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Behaviour of Hybrid Fibre Reinforced Concrete Deep Beams in Flexure and Shear.

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ABSTRACT
In various construction industry concrete play a very important role. Hybrid fibre reinforced concrete is a advantageous over the plain reinforced concrete for improving the strength. In hybrid fibre reinforced concrete various combination of metallic, Non-metallic and natural fibres are used .The different combination of fibres in concrete is often called as hybridization. Hybrid fibres plays a vital role in increasing the strength of concrete such as flexure and shear, compressive strength and tensile strength The fibres uncorrupted in concrete is advantageous to reduce the micro and macro cracks in structural members.
In Present investigation various deep beams were casted for shear and flexure the grade of concrete was taken was M30.Various cubes were casted to check the compressive strength of concrete over plain concrete. Cylindrical specimens were casted to check the tensile strength of concrete using fibres over plain concrete for 28 days .The admixtures used to increase the workability was Perma plast-1.For checking the behaviour of reinforced concrete deep beams for flexure and shear two point load assembly was used for flexure and shear the effective span was considered as 1. The two point load for flexure was applied from 333.33 mm from both ends in flexure and 200 mm from both ends in shear. In flexure and shear self-weight of beam was considered for calculating the shear strength and flexural strength.
In present investigation the effective span to depth ratio of beams was maintain as 1.66 .Various
Combinations of metallic and non-metallic fibres were in corrupted in reinforced concrete to increase the flexure and shear behavior of reinforced concrete deep beams over plain concrete.

Keywords
Deep Beam, Polypropylene Fibre, Flat Crimped Steel Fiber, Split Tensile Strength, Flexural Strength, Shear Strength..

1. INTRODUCTION
In various construction industry concrete play a very important role .Hybrid fibre reinforced concrete is advantageous to the plain reinforced concrete .In hybrid reinforced concrete various combination of metallic, non-metallic and natural fibres are used .The combination of various fibres in concrete is often called Hybridization. Theses hybrid fibres plays a vital role in increasing the strength of concrete such as compressive strength, split tensile strength ,flexural strength and shear strength of reinforced concrete deep beams. In present investigation the span to depth ratio of the beam was maintain as 1.66.The beam were tested for flexura and shear .Different hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibre were used at 1 percent volume of concrete. Steel fibres in reinforced concrete distributes the localized stresses ,cost reduction ,crack resistance ,impact resistance ,fatigue resistance ,shrinkage reduction ,preventing crack propagation from micro cracks to macro cracks .Also the non-metallic fibres have various advantages it reduces the plastic shrinkage ,plastic settlement, freeze thaw damage ,fire damage etc. Hence the use of optimized combinations of two or more fibres in concrete mixture can produce a composite with better engineering properties than that of individual fibres .This includes combining fibres with different shapes, dimensions, tensile strength and young's modulus to concrete matrices. In this system steel fibres which is stronger and stiffer improves the first crack strength and ultimate shear strength, while the polypropylene fibre which is more flexible and ductile leads to improved toughness and strain capacity in post cracking zone.

1.1 Objective
- To study the effect of hybrid fibre with 1% volume fraction by volume of concrete on normal concrete
- To study the mechanical properties of hybrid fibres with different hybridization ratio at 1 % volume fraction of concrete
- To study the ultimate shear strength of fibre reinforced concrete with different fibre proportions
- To evaluate the ultimate flexure strength of hybrid fibre reinforced concrete deep beams with the addition of fibre in M 30 grade of concrete by using steel and polypropylene fibres in mix proportions of 0-0%,0-100 %,25-75%,50-50%,75-25%, 100-0% by value at the total volume fraction of 1%
- To evaluate the strain energy absorbed at its ultimate level for hybrid fibres at 1 % volume fraction with normal concrete
- To draw conclusions and give recommendations based on the research findings and indicate areas for further study.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE
V.R.Rathi [21] presented the result of glass fiber reinforced moderate deep beam with and without stirrups. Six tee beams of constant overall span and depth 150mm, 200mm, 250mm, 300mm with span to depth (L/D) ratios of 4,3,2.4, & 2 and glass fibers of 12mm cut length and diameter 0.0125mm added at volume fraction of 0%, 0.25%, 0.50%, 0.75% & 1 %.The beams wear tested under two point loads at mid span. The results showed that the addition of glass fiber significantly improved the compressive strength, split tensile strength, flexural strength, shear stress and ductility of reinforced moderate deep beam without stirrups.
M.V. Krishna Rao [10] Presented the behavior of deep beams is different from that of shallow beams in which the bending stress distribution is linear across the depth and the shear failure is ductile. He also addresses the flexure and shear behaviour of polypropylene fibre reinforced fly ash concrete

(PFRFAC) deep beams. The shear span to depth ratio of the beams used in these investigations was maintained as 2.0. The variables of study include the Characteristic strength of concrete, fck (15.0 MPa, 20.0 MPa, and 25.0 MPa) and polypropylene fibre (Recron 3s) content (0%, 0.5% and 1%). The test results indicate that compressive strength of concrete increases with the increasing percentage of fibre. There has been a significant increase in flexural and shear strengths of PFRFAC, in all the mix proportions, as fibre content increased from 0% to 1.0%. However, the ultimate failure was observed to be gradual in all the beams.

This paper addresses the flexure and shear behavior of hybrid fibre reinforced concrete deep beam in which effective span to depth ratio was maintained as 1.66.The load deflection response of the beams with varying fibre content is investigated. Also mechanical properties of HyFRC were calculated i.e compressive strength and split tensile strength for different fibre proportions. The variables considered in this study include fibre content (steel and polypropylene %) i.e 0-0%,0-100%,25-75%,50-50%,75-25%,100-0%.

3. SELECTION OF INGREDIENTS AND MATERIALS

3.1 Material Properties

3.1.1 Cement

Table No .1 Cement Properties

Time	Description of Test	Results
1.	Fineness of cement (residue on IS sieve No.90 micron)	3 %
2.	Specific Gravity	3.15
3.	standard consistency of cement	29%
4.	Setting time of cement a) Initial setting time b) Final setting time	 100 minute 293 minute
5.	Soundness test of cement (with Le-Chatelier'smould)	1.7 mm
6.	Compressive strength of cement a) 3 days b) 7 days	 25.98 N/mm^2 37.1 N/mm^2

3.1.2 Fine Aggregate (Sand)

River sand of Pravara River is used as a fine aggregate

Table No 2 Physical Properties of Fine Aggregates (Sand)

Sr. No	Property	Results
1	Particle Shape, Size	Round 4.75 mm down
2	Fineness Modules	
3	Silt Content	2 %
4	Specific Gravity	2.65
5	Bulk Density	1793 kg/m^3
6	Surface Moisture	Nil
7	Water absorption	1 %

3.1.3 Coarse Aggregate

Locally available crushed stone aggregates with size 5mm to 12.5 mm and of maximum size 20 mm are used. The test results are as follows:-

Table No .3 Physical Properties of coarse Aggregate

Sr No	Property	Results
1	Particle Shape, Size	Angular, 20mm, 10mm down
2	Fineness Modulus of 20 mm aggregates	7.4
3	Specific Gravity	2.68
4	Water Absorption	0.6%
5	Bulk density of 20mm aggregates	1603 kg/m^3
6	Surface moisture	Nil

3.2 Physical Properties of Flat Crimped Steel Fibers

Material Purchase: M&J International E, Hatkesh industrial Estate, Mira Bhayander Road, Mira Road (East) Mumbai.

Table No 4 Physical Properties of Steel Fibers (Supplied By Manufacturer)

Sr. No	Property	Values
1.	Diameter	0.55 mm
2.	Length of fiber	25mm to 50mm
3.	Width	2 to 2.5 mm
4.	Average aspect ratio	40 to 90
5.	Deformation	Continuously deformed circular segment
6.	Tensile Strength	400 to 600Mpa
7.	Specific Gravity	7.8
8.	Bond Factor	1

3.3 Properties of Polypropylene Fibers

The material recruitment is done from "Dolphin Floats" situated at Bhosari M.I.D.C. Pune.It is used at 0.9 kg per m^3 of concrete (minimum).

Table No.5 Physical Properties of polypropylene fibers

Sr. No	Properties	Remark
1	Length	12 mm
2	Construction	Fibrillated
3	Melting Point	165^0 C
4	Absorption	Nil
5	Elongation	15%

4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In present study cube compression test, split tensile test, flexure and shear test on beams on plain and varying hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibres reinforced concrete at 1% fibre volume fraction by volume of concrete are carried out. The experimental results and discussion for various test results are described below.

4.1 Compressive Strength

Cube moulds of 150mm × 150 mm ×150mm were casted for finding the compressive strength of HyFRC.

Table No 6 Compressive strength test on cubes at 28 Day

Sr No	Hybridization Ratio (steel-poly %)	Load (N)	Compressi-ve Strength (MPa)	Average Compressive Strength (MPa)
1	0-0%	741×10^3	32.90	33.28
2		761×10^3	33.79	
3		738×10^3	32.76	
4		758×10^3	33.65	
5	0-100%	776×10^3	34.45	35.32
6		809×10^3	35.92	
7		790×10^3	35.11	
8		806×10^3	35.79	
9	25-75%	816×10^3	36.23	35.95
10		841×10^3	37.34	
11		861×10^3	38.23	
12		721×10^3	32.01	
13	50-50%	876×10^3	38.89	37.2
14		851×10^3	35.48	
15		825×10^3	37.78	
16		827×10^3	36.725	
17	75-25%	901×10^3	40.00	39.92
18		870×10^3	38.63	
19		942×10^3	41.82	
20		883×10^3	39.21	
21	100-0%	800×10^3	35.52	35.48
22		781×10^3	34.68	
23		823×10^3	36.54	
24		792×10^3	35.16	

4.2 Split Tensile Strength

Cylindrical mould of 150 mm diameter and 300mm long are used for casting the specimen for split tensile strength test. Table No.7 shows the result of Split Tensile strength of concrete at 28 days for different hybridization ratio.

Table No 7 Split Tensile strength test on cubes at 28 Days

Sr No	Hybridization Ratio steel-poly %)	Load (N)	Split tensile strength (MPa)	Average Split tensile strength (MPa)
1	0-0%	232×10^3	3.27	3.46
2		244×10^3	3.44	
3		263×10^3	3.71	
4		242×10^3	3.41	
5	0-100%	261×10^3	3.68	3.68
6		252×10^3	3.55	
7		271×10^3	3.82	
8		260×10^3	3.67	
9	25-75%	269×10^3	3.79	3.87
10		282×10^3	3.98	

11		281×10^3	3.96	
12		265×10^3	3.74	
13	50-50%	311×10^3	4.39	4.38
14		322×10^3	4.54	
15		318×10^3	4.48	
16		293×10^3	4.12	
17	75-25%	321×10^3	4.53	4.57
18		338×10^3	4.77	
19		316×10^3	4.46	
20		321×10^3	4.53	
21	100-0%	361×10^3	5.09	4.9
22		359×10^3	5.06	
23		339×10^3	4.78	
24		331×10^3	4.67	

4.3 Flexural Strength

In flexure test, All beams are tested under two-point loading in universal testing machine of 100 tonne capacity Table No.8 shows the result of Flexural strength of HyFRC deep beam for different hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibre.

Table No 8 Test Result for flexure

% of fiber (StPol)	Beam No	Load at 1st crack W_w (kN)	Ultimate Load W (kN)	Avg. Ultimate Load W (kN)	P= W+ 2.25 (kN)	BM_E (at centre) kN.m	F_b=Flexure strength= PL/bd^2 N/mm^2
0-0	B_1	196	495	491.5	493.75	82.57	9.143
	B_1	187	488				
0-100	B_2	200	511	518	520.25	86.98	9.63
	B_2	210	525				
25-75	B_3	225	541	533	535.25	89.48	9.9120
	B_3	231	534				
50-50	B_4	239	554	556	558.25	93.32	10.33
	B_4	242	558				
75-25	B_5	281	590	594	596.25	99.65	11.04
	B_5	278	598				
100-0	B_6	256	569	570	572.25	95.65	10.59
	B_6	268	571				

4.4 Test Result For Shear

In shear test, All beams are tested under two-point loading in universal testing machine of 100 tonne capacity Table No.9 shows the result of shear strength of HyFRC deep beam for different hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibre.

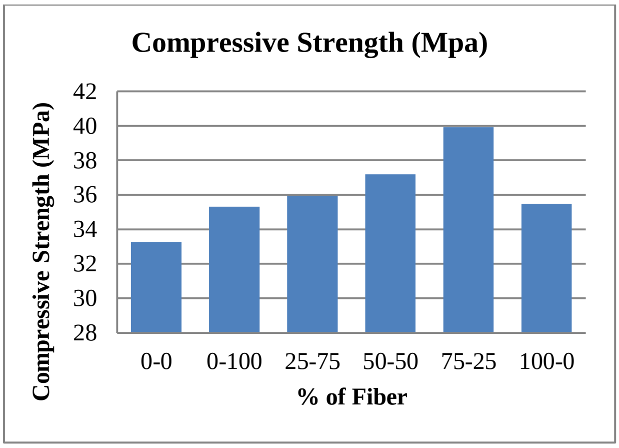
Table No 9 Test Results for Shear

% of fiber (St-P0l)	Beam No	Load at 1st crack W_w(kN)	Ultimate Load W(kN)	Avg. Ultimate Load W (kN)	P=W+2.25 (kN)	SF_A kN	Shear strength N/mm^2
0-0	B_1	230	544	547.5	549.75	276	3.066
	B_1	245	551				
0-100	B_2	261	563	567	569.25	285.75	3.166
	B_2	265	571				
25-75	B_3	273	578	584.5	589.75	294.5	3.2722
	B_3	278	591				
50-50	B_4	285	598	600	602.25	302.25	3.358
	B_4	298	602				
75-25	B_5	329	646	642.5	644.75	323.5	3.59
	B_5	335	639				
100-0	B_6	315	613	610.5	612.75	307.5	3.4166
	B_6	319	608				

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Results for Compressive Strength Test

The results of compressive strength at 28 days show that the HFRC with 75-25 % (steel and polypropylene) hybridization ratio is maximum as compared with respect to normal concrete.



Graph No 1 Compressive strength at 28 days Vs % of hybrid fibre

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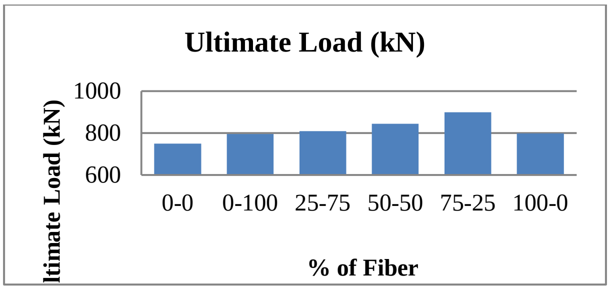
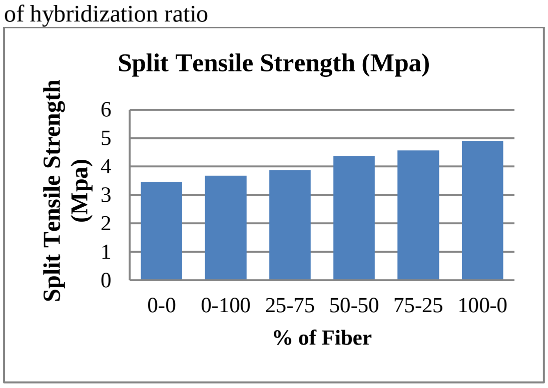


Graph No.2 Ultimate loads for Compressive strength test at 28 days Vs % of hybrid fibre content

5.2 Results For Split Tensile Strength Test

The increase in split tensile strength due to incorporation of steel fibre is greater than polypropylene fibre. High modulus of elasticity of steel fibre makes the concrete more ductile. Tensile strength of ductile material is higher than brittle materials. Therefore split tensile strength at 100-0 % (steel – poly) shows greater than plain concrete and other combination of hybridization ratio

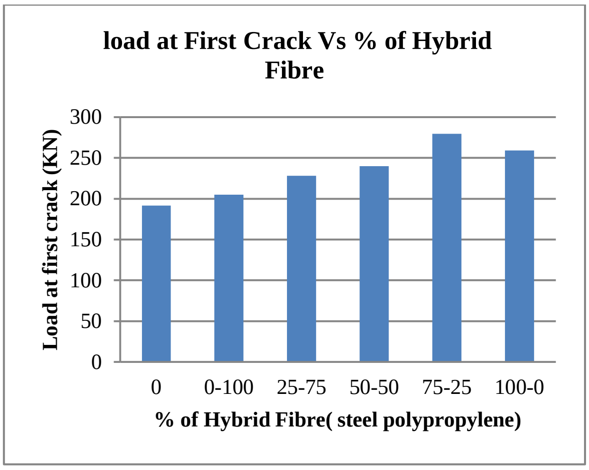


Graph No 3 Ultimate loads for split tensile strength test at 28 days Vs % of hybrid fibre content

5.3 Flexure strength

5.3.1 Load at first crack in flexure

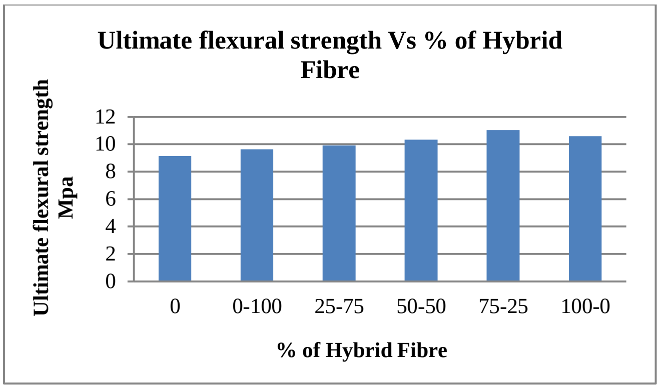
The variation in load at first crack with percentage of hybrid fibre is shown in graph 5.5 for75-25 % hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibre in reinforced concrete deep beam the load at first crack is greater than remaining fibre content.



Graph No 4 Variation of load @ first crack in flexure with percentage of hybrid fibre(steel-polypropylene)

5.3.2 Ultimate flexural strength

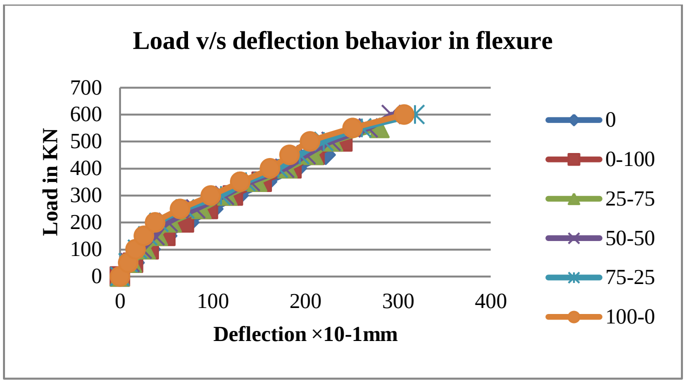
Graph 5 depicts the variation of ultimate flexural strength with percentage of hybrid fibre content. For fibre percentage 75-25 % the flexural strength is higher than all fibre content. The flexural strength for 75-25 % (steel and polypropylene fibre) is increased by 17.09 % than plain reinforced concrete deep beams and all other fibre proportions.



Graph No 5. Variation of flexural strength with percentage of hybrid fibre (steel-polypropylene)

5.3.3 Load Deflection Behavior In Flexure

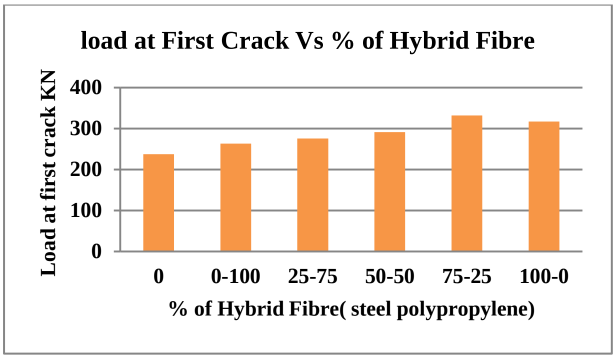
Graph 6 depicts the variation of deflection with load in flexure of HyFRC deep beams. Hybrid fibre content is varied in the range(steel-polypropylene fibre) 0-0%,0-100 %,25-75%,50-50%,75-25%, 100-0% .The load deflection curve is observed to be linear upto first crack and nonlinear beyond that. An increase in ultimate deflection is noticed for HyFRC beams as compared to those of plain concrete.



Graph-No 6 Load v/s deflection behaviors in flexure

5.3.4 Load At First Crack In Shear

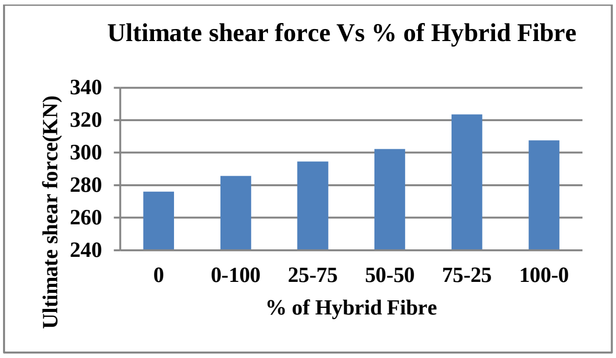
The variation in load at first crack with percentage of hybrid fibre is shown in graph 7 for75-25 % hybridization ratio of steel and polypropylene fibre in reinforced concrete deep beam the load at first crack is greater than remaining fibre content.



Graph No 7 Variation of load @ first crack in shear with percentage of hybrid fibre (steel-polypropylene)

5.3.5 Ultimate Shear Force

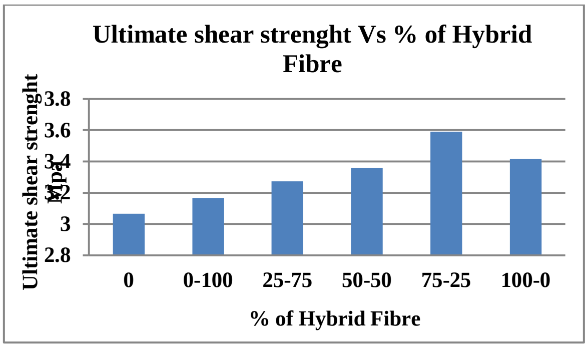
Graph 8 depicts the variation of ultimate shear force with percentage of hybrid fibre. For hybridization ratio 75-25 % (steel–polypropylene) the shear force is maximum than remaining fibre content. The shear force for 75-25 % fibre content is increased by 15.94% than plain reinforced concrete deep beams.



Graph No 8 Variation of Ultimate shear force with percentage of hybrid fibre (steel-polypropylene)

5.3.6 Ultimate Shear Strength Strength

Graph 9 depicts the variation of ultimate shear strength with percentage of hybrid fibre content. For fibre percentage 75-25% the shear strength is higher than all fibre content. The shear strength for 75-25 % (steel and polypropylene fibre) is increased by 18% than plain reinforced concrete beam.



Graph No 9 Variation of shear strength with percentage of hybrid fibre (steel-polypropylene

CONCLUSION

Based on results of experimental investigation's conducted on HyFRC cubes, cylinders and beams the following conclusion are drawn,

- Compressive strength of HyFRC after 28 days for 75-25% (steel-polypropylene) hybridization ratio is maximum. It is increased by 19.95% with respect to normal concrete (i.e. Hybridization ratio 0-0%). At 28 days Compressive strength of SFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 100-0 %) is increased by 6.61% with respect to normal concrete & compressive strength of PPFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 0-100 %) increased by 6.21% with respect to normal concrete.
- Split Tensile Strength of HyFRC Concrete for 28 Days Increases with Increasing Contribution of Steel Fiber in hybridization ratio. Split tensile strength of SFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 100-0%) is maximum. split tensile strength of SFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 100-0%) increases 41.61% & Split tensile strength of PPFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 0-100%) increases 6.35% with respect to normal concrete respectively.3) Flexural strength of HyFRC for 75-25% &100-0% after 28 days is nearly same. Flexural strength of HyFRC with75-25% hybridization ratio and SFRC i.e. hybridization ratio 100-0% is increases 20.78% &15.86% respectively than normal cement concrete. Flexural strength of PPFRC (i.e. Hybridization ratio 0-100%) increased by 5.36% with respect to plain reinforced concrete deep beams.
- The Load at first crack for shear of HyFRC (75-25%) deep beams is maximum than plain reinforced concrete deep beam having steel and polypropylene fibre content (0-0%) and different hybrid fibre content.
- The ultimate shear strength of hybrid fibre reinforced concrete deep beam having (75-25%)steel and polypropylene fibre is increased 17.09 % than plain reinforced concrete deep beams having steel and polypropylene fibre content (0-0%).
- The Load at first crack for flexure of HyFRC (75-25%) deep beam is maximum than plain reinforced concrete deep beam having steel and polypropylene fibre content (0-0%) and different hybrid fibre content.
- The ultimate flexural strength of hybrid fibre reinforced concrete deep beam having (75-25%)steel and polypropylene fibre is increased 20.74 % than plain reinforced concrete deep beam having steel and polypropylene fibre content (0-0%).
- The failure of hybrid fibre reinforced concrete deep beams was observed to be more ductile and gradual in comparison to plain reinforced concrete deep beams.

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