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Prediction Of Strength Properties Of Ternary Blended Concrete By Using Artificial Intelligence And Machine Learning Techniques

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ABSTRACT

Concrete is the most frequently used material in development due to its high pliancy, economy, security, and outstanding durability. It must be sufficiently strong to endure various loads, with compressive strength being its most vital mechanical attribute. The current study investigates binary and ternary mixed concrete blends with silica fume, ceramic powder, bagasse ash, and alccofine to determine compressive and flexural strength. Results from compressive strength tests indicate that mixes containing superfine alccofine exhibit higher strength. Additionally, the impact of supplementary cementitious materials on surface morphology was examined using scanning electron microscopy. This study employs linear regression, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Bayesian-optimized extreme gradient boosting (BO-XGBoost) to estimate the compressive strength of ternary mixed concrete. The predictive models were validated using the coefficient of determination (R^2), mean absolute error (MAE), and mean square error (MSE). Linear regression and BO-XGBoost models demonstrated high accuracy in predicting outcomes, with R^2 values of 0.883 and 0.880, respectively, compared to 0.736 for the KNN model. Furthermore, normalized feature importance analysis identified the input variables that significantly affect compressive strength, highlighting the importance of CaO and SiO_2 in predicting the compressive strength of ternary mixed concrete.

Keywords: Alccofine, Sustainable material, KNN and Machine learning

Overview

Worldwide, substantial use is boundless in most underlying applications and positions second among all man-made materials drank behind water. Since high-strength concrete regularly utilizes painstakingly picked pozzolanic and synthetic admixtures and a low water-to-folio proportion is believed to be critical, the proportioning of the combination is more imperative than typical strength concrete. The best blending proportions are tracked down after additional exploratory clumps than are expected for typical strength concrete. The advantages of adding concrete to the substantial are fundamentally upgraded substantial characteristics in the new and solidified stages and monetary and natural benefits. Due to the colossal amount of cementitious materials utilized for high-strength concrete, accomplishing these advantages turns out to be much more critical. Dynamic mineral increases like fly debris, squashed, granulated impact heater slag, bagasse debris, and silica rage have been mixed with the three essential parts of cement like concrete, totals, and water to make high-strength and versatile (low porousness) concrete. In any case, the plan cycle turns out to be more muddled when a low water-to-solidify proportion is kept up with while keeping up with enough usefulness. Fly debris, slag, metakaolin, rice husk debris, and bagasse debris have more slow starting responses

than Portland concrete, which brings about a slower pace of solidarity improvement and a more expanded relieving period. Accordingly, the determination of augmentations requires more consideration because of their various properties. Silica seethe gains strength quicker than most fly cinders blends. Be that as it may, because of its huge surface region, silica seethe builds the requirement for water and superplasticizer for a specific consistency. Silica seethe use ought to be controlled in view of its costly expense and the requirement for a superplasticizer. Along these lines, ternary mixed cements enjoy more benefits to achieve higher strength. Miniature SiO_2 particles of silica rage in cement can make fine gems of C-S-H gel that can cover all the micropores left open in straightforward concrete-based concrete. Assuming silica rage mixed concrete is utilized, less materials are expected for improved results. Silica is a critical fixing in pozzolans and is much of the time present in an undefined or polished state. How much surface region that is accessible for the response affects the pozzolanic response's rate. Also, compelling purposes of fine SiO_2 particles have been reported for improving cement interfacial break sturdiness, expanding protection from water penetration, and helping with controlling calcium filtering, which is straightforwardly connected with a few kinds of substantial corruption. Also, it was found that fine SiO_2 particles in silica rage were more compelling in helping strength than fly debris and ground granulated impact heater slag. Indeed, even in humble amounts (2%), silica rage was found to further develop strength, and the 28-day compressive strength and flexural strength were worked on by 10% and 25%, separately [1,2].

Because of the assets accessible in various countries, it is feasible to make different parallel blended substantial combinations (which consolidate concrete with one extra cementitious material) and ternary mixed substantial combinations (which integrate concrete with two extra cementitious materials). For instance, pozzolanic concrete, slag concrete, and bagasse debris concrete are totally normalized mixes utilized universally. The parallel mixing of dynamic extra cementitious components and fillers with concrete enjoys many benefits, which are deeply grounded. Benefits over some paired mixed concrete during the 1990s, ternary mixed concrete ready with traditional substantial concrete and two different extra establishing fixings is presently more regularly utilized. The more well known ternary mixed cements consolidate fly debris and metakaolin or slag and metakaolin. Without expanding the water prerequisite, the fine part in the granulometric concrete bend can be filled in by adding silica smoke and bagasse debris filler. Furthermore, it can plug slim pores and further develop concrete pressing. These blends can likewise rush the hydration of concrete, particularly the tricalcium silicate (C_3S), and make nucleation destinations for $Ca(OH)_2$ gems at early ages [3].

Joining two unique sorts of little SiO_2 particles with concrete in newly mixed ternary cements could significantly build the accomplishment of these characteristics. Notwithstanding, the results when the materials are used as an expansion to Portland concrete or utilized in an intergrading technique could shift since these materials have an assortment of drudgery capacities, which modifies the molecule size scattering of the part. Notwithstanding modern results, rice husk debris and bagasse debris are two agrarian buildup determined materials that have demonstrated great execution in concrete. Specialists overall are taking a gander at the reasonability of integrating bagasse and rice husk debris into concrete as a result of their pozzolanic characteristics [4].

As a general rule, the compressive strength of ternary cementitious materials is utilized to decide their quality since it straightforwardly connects with the structure of the hardened combination and fills in as a standard benchmark. By and large, actual investigations are expected to decide the compressive strength of cement. These examinations are expensive and tedious. Accordingly, the functioning proficiency will be very poor. Because of innovative headways, designing issues can now be addressed all the more economically and really utilizing different procedures, including experimental relapse, mathematical recreation, and AI. Utilizing these procedures, cement's compressive strength can be anticipated in light of the extent of the planned blending of various parts [5]

In such manner, there is a propensity toward utilizing AI strategies for man-made reasoning to gauge the compressive strength of cement. These strategies can be used for different undertakings, including relapse, order, connection, and bunching. Accordingly, as AI procedures advance, it gets less difficult to appraise cement's compressive strength as well as its other mechanical properties. To evaluate the mechanical attributes of concrete, different nonlinear relapse and brain networks were utilized by Singh et al. what's more, Deshpande et al. [6], a probabilistic adjustment approach in light of Bayesian hypothesis was utilized by Imam et al., and connection and quadratic relapse were utilized by Ali et al. A utilization of the multi straight relapse capability, explicitly, is the forecast of the compressive strength of self-compacting concrete. This is finished utilizing explicit procedures that can gain from the info information and produce exact outcomes. Many AI strategies are presently used to conjecture the compressive strength of cement, including group draws near, brain organizations, relapse models, and summed up added substance models [7]. Analysts overall have been exceptionally keen on late advancements in gathering learning strategies like arbitrary backwoods relapse and outrageous slope supporting, which coordinates different AI calculations as opposed to only one. To conjecture the compressive strength of ternary mixed substantial utilizing AI strategies is the exploration objective of this work

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Study consequence

Many investigations have taken a gander at the use of parallel folios that consolidate OPC with silica smoke to accomplish higher strength. Notwithstanding, silica seethe is a 3-7 times more costly material than OPC. Consequently, the objective of the ebb and flow research was to furnish higher-strength concrete with greater expense proficiency by adding the perfect proportion of silica rage, in this manner bringing down the expense of the entire blend. Also, super fine alccofine was an arising cementitious material, supplanting OPC and controlled silica smolder % in ternary mixed concrete with locally available assets (artistic powder and bagasse debris) as opposed to costly ones, which could lessen the expense of substantial assembling. Accordingly, the ongoing review's principal objective is to decide whether concrete with better strength can be made. The strength attributes and microstructural advancement of cement comprising of silica seethe, clay powder, alccofine, and bagasse debris are surveyed in this review. The second piece of the interaction included assessing the compressive strength of the ternary mixed substantial utilizing AI methods. Utilizing the standardized significance include, decide the variables influencing the ternary blended substantial strength.

Resources and approaches

In this review, the cementitious materials incorporated a grade 53 Common Portland concrete sticking to IS 12269, silica rage, alccofine-1203, ceramic powder, and bagasse debris. Alccofine is an arising material in the new year. Alccofine is an extremely fine substance with molecule size bigger than miniature silica and lower than concrete. Silica rage, alccofine, and fired powder were acquired from the business market in Vijayawada, India. Sugarcane bagasse debris was gotten from the Furfural business in Avapadu, India, where the bagasse buildup was warmed at a temperature somewhere in the range of 1200 and 1300 ◦C. In addition, it was noticed piece of the bagasse debris should have been exceptional consumed. Subsequently, the gathered bagasse debris sieved through the 75 µm was used as a beneficial cementitious material in the ternary mixed concrete. As a fine total, Zone-III (IS: 383-2016) determination normal waterway sand was utilized [8]. With separate explicit gravities of 2.62 and 2.73, the water ingestion of the fine and coarse totals was 1.0% and 0.5%, individually. The coarse total and fine total's fineness modulus was determined to be 7.53 and 2.74, individually. The coarse totals' blending rates are 67% (20 mm passing) and 33%. (10 mm passing). By supplanting the concrete with the acquired item, the paired and ternary examples of cement were made. Both coarse total and fine total met IS:383-2016 particulars. The last blend extents of high-strength concrete utilized in this examination are viewed as in the blend plan according to IS 10262 (2019). Substantial blends were made under lab conditions somewhere in the range of 28 and 30 ◦C. The downturn test was utilized to check new substantial's functionality and decide the material's homogeneity. Three substantial 3D shape examples estimating 150 × 150 × 150 mm and three bar examples estimating 100 × 100 × 500 mm were projected and tried for compressive strength and flexural strength, separately, for each kind of cement in light of Indian Standard Particular IS:516-1959 [9]. The examples were cast and afterward set for 24 h at room temperature in the shape.

Machine learning

AI is a compelling wellspring of computerized reasoning. A few examination spaces by and by utilize AI. It is portrayed by the ability to change conduct in view of related knowledge, frequently known as learning. Laying out consistent rules that immediate a framework to pursue more definitive decisions in a specific circumstance comprises this improvement. AI is utilizing calculations to prepare machines gained from information as opposed to being unequivocally coded. Huge informational indexes can be examined utilizing AI strategies, which are amazingly deliberate in calculation and time movement, creating quicker, more exact discoveries while bringing mistake rates down to very low levels. Three AI strategies can be recognized: directed learning, unaided getting the hang of (counting head part investigation and grouping calculations, and numerous others), and built-up calculation. A lot of marked information, including reliant and free factors, is introduced to directed learning frameworks. The calculation looks for designs in the information, retain information from perceptions and makes expectations until the blunder is reasonably diminished. There are two classes of administered learning: characterization and relapse. To make forecasts, the classifier is utilized to group calculations to distinguish specific examples in the information assortment. Gathering procedures, Choice trees, and Closest Neighbors are the absolute most broadly utilized arrangement calculations. Relapse is oftentimes used to build projections and dissect the relationship between's variables. Summed up straight models, summed up logarithmic models, and calculated relapse are a couple of the most utilized relapse procedures. Unaided learning methods utilize unclassified informational collections to recognize designs in information pieces by distinguishing likenesses and arranging the information [10]. Support procedures, the framework speaks with its environmental factors to deliver ways of behaving that uncover issues, and calculations naturally pick the best reaction in a given circumstance to further develop execution. This paper utilizes administered learning methods, including straight relapse, KNN, and BO-XGBoost, to foresee the compressive strength of ternary mixed concrete.

4.1 Linear regression

One factual device that has long aroused the interest of scientists in this field is relapse examination. Relapse displaying is for the most part considered fitting the information to data. A specific sort of relapse model called a direct relapse model purposes straight indicator capabilities to depict the information and gauge yield boundaries from the information. It is critical to take note of that various information factors are in many cases utilized in relapse examination applications, which results in the "numerous direct relapse" capability. In this occasion, multi direct relapse examinations noticed information and fit a straight condition to decide the connection among a few info factors. In numerous straight relapse, information are summed up, and the association between factors is analyzed.

To limit the quantity of squares of the vector field from each piece of proof to the relapse condition, just a single streamlining approach would be utilized. The upward variety may be equivalent to nothing in the event that an information point fell completely on the fitted line. The numerous direct relapse model worked for this examination shows the connection between the substantial properties and 28-day compressive strength.

4.2 K-nearest neighbor (KNN)

Utilizing the KNN method, conjectures for new records are made and assessed to the dataset's most tantamount records. The stream chart of KNN calculations. AI can be utilized for grouping and relapse. As per the KNN model, perceptions that are near each other in the space of the noticed factors are similarly near each other in the space of the objective worth. The result values are estimated utilizing a foreordained component of the closest neighbor's reaction esteem, considering the closest exception in the information space. The typical element is regularly used for the circumstance of standard KNN. The fundamental advances engaged with this cycle include: gathering a dataset of substantial examples with realized compressive strength values, pre-handling the information, choosing the quantity of closest neighbors (k) to consider for every expectation, preparing the model, giving another substantial example to expectation, recognizing the k closest examples in the preparation dataset in view of the element upsides of the most recent example, utilizing the compressive strength upsides of the k closest examples to foresee the compressive strength of the new example, and assessing the exhibition of the model utilizing measurements like mean squared mistake or mean outright blunder. In spite of the fact that it is vital for note that the model's presentation can be impacted by the size of the elements and the decision of k, it is prescribed to standardize the qualities and utilize k-crease cross-approval to find the ideal worth of k [11].

4.3 Bayesian optimized XGBoost (BO-XGBoost)

Various improvement issues surmise that the objective capability is a steady term that can be immediately assessed in a known numerical structure. For instance, the improvement issue for hyperparameter change and a computational expense non-raised capability is obscure. Accordingly, conventional advancement approaches like angle drop and the Newton strategy are insufficient. For this kind of improvement issue, Bayesian enhancement is an extremely compelling streamlining calculation. The Bayesian equation joins earlier information on the inconsistent capability with boundaries to deliver back information on the capability appropriation, following the assessment of the worldwide ideal point in view of this ensuing data. The Bayesian streamlining process comprises of two primary assignments. From one viewpoint, the impressive adaptability and manageability of the Gaussian cycle go with it the technique for decision for information fitting and refreshing the earlier likelihood of capabilities. Then again, the resulting assessment point is picked utilizing an obtaining capability. In compressive strength expectation of concrete, a blend of Bayesian improvement and XGBoost calculation process incorporates gathering a dataset of substantial examples with realized compressive strength values, preprocessing the information, setting a bunch of hyperparameters to enhance utilizing Bayesian streamlining, utilizing libraries, for example, scikit-upgrade or Hyperopt to look for the ideal hyperparameters, preparing the XGBoost model with the ideal arrangement of hyperparameters, involving the prepared model for foreseeing the compressive strength of new substantial examples, and assessing the exhibition of the model utilizing measurements like mean squared blunder or mean outright mistake. This approach can upgrade the exactness and productivity of substantial strength expectation as it takes into consideration an effective inquiry of the hyperparameter space, and XGBoost is a strong calculation that can deal with huge datasets and non-straight connections [12].

4.4 Dataset assortment and groundwork

The determination of the info factors that depict the cycle to be addressed in information driven models is a pivotal stage. All relevant information about the planned result ought to be remembered for the information boundaries of an information driven model. Nonetheless, they depend vigorously on the data promptly accessible as info yield informational collections. A careful and fastidious survey of the writing was led to fabricate an organization to foresee the compressive strength of the ternary blended concrete containing fine admixtures. Around ten different substantial combinations are remembered for the dataset. Moreover, the trial dataset remembered information for the covers' surface region and synthetic sythesis. Surface region, SiO_2, Al_2O_3, Fe_2O_3, CaO, C_3S and dicalcium silicate (C_2S) are the information factors in this review. The ternary blended cement's compressive strength is the result variable.

There are 1000 perceptions in the dataset produced artificially utilizing the information expansion approach, which are additionally parted into preparing and testing sets. There are 200 preparation tests and 800 perceptions altogether in the preparation set. Breaking down the connection between input factors preceding model preparation is significant to forestall inside consistency dependability in AI models used to figure the compressive strength of cement. All in all, the coefficient values between indistinguishable factors are equivalent to 1, while those between different boundaries are under 1. The discoveries above show how little there is obstructing a connection between Surface region, SiO_2, Al_2O_3, Fe_2O_3, CaO, and $C_3S + C_2S$. Collinearity in the reaction variable can unfavorably affect the expectation results by delivering precariousness in the connection boundaries, bringing about huge change in the plan factors, and making it trying to seclude the overall significance of every variable. This issue can be settled by eliminating profoundly connected factors and expanding expectation exactness by choosing elements or dimensionality decrease. A supportive device for showing the connection between a few information boundaries in a substantial strength expectation model is a couple plot, ordinarily alluded to as a scatterplot grid. A couple plot shows scatterplots of every variable on the inclining and scatterplots for all potential pairings of the two info factors. This simplifies it to recognize any exceptions or odd examples and any straight or nonlinear relationships between's the factors. Match plot outlines highlight extents and cooperations. Just surface region and CaO have generally standard thickness designs in the corner-to-corner plots, while the others are slanted left or right. The lower three-sided plots address the pair-by-pair trademark cooperations.

Robustness, economic efficiency, and microstructural outcomes

Contrasted with ordinary OPC substantial blend, added substances brought down the superplasticizer required. This is on the grounds that the round, strong silica seethe and alccofine particles decreased grease between the concrete grains and total by applying a metal roller influence. The huge strength expansion in all blends were seen from 7-days to 28-days. Furthermore, contrasted with plain concrete, the compressive strength consequences of the ternary mix containing clay powder, bagasse debris, and silica seethe shows critical improvement. At the point when the fired powder is added to concrete, a pozzolanic response can happen between the earthenware powder's silica and the calcium hydroxide made during concrete hydration. This response makes an extra calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) gel, which fills in as the essential fastener in concrete. Being a pozzolanic substance as well as filler, bagasse debris joins with the calcium hydroxide made by concrete hydration to make more C-S-H gel and further developed minimization.

Nonetheless, it is seen that substantial with expanding rates of bagasse debris (S3 and S4 blends) diminishes compressive strength. The pozzolanic action of bagasse debris can be diminished by the high nebulous carbon content of inappropriately consumed bagasse debris particles For instance, how much glue available for hydration might diminish because of the circulation of bagasse debris' fineness in the substantial blend. Aliu et al. what's more, Li et al. [13] detailed that contrasted with very much consumed and super fine bagasse debris, somewhat consumed bagasse debris has a diminished reactivity, which can decrease the pozzolanic response and the development of C-S-H gel in concrete. Contrasted with every one of the blends in the ongoing review, expansion of silica rage and alccofine blends demonstrated the most elevated compressive qualities at the separate substitution rates. tests with lower rates of alccofine substitution, for example, 3%, taken at 28 days, were equivalent to or more grounded than mixes of fired powder and bagasse debris (Blends S2-S4).

Nonetheless, at 12% substitution of alccofine, it was found to have an increment of 10%, 44%, and 67% more prominent compressive strength than mixes of bagasse debris and artistic powder, like S2, S3, and S4 blends. This is because of the lower thickness and fineness nature of bagasse debris bagasse blends contributes lower strength than the substantial blends in with the alccofine. Additionally, the needle like permeable microstructure of the bagasse debris particles retains water. Thus, the strength of the substantial is decreased as it dissipates, leaving voids. Alccofine's more receptive properties upgraded strength with the synergistic response that much of the time happens with the more receptive added substances contrasted and, the less responsive bagasse debris. The de-flocculation of concrete particles within the sight of alccofine frequently causes a synergistic impact. Accordingly, more significant levels of hydrated items are delivered, which works on compressive strength. Additionally, it very well may be shown that bagasse debris has lower CaO rates, which mirrors the bagasse debris mixed concrete have lower by and large rates of $C_3S + C_2S$ than alccofine mixed cements. These substances might interface with the $Ca(OH)_2$ radiated by the Portland concrete to make another optional fastener substance tantamount to the essential calcium-silica-hydrates (C-S-H). Also, the molecule's surface region shows strength improvement. Due to the pozzolanic response, the fineness of the particles might help the improvement of C-S-H gels, prompting a thick compacted stage [14].

In this investigation, the 28-day flexural strength for Portland cement concrete was found to be 5.89 MPa. Fig. 1 illustrates the variation of flexural strength with the admixtures.

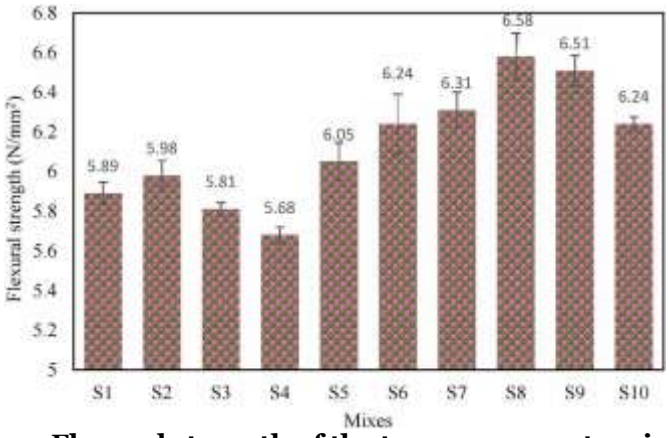

Fig. 1. Flexural strength of the ternary concrete mixes.

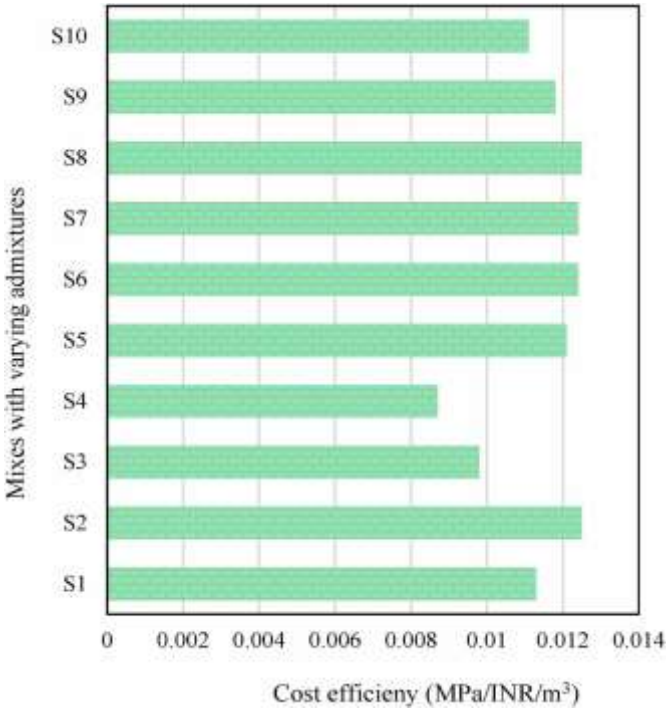

Fig. 2. Cost-efficiency of ternary blended concrete mixes.

Contrasted with control concrete (S1), the flexural strength upsides of blends S3 and S4 concrete dropped by 1.4% and 3.7%, individually. This perception might be brought about by the weakening of bagasse debris on the Portland concrete, which forestalls the improvement of the change zone at the connection point and brings down flexural strength. Contrasted with alccofine-based blends and different blends, the blend containing 12% alccofine (i.e., Blend S8) showed the most noteworthy flexural strength. The flexural qualities of the alccofine-based blends were higher than those of the control blend and the ternary-mixed combinations of bagasse debris and clay powder. The blend of the concrete hydration process and the pozzolanic responses of alccofine and silica smoke might bring about areas of strength for a between the totals and glue, expanding the flexural strength of alccofine-based blends. Contrasted with the blend with 12% alccofine, the blends in with 15% and 18% alccofine showed lower flexural qualities.

Opening a solitary break along the examples' profundity in the stacking length made the test examples fall flat. To lessen waste and CO2 outflows, another plan of action called roundabout development, an essential piece of maintainability, empowers the most extreme reuse and reusing of items and unrefined components. In view of manageability angles, the expense proficiency of OPC and ternary mixed concrete is evaluated to depict the exhibition. In light of the compressive solidarity to-cost proportion, the expense adequacy of the ternary composite cement is evaluated [15]. As recently noticed, the materials for the ongoing request were bought from neighborhood sellers. As per the latest conveyance record, the particular expense of every material is displayed in Indian rupees (INR). At the point when ternary mixed blends are delivered, their material costs are contrasted with those of OPC-created concrete. OPC (S1), ternary mixed bagasse debris blend (S4), and ternary mixed alccofine blend (S8) are assessed to have cost-effectiveness proportions of 0.0113, 0.0087, and 0.0125 MPa/INR/m3, individually. Fig. 2 shows the eco-productivity examination of the parts expected to make 1 m3 of cement. Alccofine mixed substantial displays greater expense productivity than different blends.

Assumptions

An extensive study assessed the strength and microstructural properties of ternary mixed concrete with varying silica contents. The 12% alccofine (S8) mix demonstrated the highest compressive strength (59.52 MPa), flexural strength (6.58 MPa), and cost-effectiveness (0.0125 MPa/INR/m^3), with SEM images showing a denser microstructure. This suggests that substituting concrete with 12% alccofine can produce high-strength, low-cost ternary mixed concrete. Predictive models using BO-XGBoost and linear regression were more accurate than the KNN model, with R^2 values of 0.883, 0.736, and 0.880, respectively. Sensitivity analysis revealed that SiO_2, CaO, and $C_3S + C_2S$ contributed significantly to compressive strength predictions. Additional research is needed to further explore compressive strength considering the amorphicity of materials and the pre-treatment of low-burnt bagasse ash. Future studies should also employ XRD and FTIR for detailed microstructural analysis.

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