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Performance of Photocatalytic Concrete using Sinicon PP, Rice husk ash and Titanium-dioxide

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Abstract: ***The Photocatalytic Concrete helps to reduce the air temperature in urban environment and eventually reduce quantity of smoke. Titanium Dioxide (Tio_2), a nano material was used as a catalytic material to produce Photocatalytic concrete, In this study, M20 grade concrete was prepared by partially replacing. Fine aggregate with sinicon PP at varying proportion of 0%, 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, which is light weight material and has very low specific gravity compared to normal fine aggregate and also the cement being constantly replaced by Tio_2 and Rice husk ash as 1% and 10% respectively. The effect of Tio_2, Sinicon PP and Rice husk ash was investigated through mechanical and durability properties and also emission test was carried out to compare the amount of gases released in both conventional concrete and photocatalytic concrete.***

Keywords: ***Photocatalytic Concrete, Rice Husk Ash, Sinicon PP, Titanium-dioxide.***

I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is an auxiliary brick work material made by blending broken stone or rock in with sand, concrete, and water and permitting the blend to solidify into a strong mass. The concrete is the synthetically dynamic component or framework; the sand and stone are the inactive components or total. Lamentably, contamination is another reality of present day life [1]. These contaminations incorporate carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, particulate issue, unstable natural mixes (VOC), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and lead. All these air toxins are expanding overall which causes certain medical issues, for example, cardiovascular infection and respiratory issues. Contamination can likewise influence the sensory system in an assortment of ways and add to malignant growth and unexpected passing. Car emanations are an essential wellspring of air contamination [2]. Utilization of titanium dioxide as an added substance to gives them self-cleaning, antibacterial and antifungal properties, additionally it was likewise discovered that now and again the mechanical properties are likewise improved.

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II. MATERIALS AND PROPERTIES

A. Cement

Concrete is a coupling material which has generally excellent grip and firm properties which make it conceivable to bond with other material to frame a conservative mass. Right now Portland concrete of 53grade was utilized for exploratory work.

- The specific gravity of concrete = 3.10.
- Fineness of concrete = 5.69 %.
- The level of water required for getting concrete glue of standard is 30%.
- Initial setting time of concrete = 30 min.

B. Fine Aggregate

M-sand is utilized as fine aggregate. Various tests were directed to decide physical properties of fine total.

- The specific gravity of fine aggregate = 2.778.
- The water retention of sand = 2.24%.
- Fineness modulus of fine aggregate = 4.71.

C. Coarse Aggregate

Hard rock broken stones of under 20mm size were utilized as coarse aggregate. The particular gravity, fineness modulus, water assimilation and effect estimation of the coarse aggregate were tried.

- The specific gravity of coarse aggregate = 2.93.
- Fineness modulus of coarse aggregate = 4.09.
- The water retention of the given example of coarse aggregate = 0.38%.

D. Water

Consumable water accessible in the lab with a pH estimation of at least 6 and complying with the prerequisite of IS 456:2000 was utilized for blending concrete

E. Sinicon PP

It is a novel volcanic glass, a huge store of which is found at just a single area on the earth which is South Africa. Sinicon PP is made out of feed from this mines utilizing licensed assembling procedure to change over this volcanic glass into all around fixed extreme glass granules which are obviously appropriate for use with cementitious and different covers. An unnatural weather change is constrained by the way toward lessening ozone harming substances like CO2, HFC and Sulphur dioxide in the environment. Sinicon PP is a decent operator to retain destructive gases. The controlled atmosphere makes living agreeable [1].

- Density = 1005 Kg/m^3.
- Specific gravity = 1.005.

F. Rice Husk Ash

RHA by and large alluded to a rural result of consuming husk under a controlled temperature of beneath 800 °C. The procedure delivers about 25% debris containing 85% to 90% shapeless silica in addition to about 5% alumina, which makes it exceptionally pozzolanic. It showed that solid with RHA required more water for a given consistency because of its absorptive character of the cell RHA particles. In an examination rice husk debris got from Indian paddy when consumed at 650 °C for a time of 1 h changed itself into a productive pozzolanic material wealthy in formless silica content (87%) with a moderately low misfortune on start esteem (2.1%). RHA perhaps make up for the issue of reusing tremendous amount of husk squanders to be landfilled because of lacking information about its business benefits. Here, RHA is gotten from Kangayam situated in Tamil Nadu. At that point it is scorched in Rice factory under high temperature [3].

- Density = 1067 Kg/m^3.
- Specific gravity = 1.067.

G. Nano Titanium-dioxide

Nanomaterial (Nano Titanium Dioxide) are exceptionally little measured materials with molecule size in nanometres (nm). Nanotechnology worries with the use of materials falling in a scope of not many to under 100 nanometres. When Nano Titanium Dioxide (TiO_2) with the normal molecule size of 15 nanometres (nm) was added to concrete, physical and mechanical properties of the examples were estimated. Nano TiO2 molecule as a substitution of concrete could quicken C-S-H gel arrangement because of expanded crystalline Ca(OH)2 sum at the early period of hydration and henceforth increment compressive quality and split rigidity of cement. These Nanoparticles help in improving the porousness and quality of cement [4].

- Density = 3700 Kg/m^3.
- Specific gravity = 3.7.

H. Titanium Dioxide as a Photocatalytic

To comprehend why titanium dioxide can have such a solid impact on nitrogen oxide evacuation, it is important to inspect the properties of various titanium dioxide structures. In the same way as other concoction mixes, titanium dioxide can orchestrate itself into different shapes and examples which influence its properties. As indicated by a paper from the Czestochowa University of Technology in Poland, two especially significant titanium dioxide mineral structures can be found in nature: rutile and anatase. These two mineral structures are critical on the grounds that the two of them have a high list of refraction, which proposes that light voyages gradually through these minerals. As indicated by the paper, the refractive file of anatase ranges from 2.5 to 3.0, and that of rutile is around 3.8. This makes titanium dioxide a successful photocatalytic, implying that it can make compound responses happen at an elevated rate within the sight of light. At the point when responses happen within the sight of a photocatalytic, for example, titanium dioxide, the impetus can oxidize and diminish the fundamental particles to accelerate the response. As indicated by the International Research Journal of Engineering and Technology, high vitality photons permit electrons to become elevated to the conduction band in the photocatalytic or the vitality level simply over the typical valence vitality level. This procedure leaves an emphatically charged opening in the valence band of the photocatalytic. The essential vitality for this procedure to happen in titanium dioxide, a semiconductor, is 3.2 electron volts (eV). The elevated electron is utilized to downsize one atom during a redox response, while the charged gap is utilized to oxidize the contrary particle [4].

I. Nano Titanium-dioxide

A huge wellspring of contamination noticeable all around is nitrogen oxides (NOx), which are destructive to nature without anyone else and furthermore can respond with oxygen noticeable all around to shape ozone, the primary part in smoke. As indicated by the Czestochowa University of Technology paper, titanium dioxide isn't expended when utilized as a photocatalytic, implying that it tends to be utilized in the process without waiting be continually supplanted. To expel nitrogen oxides, a multi-step process is required. The procedure, as indicated by the Czestochowa paper, begins with the response

$$NO + 2OH \rightarrow NO2 + H2O$$

This procedure alone doesn't evacuate nitrogen oxides yet rather changes over nitrogen monoxide to another hurtful compound, nitrogen dioxide, which permits a subsequent response to happen.

$$NO2 + OH- \longrightarrow NO3 - + H+$$

This response evacuates the rest of the nitrogen dioxide and changes over it to nitrate particles, which at that point structure nitric corrosive, (HNO3), with the ionized hydrogen. At the point when the response happens on or approach solid, grout (present in certain sorts of cement) can respond with this nitric corrosive and structure an impartial ionic salt. Therefore, hurtful nitrogen oxides are changed into innocuous particles. Despite the fact that this could occur without the nearness of titanium dioxide, the photocatalytic properties of the compound are significant for improving the productivity and viability of this response [4].

J. Titanium Dioxide in Concrete

In view of the proof of the substance information, titanium dioxide ends up being compelling at expelling a lot of toxins from the air. The issue currently emerges how to best execute this innovation into enormous scope structures since concrete is controlled dependent on quality. Notwithstanding the basic advantages of the titanium dioxide concrete, the material likewise shows a self-cleaning property, expanding the life expectancy of the structure and reducing the prerequisites of routine support. This marvel is a direct result of two properties of the material: its capacity to respond with different atoms inside the air and its super-hydrophilicity. As recently expressed, the titanium dioxide goes about as a photocatalytic.

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This property takes into account the oxidation of different atoms, remembering the poisons for the air and superficially, just as the arrangement of hydroxyl and oxygen radicals from water and oxygen noticeable all around. The results of these responses at that point structure salts. The salts are then washed off of the surface proficiently because of the super-hydrophilicity of titanium dioxide. At the point when water typically experiences a surface, it will in general dot up because of the blend of the surface pressure of the water and the distinction in extremity between the water and the surface. Since both water and titanium dioxide are polar mixes, they will in general be pulled in to one another. This fascination is incredible enough to make up for lost time with the water strain, and therefore, water will run as a sheet rather than beads over the surface, permitting increasingly complete wetting of the surface. Notwithstanding evacuating poisons, the surface likewise demonstrates successful at expelling biofilm [4].

III. TEST ON CONCRETE

A. Slump Test

The slump test is the most commonly used method of measuring the workability of concrete. The apparatus for conducting the slump test consists of a metallic mould in the form of a frustum of a cone having the internal dimensions as follows:

- Bottom diameter = 20 cm
- Top diameter = 10 cm
- Height = 30 cm

The shape is loaded up with concrete in four layers. Each layer is packed multiple times by the packing bar taking consideration to appropriate the strokes uniformly over the cross-segment. The shape is expelled from the solid by raising it gradually and cautiously a vertical way. The distinction in level between the stature of the form and tallness of died down cement is noted and it is taken as droop esteem. The droop tests directed shows the droop estimation of 65mm. The medium level of functionality is gotten from the test outcome.

B. Compressive Strength Test

Compressive test is made at perceived times of the test examples. Least three examples, ideally from various clumps will be made for testing at each chosen age. The cube shape is put in the pressure testing machine in such way that the heap is applied to the contrary sides of the solid shape as cast.

Compression test was carried out on the specimens after 7^{th}, 14^{th} and 28^{th} days of curing. The compressive strength was calculated and given in the table

$$f_{ck} = P/A$$

Where, f_{ck} = Compressive Strength (N/mm²)
P = Ultimate Load (N) and
A = Loaded Area (150mm x 150mm)

Table- I: Mix Details

Mix	Cement %	Titanium Dioxide %	Rice Husk Ash %	Fine Aggregate %	Sinicon PP %	Coarse Aggregate %
M1	100	-	-	100	-	100
M2	89	1	10	100	-	100
M3	89	1	10	95	5	100
M4	89	1	10	90	10	100
M5	89	1	10	85	15	100
M6	89	1	10	80	20	100

- Titanium-Dioxide and Rice Husk Ash should be replaced by the weight of the cement.
- Sinicon PP should be replaced by volume of Fine Aggregate.

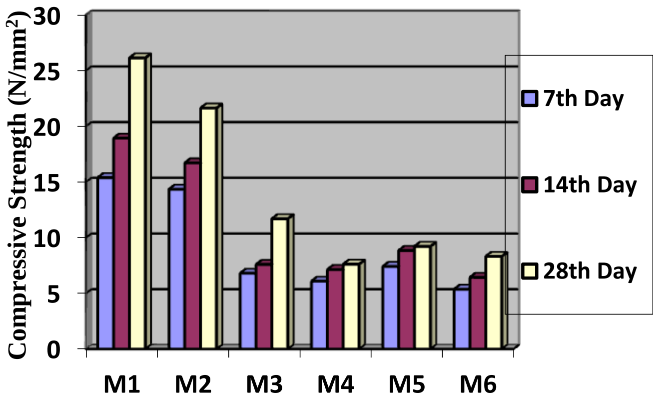


Fig. 1. Compressive Strength Results.

C. Rapid Chloride Permeability Test (ASTM C1202)

This strategy covers the assurance of the electrical conductance of cement to give a fast sign of its protection from the infiltration of chloride particles.

The test technique includes acquiring a 100 mm center or chamber test from the solid being tried. A 50 mm example is cut from the example. The side of the round and hollow example is covered with epoxy and the epoxy is dried, it is placed in a vacuum load for three hours. The example is vacuum immersed for 1 hour and permitted to do use for 18 hours. It is then put in the test gadget. The left-hand side (-) of the test cell is loaded up with a 3% NaCl arrangement. The right-hand side (+) of the test cell is loaded up with NaOH arrangement. The framework is then associated and a 60-volt potential is applied for 6 hours. Readings are taken like clockwork. Toward the finish of 6 hours the example is expelled from the cell and the measure of coulombs went through the example is determined.

Table- II: RCPT Results

Cell	Conventional Concrete Value (coulombs)	Photocatalytic Concrete Value (coulombs)
1	2408.85	2372.4
2	2444.04	3664.8
3	1807.38	2850.75

Table- III: RCPT ratings (*per ASTM C1202*)

Charge Passed (coulombs)	Chloride Ion Penetrability
>4,000	High
2,000-4,000	Moderate
1,000-2,000	Low
100-1,000	Very Low
<100	Negligible

D. Durability Test Resistance Against Acid Attack

For acid attack test concrete cube of size 150 x 150 x 150 mm are prepared for Conventional Concrete and Photocatalytic Concrete. The example are thrown and relieved in shape for 24 hours, following 24 hours, all the example are demoulded and kept in restoring tank for 7-days. Following 7-days all examples are kept in climate for 2-days for steady weight, accordingly, the examples are gauged and drenched in 5% sulphuric corrosive (H2SO4) answer for 60-days. The pH estimation of the acidic media was at 0.3. The pH esteem was intermittently checked and kept up at 0.3. Following 60-days of submerging in corrosive arrangement, the examples are taken out and were washed in running water and kept in climate for 2-day for consistent weight. In this way the examples are gauged and misfortune in weight and henceforth the rate loss of weight was determined.

Table- IV: Loss of Weight

Mix	Avg. Weight (Kg)	28th Day Avg. Weight (Kg)	60th Day Avg. Weight (Kg)
Conventional Concrete	8.511	7.665	7.523
Photocatalytic Concrete	8.151	7.612	7.265

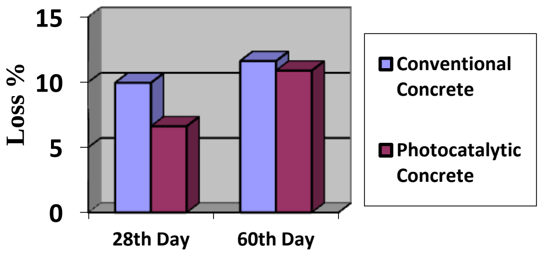


Fig. 2. Comparing Weight Loss in %

E. Scanning Electron Microscope

SEMs have an assortment of utilizations in various logical and industry related fields, particularly where portrayals of strong materials is valuable.

SEM can recognize and break down surface cracks, give data in microstructures, look at surface defilements, uncover spatial varieties in substance syntheses, give subjective compound investigations and distinguish crystalline structures. Likewise SEM have viable modern and innovative applications.

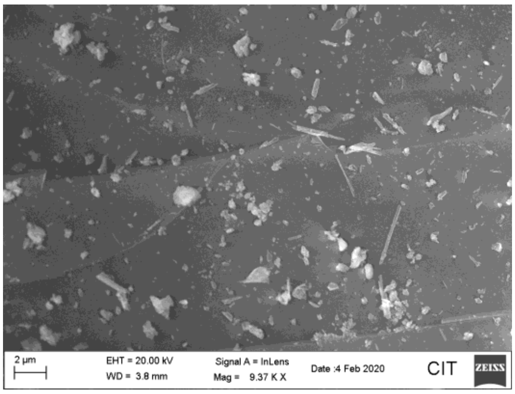


Fig. 3. SEM-M1 Mix (2μm)

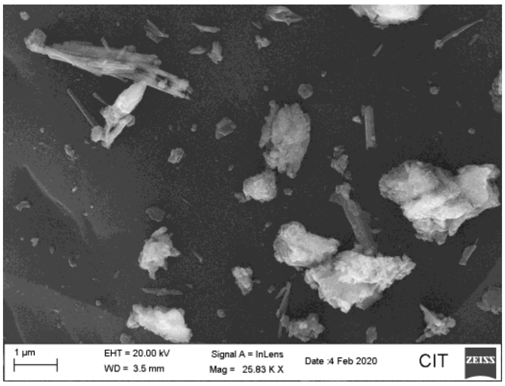
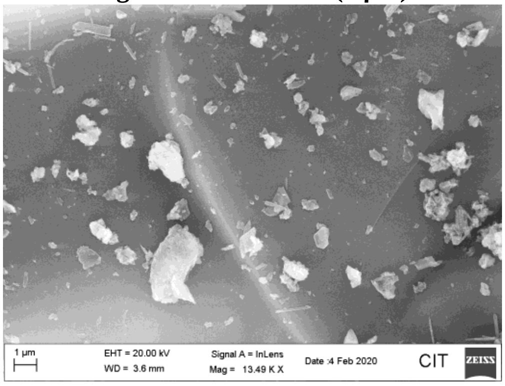


Fig. 4. SEM-M1 Mix (1 μm)



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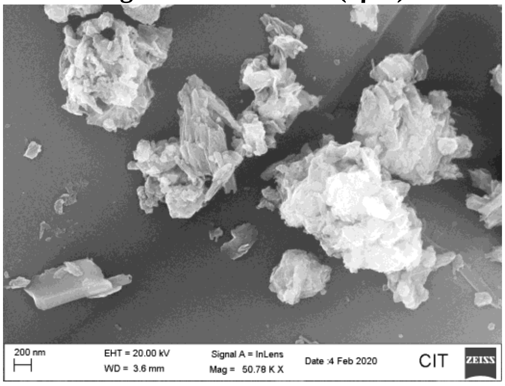

Fig. 6. SEM-M1 Mix (200 mm)

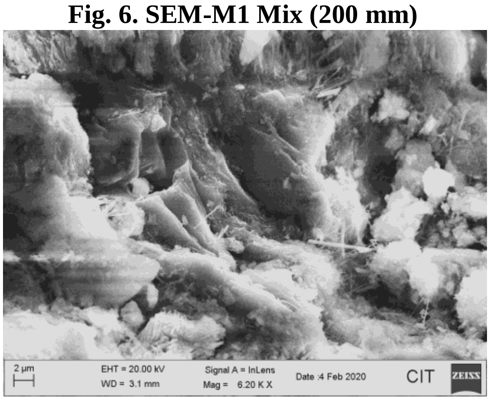

Fig. 7. SEM-M2 Mix (2μm)

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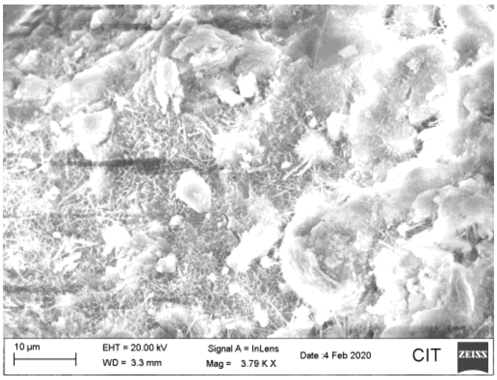
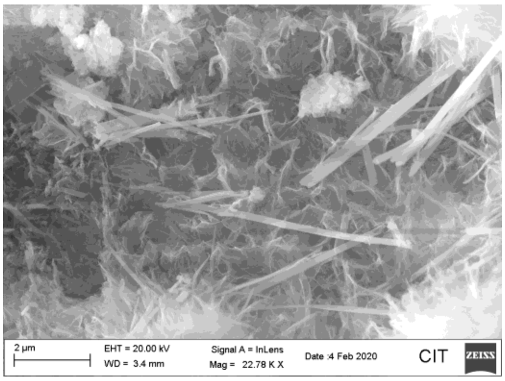


Fig. 8. SEM-M2 Mix (10µm)



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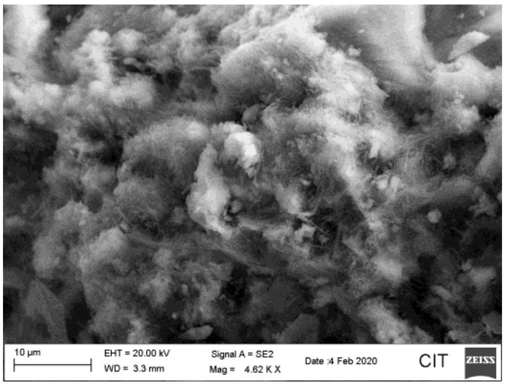

Fig. 10. SEM-M5 Mix (10µm)

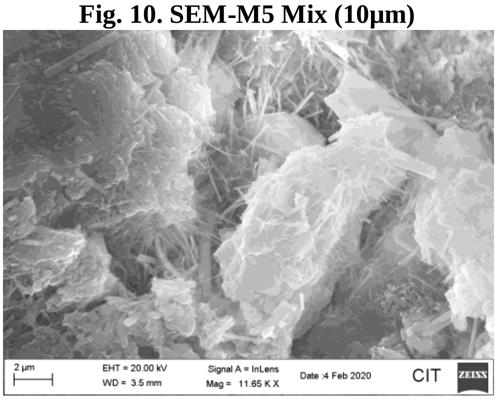

Fig. 11. SEM-M5 Mix (2µm)

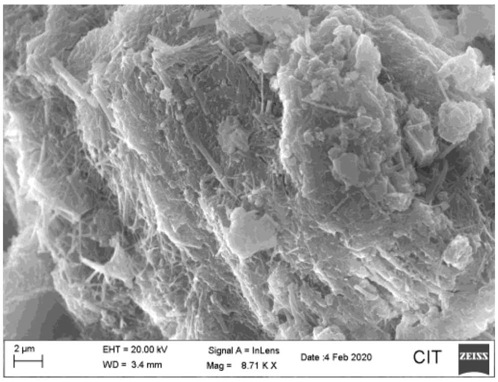

Fig. 12. SEM-M5 Mix (2µm)

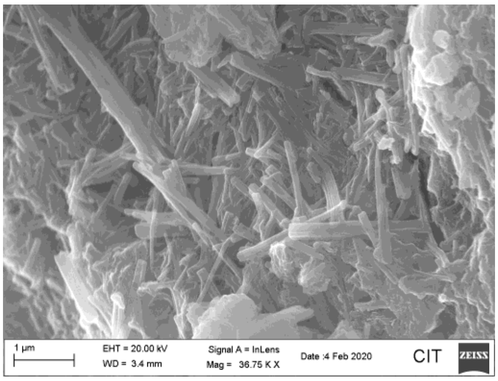

Fig. 13. SEM-M5 Mix (1µm)

F. Emission Test

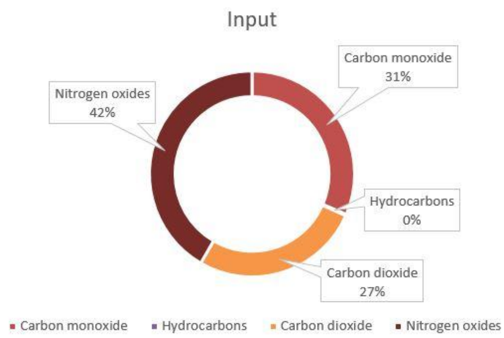

Fig. 14. Total Gas input %

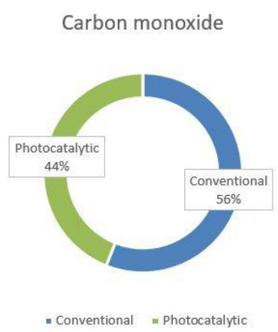

Fig. 15. Carbon monoxide Release %

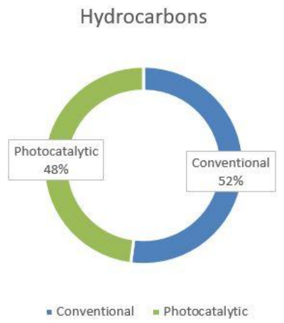

Fig. 16. Hydrocarbons Release %

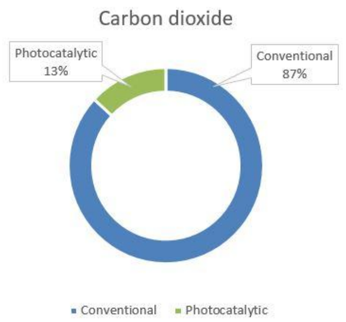

Fig. 17. Carbon dioxide Release %

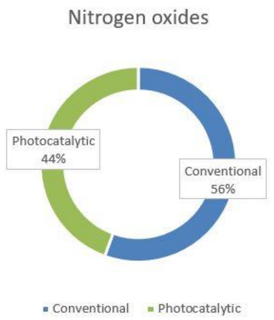

Fig. 18. Nitrogen oxides Release %

IV. CONCLUSION

- The strength and durability of the Photocatalytic concrete is almost similar to that of conventional concrete.
- Compare to other mixes M2 mix (1% Tio2 and 10% RHA) gives better compressive strength
- In sulphuric acid attack, The Photocatalytic concrete shows less reduction in mass compared to the conventional concrete by 6.38%.
- Emission test shows that the photocatalytic concrete releases less amount of gases to the environment and it decomposes the harmful gases compare to the conventional concrete.

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