



# A STUDY ON MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF RECYCLED AGGREGATE CONCRETE USING POZZALONIC ADMIXTURE

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*Abstract:* Recycled aggregate is the material obtained from debris and demolition wastes which are being used in the construction industries or regularly in recent times. The environmental benefit associated with recycled coarse aggregates (RCAs) use, such as reduced land filling and natural aggregate quarrying has been identified by industries and government. At present situation resources are extremely shortage, so to overcome the situation RAC concept was established. Recycled aggregate concrete (RAC) is the construction material produced by demolishing and crushing of previously casted concrete cubes. The most important drawback in RAC is low strength due to the adhered mortar on natural aggregates resulting in excess water absorption and decreased workability.

**Index Terms – Recycled Aggregate Concrete, Pozzalone, Admixtures**

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 CONCRETE

Concrete comprises of cement, aggregates (stone and sand of various grades) and water. Concrete is the basic building element for modern society. Concrete has a superior lifespan in compared to other products. There are many benefits associated with using concrete in construction projects. The material can be molded into any shape and used for any purpose in construction. Concrete can also be used to create solid. Construction waste consists of unwanted material produced directly. Construction waste may be made up of materials such as bricks, concrete etc., damaged or unused for various reasons during construction. Every major construction project uses concrete in one form or another.

The use of construction and demolition waste (CDW) to produce new concrete is becoming an obvious choice. Approximately 25% of all waste generated per annum arises from CDW and 78% of this were concrete, bricks etc. CDW can contribute to reducing the economic and environmental cost so removal to dumping round sand more importantly, the excessive demand for natural resources, especially natural aggregates (NA), for construction work.

#### 1.1 Advantages of fly ash and silica fume

Fly ash is known to be a pozzolanic material and has been used to increase the compressive strength and workability of fresh concrete. Influence of fly ash as a cement replacement on the compressive strength value of recycled aggregate concrete found to be decrease as the recycled aggregate and the fly ash content increased. Fly ash is accepted to be an active pozzolanic material. Therefore, by using fly ash as a cement replacement in recycled aggregate

concrete both the compressive strength and workability of recycled aggregate concrete were increased. The effects of incorporating silica fume in the concrete mix design to improve the quality of recycled aggregate concrete. The use of lashing RCA concrete may significantly improve the service life of concrete exposed to such aggressive environment, providing suitable proportion of FA and low/cisused. The main advantage so fusing flyash and silica fume by replacing the cement in specified ratios Fly sand silica fume can improve compressive strength, workability etc. Superplasticizers have various effects on concrete, such as compressive strength were increased, increasing workability with the same water and cement contents, and decreasing permeability. [16]

Compressive strength or compression strength is the capacity of material or structure to withstand loads tending to reduce size, as opposed to tensile strength, which withstands loads tending to elongate. In the study, compressive strength can be analyzed independently. Compressive strength is a key value for design of structures. Compressive strength is often measured on a universal testing machine. Measurements of Compressive strength are affected by the specific test and conditions of measurement.

### 1.2 Three Stage Mixing Approach for recycled coarse aggregates

In three stage mixing method (TM) or triple mix in method water is divided into two halves, firstly coarse and fine aggregates were mixed for 15 seconds by adding certain amount of water to get wet aggregates. Followed by the admixture, was added to the wet aggregates and agitated for another 15 seconds to obtain the aggregate surface coated with admixture and the cement was then added and mixed for further 30 seconds. Finally, the rest half water was added together with the SuperPlasticizer mixed for another 60 seconds.

Here, by using three stage mixing, the voids of aggregate will be filled by fly ash and silica fume because they are much finer than the cement. [4]

### 1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The main objective of present study is to achieve the target compressive strength in recycled aggregate concrete mixes namely RAC20, RAC25, and RAC30 using 100% recycled coarse aggregates by partial substitution of pozzolani materials to cement.

## CHAPTER II LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 LITERATURES REVIEWED

**Sami W. Tabsh et al.**, [1] studied on influence of recycled coarse aggregates on strength properties of concrete. They investigated the factors that influence the compressive and tensile strengths of concrete made with coarse aggregate obtained from crushed old concrete.

Two concrete mixes with target strengths of 30 MPa and 50 MPa were considered. A total of 80 specimens were cast and cured in water. Four different kinds of coarse aggregates were used in these mixes which included aggregates from natural origin, recycled aggregates from dumpsite, crushed stone from 30 MPa concrete and 50 MPa concrete. Concrete made with recycled concrete aggregate has high bonding strength between the coarse aggregate and the surrounding paste due to angularity of the coarse aggregate and the residual cement attached on the surface of the recycled aggregate. Five specimens were tested for compression.

They concluded that, the RAC concrete mixes require more water than conventional concrete to maintain in good slump. The percentage loss in compressive strength due to the use of recycled aggregate was observed to be more and a loss of compressive strength was observed mainly due to higher water observation.

**Wengui Li et al.**, [2] studied on interfacial transition zones in recycled aggregate concrete with different mixing approaches. Two-Stage Mixing Approach (TSMA) was considered in their study which improves the nanomechanical properties. In this study, both recycled aggregates and natural coarse aggregate (NCA) were sieved to have the same size gradation. When casting RAC with 100% replacement of RCA, two different mixing approaches (TSMA and NMA) were used.

## CHAPTER-III

## PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS

## 3.1. INTRODUCTION

The experimental work is carried out in five phases. Phase-1 consists of Characteristics of materials. Phase-2 consists of casting of Natural concrete cubes. Phase-3 consists of Crushing of Natural concrete cubes using Jaw Crusher. Phase-4 consists of Characteristics of Granite Aggregates. Phase-5 consists of Casting of Recycled Aggregate Concrete cubes with the replacement of natural coarse aggregate with Granite Aggregate at different percentages. The overview of various phases of the experimental program is shown in following sections.

## 3.2 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS

1. In this phase, necessary tests were conducted on cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate to find out the physical and mechanical properties.

2. Mix Design was done for M20, M25, M30, M35 and M40 grades of concrete.

Natural aggregate concrete cubes were casted in order obtaining recycled aggregates by crushing in jaw crusher.

## 3.3 CEMENT:

Cement is a gray powder substance which is used in construction that is mixed with water and other substances to make concrete and sand. Sand can bind the materials together.

In this study, OPC 53 grade (MAHAGOLD) cement was used and the following tests are conducted as per IS codes-12269-1987. The following tests were conducted on OPC 53 Grade cement

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Specific Gravity of cement     | [IS: 4031-1968]         |
| 2. Fineness of cement             | [IS 4031 (Part-1)-1996] |
| 3. Standard consistency of cement | [IS 4031 (Part-4)-1988] |
| 4. Initial setting time of cement | [IS 12269-1987]         |
| 5. Final Setting Time of cement   | [IS 12269 -1987]        |
| 6. Soundness of cement            | [IS 4031 (Part-4)-1988] |
| 7. Compressive Strength of cement | [IS 12269-1987]         |

## 3.3.1 SPECIFIC GRAVITY

Specific gravity is used in mixture proportioning calculations. The specific gravity of Portland cement is generally around 3.15 while the portland-pozzolan cements may have specific gravities near 2.90.

**Table3.1:** Specific Gravity of Cement (IS 4031-1968):

Observations for Specific Gravity of cement	Sample
Weight of bottle (W <sub>1</sub> ) (empty bottle) (g)	34
Weight of bottle + 1/3 of cement (W <sub>2</sub> ) (g)	69
Weight of bottle + cement + Kerosene (W <sub>3</sub> ) (g)	103
Weight of bottle + kerosene (W <sub>4</sub> ) (g)	78
Specific Gravity of Cement (g)	3.15

Specific Gravity of Cement =  $\frac{W_2 - W_1}{(W_4 - W_1)(W_3 - W_2)} \times 0.79 = 3.15$ .

### 3.3.4 Compressive Strength of cement (IS 12269 - 1987):

Compressive strength of cement is determined by compressive strength test on mortar cubes compacted by means of a standard vibration machine. Standard sand is used for the preparation of cement mortar. The specimen is in the form of cubes 70.6mm X 70.6mm X 70.6mm.



**Fig:3.1** Compressive Strength of cement

### 3.4 FINE AGGREGATE:

It is loose granular material that results from disintegration of rocks, consists of particles smaller than gravel but coarser than silt and used in mortar. The material which passes through 4.75 IS sieves are termed as fine aggregates (FA). Usually sand is used as fine aggregate, at places where natural sands are not available, crushed stone is used as fine aggregate. The sand/fine aggregate used for the experimental work is locally procured. According to IS 383-1970<sup>[28]</sup>, Fine Aggregate used in the present study conforms to Zone-II.

### 3.4.1 SPECIFIC GRAVITY AND WATER ABSORPTION OF FINE AGGREGATE:



Fig:3.2

Table3.5: Specific Gravity of Fine Aggregate (IS2386–Part3)

Description	Observations
Wt. of the saturated surfacedry (SSD) sample (A) (g)	636
Wt. Pycnometer + Sample + water (B) (g)	1730
Weight of Pycnometer filled with water (C) (g)	1347
Weight of oven dry sample (D) (g)	633
Specific gravity = $D/A - (B - C)$	2.5019
Water absorption = $100 (A - D)/D$	0.47

### 3.4.3. Bulk density of Fine Aggregates

Table3.6 Observations for bulk density of fine aggregate

Description of measure	Fine Aggregate
Volume of measure (V) (l)	3
Weight of measure (W1)	6.949
Wt. with compacted aggregate (W2) Kg	12.103
Bulk Density = $(W2 - W1)/V$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.718

### 3.5. COARSE AGGREGATES

Natural coarse Aggregate is the component to form a composite material that resists compressive stress and provides bulk to the composite material. The aggregate which retained on 4.75 mm IS sieve used and locally available coarse aggregate having maximum size of 20mm was used in the study.

### 3.6 Pozzolanic materials

Pozzolanic materials are siliceous or siliceous aluminous material which, it possess a little or no cementitious value but which will, in finely divided form and in the presence of water, will react chemically with calcium hydroxide at ordinary temperature to form compounds possessing cementitious value. Some of the Pozzolanic materials are fly ash and silica fume.



**Fig:3.4** Pozzolanic materials

#### 3.6.1 Fly ash

Fly ash, also known as pulverized fuel ash, it is also one of the coal combustion products, composed of the fine particles that are driven out of the boiler with the flue gases.

Fly Ash is a by-product of coal-fired furnaces at power generation and it is typically finer than cement, which provides workability to concrete because of its shape, and typically allows for strength and durability enhancing lower water contents. Strength and durability results may vary based on the fly ash chemistry. Low oxide/high calcium Class C fly ash may provide higher early concrete strength than a high oxide/low calcium Class F fly ash. Class F fly ash is typically superior to a Class C fly ash in mitigating damage from both sulfate and alkali-silica damage to concrete. Fly ash includes substantial amounts of silicon dioxide (both amorphous and crystalline), aluminum oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) and calcium oxide (CaO). Fly ash used in this study is class F fly ash obtained from Simhadri Thermal Power plant, NTPC. The particles are in the form of solid spheres with sizes ranging from less than  $1\mu$  to  $100\mu$  and an average diameter of  $20\mu$ . The physical & chemical properties of fly ash were studied for the suitability of usage in concrete.

**Table:3.13**Chemicalandphysicalcompositionofflyash

S.No	CHEMICALCONSTITUENTS	CLASSF	Requirements asper IS: 3812 (Part2):2003
1	Silicon Dioxide( SiO <sub>2</sub> ) +Aluminium Oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )+FerricOxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	70%	70
2	SiliconDioxide	35%	35
3	Reactivsilica	20%	--
4	MagnesiumOxideMgO	5.0%	5.0
5	Sulphurtrioxide(SO <sub>3</sub> )	3.0%	5.0
6	SodiumOxide(Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	1.5	1.5
7	TotalChlorides	0.05	0.05
8	LossonIgnition	6	5.0
<b>Physicalpropertiesofflyash</b>			
S. No	Physicalproperties	Obtainedresults	Requirementsas per IS: 3812(Part2):2003
1	SpecificGravity	1.915	1.9to2.8
2	Finenesstest(%)	33	34

**3.6.2 SPECIFICGRAVITYOF FLYASH[IS1727–1967]:**

SL NO	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE	
1	Weightofbottle(W1),gms	29	29
2	Weight of bottle + 1/3 of fly ash(W2),gms	43	45
3	Wtofottle+flyash+kerosene(W3),gms	80	80
4	Weight of bottle + kerosene (W4),gms	71	71

5	Weightofbottlefilledwithwater(W5),gms	82	82
6	Specificgravityofkerosene, $G_k = \frac{W_4 - W_1}{(W_5 - W_1)}$	0.81	0.81
7	Specific gravity of fly ash, $G = \left( \frac{W_2 - W_1}{W_3 - W_2} \right) \times (G_k) \frac{W_4 - W_1}{W_5 - W_1}$	1.93	1.90
8	AverageSpecificGravity	1.915	

**3.6.2 FINENESSOFFLYASH[IS1727–1967]:CALCULATIONS:** Weightretainedon45micronISSieve(Wetsieving) =33gms,RESULT:Thefinenessofflyash =33%

### 3.6.3 SILICAFUME

Silicafumeisabyproductofproducing siliconmetalorferrosiliconalloys. One of the most beneficial uses for silica fume is in concrete it is a very reactive pozzolanic. Concrete containing silica fume can have very high strength. Silic afumeis available from supplier so fconcrete ad mix turesand,when specified,issimply added during concrete production.Silica fumeconsists primaril yo famor phous silicondioxide

**Table3.14:** PhysicalandChemicalPropertiesofSilicaFume

<i>Chemicalcompositionofsilicafume</i>			
1	SiliconDioxide(SiO <sub>2</sub> )	85%	
2	Moisturecontent	3%	
3	Caocontent	<1%	
4	AlkalisasNA <sub>2</sub> O	1.5%	
5	LossonIgnition	4.0%	
<i>Physicalproptiessilicafume</i>			
S. No	Physicalproperties	Obtainedresults	Requirementsas per IS: 3812(Part2):2003
1	SpecificGravity	2.32	2.1to2.8
2	Finenesstest(%)	5	5 to 10

### 3.7 CASTINGWORKOFSPECIMENS

**3.7.1 Casting of natural aggregate concrete for the mentioned mix proportions to produce recycled aggregates.**

In this study, as per Indian standard code natural aggregate cub estate busing specified/cratios.Here,Caste cubes for7and28days



**Table3.17**Numberof Cubestobe Casted

Gradedesignation	% RA	%NA	Noofcubescasted
M20	0	100	30
M25	0	100	30
M30	0	100	30
M35	0	100	30
M40	0	100	30

150X150X150mmsizeironmouldswereusedforcasting.mouldsshouldbecleanedofdustparticlesandappliedwithmineraloilonallsidesbefore concrete is poured in to the moulds. The moulds are placed on a level plat form. The well mixed concrete is filled into the moulds and kept on vibration table. Excess concrete was removed with trowel and top surface is finished level and smooth as per IS 516-1969. Casting was started for each grade as per the mix proportions, 30 cubes were recasted for M20, M25, M30, M35 and M40 and totally 150 cubes including the wastage.



**Fig:3.5**Preparationofconcrete**Fig:3.6**Slumptest**Fig:3.7**Concreteinmoulds

### 3.7.2 CURING

The specimens were removed from the moulds after 24hr from the time of adding the water to the ingredients. The specimen then marked for identification. These specimens were then stored in clean water for their required period of curing.



**Fig:3.8**Cubes inside curing tank

### 3.7.3 CRUSHING OF PARENT GRADE CONCRETE CUBES USING JAW CRUSHER

Specimens were taken from curing tank after curing period and compressive strength were measured. After getting the compressive strength results for 7 and 28 days, cubes were crushed by jaw crusher and sieved. The aggregates which come out of NAC termed as GA granit econcrete. GA 20, GA25 GA 30 GA 35 and GA 40. Aggregates were separated by sizes i.e. 20mm and 10mm.

### 3.7.4 JAWCRUSHER

A Jaw Crusher is one of the major types of primary crushers in a mine or in a lab. Size of a jaw crusher was designated by their triangular or square opening at the top of the jaws. A Jaw Crusher reduces large size rocks into small size by compressing it. By using Jaw crusher the concrete cube were crushed into small pieces which were separated into 10mm and 20mm.



**Fig:3.9**JAWCRUSHER

**Table:3.18** casting of RAC using three stage mixing approach

Type of RAC Mix	Grade of RA	% Replacement of RA	no of cubes at		TOTAL
			7 days	28 days	
M20	GA20	100%	3	3	6
	GA25		3	3	6
	GA30		3	3	6
	GA35		3	3	6
	GA40		3	3	6
M25	GA20	100%	3	3	6
	GA25		3	3	6
	GA30		3	3	6
	GA35		3	3	6
	GA40		3	3	6
M30	GA20	100%	3	3	6
	GA25		3	3	6
	GA30		3	3	6
	GA35		3	3	6
	GA40		3	3	6
<b>Total number of RAC Cubes=90</b>					

### 3.8 TESTING OF SPECIMENS:

The specimen sare tested by compression testing machine after 7 days curing or 28day scuring. Load should be applied gradually at the rate of 140 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> per minute till the Specimens fails. Load at the failure divided by area of specimengi ves the compress ivest length of concrete.

Minimum of three specimen were selected for conducting compressive strengths at 7, 28 days. If strength of any specimen varies by more than 15 percent of average strength, result so such Speci men should be rejected.

#### 3.8.1 Compression Testing Method

The mould swererem oved from cubes, After 24hours;the Specimens were subjected to curing for 7 days and 28 days in potable water. After curing, the specimens were tested for compressive streng thusing compression test ing machine of 2000KN capacity (IS:516–1959).The maximum load at failure is taken. Compressive strength is measured on a universal testing machine of capacity 200 Tonnes.

## CHAPTER-4

### DETAILED INVESTIGATION

#### 4.1. INTRODUCTION

Present Investigation describes about the recycled aggregate concrete materials and explains how the project work was done in detail, properties of all the tests results and the calculated that specific gravity, water absorption and impact values, crushing values and trail mix etc. The properties of natural aggregate and granite aggregate, average results of 7, 28 days compressive strength of specimens and also the results of density, water absorption in the form of tables are mentioned in this chapter.

### 4.2 DETAILS OF DETAILED INVESTIGATION

The detailed investigation of recycled aggregates and concrete made with 100% RCA is carried out in different phases

1. Firstly, detail investigation was based on RCA and materials.
2. Secondly, several trial mix designs using different w/c ratios are conducted to finalize the mix design for RAC made with pozzolona.

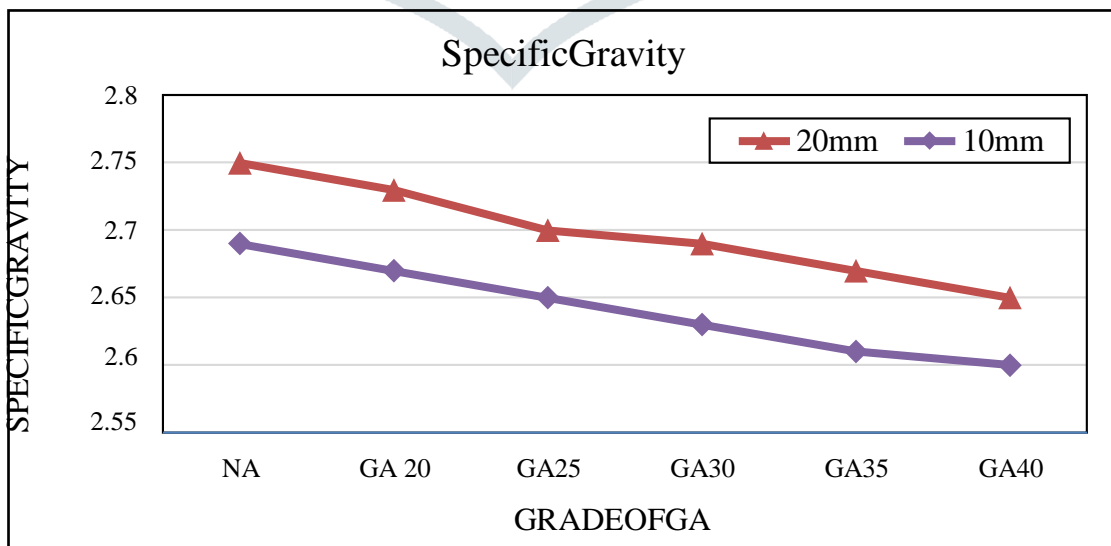
### 4.3 PROPERTIES OF GRANITE AGGREGATES

GA25	32	0.32	100	21.92	33.05
GA30	32	0.32	100	19.85	30.37
GA35	32	0.32	100	19.70	30.22
GA40	32	0.32	100	20.14	29.18

Table 5.1 Specific Gravity

Size	Grade of aggregates					
	NA	GA20	GA25	GA30	GA35	GA40
20mm	2.75	2.73	2.7	2.69	2.67	2.65
10mm	2.69	2.67	2.65	2.63	2.61	2.6

Fig 5.1: Specific Gravity of Natural and Recycled Aggregates



Specific gravity of recycled aggregate decreased with an increase in the grade of concrete. Specific gravity of recycled aggregates were within the range from 2.6 to 2.8 and were suitable for production of RAC. Specific gravity of recycled aggregate is lower than the natural aggregate. Specific gravity is used to determine the quality of the

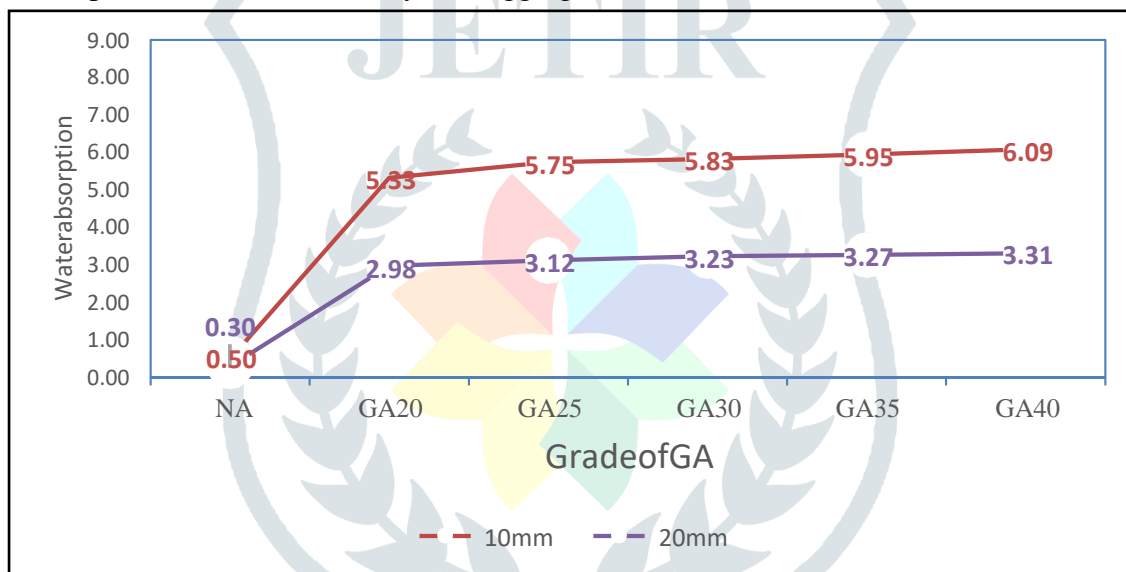
aggregate sand the percentage of voids in the granite aggregates which are both important in design and quality control.

### 5.1.1 WATER ABSORPTION IN NATURAL AND RECYCLED AGGREGATES

**Table 5.2** Water Absorption

	Grade of GA					
Size of aggregate	NA	GA20	GA25	GA30	GA35	GA40
20mm	0.5	5.33	5.75	5.83	5.95	6.09
10mm	0.3	2.98	3.12	3.23	3.27	3.31

**Fig 5.2:** Water absorption of Natural and Recycled Aggregates

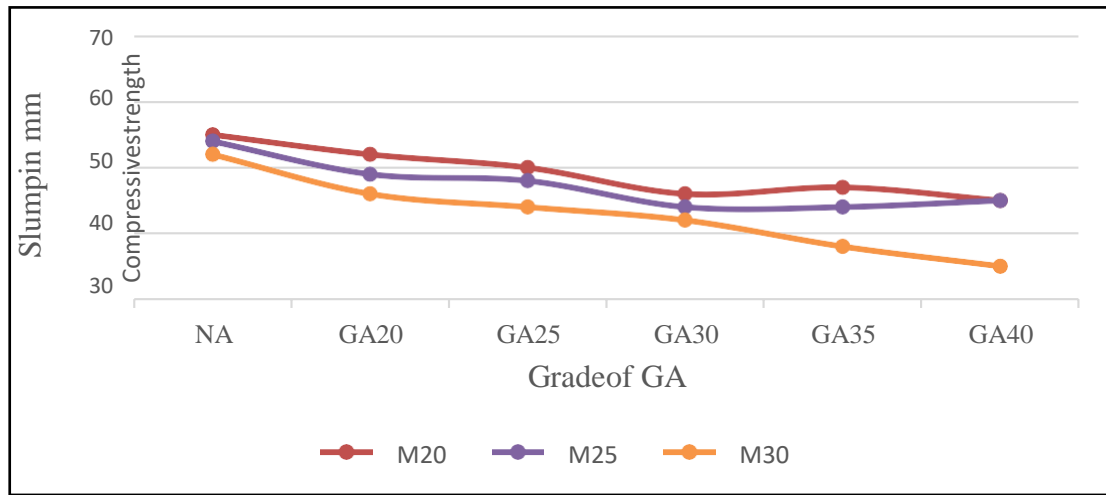


Water absorption of GA have increased with an increase in the grade of concrete. When compared to the natural aggregates, recycled aggregates have significantly increased in their water absorption. For reducing water absorption, addition of mineral admixtures (flyash, silica fume) will facilitate developed ITZ zone with less voids. As size of aggregate decreased, the water absorption increased due to the porosity of aggregate. Water absorption of 10mm aggregate is more than 20mm aggregate because smaller the recycled aggregate, greater will be the presence of adhered mortar.

### 5.1.2 WORKABILITY (SLUMP) FOR 100% RAC

**Table 5.4** Workability

	Workability (Slump, mm)					
Mix	NA	GA20	GA25	GA30	GA35	GA40
M 20	55	52	50	46	47	45
M25	54	49	48	44	44	45
M30	52	46	44	42	38	35



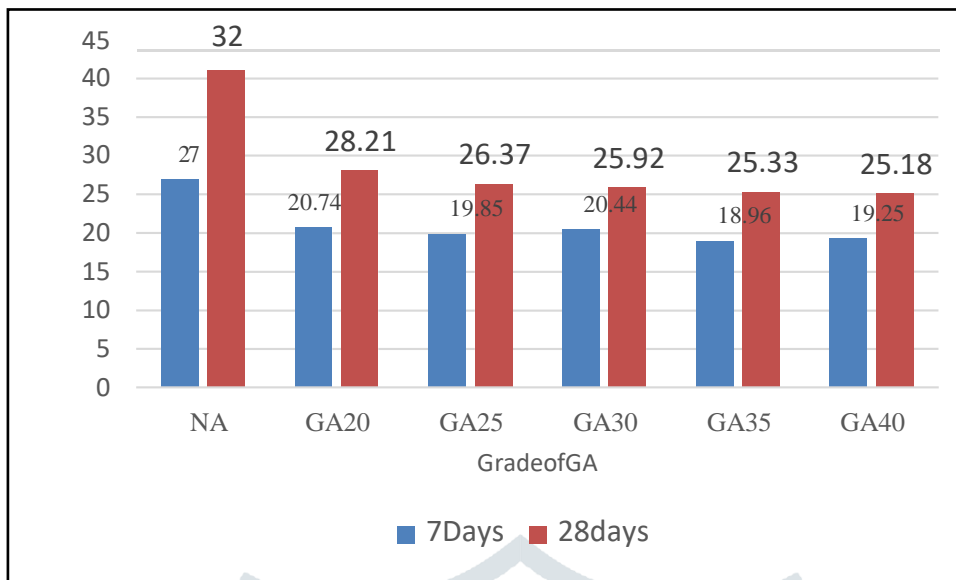
**Fig 5.6:** Work ability (Slump, mm) for M20, M25, M30.

Recycled aggregate concrete at 100% becomes less workable and hence a reduction in slump is observed when compared to the natural aggregate concrete mixes. In order to obtain good workability with less water absorption, three stage mixing approach was implemented in all the RAC mixes i.e. M20, M25, and M30. Due to the addition of fly ash and silica fume, the ITZ zone was filled which facilitated good workability at the time of cast work. Recycled aggregate concrete has drastically reduced its workability when cast using GA40 grade of aggregate which has more attached mortar content.

### 5.1.3 Compressive Strength (MPa) in M20 (7, 28 days)

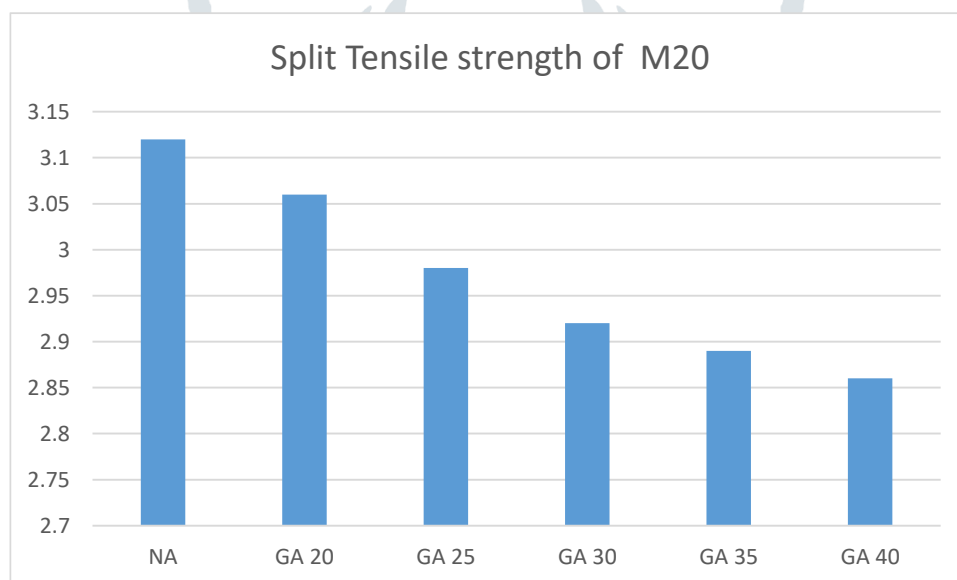
**Table 5.7** Compressive strength of M20 at 7, 28 days

Grade of GA	Compressive strength of M20 (MPa)	
	7 Days	28 days
NA	27	32
GA20	20.74	28.21
GA25	19.85	26.37
GA30	20.44	25.92
GA35	18.96	25.33
GA40	19.25	25.18



**Fig5.9:** Compressive strength of RAC M20 with pozzalona

5.3.6 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa) IN M 25 (7, 28 DAYS) WITH POZZALONA ADDITION



**FIG5.11:** SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH OF M20 WITH POZZALONA

5.3.9 SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH (MPa) IN M 25 (28 DAYS) WITH POZZALONA ADDITION

**Table 5.8** Split Tensile strength of M25 at 28 days

Grade of GA	Split Tensile strength of M25 (MPa)
	28 days
NA	3.8
GA20	3.7
GA25	3.65



GA30	3.62
GA35	3.6
GA40	3.5

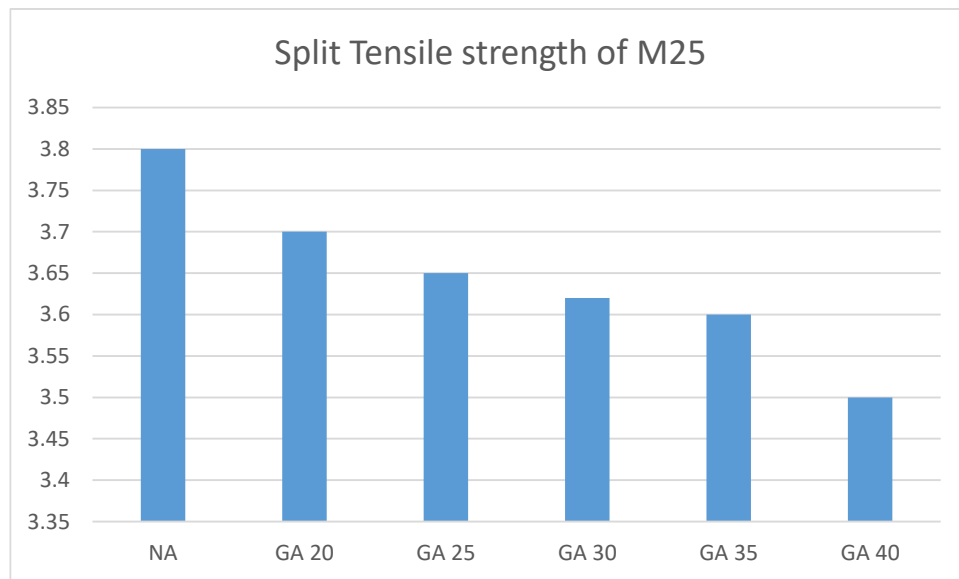


FIG5.11: SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH OF M25 WITH POZZALONAS

## CHAPTER VI CONCLUSIONS

1. With three stage mix in approach (TSMA), it is possible to achieve the workability of fresh recycled aggregate concrete made with 100% RCA. Recycled aggregate performs better at 100% when saturated surface dry (SSD) condition is achieved.
2. The water cement ratio for RAC M20, M25 and M30 must be lowered to 0.35, 0.32, and 0.32 respectively to achieve higher compressive strengths in recycled aggregate concrete mixes made with 100% RCA.
3. Addition of superplasticizer at a dosage of 10 ml per 1 kg of cement was observed to improve compressive strengths at early ages.
4. Three stage mixing approach is possible to achieve the workability of fresh recycled aggregate concrete made with 100% replacement of recycled coarse aggregate.
5. The 28-days compressive strength in RAC M20, M25, and M30 with 100% RCA mix has achieved the characteristic strength when GA20 was used and the remaining grades also achieved almost nearly the target strength.
6. Fly ash and silica fume materials at different percent like 20&10, 20&20, 20&30 percent replacements to cement have improved the workability and compressive strength at early ages because pozzolanic materials fill and control the water absorption of the recycled aggregate.

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