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Evaluation of Ground Water Quality in Nagpur City

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Abstract: Paper contains information generated after detailed examination of routine chemical ground water quality data of 40 bore wells and 20 dug wells from different localities of Nagpur city. Additional information e.g. ionic strengths, saturation indices of ground water quality in Nagpur was computed from analyses for routine water quality. This information included a) ionic strengths of samples, ii) Langelier & Ryzner stability indices which would indicate whether concerned water is scale forming or corrosive, iii) carbon dioxide concentrations and iv) multiplying factor to convert conductivity($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$) into total dissolved solids (mg/L) valid for Nagpur city. Dug wells represent relatively shallow water table in Nagpur and bore wells draw water from deeper aquifers. This study has shown i) Average ionic strengths of dug and bore wells were respectively 10.7 ± 3.9 and 14.2 ± 6.5 . Ionic strength of dug well water from industrial areas was higher, probably due to non-point wastewater discharges over land, ii) dug well waters were found to be more corrosive due to carbon dioxide and iii) multiplying factor to convert conductivity($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$) into total dissolved solids (mg/L) was 0.69 for dug wells and 0.73 for bore wells. These factors have been validated in subsequent analyses.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Laboratory at Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd, Nagpur, recognised as an In house R & D Unit by D.S.I.R., DST, Govt. of India receives various requests from industries, household consumers, hospitals etc. within metropolitan area of Nagpur for detailed water analyses. They need water analysis reports to confirm if water/source being used by them is potable/fit for industrial use and to suggest treatment if warranted. It is the policy of this laboratory to first instruct clients on methods of collection of samples both for chemical and bacteriological analyses. Samples are accepted only if they are properly labelled for date of collection, the source and also the environs around source. It has been observed of late that there is increasing dependence of urban population on ground water for domestic consumption, particularly in the expanding urban-fringe areas of Nagpur. Hence more samples are being collected from newer localities.

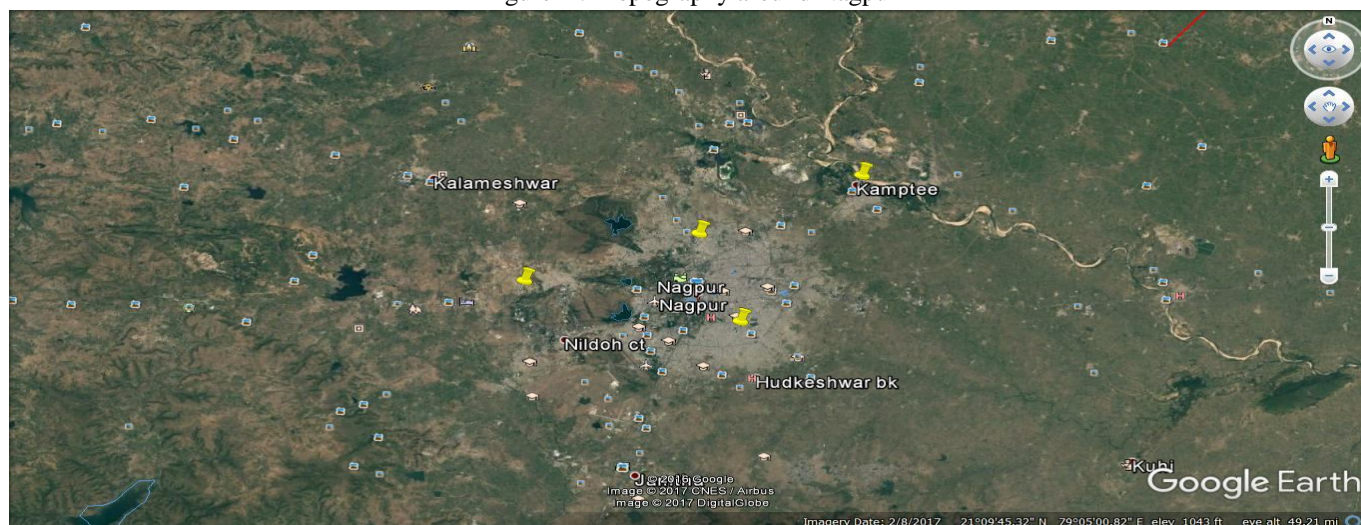
A. Area Covered

This paper deals with groundwater quality in and around Nagpur city. Geographical location of Nagpur is shown in Figure1. Topographical features around Nagpur city are shown in the satellite imagery in Figure2. Zero milestone located in city is considered a centre of India. Topographical features with reference to 'Zero mile stone' in Nagpur centre are i) River Kanhan flowing from N to SE at about 25 km, ii) river Kolar at Koradi, iii) man-made lakes at Ambazari to W, Futala to NW, Shukrawar/jumma tank, iii) the Nag & Pili rivers carrying sullage/wastewater from residential areas along their banks etc. and iv) Industrial areas at Hingna to west, Butibori to south and Uppalwadi north east of Nagpur.

Figure 1 : Geographical location of Nagpur



Figure 2 : Topography around Nagpur



B. Objective

Purpose examination of ground water – analyses- reports was to present an over view of chemical quality ground water in & around Nagpur. Some useful conclusions have been drawn with respect to ground water quality of Nagpur ground water samples. Ground water quality is influenced by geology around a source.

Occurrence and movement of groundwater depends upon the rock formation of the area and is influenced by i) inter granular primary porosity & permeability, ii) thickness and extent of weathered zones, iii) topographic setting of the area, iv) surface water bodies influencing groundwater recharge and v) development of joints, fractures, lineaments constituting secondary permeability. Metamorphic rocks predominate in Nagpur region. Geologically, Nagpur city is almost the dividing line between Archean rocks exposed to the east and younger formations, viz., Deccan-basalts, the infra-trappean Lametas and the Gondwanas on the west. Stratigraphic sequence in Nagpur city is soil, basalt flows with intra- trappean sediments to NE/S/ SW & Lameta beds (NW), Gondwana (N & NE). Pre and post monsoon ground water levels in Nagpur city are respectively 8.2 and 3.2 m below ground level.

C. Approach

In this paper, ground water sources have been categorised in two types. First is dug wells representing relatively shallow aquifer and the second is bore wells /hand pumps -which draw water from relatively deeper aquifers. Results of analyses for routine water quality parameters from these sources were used to compare water quality in deep and shallow aquifers in and around Nagpur city. Localities from where samples were received are shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 : Distribution of sources



Location of wells in Nagpur region

D. Analytical

Water samples were analysed for routine physical and chemical water quality parameters. Water analyses were carried out by as per standard methods¹. Presence of phosphorus as ortho phosphate and nitrogen (ammonia, nitrite and nitrate) was checked qualitatively depending on location of a source.

Four parameters were organoleptic/aesthetic and 15 parameters were estimated in laboratory. Three parameters viz. bicarbonates, calcium and magnesium ions (HCO_3^- , Ca^{++} & Mg^{++}) were calculated from stoichiometry. Total dissolved solids were calculated by both gravimetric method and computed from conductivity values in μS multiplied by 0.55 included in published literature⁴ since samples were not turbid.

Tables 1a -1d include results of analyses of water samples from tube wells -water. Dug well –water analyses are included in Tables 2a and 2b.

| Parameters | Dattatreya Nagar | Sanjuba High School Umred Road | Wadi | Kamptee, | Jaripatka | Mark et No. 1 Koradi | Shanti Nagar | Manish Nagar | Besa Road, Ravti Nagar | Ranala, Kamptee |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Appearance | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| Conductivity, μS | 781 | 960 | 785 | 2375 | 832 | 1492 | 1341 | 918 | 1885 | 2615 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 532 | 734 | 488 | 1347 | 544 | 1087 | 1230 | 722 | 1641 | 2019 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55), mg/L | 429 | 528 | 432 | 1306 | 458 | 821 | 378 | 505 | 1037 | 1438 |
| Conductivity factor for sample, (8/9) | 0.68 | 0.76 | 0.62 | 0.57 | 0.65 | 0.73 | 0.92 | 0.79 | 0.87 | 0.77 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 164 | 252 | 132 | 202 | 192 | 222 | 350 | 236 | 424 | 482 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 164 | 252 | 132 | 202 | 192 | 222 | 350 | 236 | 424 | 482 |
| Bicarbonates (alk.x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 200 | 307 | 161 | 264 | 234 | 270 | 427 | 288 | 517 | 588 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 306 | 270 | 56 | 900 | 290 | 464 | 242 | 264 | 460 | 860 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 190 | 164 | 40 | 672 | 150 | 228 | 136 | 126 | 236 | 520 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 116 | 106 | 16 | 228 | 140 | 236 | 106 | 138 | 224 | 340 |
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 76 | 66 | 16 | 269 | 60 | 91 | 54 | 50 | 94 | 208 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 18 | 25 | 4 | 55 | 34 | 57 | 25 | 33 | 54 | 82 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 79 | 59 | 95 | 308 | 72 | 292 | 148 | 61 | 64 | 260 |
| Sulphates as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 41 | 66 | 44 | 157 | 33 | 126 | 137 | 102 | 314 | 401 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0.03 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 14.4 | 0.17 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 3.7 | 2.6 |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| Ionic strength | 8.7 | 8.9 | 3.8 | 25.2 | 8.8 | 16.0 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 16.5 | 27.5 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide ,mg/L as CaCO ₃ | 8.2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 33 | 17.5 | 0 | 64 | 120 |

Table 1 a : Water quality- bore wells

Note : 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphate

Table 1 b : Water quality- bore wells

| Parameters | Besa Road | Mhalgi nagar | Bur di | Somalwad a | Kashya p Colony | Gandhibag | Vidya nagar, | Jaital a | Manish Nagar | Civil lines, |
|--|-----------|--------------|--------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Appearance | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| Conductivity, μ S | 852 | 899 | 1076 | 1384 | 3055 | 1085 | 1209 | 692 | 988 | 683 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 658 | 502 | 882 | 1132 | 2825 | 643 | 1031 | 506 | 708 | 410 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55) ,mg/L | 469 | 494 | 592 | 761 | 2688 | 597 | 665 | 381 | 543 | 376 |
| Conductivity factor 8/9 | 0.77 | 0.56 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.92 | 0.59 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.72 | 0.60 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 230 | 184 | 368 | 384 | 330 | 226 | 452 | 208 | 296 | 314 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 230 | 184 | 368 | 384 | 330 | 226 | 452 | 208 | 296 | 314 |
| Bicarbonates(alk. x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO ₃ | 281 | 224 | 449 | 468 | 403 | 276 | 551 | 254 | 361 | 383 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 156 | 284 | 342 | 532 | 720 | 236 | 250 | 292 | 246 | 356 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 94 | 162 | 116 | 332 | 540 | 140 | 80 | 172 | 142 | 160 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO ₃ , mg/L | 62 | 122 | 176 | 200 | 180 | 96 | 170 | 120 | 104 | 196 |
| Calcium as Ca ⁺⁺ , mg/L | 37 | 65 | 66 | 132 | 216 | 56 | 32 | 69 | 57 | 64 |
| Magnesium as Mg ⁺⁺ , mg/L | 15 | 29 | 42 | 48 | 43 | 23 | 41 | 29 | 25 | 95 |
| Chloride as Cl ⁻ , mg/L | 32 | 75 | 74 | 148 | 606 | 65 | 93 | 33 | 78 | 44 |
| Sulphates as SO ₄ ⁻ , mg/L | 59 | 91 | 36 | 44 | 392 | 25 | 38 | 36 | 105 | 38 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | 0.3 | 0.08 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0.25 | 0.13 | .09 | Nil | 0.04 |
| Reactive silica as SiO ₂ , mg/L | 11.9 | - | 14.2 | 17.5 | 24.8 | 12.9 | 12.4 | 10.2 | 7.9 | 8.2 |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Ionic strength | 6.1 | 9.0 | 11.7 | 16.7 | 28.1 | 8.0 | 10.9 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 15.0 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide, mg/L as CaCO ₃ | 16 | 9 | 18 | 58 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 44 | 22 |

Note: 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphate

Table 1 c : Water quality- bore wells

| Parameters | Wathoda | Dixitnagar | Kamptee | Kamptee | Sakkardara | Near pond no. 3 Koradi | Near colony, Koradi | Near canal, Koradi | Koradi | Koradi |
|--|---------|------------|---------|---------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Appearance | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.9 |
| Conductivity, μ S | 1232 | 1047 | 3690 | 1645 | 916 | 530 | 742 | 954 | 1272 | 530 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | 6.8 | <1 | <1 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 1193 | 956 | 2165 | 987 | 445 | 318 | 445 | 859 | 1145 | 320 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55) ,mg/L | 678 | 576 | 2029 | 905 | 504 | 292 | 408 | 525 | 700 | 292 |
| Conductivity factor 8/9 | 0.97 | 0.91 | 0.59 | 0.6 | 0.49 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.90 | 0.6 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 320 | 334 | 490 | 152 | 120 | 220 | 340 | 246 | 368 | 330 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 320 | 334 | 490 | 152 | 120 | 220 | 340 | 246 | 368 | 330 |
| Bicarbonates(alk.x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 390 | 407 | 598 | 185 | 146 | 264 | 414 | 300 | 449 | 403 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 384 | 424 | 716 | 230 | 238 | 358 | 286 | 560 | 720 | 362 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 272 | 200 | 400 | 146 | 180 | 160 | 125 | 332 | 460 | 162 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 112 | 224 | 316 | 84 | 58 | 198 | 161 | 228 | 260 | 200 |
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 109 | 80 | 160 | 58 | 72 | 64 | 50 | 133 | 184 | 65 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 27 | 54 | 76 | 20 | 14 | 48 | 38 | 55 | 62 | 48 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 194 | 116 | 464 | 251 | 49 | 140 | 37 | 56 | 158 | 65 |
| Sulphates as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 81 | 110 | 284 | 70 | 68 | 18 | 51 | 70 | 85 | Traces |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | 0.2 | 0.56 | 1.3 | Nil | Nil | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 3.3 | 3.8 | 11.5 | 9.16 | 7.8 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 4.4 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | + | + | Nil |
| Ionic strength | 13.4 | 13.4 | 26.2 | 9.7 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 9.2 | 14.4 | 19.6 | 14.8 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide ,mg/L as CaCO_3 | 80 | 50 | 74 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 0 |

Note: 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable; BDL – Below detectable level, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphate

Table 1 d: Water quality- bore wells

| Parameters | Dharampe th | Raj Nag ar | Subed ar Layou t | Wanado gri | Wanado gri | Beltaro di | Wardh a Road | Bhand ra Road, | Hing na Road | Chitarol i |
|---|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Appearance | Clear | Clea r | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 7.5 |
| Conductivity, μ S | 1186 | 898 | 1125 | 876 | 793 | 1206 | 938 | 1594 | 1177 | 2375 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | <2 | <5 | 1.3 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 748 | 459 | 1014 | 720 | 616 | 1063 | 775 | 1360 | 689 | 1347 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55) ,mg/L | 652 | 494 | 619 | 482 | 436 | 663 | 516 | 877 | 747 | 1306 |
| Conductivity factor 8/9 | 0.63 | 0.51 | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.78 | 0.88 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.59 | 0.57 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 286 | 192 | 206 | 126 | 96 | 420 | 314 | 408 | 78 | 202 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 06 | 0 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 286 | 192 | 206 | 126 | 96 | 420 | 314 | 408 | 72 | 202 |
| Bicarbonates(alk. x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 349 | 234 | 251 | 154 | 117 | 512 | 383 | 498 | 88 | 246 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 280 | 232 | 580 | 162 | 44 | 224 | 350 | 184 | 70 | 900 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 120 | 192 | 472 | 162 | 36 | 108 | 140 | 132 | 44 | 672 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 160 | 40 | 108 | 0 | 8 | 116 | 210 | 52 | 26 | 228 |
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 48 | 77 | 189 | 65 | 14 | 43 | 56 | 53 | 18 | 269 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 38 | 10 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 50 | 12 | 6 | 55 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 68 | 48 | 202 | 222 | 167 | 30 | 70 | 150 | 237 | 308 |
| Sulphates as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 40 | 24 | 128 | 67 | 72 | 106 | 51 | 177 | 36 | 157 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | 0.04 | Nil | Nil | 0.6 | 3.6 | Nil | 0.06 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 4.6 | 5 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 10.3 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | + | Nil | Nil | + | Nil | + | Nil | Nil |
| Ionic strength | 9.5 | 7.3 | 16.9 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 9.5 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 5.6 | 25.1 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide, mg/L as CaCO_3 | 0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 41 | 0 | 14 |

Note: 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphate

| Parameters | Hin gna | Ramdas peth | Raj nag ar | Jawahar Nagar | Hingn a | Rameshw ari | Bhandara road | Smr uti nag ar | Dharmpeth | Ramdaspath |
|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Appearanc e | Cle ar | Clear | Cle ar | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.6 |
| Conductivity, μS | 1308 | 894 | 898 | 863 | 789 | 1585 | 1495 | 1264 | 1520 | 793 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 843 | 648 | 459 | 610 | 668 | 1170 | 1253 | 1125 | 1318 | 580 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55), mg/L | 719 | 492 | 494 | 475 | 434 | 872 | 822 | 695 | 695 | 436 |
| Conductivity factor 8/9 | 0.64 | 0.72 | 0.51 | 0.71 | | 0.74 | 0.84 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.73 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 352 | 244 | 192 | 246 | 124 | 314 | 500 | 386 | 400 | 232 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 352 | 244 | 192 | 246 | 124 | 314 | 500 | 386 | 400 | 332 |
| Bicarbonates (alk. x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 429 | 297 | 234 | 300 | 151 | 383 | 610 | 471 | 488 | 283 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 352 | 348 | 232 | 102 | 238 | 548 | 286 | 480 | 660 | 328 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 174 | 226 | 192 | 64 | 158 | 294 | 216 | 200 | 300 | 230 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 178 | 122 | 40 | 38 | 80 | 254 | 70 | 280 | 360 | 98 |

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|--|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 17 | 90 | 77 | 26 | 63 | 118 | 86 | 80 | 120 | 92 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 43 | 29 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 61 | 17 | 67 | 86 | 24 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 82 | 57 | 48 | 29 | 68 | 258 | 86 | 178 | 276 | 80 |
| Sulphate as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 23 | 47 | 24 | 63 | 33 | 103 | 53 | 121 | 85 | 39 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0.02 | 0.4 | 0.03 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 11.4 | 16 | 5 | 9.2 | - | 6.5 | - | 5.8 | 9.6 | 5.8 |
| Fluoride, mg/L | - | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | + | + | + | + | + |
| Ionic strength | 9.3 | 10.3 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 18.2 | 12.0 | 16.5 | 21.4 | 10.2 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide, mg/L as CaCO_3 | 99 | 61 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 126 | 25 | 19 | 60 | 16 |

Table 2 a : Water quality –dug well

Note: 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphate

| Parameters | Pardi | Amravati Road | Wardha road | Katol Road | Mount road | Dhantoli | Dhantoli | Nandanvan | Sadar | Hingna |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Appearance | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear |
| Colour, Hazen | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL | CL |
| Odour | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO | UO |
| pH | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| Conductivity, μS | 722 | 1073 | 1306 | 1421 | 875 | 1029 | 452 | 756 | 531 | 1076 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 | <2 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L Gravimetric | 403 | 721 | 769 | 917 | 563 | 731 | 400 | 436 | 205 | 840 |
| TDS by conductivity factor (0.55), mg/L | 397 | 590 | 718 | 782 | 481 | 566 | 249 | 416 | 292 | 592 |
| Conductivity factor 8/9 | 0.56 | 0.67 | 0.59 | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.71 | 0.88 | 0.58 | 0.39 | 0.78 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 170 | 302 | 340 | 278 | 232 | 296 | 182 | 164 | 212 | 370 |
| P alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--------|-----|------|------|
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 170 | 302 | 340 | 278 | 232 | 296 | 182 | 154 | 212 | 370 |
| Bicarbonates(alk.x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 207 | 368 | 414 | 339 | 280 | 361 | 222 | 200 | 258 | 451 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 226 | 326 | 216 | 420 | 242 | 280 | 186 | 128 | 168 | 390 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 124 | 160 | 104 | 248 | 124 | 156 | 132 | 70 | 96 | 260 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 102 | 166 | 112 | 172 | 118 | 124 | 54 | 58 | 72 | 130 |
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 49 | 64 | 42 | 99 | 50 | 62 | 53 | 28 | 38 | 104 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 24 | 40 | 27 | 41 | 28 | 30 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 31 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 12 | 58 | 44 | 93 | 25 | 57 | 77 | 50 | 49 | 37 |
| Sulphates as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 43 | 18 | 34 | 49 | 30 | 4 | 38 | 38 | 13 | 18 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.11 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0.5 | 0.05 | Nil |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 3.7 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 8.5 | 2.2 | Traces | 5.1 | 0.4 | -- |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | -- |
| Ammonia, phosphate, mg/L | Nil | Nil | Nil | + | Nil | + | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Ionic strength | 6.2 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 12.1 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 11.4 |
| Calculated carbon dioxide ,mg/L as CaCO_3 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 56 | 46 | 36 | 18 | 33 | 15 | 0 |

Table 2 b : Water quality dug wells

Note: 1) CL- Colourless; UO- Unobjectionable, + indicates presence of ammonia and phosphat

Table 3 contains averages of parameters and standard deviation both bore and dug well water quality.

Table 3: Average water qualitybore & dug wells

| Parameters | Bore wells | Dug wells |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| pH | 7.0 - 8.5 | 6.7-8.2 |
| Conductivity, μS | 1266 | 1032 |
| Turbidity, NTU | <5 | <5 |
| Total dissolved solids, mg/L , | 931 \pm 531 | 732 \pm 308 |
| Total alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 272 \pm 109 | 277 \pm 95 |
| MO alkalinity as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 272 | 277 |
| Bicarbonates (T.alk.x 1.22) mg/L as CaCO_3 | 332 | 337 |
| Total Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 371 \pm 225 | 301 \pm 141 |
| Ca Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 223 \pm 165 | 176 \pm 70 |
| Mg Hardness as CaCO_3 , mg/L | 149 \pm 83 | 131 \pm 84 |
| Calcium as Ca^{++} , mg/L | 89 \pm 66 | 68 \pm 30 |
| Magnesium as Mg^{++} , mg/L | 37 \pm 32 | 32 \pm 21 |
| Chloride as Cl^- , mg/L | 143 \pm 125 | 83 \pm 72 |
| Sulphates as SO_4^{--} , mg/L | 102 \pm 82 | 44 \pm 30 |
| Total Iron as Fe, mg/L | 0.52 | 0.14 |
| Reactive silica as SiO_2 , mg/L | 7.9 | 6.6 |
| Fluoride, mg/L | 1.2 \pm 0.8 | 0.8 \pm 0.4 |
| Carbon dioxide | | |
| Ionic strength from relationship $\mu = \sum(m_i z_i^2)/2$ where m_i =molar conc. of ion , z_i = ionic charge | 14.24 \pm 6.5 | 10.73 \pm 3.9 |

II. DISCUSSION

A. Water quality

Comparison of water quality in Tables 1 & 2 with IS 10500 (2012)² for drinking water quality indicated that all samples were acceptable for as per their physical and chemical characteristics. Disinfection will be necessary.

B. Total dissolved solids

Total solids in groundwater can be approximated by equation

$TDS = k_e E^3$ where TDS is expressed in mg/L and EC is the electrical conductivity at room temperature expressed as micro $\mu S/cm$ K_e is the multiplying factor.

Present study on water quality showed that average multiplying factor for tube and dug wells in Nagpur were respectively 0.73 and 0.69.

C. Ground water classification

Water, generally is classified based on concentration of TDS. TDS in fresh water is normally less than 500 mg/L. Brackish water dissolved solids vary from 500 to 30,000 mg/L. In saline water TDS exceed 30,000 to 40,000 mg/L.

This study has shown that ground water (both shallow & deep wells) in Nagpur is brackish since average values exceed 700 mg/L.

D. Ionic strength

Dissolved solids in ground water are contributed by minerals present in soil and rocks which are in contact with water and also from decaying vegetation, if present. Solutions of various ions in natural waters are “dilute” in normal chemical sense. Ground water can contain metastable concentrations of some ions for a long time. Total concentration of dissolved ions i.e. ionic strength of any water has significance both in domestic and industrial uses because degree and type of scales during water uses depend on ionic concentration/ TDS present in any water.

Ionic strength of each water sample was calculated using the expression $\mu = \sum (m_i z_i^2) / 2^4$, where m_i is the molar concentration of a ion and z_i is its charge. Ionic strengths of samples are also included in Tables 1a to 1d and 2 a & 2b given earlier. Classification of Nagpur bore and dug wells as per ionic strengths are given in Table 4.

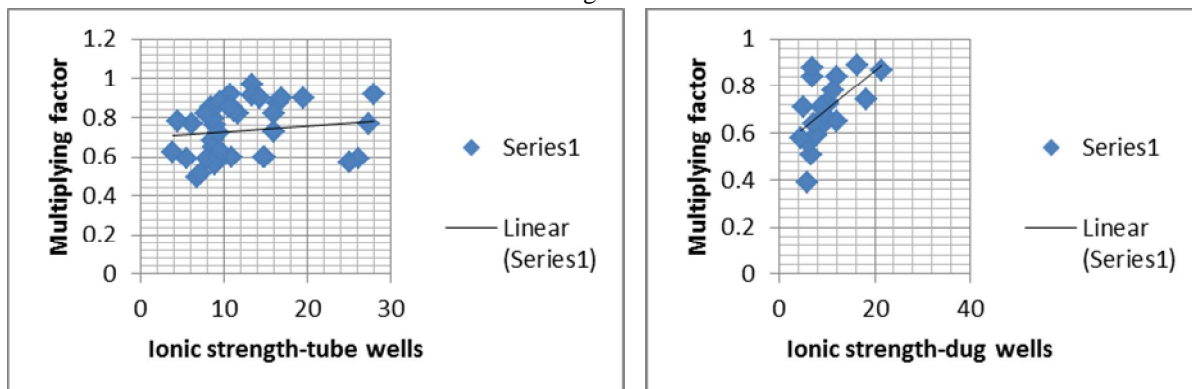
Table 4 : Ionic strengths of ground water

| Calculated ionic strength | % of bore wells | % of dug wells |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <6 | 5 | 10 |
| 6-8 | 17.5 | 35 |
| 8-10 | 30.0 | 25 |
| 10-12 | 12.5 | 15 |
| 12-14 | 2.5 | -- |
| 14-16 | 12.5 | 5 |
| 16-18 | 5.0 | 5 |
| 18-20 | 2.5 | -- |
| 20-22 | 2.5 | -- |
| 22-24 | 5.0 | -- |
| 24-26 | 2.5 | 5 |
| 26-28 | 2.5 | -- |

Table 4 shows that majority of bore and dug wells have ionic strengths varying between 8 & 12. Relatively lower percentage of high ionic concentration in bore wells shows that soluble ions are less in strata where bore wells are located.

Scatter diagram between multiplying factor and ionic strengths of bore wells and dug wells water is included in Figure 4

Figure 4



E. Environment & ionic strength of water

Ionic strength of ground water in dug and bore wells depends on environment/ location around a well as on geology. In order to specify environmental conditions around tube & dug wells Nagpur city was divided into eight cardinal directions with respect to zero mile stone (Fig.3).

Sources mentioned in Tables 1a to 1d and in 2a to 2b have been classified in **Table 5** as per major activities in the area in which they are located. This table also shows if localities were recent or residential or commercial or near industrial area.

Table 5: Locations, activity & duration of sources vis-a vis ionic strengths

| Predominant activity | Number of sources | old/new | Direction | Ionic strength | Average ionic strength |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Industrial | 13 | 8/4 | N,NE,W | 3.8-28.1, | 15.4 |
| Domestic | 22 | 9/13 | NE,SW,S, SE | 5.6- 16.6, | 11.1 |
| Domestic / Commercial | 5 | 5/0 | E, SE, W | 6.8-25.8 | 12.3 |

Relatively higher values in industrial area can be due to in advertent wastewater discharges over the ground and subsequent percolation. Proper disposal of non -point waste water discharges from residential colonies is necessary.

F. Saturation index

It is important in case of natural water to verify if there is equilibrium between carbonate minerals when in contact with water. Two saturation indices viz. Langelier and Ryzner of a water are useful and important because they indicate scaling or corrosive properties of water. Langelier index is applicable to a "stationary/stored" water while Ryzner index is more useful in dynamic systems where water comes across different environment during its use e.g. cooling water systems.

Water is scale forming if Langelier Index is positive and is corrosive if it is negative. Interpretation of Ryzner index of water is as follows³

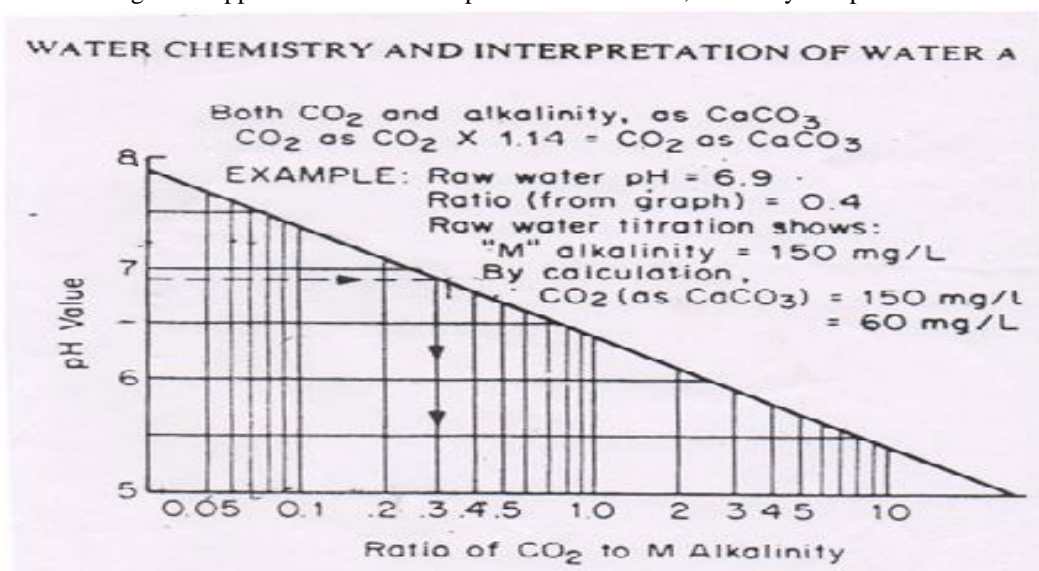
| Index | Inference, water can be |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 4-5 | heavy scale forming |
| 5-6 | slight scale forming |
| 6-7 | in equilibrium |
| 7-7.5 | slightly corrosive |
| >7.5 | highly corrosive |

Langelier and Ryzner indices for all samples from bore and dug wells were calculated to find if they were in equilibrium or corrosive or scale forming. Percentages of aggressive (corrosive), scale forming and samples in equilibrium with respect to calcium carbonate are given in following table.

| Source | In equilibrium % | | slightly Corrosive % | | Highly corrosive % | | Slightly Scale forming % | |
|-----------|------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| | L.I. | R.I. | L.I. | R.I. | L.I. | R.I. | L.I. | R.I. |
| Bore well | 5 | 55 | 70 | 22.5 | - | 12.5 | 25 | 10 |
| Dug well | 5 | 30 | 40 | 30 | - | 30 | 55 | 10 |

This table shows that majority (55%) of bore wells samples are in equilibrium as per Ryzner index. About 60 per cent dug well samples were found to be corrosive. One of the reasons for water to be corrosive is the presence of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide can be present in ground water due to natural water systems which include CO_3^{2-} , HCO_3^- , OH^- . It can also be present during microbial decomposition of organic matter. Presence of dissolved/free carbon dioxide will make water corrosive. All water samples indicated pH between 6.7-8.2. Therefore there was a balance between CO_2 and bicarbonate ions which was measured by pH value. There is approximate relationship between carbon dioxide, alkalinity and pH value which is shown in following Figure which is reproduced from reference ³.

Figure 5 Approximate relationships of carbon dioxide, alkalinity and pH value.



G. Carbon dioxide

Computed carbon dioxide concentrations in water samples are included in Tables 1a-1d and 2a & 2b. There was no correlation between R.I. and free carbon-dioxide.

Average carbon dioxide concentration in bore wells was 18.5 mg/L as CaCO_3 and was 34.3 mg/L as CaCO_3 in dug wells. Higher carbon dioxide in dug wells is expected because they are accessible to human activities, decay of aquatic growths within wells leading to siltation. Decay at bottom of wells will add to CO_2 in water.

Hardness in natural water is due to multivalent cations which in the present case were calcium and magnesium ions. Sixty five to sixty seven per cent ground water samples including those from bore and dug wells showed presence of non-carbonate hardness because total hardness exceeded total alkalinity. Type of hardness is indicative of probable composition of scales. Calcium sulphate scales will be predominant if sulphate is high and such scales are difficult to remove. Location of wells with low sulphate concentration are close to fresh water bodies in Nagpur e.g. bore well near pond no. 3 Koradi. Thirty per cent bore wells showed sulphate beyond 100 mg/L. Average sulphate was 102 ± 82 mg/L for bore and 44 ± 30 mg/L for dug wells. Non carbonate hardness can be also due to chloride ions whose averages and standard deviations are included in Table 3.

Both chloride and sulphate are likely to be contributed to ground water by anthropogenic activities.

H. Probable composition of scales

Natural water is likely to leave residue on after evaporation/during use. Average bore and dug well water quality was used to compute probable chemical composition of residue. Average sodium ion concentrations (by calculation) in these samples were 223 mg/L in bore and 195 mg/L in dug well. It is given below;

| Source | Probable composition of scales mg/L | Total residue, mg/L |
|-----------|--|------------------------|
| Bore well | CaCO ₃ -223; MgCO ₃ -130; Na ₂ CO ₃ -186; Na ₂ SO ₄ -236 NaCl-151 | 926 |
| Dug well | CaCO ₃ -170; MgCO ₃ -112; Na ₂ CO ₃ -276 ; Na ₂ SO ₄ -65 NaCl-137 | 760 |

III. CONCLUSIONS

- Ground water within Nagpur city premises is calcium-magnesium bicarbonate type.
- Calcium and magnesium carbonates will be main contents of scales during use of these sources.
- Sodium adsorption ratio (SAR) of bore and dug well is less than 3, hence there is no need of restriction on their use for irrigation.
- Corrosion of plumbing material for domestic use should be expected. Corrosion of pipes drawing water can contribute iron which is undesirable for membrane filters / reverse osmosis units.

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