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# Execution Practice on Concrete Strength Parameters By Partial Replacement Sand with Iron Slag as well as Concrete Mixed with Coal Dust

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# ABSTRACT

The world is increasingly interested in studying the structures of industrial waste as well as finding solutions on how to use its beneficial component parts so that those may be used as secondary raw materials in various commercial branches because of growing ecological awareness and stricter regulations on handling industrial waste. Cement, water, fine aggregate, and coarse aggregate are all combined to create concrete, a composite material. However, current scientists are interested in using garbage or waste products from businesses that are hazardous to the environment to develop new concrete materials. Concrete of the M20 quality has been selected as the suggested concrete sampling. This project handles excellent aggregates with iron slag (0%, 40%, 50%, and 60%) and partial replacement of concrete with coal dirt (0%, 10%, 20%, and 30%). In this study, the effectiveness of using iron slag in place of fine aggregates and coal dust as cement in fresh and hardened concrete structures was examined.

M20, water, coal dust, iron slag, and concrete are some of the commonly used terminology

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# I. INTORDUCTION

Since it is difficult to construct any sustainable infrastructure without using concrete, "cement" plays a significant role in civil design. As the building and construction sectors are rapidly developing with new innovations and concepts, we can assert that nothing is total without "Concrete." Utilizing waste is given top priority in current research because releasing waste into the environment directly harms the environment's natural climatic conditions.

With the increase in the manufacturing and use of concrete, today's consumption of natural accumulation and concrete—the largest concrete component—is constantly and quickly increasing. The price of building materials is rising along with the need for construction materials, and our work is ultimately aimed at finding new compositions that can meet this demand while also remaining affordable. The management of waste has evolved

into one of the most complex and difficult environmental issues that exists today. Industrialization's rapid growth has given rise to numerous waste by-products that are environmentally hazardous and have storage space issues. The construction industry has consistently been in the forefront of consuming these wastes in significant amounts.

# 1.2 Steel slag

Slag is an industrial by-product, thus its effective usage can help spread the use of scarce natural resources. Iron slag is a by-product created in the blast furnace during the production of pig iron. It is also created when limestone flux and common iron ore components are combined. When removed from the furnace in the industry, iron and steel slag can be separated by the air conditioning handling. Magnesium, aluminium silicates, calcium, and manganese are the main elements found in the slag in various configurations. The physical characteristics of slag vary depending on the cooling method used, despite the fact that its chemical composition is the same. Because they have stronger pozzolanic properties, the slags can be used as main components in cement.

Slag made from steel and iron production has a long history. Aristotle employed slag as a medicine as early as 350 B.C., according to a report by the European Slag Organization (2006) about the first records on the usage of slag. Due to the availability of large quantities of blast furnace slag in the past, the use of steel slag was not readily apparent. Extensive research and development has transformed slag into a modern commercial item that works and is profitable because to the realisation of ecological considerations to consider and, more recently, the idea of sustainable development. Blast heater slag is described by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in 1999 as "the non-metallic item being primarily formed of calcium silicates and various other bases that is established in a molten condition simultaneously with iron in a blast heater." Slag was thought to be essential in the production of iron, but after it finished shaping the metal, it was merely an annoyance with little to no utility. Slag's effectiveness was recognised during the first ore smelting procedure. In Europe around the turn of the 19th century, where there was a strong incentive to use all economic by-products and there was little capacity for spin-off storage, using slag became a regular practise. Soon after, a large number of slag markets throughout Europe, the USA, and other parts of the world emerged.

#### 1.3 Coal Sludge

After determining the best way to use coal dust in partial replacement of concrete, it is used as a partial substitute to seal a pozzolonic product that is also used. Equal amounts of CO2 are produced during the manufacturing process of concrete. As a result, it is possible to maximise the concrete content while minimising the CO2 content of the concrete's manufacturing process by using a partial replacement for concrete.

According to Ahmaruzzaman, coal dust makes up about 500 million of the approximately 600 million heaps of coal ash produced each worldwide. Although fly ash has been adopted as an additional cementations compound in concrete and has qualities similar to cement, coal dirt is not frequently used in any way. The current method of dumping coal dust in fish ponds poses a serious threat to both human health and the environment. Due to its relatively higher content of unburned carbon and variety of structural characteristics when compared to fly ash, the use of coal dust is still limited. The best option, in terms of environmental advantages, is to utilise industrial waste while making concrete. Researchers once thought using coal as a replacement for fine aggregates in concrete since its bit size is large and comparable to both fine and coarse aggregates. By reducing the bit size of concrete, coal dust, which has pozzolanic properties, may be used as a concrete alternative material.

#### THE RESEARCH STUDY'S OBJECTIVE:

- To replace concrete in concrete with coal sand and also high-quality aggregates with iron slag while maintaining strength and hardness.

- To reduce the need for concrete, therefore reducing carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

- To develop a 20MPa mix layout technique.

- To examine the effects of varying the proportions of cement with coal dust (0% - 30%) and also with great accumulations of iron slag (0% - 60%) when making concrete mix.

- To determine if freshly ready concrete is workable by the Slump test and Compaction variable assessment.

- To determine the cubes' compressive toughness at 7, 14, and 28 days.

- To ascertain the dice's flexural strength after 28 days.

## **II. BOOK SUBMISSION:**

When 20% of the sand was replaced with waste iron, Ismail and Al-Hisami [1] noticed an

increase in compressive and flexural strength. Compressive and flexural strengths increased by 17% and 28% (relative to the reference concrete), respectively. According to some researchers, iron fillings can replace even higher percentages of sand in concrete without impairing its structural integrity.

According to Satyaprakash et al. [2], concrete constructed entirely of iron filings has a compressive and splitting tensile strength that is approximately 26% higher than concrete made entirely of natural sand. Additionally, the concrete's abrasion resistance was greatly improved when NS was replaced with iron infill. Concrete constructed from steel chips and recycled showed improved mechanical qualities scale compared to standard concrete. [3, 4] Other researchers discovered that concrete with iron filings had a better compressive strength than regular concrete. Additionally, the addition of iron filings makes concrete more ductile [5].

Iron ore tailing was used as the fine aggregate in Kumar et al [6].'S investigation into the impact of sand replacement, either partially or entirely, on the compressive and flexural strength of reinforced concrete. Iron ore tailing was used in place of sand to boost compressive strength by up to 40%, while all sand replacement percentages (10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 100%) increased flexural strength.

The mechanical, micro structural, and durability properties of self-compacting concrete formed with four different replacement percentages of natural fine aggregate by iron slag (0%, 10%, 25%, and 40%) were examined by Singh and Siddique [7,8]. For the concrete using iron slag as the reference concrete, increased mechanical strength was seen in the compressive, splitting tensile and flexural tests. Additionally, because to the dense microstructure of iron concrete, its durability was superior to that of reference concrete.

According to Teeth and Safer [10], adding iron powder to mortar reduced its compressive strength because it created more voids, which could have an impact on the strength. On the other hand, they saw a considerable improvement in the flexural strength of the mortar as the iron powder content increased. Due to the heterogeneity and increasing angularity of the waste iron powder, they also noticed a decrease in workability with the increased percentage of iron powder. The compressive strength is reported to diminish as the amount of steel scale waste increases by other writers [9]. Due to the conflicting trends described in the literature, the effect of adding RIP on the mechanical characteristics of concrete is still a subject of debate.

Nowata Jamaluddin, Mohr Frazil Arched, Sagged Ali Mangy, Mohr Hainan Wan Ibrahim, and Sri Wiwoho Mudjanarko [11] Coal bottom ash (CBA), a waste product from coal-based power plants, presents a big chance to replace cement in concrete construction and offers significant technical and environmental advantages. These play a big role in environmentally friendly concrete building. In this study, CBA will be recycled in concrete, and its effect on the workability, compressive strength, and tensile strength of concrete will be assessed. In this study, a total of 120 specimens were made, with 0% to 30% of the cement weight replaced by ground CBA processed to a varying fineness. Because more ground CBA absorbed more water into the concrete mix, workability was observed to be reduced as a result. Early on, the increase in concrete's compressive and tensile strength caused by ground CBA was insignificant. With the 10% ground CBA, the desired compressive strength of 35 Map was attained after 28 days. However, it took more time to get the control mix to 44.5 Map strength. The pozzolanic reaction was not started until 28 days, as evidenced by here. Experimental research has shown that 10% ground CBA with particle fineness ranging from 65% to 75% and passing through a 63 m sieve can produce concrete with adequate and compressive tensile strengths. This investigation verified that the strength performance of concrete is significantly influenced by the particle fineness of cement replacement materials.

## **III. SUPPLIES AND METHODS**

## **3.1 Resources**

According to the applicable codes of practise, the qualities of the material used to create concrete mix are assessed in a laboratory. In the current investigation, several materials including cement, large and small aggregates, iron slag, and coal dust were also utilised. The purpose of researching various material qualities is to enable engineers to create concrete mixes with certain strengths while also ensuring that the material's appearance complies with statutory criteria. Following is a description of the various materials used in this study:

**Portland cement 3.2** 

Although every component of the concrete mix is necessary, cement is frequently the most crucial because it is sometimes the most fragile link in the chain. The purpose of cement is to first bind the sand and stone together and then to fill in the spaces between the particles of stone and sand to create a compact mass. It is the only component of concrete that has been scientifically controlled and makes up just around 20% of the total volume of the concrete mix. It is also the active component of the binding medium. Any modification in its quantity has an impact on the concrete mix's compressive strength. The most significant type of cement is Portland cement, also known as Ordinary Portland Cement, which is made of fine powder by grinding Portland cement clinker. Based on the 28-day strength, the OPC is divided into three grades: 33 Grade, 43 Grade, and 53 Grade. By utilising premium limestone, contemporary machinery, keeping better particle size distribution, finer grinding, and better packing, it has been able to improve the characteristics of cement. In general, using high-grade cement has various benefits for producing concrete that is stronger. Although they are slightly more expensive than low grade cement, they can reduce cement use by 10% to 20% and have a number of other advantages. The quicker rate at which strength develops is one of the most significant advantages. Throughout the experiment, 53 Grade Ordinary Portland cement (OPC) from a single lot was used. It was lump-free and brand-new.



# Fig.3.1. Cement. Coarse aggregates

The phrase "coarse aggregate" refers to the aggregate that is retained over the IS Sieve 4.75 mm. The hard stone or gravel that has been crushed to produce the coarse aggregates may be gravestones or other types of crushed stone.

The following characteristics of coarse aggregates: a) Gray colour

- c) 20mm Maximum Size
- B) Angular in shape
- d) 2.8 Specific gravity
- e) 6.95 is the fineness modulus.



Fig.3.2. Coarse aggregates. *Fine aggregates* 

The majority of the accumulations that pass through a 4.75 mm ARE sieve are referred to be fine aggregates.

The significant accumulation could include the following types:

I Natural sand, or fine build up brought on by the dissolution of rocks over time.

ii) Crushed stone sand, often referred to as fine accumulation made from crushing hard stoneiii) Crushed gravel sand, a fine aggregate made from crushing gravel that is found in nature.



Fig.3.3. Fine aggregates. Iron slag

In this work, the Iron Slag is taken from the Indian mart. It is gray in colour as shown in below figure 4.4. The sieve analysis of iron slag given below table 4.3.



## Fig. 3.4: Iron slag

S.NO	IS Sieve	Wt.	%	% Passing	Cummulative
	(mm)	retained (gm)	Retained		% Retained
1	4.75	14	1.4	98.6	1.4
2	2.36	28	2.8	95.8	4.2
3	1.18	94.5	9.45	86.35	13.65
4	<b>6</b> 00 μ	184.5	18.45	67.8	32.1
5	300 µ	329.5	32.95	34.95	65.05
6	150 μ	291.5	29.15	5.8	94.2
	Pan	58	5.8	-	-
	Total	1000		SUM	210.6
				FM	2.10

#### **Coal Dust**

Coal is destroyed, battered, or whipped to create coal dirt, a large powdered form of coal. Coal produced during dust can be mining, transportation, or mechanical handling of coal due to its fragile nature. It is dangerous to store coal dust in the air because it is more susceptible to sudden igniting and has a lot higher surface area per unit weight than actual coal. As a result, a dangerously empty coal shop poses a much greater blast threat than one that is completely full. A device known as a powdered coal plant is used to instantly grind coal into dirt for use in thermal power plants.

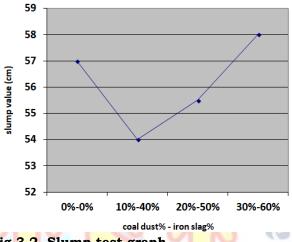
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## **New Features of Concrete**

In order to evaluate the downturn test's applicability with various alternatives, such as 10%, 20%, and 30% of coal dust with cement and 40%, 50%, and 60% of iron slag with large aggregates, the results are as follows. To determine workability, the depression test is used. The graph of the decline examination values for various concentrations of iron slag and coal dust is shown below. The observations from the depression test are listed below.

Coal Dust	Iron slag	Slump value(mm)	
0%	0%	57	
10%	40%	54	
20%	50%	55.5	
30%	60%	58	

#### Fig.3.1. Slump test values.



#### Fig.3.2. Slump test graph.

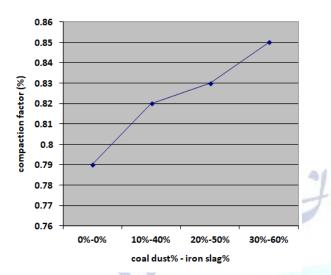
From the above Fig, it can be seen that samples with 30% coal dust and 60% iron slag have a contrast of 1.72 percent that is much higher than the control mix of 0% and 0%.

#### Examination of the compaction variable

In order to test the compaction element's applicability at various substitutions, such as 10%, 20%, and 30% coal dirt with cement and 40%, 50%, and 60% iron slag with fine accumulations, the following results were obtained.

	S.No	Coal Dust	Iron slag	Value of compaction <u>factor</u> (%)
	1	0%	0%	0.79
	2	10%	40%	0.82
1	3	20%	50%	0.83
	5	30%	60%	0.85

Fig.3.3. Results of compaction factor test.



## Fig.3.5. Compacting factor test.

The outcome of compacting the variable is represented by the number above. The results demonstrate that as coal dirt and iron slag levels are increased, the condensing variable increases. Concrete's Hardening Characteristics Compressive Toughness

To examine the compressive strength of concrete, the compressive toughness test was carried out on cubes of 15 cm x 15 cm x 15 cm. The results are reported in the table below.

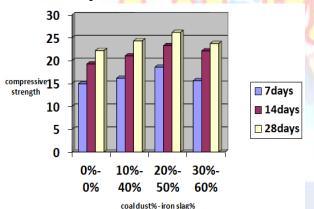


Fig.3.6. Output results.

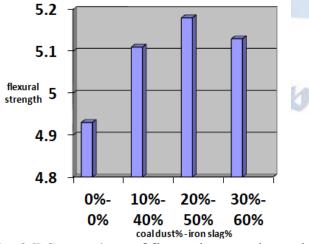


Fig: 3.7 Comparison of flexural strength results

Up to 20% coal dust and 50% iron slag are substituted in the concrete M20 mix, the flexural strength is increased. After that, the compressive strength was reduced but still greater than that of the control mix (0% - 0%).

## **IV. RESULT**

In the current project, the durability characteristics of concrete combinations were calculated by replacing 10%, 20%, and 30% coal soil with concrete and 40%, 50%, and 60% iron slag with sand (fine aggregates). The following conclusions are drawn from the available research. 1. Instead of using concrete and sand, coal dust and iron slag raised the compressive strength of cubes by 20% and 50%, respectively. However, if coal dust and iron slag are added, the compressive strength decreases.

2. For concrete of M20 class, the maximum compressive strength is attained after 28 days when a mix of 50% iron slag and 20% coal slag is used. In comparison to the control mix, the stamina is increased by 15.12%.

3. At 28 days, concrete of M20 quality with a combination of 20% coal dust and 50% iron slag reaches its maximal flexural toughness. The stamina is boosted by 4.82 % as opposed to the control mix.

4. By adding iron slag and coal dust to the concrete in place of sand, the workability of the concrete is improved.

5. Waste materials such as iron slag and coal mud can be used in concrete, potentially solving a disposal issue. Concrete made with coal dust is more environmentally friendly and can reduce disposal expenses for the coal and heating industries.

6. Because iron slag and coal dust are both available for half the price of sand and concrete, respectively, using them in concrete may be more cost-effective.

#### **Future Aims**

1. To determine the tensile building of concrete in the partial replacement of cement by coal dust and also sand by iron slag, a split tensile endurance test for 28 days was carried out on numerous concrete specimens. Understanding the concrete's tensile strength is crucial since it protects the material from the tensional forces imposed on it.

2. To calculate the concrete's toughness properties and water absorption levels when some of the cement is replaced by coal dust and some of the sand by iron slag.

3. However, it is proposed that more research on the topic be done, as well as additional trial areas should be laid and their effectiveness should be investigated.

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