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Behaviour of Ternary Blended Cement in M40 Grade of Concrete

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Abstract: These days, the world environment is continually looking with serious biological issues. Concrete, essentially made of Portland concrete, totals, and water, is perhaps the most flexible development material. In its current structure it has been utilized to some degree or totally in many constructions for over one century. Contrasted with other significant development materials like steel, polymeric materials, and composites, concrete is the most naturally agreeable, needs minimal measure of energy to deliver, and can be proportioned to have high strength. The strength execution of metakaolin is impacted. The presentation of metakaolin has expanded with the augmentation in substitution levels until it arrives at the ideal strength. The fly ash rate by weight continues expanding, the strength of the substantial continues diminishing as the Metakaolin rate by weight continues expanding, the strength of cement likewise increments. The compressive strength was enhanced by the addition of percentage of metakaolin while increasing percentage of fly ash compressive strength goes on decreasing. For comparative study of Split Tensile Strength of Binary Mix 5%FA shows higher value of 4.84 N/mm2 as compared to P.C.C Value of 4.14N/mm2 While 5%MK Shows lower value of Split tensile strength of 3.75 N/mm2 as compared to P.C.C Value of 4.14N/mm2

Index Terms - Compressive strength, metakaolin, Fly ash, Ternary blended cement, Split strength.

I. INTRODUCTION

These days, the world's biological system is continually looking at extreme natural issues. Concrete, fundamentally made of Portland concrete, totals, and water, is perhaps the most adaptable development material. In its current structure, it has been utilized to some extent or totally in many constructions for over one century. Contrasted with other significant development materials like steel, polymeric materials, and composites, concrete is the most biologically amicable, needs a minimal measure of energy to create, and can be proportioned to have high strength. This point isn't just to guarantee that the substance is equipped for enduring compressive pressure however that it is solid too. As such, the compressive strength of cement is utilized not just as a premise of foundational layout and as a standard of primary execution, yet in addition as a measure for the solidness of a substantial design. The utilization of pozzolans and slags as substitution of concrete in concrete adds to the energy preservation as well as helps in the arrangement of removal issue of the result materials. The different kinds and assortments of SCMs, for example, dense silica smolder, fly debris, and impact heater slag have been utilized as mineral admixtures in working on the properties of mortar and cement for a long time. The utilization of SCMs in concrete isn't without issues. When utilized in the suitable sum, some SCMs might be amazingly viable, while others might even reason a larger number of issues than without any strengthening establishing material. In addition, the consistency of these materials in certain occurrences might be sketchy. Due to production of cement, large quantity of waste material and byproduct generates and we are facing problems like scarcity of landfill space and due to even increase in cost. Self-compacting concrete (SCC) with paired and ternary cementitious mixes of metakaolin (MK) and Fly ash (FA) were assessed and their between connections were talked about. For this reason, various blends were ready with various measures of MK and FA, and common Portland concrete (OPC) was supplanted by 5% to 40% of MK and FA. Thus, of expanding the level of MK, FA, and MK+FA. experimented with various amounts of industrial wastes such as activated Fly ash, Iron Oxide, and Metakaolin as extra cementitious materials. Five different types of concrete mixtures were made using these mineral admixtures and OPC cement, and the same were utilized to determine compressive strength. Many researchers have researched the few strength properties of regular Portland cement concrete utilizing Metakaolin as a cement substitute material, according to the current literature. There isn't much literature on durability qualities, and there's none on the behavior of Metakaolin concrete exposed to different heat cycles at different temperatures. In addition, no significant research on the strength and durability of Metakaolin concrete made with crimped steel fibres has been conducted. As a result, in order to fill a gap in the existing literature, an attempt was made to investigate the strength, durability, and flexural behaviour of beams and slabs by adding 68 crimped steel fibers of varied aspect ratios at varying volume fractions.

Calcium hydroxide makes up up to 25% of hydrated Portland cement, however it has no effect on the strength or durability of the concrete. Metakaolin reacts with calcium hydroxide to form additional cementing compounds, which are the materials that keep concrete together. Concrete with less calcium hydroxide and more cementing chemicals is stronger. Metakaolin gives fresh concrete a creamy, nonstick feel that makes finishing easier because it is very fine and highly reactive. Acid staining concrete with metakaolin added to it may result in disappointment since metakaolin aggressively consumes calcium hydroxide. Acid stain requires calcium hydroxide to react, and if there isn't enough in the concrete, the acid stain colour may not develop properly, if at all.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODOLOGY

The evaluation of ternary blended cement including Metakaolin and Fly ash is the subject of this study. Fresh concrete was tested for workability using a compaction factor test, slump cone test, and flow table test, while cured concrete was tested for compressive strength, flexural strength, split tensile strength, and impact strength. The water-binder ratio was kept at 0.4 in a concrete mix of grade M40. Initially, replacement intervals of 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% were used to test the workability and strength properties of binary blends.

Compressive strength test (IS-516-1959)

150mm×150mm×150mm concrete cubes were cast with and without metakaolin. A table vibrator was used to mechanically vibrate the cubes during casting. After 24 hours, the specimens were demoulded and cured in portable water for 28 days. The specimens were tested for compressive strength using a compression testing machine with a capacity of 2000KN after curing. It was decided to take the maximum load at failure. The following equation was used to compute the average compressive strength of concrete and mortar specimens.

$$\text{Compressive Strength (N/mm}^2\text{)} = \frac{\text{Ultimate Compressive Load (KN)}}{\text{Cross Section Area of the Specimen (mm}^2\text{)}}$$

The tests were carried out on a set of triplicate specimens and the average compressive strength values were taken.

Split tensile strength test (IS -5816-1999)

Metakaolin and fly ash were used as partial replacement cement in the casting of concrete cylinders with a diameter of 150 mm and a length of 300 mm. A table vibrator was used to mechanically vibrate the cylinders during casting. After 24 hours, the specimens were demoulded and cured in portable water for 28 days. The cylindrical specimens were evaluated for split tensile strength after curing using a compression testing equipment with a capacity of 2000kN. The average split tensile strength was estimated using the equation once the ultimate load was determined.

$$\text{Split Tensile Strength} \left(\frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right) = \frac{2\text{P}}{\pi\text{LD}}$$

where,

P=Ultimate load at failure (N),

L=Length of cylindrical specimen (mm),

D=Diameter of cylindrical specimen (mm).

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Flexural Strength Test (IS-516-1959)

In the flexure test, the Standard shaft example of size 100 mm x 100 mm x 500 mm was upheld evenly over a range of 400 mm in the machine in such a way at the heap is applied to the uppermost surface as cast in the shape. All pillars are tried under two-point stacking in Universal Testing Machine. The heap expanded until the example fizzled and the disappointment load is recorded.

The flexural strength was determined by the formula

$$fcr = P_f L / bd^2 \quad or \quad 3P_f\, a / bd^2$$

Where

,$f$cr= Flexural strength, MPa

P_f = Central load through two point loading system, N

L = Span of beam, mm

b = Width of beam, mm

d = Depth of beam, mm

a = distance between line of fracture to the nearest support, mm.

Impact test:

The "Drop Weight Test" method is used to conduct the impact test. The number of strikes required to elicit a given level of distress in the test specimen is determined by the drop weight test method, which was developed by Schrader. These figures represent a quantitative estimate of the amount of energy absorbed by the specimen at that level of distress. A cylindrical disc with a diameter of 152mm and a thickness of 62.5mm serves as a concrete test specimen. The impact load is applied with an ASTM D-1557 drop hammer. The hammer's weight is 45N. The number of blows required to create the first visible crack and eventual failure by dropping the hammer from a height of 457 mm are recorded.

Workability:

Concrete's workability is defined in a variety of ways, as follows:

i) Workability is defined by ASTM C 125 as the property that determines the amount of effort necessary to handle a freshly mixed quantity of concrete with the least amount of homogeneity loss. The early-age activities of putting, compacting, and completing are included in the phrase "manipulate."

ii) Workability refers to how easily a freshly mixed concrete can be compacted, as well as how easily it can be carried, placed, and completed.

iii) The severe meaning of functionality is how much valuable inward work is expected to create full compaction against the inside erosion between the singular particles in the substantial.

A substantial's usefulness is a composite quality comprised of no less than two essential parts, as follows:

"Consistency"- shows the versatility or flowability of newly blended concrete

"Cohesiveness"- shows the water-holding limit (something contrary to dying) and the coarse total holding limit (something contrary to isolation)

Meaning of functionality

1. serviceable cement permits full compaction utilizing a sensible measure of work. This aids in accomplishing the most extreme conceivable thickness (for example least potential voids) of cement, which brings about additional strength and toughness to cement.
2. The accompanying figure shows how altogether the thickness of cement having similar materials and extents influences the strength of cement.

Factors influencing functionality are:

As a rule, the usefulness of substantial blends is constrained by the accompanying variables:

1. Water content

I) The downturn or consistency of cement is an immediate capacity of the water content for a given greatest size of the coarse total; that is, it is autonomous of different factors like total reviewing and concrete fixation inside limits.ii) At a consistent water/concrete proportion, a diminishing in the total/concrete proportion incites an expansion in the water content, bringing about expanded substantial consistency.

iii) At consistent water content, bringing down the total/concrete proportion brings down the water/concrete proportion, however, consistency is unaffected.

2. Cement content

i) In typical concrete, a significant reduction in the cement content at a given water content tends to produce harsh (i.e., low workable) mixtures with poor finish ability.

ii) Concretes with a very high cement content or a very fine cement have great cohesion but are sticky.

3. Aggregate characteristics

i) The water demand for a particular consistency is influenced by the particle size of coarse aggregate.

ii) When the water content is the same, very fine or angular sands generate less workable concrete than coarser or well-rounded sands.

1. Admixtures

i) By raising the amount of paste, air-entraining admixtures increase the consistency and cohesiveness of concrete at a given water content.

ii) Pozzolanic admixtures tend to improve concrete's cohesion. When used as a partial substitute for fine aggregate, fly ash improves consistency at a given water content.

iii) Adding a water-reducing additive to a concrete mixture with a consistent water content can improve uniformity.

Workability measurements:

Following tests are commonly used for measuring workability of concrete:

1.Slump test IS -1199–1959

The most widely used test for determining the consistency of concrete mixtures with high consistency.

i) The slump test equipment is fairly basic, consisting of a tamping rod and a truncated cone with a 300 mm height and 100 mm diameter at the top and 200 mm diameter at the bottom and a tamping rod.

ii) As illustrated in the diagram, the cone is filled with concrete in three levels, with each layer receiving 25 tamping rod blows before being progressively lifted.

iii) The weight of the unsupported concrete cone causes it to sink.

iv) The slump of concrete refers to the reduction in the height of a depressed cone.

Results and discussion

Results of fresh and hardened concrete with partial replacement of Fly ash and metakaolin in combination are discussed in comparison with those of normal concrete.

For the combinations of concrete mixes three cubes were being casted each for varying curing days 3,7,28 days & three cylinders and three beams were being casted for curing period of 28 days. Test for the same being conducted under compressive testing machine of capacity 2000KN.

Workability for concrete mix:

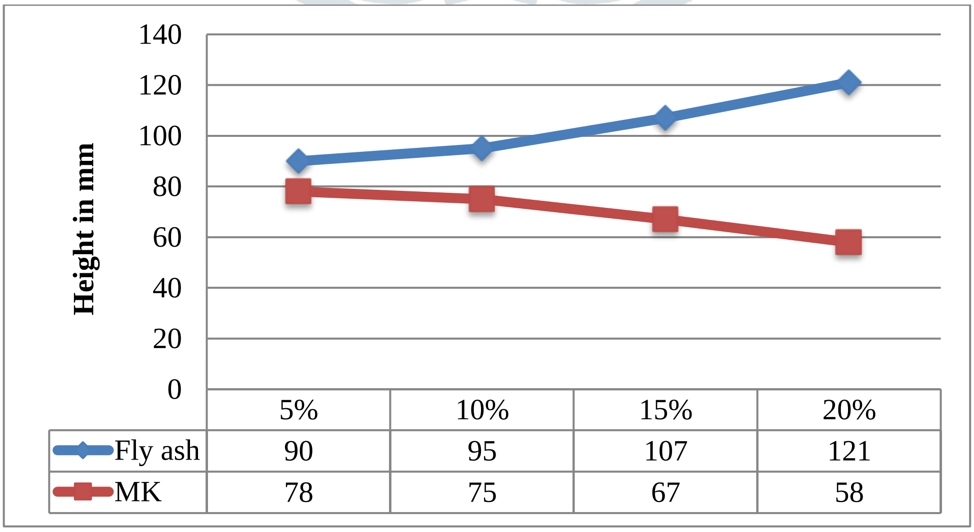


Fig.1. Slump showing single blend replacement

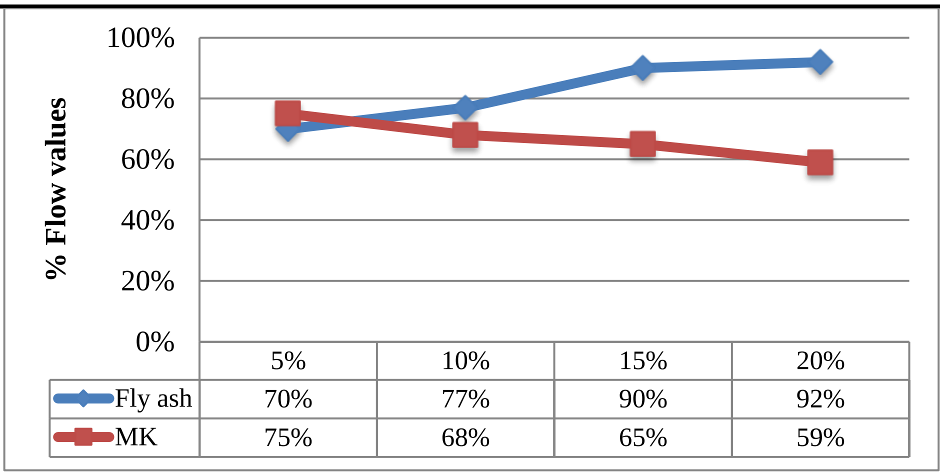


Figure 2. Compaction factor showing single blend replacement

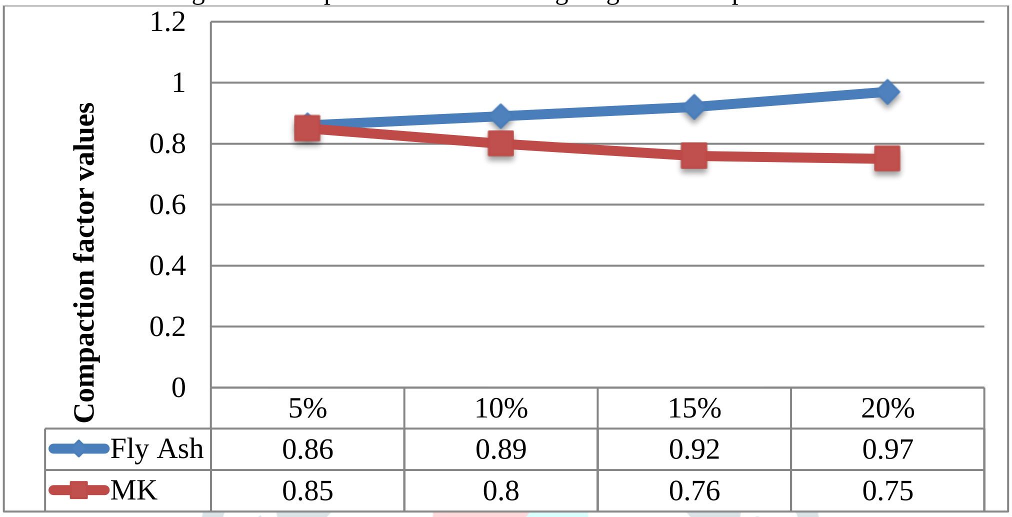


Figure 3. % Flow values showing single blend replacement

Workability for concrete mix for blended cements:

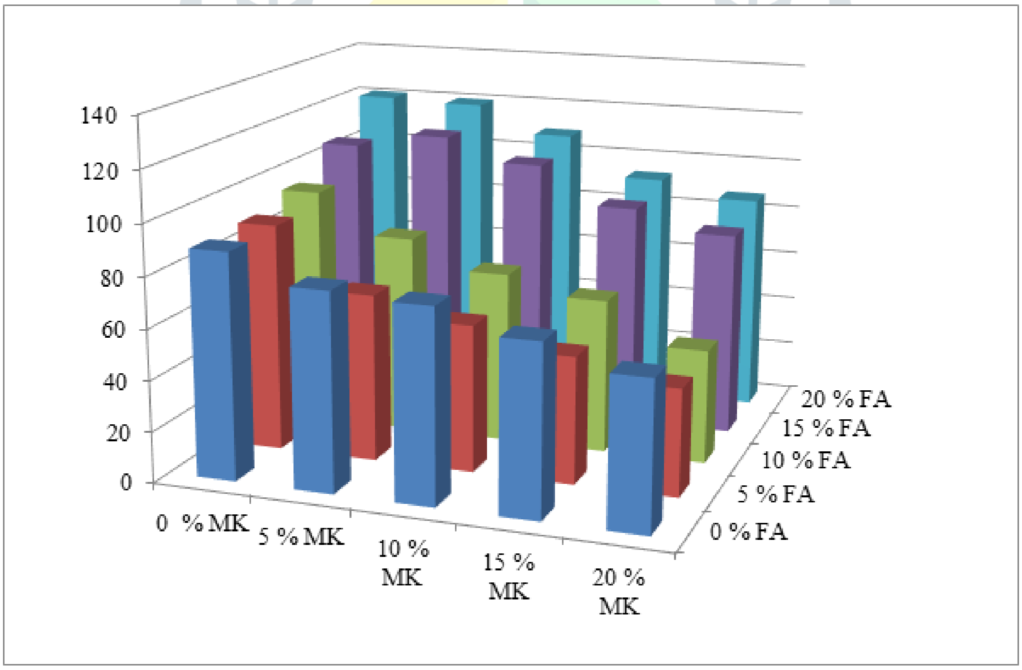


Figure 4. Slump showing ternary blend replacement

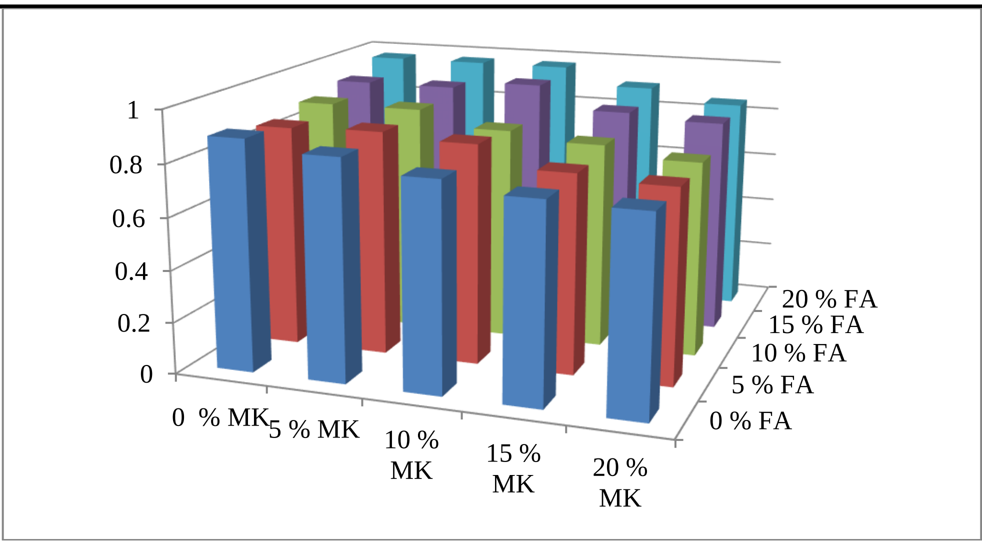


Figure 5. Compaction factor showing ternary blend replacement

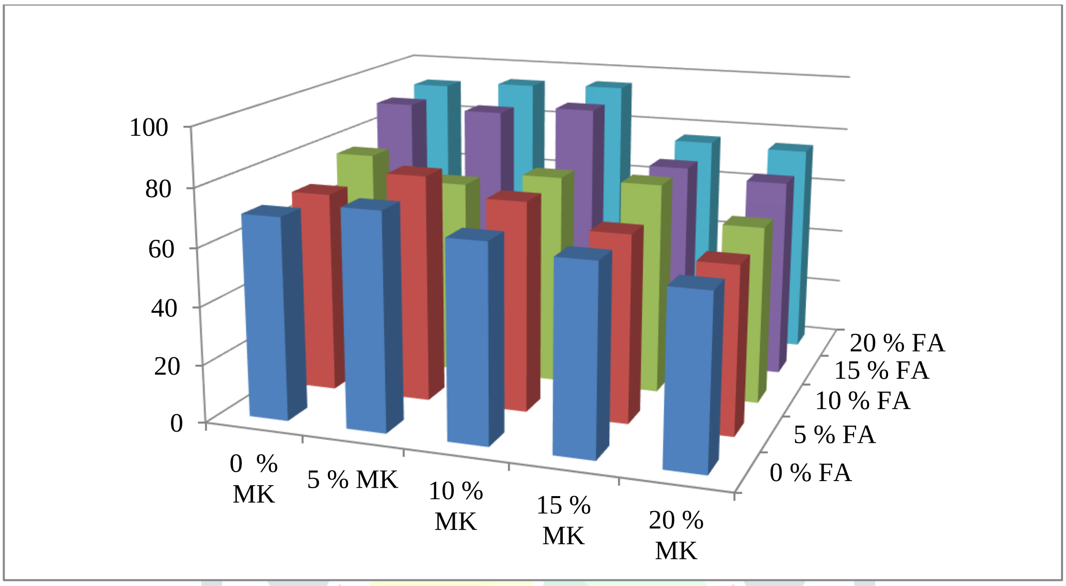


Figure 6. Flow value showing ternary blend cement replacement.

Test results for strength assessment

Strength behavior of conventional concrete against other replacement materials for various durations

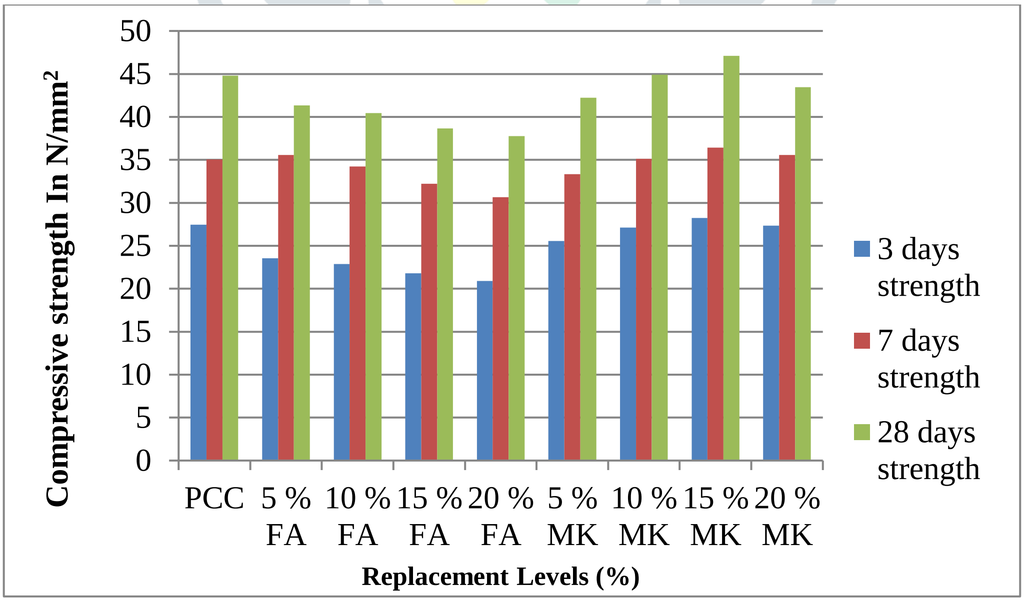


Figure 7. Compressive strength for individual blend replacement

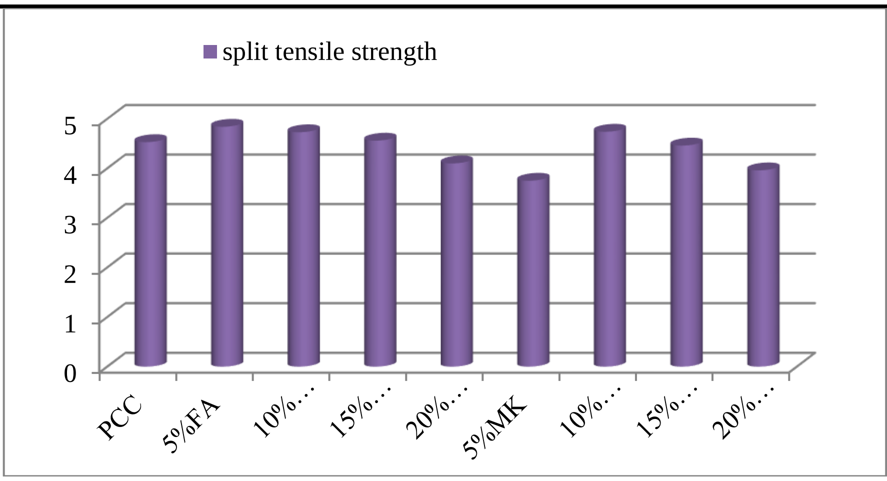
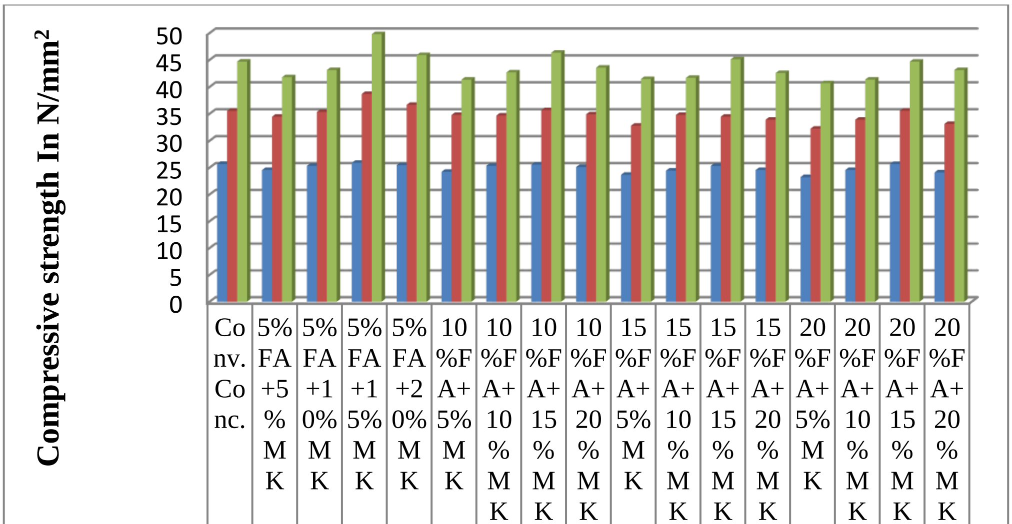
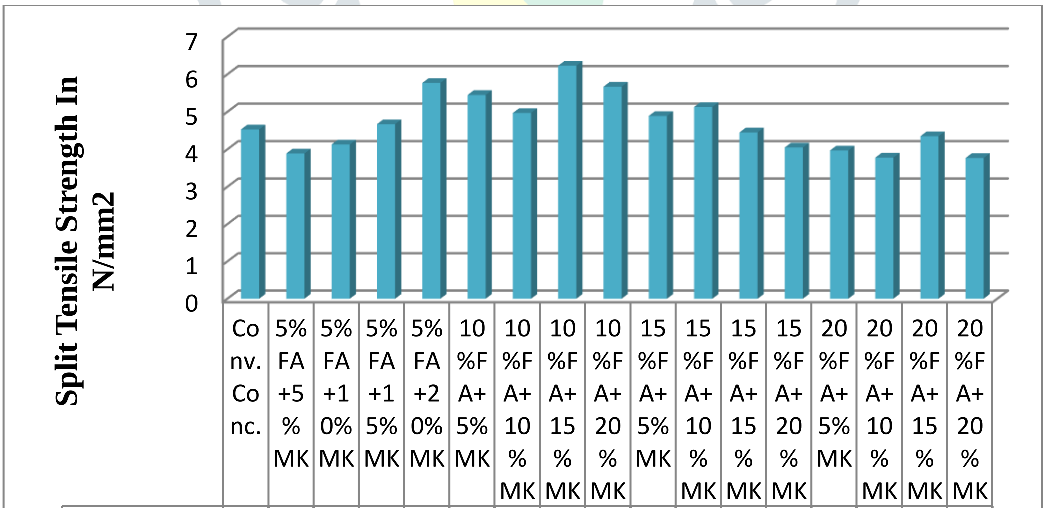


Figure 8. Split tensile strength



	Conv. Conc.	5% FA+5% MK	5% FA+10% MK	5% FA+15% MK	5% FA+20% MK	10%FA+5% MK	10%FA+10% MK	10%FA+15% MK	10%FA+20% MK	15%FA+5% MK	15%FA+10% MK	15%FA+15% MK	15%FA+20% MK	20%FA+5% MK	20%FA+10% MK	20%FA+15% MK	20%FA+20% MK
3 days str	25.7	24.6	25.3	25.9	25.5	24.2	25.3	25.6	25.1	23.7	24.5	25.3	24.6	23.2	24.6	25.7	24.1
7days str.	35.5	34.5	35.3	38.7	36.7	34.8	34.7	35.7	34.9	32.8	34.8	34.5	33.9	32.2	33.9	35.6	33.1
28days str.	44.7	41.8	43.1	49.8	45.9	41.3	42.7	46.3	43.6	41.5	41.7	45.1	42.6	40.7	41.3	44.7	43.1

Figure 9. Results for compressive strength of Ternary Mix



	Conv. Conc.	5% FA+5% MK	5% FA+10% MK	5% FA+15% MK	5% FA+20% MK	10%FA+5% MK	10%FA+10% MK	10%FA+15% MK	10%FA+20% MK	15%FA+5% MK	15%FA+10% MK	15%FA+15% MK	15%FA+20% MK	20%FA+5% MK	20%FA+10% MK	20%FA+15% MK	20%FA+20% MK
28 days str.	4.53	3.89	4.13	4.67	5.77	5.45	4.97	6.23	5.67	4.89	5.13	4.45	4.05	3.97	3.78	4.35	3.77

Figure 10. Split tensile tests for Ternary Mix

Flexural Test Results

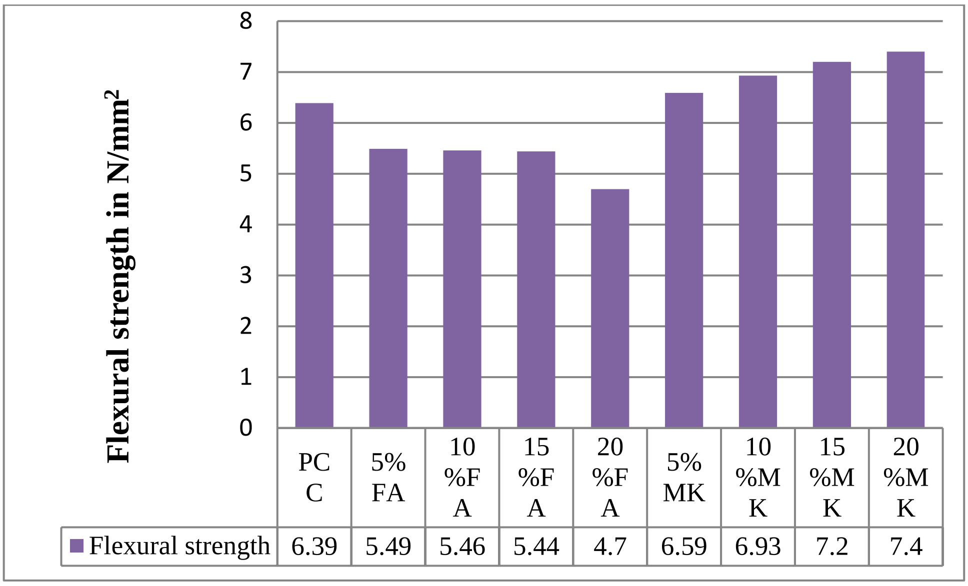


Figure 11. Flexural strength for various replacement

From above graph it is shown that due to increasing percentage of metakaolin weight of concrete block goes on reducing. while due to increasing percentage of fly ash weight of concrete block goes on reducing to some extent as compared to metakaolin.

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CONCLUSION

it clearly reveals that the strength performance of metakaolin is influenced. The performance of metakaolin has increased with the increment in replacement levels until it reaches the optimum strength. Subsequently, the concrete's strength is further enhanced by the pozzolanic reaction. From the results it is very clear that, as the fly ash percentage by weight goes on increasing, the strength of the concrete goes on decreasing. Slump, Compaction Factor, flow value is increasing due to 20% FA &5% MK replacement and value for Slump, Compaction Factor, flow value is 120 mm, 0.97, 94% respectively which shows high workability. While Slump, Compaction Factor, flow value are goes on decreasing due to 5% FA & 20 % MK replacement and value for Slump, Compaction Factor, flow value is 42mm,0.75, 58% respectively which shows Poor workability. Flexural strength goes on increasing while increasing percentage of fly ash Flexural strength goes on decreasing.

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