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ABSTRACT :- In normal concrete, mini-cracks expand before form is loaded due to drying shrinkage and other causes of extent alternate. after the shape is loaded, the mini cracks open up and flow into,due to improvement of such mini-cracks, effects in inelastic deformation in concrete. this may be conquer with the aid of using gfrc. glass fiber reinforced concrete (gfrc) is cementing concrete bolstered aggregate with greater or much less randomly dispersed small fibres. in the gfrc, a numbers of small fibres are dispersed and dispensed randomly inside the concrete on the time of mixing, consequently improve concrete homes in all directions. the fibers assist to relocate load to the inner micro cracks. gfrc is cement based composite material that has been advanced in current years and has been effectively utilized in creation with its first-rate flexural-tensile strength, resistance to spitting, effect resistance and great permeability and frost resistance. sturdiness of the concrete is advanced by using reducing the crack widths. on this undertaking paintings, we're designing m20 and m30 grades of concrete cubes and cylinders with gfrc then evaluating the effects of compressive strength and cut up tensile strength with conventional concrete.

I INTRODUCTION

Concrete is maximum broadly used production material inside the international. Now-a-days the arena is witnessing the development of increasingly more difficult and hard engineering structures. So, the concrete need to own very high electricity and sufficient workability. Researchers all around the world are developing excessive overall performance concrete through including numerous fibers, admixtures in unique proportions. Diverse fibers like glass, carbon, poly propylene and aramid fibers offer improvement in concrete residences like tensile energy, fatigue characteristics, sturdiness, shrinkage, impact, erosion resistance and serviceability of concrete. Due to such characteristics fiber bolstered concrete has found many programs in civil engineering area. Glass fiber reinforced concrete (gfrc) is a current advent inside the subject of concrete era. Gfrc has advantage of being mild weight, high compressive power and flexural power. To improve the long time durability an alkali resistance glass fiber reinforced concrete is likewise invented. The aim of the work is to look at the homes of the effect of glass fibers as reinforcement within the concrete for one of a kind proportions from the research paintings that's already carried out by using the researchers.Fiber strengthened concrete may be defined as a composite cloth including mixtures of cement, mortar or concrete and discontinuous, discrete, uniformly dispersed

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suitable fibers. Non-stop meshes, woven fabrics and lengthy wires or rods are not considered to be discrete fibers.Many research assessed the degree and mechanisms of deterioration and characterized the parameters that impact the long-time period traits of gfrp reinforcing bars. Gfrp reinforcing bars are composed of aligned glass fibres surrounded with the aid of a polymer matrix. When gfrp reinforcement is used as an internal reinforcement in concrete, tensile power decreases as a feature of time. This is a end result of “corrosion” of the glass fibres due to the presence of moisture and/or alkaline answer. Because this is a chemical reaction, the fee of the degradation reactions could be anticipated to growth at elevated temperatures, and this has been established in the literature.Further to being exposed to moisture and alkaline solutions, gfrp reinforcing bars placed in provider are exposed to sustained masses. Moisture or alkaline solutions can diffuse into the polymer matrix, eventually accomplishing the depth of the glass fibres and deteriorating these fibres. But, if in-provider masses crack the polymer matrix, moisture and different deleterious solutions may be transported to the glass fibres at a faster fee than the diffusion charge. Accordingly, the diffusion coefficient of the polymer matrix and cracking of the polymer matrix as a characteristic of the extent of the sustained load might be a beneficial parameter for assessing the residual strength of gfrp reinforcing bars. Several research (benmokrane et al. 2002 and micelli and nanni 2004) have assessed the diffusivity, matrix cracking, and residual energy of gfrp bars uncovered to diverse environments for relatively brief intervals.

1.2 Glass fibre reinforced concrete

"Glass fiber reinforced concrete" is honestly cement mortar with endless strands of embedded glass fiber; it's far a real composite material. It does no longer have the graded rock aggregates or metal-reinforcing bars usually associated with concrete. The principal material asset of gfrc is tensile power or the ability to have electricity while stretched. This tensile power feature also creates dramatically stronger effect electricity. It stocks similarly the two number one property of traditional concrete, which might be compressive strength and toughness. Traditional concrete has the trait called "brittle failure" because it has a semi-crystalline shape, which tends to shatter on effect. That is especially risky when subjected to explosive force due to the fact ballistic particles is created that could create giant collateral harm. This is not the case with grfc, because it does now not experience brittle failure. The glass fiber tends to keep the cloth together due to the fact the fibers are dispersed randomly and lay in all instructions in the fabric matrix. Gfrc has a dramatically reduced ballistic particles profile.In popular, fibers are the predominant load-carrying members, while the encircling matrix maintains them inside the desired locations and orientation, appearing as a load transfer medium between them, and protects them from environmental damage.In reality, the fibers offer reinforcement for the matrix and different beneficial features in fiber-reinforced composite materials. Glass fibers may be incorporated into a matrix both in continuous lengths or in discontinuous (chopped) lengths.

The Fibres in GFRC: The glass fibres used in gfrc assist offers this particular compound its strength. Alkali resistant fibres act as the principle tensile load wearing member whilst the polymer and concrete matrix binds the fibres collectively and facilitates switch loads from one fibre to any other. With out fibres gfrc might no longer possess its strength and could be extra susceptible to breakage and cracking.

1 Structural Characteristics of GFRC

Strength of gfrc is advanced due to excessive contents of alkali resistant glass fibers and acrylic polymer. Because the cement contents are excessive, and the ratio of water to cement is low, the gfrc strength beneath compressive masses is excessive. These materials also possess extremely good tensile and flexural power. The fiber orientation determines the effectiveness of fiber resistance to loads. The fiber must be stiff to make sure the supply of required tensile electricity. Thus, the performance of those substances is better than the regular concrete. The high fiber content bears the tensile loads, at the same time as the concrete is bendy due to the polymers. The bodily properties of gfrc are better than the non-strengthened concrete. Metallic reinforcement that has been certainly designed extensively increases the power of products that are forged with normal concrete or gfrc. But, gfrc cannot substitute strengthened concrete if heavy loads are required to be persisted. Gfrc are high-quality suitable for mild hundreds. Applications of gfrc are vanity tops, wall panels, and other similar merchandise. The fiber orientation determines the effectiveness of fiber resistance to loads. The fiber have to be stiff to make sure the provision of required tensile strength.

Alkali resistance of glass fibers:- Glass fibers are chemically at risk of many acids and bases and could become worse if in direct touch with concrete. In composites, it's miles normally anticipated that the matrix will offer the wished chemical safety for the fibers. However this will not always be the case.

Static fracture of glass fibers:-

As referred to in advance, the phenomenon of creep rupture, or static fracture, is the slow reduction of the tensile electricity of glass below strain. This hassle is increased significantly in the presence of water, acids and alkalis, and may result in sudden cracking of the fibers.This became emphasised in a paper summarizing the findings from a symposium on sturdiness of glass fiber bolstered concrete: glass fiber composites can showcase “spontaneous loss over time of a lot of the flexural and tensile strengths of the composite to little greater than that of the matrix" in case of publicity to wet situations in an alkaline surroundings.The resins used within the composite must provide a -fold safety: the matrix durability need to be excessive sufficient to save you the improvement of micro cracks, and diffusion thru the matrix should be minimum. Matrix cracking ought to be averted to insure ok fiber safety

Matrix cracking:-

Fuji et al. tested E-glass composites with a extraordinarily brittle polyester matrix. These composites confirmed good sized matrix micro cracking while loaded to simplest 40% in their short term final strength. The matrix micro cracks successfully permit for direct touch among the fibers and the cloth in which the composite is embedded (e.G. Concrete). This led to a good sized loss of tensile electricity (greater than 50% in 720hours) when the composite was immersed in an

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acidic solution. The same checks below the same conditions however with a hard vinyl ester resin led to no matrix cracking and no electricity loss. Even though presently used resins show off elongations at failure of as much as four%, harder resins with elongations of 10% or extra may be obtained.

Matrix diffusion:-

Sen et al. Tested 12 beams pre-tensioned with two 3/8-inch, seven rod fiberglass strands. The strands have been manufactured from s-2 glass fibers in a shell epon 910 epoxy resin, and have been careworn at approximately 50% of brief term closing. Five beams were pre-cracked (to simulate pile-driving damage) and a complete of 9 have been exposed to simulated tidal cycles in a 15% sodium chloride solution. 3 of the five pre-cracked beams failed at a load decrease than the cracking load, indicating a complete loss of the fiberglass strands after less than 9 months of publicity. One of the un-cracked beams failed without the application of any external load (exposure time 18 months). Scanning electron microscope exam of the strands showed the fiber deterioration for the exposed specimens. This total loss of the strands is a difficulty, specifically considering the fact that s-2 glass fibers are extra resistant than e-glass fibers to alkalis and the matrix used is likewise one of the most proof against fundamental environments, i.E. Seeing that this probable is one of the fine glass composites available.

Scanning electron microscope exam of the strands showed that no matrix cracking changed into apparent. Damage become attributed to diffusion of the hydroxyl ions through the matrix, indicating that, in some cases, even an un-cracked matrix of the best type available may not be sufficient to protect the fibers.

Applications of GFRC

1. **Cladding:** Modular Buildings, -- Single- or two-storey, had been built with ar glass fiber bolstered cementitious sandwich panels integrated right into a light-weight steel structural body during erection
2. **Large shell structures**: Prototype 28-foot-diameter domes 10 feet high placed on membrane that is later inflated by air Modular housing units: Especially for developing countries.
3. **Plaster repair coats**: For deteriorating concrete structures. Test installations made on locks and dams.
4. **Accurate replicas**: To reproduce deteriorating ornamental functions of ancient homes, together with metallic draperies, flowers and gargoyles. Plastic moulds may be made at once from present pieces
5. **Extruded window sills and copings**: Extrusion technique reorients fibers parallel to axis of extrusion and improves flexural strength. A few pass-sectional shapes that can't be solid may be extruded. Pedestrian skyway bridge enclosures, acoustical ceiling panels, roof decks, roof tiles, transmission towers, mild standards, swimming pools and foundations.

II LITERATURE REVIEW

Although not classical steel corrosion, much research that has been performed shows that GFRP reinforcing bars do corrode, reducing the tensile capacity of the GFRP reinforcing bars as a function of time. The American

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Concrete Institute (ACI) recognized this and places a reduction factor on the allowable design strength of GFRP reinforcing bars. A drawback of the majority of the research is that GFRP reinforcing bars have typically been directly exposed to aggressive solutions, exposure conditions possibly not similar to the exposure they would encounter while embedded in concrete. Limited research has been performed evaluating the tensile capacity reduction of bars embedded in concrete; however, these bars were only exposed for relatively short durations. This research investigated the characteristics of GFRP reinforcing bars embedded in concrete for 7 years and exposed to a mean annual temperature of 69 oF (23 oC) and an average precipitation of 39.7 inches (1008 mm), fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. Three manufacturers provided #5 and #6 bars for this research. Results indicate that GFRP reinforcing bars do exhibit reduced capacities when embedded in concrete. A model was developed to assess the tensile capacity of bars embedded in concrete. The model was based on a general diffusion model, where diffusion of water or ions penetrate the bar matrix and degrade the glass fibers. The model is dependent on time, diffusion characteristics of the matrix material, and the radius of the GFRP reinforcing bar. The model indicates that GFRP reinforcement bars with larger diameters exhibit lower rates of capacity loss. However, the times required for the tensile capacity of the GFRP bars to drop below the ACI design requirements for #3, #5, and #6 bars were less than 6 years. Further research is needed to determine how this will affect the design of GFRP-reinforced concrete structures; however, consideration of changing the ACI design requirement may be warranted.

III METHODOLOGY

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

Out of numerous tests conducted to the solid, this is the most extreme essential which gives a thought regarding every one of the attributes of cement. By this single test one can judge that whether Concreting has been done appropriately or not. For solid shape test two sorts of examples either 3D squares of 15 cm X 15 cm X 15 cm or 10cm X 10 cm x 10 cm relying on the measure of total are utilized. For the majority of the works cubical moulds of size 15 cm x 15cm x 15 cm are normally utilized. The glass fibres are included at the rate of 0.5%, 1%, 2% and 3%of cement. This solid is poured in the mould and altered legitimately so as not to have any voids. Following 24 hours these moulds are evacuated and test examples are placed in water for curing. These examples are tried by pressure testing machine following 7 days curing or 28 days curing. Burden ought to be connected steadily at the rate of 140 kg/cm2 every moment till the Specimens fizzles. Load at the disappointment isolated by zone of example gives the compressive quality of cement.

Compressive Strength (Mpa) = Failure load/Cross sectional area

FLEXURAL STRENGTH The test can be performed in accordance with as per BS 1881. A simple plain concrete beam is loaded at onethird span points. Typical standard size of example 500 x 100x 100 mm is utilized. The load should be partitioned similarly between the two stacking rollers, and all rollers might be mounted in such a way, to the point that the load is connected pivotally and without

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subjecting the example to any torsional burdens or limitations. Set up the test example by including the glass fibre at the rate of 0.5%, 1%, 2% and 3% by filling the solid into the mould in 3 layers of roughly equivalent thickness. Pack every layer 35 times utilizing the packing bar as determined previously. Packing ought to be circulated consistently over the whole cross segment of the bar mould and all through the profundity of every layer. The example put away in water might be tried instantly on expulsion from water for 7 and 28 days. The test example should be put in the machine accurately focused with the longitudinal pivot of the example at right edges to the rollers. The heap should be connected at a rate of stacking of 400 kg/min for the 15.0 cm examples and at a rate of 180 kg/min for the 10.0 cm examples. Flexural Strength (Mpa) = $pl\ bd\ 2$ P=Failure Load L=c/c distance=500mm b=width of the specimen=100mm d=Depth of the specimen=100mm

SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH: To locate the split elasticity the barrels were placed in the moulds of measurements 300mm length and 150mm diameter across with M20 grade concrete. Set up the test example by including the glass fibre at the rate of 0.5%, 1%, 2%, 3% were additionally included. While placing the barrels the compaction is done utilizing the table vibrator. Finally the top layer of the example is completely levelled and very much wrapped up. From time of casting 24 hours the barrels were demoulded and were kept for curing in curing tank for 28days. After 28days curing is done these examples have been tried in pressure testing machine. The split rigidity is figured as takes after Split tensile strength (Mpa) = $2p/\pi Dl$ P=Failure load D=Diameter of Cylinder L=Length of cylinder

IV RESULTS AND DISSCUSION

compressive and split tensile strength for cubes and cylinder with M_{20} & M_{30} grade Conventional concrete for 7 days

S.no	Sample 1(N/mm$^{2)}$	Sample 2(N/mm^2)	Sample 3(N/mm^2)
M20	15.14	15.37	14.73
M30	21.80	22.38	21.68
M20	1.96	1.88	1.98
M30	2.11	2.65	2.57

compressive and split tensile strength for cubes and cylinder with M_{20} & M_{30} grade conventional concrete for 28 days

S.no	Sample 1N/mm$^{2)}$	Sample 2(N/mm^2)	Sample 3(N/mm^2)
M20	22.9	23.29	22.32
M30	33.02	33.92	32.86
M20	2.96	2.85	2.89
M30	3.21	4.03	3.90

V CONCLUSION

Glass fibre strengthened concrete is an engineered material has top notch properties that may be effectively used for many creation works and it's miles a appropriate cloth for architects to provide life to their imaginations as systems by properly the usage of this flexible fabric. a properly designed, synthetic and set up gfrc gadget will offer an innovative and aesthetically captivating appearance, whilst often reducing common fee, onsite labour requirements and shortening construction schedules. It take a look at on the impact of fibers with exclusive sizes and houses can nevertheless be a promising paintings as there's always a need to conquer the problem of brittleness of concrete. the paper concluded that the addition of glass fibers at 0.five % via quantity of concrete reduces the cracks under distinctive loading situations. the subsequent conclusions may be drawn from the present investigation

1. With increase of fibre content to1% of cement content the compressive strength increased by 29%, 18% for M20 and M30 respectively and workability is decreased correspondingly.
2. With increase of fibre content to3% of cement content the compressive strength increased by 51%, 30% for M20 and M30 respectively and workability is decreased correspondingly
3. In GFRC, with the increase of grade of concrete, the compressive strength increased by 22% for 28days
4. With 1% increase of fibre content the split tensile strength increased by 39%, 23% for M20 and M30 and workability is decreased.
5. With 3% increase of fibre content the split tensile strength increased by 74%, 31% for M20 and M30 and workability is decreased
6. Due to increase of grade of concrete the split tensile strength increased by 43% for 28days

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