

# AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON STRENGTH OF CONCRETE BY THE INFLUENCE OF FLYASH AND NANOSILICA AS A PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CEMENT

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## ABSTRACT

With the aim of lessening the carbon dioxide emissions because of the manufacture of cement there is an emergence to find an opportunity answer for this problem. As a solution we will add fly ash and nano silica to regular Portland cement which reduces the environmental effect, but additionally improves the electricity traits of concrete. Latest developments in nano-era and availability of nano-silica (nS) have made using such materials in improving concrete residences possible. It is possible because the silica (S) in the sand reacts with calcium hydrate (CH) within the cement at Nano scale to shape C-S-H gel and thereby it improves the strengthening element of concrete, which might be in turn useful within the accomplishing high Compressive power even in early days. This experimental thesis consists of state of the artwork of nS application in concrete, importance of nS, the nS manufacturing manner, the determination of compressive energy, split tensile strength, flexural strength at and comparing the consequences to controlled concrete of M30 grade. In this experimental approach the cement is partly replaced via 20% and 30% of Fly Ash and Nano-Silica through 1.5%, 3.0% and 4.5% by using weight. The nature of mixed Fly Ash and Nano-Silica on compressive strength, Split tensile power, flexural energy of M30 grade of concrete is investigated. The version of various test results of concrete organized with diverse proportions of Fly Ash and Nano-Silica shows the equal trend. Based totally at the take a look at effects, it may be located that concrete organized with 20% Fly Ash and 3.0% Nano-Silica addition possesses enhanced characteristics compared to the control concrete. The boom in energy traits of concrete prepared using Fly Ash and Nano-Silica can be attributed to the effective particle packing.

**Keywords:** Fly-Ash, Nano-Silica, Partial substitute, Particle Packing and Calcium silicate Hydrate.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Inside the growing creation discipline concrete plays a major role. New sorts of systems and new technology in constructing, structural and civil engineering created greater tough requirements for this material. Cement intake will become an increasing number of very hastily all over the globe. There's a need to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions inside the environment. One of the treatments to overcome this example is to reduce the cement content material and make use of Pozzolanic materials for the training of concrete. Some of them are Metakaoline, GGBS, Fly Ash, and Micro Silica and so on. After a long time a constituent in concrete is partially replaced by means of a nano fabric (Nano-Silica). One of the great acknowledged Pozzolanic materials inside the world is FLY ASH. Nano-silica particulates are too small which tends to mingle and mix uniformly with all the materials in a perfect manner which results in proper bonding.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the prevailing research work are to examine the impact of Fly ash content material on compressive strength, split tensile strength and flexural strength of concrete, combined effect of application of Nano-Silica and Fly ash on compressive strength, split tensile energy and flexural strength and assessment of the consequences of traditional Concrete, with the influence of Fly ash and Nano-Silica as substitute of Cement.

### 3.0 EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME

#### 3.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALS

##### 3.1.1 CEMENT

In the present studies normal Portland cement (OPC) of 53 Grade became used. The characteristics of cement are shown.

**Table.1 Hallmarks of Cement**

S. No.	DETAILS	NECESSITIES
1.	Physical requirements:	
	Fineness (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)	Not less than 225
	Specific gravity	3.15
	Normal Consistency	33%
2.	Setting time (minutes)	
	a) Initial	Not less than 30
	b) Final	Not less than 600

##### 3.1.2 FINE AGGREGATE

Regionally accessible sand confirming to IS specifications turned into used as the satisfactory combination in the concrete coaching. The properties of fine aggregations are shown below.

**Table .2 Properties of Fine Aggregate**

S.NO	FEATURES	FIGURES
1	Specific Gravity	2.62
2	Bulk Density	
	I. Loose State II. Compacted State	14.15 kN/m <sup>3</sup> 16.9 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
3	Water Absorption	0.3%
4	Fineness Modulus	7.1

##### 3.1.3 COARSE AGGREGATE

Coarse combination of nominal size 20 mm and 10 mm, Confirming to IS specifications was used. The specifications of coarse aggregate are proven in table 3.coarse combination as a mixture of 20 mm and 10 mm size aggregates in ratio 1.5: 1 turned into used right here.

**Table.3 Properties of Coarse Aggregate**

S.NO	PROPERTY	VALUES
1	Specific Gravity	2.64
2	Bulk Density	14.18 kN/m <sup>3</sup> 16.58 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
	I. Loose State	
	II. Compacted State	
3	Water Absorption	0.39%
4	Fineness Modulus	7.12

### 3.1.4 FLY ASH

'Class F' Fly ash obtained from a Thermal Power Plant is used in the present work. Cement is replaced by 20% and 30% of fly ash by weight of cement. Fly ash is produced from Muddanoor thermal power station (RTPP), Kadapa. . The properties of fly ash are shown in Table 4.

S. No.	INGREDIENTS	PROPORTION
1	Silica SiO <sub>2</sub>	49-66
2	Alumina Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18-26
3	Iron oxide Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3-10
4	Lime CaO	0.71-3.5
5	Magnesia MgO	0.31-2.60
6	Sulphur trioxide SO <sub>3</sub>	0.1-2
7	Loss on ignition	0.4-0.8
8	Surface area m <sup>2</sup> /kg	228-598

### 3.1.5 NANO-SILICA

Nano-silica can be found in forms of (1) Compacted dry grains (Crystalline structure) and (2) Colloidal suspension (Silica gel). In this experimental program cement is replaced by 1.5%, 3% and 4.5% of nano-silica by weight. The properties of nano-silica are shown in the Table 5.

**Table 5: Properties of Nano-Silica**

S.NO.	Characteristics	Actual Analysis
1	Nano solids	38.6 - 42%
2	P <sub>H</sub>	9.6-10
3	Specific Gravity	1.27-1.31
4	Texture	White Liquid
5	Dispersion	Water

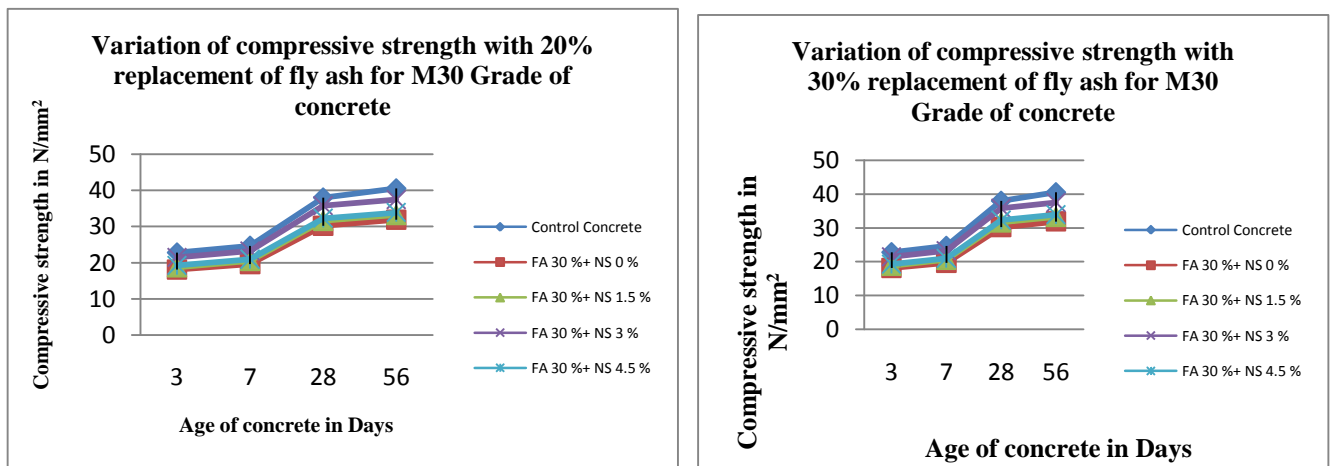
### 3.16 WATER

Water that is loose from impurities turned into use for casting and curing of concrete take a look at specimens which is likewise one of the influencing factors of the strength of the concrete.

## 4.0 EFFECTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

### 4.1 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

For a spread of proportions of fly ash and nano-silica the version of the cube compressive electricity of M30 grade concrete with age is proven in Fig.1. The average of 3 take a look at consequences offers the cube compressive electricity. It may be witnessed that the electricity of concrete using fly ash and Nanosilica prospers greater electricity than the manipulate concrete until three% of nano-silica and 20% of fly ash. If the improve in nano-silica and fly ash if extended more then the power of the concrete declines.

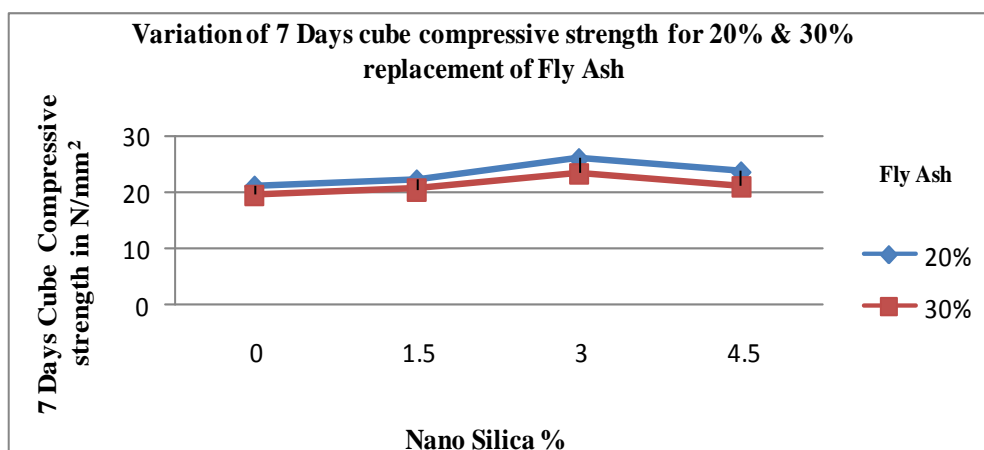


1. 20% Fly Ash

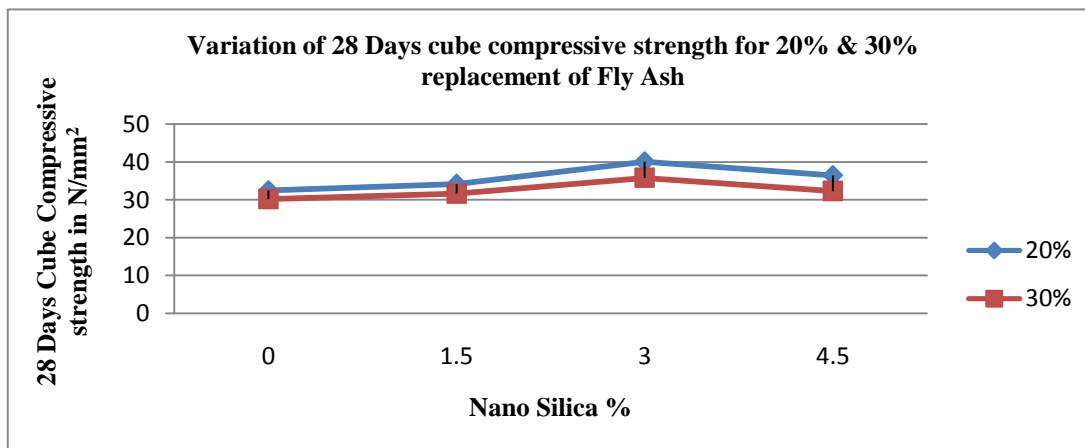
2. 30% Fly Ash

**Fig. 1: Version of Cube Compressive Electricity of M30 Grade Concrete with Age for Distinct Percentages of Fly Ash and Nano-Silica.**

7 days and 28 days cube compressive electricity of M30 grade of concrete ready with distinctive value of nano-silica and fly ash varies as proven in Fig.2. At the start the compressive power of concrete boosts up to 3% and afterward it lowers that percentage for 20% and 30 % of fly ash. The cube compressive strength of seven and 28 days of everyday concrete is 20 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 30.12 N/mm<sup>2</sup> respectively. There's an increase in 7 days and 28 days cube compressive power concrete with 3% nano-silica and 20% fly ash combination is 4.6 % and 6.1 % respectively.



i) 7 days Compressive strength



ii) 28 days Compressive strength

**Fig. 2: variation of Cube Compressive Electricity of M30 Grade of Concrete with Nano-Silica for diverse percentages of Fly Ash**

On the age of 28 days the cube compressive strength and cylindrical compressive electricity of concrete comprising separate possibilities of fly ash and nano-silica have been faced and the check results are proven in table 7. The dividend of cube compressive strength and cylinder compressive strength is located to be around 0.87.

**Table. 7 Relationships among 28 Days Cube And Cylinder Compressive Power Of Concrete Arranged With Fly Ash (FA) And Nano-Silica (NS).**

S.No.	Concrete	Cube Compressive Strength (MPa) $\sigma_{Cube}$	Cylinder Compressive Strength (MPa) $\sigma_{Cylinder}$	$\sigma_{Cylinder} / \sigma_{Cube}$
1	Control Concrete	38	32.68	0.86
2	FA 20 % + NS 0 %	32.49	27.61	0.85
3	FA 20 % + NS 1.5 %	34.20	29.41	0.86
4	FA 20 % + NS 3 %	40.10	36.03	0.90
5	FA 20 % + NS 4.5 %	36.40	31.70	0.87
6	FA 30% + NS 0 %	30.20	25.67	0.85
7	FA 30 % + NS 1.5 %	31.60	27.17	0.86
8	FA 30% + NS 3%	35.80	31.86	0.89
9	FA 30% + NS 4.5 %	32.33	28.12	0.90

#### 4.2 SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH

The dissimilarity of split tensile energy of M30 grade of concrete with Nano-Silica for diverse possibilities of fly ash is proven in Fig. 3. Control concrete's split tensile strength is 4.37 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The split tensile power of concrete to start with improved till 3% of Nano silica for whatever percent of fly ash and moreover the strength lessens with addition in the Nano-silica. It could additionally be found that at a mixture of 3% of Nano silica and 20% fly ash maximum break up tensile power may be received. The increase in split tensile energy of concrete with 3% Nano-Silica and 20% fly ash content material is 3%.

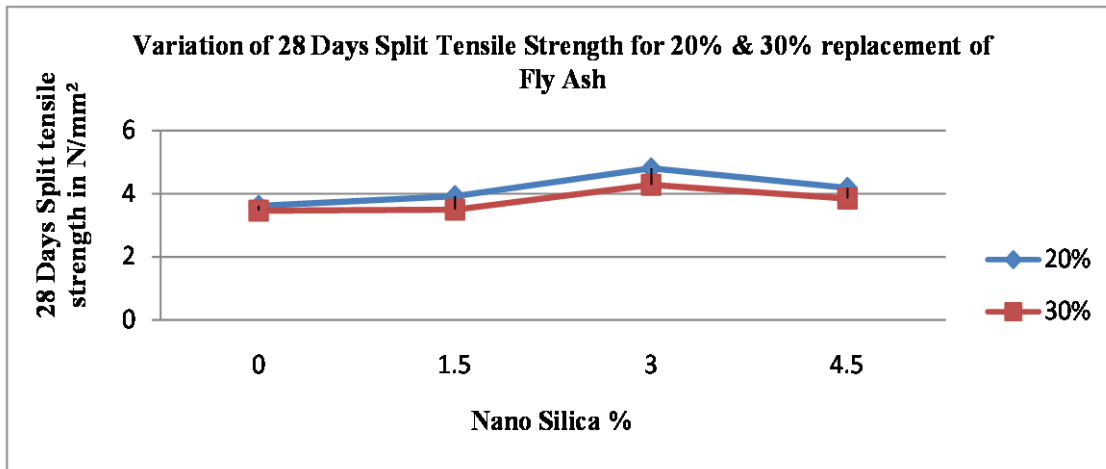


Fig.3: variant of Split Tensile Energy of M30 Grade of Concrete with different possibilities of Nano-Silica and Fly Ash

### 4.3 FLEXURAL STRENGTH

The alteration of flexural power of M30 grade of concrete including diverse magnitudes of fly ash and nano-silica is seen in Fig.4. Normal concrete has its flexural energy as 5.89 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Initial boom of flexural strength of concrete takes place until three% of Nano-Silica for wonderful percent of fly ash after which with similarly growth in the Nano-Silica the magnitude of flexure decreases. The endorsed mixture for maximum split tensile power is 3% of Nano-silica and 20% of fly ash. The growth in the flexural strength concrete with 3% nano-silica and 20% fly ash content is 3.4%.

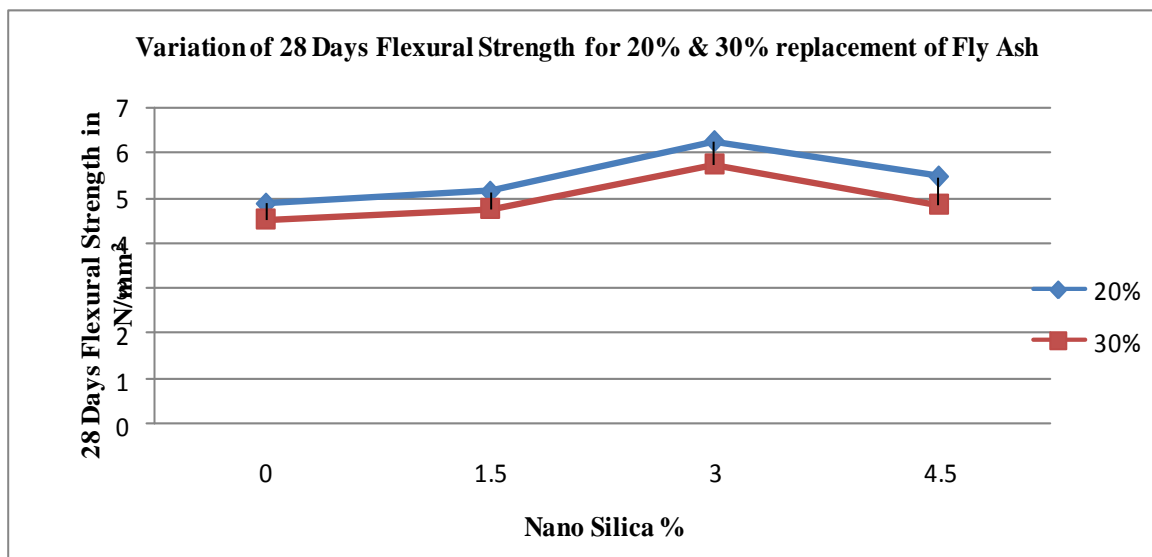


Fig.4: Variation of Flexural Strength of M30 Grade of Concrete with Distinct Percentages of Nano-Silica and Fly Ash

### 5. CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the studies completed, it may be concluded that in the binary device, silica will increase the tremendous plasticizer demand at a constant workability because of its excessive surface area. Fly ash addition, alternatively, decreases the water demand. Nano concrete should control the carbon dioxide emission from the earth which is proven with the aid of the usage of fly ash concrete products in place of cement concrete. for this reason the Nano particles that's in the form of silica can easily react with cement particles which might be commonly in Nano scale initiate the CSH response and consequently its tend to boost up the compressive energy of concrete. Nano-silica consumes calcium hydroxide crystals, reduces the size of the

crystals at the interface area and transmutes the calcium hydroxide feeble crystals to the C-S-H crystals, and improves the interface sector and Cement paste structures. The consequences of the experimental investigation imply that the fly ash and nano-silica may be followed as ordinary Portland cement substitute for concrete guidance. the usage of the test effects, it may be concluded that with the increase in the percentage of nano-silica the various electricity traits of concrete extended up to 3%, with further growth in the nano-silica the power characteristics of concrete are decreased for the given probabilities of fly ash. it's miles very interesting to be aware that the variation of compressive energy, split tensile power, and flexural strength of M30 grade fly ash concrete with nano-silica suggests the similar trend. The numerous power characteristics of concrete can be improved through the addition of 3% nano-silica and 20% fly ash content. it is able to be concluded that the cement content can be reduced without compromising the power of concrete with the aid of the use of fly ash and nano-silica aggregate at the right share.

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