

## UTILIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL CERAMIC SLUDGE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABLE GREEN CONCRETE PRODUCTION

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### ABSTRACT

*Since the Building business is rapidly expanding, this research aims to learn more about the environmental impact of concrete. Rapid technological advancement has produced a plethora of innovative solutions to construction's myriad ills. Concrete, among all the elements used in building, is among the most crucial. About eight to ten percent of all carbon dioxide produced worldwide is released during the cement-making process. To produce the greenhouse gas, limestone and clays must be pulverised and burned to very high temps. In recent years, there has been a rise in the use of recycled refuse and industrial byproducts to create what is known as 'Green Concrete,' a type of concrete that is both durable and kind to the environment. In order to be considered 'green,' concrete must meet one of the following three criteria: it must either contain at least one component made from refuse material, its production method must not cause environmental devastation, or the concrete must exhibit high performance and long-term durability. Experiments were carried out in this research using industrial ceramic slurry as a substance in M30 grade concrete. Zero percent, five percent, ten percent, fifteen percent, and twenty-five percent of the cement can be substituted with porcelain slurry. The workability like slump and compaction factor is determined with various CS the strength values like compressive, split tensile and flexural strength is determined with various percentages of CS.*

**Key words:** Construction industry, cement, recycled coarse aggregates, industrial ceramic sludge, and green concrete

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 General

This verdant pavement has nothing to do with colour. It's a way of incorporating ecological considerations into the production of basic materials, the design of buildings, the formulation of building mixtures, and the development of long-lasting structures. The use of repurposed materials, which eliminates the need to pay dumping fees, reduces energy needs, and increases the lifespan of a piece of green concrete, all contribute to the widespread belief that it is inexpensive to make. Sustainable building is concerned with best practices that stand the test of long-term cost, longevity, and efficacy, as opposed to conventional construction methods, which are often dictated by short-term economic concerns. Ease of use and quality of life are improved throughout a building's lifespan, while unfavourable environmental effects are reduced and a building's economic viability is strengthened. Green concrete plays an essential part in attaining ecological construction, which reduces resource consumption across the entire life cycle of a building's construction. Being one of the most advanced technologies in environmentally responsible building, its many benefits have made it increasingly common in the construction industry. At a time when natural resources are nearly

depleted, green concrete is a marvel of the present and a weapon of the future.

Engineers and builders are more encouraged than ever before to select environmentally friendly products, thanks to the public's increasing concern for the environment. More environmentally friendly and long-lasting substance choices can be made when making concrete. More than six percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions come from the manufacturing of cement (Greenhouse gas). India is both a major manufacturer and user of cement, ranking third globally in both categories. The typical annual per individual consumption across the world is 0.6 tonnes, while India uses roughly 1.2 tonnes. Producing 1 tonne of concrete results in anywhere from 0.05 to 0.13 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> pollution. About ninety-five percent of a cubic metre of

concrete's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions come from the cement production process. There are many things that go into making concrete, but cement is a significant one.

Using additional cementitious materials in lieu of cement to reduce a concrete's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

is a viable option. The characteristics of concrete have been enhanced thanks to the use of different cementitious ingredients.

Therefore, ecological concrete is essential in minimising this effect. Reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> pollution from concrete and its associated environmental effect can be achieved through the use of recovered materials or refuse materials which are detrimental to the environment in lieu of cement, such as fly ash, silica slurry, etc. Since natural resources are rapidly depleting, ecological concrete will be an important instrument in the years to come.

## 1.2 Concept of green concrete

Simply put, 'green concrete' refers to the use of concrete made from environmentally preferred components. Green Concrete's low production costs are due to the fact that it is made from recycled materials, which also reduces the amount of energy needed to make it and makes it more robust and long-lasting. Dr. WG introduced green concrete in 1998. Among other things, he prepared green concrete by considering mechanical properties, durability, protection, longevity, strength, thermal properties, environmental properties, etc. To meet the demands of globalisation, India has invested heavily in developing its infrastructure in the twenty-first century, building fast highways, bridges, electric

projects, airports, factories, etc. Whenever a new building needs to be built, concrete is a crucial component. Concrete is a cheap substance that can be used for the framework of anything from factories to bridges to motorways to roads to houses and beyond.

More than 170 million cubic metres of concrete are produced every year in modern India. More than 7 percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions come from the concrete industry. A different method can be used to create eco-friendly concrete. Though it's called 'Green Concrete,' it's actually not green in colour. Recently, numerous experts have found that the manufacturing of one tonne of cement releases roughly one tonne of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Scientists are working to decrease concrete's carbon footprint by finding ways to replace a portion of the cement with alternative cementitious materials. Concrete's properties are enhanced when these additives are used.

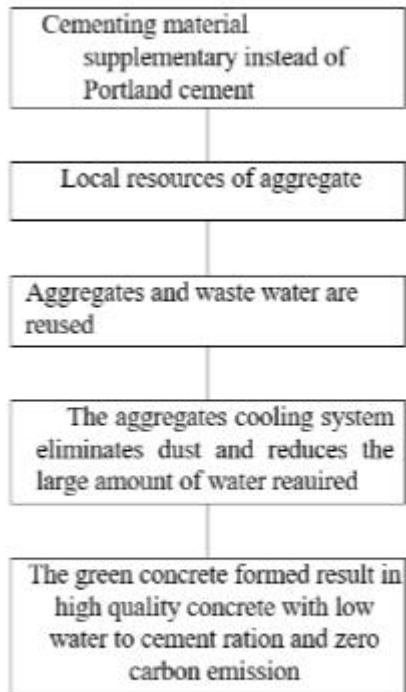


FIG 1.2 Concept of green concrete

### 1.3 Industrial ceramic sludge

The rapid expansion of industry has global negative consequences, including the exhaustion of natural materials and the generation of vast quantities of trash from building and tearing down structures. Making better use of trash is one approach to lowering the problem's prevalence. All nations generate a sizable amount of garbage each year with building and disposal debris accounting for roughly 75% of this global total. Furthermore, at least 54% of all building and disposal debris is made of porcelain products.

When insulators like ceramics, wax, rubber, plastic, paper, and fake stone are burned in a furnace, they can be moulded into a wide variety of forms that are both heat resistant and durable. Because of these properties, earthenware have been serving as barriers for a very long time. The frequent failure of high-voltage insulators on electrical boards results in the production of a substantial quantity of clay insulator refuse.

For the purposes of this study, this porcelain debris has been substituted for fine or coarse gravel.

### 1.4 Environmental issues and studies

We know from building's past that the industry grew along with its advancement, and that the large amount of natural materials used in construction contributed to environmental degradation. Construction sectors produce a great deal of garbage, and this output has increased steadily alongside the field's reputation for being a major contributor to environmental degradation. To lessen the negative effects on the ecosystem, refuse materials must be recycled and put to other uses. The environmental effect of expanding infrastructure grows in tandem with its growth. Due to the high cement used in the building sectors and

the correspondingly high quantity of carbon dioxides emitted at the production period of cement. The use of large quantities of cement and other building materials has a negative impact on sustainability. CO<sub>2</sub> contributes to the buildup of greenhouse gases, which in turn causes the Earth to overheat. Controlling global warming and other environmental issues is essential if the world is to avoid a catastrophic outcome.

The debris from the study area has been used to make concrete, which has less of an effect on the ecosystem. As the cost of disposal is high and in some cases it may require controlled landfills, especially for ashes, which may be rich in heavy metal contaminants, waste producers all over the world have opted for recycling and reuse rather than sending trash to landfills. This is especially true in the construction industry, where fly ash, silica fume, and other waste materials have been used as construction material up to a certain level, and in the research sector, where ceramic insulator waste has been used. Developing methods to put waste refuse to good use is crucial, as reprocessing can be economically viable without procedures that transform the oxygen content of burning residues into valuable commodities. It lessens porosity, which hinders subterranean water replenishment. Besides being used to substitute fine and coarse

material in concrete, these particulates pose a significant health risk to people, animals, plants, and equipment if they are released into the environment. If pottery refuse was recycled into the concrete, then it is good for the ecosystem and the environmental system.

### 1.5 Strength of concrete

The strength of concrete is measured by its ability to withstand damage from external factors. Compressive, tensile, shear, and flexural strengths are all possible methods to evaluate it. One of concrete's most crucial and practical characteristics is its tensile strength. It's an evaluative standard for comparing other reinforced concrete characteristics. As a result, compressive strength is commonly used as a metric to compare the efficacy of different concrete blend components. Different factors affect the concrete's strength, including the water-to-cement ratio, the cement's quality and content, the cement's chemical composition, the cement-to-aggregates ratio, the concrete's age and curing conditions, the aggregates' grading (which includes characteristics like surface texture, shape, size, strength, and stiffness), and the curing conditions. Similarly, the molecular make-up of cement and the size of its particles greatly affect the power of concrete. Cement performance, clinker development, furnace operation, and fuel usage can all be affected

by the chemical makeup of the raw material. The primary reason cements have become finer is to boost early resilience in concrete.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Scholarly articles for literature review of utilization of industrial ceramic sludge for environmental sustainable green concrete production. An increasing number of clay products such as tile separators, sanitation fixtures, and so on are being used in today's building business. However, due to its fragile character, a lot of clay materials are damaged during production, transportation, processing, and installation.

**Sidheshwar Murkute (1998)** [1] Environmental effect, carbon dioxide pollution, and effluent are decreased with the use of Green Concrete, which is a resource-saving building material. Three separate batches of concrete slurry were made in the Water to cement (W/C) ratios of 0.3, 0.4, and 0.5 were used to make the first, second, and third series respectively. Each Series has three distinct kinds of concrete, all of which are called after forms of ordinary concrete and contain no RCA or fly ash (represented by the designation RO). Notation I denotes a recycled concrete amalgam composed of 50% RCA and 0% fly ash. With the marking I F25, we can see that 25% of the cement in the

concrete slurry was replaced with fly ash. Green concrete has been found to have a poorer workability than regular concrete for a particular water-to-cement ratio, leading the authors of this article to that conclusion. One possible explanation is the high moisture content of recovered stones. When it comes to compressive and tensile strengths, biodegradable concrete has been found to be slightly inferior (10 to 12%). Possible explanation: recovered stones have a lower angularity score. When contrasted with ordinary cement, reused rock concrete has a fundamentally lower compressive strength by 25%.

**Gupta(1988)** [2] explains how coarse aggregate is typically broken stone mined from slopes or riverbed stones, and how there's a business need to advance Reclaimed Aggregate technology as excellent traditional aggregate is depleted in some areas. It's an industrial byproduct that's very similar to the fly ash that can be obtained from the electrostatic precipitators at different super thermal power plants. When combined with cement, it produces a molecular reaction that makes for reacting concrete. This can be used in lieu of cement to create more impermeable concrete. This means it can be used for a variety of purposes in the building trade. He adds that widespread repurposing of demolition debris will not only address the

increasing garbage dumping issue and energy demand in the industry, but also make it easier for the building sector to source materials from nearby sources. Crushing and screening this type of removal debris to create repurposed gravel of proper proportions is possible based on where it can be used. Reclaimed Aggregates refers to crushed concrete and asphalt recovered from demolition sites.

**Brett (2010) [3]** assert that it's possible to do so cheaply and technologically to use recovered materials in concrete. Excess Concrete materials brought back to the factory

are another potential cause of RA along with dismantling debris.

**Mirza and Saif (2010) [4]** has been investigated how silica dust impacts recovered material concrete quality. The percentages of recovered aggregate used as a substitute for normal total by weight were 0%, half, and 100 percent, while the rates of silica powder utilized as a substitution for concrete weight were 5%, 10%, and 15%. The discoveries demonstrate that as the level of recuperated total and the level of silica powder in the total ascent, the qualities for both the compressive and ductile powers of the reused substantial total increment

The exploration likewise shows that 5% silica powder should be added to the solution when using 50% recovered material in building concrete.

**Krishnamoorthi.A (2013) [5]** The term 'green concrete's; refers to a way of thinking that incorporates environmental considerations into the production, use, and disposal of concrete across the board, from the production of the basic materials to the planning and execution of the concrete's final form. Cement, grit, and pulverized stones are the components that go into making concrete. It is possible that the price, energy needed to produce it, and environmental damage could all be mitigated if refuse products were used instead of these basic materials. When added to concrete, fly ash acts as a filling that lessens the volume of air pockets in the substance. In this study, the effects of fly ash concentrations between 0% and 30% on the workability and resilience of Quarry Dust Concrete (QDC) are explored. It was determined in this study that, depending on the circumstances, concrete made with 100% Quarry Rock Dust from mines can achieve the same or even higher tensile and bending strength as concrete made with Natural River Sand. Concrete that incorporates fly ash reaps longevity, expense, and environmental advantages all at once. Adding fly ash counteracts the effect of mining particles on workability. Green concrete is a type of

ornamental concrete that can be used in place white cement to enhance the new concrete behaviour.

### 3. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Cement

Materials with a calcium composition, like limestone or chalk, and an argillaceous composition, like shale or clay, are needed for the production of Portland cement. There are two kinds of methods, wet and dry, recognized by whether the fundamental materials are blended and ground in a wet or dry state. Lime, silica, alumina, and iron oxide are the primary basic ingredients used to create cement. Complex combinations are formed when these oxides react with one another in the furnace at high temperatures.

Hydration of cement refers to the chemical molecular interactions with water. Both a liquid and a solid state can be used to represent cement saturation. The first process involves dissolving cement to create a supersaturated solution from which the hydrated products drop. Second, shown in figure 3.1, OPC 53 grade cement is particularly vulnerable to water damage, which begins at the top of the cement's composition.

Cement and water produce heat during their interaction. During the response, a sizable amount is released. The term 'heat of hydration' is used to describe the energy released during this process. Standard Portland concrete of 53 grade (ACC concrete) was bought for this analysis. The different tests on this material are directed and come about in 4.3.



Figure 3.1 OPC 53 grade cements

#### 3.2 Aggregates

It is the aggregates that make up concrete that are the most crucial parts. They prevent the concrete from shrinking too much and boost efficiency. The basic materials from which aggregates are derived are typically harmless particulate materials like sand, gravel, or pulverised stone. Additionally, they are the basic ingredients used to make concrete. Aggregates, the pieces that make up the concrete, need to be clean, firm, and powerful without any chemicals absorbed or layers of clay or other fine materials that could cause the cement to deteriorate.



There are two main types of aggregates, and they are classified as: i). Coarse aggregate ii). Fine aggregate.

### 3.3 Coarse aggregate

Particles with a width of 9.5 millimetres or more, but less than or equal to 37.5 millimetres, are considered coarse aggregates. They may originate from new or previously used materials. Figure 3.2 shows that primary or fresh materials can be acquired from either land or sea. Coarse stones are broken down into two categories: those obtained from the sea, like gravel, and those obtained from the land, like gravel and pulverised rock. Most loose material for concrete comes from gravel, with the rest coming primarily from pulverised stone.



In this study coarse aggregate of nominal sizes of 20mm, 12mm are used

Figure 3.2 Coarse aggregates

### 3.4 Fine aggregate:

In their most fundamental form, fine gravel pebbles extracted either from the ground or the

Typically, fine aggregates are either sand or pulverised stone with particulate sizes small enough to travel through a 4.75 mm filter. Figure 3.3 depicts river sand, the small material used in this investigation. The sand is purchased from a supplier in the area. The fundamental tests on these materials are led and come about.



Figure 3.3 Fine aggregate

### 3.5 Water

Concrete can't be made without water, which plays a crucial role in the chemical interaction between the cement and sand. Given its role in creating the strength-granting cement slurry, water quality and amount must be meticulously monitored. By weight, C3S needs 24% water, while C2S needs only 21%. According to studies, the chemical interaction by and large, 23% water by weight of concrete. This extent of water (23%), which forms molecular bonds with the cement, is referred to as bound water. An additional 15% cement by weight is needed to

cover the gel-pores, it has been calculated. For full chemical reaction and to fill the area within gel gaps, a total of 38% water by weight of cement is needed. Since the cleanliness and quality of water we drink directly impacts our health vitality, it is important that we investigate the factors. A common indicator of whether or not water can be used in a mixer.

concrete is that any water that can be used for imbibing can also be used to make it, and vice versa; this is one of the most fundamental principles of Soda and potassium carbonates and bi-carbonates slow the cement's curing period. The Manganese Salts,

### 3.6 sieve analysis of fine aggregate

In order to calculate an aggregate's fineness ratio we add up the proportion of the aggregate that passes through various filter diameters and divide the number by 100. Figure 3 shows the fineness modulus of fine aggregates, which can be thought of as the weighted average screen size at which material is kept. The smallest sieve is considered to be 150 microns for this reason. The findings from sieve analysis can be graphically represented using a grading curve, where the proportion of material passing each sieve is depicted on the ordinate

(conventional) scale, and the matching sieve aperture (or abscissa) is drawn on the abscissa (log) scale, both on semi-log paper. On the other hand, if the size of each consecutive sieve is half that of the next big one, then a close semi-log plot can be obtained by drawing sieve sizes with identical abscissa intervals. The classification of concrete grains differs from location to location because they come from different sources (land mining and pulverising of bigger materials, respectively). IS 2386 divides sand into four zones, I–IV, based on the proportion of material passing a 600 millimetre filter, to facilitate widespread categorization.



Figure 3.6 Testing fineness modulus of fine aggregates

### 3.7 Mix design of concrete

Details for Proportioning Concrete Ingredients

(a) Characteristic compressive strength required in the field at 28 days grade designation M 30

(b) Type of Cement OPC 53 Grade confirming to 12269

(b) Maximum Nominal size of aggregate --- 20 mm

(c) Shape of CA — Angular

(d) Workability required at site---100 mm (slump)

(e) Type of exposure the structure will be subjected to (as defined in IS: 456)  
Moderate

(h) Method of concrete placing: pump able concrete

(i) Test data of material

The following materials are to be tested in the laboratory and results are to be ascertained for the design mix

(a) Used OPC 53 Grade Confirming to IS 12269

(b) Specific Gravity of Cement 3.24

(c) Chemical Cement admixture Super plasticizer confirming to IS 9103

(d) Specific gravity Specific gravity of Fine Aggregate (sand) : 2.343 Specific gravity of Coarse Aggregate 2.62

(e) Water Absorption Coarse Aggregate 0.4% Fine Aggregate 1.0%

(f) Free (surface) moisture Coarse Aggregate Nil Fine Aggregate Nil

Aggregate are assumed to be in saturated surface dry condition usually while preparing design mix.

(g) Sieve Analysis Fine aggregates Confirming to Zone I of Table 4 IS – 383

#### 4. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

1. A shovel is used to carefully place a sample of cement in the finest receptacle.

2. The holder is loaded stage with its flood and the entire entrance is in the opened all together that the strong falls into the lower compartment.

3. Figure 4.6 shows a compression factor test in which the solid is halted, the lure entrance of the bottom receptacle is opened, and the solid is allowed to descend into the chamber.

4. The extra of strong outrageous over the level of the greatest mark of the barrel is then cut off by techniques for a scoop and the out of entrances of the chamber is then cleaned off.

5. Five, the volume of the solid inside the container is calculated, and its weight is rounded to the closest log in, which represents the pile of the somewhat compressed concrete.

6. Six, concrete from the same specimen as before is layered back into the cylinder and nearly crushed to achieve complete compression.

7. The best surface of the totally compacted structure will be carefully hit off stage with the noteworthy place of the barrel. The beyond chamber could then be cleaned basic.



Figure 4.6 Compaction factor test

#### 4.1 Casting of the specimens

Figure 4.7 depicts the moulding of examples consisting of cubes and cylinders using the same mix proportions as M30 grade concrete, but with silica fume and rubber

fragments substituted for some of the cement and coarse particles, respectively.

Fill the cube moulds as soon as possible after the sample has been combined and compress the concrete by hand or vibration. The solidity of a cube made of concrete is diminished if air bubbles are present in it. As a result, the blocks need to be completely compressed. When compacting concrete, it's important to get a good, even pack, but you don't want to pack it too tightly or the particles and cement slurry could separate. As a result, the total compressive strength may suffer.



Figure 4.7 casting of samples (cubes and prisms)

#### 4.2 Curing of test specimens

For the different experiments of MSE replacement in Figure 4.8, drying of test specimen for 7, 14, 28 days is recommended. Specimens should be allowed to solidify for at least 24 hours after casting, and then gently demolded to prevent harm. Now,

place the demolded specimens in a drying ve with water for 7 days, 14 days, and 28 days before calculating the specimens' strengths.



#### 4.3 Placing the Specimen in the Testing Machi

Any scattered coarseness or other material on example surface that will be in contact with pressure platens should be removed, and the bear surface of the testing machine should be clear. Cube examples should be positioned in machine so that the pressure is exerted on two ed of the cube instead of the top and bottom, as is case when casting a cube. When using a spheric mounted platen, it is important to line specimen's plane with the pressure direction. I forbidden to use any sort of padding between specimen's flat surfaces and the testing machi steel platen. When the circularly situated block been offered as a powerful influence for example, the moveable part should be tur

gradually and carefully by hand to ensure consistent sitting.



Figure 4.9 Testing of specimen at 7 days curing

## 5. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

### Comparison of flexural strength of concrete

Concrete's flexural strength is displayed in table 5 as a proportion of ceramic sludges' average flexural strength after 7, 14, and 28 days.<sup>14</sup>

### Comparison flexural strength values

S. No	ceramic sludge (%)	7 days Average flexural strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	14 days Average flexural strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	28 days Average flexural strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>
1	0	3.25	4.5	4.99
2	5	3.29	4.59	5.05
3	10	3.37	4.76	5.09
4	15	3.24	4.6	4.99
5	20	3.18	4.44	4.93
6	25	3.24	4.38	4.52

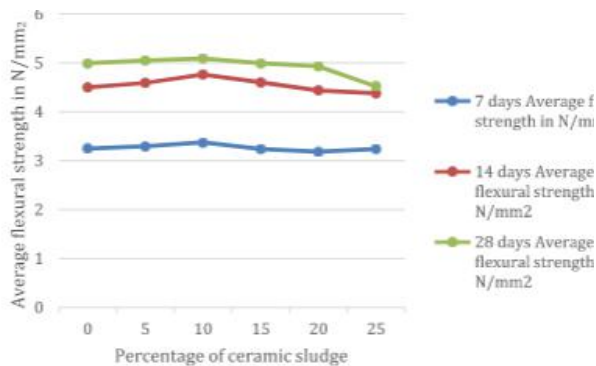


Figure 5.14 Comparison of flexural strength of concrete

Figure & table 5.14 shows the comparison of flexural strength of concrete and ceramic sludge at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25% and the differences of 28-day flexural strength are 0.06, 0.04, -0.1, -0.06, -0.1, calculated respectively.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

The following findings were reached after conducting this research.

The first is the importance of green building. For this reason, the idea of green concrete is implemented in order to create environment-friendly buildings. Second, by using Green Concrete Technology, we can preserve the earth's natural resources for use by future generations. Third, the environmental effect of green concrete is lower because the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the concrete industry have been cut by 30 percent. Green concrete has superior heat and flame resistance.

use of recovered stones and pottery refuse in concrete production has boosted the sector's overall waste product consumption by 20%. By reducing its energy needs, ecological concrete also becomes more cost-effective. The compression factor in M30 grade concrete is reduced by 50% and the slump value is increased by 100% when porcelain refuse and recovered concrete waste are used. Sixth, using 10% ceramic sediment in M30 grade concrete yields the highest values for compressive, split tensile, and bending strength after 7 days, 14 days, and 28 days of drying. As a result, ecological concrete is more cost-effective because it uses less electricity. Use of concrete products such as green concrete in the future will unquestionably decrease CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the atmosphere and have a minimal environmental impact while also being cost-effective to make. Use of repurposed gravel in building reduces the need for fresh aggregate, which reduces the amount of energy used in construction and the money spent on transporting and excavating natural materials. Because of this, fewer harmful byproducts of trash are released into the ecosystem.

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