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Exploring the Feasibility and Performance of Recycled Asphalt Aggregate as a Sustainable Replacement in Concrete Mixture

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the viability and effectiveness of incorporating recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) as a sustainable alternative in concrete mixture formulations. With increasing concerns about environmental sustainability and the depletion of natural resources, there is a growing necessity to investigate solutions that reduce reliance on virgin materials in construction practices. RAA, a byproduct of road maintenance and rehabilitation activities, presents an appealing prospect due to its abundance and potential to mitigate environmental impact.

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INTRODUCTION

Recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) offers a promising solution to enhance the sustainability of concrete production. RAA is derived from reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) through milling and processing operations, diverting asphalt waste from landfills and recycling it into valuable construction materials. The incorporation of RAA into concrete mixtures presents an opportunity to conserve natural resources, reduce waste generation, and lower the environmental footprint of construction activities. Prior research on the utilization of recycled materials in concrete provides valuable insights into the feasibility and performance of incorporating such materials into construction practices. A thorough review of existing literature reveals a growing body of studies investigating properties, durability performance, and environmental the use of recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) as a substitute for traditional aggregates in concrete mixtures. These studies have explored various aspects of RAA concrete, including its mechanical impacts.

Systematic Overview

The project investigates the feasibility and potential benefits of integrating recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) into concrete mixtures, with the overarching goal of advancing sustainable construction practices. Motivated by the imperative to reduce environmental impact and promote resource efficiency in the construction industry, the study aims to assess the mechanical properties, durability, economic viability, and environmental implications of energy Consumption.

Recycled Asphalt Aggregate (RAA)

Producing RAA typically involves milling the existing asphalt pavement to a specified depth, collecting the milled material, and processing it to remove contaminants such as vegetation, debris, and excess asphalt binder. The processed RAP is then crushed, screened, and graded to produce RAA with desired particle sizes and gradations suitable for specific applications. Recycling asphalt reduces the demand for new asphalt production, which in turn conserves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigates the environmental impact of asphalt manufacturing. Using RAA in construction projects can result in cost savings by reducing material procurement costs, transportation expenses, and landfill disposal fees associated with RAP. RAA has been found to exhibit comparable performance to traditional aggregates in many applications, including road construction, pavement base and sub base layers, and concrete production.

Material and Method Replacement of Conventional Aggregate to RAA.

The appropriate proportions of RAA, cement, fine aggregate, and any other additives or admixtures based on the desired concrete performance criteria. . Decide on the percentage of conventional aggregate to be replaced with RAA in the concrete mix. Consider factors such as strength requirements, durability considerations, and project-specific constraints. Measure and batch the required quantities of RAA, cement, fine aggregate, and water according to the mix design proportions.

Figure1.1: Rubber Ash

Waste Reduction and Circular Economy.

Waste Diversion: Incorporating RAA into concrete enables the reuse of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) that would otherwise be discarded as waste material. By diverting RAP from landfills and repurposing it as a valuable construction resource, the practice reduces the environmental burden associated with disposal and landfill usage.

Resource Conservation: RAA reduces the demand for virgin aggregates, which are finite natural resources extracted from quarries. By substituting conventional aggregates with RAA, the depletion of natural resources is mitigated, and valuable raw materials are conserved for future generations

Reduced Environmental Footprint.

Regulatory Compliance: Utilizing RAA in concrete reduces the environmental footprint of construction activities by minimizing the need for transportation of materials to and from construction sites. By sourcing RAA locally from RAP generated within the region, the environmental impacts associated with material transportation, such as fuel consumption and emissions, are significantly reduced.

Regulatory and Market Considerations: Compliance with environmental regulations and sustainability standards may influence material choices and procurement practices. Incorporating RAA into concrete mixtures can help meet regulatory requirements related to waste reduction, resource conservation, and sustainability

Energy and Cost Efficiency.

Processing Efficiency: Producing RAA from reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) typically requires less energy compared to manufacturing virgin aggregates from raw materials. Asphalt milling and processing operations consume less energy and emit fewer greenhouse gases compared to quarrying and processing virgin aggregates, resulting in reduced carbon emissions and energy consumption.

Transportation Savings: Using locally sourced RAA minimizes transportation distances and associated fuel consumption, further reducing energy usage and environmental impact. By sourcing RAA locally from RAP generated within the region, the environmental impacts associated with material transportation are significantly reduced.

Lower Material Procurement Costs.

Cost Saving: RAA may offer cost advantages over virgin aggregates due to reduced processing and transportation costs.

The use of recycled materials reduces the need for extraction, processing, and transportation of virgin aggregates, resulting in cost savings for construction projects. Additionally, incorporating RAA into concrete mixtures can help reduce material procurement costs, transportation expenses, and landfill disposal fees associated with RAP.

Economic Opportunities: Utilizing RAA creates economic opportunities for industries involved in asphalt recycling and processing. By supporting the development of recycling infrastructure and technologies, stakeholders can foster innovation and stimulate economic growth in the recycling sector.

Environmental Benefits.

Carbon Footprint Reduction: Incorporating RAA into concrete mixtures reduces the environmental footprint of construction activities by minimizing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and reliance on finite natural resources.By promoting the use of recycled materials and sustainable construction practices, stakeholders can contribute to climate change mitigation and environmental conservation efforts.

Circular Economy Principles: Utilizing RAA in concrete aligns with the principles of the circular economy by creating a closed loop system where materials are continuously recycled and reused in construction projects. By repurposing waste materials and minimizing waste generation, stakeholders can promote resource efficiency and waste reduction across the construction value chain. Integrating recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) into concrete mixtures enhances both energy and cost efficiency in construction projects. By reducing energy consumption, lowering material procurement costs, enhancing operational efficiency, and delivering environmental benefits, RAA contributes to sustainable construction practices and supports the transition to a more resilient and resource-efficient built environment.

Aim

"The aim of the project is to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of incorporating recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA) into concrete mixtures for sustainable construction practices".

Objectives

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Investigation of Durability
- Optimization of Mix Designs
- Economic Analysis
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

RESEARCH METHODOLO

Step 1
•Literature Review
• Problem Statement
• Objectives
Step 2
• Actual Case study
• Primary Data Collection
Step 3

• Preparation of Mix Grade
• Data Collection of Recycled Aggregate
• Prepare Test Specimen
Step 4
• Process of Curing and taking test as per the days
Step 5
• Result and Discussion
Step 6
• Recommendations
Step 7
• Paper Presentation and report writing.
Step 8
• Submission and Approval of Dissertation

Research Framework Mix Design

1. Mix Design for Grade M 30: Assumptions for M30:
Characteristics Strength required at 28 days = 40 Mpa
Fly ash grade = Pozzolana 63
Max size of Aggregate = 20 mm Degree of quality control = Good
Type of exposure = sever.

Procedure of Mix Design

Step 1:

Target mean strength, fck = fck + t x S
Where, t = a statistical value depending on expected proportion of
low result t = 1.65 &
S = Standard deviation from Table 3.6
For M40 grade concrete & good quality control,
S = 5 Target mean strength = 30 + (1.65 x 5) = 38.25 Mpa

Step 2:

To decide water /cement ratio, this will give 38.25 Mpa Select water /cement ratio (w/c) = 0.4; this is lesser than 0.45 Prescribed in

I.S 456-2000[20] for sever condition for reinforced concrete (Table 3.7).

$$\text{Compressive Strength} = \frac{\text{Load at Failure}}{\text{Cross-sectional Area of Specimen}}$$

1.Calculation Of 7 Day Cube.

$$\text{Compressive Strength} = \frac{530}{22500}$$

$$= 22.1\text{MPa}$$

2.Calculation Of 14 Day Cube.

$$\text{Compressive Strength} = \frac{590}{22500}$$

$$= 26.40\text{Mpa}$$

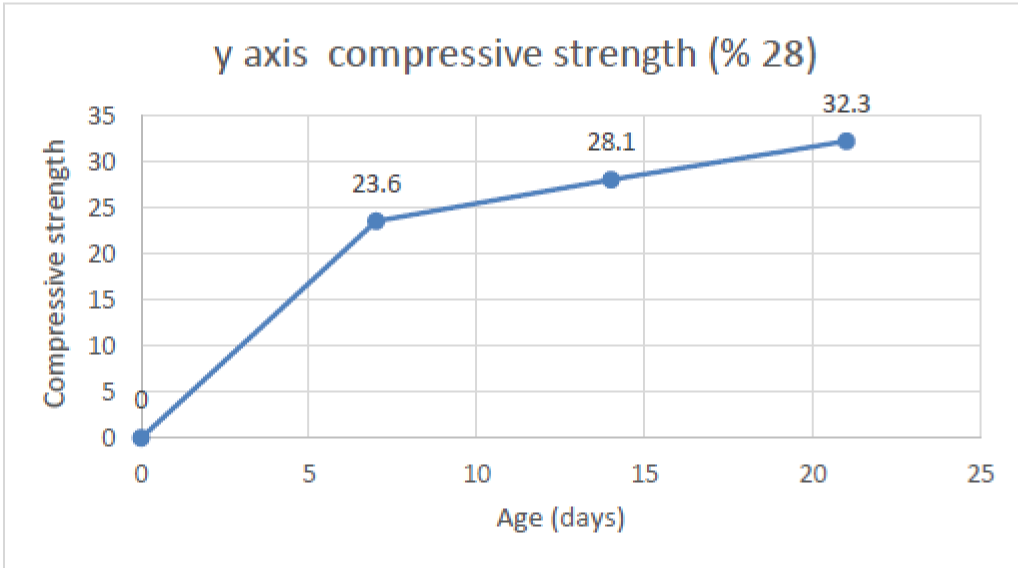
3.Calculation Of 28 Day Cube.

$$\text{Compressive Strength} = \frac{685}{22500}$$

$$= 30.50\text{MPa}$$

Specimen no	Days	Compressive strength(MPa)
1	**7**	22.1
2	**7**	23.6
3	**7**	21.8
1	14	26.40
2	14	27.33
3	14	28.1
1	28	30.50
2	28	31.25
3	28	32.3

Chart 1.1 Compressive Strength on Cube Cast Using RAA Aggregate.



Graph No 1.1 Showing Standard Compressive Strength Of Concrete Cube By Using RAA Aggregate.

Figure1.3: Actual Site Showing location of milling material.

Detail Description on Pavement Milling Aggregate:

Pavement milling aggregate, also known as reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAA) or recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA), is a sustainable material obtained from the process of milling existing asphalt pavement surfaces.

We Bring Milling material from **Pune Banglore National Highway (NH 48)** For Conducting Varius Test. When roadways or parking lots undergo rehabilitation or reconstruction, the top layer of asphalt is often removed using milling machines to improve the surface profile, remove defects, and restore proper drainage. The material generated from this process, known as milling aggregate or RAA, can be recycled and reused in various applications, including asphalt paving and concrete production.

Pavement milling aggregate primarily consists of crushed and screened asphalt pavement material. It typically includes aggregate particles of various sizes, ranging from fine sand-sized particles to larger gravel-sized pieces, along with asphalt binder residue.

In The Project Extraction test Primary Used To Remove Bitumen Content From The Milling Aggregate. An extraction test, in the context of pavement materials, is a laboratory procedure used to determine the asphalt binder content of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) or recycled asphalt aggregate (RAA). The extraction test involves separating the asphalt binder from the aggregate matrix using a solvent, typically trichloroethylene (TCE) or n-hexane, and then measuring the mass of the extracted asphalt binder to calculate its percentage by weight in the RAP sample. This test helps ensure that the recycled asphalt material meets specified binder content requirements for use in asphalt mixtures.

Test Conducted On Aggregate After Extraction Process.

1. Gradation Test.
2. Impact Value Test
3. Specific Gravity Test
4. Abrasion Test

Then, we prepare mix design for M20 grade of concrete.

RAA percentage in mix design is 20 to 30%, for casting standard size of concrete block (150X150X150mm),for calculating target mean target strength.

Formula to calculate target mean strength= **fck+1.65xF.S.**
Target Mean strength calculated on **(7,14,28 days)**
Because of the mean strength of concrete is low (Recycled Aggregate) we used concrete to cast footpath paverblocks. The concrete is utilized in the phase of low load structures.
E.g.;- Paver block, residential society roads, Footpath kerb,Common floor area.

CONCLUSION

- Provides recommendations for future research, development, and implementation of RAA in concrete construction.
- Suggests areas for further investigation, optimization, or innovation to address any identified limitations or challenges.
- Offers guidance for stakeholders (e.g., policymakers, engineers, contractors) on best practices for integrating RAA into concrete projects.
- Examines the environmental benefits and challenges associated with incorporating RAA into concrete.
- Discusses the potential for reducing carbon footprint, conserving natural resources, and mitigating waste generation through the use of RAA.
- Considers any environmental concerns or limitations that may arise from the production or use of RAA in concrete.

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