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Experimental Investigation on Self Curing Concrete

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ABSTRACT: Self- curing concrete have a internal curing capability by the some self curing agents. In this experiment is done by two type of self curing agents Polyethylene glycol(PEG-400),Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA).mostly a normal concrete required water to mixing and curing inn construction fields. In usage of self-curing concrete reduces the high amount of water usages in construction works. Most of the desert and areas of water scarcity building works are need a self curing type concrete. Because they are take small amount of water only in mixing stage. In this project the strength and capability of self curing concrete by two type of self curing agents are tested. In a proportion of the self curing agents are added in 1%,2%,3% in weight of cement. The high strength of self curing concrete is attain in Polyethylene glycol (PEG-400) in 1%, comparing to normal conventional concrete in grade of M30.

KEYWORDS: Polyethylene glycol-400, Polyvinyl alcohol, strength of self curing concrete.

I. INTRODUCTION

In construction of buildings concrete is a main part of a building and give extra support to the entire structure. Normally a concrete is required a high amount of water to in stage of mixing of concrete and curing of concrete. But the self curing concrete has a ability of curing from internally to a several years. The self curing agents are observe and stock the water by itself then the water content are curing the concrete the water by slowly. Comparing to the normal concrete the self curing concrete is have a more strength than the normal concrete in grade of M30.

II. MATERIAL USED AND PROPERTIES

CEMENT:

Ordinary Portland cement grade53 is used in this experimentation of self curing concrete.

Table 1: properties of cement

| S NO | DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT |
|------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Grade used | 53 |
| 2 | Specific gravity | 3.15 |
| 3 | Fineness | 6% |
| 4 | Normal consistency | 33 |
| 5 | Initial setting time | 30 min |
| 6 | Final setting time | 10 hrs |

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FINE AGGREGATE:

Locally available M-sand is used in this experimentation.

 Table 2: properties of fine aggregate

| DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Specific gravity | 2.72kg/m ³ |
| Water absorption | 3% |
| Fineness modulus | 3.32 |
| | Specific gravity Water absorption |

COARSE AGGREGATE:

Locally available 20mm aggregate is used in this experimentation.

Table 3: properties of coarse aggregate

| S NO | DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT |
|------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Specific gravity | 2.80kg/m ³ |
| 2 | Fineness modulus of Coarse aggregate | 4.42% |

WATER

Water is the main part of the concrete. In this experimentation our campus usage water is used.

Table 4: properties of water

| S NO | DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Appearance | Clear |
| 2 | pH value | 7.3 |
| 3 | Turbidity | Low |

POLYVINYL ALCOHOL

Polyvinyl alcohol is a powder condition self curing component. This is melt in hot water and it is change its condition to a jelly form.

Table 5: properties of polyvinyl alcohol

| S NO | DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT | |
|------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 | Appearance | Powder form | |
| 2 | Odour | Mild odour | |
| 3 | Solubility | Soluble in hot water | |

POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL

Polyethylene glycol is a liquid conditioned self curing component. It is a water soluble chemical. It is non-toxic to the environment and easy to use.

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Table 6: properties of polyethylene glycol

| S NO | DESCRIPTION | TEST RESULT |
|------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | Appearance | Clear liquid |
| 2 | Odour | Mild odour |
| 3 | Solubility | Soluble in water |
| 4 | Density range | 1.126-1.128 |

MIX PROPORTION FOR SELF CURING CONTENT

Table 7: mix proportion of self curing contents

| MIX | POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL (% OF CEMENT WEIGHT) | POLYVINYL ALCOHOL (% OF CEMENT WEIGHT) |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0% | 0% |
| 2 | 1% | 1% |
| 3 | 2% | 2% |
| 4 | 3% | 3% |

DESIGN OF CONCRETE MIX

Table 8: design of concrete mix of M30

| MATERIAL | kg in m ³ |
|---|----------------------|
| Water | 197 |
| Cement | 437 |
| Fine aggregate | 650 |
| Coarse aggregate | 1144 |
| Self curing component 1% weight of cement | 4.37 |

FRESH CONCRETE SLUMP TEST

Table 9: Fresh concrete slump test

| SI NO | DESCRIPTION | SLUMP VALUE IN mm |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Conventional concrete | 0mm |
| 2 | PEG-400 1% | 90mm |
| 3 | PEG-400 2% | 85mm |
| 3 | PEG-400 3% | 90mm |
| 4 | PVA 1% | 85mm |
| 5 | PVA 2% | 80mm |
| 6 | PVA 3% | 85mm |

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HARDENED CONCRETE TEST RESULTS:

1.)COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TEST:

a.)POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL MIX CONCRETE

| Mix ratio | % of polyethylene | 7days | 14days | 28 days |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | glycol | N/mm ² | N/mm ² | N/mm ² |
| | 0 | 17.78 | 21.34 | 27.50 |
| M30 | 1 | 20.75 | 27.78 | 31.78 |
| | 2 | 18.66 | 26.47 | 30.42 |
| | 3 | 17.66 | 25.38 | 29.50 |

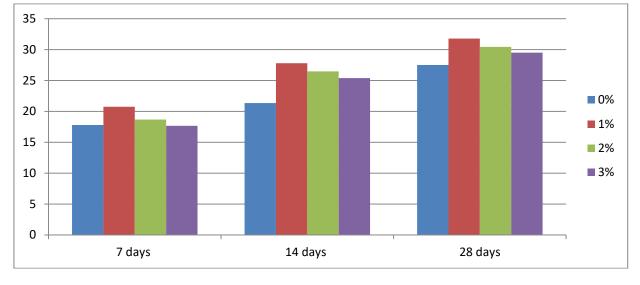


Table 10: Compressive strength test of PEG-400

Chart 1: Graphical representation of compressive strength for PEG-400

b.)POLYVINYL ALCOHOL MIX CONCRETE

| Mix ratio | % of polyvinyl alcohol | 7days N/mm ² | 14days N/mm ² | 28 days N/mm ² |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M20 | 0 | 17.78 | 21.34 | 27.50 |
| M30 | 1 | 20.73 | 26.98 | 31.50 |
| | 2 | 13.33 | 20.13 | 28.40 |
| | 3 | 8.88 | 15.76 | 23.60 |

Table 12: Compressive strength test of PVA

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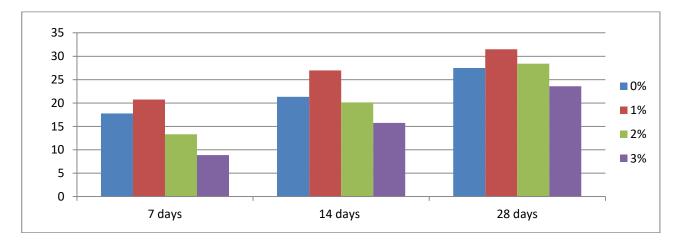


Chart 2: Graphical representation of compressive strength for PVA

2.) SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH TEST

a.) POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL MIX CONCRETE

| Mix ratio | % of polyethylene glycol | 7days N/mm ² | 28 days N/mm ² |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 0 | 2.51 | 3.50 |
| M30 | 1 | 2.62 | 3.70 |
| 14150 | 2 | 2.40 | 3.20 |
| | 3 | 2.23 | 2.96 |

Table14: Split tensile strength test for polyethylene glycol

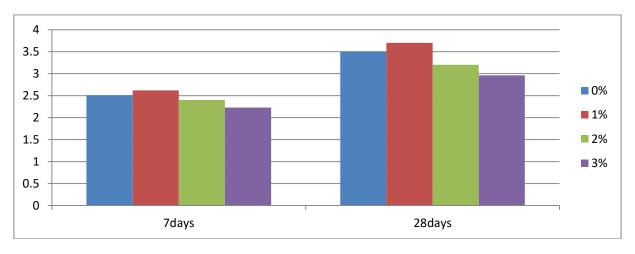


Chart 3: Graphical representation of split tensile strength for PEG-400

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b.) POLYVINYL ALCOHOL MIX CONCRETE

| Mix ratio | % of polyvinyl alcohol | 7days N/mm ² | 28 days N/mm ² |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | N/mm | N/mm |
| | | | |
| | 0 | 2.51 | 3.50 |
| M30 | 1 | 2.74 | 3.76 |
| | 2 | 2.43 | 3.32 |
| | 3 | 2.12 | 3.00 |

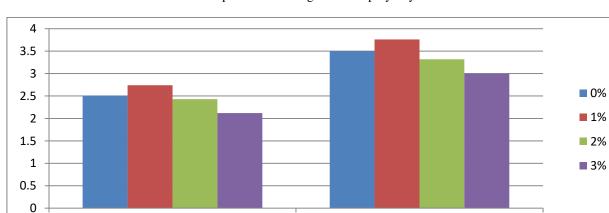


Table16: Split tensile strength test for polyvinyl alcohol

28 days

3.) FLEXURAL STRENGTH TEST

a.) POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL MIX CONCRETE

7 days

| MIX PROPORTION | FLEXURAL STRENGHT (Mp _a) (7days) | FLEXURAL STRENGHT (Mp _a) (28days) |
|---------------------|---|--|
| MIX1(CONVENTIONAL) | 2.14 | 2.41 |
| MIX2(1% PEG) | 2.53 | 3.34 |
| MIX3(2% PEG) | 2.37 | 3.08 |
| MIX4(3%PEG) | 2.26 | 3.11 |

Table 18:Flexural strength test results for PEG

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Chart 4: Graphical representation of split tensile strength for PVA



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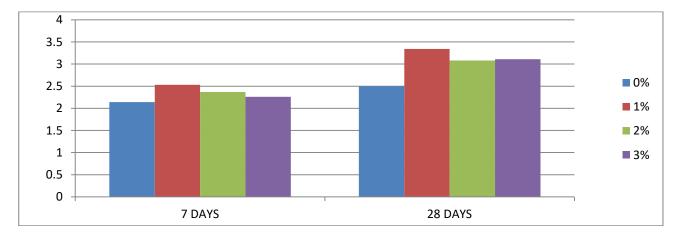


Chart 5: Graphical representation of flexural strength for PEG

b.) POLYVINYL ALCOHOL MIX CONCRETE

| MIX PROPORTION | FLEXURAL STRENGHT (Mp _a) (7days) | FLEXURAL STRENGHT (Mp _a) (28days) |
|---------------------|---|---|
| MIX1(CONVENTIONAL) | 2.14 | 2.41 |
| MIX2(1% PVA) | 2.55 | 3.28 |
| MIX3(2% PVA) | 2.37 | 3.08 |
| MIX4(3%PVA) | 2.16 | 2.89 |

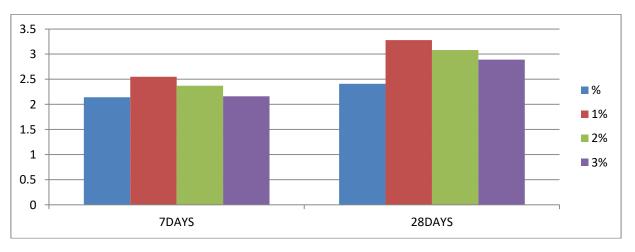


Table 20:Flexural strength test results for PVA

Chart 6:Graphical representation of flexural strength for PVA

III. RESULT

- Polyethylene glycol haves a good strength abilities in all kind of tests.
- In the experimentation of two kind of self curing agents Polyethylene glycol gives more workability and best strength results and also cheap in rate to compare with the other concrete ingredients.
- Polyvinyl alcohol are also gives strength like conventional concrete.

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• But when comparing to the other chemical content is having more capability to the environment.

IV. CONCLUSION

- The optimum dosage of Polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl alcohol for maximum strength (compressive test, split tensile test, flexural strength test).
- The slump values are also gives a good slump readings.
- 1% of the polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl alcohol is give a good strength to the concrete in M30 grade.
- Strength of self curing concrete is gives higher strength when compared with conventional concretre.
- Its not require the water to curing.
- Workability is improved when adding the self curing contents.
- The cost requirement of water is lower than conventional concrete projects.
- Overall cost of material is normal but the water requirement is not needed for curing so we can control the cost of water.
- Max strength is attained in the 1% of the polyethylene glycol is get 36.66N/mm² strength in compressive strength.
- 1% of the chemical contents are give strengths in concrete mixes.
- In comparing of two chemicals poly ethylene glycol was give more strength than polyvinyl alcohol.
- In the end of the strength test the polyethylene glycol has gain more strength than the polyvinyl alcohol.
- Self-curing concrete (SCC) is the answer to many problems faced due to lack of suitable curing.

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