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Studies on physicochemical status of two ponds at shahdol district (M.P.)

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Physicochemical characteristics of two ponds at Shahdol were studied for a period of one year in 2018-19. The investigation was focused on the determination of water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, DO, alkalinity, nitrite, nitrate and other factors showing that the water quality of these ponds. However it was negatively correlated with phosphate and ammonical nitrogen. Maximum concentrations of reactive silica was noted during rainy Season in both the water bodies.

Keywords: Physico-chemical, ponds, water quality, Shahdol district.

1. Introduction

An ecosystem has two major components, abiotic and biotic which are interdependent. The chief abiotic factors are light, temperature pH, DO and basic inorganic and organic compounds. The biotic factors comprise flora and fauna along with aquatic microbes. Since, both these components mutually influence and interact with each other, a thorough understanding of an ecosystem is not possible without analysing these factors.

In India, several studies have been made to understand the physicochemical properties of lakes, reservoirs and ponds (Jain et al. 1996, Mohanraj et al. 2000, Sah et al. 2000)[1-3]. However, much information is needed especially with reference to specific water bodies of small dimensions. George (1961, 1962)^[4-5] has studied the physicochemical characteristics of shallow ponds at Delhi. In the present investigation an attempt has been made to assess the variation in physico-chemical parameters of two ponds (Old & New) at Shahdol district (M.P.).

Materials and methods

The Shahdol district lies in the north-east part of Madhya Pradesh extending from 29°39'28" and 24°16'13" North latitude and from 80°32'56" to 82°12'21" East longitude approximately. The region lies in the heart of the country. The district is surrounded by Sone river and Rewa district in: North, Mandla in South, Surguja and Bilaspur in East and Umaria and Katni in the West. It is situated 489 meter above the sea surface.

Monthly collections of water samples were made between 9.0 A.M. and 11.0 A.M. during the period from July 2018 to January 2019. Detailed ecological observations were made on these ponds from the time of accumulation of rain water i.e., from July to the period till the fishes were taken out from the ponds. The physicochemical analysis of the water samples was done as per-standard procedures given by APHA (1998)[6].

Results and discussion

The physicochemical parameters and their monthly fluctuations are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: Physicochemical analysis of water samples of New pond.

S.No.	Parameters '	Summer season	Rainy season	Winter season
1.	Water temperature (°C)	24.58	26.74	19.56
2.	Secchi transparency (cm.)	30.60	35.06	74.08
3.	Conductivity (µmhos/cm.)	391.61	178.48	250.30
4.	TDS (mg/l)	134.64	125.86	114.26
5.	pH	8.12	7.70	8.17
6.	Free CO ₂ (Mg/l)	. 1.08	1.20	1.77
7.	Total CO ₂ (Mg/l)	114.34	106.31	99.00 .
8.	Total Alkalinity (Mg/L)	143.08	114.10	137.29
9.:	Dissolved O2 (Mg/L)	7.65	7.55	8.67
10.	Chloride (Mg/l)	50.80	31.52	35.08
11.	Total Hardness (Mg/l)	194.15	120.64	161.22
12.	. Sodium content (Mg/l)	7.38.	4.71	5.37
13.	Potassium (Mg/l)	2.04	1.39	1.81
14.	Nitrates (Mg/l)	0.083	0.033	. 0.041
15.	Phosphate (Mg/l)	0.04	0.05	0.03
16.	Sulphate (Mg/l)	. 1.60	0.49	1.32
17.	Reactive silica(Mg/l)	2.16	2.55	2.27





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isico chemical studies of two ponds (Old & New) water at Shahdol showed that Chaetophorales were nearly absent in water. Stigeoclonium nanum flourished well solely in impure water and appeared as biological indicator of pollution. coclonium farctum and Pseudulvella americana var. indica were found in each impure and fewer impure ponds indicating they were pollution tolerant. Their variety declined within the impure pool. This protoctist happens profusely in fresh-= being connected to some stratum ideally to submerged plant elements exhibiting a jellylike macroscopic growth

words: ecological, chaetophorales, polluted water, fresh water ponds

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sophoralean algae are heterotrichous in habit frequently ing terminal or lateral hair-like projections. In their totrichy both the erect and prostrate portions of the plant be well developed (e.g., Stigeoclonium) or with an state erect portion and feebly developed prostrate

are with thin to gelatinous walls, usually uninucleate ig a single more or less dissected plate-like or ring-like natophore with pyrenoids. Asexual reproduction is by ellate or qudriflagellate zoospores and sexual duction isogamous.

s on the ecology of Chaetophorales inhabiting Indian pass in aquatic surroundings are scanty. (Lund, 1965; z. 1981; Ramaswamy and Somasekahar, 1982; Prasad anghi, 1982; and Sahai et al., 1985) [1, 5]. An attempt made to study the ecology of all the members of ophorales besides their morphology and taxonomy and of these observations are reported in the present study.

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ence of Chaetophorales members in two fresh water of Shahdol is studied. Old pond is more polluted than and with reference to their ecology. The ponds differ in their water chemistry, because they attain different

types of effluents pond one received rain water, sewage canal water and run off from agricultural fields. New Pond received rain water, domestic effluent and discharge from

Water and algal samples were collected at monthly intervals from ponds. Water sample were kept in sterilised plastic containers and B.O.D. bottles. Chara, Hydrilla, Ceratophyllum and grasses were picked for collection of Chaetophorales. Water was analysed for Water temperature, Secchi transparency, Conductivity, TDS, pH, Free CO2, Total CO2, Total Alkalinity, Dissolved O2, Chloride, Total Hardness, Sodium content, Potassium, Nitrates, Phosphate, Sulphate and Reactive silica. Identification was done mainly according to Nurul Islam (1963) [6], APHA (1964) [7], Tupa (1974) [8], Cox and Bold (1974) [9].

Results and Discussion

20 taxa of Chaetophorales belonging to 8 genera were collected during the present study (table 1). These were Aphanochaete, Chaetophora, Chaetosphaeridium, Coleochaete, Epibolium, Leptosiropsis, Pseudulvella and Stigeoclonium. In Old pond, which was more polluted blue green algae Merismopedia and Microcystis were dominant. In this pond, 3 green algae Stigeocloniun namum, Stigeoclonium farctum and Pseudulvella americana var. indica were able to grow during September to November. Stigeoclonium nanum was collected during May to June. Comparison of physico chemical values of ponds showed that in New pond, calcium, magnesium, carbonates, chlorides, total alkalinity and total organic matter were significantly high, but dissolved oxygen was quite low (table 2).

Table 1: Comparison of Chactophoralean population at Old & New Ponds.

S. No.	Chaetophoralean taxa	Old Pond	New Pond
1.	Aphanochaete magna	P	Α
2.	Aphanochaete repens	P	A
3.	Chaetophaeridium pringsheimii	P	A
4.	Chaetophora attenuata	P	A
· 5.	Chaetophora elegans	P	Ā
6.	Chaetophora pisiformis var, hamata	P	A

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