



ALGAL DIVERSITY IN CHANDNI DAM, PARANDA, DIST. OSMANABAD (M.S.) INDIA 413601



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ABSTRACT:

The present communication deals with the study of algal diversity in Chandni Dam, Paranda Dist. Osmanabad. (M.S) India Chandani dam, is an earth fill dam on Chandani river near Paranda, Osmanabad district in the state of Maharashtra in India. The height of the dam above lowest foundation is 17.18 m (56.4 ft) while the length is 1,920 m (6,300 ft). The volume contents is 289 km³ (69 cu mi) and gross storage capacity is 20,700.00 km³ (4,966.19 cu mi). The work was carried out during year 2016 (January to December) where the light is available and the Algal occurred. The chlorophyceae represents with 10 species, Cyanophyceae with 07 species, Bacillariophyceae with 06

and Euglenophyceae with 02 species.

KEYWORDS: *Algal diversity, Chandni dam, Plankton.*

INTRODUCTION:

The plankton includes micro-organisms which float on water surface and depth at mercy of water currents. The algae which forms 1st tropic level and animal origin are in 2nd tropic level. Many animals like most zooplanktons grazing upon algae. Energy level of aquatic system and their significance

in establishing their status is well known. Algae are ecologically significant as they almost capture radiant energy of sunlight and convert into chemical energy. They are also biological indicator of water quality in pollution studies. To summarize, plankton due to their addition of any cycling of energy and matter in ecosystem evaluation of population in terms of their special diversity, biomass and temporal distribution population, turnover, periodicity and productivity is vital in management of ecosystem.

The diversity of algal in water body determines stocking rate of fishes as they are chief source of food of many economical important fishes. Algae, due to its key role in ecosystem of environment are directly related to fish catch capacity of reservoir. An insight into succession, composition and distribution of Algal gives valuable source for determining fishing ground, the species which is suitable



for stocking and determining level of utilization of available food by existing fish stock.

MATERIAL AND METHODS:

The present investigation for algal studies was carried out from January 2016 to December 2016 on Chandni Dam Paranda, Osmanabad District. To study the algal biodiversity five sites were selected for the collection of algal samples. Algal samples were collected at monthly intervals in acid washed collection bottles. After collection, algal samples were brought immediately in the Laboratory. It is found that samples have many debris with macro and microphytes. They were washed with formalin water. The fresh as well as preserved algal forms were observed under microscope, *Cladophora*, etc. and identified with the help of standard literature on algae by Agarwal (1999), Jonapi (1980), and by Prescott, (1951) and Philipose (1967) as basic references.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

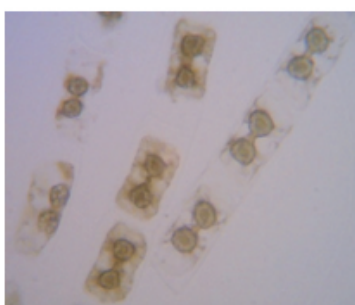
Algal diversity in Chandani project includes 10 genera of *Chlorophyceae* including *Chlamydomonas* and *Chlorella*, *Cosmarium*, *Chlamydomonas*, *Eudorina*, *Volvox*, and *Ulothrix* sp are dominated, 7 species of *Cyanophyceae* were identified *Microcystis* sp, *Lyngbya* sp are dominated out of 7 species recorded, 5 species exhibited their presence during January 2016 to December 2016., 06 species from *Bacillariophyceae* were identified, *Navicula*, *Synedra* sp and *Cyclotgella* sp, are common. *Euglenophyceae* was represented by 2 species with dominance of *Euglena* sp. This group attained a highest peak in November month.

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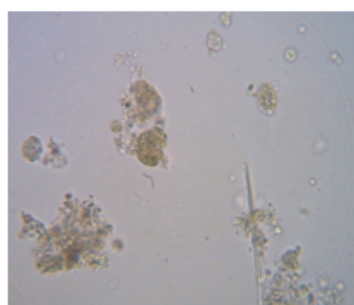
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1. Volvox Species



2. Zygnema Species



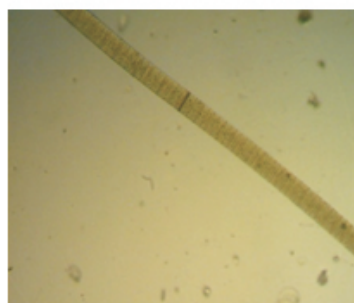
3. Chlorella Species



4. Rivularia Species



5. Oscillatoria Species



6. Spirogyra Species

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