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# Design and Analysis of Water Distribution System Network for a Rural Area of Gujarat State by Using EPANET

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**Abstract:** This study presents the use of EPANET software in the design of the water distribution network for Vadi village in Umarpada District, Gujarat State. The major purpose of providing a good distribution network is to provide sufficient pressure at each point with less loss.

A water distribution network consists of pipes, tanks etc. EPANET software is simulation tool which is used for efficient distribution of water supply. For the analysis of existing water distribution system various data are required like, Main water source, Population of the area, Demand for water, Requirement of the pumps, Distribution Network, and water tanks. The Google Earth Image of Vadi village is downloaded and the elevation of a node, length of pipe was recorded for nearly 112 junctions and 114 pipes.

These data were used in EPANET software for analysis of Pressure, Head loss, and Elevation. This analysis resulted in pressure and elevation at various nodes and head loss at various pipes.

The aim of our project is to analyses the water shortage problem of the vadi village and to supply safe wholesome water to the people of village up to 2051. The use of EPANET software has proven to be time saving and its application is especially for the analysis of larger distribution networks is recommended.

**Keywords:** Water Demand, WASMO, EPANET 2.2, Water Supply Network Nodes, Pipes, Elevation, Design analysis, Estimation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The design of water distribution system plays an important role which can overcome the water scarcity and the water demand by the users. Water distribution system is a hydraulic design leads to supply of water to the consumers, which consisting of pipes, tanks, reservoirs, pumps and valves etc.

Hence, it is necessary to supply water to the consumers efficiently so that the water could be used by the users to meet their demands. It can be achieved by designing a proper water distribution network.

The Vadi is one such village in Umarpada district where it takes many efforts to provide and reliable services to the citizens. Water supply is major part of it. It provides sufficient quality to every citizen at optimal cost but quantity is not satisfactory. As per collected data from governmental organization quantity of water supplied to the consumers is not satisfactory as per our survey the area receives water by Hand pumps and bore wells. Although there are certain problems reported by consumer and in order to tackle these problems, we decided to design the water distribution network by EPANET Software hence it will be helpful to Gram panchayat in future to laid pipe line and all essential elements of distribution network of water supply scheme in Vadi village.

### A. Ground Water

Groundwater is fresh water located in the subsurface pore space of soil and rocks. It is also water that is flowing within aquifers below the water table.

Groundwater can be thought of in the same terms as surface water: inputs, outputs and storage. The critical difference is that due to its slow rate of turnover, groundwater storage is generally much larger (in volume) compared to inputs than it is for surface water. This difference makes it easy for humans to use groundwater unsustainably for a long time without severe consequences. Nevertheless, over the long term the average rate of seepage above a groundwater source is the upper bound for average consumption of water from that source

TABLE 1.1 STAGE OF GROUND WATER EXTRACTION

Sl. No	Category	GWRA-2017		GWRA-2020		GWRA-2022		GWRA-2023	
		Number of AUs	% of AUs	Number of AUs	% of AUs	Number of AUs	% of AUs	Number of AUs	% of AUs
1	Safe	194	78	182	73	189	75	189	75
2	Semi-critical	11	4	24	10	20	8	20	8
3	Critical	5	2	4	2	7	3	8	3
4	Over-exploited	25	10	25	10	23	9	23	9
5	Saline	13	5	13	5	13	5	12	5
Total number of AUs		248		248		252		252	

**B. WASMO**

WASMO was created for bringing perceptible systemic changes through a paradigm shift in the role of governance from provider to facilitator and citizen’s engagement in drinking water service delivery at users’ level in rural areas of Gujarat State. In 1993, the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution created a paradigm shift in the drinking water sector.

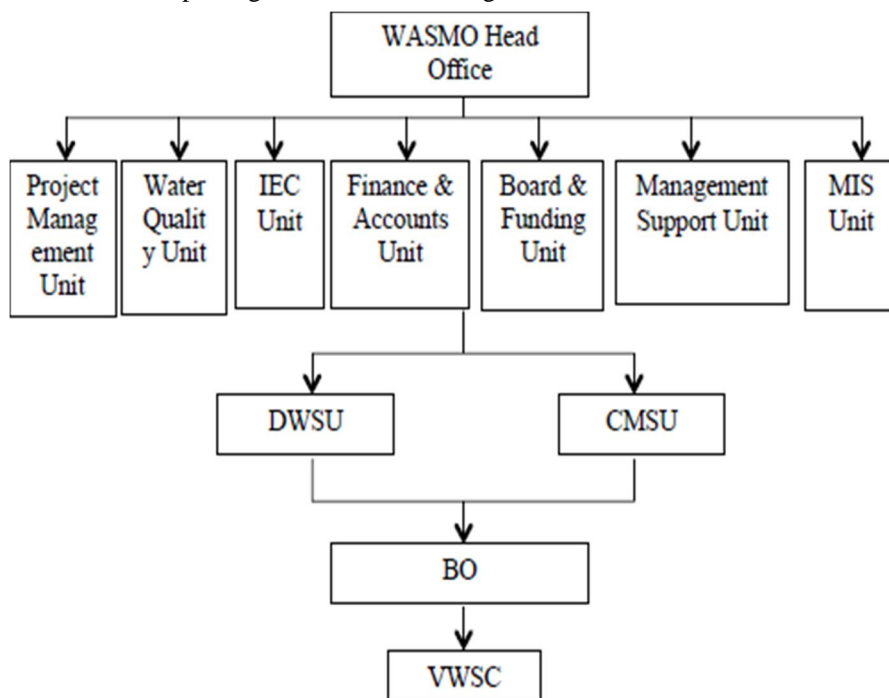


Figure 1.1: WASMO organization Chart

**C. AIM of Study**

To analyze the existing Water Distribution Network of Vadi Falia area of Vadi Village using hydraulic simulation software i.e. EPANET 2.2 and to report any improvements required in existing network and the mode of operation, in order to improve the quantity and quality of water distributed to the users and Provide 55 liters of tap water to every rural house under Jal Jeevan Mission, Har Ghar Jal Scheme initiated by Ministry of GOI.

#### D. Objective of Study

The overall objective of the project is to improve existing service level of drinking water supply system. The people those who are living in unhygienic area, harm their health by drinking unsafe, water from open locally constructed storage facility, so it is quite essential to improve their health and living standard by providing them potable and safe drinking water up to their doorstep and safe immediate objective are considered as under.

- 1) To find out water demand calculation of Vadi Faliya area in vadi Village.
- 2) Analysis and Design of Water Distribution Network for Steady State condition.
- 3) To find out Optimum Diameter for the Water Distribution Network.
- 4) To improve the quantity and quality of drinking water by upgrading in village water supply system ensuring sustainable source
- 5) Providing from no tap connection to 100% House Hold Tap Water connectivity in Just One Year! To enumerate all the hydraulic parameters for the designed network using EPANET 2.2 Software.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Md Belal Hossain, Nirmal Chandra Roy, (2021) This paper represents the analysis and design of the Water Distribution Network (WDN) system using EPANET for Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU), Dinajpur, Bangladesh. Supply of water is essentially required for academic, administrative, student hostel and residential buildings according to their occupancies. Water supply system with sufficient pressure head and technical sustainability is nowadays a challenging task for the researcher, respected authority and government tackling the crisis in provided safe water due to the rapid increase in population. EPANET is public domain software developed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which is used widely to design and analysis of water supply network system with reference to technical sustainability.

Dr. G. Venkata Ramanaa, (2021) In order to ensure the availability of sufficient quantity of good quality of water to the various section of community in Accordance with the demand. Many computer tools were developed, out of all the tools available EPANET become most popular and convenient for the effective design of complex pipe networks. This paper highlights only the effective design and distribution of network of pipes using EPANET tool. The residual head at each and every node was found out by having the elevation as input and thereby the corresponding flow quantities were derived like residual head, velocity and nodal demand etc.

Darshan Mehta, (2006) Pipe network analysis is the fluid flow through a hydraulics network containing several or many inter connected branches whose aim is to determine the flow rates and pressure drops in the individual sections of the network. Classical approach for automatically solving the problems of network is by using specialized software such as EPANET. The purpose of this study is to assess the performance of Limbayat zone water supply scheme using hydraulic simulation software and to address any improvements required to existing infrastructure and/or the mode of operation, in order to improve quantity and quality of water distributed to the consumers. As, Limbayat zone is facing water scarcity problem.

Wiwik Yunarni Widiarti, (2006) Fulfillments of drinking water needs are one of the government programs to support the Achievement of the target of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One of the important parameters in the fulfillment of drinking water needs is a good distribution system. The aims of this research are to create a design to analyze the hydraulic model of drinking water distribution. The utilized model involved the EPANET 2.2 software. The utilized data included land elevation, pipe distribution base map, population, and discharge.

G. Anisha (2016) The analysis is carried out based on various public demands, quantities of inflows and out flows of the over-head reservoirs. This analysis provides the information about various demands, losses, and uses of the public. The design of a new network of supply will make the municipality be aware of the new demands, rate of increase in the demands. The design is made keeping in view of the population growth rate, and the developing town. The design brings out an improvement in the existing network.

Bhavana Ajudiya, (2012) This paper concerns for the design of rural water distribution systems in developing countries. Most of population of India is staying in rural area. At end of nineteen century community is not getting water at their resident in the village. But water is basic need of human being and it is directly effect on human health. Indian government is decided to provide safe, regular and adequate water to the community at their resident. It is helpful to water supply engineers are facing the problem of designing new distribution network in haphazard developed rural area.

Vipinkumar G Yadav, (2015) Water supply system is a system of engineered hydrologic and hydraulic components which provide water supply. Water is one of the basic necessities of every living being in the world. Water demand is increasing day by day whether it is domestic, industrial and agricultural etc., but the source of water is limited. So, authorities around the world are faced with the problem to provide sufficient water from limited water source. Water distribution network are very important for development of an area as they serve many purposes in addition to the provision of water for human consumption and it directly influences the nation's development.



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Mr. M Sundaravaldivel, (2019) Water supply for drinking and domestic uses is an essential basic requirement for households and communities. Unlike in large urban settlements, for small communities in rural and outback areas conventional methods of water sourcing, extraction, and, supply are not cost effective. Especially so in the rural areas of developing countries, which need simple, alternative methods to satisfy their domestic water needs. Water supply to such rural communities can be sourced from rain water, groundwater or spring/surface water.

Mr. Krishna Pagilla, (2008) In conducting a survey of the population we found that Pignon is in need of a sustainable water supply and distribution system. We had no prior available data on the town, so we collected elevation data, figured water demand and modeled it against the supply, mapped the entire town, took a census of the population, and analyzed the flaws of the existing system. In examining the spring caps and stand pipe we found that it was necessary to repair them.

### III. STUDY AREA & DATA COLLECTION

#### A. Location Specifications

Area of study location: Google Earth application as used in this study enhanced the extraction of the area of study location from the spatial cloud before it was traced in EPANET 2.2 interface and later developed into the network for which the analysis was carried out. Vadi Village Gram Panchayat name is Vadi. Vadi is 17 km distance from Sub District Head Quarter Umarpada and it is 99 km distance from District Head Quarter Surat. Nearest Statutory Town is Mandvi in 27 km Distance. Vadi Total area is 921.3 hectares, Forest area is 226.27 hectares, Non-Agricultural area is 213.5 hectares, Total irrigated area is 32.2 hectares and Total Water fall area is 0 hectares



Figure 3.1 Study Area

#### B. Problem Summary

“Existing water distribution system of the vadi village is old and consumes a lot of power in distribution and insufficient to cater requirement of the entire population of the village because of the increase in population from last few decades. And it is necessary to make provision for additional water distribution system for present and future demand.”

Table 3.1 Population Data of Vadi village

Census Parameter	Census Data
Total Population	5648
Total No of Houses	1278
Female Population %	49.4 % (2790)
Total Literacy rate %	62.2 % (3513)
Female Literacy rate	27.5 % (1556)
Scheduled Tribes Population %	96.8 % (5468)

Scheduled Caste Population %	0.4 % (24)
Working Population %	45.0 %
Child(0 -6) Population by 2011	697
Girl Child(0 -6) Population % by 2011	45.2 % (315)

**C. Material**

Various types of water supply components make the whole system and they are connected in sequential form to convey the water from one place to another.

Components of the Water supply system:

- (1) Tube wells (2) Pumping Machinery (3) Sump (Underground Storage Reservoir) (4) Elevated Reservoir Tank (ESR) (5) Pump Room (6) Pipe lines (7) Valves

**D. The Grid Network**

There are three responsible for implementation of the program namely, GWSSB for implementing the distribution network, GWIL for bulk transmission of water from the Narmada to the villages and towns through various pipelines, and WASMO for distribution of water within village and for promoting Village Water and Sanitation Committees (Pani Samitis) for local management of the water supply. GWSSB is responsible for supply of water in a sump (underground water tank) in each village. WASMO has to facilitate the household drinking water connections within the village using the water provided by GWSSD in a sump.

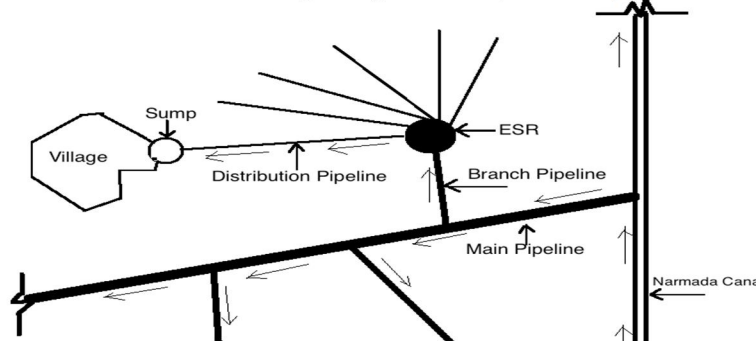
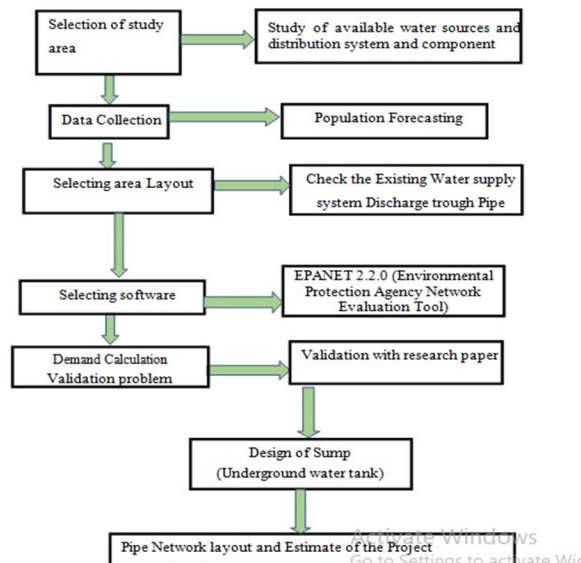


Figure 3.2 Layouts of WSNs (Grid Network)

**IV. METHODOLOGY**

**A. Flow Chart**



**B. Design Considerations**

The layout of the distribution network is drawn based on the existing road pattern .Length of the pipe is taken as the road length. The diameter of the pipe is considered based on the purpose served by the pipe, such as main, sub main, branch pipes. Pipe roughness coefficient is taken 120, since Galvanized Iron pipes are used. The simulation period was set for 24 hours.

**C. Demand Calculation**

Geometrical Increase Method is used for population forecasting. In this method the percentage increase in population from decade to decade is assumed to remain constant. Geometric mean increase is used to find out the future increment in population.

**D. Steps in Using EPANET**

Initially draw a network representation of distribution system from the extracted map. Then edit the properties of the objects that make up the system. The input parameters for each nodes and pipes are to be properly assigned. Describe how the system is operated. Then select a set of analysis options. Finally run a hydraulic/water quality analysis. The last step is to view the results of the analysis.

**E. Model Input Parameters**

In order to analyze the water distribution network using EPANET following input data files are needed:

1) **Junction Report:** Junctions are points in the network where links join together and where water enters or leaves the network. The basic input data required for junctions are:

- Elevation above some reference (usually mean sea level)
- Water demand (rate of withdrawal from the network)
- Initial water quality the output results computed for junctions at all time periods of a simulation are:
- Hydraulic head (internal energy per unit weight of fluid)
- Pressure
- Water quality

2) **Pipe Report:** Pipes are links that convey water from one point in the network to another. EPANET assumes that all pipes are full at all times. Flow direction is from the end at higher hydraulic head (internal energy per weight of water) to that at lower head.

The principal hydraulic input parameters for pipes are:

- Start and end nodes
- Diameter
- Length
- Roughness coefficient (for determining Head-loss)
- Status (open, closed, or contains a check valve)

The output results for pipes include:

- Flow rate
- Velocity
- Head-loss
- Darcy-Weisbach friction factor
- Average reaction rate (over the pipe length)
- Average water quality

The hydraulic head lost by water flowing in a pipe due to friction with the pipe walls can be computed using one of three different formulas:

- Hazen-Williams formula
  - Darcy-Weisbach formula
  - Chezy-Manning formula
- The Hazen-Williams formula is the most commonly used head loss formula in Kerala by Kerala Water Authority.

HOUR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FACTOR	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	2.00

HOUR	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FACTOR	1.50	1.00	0.80	0.40	0.30	0.75	1.50	1.00	0.40	0.30	0.25	0.10

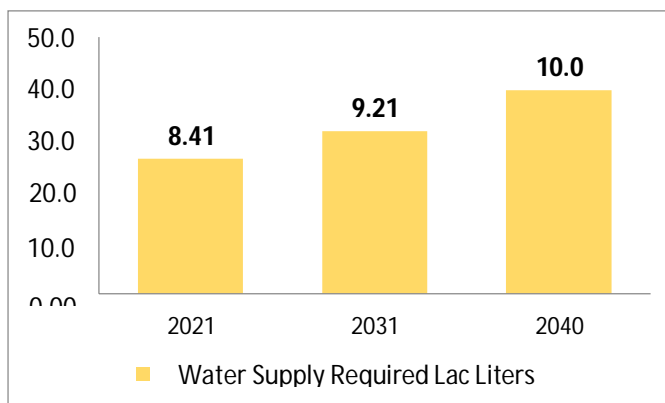
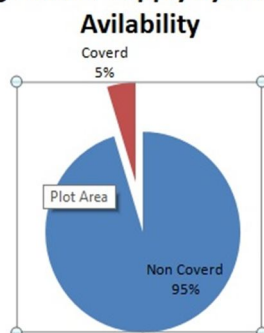


Figure 4.1: Water Supply Demand Projection

**A. Gap & Need/Demand Assessment**

- 1) For sustainable development of Vadi village, it is essential to ensure adequate supply of water in terms of reliability, quality, and quantity.
- 2) Approximate 1278 Nos. of households in 23 pockets are not covered under water supply distribution network. As per existing the water supply scheme of village, 4.80 % of habitat area is getting water through piped network, while 98.20 % of habitat area is yet to be not covered under water supply system.

**Vadi Village Water Supply System Network**



**V. DESIGN & ANALYSIS IN EPANET 2.2**

**A. Steps Required for Simulation**

- 1) Using the backdrop draw a water distribution network.
- 2) Edit EPANET elements like length, diameter, roughness coefficient, water demand for pipe and demand pattern, node elevation for the node.
- 3) Allow 24hrs for simulation.
- 4) Run the analysis.
- 5) Finally, check the results.

**B. Steps in Designing Water Distribution Network**

- 1) Preparation of preliminary layout.
- 2) Computing pipe pressure, discharge.
- 3) Calculate pipe diameters.
- 4) Length of pipe.
- 5) Estimate of the project cost.



Table 5.1 Population Data of Vadi village

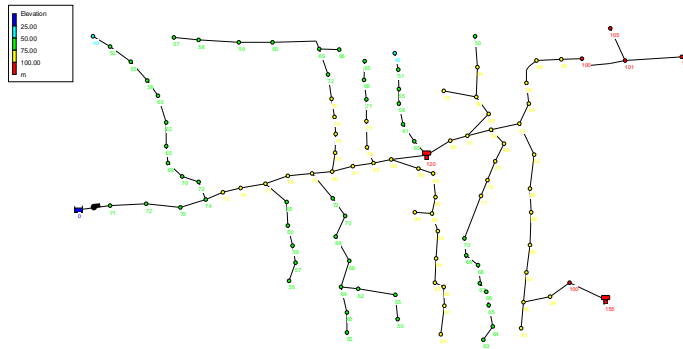


Figure 5.1: Adding Pipe junction on one time

C. Population Data Base Demand of Vadi village

$$762480/24=31770$$

$$5648*135= 31770$$

$$10/100 =0.10$$

$$Q = A * V$$

$$\pi * r^2$$

$$0.785$$

$$1.27388535$$

fluid Flow velocity in a circular pipe can be calculated with SI unit as

$$v=1.273q/d^2$$

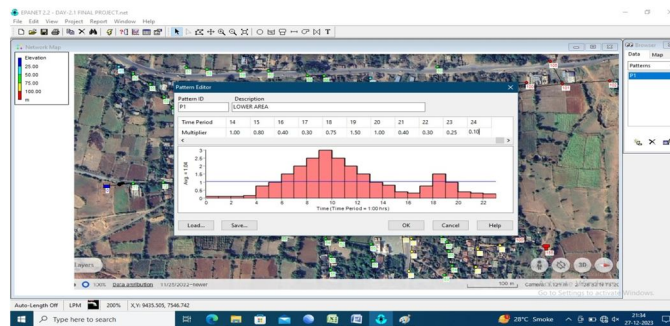


Figure 5.2: Hour Wise Demand Pattern

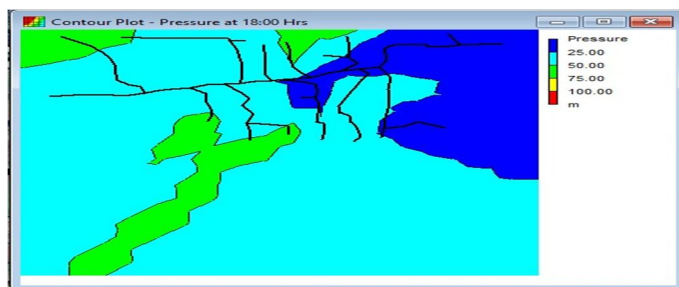


Figure 5.3: Contour Plot of Hour Wise Water Pressure

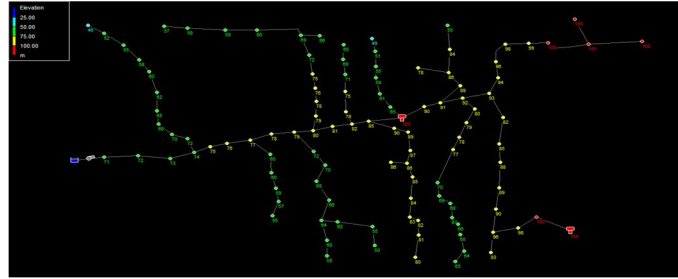


Figure 5.4 Legend Wise Velocity of water in EPANET 2.2

Showing a Legend on the Map Browser, select what needs to be displayed, and the appropriate legend will be displayed on the side of the network map. The legend can be edited by right-clicking on the legend. EPANET has the ability to allow the user to select the intervals for the legends. Finally, check the results.

## VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### A. Viewing the Results in Tables

On the toolbar, select Table. Then select the information that is desired. The columns to be printed can be selected using the middle tab on the active window. The results for the junctions and pipes are shown in the tables below.

Table 6.1 Network Table for Node ID

Node ID	Elevation m	Base Demand LPM	Demand LPM	Head m	Pressure m
Junc J1	71	4.219	0.42	109.26	38.26
Junc J2	72	1.125	0.11	109.25	37.25
Junc J3	73	1.875	0.19	109.24	36.24
Junc J4	74	2.625	0.26	109.24	35.24
Junc J5	75	3.000	0.30	109.23	34.23
Junc J6	76	1.500	0.15	109.23	33.23
Junc J7	77	1.125	0.11	109.22	32.22
Junc J8	78	1.688	0.17	109.18	31.18
Junc J9	79	1.875	0.19	109.15	30.15
Junc J10	80	3.000	0.30	109.12	29.12
Junc J11	81	1.875	0.19	109.09	28.09
Junc J12	82	6.094	0.61	109.06	27.06
Junc J13	85	4.406	0.44	109.04	24.04
Junc J14	90	3.844	0.38	109.71	19.71
Junc J15	91	3.656	0.37	110.17	19.17
Junc J16	92	4.219	0.42	110.81	18.81
Junc J17	93	3.469	0.35	111.59	18.59
Junc J18	94	2.906	0.29	111.59	17.59
Junc J19	96	3.563	0.36	111.59	15.59
Junc J20	98	2.625	0.26	111.59	13.59
Junc J21	99	2.063	0.21	111.59	12.59

Table 6.2 Network Table for Link ID

Link ID	Length m	Diameter mm	Roughness	Flow LPM	Velocity m/s	Unit Headloss m/km	Friction Factor	Status
Pipe Pi1	521.57	300	50	100.35	0.02	0.02	0.203	Open
Pipe Pi2	497.97	300	50	100.24	0.02	0.02	0.203	Open
Pipe Pi3	383.64	300	50	100.05	0.02	0.02	0.203	Open
Pipe Pi4	268.03	300	50	91.04	0.02	0.02	0.206	Open
Pipe Pi5	263.08	300	50	90.74	0.02	0.02	0.206	Open
Pipe Pi6	363.63	300	50	90.59	0.02	0.02	0.206	Open
Pipe Pi7	342.99	200	50	87.77	0.05	0.11	0.197	Open
Pipe Pi8	351.80	200	50	87.60	0.05	0.11	0.197	Open
Pipe Pi9	291.49	200	50	84.83	0.05	0.10	0.198	Open
Pipe Pi10	308.63	200	50	80.52	0.04	0.09	0.199	Open
Pipe Pi11	301.94	200	50	80.33	0.04	0.09	0.199	Open
Pipe Pi12	261.28	200	50	77.51	0.04	0.09	0.200	Open
Pipe Pi13	515.88	200	50	70.90	0.04	0.07	0.203	Open
Pipe Pi14	398.37	200	50	-397.99	0.21	1.79	0.157	Open
Pipe Pi15	256.91	200	50	-398.38	0.21	1.79	0.157	Open
Pipe Pi16	352.11	200	50	-400.23	0.21	1.81	0.157	Open
Pipe Pi17	418.72	200	50	-407.65	0.22	1.87	0.157	Open
Pipe Pi18	313.20	200	50	2.31	0.00	0.00	0.312	Open
Pipe Pi19	292.36	200	50	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.328	Open

## VII. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The values for pressure, head loss and velocity of flow generated by the EPANET 2.2 simulation were validated. The need to validate or check the results obtained from the hydraulic solver as presented in table 3 and 4 is very important to ascertain that the calibration done at the conception of the simulation is in line with the hydraulic principles adopted as used in real life situation. At the end of the analysis it was found that the resulting pressures at all the nodes and the flows with their velocities at all links are sufficient enough to provide water to the study area. The prime consideration of this study was to analyze and design of a water distribution network for Vadi Village. Total number of 112 nodes, 114 links, 2 elevated storage tanks and 2 pumps are provided in distribution network to meet the water requirement. The evaluation tools have been explored throughout the case study to identify the poor performance, network expansion points, nodes demand requirement. Highest and lowest pressure for node is generated within the range from 11.44 m to 21.61 m which is much higher than the 10 m or 1 bar required to maintain service standard of water supply. About 45.5% nodes having pressure above 20 m, percentage of node having pressure within 15 m to 20 m is 50% and 4.5% nodes having pressure below 15 m. Flow through the pipes ranges from 0.013 LPS to 29.332 LPS. Percentage of the number of pipes having velocity above 1 m/s is 4.5%, 71.5% pipes having velocity within the range between 0.2 m/s to 1 meter per second and rest of the 24% pipes having velocity below 0.2 m/s. Considering the above all the factors, the design and design periods of different component & Cost Estimation of the water supply system has been established in vadi village for provision of good quality of water under Jal Jeevan Mission, Har Ghar Jal Scheme initiated by Ministry of GOI.

## VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

Formation of Pani Samiti with consensus of people in Gram Sabha (2) Participatory Rural Appraisal with community involvement (3) Preparation of Village Action Plan by community Implementation of the Scheme by community (4) Independent Financial Operations by Pani Samiti with guidance of WASMO (5) Operation & Maintenance of System by Community (6) Capacity building of the Pani Samiti and sharing of information with villagers

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