



# Appraisal of Water Quality Using Some Physico-Chemical Parameters from Uma River, Neri, Dist. Chandrapur, (M.S.) India.

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## Abstract

This study was aimed to estimate current status of physico-chemical characteristic of Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.) Six monthly changes in Physico-Chemical parameters such as water temperature, pH, turbidity, transparency, total dissolved Solids, total hardness, chlorides, phosphate, nitrates, dissolved oxygen and biological oxygen Demand were analyzed and compared with the standard values prescribed by ICMR, WHO and APHA. For a period from July 2013 to December 2013. The results indicated that physico-chemical parameters of the water were within the permissible limits and can be used for domestic, irrigation. The present investigation revealed that the quality of water of a source varies from season to season and some of the water samples are unfit for drinking and utility purpose.

**Keywords:** Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Physico-chemical parameters, Monthly variation, DO, BOD, irrigation.

## Introduction:

Water is the most essential commodity for all living creatures. Living things cannot survive without water. Water is one of the most essential constituents of the human environments. Man needs it, in the first place for his physiological existence. It is widely used for many purposes e.g. industrial water supply, irrigation, drinking, propagation of fish, human existence, other aquatic systems, generation of fish and hydro-powers. Water is the source of energy and governs the evolution and functions of the universe on the earth. Water, the most vital necessity of life, is in abundance 97.3% of the world's water i.e. 1.45 billion cubic Kms, Ocean water is salty and cannot be used for agricultural, domestic and industrial purposes. The healthy aquatic ecosystem is depended on the physico-chemical and biological characteristics (Venkatesharaju et al 2010). The quality of water in any ecosystem provides significant information about the available resources for supporting life in that ecosystem. To assess that monitoring of these parameters is essential to identify magnitude and source of any pollution load. These characteristics can identify certain condition for the ecology of living organisms and suggest appropriate conservation and management strategies. Many researches are being carried out till present.

In order to assess water quality index we have carried out the physicochemical analysis of water in Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.). The aim of the study is to reveal the pollution status of Reservoir in terms of physico-chemical characteristics of water. However, very little information is available in relation to physico-chemical characteristics of water in the Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.). Hence, the present study was conducted to study the physico-chemical properties of water in the Uma river, Neri, District





Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.) for a period of six months from July 2013 to December 2013.

## Materials and Methods

### Study area

Chandrapur district is located in the eastern edge of Maharashtra in Nagpur division and forms the eastern part of 'Vidharbha' region. It is located between 19.30' N and 20.45' N latitude and 78.46'E longitude. It is the easternmost district of the state of Maharashtra. Owing to the geographical location and physical features, the climate of the district can be classified as a tropical hot climate with a high range of temperature throughout the year. Primarily there are two prominent seasons in the district - the very hot summer and moderate winter. The summer months are very hot and prolonged while winter is short and mild. The monsoon season starts immediately after summer and lasts until late September. The southwest monsoons bring a lot of rainfall during rainy season and there is no drought-prone area in the district. The water samples were collected from the site of Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.) from July 2013 to December 2013. The samples were then collected and processed for the analysis of Physico-chemical analysis characteristics. All the samples were collected from morning hours i.e., between 8.00 am to 10.00 am. The temperature and pH parameters were recorded on the site. Samples were collected in cleaned acid washed plastic bottles and sterilized plastic bags and stored at 4°C. The water samples were analyzed for various parameters as pH, lime, organic matter etc. as per the standard methods of APHA (2005).

### Collection of sample

In order to determine the water quality of Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.) during from July 2013 to December 2013 in the first week of every month.

The sampling locations are shown in a figure-1. Some of the results were recorded at the sampling station whereas the others were recorded in the laboratory, according APHA, 2005, Kodarkar et al, 2008.

## Result and Discussion:

Mean values of physico-chemical parameters are presented in Table-1 and correlation coefficients among physico-chemical parameters are shown in Table-2

### pH:

From the data harvested, it is observed that the pH ranges from 7.1 to 8.6. The pH of the water sample indicates that the water is alkaline in nature. For the growth of diverse bacterial population a pH value near neutral is suggested and is suitable for them. The most appropriate range for bioremediation has been suggested to be 6-8 (Saxena, 1990 & Mane et al, 2006).

### Alkalinity:





The values of alkalinity showed that there is highest value during the month of October which ranges from 129 to 251 mg/l. The increase in the alkalinity may be due to the death and decomposition of micro-organisms (Sarkar and Haldar, 2010). The alkalinity of the water is due to the carbonates, bicarbonates and hydroxyl ions.

#### **Phosphate:**

The values of phosphate ranges from 0.12 to 0.74 mg/l, which is lower during rainy season and highest during winter season. Tukura et al., (2005) and Ekeanyanwu et al.,(2011) also observed the same ranges with the discharged and subsequent sedimentation of suspended particles from Phosphate and Nitrogen fertilizers and domestic wastages discharged into the river as a result of rainfall might have also resulted in the increase in sediment phosphate contents.

#### **Nitrate:**

The nitrate content of the water sample ranges from 0.019 to 0.045 mg/l. which shows that the nitrate value is higher in rainy season and declines during winter due to heavy wash off the organic matter from the catchments. The nitrogen exists in the water and is transformed from one form to another very easily.

#### **Chloride:**

The chloride has the highest concentration and this may be attributed to human activities. The chloride content ranges from 35.1 to 169 mg/l. The decrease in the chloride content during rainy season may be due to the dilution of water and subsequent increase in the volume of water.

#### **Organic matter:**

Analysis of organic matter shows that the value ranges from 0.11 to 0.67 mg/l. It was observed that the value was lowest during rainy season i.e, 0.11 mg/l which may be due to intensive agricultural practices that intensify organic carbon oxidation (Wakene and Herf, 2003). High values in winter i.e, 0.67 mg/l which is due to high rate of sedimentation and decomposition of foliage and other vegetative remains in sediment (Sarvanakumar et al., 2008).

**Table. 1-** Monthly variation in Physico-Chemical Properties of water (mg/l) near Uma River during June 2013 to December 2013.

Parameters	pH	Alkalinity	Phosphate	Nitrate	Chloride	Organic matter
Months						
July	7.1	129	0.16	0.024	35.1	0.11
August	7.3	135	0.12	0.033	46.3	0.17
September	7.5	246	0.21	0.045	65	0.36
October	8.2	251	0.45	0.026	76.3	0.67
November	8.6	233	0.66	0.029	100.2	0.51
December	8.0	138	0.74	0.019	169	0.43

#### **Conclusion:**

From the above study it may be inferred that pH, chloride, organic matter and phosphate increased during winter and declines during rainy season. The increased pH and alkalinity increases the alkaline nature of the water due to which the life of benthic organisms is adversely affected. All the physical and chemical properties of Uma river, Neri, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra (M.S.) water were





within desirable limits. The results obtained from the present investigation shall be useful in future management of the river. The physico-chemical characteristics of reservoir water suggested that there was no harmful to pisciculture, irrigation and drinking water.

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