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ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY INDEX (WQI) IN KEERAT SAGAR POND AT MAHOBA DISTRICT OF UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA.

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Manuscript Info	Abstract			
Manuscript History	The purpose of this research was to investigate the water quality index			
Received: 04 February 2017 Final Accepted: 01 March 2017 Published: April 2017	of Keerat Sagar pond at Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh by using physico-chemical parameters. The samples were collected throughout the year from December (2002) to November (2003), and various hydrological parameters such as temperature, turbidity, pH, carbonate,			
Key words:- Physico-Chemical Parameters, Keerat Sagar Pond, Mahoba.	bicarbonate, total alkalinity, chloride, dissolved oxygen and free carbon di-oxide were analyzed from the pond. The results obtained from all these parameters indicate that all the factors were within the permissible limits and the pond is suitable for the aquatic standing crop such as fish, prawn and shrimps culture.			

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Introduction:-

Keerat Sagar pond (1060-1100 AD) was established by 13^{th} king Kirtiverman in Mahoba district which is situated at western side of the city. Its geolocation is $25^{0}01'30N-25^{0}39'40$ N latitude and $79^{0}15'00'$ E- $80^{0}10'30'$ N Longitude. The pond was created in 1060 BC for the purpose of collection of rain water and recharging of ground water but in recent decades this pond also is utilized for culturing many faunal activities by several local authorities and villagers.

Water is the prime need of all the life activities. It supports aquatic as well as human ecosystem. The hydrobiological relationship reveals the healthy ecosystem. Water Quality is an important factor to judge environment changes, which are strongly associated with social and economic development. Due to increase in population, Urbanization and industrialization in the past century have resulted in increased domestic and industrial effluent being discharged into the aquatic system (Ajmal et al 1988, Ekpo et.al.1999)

The evaluation of water in the developing countries has become a critical issue in recent years, especially due to the concern that fresh water will be scarce in near future (Darapu et al, 2011). The healthy aquatic ecosystem is depends on the physico-chemical characteristics of water (Venkatesharaju et.al.2010).

Material and Methods:-

Study Area:-Keerat Sagar Pond. **Sample Collection:-** Water samples were collected from the pond during December 2002 to November 2003 in every month with the help of water sampling Polythene bottle. Some parameters tested at the time of samples collection while others were carried out in departmental laboratory for Physico-chemical estimation.

Sites Every region of the pond (inlet, outlet, bank area and middle region) were selected for sample collection. **Experimental Analysis:-** Various Physico-chemical parameters were analyzed by using standard method described by Trivedi and Goyal (1986), Kodarkar (1992), APHA (2005) and Jain & Jain (2007).

Water Temperature:- water samples were analyzed with the help of mercury thermometer.

Turbidity: Turbidity was recorded by Systronics Nephloturbidity meter and expressed as NTU.

pH:- It was measured at the site by BDH narrow range pH strips by compared it with the color disk.

Carbonate and Bicarbonate:- Bicarbonate. 0.02 N (N/50), sulphuric acid standard 0.02 N (N/50) Na_2CO_3 and phenopthlene alkalinity regents were used in for carbonate estimation.

Phenopthlene alkalinity mg/l = num of ml of $0.02 \text{ N H}_2\text{SO}_4$ Used X 10

Bicarbonate alkalinity was determined by procedure (Vide supra) with methyl orange as indicator.

Bicarbonate alkalinity mg/l= No of ml 0.02 N H₂SO₄ used X 10

Dissolved Oxygen (DO):- Dissolved oxygen was estimated by Winkler's method using alsterberg azide modification.

Carbon di-oxide:- Estimated at the sampling site. N/44 NaOH, 4 gm of AR quality NaOH dissolved in 1 L of distilled water, which give 0.1 N NaoH. Standardized this solution with 0.1 Na2SO4 using phenolphthalein indicator. 100 ml of this solution is diluting to 440 ml gives N/44 NaOH.

Discussion and Result:-

Physical Parameters:-

Water Temperature: It is the one of the most essential factor for influence the aquatic life. It was ranged from 14.6 to 32.5°C (Table-A, Graph-1). Minimum and maximum temperatures were recorded in the month of January and June respectively. Similar records were also recorded by Anand et al (2014). Higher water temperature in summer is due to the low water level and low temperature in January is due to the water cycle.

Turbidity It was ranged from 15.20 to 69.25 NTU (Table-A, Graph-1). The higher value of turbidity was observed during monsoon period due to high wind velocity and silting respectively while the lower value of turbidity was recorded in January due to lack of silt and low wind velocity. A similar trend of fluctuation was also observed by Shimpi, B. *et al* (2011).

Month	Water Temperature (°C)	Turbidity (NTU)	pН
Dec.	15.9	18.50	8.1
Jan.	14.6	15.20	8.2
Feb.	18.6	16.30	8.0
Mar.	22.7	16.20	8.0
Apr.	26.4	20.80	8.1
May	30.5	21.00	8.1
Jun.	32.5	29.50	8.0
Jul.	30.6	69.25	7.9
Aug.	28.2	69.25	7.5
Sept.	27.0	58.50	7.8
Oct.	24.8	33.80	7.7
Nov.	20.1	29.00	8.0

Table A:- Monthly Recorded Chemical Parameters in Keerat Sagar Pond (2002-2003)



Graph 1:- Monthly Variations in Physical Parameters

pH: pH of pond varied from 7.5 to 8.2 (Table-A, Graph-1). The lower value of pH was recorded in rainy season (August) which was due to the increase water volume that bring change in level of carbonate while higher pH was showed in the month of winter (January). pH shows positive correlation with total alkalinity. A similar confirmatory result was also observed by Nanda and Tiwari (1999). According to Boyd and pillai (1984) better fish production could be possible in pond water with pH range 6.5 to 9.0.

Chemical Parameters:-

Carbonate and Bicarbonate:-

Carbonate values varies from 6.75 to 16.65 ppm (Table B, Graph 2) which was due to the utilization of CO_2 during photosynthesis thus creating the carbonate. A similar results was also observed by George (1961) while bicarbonate value varied from 136.2 to 198.5 ppm (Table B, Graph 2). Bicarbonate increase with addition of animal excreta.

Total alkalinity:-

Total alkalinity was ranged from 147.2 to 210.4 ppm (Table B, Graph 2). The value of alkalinity was maximum during summer season due to increased bicarbonate in water while minimum values were recorded during winter season due to high photosynthetic rate. This values of alkalinity as favorable for standing crop of the pond. A similar result was also observed by Huzare M.S. (2008) and Mishra *et al* (2016).

Chloride:-

The value of chloride ranged from 10 to 43.50 ppm (Table B, Graph 2). Lower value of chloride was recorded in rainy season (August-September) while higher value was recorded in summer season (May). The chloride level depends upon the level of water bodies. Swarnalatha and Narsingrao (1998) also reported similar trend. **Table B:-** Monthly recorded chemical parameters in Keerat Sagar pond (2002-2003)

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Month	Carbonate	Bicarbonate	Total	Chloride	Dissolved	Free CO_2
	(ppm)	(ppm)	Alkanity(ppm)	(ppm)	oxygen (ppm)	(ppm)
Dec	16.65	142.7	147.2	19.50	8.00	15.50
Jan	15.80	145.4	161.2	28.40	8.40	11.10
Feb	14.50	152.5	167.0	31.00	7.16	10.90
Mar	13.00	158.1	171.1	36.50	6.35	14.90
Apr	10.00	175.2	185.2	25.00	5.20	15.80
May	6.75	176.5	183.3	43.50	4.56	19.80
June	9.80	188.6	210.4	43.10	3.75	20.90
July	10.50	198.5	200.7	36.00	5.00	19.80
Aug	9.70	186.2	195.9	10.00	6.50	18.10
Sep	7.50	155.9	163.4	10.00	6.85	17.80
Oct	7.00	145.5	152.5	24.50	7.00	13.20
Nov	10.00	136.2	148.4	34.20	8.05	22.90



Graph 2:- Monthly Variations in Chemical Parameters

Dissolved Oxygen (DO):-

The value of DO varied from 3.75 to 8.40 ppm (Table B, Graph 2). Higher DO was found in winter while lower in summer season. The lower value observed as a result of increased runoff agricultural wastes and industrial effluents discharged that places high demand of DO. Similar result was also observed by Krishnamurthy, R. *et al* (1990).

Free Carbon di-oxide:-

It was ranged from 10.90 to 22.90 ppm (Table B, Graph 2). Higher value was recorded in the month of November and lower value was recorded in the month of February. This may be depends upon the alkalinity and hardness of water pond. This record was also coinciding with Shimpi, B. *et al* (2011).

Conclusion:-

From all the above discussed various Physico-chemical parameters of Keerat Sagar pond it is concluded that there were no drastic variations in aquatic parameters and all these parameters are within permissible and acceptable range hence the environment of pond was found healthy and suitable for the purpose of fisheries, Prawn and Shrimps culture as well as various others aquatic faunal activities.

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