Study and Analysis of Changes in Water Quality of Gomti River at Different Locations

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ABSTRACT: According to the U.S. Geological Survey, there are over 332,519,000 cubic miles of water on the planet Earth among which 97% of all the water on Earth is held by the oceans and contains heavy composition of salt in it and most of the remaining 3% is frozen in the glaciers and icebergs. The atmosphere, rivers, lakes and underground stores hold less than 1% of all the fresh water and this small amount has to provide the fresh water needed to support the Earth’s population. River plays a very important role in the life of human beings as well as the other living organisms like animals and plants on the earth. River used to be one of the most important source of clean water during earlier days but nowadays due to the heavy contamination the quality of water of river is decreasing day by day.

In this project work we are going to do analysis of physical and chemical parameters of water of Gomti River in different season at three different locations. The collected samples are analyzed for 8 Physiochemical parameters such as temperature, pH, BOD, DO, COD, Total Hardness, TDS and Alkalinity.

Keywords: Gomti River, water quality of River, pH, Physiochemical parameters.

1. INTRODUCTION

As the population increasing day by day the demand of water for food production, domestic activities as well as industrial activities also increasing day by day. As we already know that the water is the most essential need for life and over 97% of the water on earth is held by the oceans is salty and 3% is in frozen state and remaining amount which is approximately near about 1% is considered suitable for living beings on earth. Water is no doubt essential for life but the large quantity of water in the world is polluted due to the excessive contamination and inputs of untreated industrial effluents, household dirty water and sewage water along with farming wastes and decaying materials of human, animals and plants. The quality of water is vital concern for mankind since it is directly linked with human welfare and due to the limited quantity of available water for use, proper management and prevention is very necessary to fulfill the long term requirement and needs of the vast population for daily house hold use and requirements like agriculture etc. The Gomti river is an important river of Uttar Pradesh and it is one of the much known tributary of Ganga river. Gomti river is also known as Adi-Ganga. It contributes about 15% total water flow of Ganga river and Like many other rivers in India Gomti river is also facing many kind of pollution problems due to large level of commercialization and colonization.

1.1 Origin

The river Ganga is considered as one of the longest river in India. It has many tributaries and river Gomti is also one among them. Origin of river Gomti takes place from about 50 Km south of the Himalayan hills and about 3 Km east of Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. It extends to 900 km through Uttar Pradesh and meets the Ganga River near Saidpur Kaithi. 27 kilometers (17 mi) from Varanasi district. From20 kilometers (12 mi) its origin it meets a small river, the Gaihaaes. Until it reaches Mohammadi Kheri (Lakhimpur district) the Gomti river is in a narrow stream, where it is joined by many tributaries such as the Sukheta, Andhra Chohaand Choha. With the joining of many other tributary like kathina in Mailani and Sarayan in Sitapur district the river is well defined. Near Jaunpur one of the major tributary the Sai River also joins the Gomti river.
The river Gomti enters Lucknow after travelling approximately around 240 km. For about 12 km going through the city it supplies its water to most of the places of the city. Situated on the northern western shore of Gomti river and surrounded by Barabanki from eastern side and Unnao from western side, Rae Bareli by the southern side and Sitapur - Hardoi by northern side is the Lucknow city which has an elevation of 404 ft. (123 m) above sea level. The city covers an area of 2,528 square kilometers. In addition to Lakhimpurkheri, Sultanpur and Jaunpur, Lucknow is also among 15 of the most prominent town of the river catchment basin.

2. APPROACHES

Water quality is a multifarious subject, which involves physical, chemical, hydrological and biological characteristics of water and their complex and delicate relations. It is very essential and important to test the water before it is used for drinking, domestic, agricultural or industrial purpose. Water must be tested with different physico-chemical parameters. Selection of parameters for testing of water is exclusively depends upon for what purpose we are going to use that water and what level we need its quality and purity. Some physical test should be performed for testing of its physical properties like temperature while chemical tests should be performed for its BOD, COD, dissolved oxygen, hardness and other characteristics.

3.1 Collection of samples

Water samples were collected from three different selected sites (Sitapur, Lucknow, Sultanpur) of Gomti River during the month of May and November. Samples were collected in the year 2018 during the entire study period of one year two times the sample were collected from the sites. To carry out the study and analysis of physiochemical change in water of Gomti River samples were taken out during the time of pre monsoon (May) and post monsoon (November) season. The process of sampling involves some process which are as follows –

- Plan for sampling
- Labeling of sample
- Storing of sample
- Sample testing

Fig 2. Sampling Flow chart

Sampling of collected samples has been done according to the steps as shown in fig 2. First step is selection of sites for the collection of the samples. In this process we decide the best suitable sites for the collection of the samples. After selecting the sites, the sample is collected from the selected sites. Second step is the process of labeling in which we label down the plastic bottles that contains the samples from different sites so that we can easily identify the sample is from which site. After the process of labeling, the samples were taken out to the lab in a proper storage kit and then at the lab the testing of the samples take place. In this process different tests are performed in order to evaluate different physiochemical parameters like temperature, pH, BOD, DO, COD, Total Hardness, Alkalinity and TDS. It is very necessary to perform the testing process within the time limit of 24 hr. of sample collection to find out the exact result.

3. RESULTS

It is extremely fundamental and important to test the water before it is used for any purpose e.g. drinking, familial, farming or industrial purpose. Water is having some diverse types of impurities like floating, dissolved, suspended, microbiological and bacteriological impurities. Physical tests have been performed for testing of its physical appearance such as temperature etc., while some chemical tests should be performed for its BOD, COD, dissolved oxygen, hardness and other characters. In the table 1 the three samples are from three different locations i.e. Sitapur, Lucknow and Sultanpur respectively.

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4. CONCLUSION

The different parameters of quality of water is analyzed at three different location in summer season. As shown in the result, the highest temperature was found at Sitapur location. The highest pH value was found at Lucknow. The highest value of DO (Dissolved Oxygen) was found at Sitapur location. The highest value of BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand) was found at Sultanpur location. BOD indicates the amounts of organic materials in water. The highest value of COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) was found at Lucknow. Higher value of COD indicates the higher amount of pollution. Highest value of hardness was analyzed at Lucknow. Hardness is due to soapy and other wastes from industries and society. Alkalinity is basically a measure of the water’s ability to neutralize acidity. Highest value of alkalinity was found at Sitapur location. Highest amount of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) was analyzed at Lucknow location.

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