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# Influence of Partial Replacement of Cement with Rice Husk Ash, Silica Fume and Fine Aggregate with Stone Dust on Properties of Concrete

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**ABSTRACT:** This paper presents the experimental investigation on the properties of Concrete by partial replacement of cement with Rice Husk Ash (RHA), Silica Fume (SF) and Fine Aggregate with Stone Dust (SD). In the present study, the fine aggregate is partially replaced with 30%, 60% and 100% of Stone Dust by weight. The cement is partially replaced by the combination of 5% and 7.5% Rice Husk Ash and 5%, 10%, and 15% of Silica Fume by weight. The influence of combined application of Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume on Compressive Strength, Split Tensile Strength, Flexural Strength and Modulus of Elasticity of M30 grade of concrete is investigated. The test results of concrete prepared using the different combinations of Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume are compared with that of controlled concrete. Based on the test results, it can be observed that concrete prepared with the combination of 60% Stone Dust, 5% Rice Husk Ash and 10% Silica Fume possesses improved properties compared to the controlled concrete.

**KEYWORDS**: Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash, Silica Fume, Partial Replacement, Compressive Strength, Flexural Strength, Split Tensile Strength and Modulus of Elasticity.

### **I.INTRODUCTION**

Concrete is the most widely used material for construction all over the world. Huge quantity of concrete is consumed by construction industry. Concrete is an artificial material in which the aggregates both are fine and coarse are bonded together by the cement when mixed with water. Concrete solidifies and harden after mixing and placements due to chemical process known as hydration. The concrete has become so popular and indispensable because of its inherent properties. Concrete has unlimited and innovative applications in the construction field. The Indian Standard Code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete recommends the minimum cement content to satisfy the strength and durability. It can be noticed that the utilization of cement is increased, but the cement production consumes large amount of energy and emits carbon dioxide results in environmental pollution. Hence, one of the solutions to these problems is to reduce the consumption of cement and utilize Pozzolona materials for the preparation of concrete.

Industrial by-products can be used in concrete as admixtures. Industrial by-products, such as silica fume, blast furnace slag, fly ash, rice husk ash are being used as supplementary cement replacement materials. Optimum use of Rice Husk Ash (RHA), Silica Fume (SF) improves workability, strength and durability of concrete. Rice Husk Ash (RHA) is obtained by burning rice husk in a controlled temperature. When properly burnt it has high  $SiO_2$  content and can be used as a concrete admixture. Rice Husk Ash exhibits high Pozzolanic characteristics and contributes to high strength and high impermeability of concrete.



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Silica fume, also known as micro-silica, an amorphous (non-crystalline) polymorph of silicon dioxide, silica. It is an ultrafine powder collected as a by-product of the silicon and ferrosilicon alloy production and consists of spherical particles with an average particle diameter of 150 nm.

Stone Dust or Artificial sand is obtained during the process of crushing of stone to get coarse aggregate and completely passes through the 4.75 mm sieve. The influence of combined application of Stone Dust Rice Husk Ash, Silica Fume is to be investigated.

### **II. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the present research work is to find the influence of the combined application of Rice Husk Ash (RHA), Silica Fume (SF) and Stone Dust on various strength properties of M30 grade of concrete. Natural fine aggregate is partially replaced with Stone Dust by 30%, 60%, and 100%. The cement is partially replaced by the various combinations of 5% and 7.5% of Rice Husk Ash and 5%, 10% and 15% of Silica Fume by weight. The obtained results of Compressive Strength, Split Tensile Strength, Flexural Strength and Modulus of Elasticity of Concrete are compared with that of Controlled Concrete.

### **III. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME**

### A.PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

### i. Cement

In the present investigation Ordinary Portland cement (OPC) of 53 Grade confirming to IS specifications was used.

### ii. Fine Aggregate

Locally available river sand confirming to IS specifications was used as the fine aggregate in the concrete preparation. The properties of fine aggregate are shown in Table 1.

S.No	Property	Result
1	Specific Gravity	2.56
2	Fineness Modulus	2.6
3	Grading of Sand	Zone – II

### Table 1. Properties of Fine Aggregate

#### iii. Coarse Aggregate

Coarse aggregate of nominal sizes 20 mm and 12.5 mm, obtained from the local quarry confirming to IS specifications was used. The properties of coarse aggregate are shown in Table.2.

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S.No	Property	Result					
1	Specific Gravity	2.61					
2	Water Absorption	0.4%					

### **Table 2: Properties of Coarse Aggregate**

#### iv. Stone Dust

The stone dust used in the investigation is obtained from the quarry at Chandragiri near Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The properties of Stone Dust are shown in Table 3.



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#### **Table 3. Physical properties of Stone Dust**

S.No	Property	Result
1	Specific Gravity	2.55
2	Fineness Modulus	3.3
3	Grading of Sand	Zone – I

#### v. Rice Husk Ash:

Rice Husk Ash used in this present experimental study is obtained from ASTRRA chemicals, Chennai. Properties of Rice Husk Ash are shown in Table 4 and Table 5.

#### Table 4: Physical Properties of Rice Husk Ash

Property	Results
Colour	Off White
Specific gravity	2.25
Bulk Density	0.39 gm/cc

#### S.No. PROPERTY RESULTS Silica $SiO_2$ 88.90% Alumina $Al_20$ 2.50% Ferric Oxide 2.19% $Fe_2O_3$ Calcium Oxide CaO 0.22% 0.69% Total Alkalies $Na_2O + K_2O$ Loss on Ignition 4.01%

### Table 5: Chemical properties of Rice Husk Ash

#### vi. Silica Fume

Silica fume is highly pozzolanic mineral admixture, which is mainly utilized to improve concrete strength and durability of concrete. Silica fume reacts with calcium hydroxide formed during hydration of cement results in the increase in strength and also the silica fume fills the voids between cement particles leads to increase in the durability. Silica fume is procured from ASTRRA CHEMICALS, Chennai. The properties of silica fume are shown in Table 6 and Table 7.

S.No.	PROPERTY	RESULTS			
1	Physical State	Micronized Powder			
2	Odor	Odorless			
3	Appearance	White Color Powder			
4	Color	White			
5	Pack Density	0.76 gm/Cc			
6	P <sup>H</sup> of 5% SOLUTION	6.90			
7	Specific Gravity	2.63			
8	Moisture	.058%			
9	Oil Absorption	55 Ml / 100 gms			



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S.No.	CHEMICAL PROPERTIES	RESULTS			
1	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	99.886%			
2	Alumina (Al <sub>2</sub> $O_2$ )	0.043%			
3	Ferric Oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	0.040%			
4	Titanium Oxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	0.001%			
5	Calcium Oxide (CaO)	0.001%			
6	Magnesium Oxide (MgO)	0.000%			
7	Potassium Oxide (K <sub>2</sub> O)	0.001%			
8	Sodium Oxide (Na <sub>2</sub> O)	0.003%			
9	Loss on Ignition	0.015%			

### Table 7: Chemical properties of Rice Husk Ash

#### vii. Water

Water used for casting and curing of concrete test specimens is free from impurities which when present can adversely influences the strength of concrete.

### viii. Water Reducing Admixture

Super Plasticizer used in this investigation is MYK Save Mix SP200 based on Sulphonated Naphthalene Polymers having a Specific Gravity of 1.25 and is supplied as brown liquid instantly dispersible in water. MYK save mix SP200 has been specially formulated to give water reduction up to 25% without loss of workability or to produce high quality concrete of reduced permeability.

### **B. CONCRETE MIX PROPORTION**

M30 grade of concrete was designed as per the Indian Standard code of practice is shown in Table 8.

	Table & Quantities of ingredients per cum of M30 Grade Concrete											
	S.No	Cement (%)	Stone Dust	Rice Husk	Silica fume	Water (lit)	Cement (kg)	Rice Husk Ash	Silica fume	Fine	Stone Dust	Coarse
		(70)				(111)	(kg)			Aggregate		Aggregate
			(%)	Ash	(%)			(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)
				(%)								
	1	100	0	0	0	146.25	325	0	0	710	0	1262
	2	100	100	0	0	146.25	325	0	0	0	710	1262
	3	100	60	0	0	146.25	325	0	0	284	426	1262
	4	100	30	0	0	146.25	325	0	0	497	213	1262
	5	95	30	5	0	146.25	308.75	16.25	0	497	213	1262
	6	92.5	30	7.5	0	146.25	300.63	24.38	0	497	213	1262
	7	95	60	5	0	146.25	308.75	16.25	0	284	426	1262
	8	92.5	60	7.5	0	146.25	300.63	24.38	0	284	426	1262
	9	90	60	5	5	146.25	292.5	16.25	16.25	284	426	1262
	10	85	60	5	10	146.25	276.25	16.25	32.5	284	426	1262
[	11	80	60	5	15	146.25	260	16.25	48.75	284	426	1262

#### Table 8. Quantities of Ingredients per cum of M30 Grade Concrete



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### C. TEST SPECIMENS

Concrete test specimens consist of 150 mm  $\times$  150 mm  $\times$  150 mm cubes, cylinders of 150 mm diameter and 300 mm height and 100 mm  $\times$  100 mm  $\times$  500 mm prisms. Concrete cubes were tested at different curing periods (3, 7, 28, 56 and 90 days) to get the compressive strength. Cylindrical specimens were also tested at the age of 28 days to obtain the split tensile strength of concrete. The prisms were tested to obtain the flexural strength of concrete. The rate of loading is as per the Indian Standard specifications.

### **IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### A. COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

The variation of the cube compressive strength with age of M30gradeconcrete for various combinations of Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume for various curing periods is shown in Fig.1, Fig. 2 and Fig.3. The cube compressive strength indicates the average of three test results. Results indicate that as the Stone Dust increases more than 60%, the compressive strength decreases. At 60% SD and 5% RHA the compressive strength is maximum. It is also observed that the combination of 5% Rice Husk Ash, 10% of Silica Fume and 60% of Stone Dust maximum cube compressive strength is obtained.

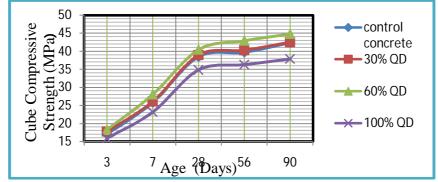


Fig. 1. Variation of Cube Compressive Strength of concrete with Age for Different Percentages of Stone Dust.

Fig.1 represents the variation of cube compressive strength of concrete with different proportions of Stone Dust with Control Concrete. At 60% of Stone Dust the cube compressive strength obtained is maximum.

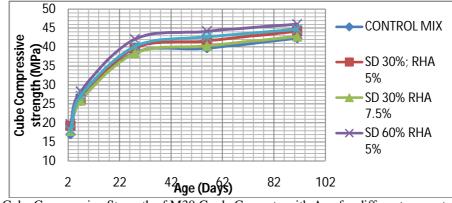


Fig. 2. Variation of Cube Compressive Strength of M30 Grade Concrete with Age for different percentages of Stone Dust and Rice Husk Ash.



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Fig.2 represents the cube compressive strength of concrete containing Stone Dust and Rice Husk Ash exhibits more strength than the control concrete. At 60% SD and 5% RHA Cube Compressive Strength obtained is maximum

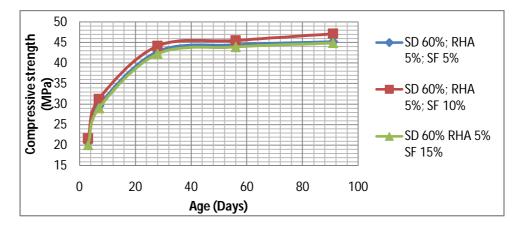
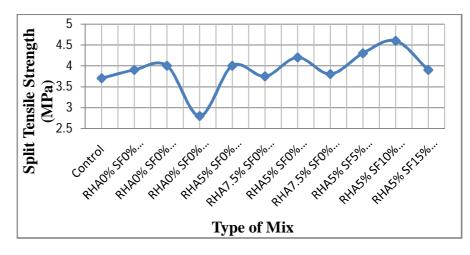


Fig. 3. Variation of Cube Compressive Strength of M30 Grade Concrete with Age for different percentages of Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume.

Fig.3 represents the cube compressive strength of concrete containing Stone Dust Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume exhibits more strength than the conventional control concrete. At 60% SD, 5% RHA, and at 10% SF Cube Compressive Strength obtained is maximum.

### **B.** SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH

The variation of split tensile strength for different mixes is shown in Fig. 4. Results indicate that as the Stone Dust increases more than 60%, the tensile strength decreases. At 60% SD and 5% RHA content the split tensile strength is maximum. It is also observed that for the combination of 60% Stone Dust, 5% of Rice Husk Ash and 10% Silica Fume content maximum split tensile strength is obtained.







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### C. FLEXURAL STRENGTH

The variation of flexural strength for different mixes is as shown in Fig. 5. From the results it can be observed that at 60% of Stone Dust and 5% Rice Husk Ash content the flexural tensile strength is increased. It is also noticed that for the combination of 5% Rice Husk Ash, 10% of Silica Fume and 60% of Stone Dust maximum flexural strength is obtained.

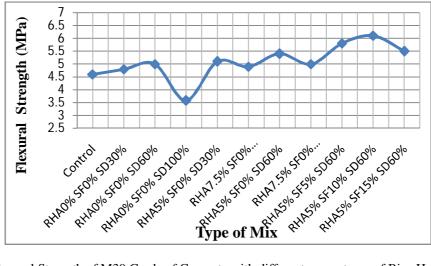


Fig.5.Variation of Flexural Strength of M30 Grade of Concrete with different percentages of Rice Husk Ash Silica Fume and Stone Dust.

### D. MODULUS OF ELASTICITY

Fig.6 shows the variation of modulus of elasticity of M30 grade concrete with various percentages of Rice Husk Ash, Silica Fume and Stone Dust. It can be observed that the modulus of elasticity of concrete is maximum with 5% Rice Husk Ash, 10% Silica Fume and 60% of Stone Dust combination and with further increase in percentaes of RHA, SF, SD Modulus of Elasticity decreases.

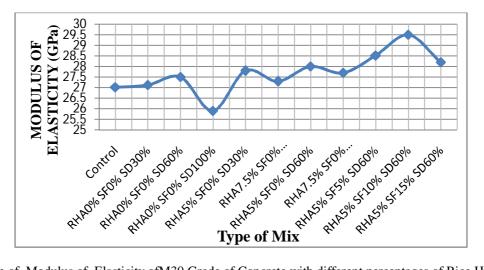


Fig.6.Variation of Modulus of Elasticity of M30 Grade of Concrete with different percentages of Rice Husk Ash Silica Fume and Stone Dust.



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### **V. CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the experimental investigation, it can be concluded that the strength of concrete is increased by using the combination of Stone Dust, Rice Husk Ash and Silica Fume. Compared to Conventional Control Concrete the Cube Compressive Strength, Split Tensile Strength, Flexure Strength, Modulus of Elasticity is increased at specified percentages. By partial replacement of cement with Rice Husk Ash at 5%, Silica Fume at 10% and fine aggregate is partially replaced with stone dust at 60%, the strength of concrete can be increased .Silica Fume and Rice Husk Ash has high amorphous silicon dioxide content. The RHA and SF react with the calcium hydroxide to form additional binder material. The availability of additional binder leads to increase in the paste-aggregate bond, results improved strength properties of the concrete. The decrease in the strength characteristics of concrete with increase in the RHA content beyond 5% and SF beyond 10% and Stone Dust beyond 60% is due to the poor quality of binder formed in the presence of higher percentages of RHA and SF.

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