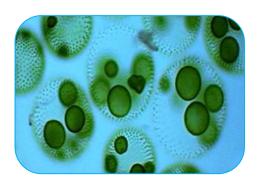




# "THE STUDY OF SOME PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PARAMETERS AND ITS EFFECT ON CHLOROPHYCEAN ALGAL FORMS"

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

The physicochemical parameters and environmental factors and chlorophycean algal forms of the seasonal fresh water

water stream located 9 km away from Morshi taluka in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra were studied during July to December 2016. A total 18 algal forms belonging to Chlorophyceae were recorded. Some physicochemical parameters of stream and environmental factors were observed. The correlation between physico-chemical parameter, environmental factors and aquatic chlorophycean algal flora has been evaluated qualitatively.

**KEYWORDS**: Environmental factor, Physico-chemical Parameter, Chlorophycean form, Hydrobiology.

# **INTRODUCTION:**

physicochemical parameter and environmental factors play important role individually while the final effect is a cumulative result of the interaction between these factors. Aquatic flora and phytoplanktons are sensitive to these environmental factors physicochemical and parameters which, in turn, lead to change in the algal flora in a habitat (Thirugnanamoorthy and Selvaraju,2009). Morshi is one of the taluka in vidarbha region of Maharashtra. It is

located at 78° 00' 11" East longitude and 21° 20' 08" North latitude with maximum temperature around 42.20 C and minimum temperature around 15<sup>o</sup> C during the present study. The phytoplanktons are basically associated the aquatic with ecosystems therefore, there is between correlation phytoplanktonic flora and aquatic environ (Dutta et al., 1954). The aquatic algal flora is influenced by the interaction of physicochemical, environmental factors. The present work has been carried out relative to eco-environmental factors and algal flora in one of the seasonal fresh water streams just 9 km away from the Morshi taluka. The agricultural farm land are present on both side of water

stream.

### **MATERIAL AND METHOD**

Monthly samplings were assessed during the period of present study. Water sample algal material collected in every month from 4-5 sampling spot of the stream. The algal collections were preserved in 4% formalin and brought to the laboratory for temporary slide preparation and microscopic observation. The temporary slides of the monthly algal collection mounted with glycerine were prepared and observed under microscope for the camera lucida diagram and the identification of forms(Forest,1954;Philipose,

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1967;Chadha and Pandey,1977;Ramnathan, 1964;Tiffany, 1930;Randhawa,1959;Prasad and Mehrotra,1977;Prescott,1966;Saxena and Venkatshwarlu,1968; Bruhl and Biswas,1926; Migula,1907). The Physico-chemical factors and environmental factors of the sample such as pH, nitrate, hardness, turbidity, temperature etc. were analysed by following the standard method and depicted in the Table 1 and Table. 2 (APHA,1971; Kodarkar,1992).

# CHLOROPHYCEAN ALGAL FORMS -SYSTEMATIC ENUMERATION

Division-Chlorophyta

Class-Chlorophyceae

Order-Volvocales

Family-Chlamydomonaceae

Genus-Chlamydomonas Ehr.

1) Chlamydomonas ehrenbergii Gorosh

Order - Chlorocccales

Family-Oocystaceae

Genus- Chlorella Beyerinck

1) Chlorella pyrenoidosa Chick

Family-Scenedesmaceae

Genus-Scenedesmus Meyen

- 1) Scenedesmus bijugatus var. bicellularis (Chodat) com. nov. Philipose
- 2) Scenedesmus qudricauda var. quadrispina (Chodat) G. M. Smith
- 3) Scenedesmus monomorphosus Chadha et. Pandey

Order- Ulotrichales

Family-Ulotrichaceae

Genus- *Ulothrix* Kuetz

- 1) Ulothrix tenuissima Kuetz
- 2) Ulothrix aequalis Kuetz

Order-Oedogoniales

Family-Oedogoniaceae

Genus-Oedogonium Link

- 1) Oedogonium globosum Nordst
- 2) Oedogonium rugulosum Nordstedt ex. Hirn

**Order-Conjugales** 

Family-Zygnemaceae

Genus-Spirogyra Link.

1) Spirogyra hyaline Cleve

Family-Desmidaceae

Genus- Cosmarium Corda

- 1) Cosmarium subtumidum Nordst
- 2) Cosmarium subtumidum var. Klebesii Gutw
- 3) Cosmarium tennu Arch.
- 4) Cosmarium leave Rabenhorst
- 5) Cosmarium pseudogranatum Nordst
- 6) Cosmarium norvegicum Stroem
- 7) Cosmarium portianum Arch.

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8) Cosmarium subcrenatum Hantzsch.

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The 18 Chlorophycean algal forms were observed in the present investigation. Chlorophyceae was represented by *Cosmarium, Scenedesmus*, *Oedogonium*, *Ulothrix Spirogyra*, *Chlorella Chlamydomonas*, The alkaline water and high pH has been reported as the favourable factor for abundance growth of chlorophycean forms (Gonzalves and Joshi ,1964; Gahotri *et al.*, 1980; Thirugnanamoorthy and Selvaraju,2009). The present study revealed the conformity with the previous observation. The environmental factor have a profound effect upon the determination of population of algal forms in water body (Ganpati, 1960). The abundance in Chlorophycean flora has been reported in summer season (Whiteford and Schumcher, 1963).

The temperature plays a very important impact on algal growth (Nazneen, 1980). The high nutrient content in aquatic habitat cause a favourable effect with respect to the presence of phytoplanktons (Fergusan and Harper,1982). The more chloride content is also favourable component towards more growth of algal forms (Verma and Shukla, 1979, Kamble, 2015).

The present investigation represented that the range of temperature, high chloride content, pH range 7.4-8.4 and alkalinity collectively favoured towards the luxuriant growth of algal flora and phytoplankton. (Kamble 2015; Kamble and Tayde, 2001). The high temperature is favourable factor for the more desmid population in the aquatic habitat (Venkteshwarlu, 1983). The turbidity has been reported that the considerable effect on algal growth (Barhate and Kamble, 2007). The present study revealed the agreement with previous study. The pH ranged between 5-8.5 has been reported as favourable for algal growth (Umavathi *et al.*, 2007). According to Elayaraj and Selvaraju (2014) high nitrate concentration could result in algal blooms in water body. The important source of nitrate in water body may be attributed to the agricultural use of fertilizers in adjacent agricultural land. It has been reported that there is correlation between physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton density (Elayaraj and Selvaraju, 2014). In the present study, algal bloom was observed during September to December 2016. The present observation revealed the conformity with previous study.

## **CONCLUSION**

The various physicochemical parameters as high pH, nitrate, chloride, turbidity, hardness were found to be associated with the abundance growth of chlorophycean algal form. The more nutrient concentration in aquatic environ favoured luxuriant growth of algal flora in present study. The genus *Cosmarium, Scenedesmus, Ulotthrix* and *Spiiroyra* were abundantly present in the water body. The environmental factor revealed also the favourable impact upon the luxuriant growth of the chlorophycean members.

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Table 1. Physicochemical Parameter (in ppm). Physicochemical July August September October November December Parameter 7.4 7.7 7.9 8.2 8.2 8.4 рН Nitrate 0.39 0.42 0.42 0.45 0.38 0.38 Total hardness 220 204 198 219 200 198 Chloride 28 28 22 20 18 18 Turbidity 1.2 1.1 1.6 1.3 1.8 1.8

Table 2. Environmental Factor.

Sr. No	Month	Rainfall	Temperature(in °C)	
		(in mm)	Maximum	minimum
1	July	427	36.7	22.5
2	August	475	36.5	22.2
3	September	382	36.4	21.2
4	October	192	36.2	21.2
5	November	110	32.1	20.9
6	December	12	32.1	15.8



Plate1. Sample Collection Spot A



Plate 3.Sample Collection Spot C



Plate2. Sample Collection Spot B



Plate4. Abundance Algal Growth