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# **Study on Strength and Durability Properties of Self Curing Concrete Incorporating PEG-400**

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**ABSTRACT:** Concrete is the considerable man made material in the global. it is broadly used introduction material because of its compressive strength and durability. Depending upon the nature of work the cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate and water are jumbled collectively in precise proportions to provide plain concrete. Plain concrete needs congenial environment by manner of offering moisture for a minimum duration of 28 days for exact hydration and to gain preferred strength. Any laxity in curing will badly have an effect on the general performance of concrete. Self-curing concrete is one of the unique concrete in dry regions, inaccessibility of systems in tough terrains and in regions where in the presence of fluoride content material water will badly have an impact on the concrete. The present take a look at use of shrinkage lowering admixture polyethylene glycol (PEG 400) in concrete that enables in self curing. Inside the present study Pottery powder 5% may be replaced in cement and PEG 400 may be changed with the resource of the load of water with various proportions 0.5%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% in M25 grade of concrete. Within the present study influences, of self curing agent and pottery powder on the Mechanical properties like Compressive strength, split tensile strength and Flexural strength and the durable properties like Permeability test and rapid Chloride Permeability test can be accomplished. And the comparative study of normal curing concrete and Self curing concrete of M25 grade.

KEYWORDS: Poly Ethylene Glycol 400 (PEG 400) and Pottery powder

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a manmade building material that looks like stone. The phrase "concrete" is derived from the Latin word "concretus" meaning "to grow collectively." Concrete is a composite fabric composed of coarse granular material (the aggregate or filler) embedded in a tough matrix of material (the cement or binder) that fills the gap a few of the aggregate particles and glues them together. Instead, we can say that concrete is a composite material that consists essentially of a binding medium in which can be embedded particles or fragments of aggregates. The most effective definition of concrete can be written as

#### Concrete = filler + binder

Curing is the manner of keeping the right moisture content to promote only cement hydration immediately after placement. Right moisture situations are essential due to the fact water is essential for the hydration of cementitious materials. The self-curing concrete approach that no outside curing required for concrete. The idea of self-curing is to reduce the water evaporation. Self-curing may be defined as "presenting water in the course of a freshly placed cementations combination using reservoirs, via pre wetted light-weight aggregates, that effectively launch water as wanted for hydration or update moisture misplaced through evaporation or self-desiccation". The concept of self curing is to lessen the water evaporation from concrete and consequently increase the water retention ability of the concrete as compared to conventional concrete. American Concrete Institute (ACI) Committee 301 recommends a minimum curing period comparable to concrete accomplishing 70% of the preferred compressive electricity. Curing has a study have an effect on the residences of hardened concrete; proper curing will increase the durability, strength, extent stability, abrasion resistance, impermeability and resistance to freezing and thawing.



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#### **II. LITERATURE REVIEW**

In the literature the use of Poly Ethylene Glycol 400 and Pottery Powder are defined, the effect of admixtures inside the fresh concrete and the harden concrete are explained with the aid of the authors who're studied within the past.

**M.V. Jagannadha Kumar** (2012)<sup>1</sup> became located that the greatest dosage of PEG400 for optimum strengths (compressive, tensile and modulus of rupture) was determined to be 1% for M20 and 0.5% for M40 grades of concrete. As percent of PEG400 increased slump extended for each M20 and M40 grades of concrete. Strength of self curing concrete is on par with conventional concrete. Self curing concrete is the answer to many problems confronted because of lack of proper curing.

**J. Balaji Praveen**  $(2013)^2$  changed into located that the choicest dosage of steel fiber for peg four hundred is 0.5% of weight of cement is 0.75% in compression and 0.75% for tensile and Flexural strength. it is also observed that compressive strength, Splitting Tensile strength, Flexural strength Of Self Curing Concrete Is higher Than conventional Concrete.

**Vinayak Vijapur** (2013)<sup>3</sup> was found that Higher compressive strength for self-curing and water curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher compressive strength as compared to self-curing concrete. Higher tensile strength for self-curing and water curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher tensile strength as compared to self-curing concrete. Higher flexural strength for self-curing and water curing concrete shows little higher tensile strength as compared to self-curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate to self-curing concrete. Higher flexural strength for self-curing concrete. Higher flexural strength as compared to self-curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher shear strength for self-curing and water curing concrete. Higher impact strength for self-curing and water curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate by pumice aggregate by pumice aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher shear strength as compared to self-curing concrete. Higher impact strength for self-curing and water curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate by pumice aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher shear strength as compared to self-curing concrete. Higher impact strength for self-curing and water curing concrete when subjected to 90 days acidic attack may be obtained by replacing 20% of coarse aggregate by pumice aggregate, water cured concrete shows little higher shear strength as compared to self-cur

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#### **III. MATERIALS**

The materials used within the present examine are:

1. **Cement:** Cement is used as a binding fabric in concrete. The Cement used in the present is manufactured at Zuari Cement business enterprise of 53 grade OPC (ordinary Portland Cement) confirming to IS 12269-1987 is used in this observe. The properties of cement are given underneath.

S.NO	PARTICULARS	RESULTS
1	Specific Gravity	3.0
2	Initial Setting Time	34min
3	Final Setting Time	450min
4	Fineness	225m <sup>2</sup> /kg

Table 1: Properties of Cement	Table	1:	Pro	perties	of	Cement
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- 2. Aggregates: Aggregates represent a skeleton of concrete. More or less three-quarters of the amount of conventional concrete is occupied by aggregate. It's inevitable that a constituent occupying one of these large percentages of the mass have to make a contribution of essential properties to both the fresh and hardened product.
  - a. Fine aggregates: Aggregates passing through 4.75 mm sieve and predominately retained on 75 µm sieve are classified as fine aggregate. River sand is the most commonly used fine aggregate. In addition, crushed rock fines can be used as fine aggregate. However, the finish of concrete with crushed rock fines is not as good as that with river sand. In the present study we are using River sand for the good finishing and to fill the voids between the coarse aggregate. River sand is taken from Cheyyeru River near Nandalur. The properties of sand are given in below.

S.No	Particulars	Results
1	Туре	River Sand
2	Specific gravity	2.64
3	Size	4.75 mm
4	Water absorption	1%
5	Grade of sand	Zone II
6	Fineness modulus	2.88

**Table 2:** Properties of Fine Aggregate

**b. Coarse Aggregates:** Aggregates predominately retained on 4.75 mm sieve are categorized as coarse aggregate. Usually, the size of coarse aggregate is from 5 to 150 mm. For normal concrete used for structural members including beams and columns, the maximum size of coarse aggregate is about 25 mm. For mass concrete used for dams or deep foundations, the maximum size may be as large as 150 mm. In this study the size of the aggregate is 20 mm and it is taken from the quarry Akepadu village near Rajampet. The physical properties of coarse aggregate are listed in below table.

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S.No.	Particulars	Results					
1	Туре	Crushed stone					
2	Specific Gravity	2.72					
3	Size	20mm					
4	Water absorption	0.8%					
5	Bulk density	1688kg/m <sup>3</sup>					

**3.** Pottery Powder: Pottery powder is a range of refractory clays used in the manufacture of ceramics, especially fire brick and pots. The United States Environmental Protection Agency defines fire clay very generally as a "mineral aggregate composed of hydrous silicates of aluminium  $(Al_2O_3 \cdot 2SiO_2 \cdot 2H_2O)$  with or without free silica. Fire clay is resistant to high temperatures, having fusion points higher than 1,600 °C (2,910 °F), therefore it is suitable for lining furnaces, as fire brick, and for manufacture of tools used in the metalworking industries, such as crucibles, saggars, retorts and glassware. Because of its stability during firing in the kiln, it can be used to make composite items of pottery such as pipes and sanitary ware.



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Fig.1: Pottery Powder

From XRD test results for Pottery Powder, By using Debye – Scherer equation Nano particle size can be obtained  $D = \frac{K\lambda}{\beta \cos\Theta}$  where  $\lambda = 1.54$  A°,  $\beta = full$  width at maximum intensity (FWHM) of the peak in radians.  $\Theta = angle$ , K is constant 0.9. Sample calculation for particle size of Pottery Powder is given below by using Debye – Scherer equation for calculating particle, K=0.9,  $\lambda = 0.154$  nm,  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{180} \times FWHM = \frac{\pi}{180} \times 1.2 = 0.021$ ,  $2\Theta = 77.40^{\circ} \Rightarrow \Theta = 38.7^{\circ}$ 

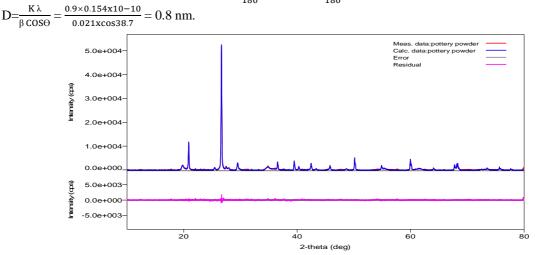


Fig.2: XRD Graph for Pottery Powder

The properties of the Pottery Powder are:

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Table 4: Properties of Pottery Powder				
S.NO.	Compound	Content by % wt.		
1	SiO <sub>2</sub>	93.9		

Cadmium copper dichromate

**4.** Poly Ethylene Glycol 400: Polyethylene glycol is a condensation polymer of ethylene oxide and water with the overall components H(OCH2CH2)nOH, in which n is the average quantity of repeating oxy-ethylene agencies commonly from 4 to approximately 180. The abbreviation (PEG) is termed in mixture with a numeric suffix which suggests the average molecular weights. One commonplace function of PEG appears to be the water-soluble nature. Polyethylene glycol is non-poisonous, smell much less, impartial, lubricating, non-unstable and non-stressful and is utilized in an expansion of prescribed drugs.

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Fig.3: Poly Ethylene Glycol 400

**5.** Water: Water is an essential ingredient of concrete, and a well designed concrete mixture, normally with 15 to 25% water with the aid of quantity, will possess the desired workability for fresh concrete and the specified durability and strength for hardened concrete. The entire quantity of water in concrete and the water-to-cement ratio can be the most important factors in the production of good-quality concrete.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

**a. Mix Proportions:** In the present investigation M25 concrete is prepared with the water cement ratio 0.5. Concrete mixes are prepared by different proportions of cement replacing with Pottery Powder and PEG 400 can be replaced in water with different proportions i.e. 0.5%, 1%, 1.5% and 2%.

The mix designations are follows:

- 1. M0 refers to the conventional OPC concrete
- 2. M1 refers to 5% P.P in cement+ 0.5% PEG 400 in water
- 3. M2 refers to 5% P.P in cement+ 1% PEG 400 in water
- 4. M3 refers to 5% P.P in cement+ 1.5% PEG 400 in water
- 5. M4 refers to 5% P.P in cement+ 2% PEG 400 in water
- 6. M5 refers to 5% P.P in cement
- **b.** Casting of Specimens: The specimens are casted in the present study are cubes of size 150X150X150 mm, Cylinders of size 150 mm diameter and 300 mm height, Beam specimens of size 150X150X700 mm for 7 days, 14 days and 28 days. RCPT of size 10 mm diameter and 5 mm height used for 28 days and 60 days. and water permeability of 200mm diameter and 120 mm height are used for 60 days.
- c. Mix Proportions: Mix Proportions for M25 concrete are:

Material	Quantity			
Cement	351.5 Kg/m <sup>3</sup>			
Fine Aggregate	718.43 Kg/m <sup>3</sup>			
Coarse Aggregate	1163.6 Kg/m <sup>3</sup>			
Water	187 lit/m <sup>3</sup>			



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### V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

**A. compressive strength of concrete on pottery powder:** The compressive strength of concrete for mortar cubes to get the optimum mix are shown in below table.6

Table 6: Compressive Strength Test Results for P.P in 7 days mortar cubs

% Replacement of P.P in cement	Compressive Strength, N/mm <sup>2</sup>
0	33.3
5	33.3
10	17.1
15	14.6

The graphical representation of compressive strength for 7 days mortar cubes for getting optimum proportion as shown in below figure. The compressive strength of mortar cubes is high for 5% replacement of pottery powder when compared with normal cement mortar cubes.

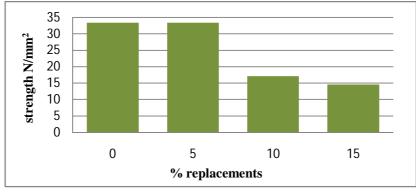


Fig.4: compressive strength for mortar cubes

The compressive strength of  $M_{25}$  grade concrete mixes by replacing OPC with pottery powder 5% in cement and 0.5%, 1%, 1.5%, 2% poly ethylene glycol 400 is replaced by the weight of water is investigated. The results of compressive strength for these concrete mixtures tested at 7 days, 14 days and 28 days are presented in table no.7. The graphical representation between compressive strength versus curing age of concrete is represented in Fig.5.

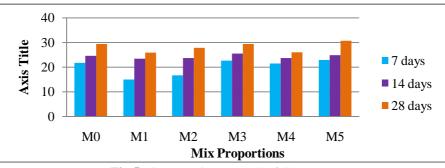
Mix	% rej	placements	Compressive strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>			
designation	Cement	Water	7 days	28 days		
M0	0	0	21.7	24.6	29.4	
M1	5 PP	0.5 PEG	14.9	23.4	25.9	
M2	5 PP	1 PEG	16.6	23.6	27.8	
M3	5 PP	1.5 PEG	22.64	25.46	29.3	
M4	5 PP	2 PEG	21.43	23.6	26.03	
M5	5 PP	0	22.9	24.8	30.6	

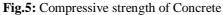
Table 7: Compressive Strength Test Result
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The compressive strength decreased by 11.9% for M1, decreased by 5.44% for M2, decreased by 0.334% for M3, decreased by 11.46% for M4 and increased by 4.08% for M5 when compared with conventional concrete. The compressive strength is more for concrete with only pottery powder.



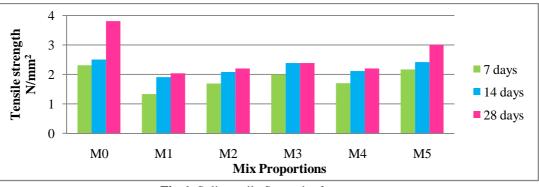


B.Tensile Strength of Concrete: Split Tensile Strength of M<sub>25</sub> grade concrete mix replacing OPC by Pottery Powder at 5% constant and Poly Ethylene Glycol 400 can be replaced self curing agent 0.5%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% weight of water. The results of Split Tesnsile strength of concrete tested at 28 days are shown in table 8.

Mix Designation	% replacement		Split tensile strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>		
	Cement	Water	7 days	14 days	28 days
M0	0	0	2.3	2.5	3.8
M1	5 PP	0.5 PEG	1.33	1.9	2.03
M2	5 PP	1 PEG	1.68	2.08	2.2
M3	5 PP	1.5 PEG	1.99	2.38	2.4
M4	5 PP	2 PEG	1.7	2.11	2.2
M5	5 PP	0	2.16	2.41	3.0

Table 8: Sp	olit Tensile S	Strength To	est Results

The tensile strength of the concrete is decreased by 46.57% for M1, decreased by 42.1% for M2, decreased by 36.84% for M3, decreased by 42.1% for M4and decreased by 21.05% for M5. The tensile strength is more for conventional concrete and the concrete with pottery powder is more when compared with self curing concrete.







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**C. Flexural strength of concrete:** Flexural Strength of  $M_{25}$  grade concrete mix replacing OPC by Pottery Powder at 5% constant and Poly Ethylene Glycol 400 can be replaced self curing agent 0.5%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% weight of water. The results of flexural strength of concrete tested at 28 days are shown in table 9.

Mix Designation	replacement in cement and water		Split tensile strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Designation	Cement	Water	28 days
M0	0% PP	0% PEG	7.21
M1	5% PP	0.5% PEG	6.23
M2	5% PP	1% PEG	6.25
M3	5% PP	1.5% PEG	6.97
M4	5% PP	2% PEG	6.7
M5	5% PP	0%PEG	7.17

Table 9:	Flexural streng	th test results
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The flexural strength of self curing concrete is decreased by 13.59% for M1, decreased by 13.31% for M2, decreased by 3.32% for M3, decreased by 7.07% for M4 and 0.55% for M5 when compared with normal concrete. The concrete with pottery powder is more when compared with self curing concrete proportions.

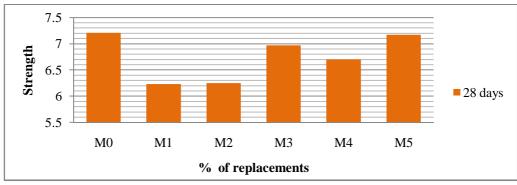


Fig.7: Flexural strength for beams

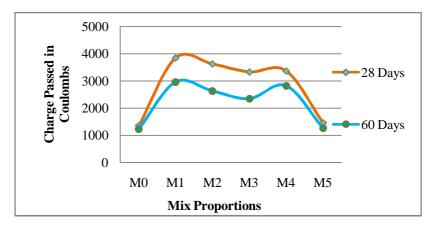
**D. Rapid Chloride Permeability Test:** Rapid Chloride Permeability Test of  $M_{25}$  grade concrete mix replacing OPC by Pottery Powder at 5% constant and Poly Ethylene Glycol 400 can be replaced self curing agent 0.5%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% weight of water. The results of Rapid Chloride Permeability of concrete tested at 28 days and 60 days are shown in table 4.4.1.

Mix proportions	Charge Passed (Coulombs)		
	28 Days	60 Days	
M0	1356	1230	
M1	3842	2963	
M2	3620	2630	
M3	3328	2347	
M4	3863	2825	
M5	1459	1265	



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The chloride permeability is less for concrete with pottery powder when compared with self curing concrete proportions and the chloride penetration is less for 60 days curing of concrete when compared with 28 days of concrete.



#### Fig.8: RCPT for different Proportions

**E. Water Permeability Test:** The Water Penetration test of  $M_{25}$  grade of concrete by replaces in ordinary Portland cement with pottery powder at constant 5% and poly ethylene glycol 400 can be replaced by the water at various percentages like 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5 and 2%.

Mix Proportion	Depth of penetration (d in cm)	Coefficient of permeability (K in m/sec)
M0	0.4	$7.22 \times 10^{-14}$
M1	8	$1.09 \times 10^{-11}$
M2	8.5	$1.54 \mathrm{x} 10^{-11}$
M3	6	$6.54  ext{ x10}^{-12}$
M4	8	$1.68 \times 10^{-11}$
M5	2	$1.45 \times 10^{-13}$

F. Table.11: Water Permeability result	F.	Table.11:	Water	Permeability results
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The water permeability of concrete is less for conventional normal curing when compared with self curing concrete. The concrete with pottery powder is less when compared with self curing concrete. The results of Water Penetration of self curing concrete mixtures tested at 60 days the data are presented in above table and graphical presentation of Water Penetration.



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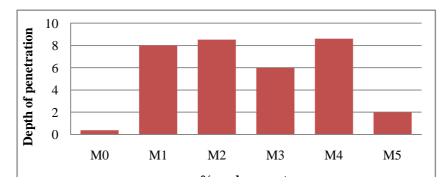


Fig.9: Water Permeability for different mix Proportions

#### VI. CONCLUSION

The compressive strength of cement mortar cubes having 5% Pottery powder replacement in cement is more strength than while adding the pottery powder of 10% and 15%. The compressive strength of concrete with 5% pottery powder in cement + 1.5% PEG 400 in water gives more strength for self curing concrete and the compressive strength of concrete having only 5% pottery powder is more strength compared to self curing concrete and normal conventional concrete. Tensile strength of normal concrete is more than that of concrete with 5% pottery powder. Tensile strength of self curing concrete is more in 5% pottery powder in cement + 1.5% PEG 400 in water compared to self curing concrete having remaining proportions. Flexural strength of normal concrete is more in 5% pottery powder. Flexural strength of self curing concrete is more in 5% pottery powder in cement + 1.5% PEG 400 in self curing concrete is less in case of 5% pottery powder in cement + 1.5% PEG 400 in water while compared to other proportions. The water permeability in self curing concrete is less in case of 5% pottery powder is less in case of 5% pottery properties. The water permeability in self curing concrete is less in case of 5% pottery powder is less in case of 5% pottery powder is greater compared to conventional normal concrete. The water permeability in self curing concrete is less in case of 5% pottery powder is greater compared to conventional normal concrete.

#### Suggestions for SCC:

The self curing concrete does not having any curing in water, so we have to sprinkle some water at the time of self curing process, when you are using PEG 400 in water. Due to sprinkling of water the permeability of concrete is reduced and also strength can be increases.

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