concrete containing periwinkle shells at elevated temperature and found that the compressive strength decreased with increase in water/cement ratio and temperature.

Festus, A. O., Oriyomi, M. O. and Olatunji, S. O. (2012) conducted experiments to assess the suitability of periwinkle shell ash as partial replacement for Ordinary Portland cement and found that that the crushing strength decreases as the percentage of Periwinkle Shell Ash (PSA) increases and the crushing strength increases as the age of curing increases for each of the percentage replacement. Also the initial and final setting time of the OPC/PSA mixes (at 5% and 10%) was found to increase with increasing replacement, this means that PSA concrete is not susceptible to the problem of flash and false set.

O.Ettu, O. M. Ibearugbulem, J. C. Ezeh, and U. C. Anya et al(2013) concluded that the density of the concrete decreased with increase in the percentage of periwinkle shells, from 2466.67 Kg/m³ for 25% periwinkle shell replacement at a mix ratio of 1: 1.5: 3 to 2103.33 Kg/m³ for 75% periwinkle shell

replacement at a mix ratio of 1: 2.5: 3. Values of 28-day compressive strength ranged from 24.15 N/mm² for 75% periwinkle shell replacement to 33.63 N/mm² at 25% replacement. Most of these values hardly satisfy the minimum 25 N/mm² requirement.

Gurikini Lalitha, C. Krishna Raju (2014) studied the performance of M30 concrete with partial replacement of seashells and coconut shells. They found that the compressive strength of the concrete cubes has gradually decreased from addition of 10% (5% + 5%) of coconut shells and sea shells. Whereas comparing to traditional concrete, compressive strength of 10% (5% + 5%) of coconut shells (5%) and sea shells (5%) increased. It can be observed that very few experimental studies have been reported in the literature. Hence, a detailed experimental investigation has been carried out on mechanical properties of concrete by varying the percentages of seashell. Recommendations on the optimum seashell content as a coarse aggregate is made based upon experimental results.

The present proposed study is expected to produce results to enhance the understanding of the seashell as a coarse aggregate in concrete along with partial replacement of cement by fly ash of 25%. Further it was planned to extend the studies into workability characteristics while using seashell as partial replacement. This can be effectively used for the improved concrete construction with local materials.

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Adarsh, A.S and Senthil Kumar, G.R (2018) an experimental study on role of marine shells in cement mortar preparation. In this study *Meretrix casta* (bivalve) shell powder has experimented as a partial replacement in cementations mortar compositions. *Meretrix casta* shell powder (MCSP) as partial replacement for cement in the cement mortar with 8.33%, 8.75% and 8.95% of the cement weight. 7days and 28 days compressive strengths of cured mortar cube specimens were analyzed. The optimum

compressive strength is obtained at 8.95% replacement of meretrix casta shell powder in place of cement. Gurikini lalitha, C.Krishana Raju (2014) studied the performance of M30 concrete with partial replacement of sea shells and coconut shells. Coarse aggregate is replaced with sea shells and coconut shells at different proportions. Results produced that compressive strength of concrete cubes has gradually decreased from addition of 10 % (5%+5%) of coconut shells and sea shells. Whereas comparing to traditional concrete, compressive strength of 10 % (5%+5%) of coconut shells 5% of seashells increased.

The literature review presents the current state of knowledge and examples of successful uses of alternative materials in concrete technology.

Objective and Scope:

The objective of the research proposal is to study the influence of percentage of seashell as partial replacement of coarse aggregate and percentage of fly ash as partial replacement of cement on mechanical properties of concrete to establish the optimum percentage of seashell and fly ash, for the chosen size and type of seashell aggregate especially in coastal and riverine areas. The detailed scope of the study is summarized as below:

- a) To study the mechanical properties of seashell and Fly ash (used as a substitute to conventional construction materials like cement & coarse aggregates)
- b) To observe the performance of concrete mixes containing 0%, 5%, 10% and 15% of seashell as partial replacement of coarse aggregate along with partial replacement of cement by fly ash of about 0%, 5%, 10% and 15% to evaluate the mechanical properties of concrete such as compressive strength, split tensile strength and flexural strength characteristics.
- c) To analyze and study the effect of varying percentages of seashell and fly ash and comparing the results with normal concrete without any replacements for use.
- d) To perform the slump cone test and analyzing the variation of slump values for different percentages of fly ash & seashell to obtain the workability characteristics of the concrete with partially replaced fly ash as cement & seashell as coarse aggregate.
- e) To obtain the optimum percentage of seashells and fly ash based upon the test results and their suitability to Concrete.

III. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

Why Seashell and Fly Ash Replacement:

As there is a rapid development in and around. Infrastructure was developing day by day. There by we can see all type of construction around us taking in to the focus, to reduce the cost of construction we need to implement new techniques and partial replacement of materials. Concrete is a composite material consisting mainly of cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, water. The partial replacement is done in order to reduce the cement content and cost of materials. In this project, we present an experimental study on partial replacement of sea shells and fly ash with coarse aggregate and cement. This will be studied on workability, compressive strength, flexural strength, and split tensile strength at 7days and 28 days taken at room temperature of M35 concrete with partial replacements of cement by fly ash 5%, 10% and 15% and partial replacement of sea shells with coarse aggregate by 5%, 10% and 15%. The obtained results are compared with conventional concrete.

This Experiment report shows the exploratory study on the suitability of the cockle shells as partial replacement for in concrete. In developing countries where concrete is widely used, the high and steadily increasing cost of concrete has made construction very expensive. The high cost of conventional building materials is a major factor affecting housing delivery in world. This has necessitated research into alternative materials of construction and analyzing tensile and Compressive strength characteristics of concrete produced using by sea shells as substitutes for conventional coarse aggregate with partial replacement using M35 grade concrete.

The continuous expansion of the built environment causes the depletion of natural aggregates with an attendant effect on the cost of concrete. To keep the cost concrete production affordable while maintaining sustainable environment, several investigations have been carried out in the past decades on utilization of waste materials like Fly ash, cockle shells etc. as substitute for conventional Building Materials.

Materials:

Cement -The most common cement used is Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC).The OPC is of 53 grade confirming to IS: 12269-1987 is been used. The properties of the cement are specific gravity of 2.93, normal consistency of 28%, initial and final setting time of 27 min and 535 min respectively.

Table 1: Physical properties of Cement

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Standard Consistency	28 %
2	Specific gravity	2.93
3	Initial setting time	27 Minutes
4	Final setting time	535 Minutes

Fine Aggregate (V.S.I.) - The sieve analysis for fine aggregate (V.S.I – Vertical Shaft Impact) expressed a fineness modulus of 2.36. Specific gravity of fine aggregate is 2.65. The properties of Fine aggregates such as Specific gravity, Fineness modulus, Water absorption, Grading of fine aggregates are determined. Fine aggregate conforming to IS 383-1970.

Table 2: Physical properties of Fine Aggregate

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Specific Gravity	2.65
2	Fineness modulus	2.36
3	Total water absorption	1.25%
4	Grading zone	III

Coarse Aggregate- The coarse aggregate used in concrete mix is of nominal size of 20 mm aggregates with a specific gravity of 2.82. The properties of coarse aggregates such as maximum nominal size, Specific gravity, Water absorption, Fineness modulus, Toughness, Hardness, Bulk density are studied. The properties of coarse aggregates are determined by using IS: 383-1970.

Table 3: Physical properties of Coarse Aggregate

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Size	20mm
2	Total water absorption	0.86%
3	Specific gravity	2.82
4	Fineness modulus	7.20

Fly ash- Fly ash is a black finely divided residue resulting from the combustion of powdered coal and transported by the flue gases and collected by the electrostatic precipitator. It is obtained from a nearby thermal power plant. Specific gravity of fly ash is 2.2 .

Table 4: Physical properties of Fly Ash

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Size	Spherical(10–100 μ)
2	Total water absorption	0.02%
3	Specific gravity	2.2
4	Form	Fine Powder

Seashell-Seashell is a waste obtained from disintegration of dead animals. Seashell consists of three layers outer, intermediate and inner layer. Outer layer is made up of calcite material whereas inner layer is otherwise known as nacre which is made up of calcium carbonate. Since 95% of calcium carbonate present in seashell, it has the strength nearly equal to coarse aggregate. The seashells of 20 mm size were sieved and used. Its Moisture content is Nil, Specific Gravity is 2.34.

Table 5: Physical properties of Sea Shells (Cockle Shells)

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Size	20 mm
2	Total water absorption	Nil
3	Specific gravity	2.34
4	Fineness modulus	7.20



Water- Normal tap water was used to mix the concrete with a water cement ratio of 0.45 obtained from slump test.

Water fit for drinking is generally considered fit for making concrete. Water should be free from acids, oils, alkalis, vegetable or other organic impurities. Water is used for mixing, curing purpose should be clean and potable, fresh and free from any bacteria and desire matter confirming to IS 3025-1964 is used for mixing. Soft water also produces weaker concrete. Water has two functions in concrete mix. Firstly, it reacts with the cement to form a cement paste; secondly it serves as a vehicle or lubricant in the mixture of fine aggregate and cement. Water is a key ingredient in the manufacturer of concrete

Table 6: Physical properties of Water

Sr. No	Property	Test results
1	Quality	Clean & Potable
2	Specific gravity	1.00

IV. CONCRETE MIX DESIGN

Mix Proportion

Cement: Sand: Aggregate

538.13 kg: 586.03 kg: 1162.12

Mix Proportion 1: 1.34: 2.65

Result (calculations)

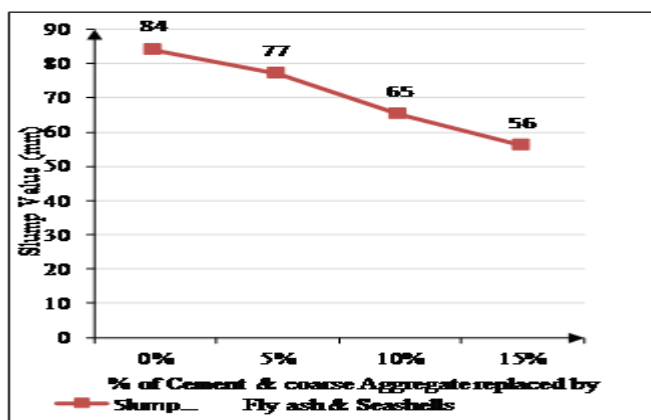
1. Workability Of Fly ash & Sea Shell Concrete:

The workability of M 35 grade of concrete is measured by widely used empirical test i.e. slump test with w/c ratio 0.45 for addition of different percentage Of Fly ash & Sea Shell (Cockle Shell).

Values obtain for different percentage mix is as show in following Table .

Table 7: Slump values for different percentage of mix

% of Cement & coarse Aggregate replaced by Fly ash & Seashells	Slump value (mm)
0	84
5	77
10	65
15	56



Graph 1: Slump Value

2. Compressive Strength:

The result of compressive strength After 7 days and 28 days are recorded. Result indicate that as we increase percentage of Fly ash and Cockle Shells from 0% to 15% it’s compressive strength increases after further increment in percentage of Fly ash and Cockle Shells there is loss in compressive strength. That means we can replace up to 15% natural coarse aggregate by Fly ash and Cockle Shells.

6.2.1 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CONCRETE AT DIFFERENT STAGE

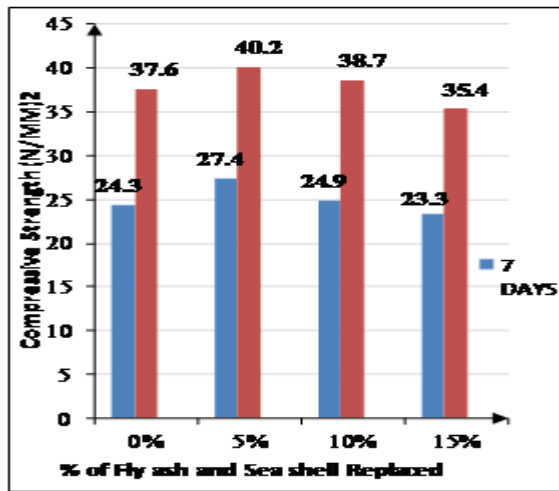
Table 8: Compressive Strength at 7 days

Different % Mix	No of Samples	Compressive Testing Reading	Compressive Strength	Average Compressive Strength (mpa)
0%	1	846.02	37.6	37.6
	2	841.56	37.4	
	3	850.51	37.8	
5%	1	904.52	40.2	40.2
	2	900.10	40.0	
	3	909.03	40.4	
10%	1	870.75	38.7	38.7
	2	873.00	38.8	
	3	868.52	38.6	
15%	1	796.66	35.4	35.4
	2	798.78	35.5	
	3	794.25	35.3	

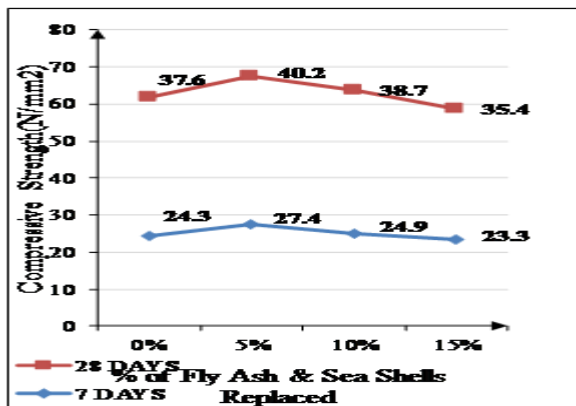
Table 9: Compressive Strength at 28 days

Different % Mix	No of Samples	Compressive Testing Reading	Compressive Strength	Average Compressive Strength (mpa)
0%	1	551.26	24.5	24.3
	2	547.77	24.3	
	3	542.25	24.1	
5%	1	614.25	27.3	27.4
	2	616.50	27.4	
	3	618.78	27.5	
10%	1	551.25	24.5	24.9
	2	560.28	24.9	
	3	569.26	25.3	
15%	1	524.25	23.3	23.3
	2	522.0	23.2	
	3	528.65	23.4	

Following are the graphs plotted as per the Compressive strength results for 7 & 28 days



Graph 2: Compressive Strength at 7 and 28 days



Graph 3: Compressive Strength at 7 and 28 days.

3. Flexural Strength:

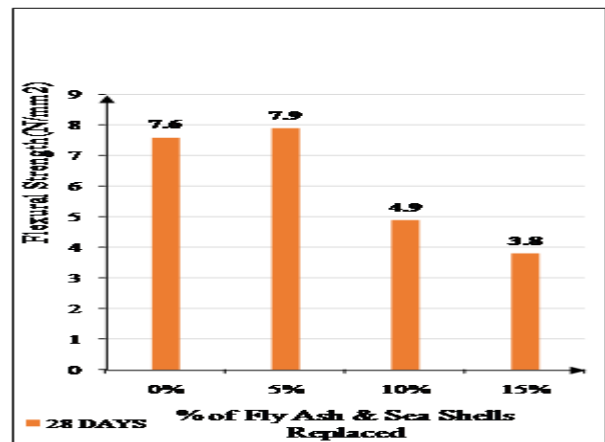
Testing of all beam specimens with two points loading for flexural strength. The results of flexural strength were plotted in below table for 28 days. Result indicate that if we increase percentage of waste plastic bottle caps from 0 to 15% will give us good results and help to increase flexural strength of concrete.

6.3.1 FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CONCRETE AT DIFFERENT STAGES

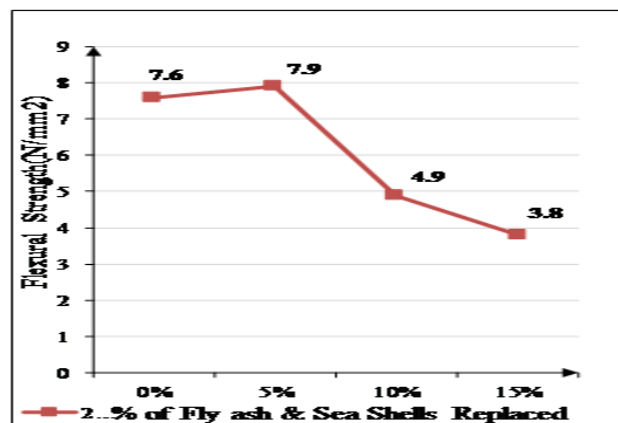
Table 10: Flexural Strength at 28 days

Different % Mix	No of Samples	Flexure Testing Reading	Flexural Strength	Average Flexural Strength (mpa)
0%	1	42.0	7.4	7.6
	2	43.0	7.6	
	3	43.5	7.8	
5%	1	44.0	7.8	7.9
	2	44.5	7.9	
	3	45.0	8.0	
10%	1	25.0	4.8	4.9
	2	28.5	5.0	
	3	27.5	4.9	
15%	1	21.5	3.8	3.8
	2	20.5	3.6	
	3	22.5	4.0	

Following are the graphs plotted as per the Flexural strength results for 28 days



Graph 2: Flexural Strength at 28 days.



Graph 3: Flexural Strength at 28 days

V. CONCLUSION

Based on results and observation made in experimental research study. The following conclusions are drawn.

1. Current study concluded that, Fly ash & Seashells can replace Cement & coarse aggregate up to 10 % and Becomes a Sustainable Solution to the Conventional building materials and Reduces Economy of Construction as Substitute materials are waste materials and available easily, Abundant in nature and Cheap.
2. As Substitute materials (Fly Ash & Cockle Shells) of concrete are used in Construction becomes a Suitable Solution to Conventional Construction Materials and Build Environment in Eco Friendly Manner.
3. The Compressive strength is found to be increased by 6.9% for the 5% replacement of Cement & coarse aggregate by Fly ash & Seashells and the Compressive strength decreases by 5.8 % when 15% of Cement & coarse aggregates are replaced by Fly ash & Seashells , by using aggregate cement ratio (A/C) is 2.65 and water cement ratio (W/C) is 0.45.
4. The Flexural strength is found to be increased by 3.94% for the 5% replacement of Cement & coarse aggregate by Fly ash & Seashells and the flexural strength decreases by 50% when the 15 % of Cement & Coarse aggregates are replaced by Fly ash & Seashells, by using aggregate cement ratio (A/C) is 2.65 and water cement ratio (W/C) is 0.45.
5. The use of Fly ash & Seashells in concrete is possible to improve its compressive strength, and flexural strength up to certain Substitution Percentage (Upto 10%).
6. The results of the slump tests of Fly ash & Seashells as Cement & Aggregate in concrete mixtures, these results indicate that the slump value of fresh concrete is prone to decrease with increasing the Fly ash & Seashell - Aggregate ratio.
7. The slump was about 84 mm for concrete without any Seashell and Fly ash aggregate and the slump was about 65 mm for replacement of 10 % Fly ash & Seashells Replacement of aggregate in concrete. The reasons for the lower slump value of the concrete mix containing Seashell aggregate are the sharp edges and angular particle size of Seashell aggregate and becomes Harsh which Decreases Workability of Concrete to be used
8. Materials used are Eco Friendly Materials as these are waste materials, Reused for Construction Purpose which becomes not only better Solution to reduce Pollution but also good substitute for Conventional Building Materials

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