

# LIMNOLOGICAL STUDIES ON HARDIHA POND HANUMANA, REWA (M.P.)

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**ABSTRACT:** Every scientific investigation is evaluated in terms of extends of its contribution to the welfare of human and other living beings. Standing water bodies have great importance as they are recharging resources for drinking, domestic and agricultural use before the civilization. Water quality of pond is important for health and economy of people. The present study is going to centralize on the Hardiha pond of Hanumana, Rewa district Madhya Pradesh. The variations in selected physico-chemical factors were investigated for two years to determine the water quality of Hardiha pond, for Agricultural, and Drinking and fish production. Four stations were chosen on the pond to reflect the effect of human activities, and lotic habitats. Temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate, phosphate, biological oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand, total alkalinity, were analyzed using standard methods and procedures. Unacceptable, high levels of assessment parameters were observed in many cases for other Indian fresh water bodies except for turbidity, dissolve oxygen, Alkalinity, pH, nitrogen and phosphate which were found in higher concentration above freshwater limits. During summer season when water crisis takes place, the water shrunk to the deeper place of pond. After monsoon the water is exploited by the local people and surrounding villages for various domestic and rituals practices. The cattle's, agricultural inputs, washings and other pollution creating activities have enhanced the heavy metals and altered the physicochemical and biological characteristics of the pond water. Therefore there is a need of proper assessment, monitoring and precautionary measures to overcome the pollutant load in the pond water.

**KEYWORDS:** - Limnology, phytoplankton, Hardiha pond.

## INTRODUCTION:-

The water quality in ponds, rivers and streams may vary depending on the geological morphology, vegetation and land use (modification by human activities such as agriculture, industrialization and urbanization) in the

catchment. Industries, agriculture and urban settlements produce nutrients (sewage effluent and fertilizers) and toxic substances, such as organic and inorganic pollutants, and other chemicals including heavy metals. Water pollution occurs when these substances, which degrade the water quality of river, enter the waterway and alter their natural function. Where ponds and lakes have been profoundly altered and have lost much of their value, the scientific understanding of these water bodies is being used in prescribing restoration methods (Lewis, 2000).

Present study has been carried out to assess the current status of Hardiha pond used by habitants around the pond for various domestic chores. There is no available record on the physicochemical and biological characteristics of the said pond. Present study on planktonic population in relation to water chemistry will substantiate the basic information of entire ecology and the present condition of the system.

This pond lies within geographical co-ordinates of 24°18'25''12'' N and 81°2'82.18''E at National Highway No.7. The pond has a maximum depth of 7m and minimum depth 2.5m. The pond receives water through surface run off during monsoon from surrounding upland and has regular inlet of sewage canal while the outlet is blocked on account of its choking. The pond is regularly used mainly for, agriculture, bathing, washing of clothes and fishing by the local people besides the idol immersion. This pond is also utilized for fish culture as well. Rain is the only source of fresh water for this pond.

The present investigation involves the direction of understanding the effect of physico-chemical parameters. It is of particular interest to note that study of such aspects in one of the water bodies which fed the agricultural discharge which provides interesting materials. The present investigation is going to centralize on Hardiha pond of Hanumana Rewa district.

The present study involves the following objectives-

- Assessment of water quality.
- Suggestions to the formers for the utilization of pond.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS:-**

The present work is pertaining to study the permanent standing water body in Hardiha pond Hanumana district Rewa, Madhya Pradesh state, the period of study extended over a period of six months from January to June 2012.

**Laboratory Investigation:-**

Physico-chemical and biological analysis of water samples were made following standard methods suggested by APHA, AWWA, WPCI (2005).

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION:-**

The physico-chemical parameters play an important role in the productivity of phytoplanktons. The quality of biochemical parameters results in the quality of phytoplankton. In the present study the Hardiha pond being a eutrophic pond and having number of phytoplanktons and also very much fluctuations in the phytoplankton periodicity, depending upon availability of various nutrients.

The present study physico-chemical, parameters are represented in table no. 1.

**Table no.1- Monthly average values of physico-chemical parameters of Hardiha pond.**

Month	Rain Fall (m.m.)	Temp. (°C)		pH	CO <sub>2</sub> mg/l	Total Alk. (mg/l)	D.O (mg/l)	Cl <sub>2</sub> (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)	NO <sub>3</sub> -N (mg/l)	PO <sub>4</sub> -P (mg/l)	Total Hard Ness (mg/l)	Ca (mg/l)	Mg (mg/l)	SO <sub>4</sub> (mg/l)	BOD (Mg/l)
		Air Temp.	Water Temp.													
Jan.	Nil	22.5	23.8	8.5	26.5	171.5	9.0	65.4	400	3.5	0.042	205	60.2	12.5	25.2	1.0
Feb.	Nil	26.4	25.4	8.2	8.6	116	8.5	60.5	240	2.2	0.004	125	33.2	9.50	12.6	6.5
March	22.2	26.8	25.6	8.7	8.7	102	7.3	50.5	232	4.1	0.003	95	12.4	14.5	10.2	2.2
April	Nil	26.9	26.8	7.5	30.5	105	5.4	22.1	300	4.7	0.022	116	265.0	11.5	45.2	3.4
May	33.3	27.0	25.4	8.9	50.0	58	9.3	36.5	750	1.8	0.001	355	125.2	34.6	21.5	9.5
June	344.0	26.9	25.2	8.3	22.2	125.5	4.0	50.5	360	5.2	0.002	205	48.0	20.2	11.5	3.8

**CONCLUSION:-**

The analysis of above results we can conclude that the Hardiha pond is heavily polluted water body, pollution being of organic origin. This pond needs to be protected from animals and human activities. In order to maintain the purity and portability of water, the inflow of sewage and discharge of agriculture waste is avoided and phytoplankton growth is controlled either manually or by any other means. To minimize the pollution some measures should be taken i.e. preventing washing cloths, bathing of cattle, dumping of agricultural waste, avoiding the use of chemical fertilizers and other human activities. Thus the purity of this pond can be maintained.

At this critical juncture the local representatives, Government and Non-Government bodies, the educated bodies, the village heads and the reputed figures of the society should come forward and formulate conservational model for the sustainability of this beautiful water body.

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