

Influence of Polymeric Resins on the Enhancement of Strengthening of RC Beam Using CFRP Laminates

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Abstract: For the strengthening of reinforced concrete beam, fibers are used which are made of non-starch polysaccharides such as cellulose. Fiber Reinforced Polymers (FRP) sheets or plates are appropriate to this application due to their high quality to-weight proportion, great exhaustion properties and phenomenal impervious to corrosion. The conduct of the structurally debilitated part of the fortified concrete beam retrofitted with Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRP) covers in flexure or in shear. Flexural and shear of RCC beam consider the two examples for example, control specimen and Retrofitted specimens. Furthermore, of the customary Portland Concrete (OPC) incorporated with the water, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate and the beam consider the various sample control samples (CC) and Retrofitted Cement (RC). Beams are Retrofitted with various Resin (epoxy, Orthophthalic, (GP), ISO) fortified CFRP. The samples are set curing 28 days and to assess the compressive quality (CS), Flexural Strength (FS) and Deflection (D) of the Reinforced Concrete (RC) beam. Downright eight numbers beams were tried and the particular readings were recorded. The beams were U shape wrapping and tried for flexural conduct assessment. The wrapping sheet builds a critical load conveys limit flexure and shear of the reinforced concrete bar.

Key words: Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC), Carbon Fibre Reinforced Polymers (CFRP), RCC beam, compressive strength, flexural strength, deflection

INTRODUCTION

Better-quality concrete is expressed as concrete which contains remarkable proficiency a consistency prerequisite that can't be constantly assessed frequently by utilizing routine materials and ordinary blending, locating and curing practices. Concrete is widely executing development materials, ordinarily takes after the excellent bathtub threat rate capacity curve (Patel and Shah, 2013). Common Portland Cement (OPC) has grabbed an unenviable and the undefeatable position as a real material in the era of cement and steadily releases its composed obligation as an extraordinary fastener to join all the collected materials. With the end goal of attaining to there is a desperate need of the blazing of the measure of fuel and rot of limestone (Al-Bakri *et al.*, 2011). Different evaluations of normal Portland Concrete (OPC) are possible focused around the individual nation codal grouping. Authority of Indian Standard (BIS) by and large arranges three evaluations of OPC to be specific: 33, 43 and 53 which are as often as possible utilized as a part of

development industry (Marthong and Agrawal, 2012). The RCC (Reinforced Cement Concrete) beam column joints may need up gradation owing to inadequate enumerating of reinforcing bars, deficient column section areas are because of FRPC (Fiber Reinforced Polymer Cement) based strengthening system could be a conjuring choice in adequate to reestablish the joints (Mukherjee and Joshi, 2005). Fiber reinforced polymer resins as we know them today were initially initiated in the 1940's. The application of FRP's is getting to be continually more normal in the development of new structures (e.g., extension decks and towers) these superior materials are likewise employed for repair and intensification of existing structures. To diminish the shear disappointment and build quality of the beam utilizing external bonding of high-strength sheet and laminate of Carbon Fiber Reinforcing Polymer (CFRP) has generally picked up ubiquity as of late, especially in rehabilitation works and recently constructs structure. Swamy *et al.* (1987). The main advantage of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) in strengthening Reinforced Concrete (RC)

structures has turned into an inexorably prominent retrofit procedure. The strategy of strengthening reinforced concrete structures by externally bonded CFRP fabrication (Deuring and Schwegler, 1992). Use of FRPC sheets for fortifying and rehabilitation of concrete structures has pulled in extensive interest. The primary applications of composites were as rebars and structural shapes. FRPC covers were employed in strengthening of concrete bridge girders by holding them in the strain face of girder and in addition for retrofitting of concrete columns (Pendhari *et al.*, 2008). The strength upgrade is feasible for RC beams strengthened with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composite (GFRPC) though around 200% strength improvement is accomplished with (CFRPC). Strengthening a structure for flexure may prompt shear disappointment as opposed to giving the sought expanded load bearing limit. It ought to likewise be noted that not just the disappointment mode of the strengthened member will be vital. In the event that a discriminating member in a structure is strengthened an alternate member can turn into the critical one. High strength, weight and firmness to weight proportions and are synthetically genuinely idle, offering impressive potential for lightweight and durable retrofit. The FRP is its powerlessness against fire and to undesirable fragile disappointments because of vast confound in the tensile strength and firmness with concrete (Sharbatdar *et al.*, 2012). Concrete beams may be fortified with ostensibly reinforced FRP employing side bonding, U-jacketing or complete wrapping-coats are because of the debonding of the FRP, preparing the full tensile strength in FRP (Jalali *et al.*, 2012). Likewise, the FRP-to-concrete member width ratio has a noteworthy impact. A vital part of the conduct of these fortified joints is that there exists a compelling bond length past which an augmentation of the bond length can't expand a definitive load (Yao *et al.*, 2005). Strengthen concrete bridges is the expansion of epoxy-bonded steel plates to the tension rib. Bonding steel plates to the tension flange maximizes both the quality and firmness so the girder and lessen cracks (An *et al.*, 1991). Experimental and hypothetical studies that remotely bonded FRP composites can be employed to enhance the sought execution of a structural member for example, its load conveys limit and stiffness, malleability, execution under cyclic and exhaustion stacking and ecological durability (Buyukozturk *et al.*, 2004). For instance, a flexure strengthening can prompt a shear disappointment as opposed to giving the craved bearing limit. The preferences and downsides of the technique can differ between the items and must dependably be considered (Crawford, 2001). It has been observed that the reinforcement can be harmed from

vehicle effects and it can be important to secure the composite when employed as a part of uses if dangers for effects exist. The results from loss of fortifying adequacy by flame, vandalism, impact and so, forth must be considered (Chaallal *et al.*, 1998). The vast majority of tests have been done on basically supported beams without steel stirrups strengthened with complete side wrap, U-wrap or full wrapping of the segment with Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) sheet. In our current paper around the study was done diverse resin bonded CFRP connected on the surface of reinforced cement concrete beam utilizing U-wrapping strategy under two point stacking condition and increase in shear and flexure safety.

Literature review: Subbulakshmi and Vidivelli *et al.* (2014) have proposed the way that high execution concrete was equipped of finishing unfathomably higher execution of concrete as against the one attained by the steering concrete. A solemn attempt has been made to keep a sharp eye on the mechanical characteristics of high execution concrete made with the quarry dust material. The strength qualities like the compressive quality and flexural quality were subjected to experimentation to determine the ideal substitution of quarry dust. As a result high compressive quality in different blend rate the squanders material may be utilized as a swap material for fine total.

Nor *et al.* (2013) have suggested the CFRP reinforcement was connected in strip structure which was more practical contrasted to wrapping or shaping it into bar shape because of the fact that it simpler and utilizes less fiber to attain comparative execution. Tests of CFRP reinforced concrete beam were tried to disappointment in four point curving test. As a results execution and conduct of CFRP reinforced concrete beams under flexural contrasted to the steel reinforced concrete beams has been accomplished.

Eslami and Ronagh (2013) have arranged a numerical examination to the profit connected with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymers (GFRPs) to upgrade this seismic capability of a 8-storey moment opposing reinforced concrete building appeared to be applied. The real load-displacement was extracated from weakling investigation of the support frames are normally consequently utilized in the seismic investigation having a capacity spectrum technique (the N2 method). As a results, GFRP wraps was really capable of strengthening this seismic general execution alongside with pliability of the ineffectively kept sythesis enormously than the starting mixture. Smith *et al.* (2011) have proposed the errand of FRP so as to debond yet, thus, limit the

proficiency. Built from clarified rolled fiber materials or packs of drop fibers has been especially made for affixing FRP composites to a scope of structural component models. The most improvements all through load and additionally deflection accomplished with the about six slabs concentrated together with FRP plates and also fastened together with FRP anchors has been 30-110%, individually, over the unanchored FRP-reinforced administration piece.

Sobuz *et al.* (2011) have proposed the flexural conduct of the strengthened concrete beams fortified with CFRP overlays united at the base of the beams by epoxy cement subjected to transverse stacking. The overall five beams having distinctive CFRP covers setups were trying to disappointment in four-point curving over an acceptable compass 1900 mm. Four beams were reinforced by changing the levels of CFRP laminates while the last one was not fortified with FRP and considered as a control beam. Through the consequences the expansion of CFRP sheets to the strain facade of the beams exhibited essentially a change in concreteness and extreme limit of beams.

Narmashiri *et al.* (2011) have proposed the Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) flexural fortified steel I-beams. Eight steel beams were carefully chosen with the same length and different types and thicknesses of CFRP plates. Both tentative analysis and numerical simulation were employed. In the assessment, the gradual static loading in four-points bending method was utilized. In numerical simulation, ANSYS Software in the three Dimensional (3D) modeling case and nonlinear static analysis method were employed. Consequences illustrate that different types and density of CFRP plates influenced the failure modes, load capacities and strain distributions on the CFRP plates.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The intention of the work is to assess the Compressive Strength (CS), Flexural Strength (FS) and Deflection (D) of the Reinforced Concrete (RC) beam. In this concrete blend model is to choose the extents of materials which will create cement having the obliged attractive properties. The combination of proportions ought to be preferred in such a route to the point that the ensuing concrete is of craved workability while new and it could be set and compacted effortlessly for the expected reason, the proportion of the M_{20} combination is 1:1.71:2.44. In Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) included with the water, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate 20 and 12 mm and the beam consider the distinctive example control sample (CC) and Retrofitted Cement (RC). Fiber

Reinforced Polymers (FRP) sheets or plates are utilized to expand the quality of the beam. For maximizing the quality retrofitted sample with the distinctive resin properties such epoxy resin, orthophthalic resin (GP), ISO phallic resin is reinforced Carbon Fiber Fortified Polymer (CFRP) directed test on 28 days. All out eight numbers beams were tried and the particular readings were recorded. The beams were U shape wrapping and tried for flexural conduct investigation. The parameters to be included assessing the execution of RC beam are Compressive Srength (CS), Flexural Srength (FS) and Dflection (D) are obtained in varying the load in different specimens.

Materials used: The materials which are employed in this analysis and their concerts are recorded in this segment. The basic elements are standard portland cement, carbon fiber and different epoxies resins are described as.

Carbon fiber: Carbon fibers are typically congregated with different materials to structure a composite. At the point when united with a plastic resin and wound or shaped it structures carbon fiber fortified polymer which has a high quality to-weight proportion and is to a great degree unbending in spite of the fact that sort of fragile. The properties of carbon fibers for example, high concreteness, high rigidity, low weight, high substance safety, high temperature resistance and low warm development. Superior Carbon fiber are utilized and described by high youthful modulus of versatility $E = 390-760$, tensile quality (2400-4800), strain failure (0.5-0.8), coefficient of thermal expansion (-1.45), density (1.85-1.9). They have a characteristically weak failure conduct with moderately low vitality ingestion in any case their failure quality are superior analyzed glass and aramid fibers. Carbon fibers are less susceptible to crawl burst and weakness long term and show slight decrease of the elastic strength. FRP composites focused around carbon fiber are typically signifying as GFRP the carbon fiber as demonstrated in Fig. 1. The resin is maybe a standout amongst the most critical constituents which impact the execution of the composites.

The two classes of resins are the thermoplastics and thermo sets. A thermoplastic resin remains a strong at room temperature. It liquefies when warmed and hardens when cooled. The long-chain polymers don't artificially cross-bond. This trademark makes the thermo se tresin composites exceptionally alluring for structural applications. The most widely recognized tars utilized as a part of composites are the unsaturated polyesters, epoxies and vinyl esters the minimum normal ones are the polyurethane's and phenolics.

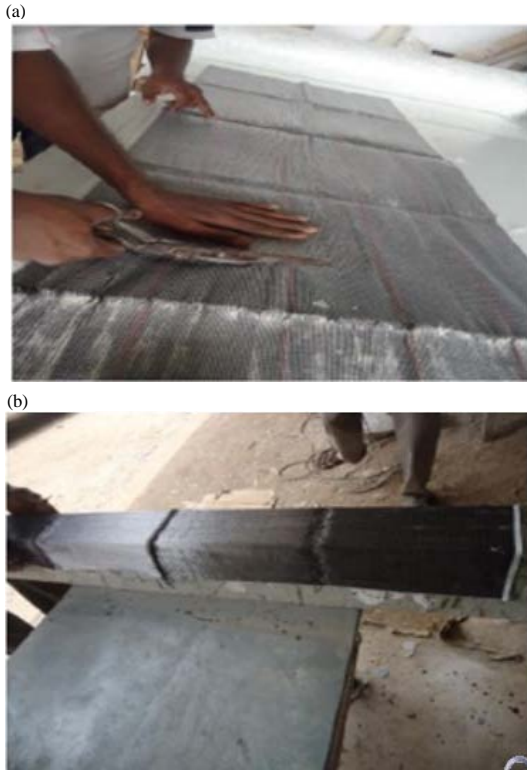


Fig. 1: Carbon fibers

Polyurethanes: Polyurethanes are formed by merging polyisocyanate and polyol in a response infusion embellishment process or in a fortified response infusion molding strategy. They are cured into extremely intense and high consumption safety materials which are found in numerous elite paint coatings.

Phenolic: The phenolic resins are produced using phenols and formaldehyde and they are isolated into resole and novolac resins. The resoless are arranged under antacid conditions with Formaldehyde/Phenol (F/P) degrees more prominent than one. In actuality, novolacs are arranged under acidic conditions with minimum F/P degrees than the initial thing. Resoles are cured by applying high temperature and/or by including acids. Novolacs are cured when responding synthetically with methylene amasses in the hardener.

Epoxies: The epoxies utilized as a part of the composites are primarily the glycidyl ethers and amines. The material properties and cure rates can be formed to meet the obliged execution. Epoxies are for the most part found in marine, auto, electrical and apparatus applications. The high density in epoxy resins limits its use to specific methodologies for example, shaping, fiber slowing down, hand lay-up. The privilege curing specialists ought to be

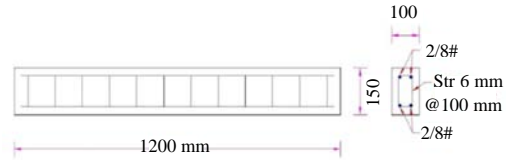


Fig. 2: Reinforced concrete beam

precisely chosen in light of the fact that it will influence the sort of compound response, pot existence and last material properties. In spite of the fact that epoxies can be extravagant it might be justified even despite the expense when superior is needed. The Properties of distinctive polymeric resin for example such epoxy resin, orthophthalic resin (GP), ISO phallic resin indicated in the following table.

Reinforced concrete beam model: The cement was set by normal Portland cement and provincially accessible river sand as a fine aggregate and coarse aggregate ranging 12 and 20 mm were employed for the purpose. Consumable water, clean in nature was utilized for casting and curing of control and retrofitted examples. The measurements of the Reinforced Concrete Beam are as demonstrated in Fig. 2.

The measurement of the beam cross area is 1200×150 mm and length 1200 mm, top and base fortifications of two beams each of 8 mm breadth individually. Beams every stirrups is 6 mm width and stirrups at 100 mm C/C. The combination of the cement was in the proportion of 1:1.71:2.44 with water cement ratio of 0.49. The arranged fortification confine was set inside the mold with fitting spread of 15 mm. Cement was readied focused around the mix proportion and set in the beam.

Testing arrangement: All he eight beams (1200×100×150 mm) are subjected to test against the backdrop of basically supported end conditions. Two point loading is invariably followed for testing. For the group of 8 beams, two are employed as control beams and the remaining six are preloaded till the appearance of flexural crack and thereafter retrofitted with CFRP. Further, three diverse resin bonded CFRPs were engaged. In the long run, the retrofitted beams are loaded till breakdown and the outcomes assessed and analyzed with the control beam. The testing of beams is carried out by means of the hydraulic operated jack linked to the load cell. Moreover, the load is exerted on the beam ably assisted by the hydraulic jack and the data is recorded from the LVDT system which is linked with the load cell. The value of deflection is also gathered from the dial gauge system.

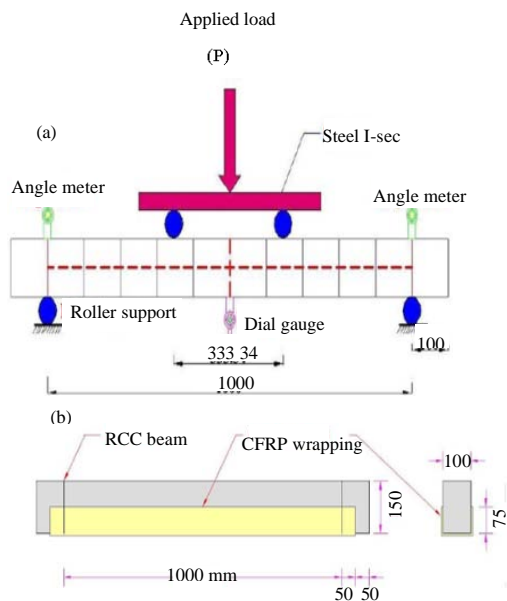


Fig. 3: Experimental setup: a) Flexural test setup for beam and b) U shape wrapping technique for beam

The 2 control beam forming part of the eight beams are tested after 28 days of curing to assess the safe load which is deemed as the load related to the deflection of $L/250$, i.e., 15 mm. Figure 3a effectively exhibits the loading setup.

To evaluate the enhancement in the flexural strength of the beams after retrofitted with various resin (epoxy, orthophthalic (GP), ISO) bonded carbon fiber reinforced polymer, beams are so, configured that they are scarce in shear ultimately leading to the failure in the flexure. For the purpose of an appropriate bonding between the beam and the sheets, the surface of the sheets is roughened by means of brush or certain different roughening materials. Roughening is initiated with the assistance of sand paper or hard brush or tiny chisel. After the roughening of beam surface, the process of preparation of the resin begins in which diverse resin is prepared in the ratio of 1:5 where 1 component of hardener is utilized with 5 components of resin and the mixture is thereafter blended completely. It has to be borne in mind that the mixture has to be deployed quickly, so, as to prevent from setting. When the resin is blended entirely, three diverse resins are used to roughen end of the six beam by means of brushes by applying diverse kind of resins to every two beam. After the appropriate application off resin, the sheets are fixed on the entire sides of the beams whose surfaces are cleaned with the help of a brush. A little pressure is applied on the surface for proper fixing of the sheets. Similarly, the sheets are wrapped on all the faces of the beam for the U shape wrapping method as illustrated in Fig. 3b.

Specimen details: As a whole eight beams are geared up for the testing. Two control specimens CB1 and CB2 and six retrofitted specimens RB3- RB7 and RB8 apply the load and assess the strength of the RC beam.

Testing of control beams: The beams were tested in two point loading settings from this load case was selected as it furnished the consistent maximum moment and zero shears in the study between loads and consistent maximum shear force in support and load. The span between the supports constituted 1000 mm and the total was activated at points which were segmented to three equivalent segments. The testing was performed by a testing tool of loading frame with 100 ton capacity. A linearly variable differential transducer was employed to evaluate the deflection at mid span as illustrated in Fig. 4 which effectively demonstrated the test setup of a beam.

Deflection and initial crack were notices in the course of the investigation. The first crack emerged in the Control beams of CB1, CB2 at $P = 15$ kN and the flexural cracks had appeared along the beam. It was crystal clear that the beam breakdown in flexure had minimal energy assimilation well before the breakdown. The average ultimate load of control beam was found to be 24.75 kN. The crack model comprised a shear flexural crack.

Retrofitted beams: The six beams were segregated from the test machine and turned over to retrofit them with various resin bonded CFRP. With a view to guarantee appropriate application of the external strengthening materials, it was highly essential to fine-tune the concrete surface traits on the contact region to be bonded. After the bonding between the beam and the sheets, the surface of the sheets was roughened by means of brush or certain different roughening material, followed up by the preparation of the ISO phallic resin in the ratio of 1:5 where 1 fraction of hardener is deployed with 5 fractions of resin. The mixture was thereafter blended fully. Due attention had to be taken to ensure that the mixture was consumed immediately to avoid the setting of the resin. When the ISO phallic was entirely blended, the resin was initiated on the roughened end of the sheets using brushes. After the ISO phallic is properly applied in the sheets, the sheets are fixed on all the sides of the beams whose surface was cleaned using a brush. Some pressure is given on the surface for proper fixing of the sheets.

Likewise sheets are wrapped on bottom of beam and sides like a U-shape wrapping technique shows in Fig. 5. And the same procedure is repeated for applying epoxy bonded CFRP and orthophthalic (GP), sheets to the RCC beams for U-shape wrapping technique.



Fig. 4: Control specimen: a) Before loading of control beam and b) After loading of control beam



Fig. 5: Retrofitted specimen: a) Retrofitted beam before loading; b) Retrofitted beam GP bonded CFRP; c) Retrofitted beam Iso bonded CFRP and d) Retrofitted beam epoxy bonded CFRP

The testing of beams is carried out by means of hydraulic operated jack linked to load cell. The load is initiated on the beam with the assistance of hydraulic jack and the data is recorded from the LVDT system which is attached with the load cell. Moreover, the value of deflection is gathered from the dial gauge system.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This study offers the strength evaluation in various specimens and the reinforced beam strengthened by

CFRP. The beam strengthened with multiple layer of CFRP laminate unreasonably led to the enhancement in the time taken for strengthening along with the corresponding expenditure in view of the provision of supplementary layers of CFRP laminate. The retrofitting of reinforced concrete beams retrofitted and strengthened by means of the externally bonded CFRP laminates with various resin (epoxy, GP and ISO) system furnishes a cost-conscious and all-around solution for enlarging the service life of reinforced concrete structures. The specimens like control (CC1-CC3) and retrofitted specimen (RC1-RC3) are employed to achieve the Compressive Strength (CS).

Subsequently, the deflection and flexural strength are realized for the control (CB1 and CB2) specimen and retrofitted specimens of the CFRP laminates with the resins like the orthophthalic (GP) assuming the specimen (B3, B4), epoxy resin (B5, B6) and ISO phallic resin assuming the specimen (B7, B8). Thereafter, the efficiency of the beam is analyzed to yield the Compressive Strength (CS), Flexural Strength (FS) and Deflection (D), appropriately modifying the load in various specimens.

Compressive strength analysis for different specimens:

The following Table 1 and 2 illustrate the compressive strength of Reinforced Concrete (RC) beam estimated by taking into account the area of the specimen and by suitably modifying the load. In control specimens such as (CC1, CC2) and the retrofitted specimens like (RC1-RC3) the strengths are assessed and analyzed.

Table 2 elegantly exhibits the Compressive Strength (CS) in the control specimens. In fact, the compression test is the most extensive investigation undertaken on hardened concrete, partially on account of the fact that a majority of the popular distinctive traits of concrete are qualitatively linked to its compressive strength. The compression test has to be performed by casting six (CC1-CC5) test cubes. The test strength of sample is taken as the average of the strength of the three specimens (CC1-CC3). Further, 3 cubes are retrofitted with various resins. 150×150×150 mm concrete cubes are cast with the utilization of M20 grade concrete. The control specimen's

area is taken to be 22500 and the weight is changed in all control specimens. In CC1 when the load initiated is 500.70 and the strength is 22.25 the load is observed to cut down the compressive strength. In each control specimen where the weight is varied, the strength is found to take a retreat and in respect of the CC1 strength in relation to the CC2 and CC3 the divergences are observed to be 0.89-7.23%, respectively.

Table 3 exhibits the compressive strength for retrofitted specimen for which the test is conducted on the various Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) with the specimens. In RC1 specimen the resin ISO phallic resin is mixed with the cement whereas in RC2 it is added with Orthophthalic and in the case of RC3 specimen it is blended with the resin epoxy. When the weight of the RC beam is varied in each specimen, the load dependent on the compressive strength is found to increase. In the case of RC1 vs. RC2 the divergence is 17.62% whereas in RC1 vs. RC3 the divergence is found to be 23.53%. Thus in total the divergence of each specimen is observed to be 20.72%.

Flexural strength and deflection analysis in different specimens:

Flexural strength is defined as the capacity of the material to defend against twist under load. It is also called in different names such as the modulus of rupture, bend strength, or fracture strength. It represents a mechanical yardstick for brittle material. The transverse bending test is most frequently employed in which a

Table1: Properties of epoxies

Material property/unit	Epoxy resin	Orthophthalic resin (GP)	ISO phallic resin
Appearance (-)	Mild yellowish clear liquid	Pale yellowish clear liquid	Pale yellowish clear liquid
Viscosity @ 25 Deg C (Cp)	11980	545	540
Density @ 25 Deg C (g/mL)	1.164	1.128	1.108
Nonvolatile content (%) Epoxy equivalent	100	35.6	39.7
weight (kg)	187	17	16

Table 2: Compressive strength for control specimen

Specimens	Area of Specimen (mm ²)	Wight of Mould (kg)	Load at failure (kN)	Compressive strength (N/mm ²)	Avg. comp strength (N/mm ²)
CC1	22500	8.48	500.70	22.25	21.65
CC2		8.55	496.23	22.05	
CC3		8.66	464.17	20.63	

Table 3: Compressive strength for retrofitted Specimen

Specimens	Area of specimen (mm ²)	Wight of mould (Kg)	Load at failure (KN)	Compressive strength (N/mm ²)	Avg. comp strength (N/mm ²)
RC1 (ISO)		8.45	850	37.78	
RC2 (GP)	22500	8.50	1000	44.44	37.03
RC3 (Epoxy)		8.58	650	28.89	

Table 4: Flexural strength and deflection for different specimens

Specimens	Test results				
	Initial crack load	Ultimate load	Ultimate moment	Deflection in mm	Flexural strength
CB1	15.00	24.0	4.00	7.30	10.66
CB2	15.00	25.5	4.25	8.80	11.33
RC3 (GP)	39.00	49.5	8.16	11.30	22.00
RC4 (GP)	41.00	53.4	8.90	10.00	23.70
RC5 (epo)	39.00	52.5	8.75	23.00	23.33
RC6 (epo)	42.50	51.3	8.55	22.85	22.80
RC7 (ISO)	33.50	43.5	7.25	10.00	19.33
RC8 (ISO)	34.50	44.1	7.35	12.40	19.60

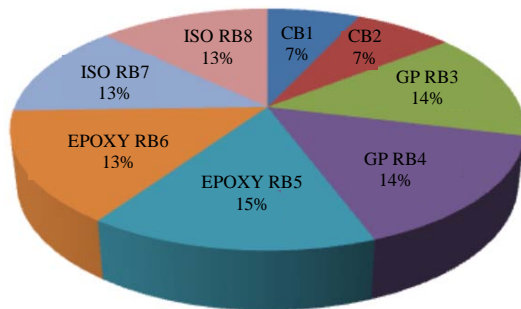


Fig. 6: Flexural strength analysis

specimen having either a circular or rectangular cross-section is bent until fracture or yielding using a flexural test technique. Table 4 effectively exhibits various parameters such as the initial crack load, ultimate load, ultimate moment and the deflection, flexural strength in various specimens. When the load is changed, the deflection and flexural strength are found to go up. In control specimen 1 where the initial load is 15 and the deflection crops up when the load is increased to 24 and the deflection moment is 4. In the case of various specimens of ultimate load basics the deflection is assessed. The flexural strength is found to change in all specimens according to the initial crack load and ultimate load. The deflection in RC with GP specimen is 11.3 and 10 and when contrasted with the other RC specimens the divergence is found to be 7.36%.

Figure 6 shows that the flexural strength analysis for the different specimens and the Control specimens the flexural strength is 7% its compared to the retrofitted specimens of the epoxy resin the difference is 87% and its compared to the GP the difference is 7.56% then its compared to the ISO the difference is 6%. Totally the flexural strength minimum in control specimens.

CONCLUSION

The results of the test investigation of reinforced concrete beam for the control and retrofitted specimens of Compressive Strength (CS), Flexural Strength (FS) and Deflection (D) were assessed as follows. At the maximum prescribed load, the deflection was decreased for the retrofitted beams RB3, RB4, RB5, RB6 which were found to be 11.3, 10, 23, 22.85, 10 and 12.40 mm respectively and the deflection for control beams CBI, CB2 were 7.38 and 8.8 mm, respectively. The flexural strength of retrofitted beams RB3-RB8 was 50% greater in relation to those of the control beams. From the outcomes, the retrofitting of RCC beams with externally bonded CFRP sheet employing orthophthalic resin (GP) was instrumental in

strengthening 94.12 % increase in ultimate load capacity and moreover the end of anchorage was employed to get rid of the debonding breakdown and the cost was also found to be far less. It is hoped that in the specimen constrains based upcoming soft computing approaches, further focus will be invested on core areas to usher in superlative efficiency with least loss of time, as the time has emerged as most turning point in such investigational endeavors.

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