

EFFECT OF STEAM CURING ON THE CONCRETE WITH REPLACEMENT OF FINE AGGREGATE BY M-SAND

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ABSTRACT - Common river sand is expensive due to excessive cost of transportation from natural sources. Also large-scale depletion of these sources creates environmental problems. In such a situation the m-sand can be an economic alternative to the river sand. This project presents the feasibility of the usage of m-sand as substitutes for Natural Sand in concrete. It is also to be noted that temperature also plays a vital role in rate of strength gain. Hence in this project an attempt has been made to study the effect of steam curing on strength characteristics of m-sand based concrete. Concrete with characteristic compressive strength of 20 MPa was designed for the present study. Concrete specimens were cast with 0%, 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% replacement of sand with m-sand and were cured under different curing Temperatures. The specimens were exposed to two different temperatures, namely 60°C, 80°C and 100°C for 4 & 6 hours in steam curing respectively. The structural properties like Compressive strength test, Flexural strength test and split tensile strength test were conducted on concrete cubes, Beams and cylinders respectively. From the results it was inferred that higher percentage replacement of sand with m-sand yielded considerable increase in both tensile and compressive strength of the resulting concrete. It was found that replacement of sand with 50% of m-sand under steam curing at 60°C temperature with 6 hours curing has yielded maximum compressive strength.

Key Words: steam curing, compressive strength, Flexural strength test, split tensile strength, curing temperature, curing time.

1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a widely used construction material consisting of cementing material, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate and required quantity of water, where the fine aggregate is usually natural sand. Natural sand takes millions of years to form and it is not replenish able. Some of the industrial wastes like fly ash, quarry dust, rice husk ash and blast furnace slag ash are being used in concrete now a day. Their proportion varies depending of the type of cement. In this project m-sand was used as a replacement of fine aggregate. Normal concrete subjected to high curing temperature during early hours and days causes rapid precipitation of hydration products. This phenomenon is responsible for the observed early strength development. In this project we used current trend in concrete technology and practice of replacing fine aggregate partially by M sand, we as modified materials and it is very important to understand the behavior of these modified materials

2. METHODOLOGY

The basic concrete mix design will be done to find the most economical proportions (optimization) to achieve the desired end results (strength, cohesion, workability and durability). According to the concrete mix design different cubes, beams and cylinders will be casted with replacement of fine aggregate by M-sand (0%, 25, 50%, 75% and 100%) and respective compressive strength, flexural strength and split tensile strength will be determined after curing under different curing temperatures.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 : Variation in compressive strength of M20 concrete made of different of M-sand with age of concrete

SL NO	Age of concrete in Days	% of M-sand	Average compressive strength in m/mm ²
1	0	0%	0
	7	0%	19.28
	28	0%	22.26
2	0	25%	0
	7	25%	23.35
	28	25%	24.01
3	0	50%	0
	7	50%	20.89
	28	50%	25.33
4	0	75%	0
	7	75%	20.89
	28	75%	25.03
5	0	100%	0
	7	100%	19.83
	28	100%	24.87

Table 2: compressive strength for 60°C temperature

SL NO	Age of concrete in hourse	% of M-sand	Average compressive strength in m/mm ²
1	0	0%	0
	4	0%	25.42
	6	0%	28.75
2	0	25%	0
	4	25%	28.58
	6	25%	30.29
3	0	50%	0
	4	50%	30.02
	6	50%	35.25
4	0	75%	0
	4	75%	26.35
	6	75%	31.05
5	0	100%	0
	4	100%	25.04
	6	100%	26.59

Table 3: compressive strength for 80 °C temperature

SL NO	Age of concrete in	% of M-sand	Average compressive
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	hours		strength in n/mm ²
1	0	0%	0
	4	0%	25.46
	6	0%	29.33
2	0	25%	0
	4	25%	27.40
	6	25%	32.53
3	0	50%	0
	4	50%	27.42
	6	50%	35.86
4	0	75%	0
	4	75%	28.63
	6	75%	33.63
5	0	100%	0
	4	100%	27.32
	6	100%	31.76

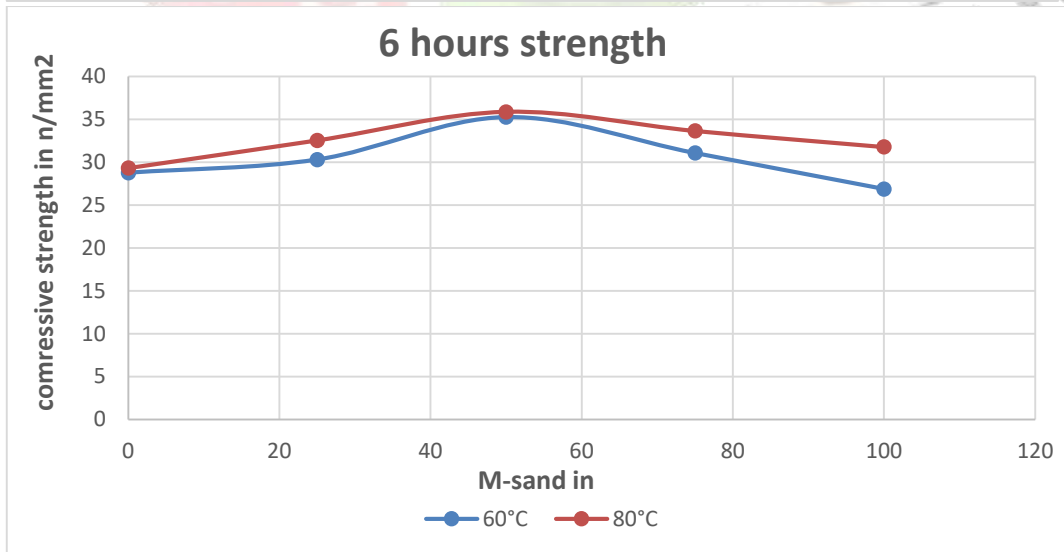
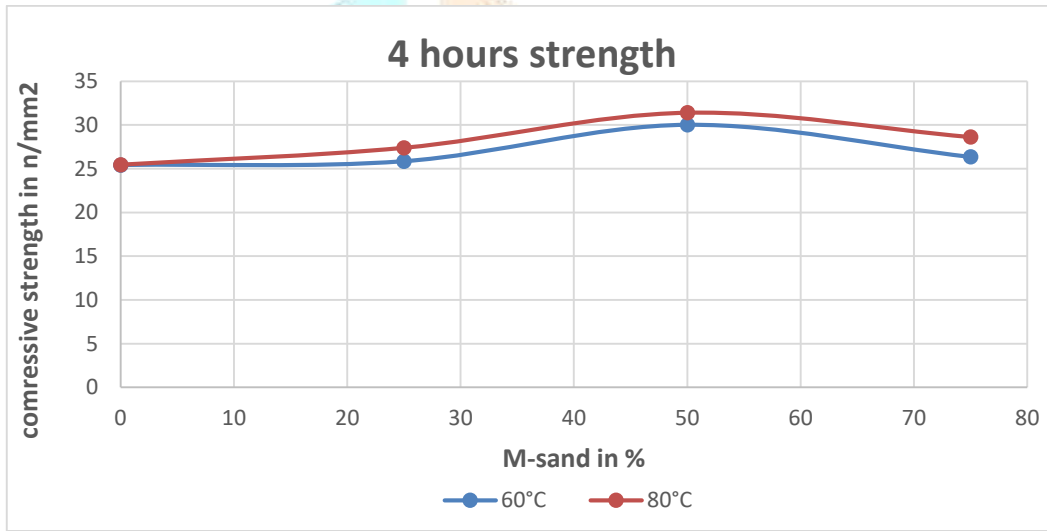
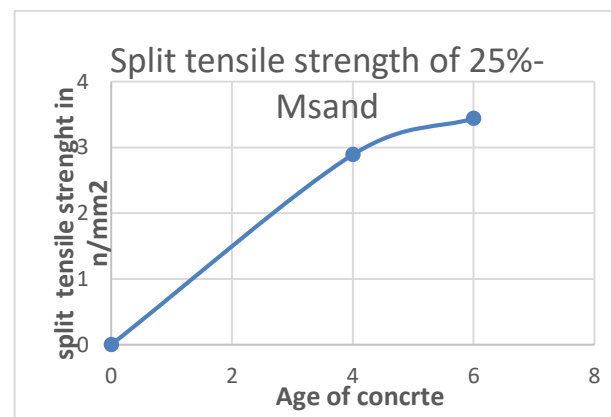
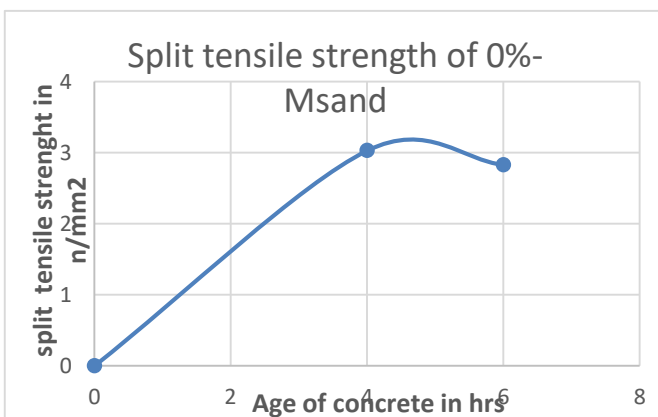


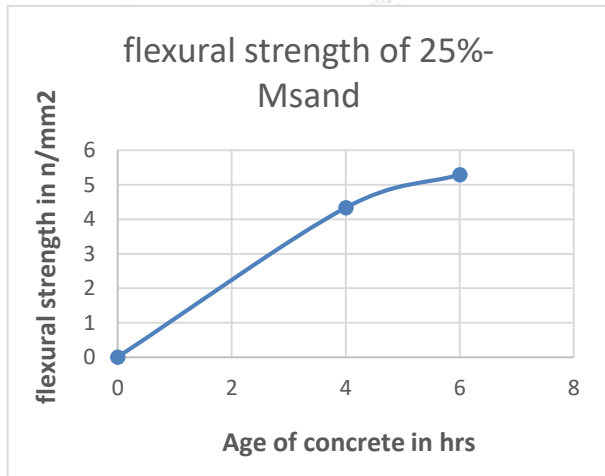
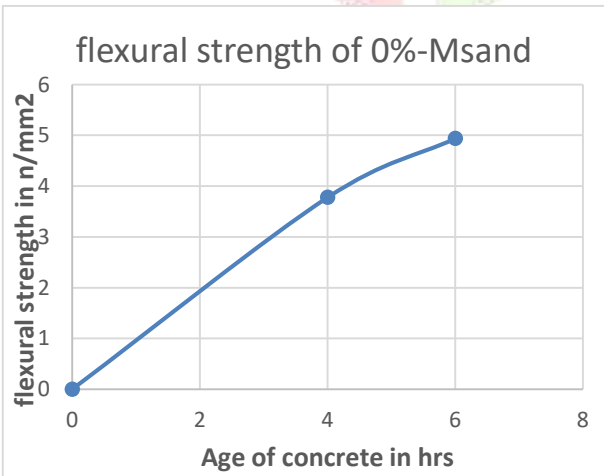
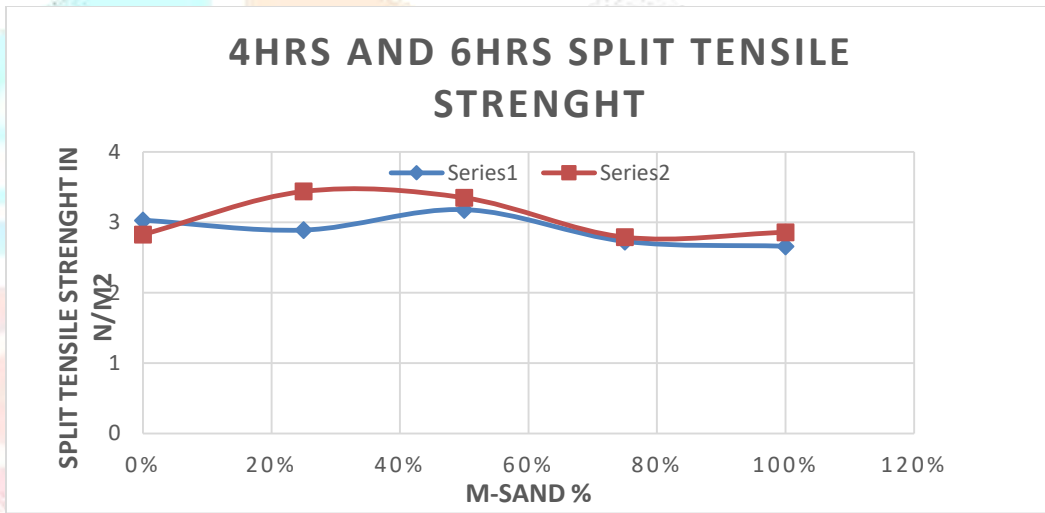
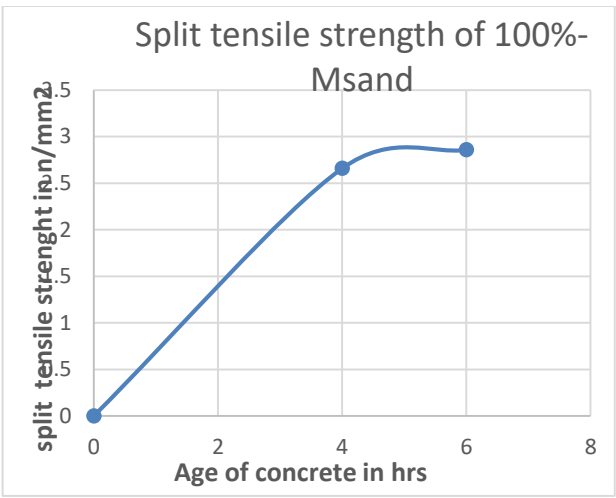
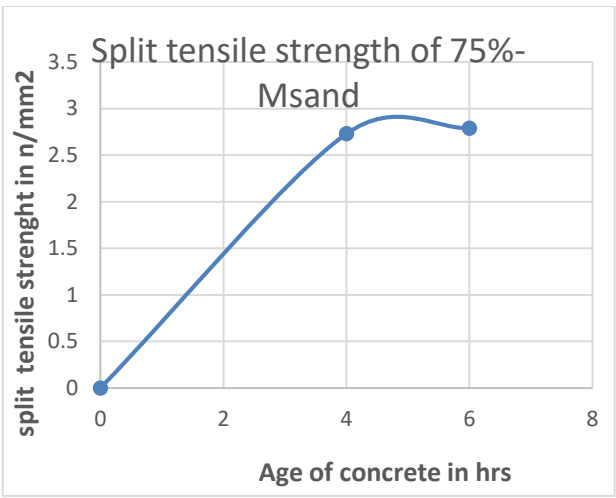
Table 4: variation in split Tensile strength of M20 concrete made of different % of M-sand.

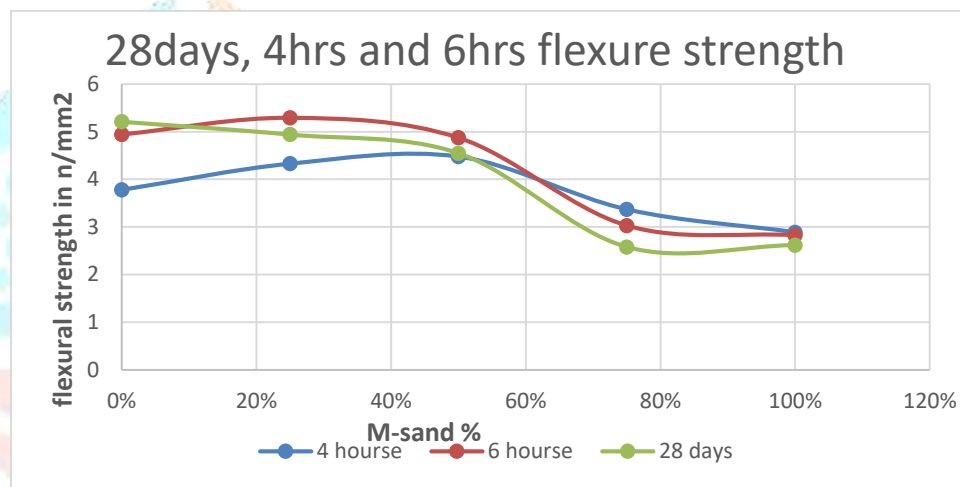
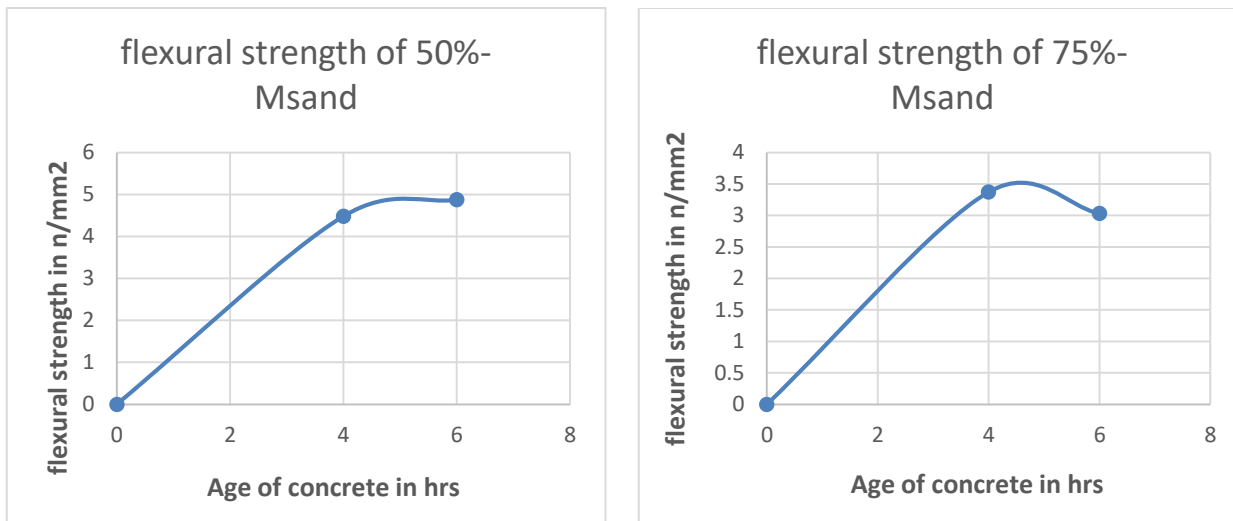
Age of concrete	Split tensile strength of 0%-Msand	Split tensile strength of 25%-Msand	Split tensile strength of 50%-Msand	Split tensile strength of 75%-Msand	Split tensile strength of 100%-Msand
0	0	0	0	0	0
28 days	3.37	3.08	3.29	2.45	2.426
4 hours	3.03	2.89	3.18	2.73	2.66
6 hours	2.83	3.44	3.35	2.79	2.86

Table 5: variation in Flexural strength of M20 concrete made of different % of M-sand.

Age of concrete	flexural strength of 0%-Msand	flexural strength of 25%-Msand	flexural strength of 50%-Msand	flexural strength of 75%-Msand	flexural strength of 100%-Msand
0	0	0	0	0	0
28 days	5.21	4.94	4.55	2.58	2.62
4 hours	3.78	4.33	4.48	3.37	2.89
6 hours	4.94	5.29	4.873	3.03	2.826







BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL WORK THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS ARE DRAWN:

- The slump of fresh concrete i.e., workability is found to decrease gradually with the addition of m-sand.
- The temperature activates hydration process in the same manner like chemical reaction.
- Steam curing gives the more compressive strength within three days comparing to the normal water curing in 28 days.
- All the three temperatures curing (50.c with 7hours, 60.c with 6hours and 100.c with 3hours) with optimized curing time gives almost similar strength in concrete. • 7 days compressive strength of steam curing concrete is 45% to 80% increased as compared to normal water curing concrete.
- Among the three different temperatures with three different curing times, The 60.c with 6 hours curing gives relatively high compressive strength.
- The split tensile strength of concrete mix decreases with increase in m-sand percentage replacement.
- The flexural strength of concrete mix also decreases with increase in quarry dust percentage replacement.

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