



## **Sustainable Construction Using Mineral Admixtures in Light Weight Blocks to Form Innovative Concrete as a Green Building Material**

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### **ABSTRACT**

We assume to build up another sort of light weight concrete blocks by adding mineral admixture which results in significant increase in strength. The main reason behind this is to reduce the consumption of commonly used raw material and to increase the strength of the concrete. The use of mineral admixture depends upon availability of material in the nearby vicinity and mainly on the sustainability of materials. There are so many types of mineral admixtures presently available which can be used as the supplementary cementitious material such as, fly ash, calcite, silica fumes and GGBS i.e. Ground Granulated blast furnace slag, but these material behaviours never been much explored, to find the significant use in the light weight material concrete blocks as how they behave and affect the strength property as well commercial viability in the market. To study their strength parameters of material when used with aluminium dioxide in the light weight concrete blocks.

**Key words:** GGBS, silica fume, fly ash and aluminium di-oxide

### **INTRODUCTION**

First and foremost, silica fume utilized in 1969 in Norway however was utilized in North America and Europe in mid's 1980. The utilization of silica fume has been expanded worldwide over late years which can upgrade the penetrability, strength and solidness. Silica fume utilized as a somewhat or complete substitute of concrete which builds the substantial properties. Silica fume is utilized as a counterfeit pozzolonic admixture which is additionally called as miniature silica or consolidated silica fume. Silica fume is gotten from coal with quartz decrease in an electric circular segment heater and is squander by-product of assembling silicon or Ferro silicon amalgams. The molecule size is which is < 1 micron and has an avg. breadth of 0.1 microns. Its synthetic synthesis comprises of > 90% of SiO<sub>2</sub> and different constituents are Sulfur, Carbon and aluminum oxides, potassium, Fe, Ca. Adding of silica fume diminishes the porousness of cement to the chloride particles. These shield the steel from consumption in waterfront district. In Tables 1 and 2 physical and synthetic properties of silica fume are classified. Fly ash is gotten from power plant in nuclear energy stations coal is combusted, during this interaction a side-effect fly ash is framed. Fly ash contains significantly calcium oxide, silica, and alumina. Fly ash is ordered into two kinds C-type, F-type. C-type comprises of pozzolonic and cementations properties and it has high calcium content. F-type comprises just pozzolonic properties and it has low calcium content. In Tables 1 and 2 physical and substance properties of fly ash are arranged. Ground granulated blast furnace slag is extricated when a liquid slag is extinguished in water or by steam which is gotten from impact heater, it creates a smooth granular item which is dried and ground into a fine powder known as GGBS. Sorts of GGBS are granulated slag, pelletized slag, extended or frothed slag, and air cooled slag. Among these most generally granulated slag is utilized as mineral admixture. GGBS comprises of pozzolonic and cementations properties. To hydrate the slag

activator is required. GGBS has qualities like consumption resistivity, sulfate assault and water impermeability. GGBS builds fieriness of hydration, drying shrinkage and lessening creep, decreasing draining and raising a definitive compressive strength.

A clever method is taken on in re-intervening breaks and gaps in concrete by using Microbiologically Induced Calcite or Calcium Carbonate (Cacao) 3 Precipitation (MICP) is a strategy that goes under a more extensive classification of science called bio mineralization. MICP is exceptionally attractive on the grounds that the Calcite precipitation initiated because of microbial exercises is sans contamination and regular. The procedure can be utilized to work on the compressive strength and solidness of broke substantial examples. Research prompting microbial Calcium Carbonate precipitation and its capacity to mend breaks of development materials has prompted numerous applications like break remediation of cement, sand solidification, reclamation of chronicled landmarks and other such applications. Regularly, bacterial exercises basically trigger an adjustment of arrangement science that prompts over immersion and mineral precipitation. Utilization of Bio mineralogy ideas in substantial prompts possible innovation of new material called Bacterial Concrete.

### METHODOLOGY

To achieve the objective of present assessment, expansive and careful test program has been organized. The entire assessment has been requested into various indisputable times of work for through and deliberate methodology.

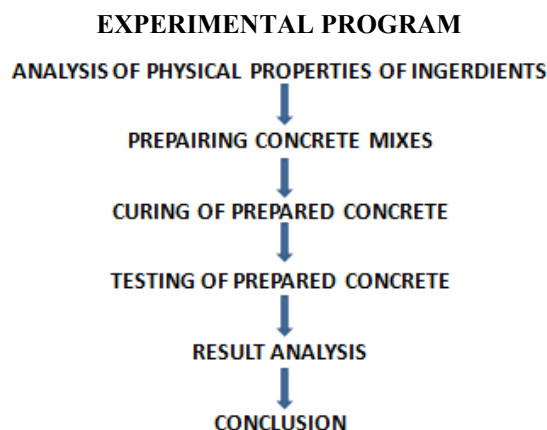
The materials used for arranging concrete are browsed those by the standard strong industry. Materials utilized for LWC utilizing GGBS, silica fume, fly ash and aluminium di-oxide are Crush sand stone, and designed admixtures. LWC can be arranged and constructed using an extensive extent of establishing materials, and this is essential for LWC to get predominance.

**Cement:** The term concrete is usually used to suggest powdered materials which make solid substantial characteristics when gotten along with water. These materials are generally the more properly known as tension driven cements, Portland concrete being the most critical being developed Cement is a fine grayish powder which, when mixed in with water, outlines a thick paste. 53 assessment Ordinary Portland concrete acclimating to BIS 12269-1987 is used.

**Fly ash:** Fly trash or Pulverized fly flotsam and jetsam is an improvement from the burning-through of pummeled coal aggregated by mechanical separators, from the fuel gases of warm plants. The union changes with sort of fuel exhausted, load on the hotter and kind of partition. The fly debris contain round glossy particles connecting from 1 to 150 micron in assessment furthermore encounters a 45-micron sifter. The combination properties of fly debris are alluded to under palatable solid quality, aggregates ought to be hard and solid, liberated from tragic tainting impacts, and dishonestly steady. Delicate and permeable stone can limit quality and wear obstruction, and a part of the time it might additionally segregate during blending and unjustifiably sway convenience by developing the extent of fines.

**Crushed Sand Stone:** Solidifying sands sensible for LWC are crushed sand, changed sands and Siliceous sand and calcareous sands can be used. The measure of fines under 0.125 mm is to be considered as powder. A base proportion of fines (rising up out of the latches and the sand) should be cultivated to evade segregation.

**Water:** Water is used for mixing and reestablishing as per IS 456:2000. From durability thought water substantial extent should be bound as in case of commonplace concrete and it should in a perfect world be under 0.4 are gone after for their huge properties prior to utilizing them for making concrete.



**Fig. 1** Flow Chart of Work Path

To study the strength parameter of material when used with different mineral admixtures in light weight concrete blocks. The following mixture has been prepared and different test is performed. Here we used 1:1 mix proportion for making LWC blocks.

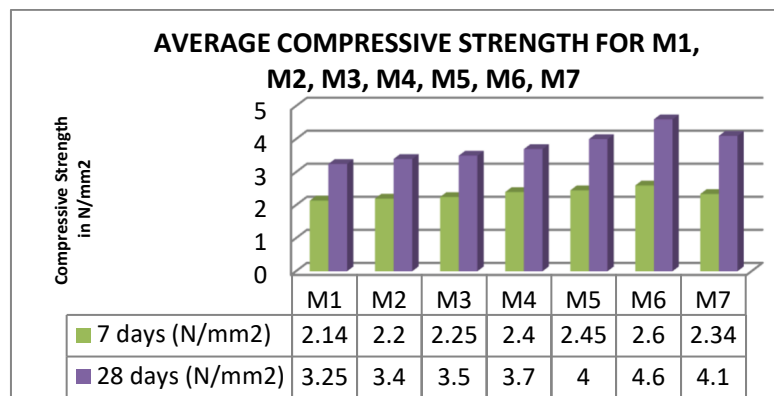
In this first case sand is kept constant 100% but variations are done in cementitious material, i.e in M1, M2, M3, M4 Cement is replaced with 0% fly ash, 10% fly ash, 20% fly ash & 30% fly ash without addition of calcite. From M5 there is little change is made as shown in M4 – CEMENT 85% + 10% FLY ASH + 5% CALCITE, M6 - CEMENT 70% + 20% FLY ASH + 10% CALCITE, M7 - CEMENT 55% + 30% FLY ASH + 15% CALCITE

**Table-1 Mix M1 to M7 and their mix proportion**

| Mix | Cement | Sand | Flyash | Calcite |
|-----|--------|------|--------|---------|
| M1  | 100    | 100  | 0      | 0       |
| M2  | 90     | 100  | 10     | 0       |
| M3  | 80     | 100  | 20     | 0       |
| M4  | 70     | 100  | 30     | 0       |
| M5  | 85     | 100  | 10     | 5       |
| M6  | 70     | 100  | 20     | 10      |
| M7  | 55     | 100  | 30     | 15      |

**Table-2 First Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days**

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M1  | 2.14                        | 3.25                         |
| M2  | 2.2                         | 3.4                          |
| M3  | 2.25                        | 3.5                          |
| M4  | 2.4                         | 3.7                          |
| M5  | 2.45                        | 4                            |
| M6  | 2.6                         | 4.6                          |
| M7  | 2.34                        | 4.1                          |



**Fig. 2** Compressive strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

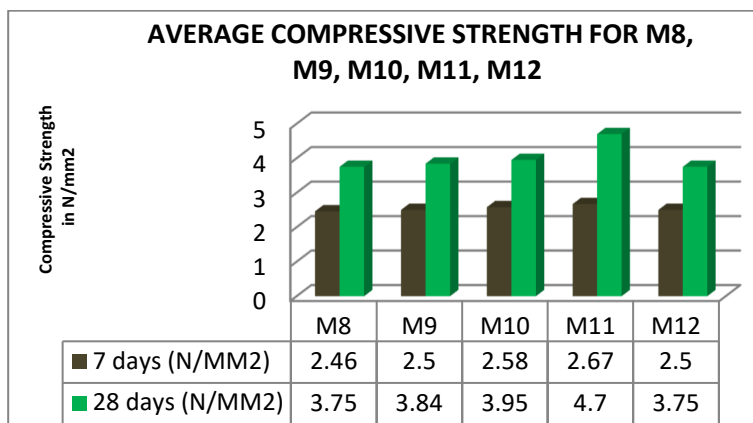
In second trial we did variations between sand and quarry dust in this we replace sand with quarry dust with 10% quarry dust, 20% quarry dust, 30% quarry dust, 40% quarry dust & 50% quarry dust respectively keeping value of cementitious materials at ( cement 70% + fly ash 20% + Calcite 10% )

**Table-3 Mix M8 to M12 and their mix proportion**

| Mix | Cement | Sand | Quarry dust | Flyash | Calcite |
|-----|--------|------|-------------|--------|---------|
| M8  | 70     | 90   | 10          | 20     | 10      |
| M9  | 70     | 80   | 20          | 20     | 10      |
| M10 | 70     | 70   | 30          | 20     | 10      |
| M11 | 70     | 60   | 40          | 20     | 10      |
| M12 | 70     | 50   | 50          | 20     | 10      |

**Table-4 Second Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days**

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M8  | 2.46                        | 3.75                         |
| M9  | 2.5                         | 3.84                         |
| M10 | 2.58                        | 3.95                         |
| M11 | 2.67                        | 4.7                          |
| M12 | 2.5                         | 3.75                         |



**Fig. 3** Compressive strength results in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

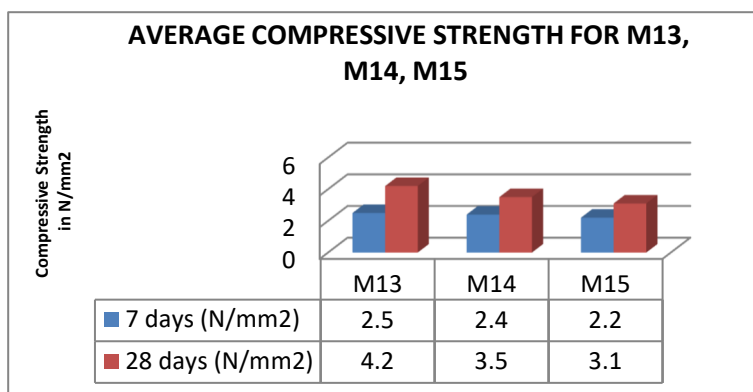
In third trial we kept sand as constant where as we did variations in cementitious material in which cement is replace from 10% to 30% with silica fume.

**Table-5 Mix M13 to M15 and their mix proportion**

| Mix | Cement | Sand | Silica fume |
|-----|--------|------|-------------|
| M13 | 90     | 100  | 10          |
| M14 | 80     | 100  | 20          |
| M15 | 70     | 100  | 30          |

**Table-6 Third Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days**

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M13 | 2.5                         | 4.2                          |
| M14 | 2.4                         | 3.5                          |
| M15 | 2.2                         | 3.1                          |



**Fig. 4** Compressive strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

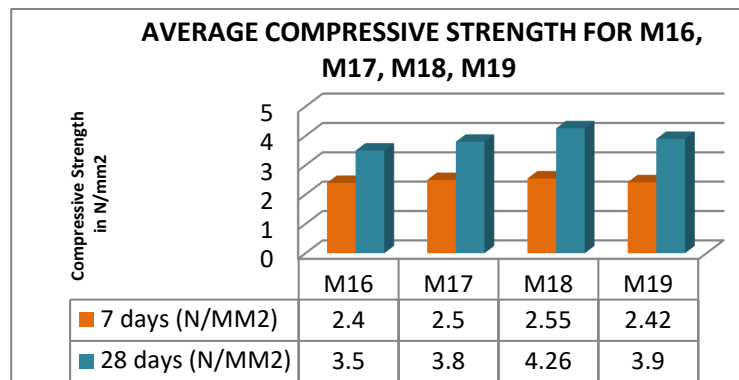
In fourth trial we kept sand as constant where as we did variations in cementitious material in which cement is replace from 10% to 40% with GGBS

**Table-7 Mix M16 to M19 and their mix proportion**

| Mix | Cement | Sand | GGBS |
|-----|--------|------|------|
| M16 | 90     | 100  | 10   |
| M17 | 80     | 100  | 20   |
| M18 | 70     | 100  | 30   |
| M19 | 60     | 100  | 40   |

**Table-8 Fourth Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days**

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M16 | 2.4                         | 3.5                          |
| M17 | 2.5                         | 3.8                          |
| M18 | 2.55                        | 4.26                         |
| M19 | 2.42                        | 3.9                          |



**Fig. 5** Compressive strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

In fifth trial we kept cement + Silica fume at 90% cement + 10% silica fume constant and in sand and quarry dust we did variations from 10% to 50%.

**Table-9 Mix M20 to M24 and their mix proportion**

| Mix | Cement | Sand | Quarry dust | Silica fume |
|-----|--------|------|-------------|-------------|
| M20 | 90     | 90   | 10          | 10          |
| M21 | 90     | 80   | 20          | 10          |
| M22 | 90     | 70   | 30          | 10          |
| M23 | 90     | 60   | 40          | 10          |
| M24 | 90     | 50   | 50          | 10          |

**Table-10 Fifth Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days**

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M20 | 2.3                         | 3.3                          |
| M21 | 2.4                         | 3.5                          |
| M22 | 2.56                        | 3.9                          |
| M23 | 2.67                        | 4.5                          |
| M24 | 2.5                         | 4.1                          |

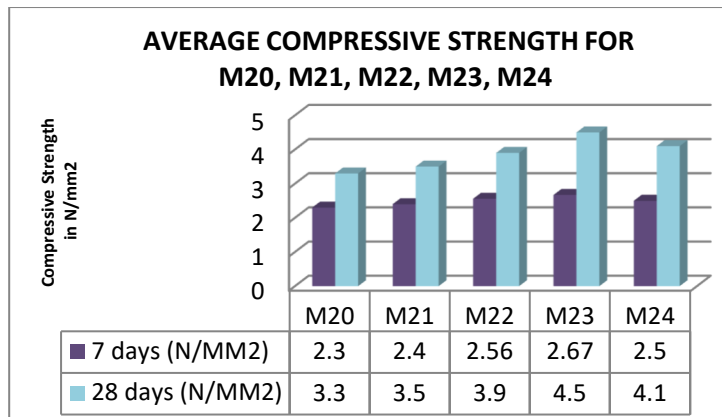


Fig. 6 Compressive strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

In sixth trial we kept cement + GGBS at 70% cement + 30% silica fume constant and in sand and quarry dust we did variations from 10% to 50%.

Table-11 Mix M25 to M29 and their mix proportion

| Mix | Cement | Sand | Quarry dust | GGBS |
|-----|--------|------|-------------|------|
| M25 | 70     | 90   | 10          | 30   |
| M26 | 70     | 80   | 20          | 30   |
| M27 | 70     | 70   | 30          | 30   |
| M28 | 70     | 60   | 40          | 30   |
| M29 | 70     | 50   | 50          | 30   |

Table-12 Sixth Trial Compressive Strength results after 7days and 28 days

| Mix | 7 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 days (N/MM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| M25 | 2.2                         | 3.1                          |
| M26 | 2.36                        | 3.26                         |
| M27 | 2.45                        | 3.9                          |
| M28 | 2.67                        | 4.46                         |
| M29 | 2.5                         | 4.1                          |

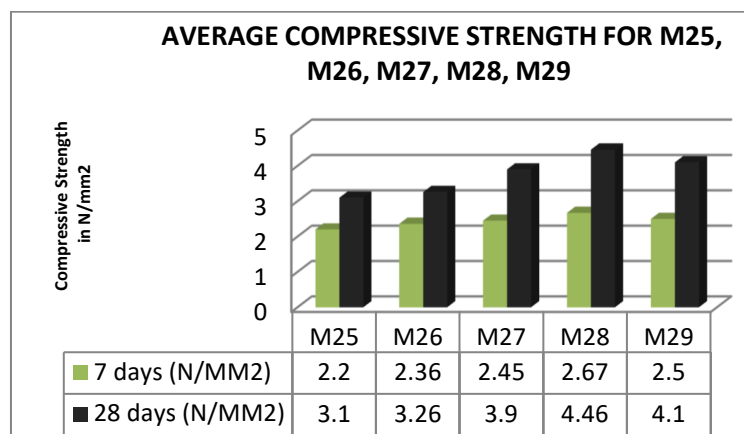


Fig. 7 Compressive strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>

### RESULTS & INTERPRETITION

1. The strength of M6 and M7 is reduced due higher partial replacement cement, it has been seen that the use of excess of mineral admixture reduced the ultimate strength.
2. M5 mix shows higher strength among all the mixes which is having fly ash and calcite as a partial replacement, this is due to when hydration takes place in raw cement it produce C3A, C2S and C3S which helps the cement to build strength with the passage of time.

3. When the mineral admixture like Fly Ash, silica fume etc., mixed with these cement as a partial replacement they react with calcium hydroxide and developed additional C-S-H gel which helps to improve strength of mix. This particular phenomenon can be observed in M4 and M5 mix.
4. The M5 mix results shows that the use of fly ash and calcite as a partial replacement of cement helps to increase the strength of mix, hence this ratio is further framed in M8, M9, M10, M11 & M12 were only difference in the mix is that, the fine aggregate is partially replaced with quarry dust. To get more economical LWC concrete.
5. M11 has the higher strength as compared to other mixes, which are having different replacement ratio. The strength of mix is found to be increased mainly due the compaction nature of sand with quarry dust which helps to improve the strength property of the mix.
6. The strength of mix M11 and M12 is compared with each other the better results of compressive strength is offered by the M11 mix which has the up to 40% sand replaced with quarry dust.
7. When the M4 and M12 sample is compared it can be say that M12 sample could be more economical than M4 sample.
8. The addition of silica in cement results in develop in strength due to reaction with calcium hydroxide. As we know that silica is a pozzolanic material and its presence in cement mix improve the strength of mixture.
9. The excess addition of silica fume results in considerable decrease in strength, it happens due to un reacted silica particles which remain in concrete. This is due to the insufficient amount of calcium hydroxide present in mortar after hydration.
10. The M16 mix which is having least replacement of cement up to 10% gain the strength in 7 and 28 days is found to be more when compared with M15 mix, hence further mixes are carried out.
11. The M18 mix shows the better 7 and 28 days strength when compared with other mixtures which are having different partial replacement of cement with GGBS.
12. The strength of mix M19 decreased as compared with M18 mixture sample. This is due to insufficient present of calcium particles for further hydration.
13. M23 mix which is having natural sand replaced by 40% with quarry dust shows the better 7 and 28 days strength as compared with other sample.
14. When the M23 mix is compared with the M13 mix is been clear the use of quarry dust in the mixture can be the better alternative to maintain economy and improvement in strength.
15. The M28 mix shows the significant increase in the strength when compared with the mix M18 which is having replacement up to 30% of cement in the form of ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS), this strength gain is achieved due to addition of quarry dust as a partial replacement of natural sand.
16. The GGBS has improved the property of cohesion and which results on the better bounding of material. The excess water which is required for quarry dust is also significantly less.

### CONCLUSION

Use of excess of mineral admixture reduced the ultimate strength.

The strength of mix is found to be increased mainly due the compaction nature of sand with quarry dust which helps to improve the strength property of the mix.

The addition of silica in cement results in develop in strength due to reaction with calcium hydroxide.

The use of quarry dust in the mixture can be the better alternative to maintain economy and improvement in strength.

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