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Preliminary Assessment for Physico-Chemical Parameters of Ground Water in and Around Gundlapochampally, Medchal Malkajgiri District Telangana

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Abstract: Ground water is one of the most valuable natural sources of drinking water and various usages with increase in urbanization and industrialization, health conditions are influenced by the chemical aspects of groundwater and geology of the region. Access to wholesome drinking water remains an urgent necessity. Ground water is one of the most valuable natural sources of drinking water and various usages. Within the world as it is directly related to the health. Groundwater accounts for more than 80% of the rural domestic water supply in India. The integrated ground water prospects maps are preferred by using different thematic layers like Geology, Geomorphology, Structures, Hydrology, etc. Drinking water quality data of Rural Water supply sources situated in Gundlapochampally village, Medchal district is studied for the parameters of pH, Electrical Conductivity, Total Dissolved Solids, Total Hardness, Calcium Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium, Alkalinity, Acidity, Chloride, Nitrate, Fluoride, Bi-carbonate. The results were compared with the drinking water standards given by World Health Organization and Bureau of Indian Standards. Thus this research work recommended that the potassium and bicarbonates contaminated water in Gundlapochampally region is not at all fit for drinking as a solution it was suggested that the solid waste treatment plant should be setup to handle crisis.

Keywords: Groundwater, Potability, pH, Alkalinity, Dissolved Solids, Dissolved Oxygen, Hardness

I. INTRODUCTION

Two-thirds of the earth surface is covered by water. Water is very important to life, without water our life cannot move. Availability of quality freshwater is one of the most critical environmental issues of the twenty-first century. Groundwater is an important water resource for domestic and agriculture in both rural and urban parts of India. The chemical composition of groundwater is very important criteria that determine the quality of water. Water quality is very important and often degraded due to agricultural, industrial and human activities. Even though the natural environmental processes provide by means of removing pollutants from water, there are definite limits. It is up to the people to provide security to protect and maintain quality of water. Drinking water with good quality is very important to improve the life of people and to prevent diseases. Pollution of groundwater comes from many sources. Discharge of waste disposal from agriculture, industries and municipalities are main source of groundwater pollution. Sometimes surface run-off also brings mud, leaves, and human and animal wastes into surface water bodies. These pollutants may enter directly into the groundwater and contaminate it. Water quality index calculation comprises anions and cations weight which is then compared with Indian water quality standards; therefore, it follows the standard hydro-chemical laboratory analysis procedure, determined concentration of parameters. One has to note that parameters are seldom weighed before their perceived importance concerning the index of groundwater quality, estimated as per the average atomic weight of the elements. Understanding the spatial distribution of water is essential to evaluate the characteristics of water in that geography. This is done by using geospatial techniques. Gundlapochampally is located in the northern part of the Medchal-Malkajgiri District in Telangana State. It lies between North latitudes 17° 32'–17° 40' and East longitudes 78° 22'–78° 35'. The average elevation is 602 m. The geographical area is 150.3 km². Gundlapochampally Village Total population is 9009 (as per Census 2011) and the rainfall is around 812.3805 mm.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The hydro-geochemical analysis explores the groundwater problem of the MedchalMandal using GIS, and remote sensing techniques. In this regard, groundwater samples were collected in December month in MedchalMandal.

Eugene Brown has recommended standards for safety precautions, security, and feasible site access that became the basis for our safety protocols. The following precautions were taken while collecting groundwater samples. They include:

- 1) Labeling of the bottles before collecting water.
- 2) Demarcation of exact GPS coordinates.
- 3) BIS standard gloves to be used.
- 4) Avoiding jewelry and other accessories to avoid contamination of Samples.

The samples were collected from different locations like land meant for cultivation, residential complexes, construction land, land where pump sets were installed, and all other possible regions where groundwater can be accessed. In the semi-urban region, few places such as motor bore wells in apartments, temples, and parks were used as sources for groundwater.

Thus, 27 groundwater samples were collected in water bottles in Gundlapochampally and analyzed in a geochemical laboratory. A total of 14 elements have been calculated in ppm or mg/l. These parameters are pH, EC, TDS, TH, Ca, Mg, Na, K HCO₃, Alkalinity, Acidity, Cl⁻, NO₃, Fluoride.

Tabulated form of total water parameters values is documented in an excel sheet and was run through the Quantum GIS Software where each column had relevant details such as sample number, latitude, longitudes, and values of elements as per ppm or mg/L.

The results of each water parameter were then spread on the raster image based on the variable sample location. Attribute values are segregated by using the reclassification method with equal distance.

III. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The statistical analyses and Water quality index were applied to further comprehend the geochemical processes and anthropogenic influences. It comprises a Hierarchical cluster analysis, Pearson statistical correlation matrix and Scatter plots. The hierarchical cluster analysis usually uses a dendrogram, showing data in a possible comparable group of variables or associations, known as Q mode cluster. Graphical representation of scatter plots shows a correlation between two elements in geochemical data of highly positive and negative bonding. A pair of elements correlated with each other and formed a scatter plot. Scatter plots have a group of density and active simultaneous variables. Positive graphs indicate an increase in the concentration of one element with respect to another element. Highly positive and highly negative plots are a good indication to understand the dominance of water elements in groundwater.

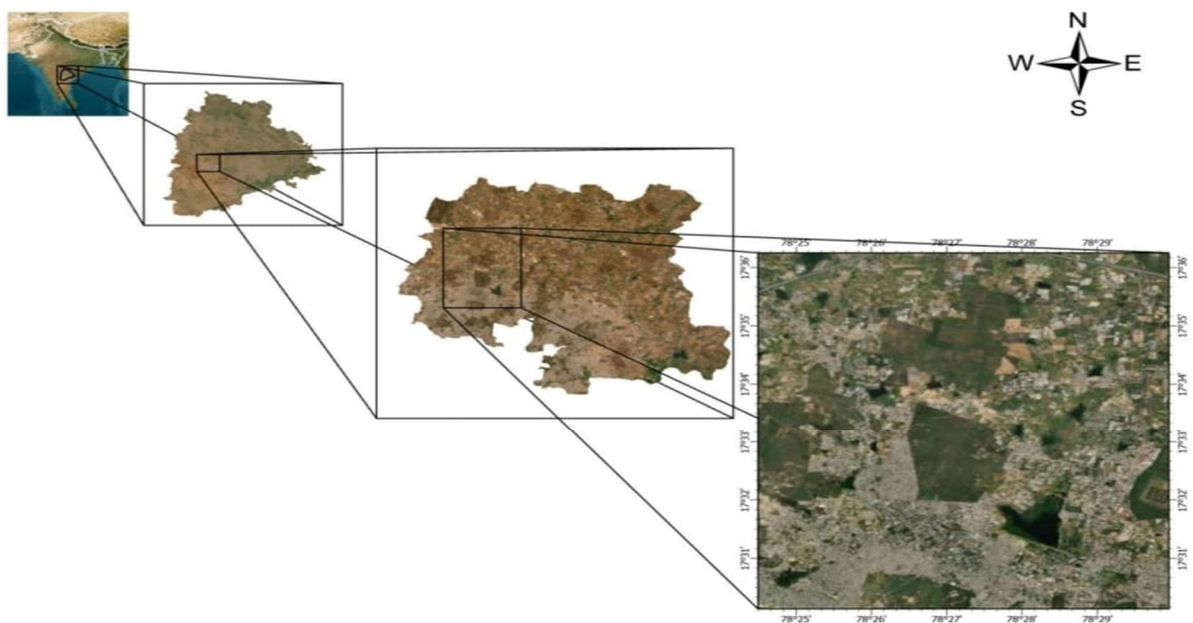


Fig 1: Location map of study area

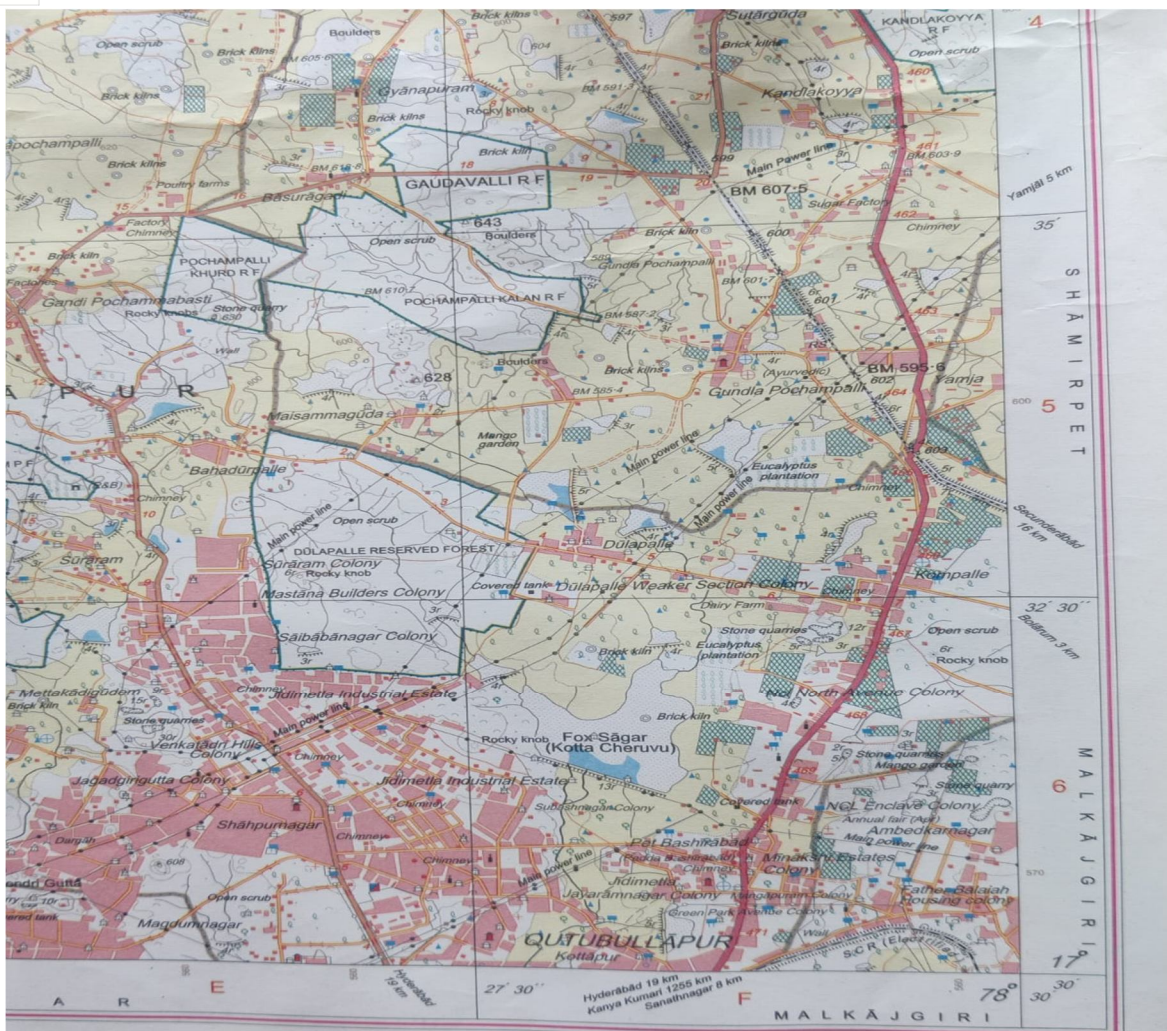


Fig 2: Topographical map of study area

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The pH of water is a very important indication of its quality and provides important piece of information regarding types of geochemical equilibrium. The pH of the analyzed samples varies from 6.47 to 8.03 with mean value of 7.09 in the study area, indicating alkaline nature. pH values of all the collected samples are well within the safe limit as prescribed by WHO (1990). Though pH has no direct effect on human health, all biochemical reactions are sensitive to variation of pH. The electric conductivity (EC) values for study area ranges from 235 to 2118 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at 25 °C with an average value of 595.24 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. The higher EC may be attributed to high salinity and high mineral content at the sampling site. It depends upon temperature, concentration and type of ions present in groundwater and also concentration of EC increases with the concentration of TDS. Total dissolved solids (TDS) in water comprise all inorganic salts including carbonate, bicarbonate, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, calcium, Magnesium, sodium, and potassium (Sawyer 1994). Total dissolved solids of the ground water, in the study area, vary from 150 to 1355 mg/L with an average of 377.82 mg/L. The groundwater of the study area has been classified based on TDS values, according to the procedure suggested by US Geological Survey 2000. It is clear from Table 4 that 94.11% of groundwater samples fall into freshwater category, whereas 5.88% of groundwater

Samples fall into slightly saline category (Table 4). The acceptable limit of total hardness (TH) (as CaCO_3) is 300 mg/L, which can be extended up to 600 mg/L in case of non-availability of any alternate water source (WHO 1990). The total hardness as CaCO_3 equivalents in the study area ranges from 35 to 850 mg/L with mean value of 197.35 mg/L (Tables 2, 3). Sawyer et al. (2003) classified groundwater is given in Table 4, according to which 35.29% of samples belongs to moderate-hard type, and 38.23 and 17.64% of water belong to hard and very hard type, respectively.

Table 1: Water Quality analysis data in study area

S.no	Vlg/Clny Name	Latitude	Longitude	Sample no	pH	EC	TD S	T H	C a	M g	Na K	HCo 3	Alkalinity	Acidity	Cl -	NO 3	Fluoride		
1	Laxminagar	17.5705	78.4888	LN 1	7.6	183	137	19	4	23	8	2	580	32	3	35	0	1.5	
2	Sainagar	17.5524	78.4935	SN 1	7.4	179	130	19	5	8	30	8	0	490	30	2.5	61	0.5	1.5
3	Laxminagar	17.5578	78.4887	LN 2	7.5	185	125	19	4	37	7	1	530	24.2	2.3	50	0.5	1.1	
4	Laxminagar	17.5605	78.4884	LN 3	7.3	189	118	20	3	58	5	8	807	21.5	1.6	39	0.3	1.25	
5	Gundlapochamp ally	17.566	78.486	GP 1	6.9	169	129	21	5	21	6	1	570	20.5	2.6	24	0	1.05	
6	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5714	78.4801	GP 2	6.8	178	134	20	5	45	4	2	615	22.1	2.5	30	0	1.5	
7	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5714	78.4801	GP 3	6.7	165	123	22	4	62	5	6	510	32.3	2.9	35	0.5	1.25	
8	Aparna lotus	17.5669	78.474	AL 1	7.0	157	145	21	3	61	9	2	560	22.2	2.3	38	0.3	1	
9	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5756	78.4797	GP 4	6.9	167	114	19	3	31	0	7	570	28.2	2.5	27	0.4	1.5	
10	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5842	78.4765	GP 5	7.1	174	149	20	4	27	0	3	550	30.4	3.1	35	1	1.5	
11	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5865	78.4748	GP 6	7.0	169	123	18	8	35	8	3	580	42.6	2.2	48	0	1.75	
12	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5866	78.4747	GP 7	7.0	178	133	20	4	42	6	6	490	20.1	3.6	46	1	1.9	
13	Kandlakoya	17.5991	78.4789	KL 1	6.9	157	134	18	5	49	5	3	460	31.3	3.3	32	0.5	1	
14	Kandlakoya	17.5994	78.4789	KL 2	7.8	155	147	21	6	58	40	7	580	32.2	3.8	40	0.3	1.6	
15	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5749	78.4785	GP 7	7.1	152	143	20	4	81	5	4	520	24.8	3.3	46	0	1	
16	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5718	78.4811	GP 8	7.0	174	140	20	5	33	8	6	560	22.2	2.4	36	0.3	1	
17	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5715	78.4811	GP 9	6.9	167	126	21	7	30	8	2	620	23.8	2.3	28	0.5	1	
18	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5747	78.4824	10	6.9	172	127	19	5	47	4	1	680	24.5	1.9	20	1	1.5	
19	Laxminagar	17.5718	78.4825	LN 4	7.8	179	132	20	6	41	3	5	590	20.3	4.5	28	0.5	1	
20	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5663	78.4769	GP	7.0	168	124	19	3	47	9	1	530	34	4.3	25	0.3	1.8	
21	Gundlapochamp ally	17.5658	78.4771	GP	7.2	182	130	19	5	53	0	2	575	36.1	4.8	50	0.5	1	
22	Maisammgudem	17.547	78.4687	MG 1	7.8	199	132	21	4	58	7	8	515	34	3.6	40	0.5	1	
23	Maisammgudem	17.547	78.4687	MG 2	5	194	129	21	5	49	9	4	610	38.1	3.8	36	1	1.5	
24	Srinivasnagar	17.5411	78.4875	SN 2	7.0	189	131	19	6	53	6	5	630	30.8	2.5	49	0.3	1.5	
25	Laxminagar	17.5701	78.492	LN 4	7.1	179	135	19	7	30	1	5	580	26.2	2.9	60	0.5	1.3	
26	Kandlakoya	17.587	78.4862	KL 3	7.8	187	137	18	8	36	8	7	610	28.2	2.3	50	0	1.4	
27	Vivekanada colony	17.594	78.4862	VV 1	7.6	183	129	18	8	35	2	2	590	32.4	3.2	55	0	1.35	

Table1. The standards and weights assigned to each parameter

S.No.	Parameters	Standard limits(S _i)	Weights(w _i)
1	pH	6.5-8.5	4
2	Total Hardness(asCaCO ₃)	200mg/L	3
3	Total Alkalinity(asCaCO ₃)	200mg/L	3
4	Calcium	75mg/L	4
5	Magnesium	30mg/L	4
6	Chloride	250mg/L	5
7	Nitrate	45mg/L	4
8	Fluoride	1.0mg/L	2
9	Sulphate	200mg/L	2
10	Sodium*	200mg/L	1
11	Potassium*	10mg/L	1

Table2.Statistical Summary of Parameters of Ground water Quality

Parameters	Units	Minimum	Maximum
Calcium	mg/L	8.0	513
Chloride	mg/L	85	2204
Nitrate	mg/L	1.61	710
pH	-	7.55	8.77
Total Hardness	mg/L	185	2536
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	2.3	441.45

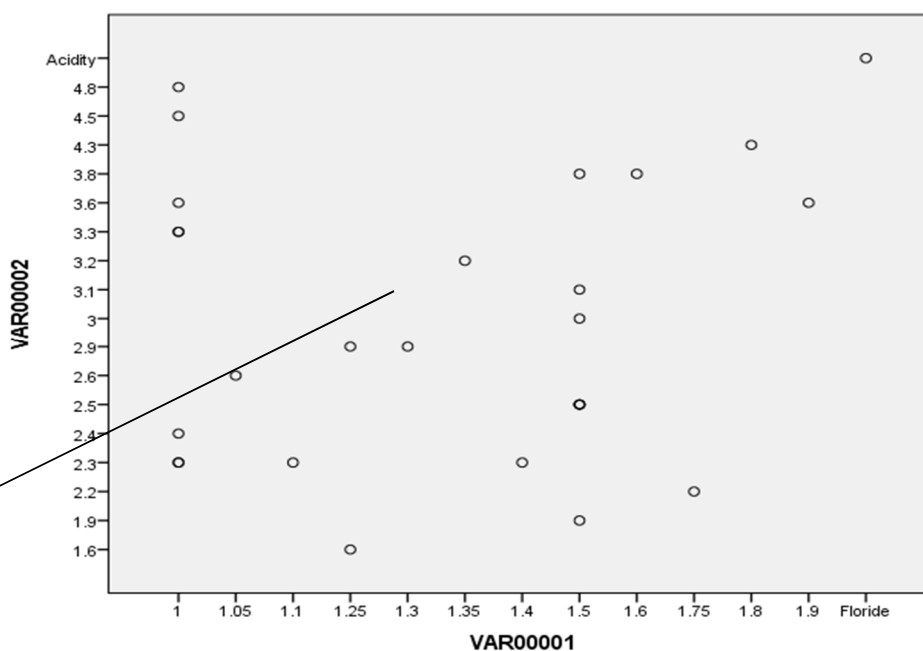


Fig 3: Scatter plot of acidity v/s fluoride

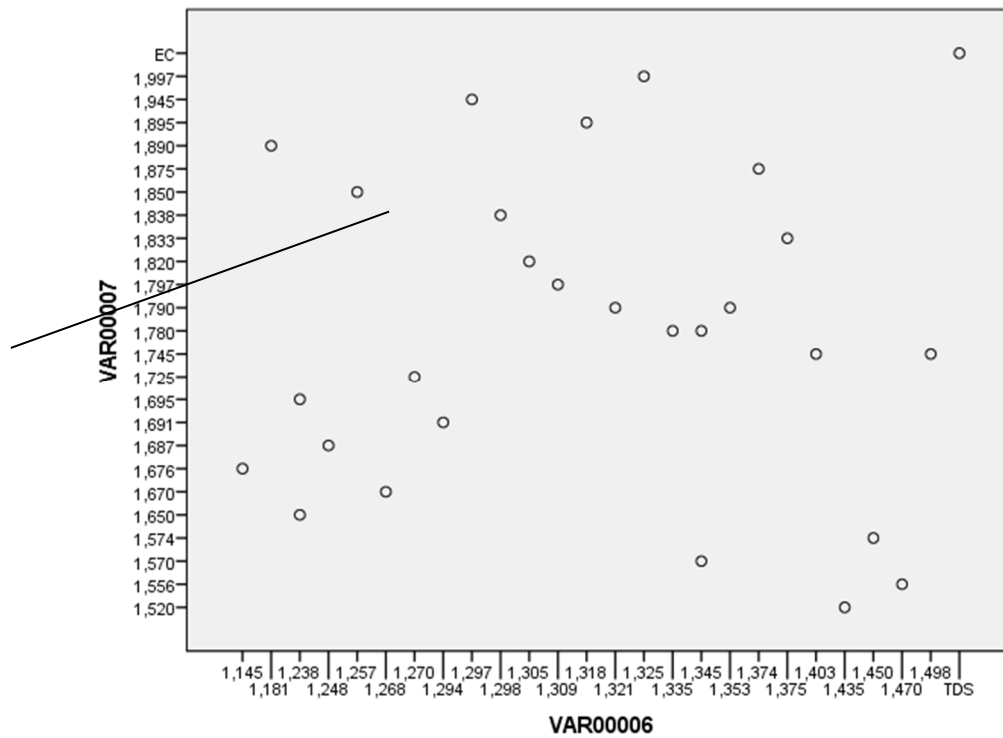


Fig 4: Scatter plot of EC v/s TDS

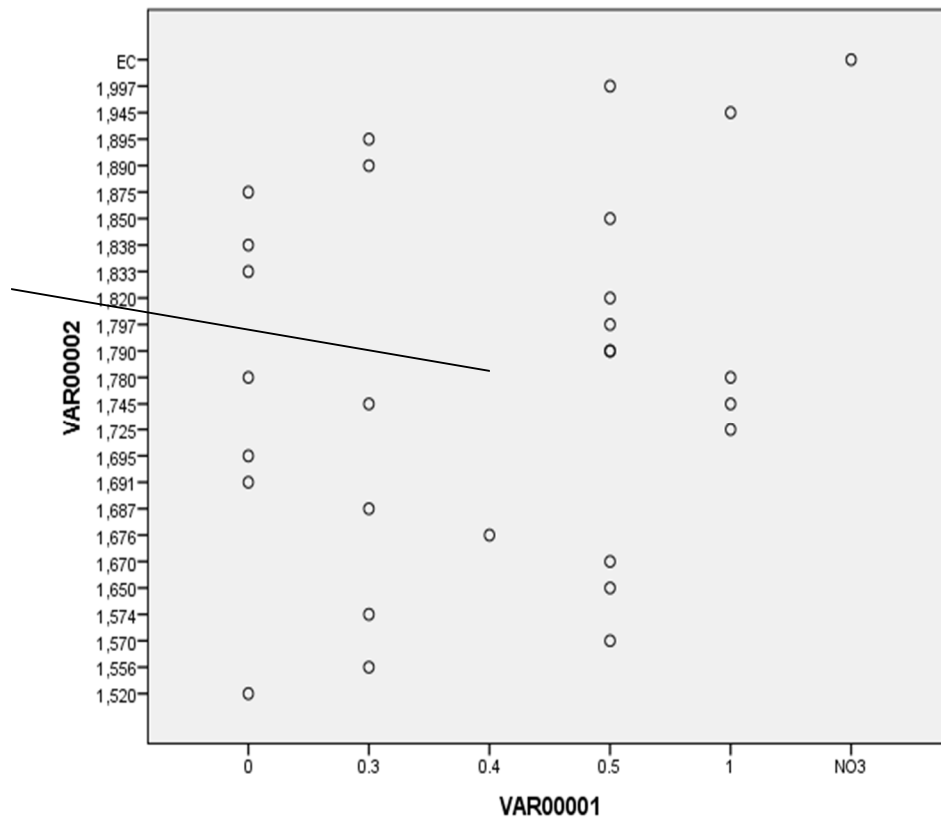


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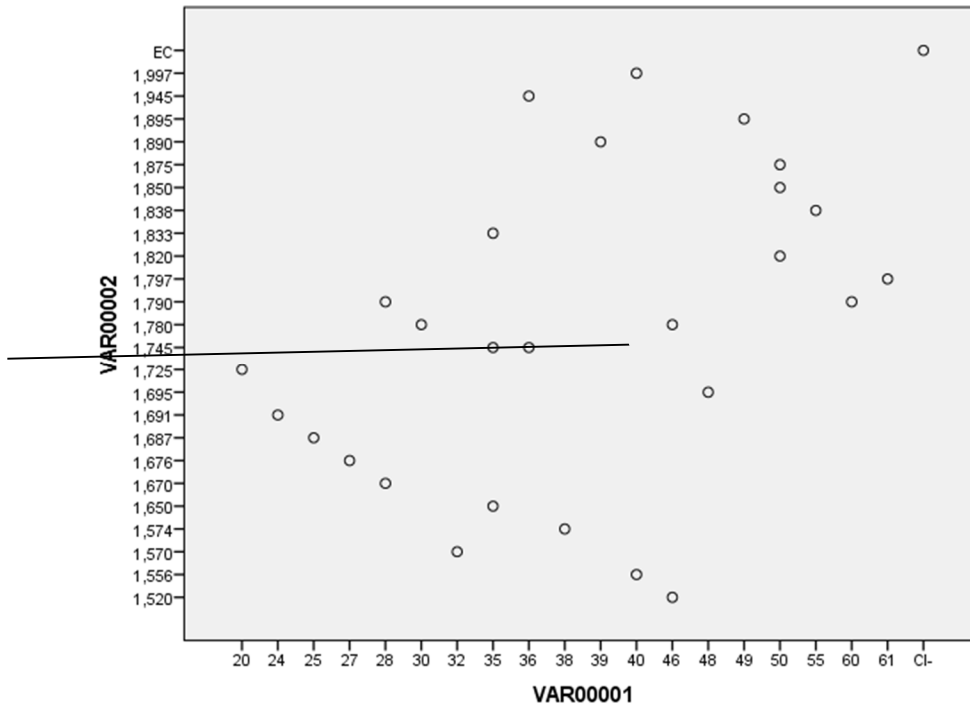


Fig 6: Scatter plot of EC v/s Cl⁻

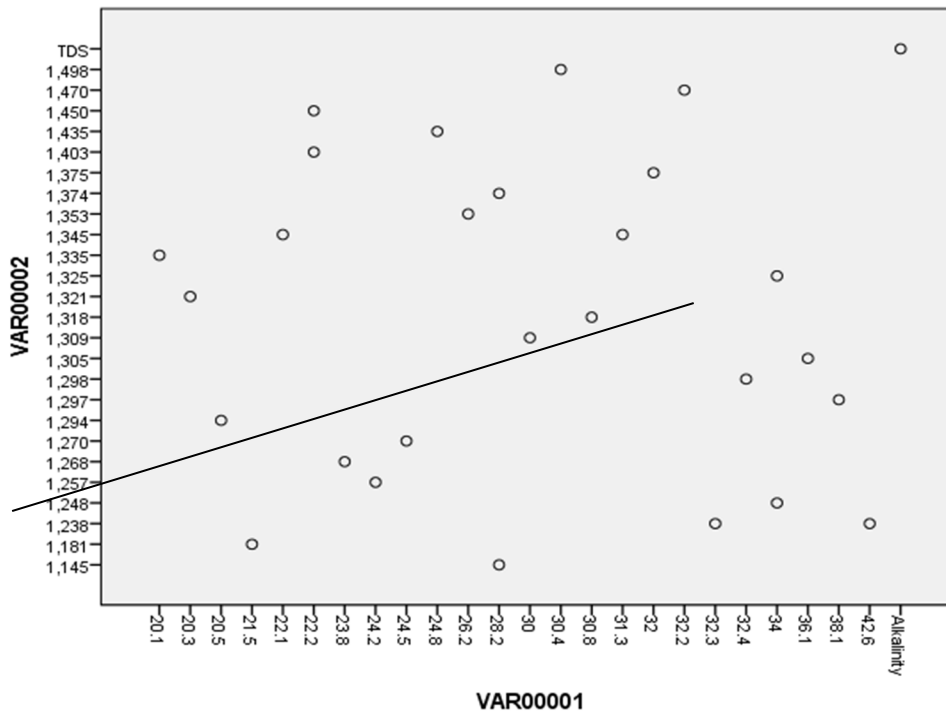


Fig 7: Scatter plot of TDS v/s Alkalinity

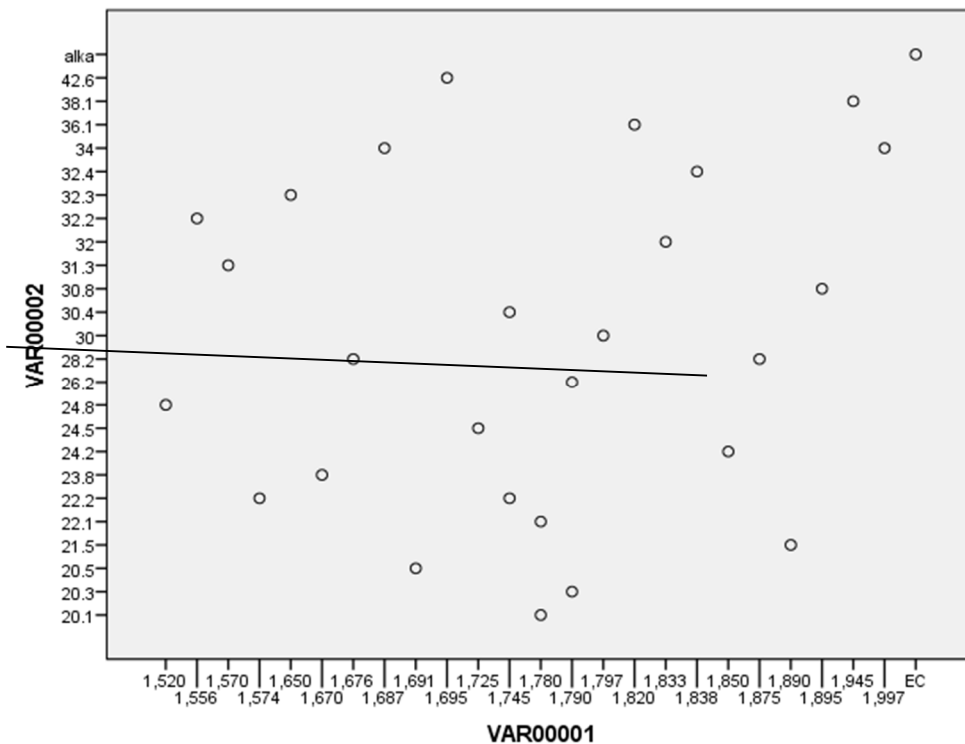


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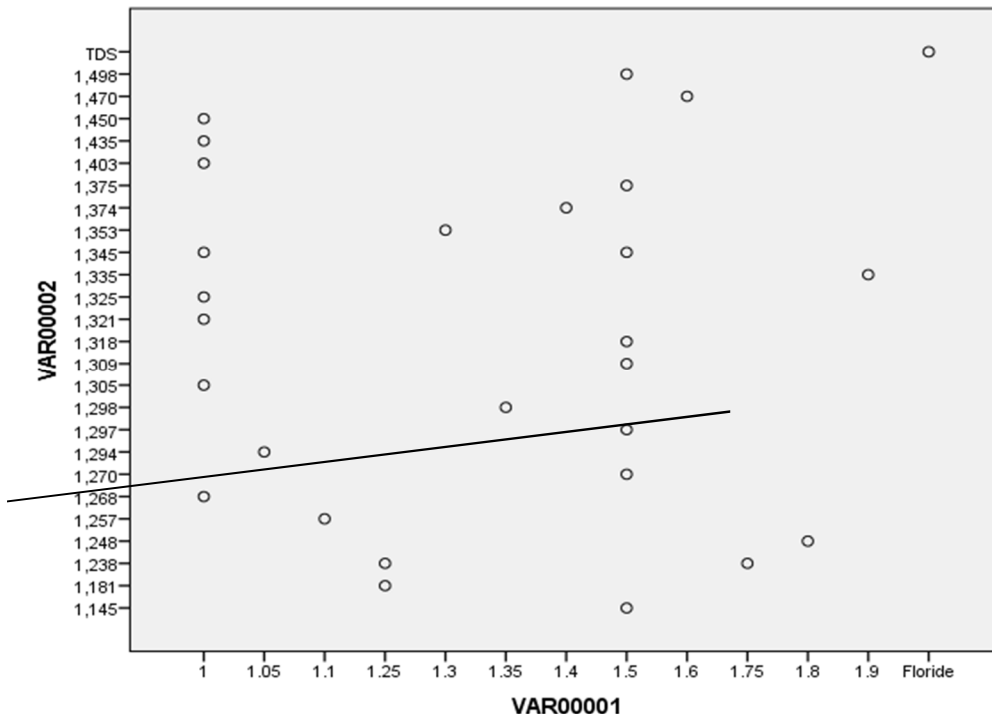


Fig 9: Scatter plot of TDS v/s Floride

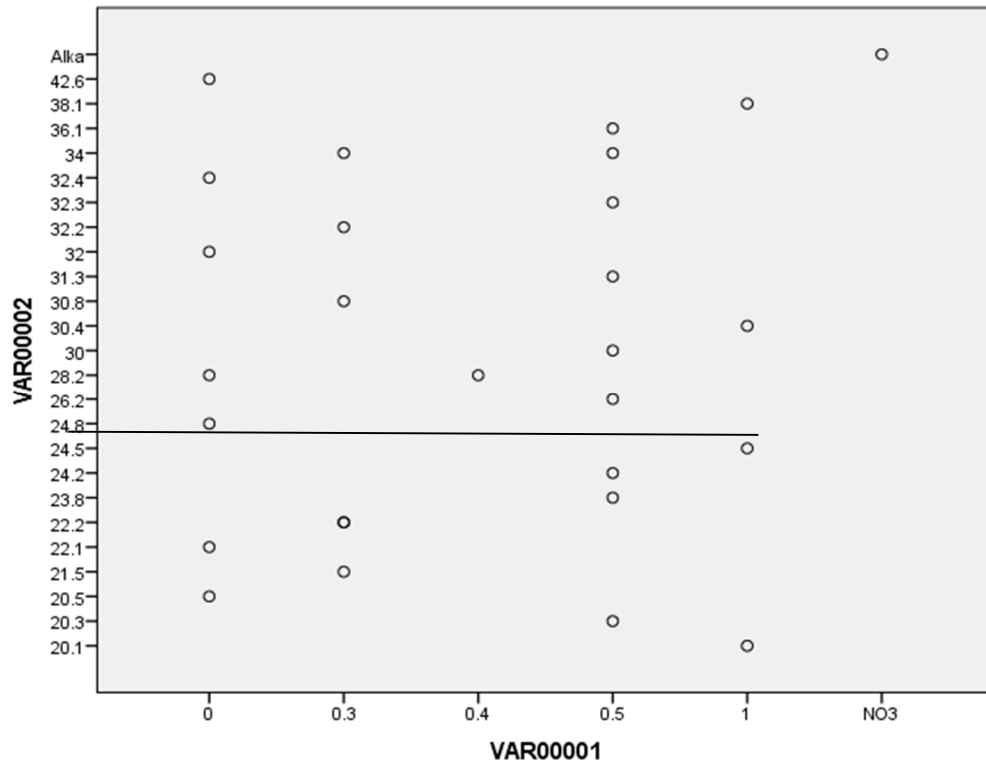


Fig 10: Scatter plot of Alkalinity v/s NO₃

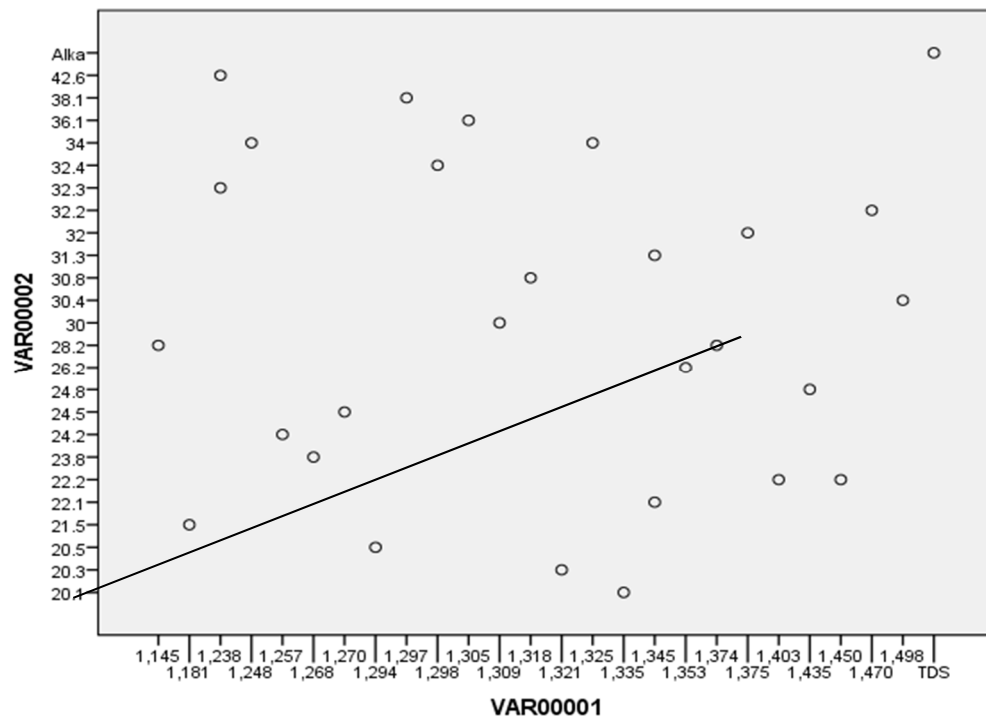


Fig 11: Scatter plot of Alkalinity v/s TDS

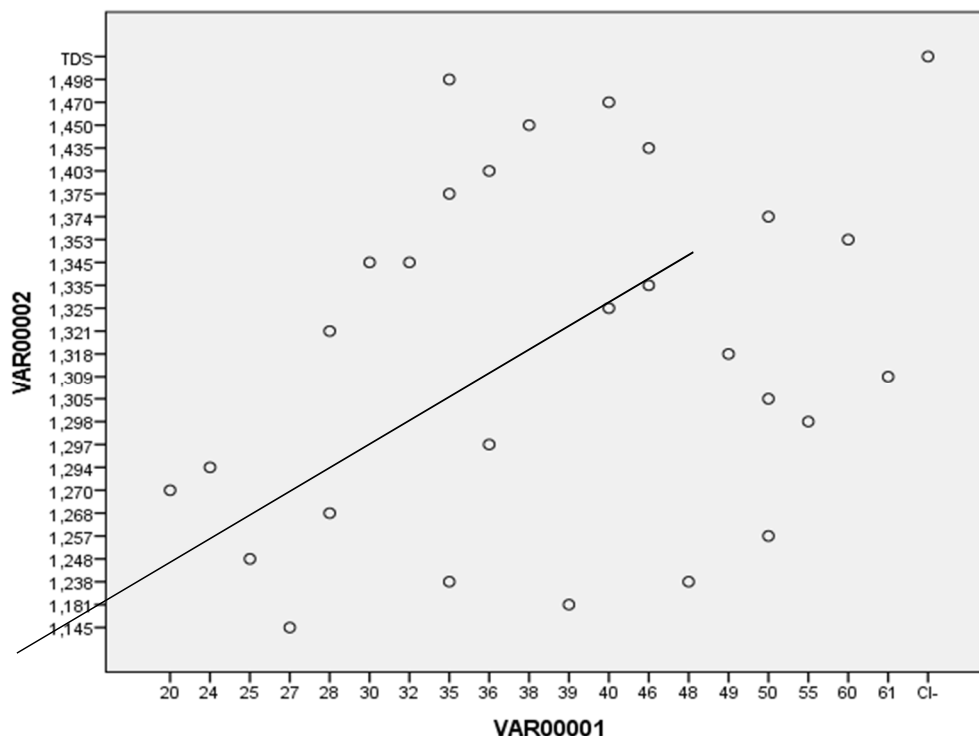


Fig 12: Scatter plot of TDS v/s Cl

V. CONCLUSION

Groundwater is an important water resource in southern India, because of low precipitation. Groundwater quality and quantity have witnessed a decline in the area of our research. This is due to excessive extraction, anthropogenic activity, and geological conditions of the region. According to the water quality index map, in the Medchal Mandal. Physico-chemical characterization of groundwater samples are taken from Dundigal town. 23 groundwater samples were collected from different parts of Dindigul town and analyzed for pH, EC, TDS, CO₃, HCO₃, Cl, Na, K, Ca, Mg, NO₃, SO₄, PO₄, F, DO, BOD and COD using standard procedures. The values of all the groundwater samples are compared with the standard permissible value. Fluoride, dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand are exceeding the permissible limit in most of the groundwater samples. From the obtained results, it is suggested to monitor the groundwater quality and assess periodically in this study area to prevent the further contamination.

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