



Trophic Status of Shanti Sagara Reservoir: Implications on Nutrient Management in Reservoir Catchment

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ABSTRACT

Water quality assessment of Shanti Sagara reservoir for drinking water supply and for water allocation to meet the demands in the semiarid climate is aimed. Seasonal water sampling (Pre monsoon, December 2021 & Post monsoon, May 2022) at 2 depths to investigate physico-chemical parameters and assess the Water Quality index based on IS 10500: 2012 is found to be poor in pre monsoon, December 2021 and very poor in post monsoon, May 2022. Trophic status of the reservoir assessed based on Carlson's Trophic State Classification (Secchi Depth, Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorous) indicated that the reservoir is Hypereutrophic for Post Monsoon. This calls for assessment of internal nutrient load (silt characteristics) and external loading from the reservoir catchment (fertilizer from agriculture land) and the domestic water and the sewage water has contributed to high concentration of phosphorous (P) in Rudrapura and Jakli near Somalapura. Soil texture (sandy clay, silty loam, silty clay and sandy clay loam) in the reservoir catchment compliments high concentration of suspended sediment that increases the turbidity in the reservoir. Turbidity present in the water alters the taste, colour and odour of the water and oxygen from the surface cannot be mixed to the bottom layer and oxygen is not released by photosynthesis in

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absence of light penetration (high turbidity levels) resulting in anoxic condition. Total Nitrogen (TN) in the catchment soil that contributes to the bottom of the reservoir is found to be high (201-217 kg/acre). Agriculture runoff in the month of (May, 2022) owing to precipitation results in high sediment concentration, that contributes to high nitrogen levels in the reservoir.

Nutrients in suspended Sediments that have entered the reservoir altered the nutrient cycle in the reservoir ecosystem. High nutrient concentration in the silt characteristics i.e total nitrogen (159-168 kg/acre) and phosphorous (10.1-13.4 kg/acre) is due to stratification caused do level to low in hypolimnion layer and anoxic condition during summer resulting in growth of Phytoplankton the eutrophication. The suggested nutrient management strategies for the reservoirs catchment are optimizing nutrient application to the crop land, microbial water treatment before supplying it for drinking purpose, soil conservation structures in the reservoir catchment to restrict sediment entry to the reservoir and sewage treatment plant for the rural settlement.

Keywords: Reservoir water quality; total nitrogen (TN); total phosphorous (TP); secchi depth (SD); water quality index (WQI); nutrient management.

1. INTRODUCTION

The increasing water demand to cover the needs of raising production and drinking water supply under climate change makes it imperative to plan for optimal use of water resources especially in semi-arid regions [1]. Water shortages in the semi-arid tropics that support 15% of the world's population. have tripled from 6% to 35% between 1960 to 2005, and the gap continues to expand with population growth especially in Southern Asia [2,3]. The significance of reservoir in dry-season, especially in water scare rural semi-arid regions with limited infrastructure is precious and highly dependent in terms of costs of alternate water sources. Live stock and water for staple crop that require last watering to gain maturity stage besides human activities is the crucial for it economy [4]. Hillside reservoirs and small dams in South India had been a strategic priority since ancient times for water security [5-7]. In recent decades, climate change mainly characterized by highly variable, unpredictable and often heavy rainfall has worsened the water deficit besides increasing sedimentation rates in the Reservoirs. Reservoirs mitigate floods, contribute to water table recharge and improve water storage for irrigation and livestock watering and domestic and recreation uses. They are very useful to improve community living especially in rural areas where frequent drought is experienced [8,9]. Reservoirs, the key storage nodes in the drainage basin are necessary for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change. Thus, the construction of small and hillside dams is one of the best ways to help vulnerable communities to cope with water demand.

A large volume of contaminants in the basin including both point source and non-point source

contaminants enter the reservoir during the process of storing water. The sedimentation rate is high in many reservoirs located in semiarid tropics. The main impacts of Sedimentation in reservoir are loss in capacity, hydropower generation and water quality deterioration. The process of reservoir sedimentation is slow, but the loss of usable water storage capacity over time is significant. It is estimated that about 0.5–1.0% of global water storage, on an average, is lost annually as a result of sedimentation [10]. The global cost that is replaced the lost storage is high and the operations after decades, reservoirs have experiences water quality deterioration owing to sediment deposition. Besides, rainstorm disturbance and temperature variation brought with the change of seasons have impact on sediment contamination. In summer, sudden rainstorm disturbance could cause overlaying water to move vertically, and the vigorous agitation of water lead to toxic substance in sediment contaminant diffusing into water, which poses a direct threat to water safety and even results in incidents of dead fish. Water temperature changes with season and reservoirs would turn water over at the seasonal transition period, which accelerate the transformation of sediment contaminants in reservoirs and bring contaminants to surface [11,12]. Researches show that the released nutrients by turning over could promote the reproduce of algae in spring. The thermocline in summer would decrease the exchange of dissolved oxygen in bottom layer water, which reduces the content of oxygen in reservoirs. With rainstorm disturbance and seasonal changes, the released contaminants are brought to the surface, which promote the growth of algae [13,14]. Algal bloom has broken out in Reservoirs located in semi arid tropics during every summer. Release of Phosphorous

greater than 0.025mg/l from sediments triggers phytoplankton growth. Higher the concentration of Phosphorous in the sediments more is the phytoplankton growth. This triggers the algae formation at the surface and spreads to the total surface of the reservoir [9,10,15]. High rates of sedimentation in many reservoirs and better care of long term sustainability have emphasized the importance of reservoir sedimentation.

The over-enrichment of nutrients can leads to the major source of water pollution in the semi arid tropics. The link between eutrophication- the over-enrichment of surface water with plant nutrients and the dangers of public health have long been predicted but poorly documented in developing countries. However, recent concerns about bacterial indicators such as (1) The spread of *Escherichia coli* and disease in sewage-enriched water, (2) Trihalomethanes in chlorine-treated eutrophic reservoirs, and (3) The occurrence of attendant human diseases, all in the eutrophic estuarine surface. As suspected, this is not only an aesthetic, aquatic community problem, but also a public health problem. An important component of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) national nutrition strategy is the National Nutrition Strategy for the Development in the Regional Nutrition Standards (U.S. EPA, 1998), which is a body-specific development of water [16,17]. Criteria that address the contamination problems are framed based on the technical guidance documents and thus are be used to assess the vulnerability of a potential nutrient-

related trophic condition. Owing to the diverse geographical and climatic conditions, permissible nutritional standards need revision for reservoirs based on water availability. Instead, nutritional standards should be developed at the state, regional, or individual water body level [10,18,19]. Thus the objective of the present paper is to monitor the water quality status of a multipurpose reservoir located in semiarid tropics that serves for urban water supply and irrigation.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Study Area

Shanti Sagara reservoir also known as Sulekere locally, which is inlet of the River Tungabhadra. The reservoir is constructed in the (11th and 12th century). Shanti Sagara is second largest freshwater reservoir in Asia and is located in Channagiri Taluk, Davanagere District, Karnataka (Fig. 1). Shanti Sagara reservoir has its surface area of 2651 ha and catchment area 329.75 km², maximum depth 8m, maximum width 4.6 km and its surface elevation is 612m. Water in the reservoir is used for urban water supply and irrigation. Drinking water is supplied from Shanti Sagara to Chitradurga, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) has funded 80 crore to this project. Presently, Chitradurga city is getting 30 million litres of water a day from the Shanti Sagara. Besides, it irrigates 4,700 acres (1,900 ha) of land and more than 170 villages are benefited by it.

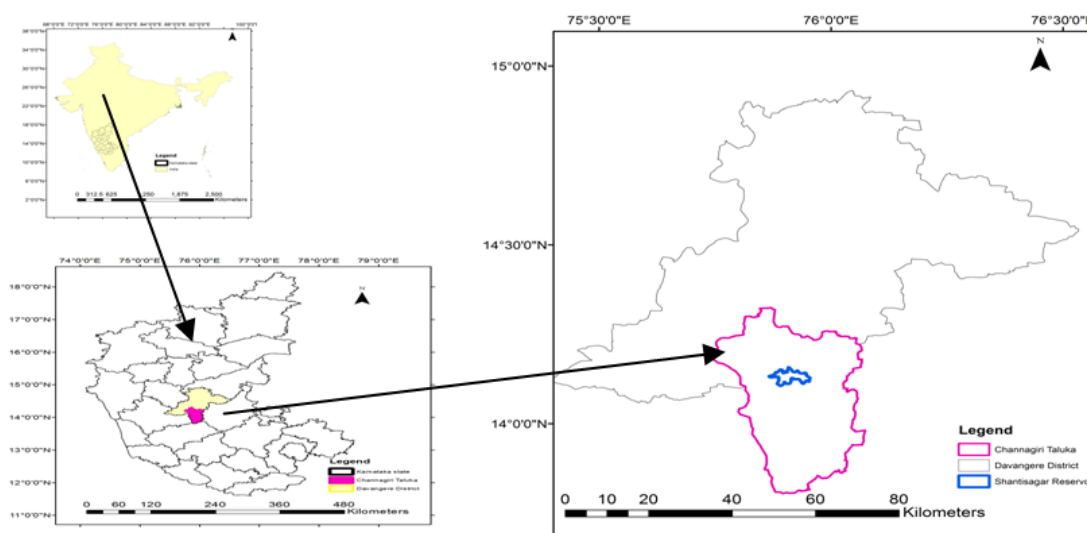


Fig. 1. Location of Shanti Sagara reservoir, Channagiri Taluk, Davanagere District, Karnataka

2.2 Experimental Details

The methodology adopted to investigate water quality and understand the trophic status of Shanti Sagara reservoir is presented in Fig. 2. Seasonal water, reservoir bed silt and reservoir catchment soil samples were collected and analyzed. The properties of water, silt and soil were studied.

2.3 Water Sampling

Seasonal water sampling for pre-monsoon December, 2021 (12 samples from the surface of the reservoir and 12 samples from the 2m depth of the reservoir) and in post-monsoon May, 2022 (12 samples from the surface of the reservoir and 12 samples from the 2m depth of the reservoir) of Shanti Sagara reservoir was planned to understand the changes in physico-chemical characteristics of water

(Fig. 3). The collected samples were carefully handled in the water bottles and marked the location of the water sample taken for the references during the laboratory analysis. Based on drinking water standards water quality index for the water samples, at different depths were computed. For four different locations of Shanti Sagara reservoir catchment the sediment (Silt) samples were also collected.

Water samples are collected within the Shanti Sagara reservoir. The collected samples were brought for the laboratory tests. Water samples were tested for the following parameters e.g. pH (Electrometric method), Turbidity test (Nephlo meter method), Total dissolved solids (Electrometric method), Chloride (Volumetric method), hardness (Volumetric method), calcium (Volumetric method), Magnesium (Volumetric method), Dissolved oxygen (Winkler method), Biological oxygen demand (Dilution method).

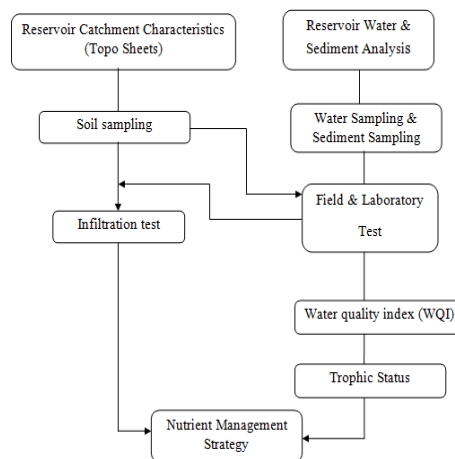


Fig. 2. Methodology adopted to investigate drinking water quality and nutrient management in Shanti Sagara reservoir

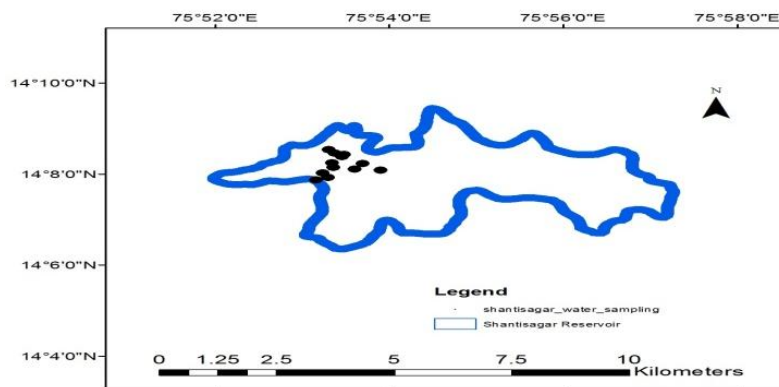


Fig. 3. Seasonal water sampling location in Shanti Sagara reservoir, Channagiri Taluk, Davanagere District, Karnataka

In six well distributed locations, Soil samples were collected in the reservoir catchment during the post monsoon (May, 2022). Soil parameters were analyzed in laboratory using standard procedures. Insitu infiltration test were carried out to understand losses from the precipitation. Trophic status of the Shanti Sagara reservoir is determined by integrating the results obtained from the analysis of water, sediment and soil. The physiochemical water parameters, soil and sediment characteristics indicate the Nutrient management strategies to be adopted for the Shanti Sagara Reservoir.

Water quality index parameters are calculated by the method of weighted arithmetic mean method as follows Unit weight (W_u), Constant (K), Standard values of n^{th} parameter (S_n), Sub-index (S_i), Mean concentration of n^{th} parameter (M_n), Actual values A_v).

Calculate unit weight (W_u) for each parameter by using formula:

$$W_u = K / S_n \quad \text{Eqn 1}$$

Where,

$$K = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{S_1} + \frac{1}{S_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{S_n}} = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{S_n}} \quad \text{Eqn 2}$$

Calculate the Sub-Index (S_i) value by using formula:

Where,

$$S_i = \frac{[(M_n - A_v)]}{[(S_n - A_v)]} * 100 \quad \text{Eqn 3}$$

M_n = Mean concentration of the n^{th} parameter

A_v = Actual values of the parameter in pure water (generally $A_v=0$, for most parameters except for pH) (For pH, $S_n = 8.5$ & $A_v=7$).

Integrating Eqn 1 and Eqn 2, WQI is calculated:

$$(WQI) = \sum \frac{W_u * S_i}{W_u} \quad \text{Eqn 4}$$

In the year 1977, Carlson classified a trophic state index to find out trophic status of the specified reservoir (Table 1). By the developed of the TSI he established the relationship

between secchi depth and used the secchi depth range to find out the trophic state index (TSISD).

$$\text{Secchi depth TSI (TSISD)} = 60 - (14.41 * [\text{Ln}(\text{Secchi depth average})]) \quad \text{Eqn 5}$$

$$\text{Total Nitrogen TSI (TSITN)} = \text{Ln}(\text{TN}) * 14.31 * 54.45 \quad \text{Eqn 6}$$

$$\text{Total Phosphorous TSI (TSITP)} = \text{Ln}(\text{TP}) * 14.42 + 4.15 \quad \text{Eqn 7}$$

Silt samples are collected within the Shanti Sagara reservoir. The collected samples were brought for the laboratory tests. Silts samples were tested for the following parameters e.g. pH (Electrometric method), Turbidity test (Nephlo meter method), Total dissolved solids (Electrometric method), Sieve analysis test (Mechanical (dry) sieve analysis method), Total Nitrogen (Volumetric Method) and Total Phosphorous (Volumetric method).

Soil samples collected from the Shanti Sagara reservoir catchment and were brought for the laboratory tests (Fig. 4). Soil samples were tested for the following parameters e.g. Specific gravity (Pycnometer Method), Sieve analysis test (Mechanical (dry) sieve analysis method), Moisture content of the soil (Oven drying method), insitu dry density of soil (Core cutter method), Liquid limit and plastic limit (Casagrande apparatus method), Infiltration (Single ring infiltrometer method), Total Nitrogen (Volumetric Method), Total phosphorous (Volumetric method), etc.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Water Quality Assessment

3.1.1 Physico-chemical parameters

Pre monsoon: Surface and 2m depth of water samples in Pre monsoon (December, 2021) indicated that pH, chloride (Cl), hardness(H), TDS, alkalinity (Alkali), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), dissolved oxygen (DO) and biological oxygen demand (BOD) are within permissible limits (Table 2a). Turbidity in the surface and 2m depth water samples were found to high exceeding the permissible limits indicated that small sized particles are in suspension and hinder light penetration. This intern suggests less amount of dissolved oxygen

and triggered to form eutrophication in the surface water (Table 2b).

Surface water samples were collected on 30-12-2021 and analyzed in the laboratory.

Water samples were also collected at a depth of 2m from the surface at the same locations and the analysis is presented in (Table 2b).

Post monsoon: Surface and 2m depth of water samples in Post monsoon (May, 2022) indicated that pH, chloride (Cl), hardness(H), TDS, alkalinity (Alkali), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), dissolved oxygen (DO) and biological oxygen demand (BOD) are within permissible limits (Table 3a). Turbidity in the surface and 2m depth water samples are high in most of the locations were found to high that exceeding the permissible limits indicated small sized particles are in suspension and hinder light penetration. This intern suggests less amount of dissolved oxygen and triggered to form eutrophication, algae bloom and cyanobacteria (Table 3b). Surface water samples were collected on 10-05-2022 and analyzed in the laboratory.

Water samples were also collected at a depth of 2 m from the surface at the same locations and the analysis is presented in (Table 3b).

3.2 Water Quality Index (WQI)

3.2.1 Pre monsoon

Seasonal Water quality index (WQI) for Shanti Sagara reservoir in pre monsoon, (December, 2021) has been calculated by arithmetic index method which are specified the

equations previously (Brown et al., 1972). By this equations related to drinking water standards specifications of (IS 10500: 2012) the selected physico-chemical parameters of drinking water has been calculated with water quality index (Table 4a). The water quality status of Shanti Sagara reservoir is in range 51-75 which is poor and should be treated before consumption of water.

3.2.2 Post monsoon

Seasonal Water quality index (WQI) for Shanti Sagara reservoir in post monsoon, (May, 2022) has been calculated by arithmetic index method which are specified the equations previously (Brown et al. 1972).By this equations related to drinking water standards specifications of (IS 10500:2012) the selected physicochemical parameters of drinking water has been calculated with water quality index (Table 4b). The water quality status of Shanti Sagara reservoir is in range 76-100 which is very poor and should be treated before consumption of water.

3.3 Reservoir Trophic Status

TSI is mainly depend on (TP, TN, and secchi depth) and the criteria of the trophic state index is classified as (Nurnberg criteria & Swedish criteria) [20,21]. Hence Total Phosphorous (TP), Total Nitrogen (TN) and Secchi depth (SD) exceeds the value of the criteria by that we can classified which criteria is leading the TSI hence it is (Hypereutrophic) in both the criteria and secchi depth is found to be lesser than the criteria (Table 5).

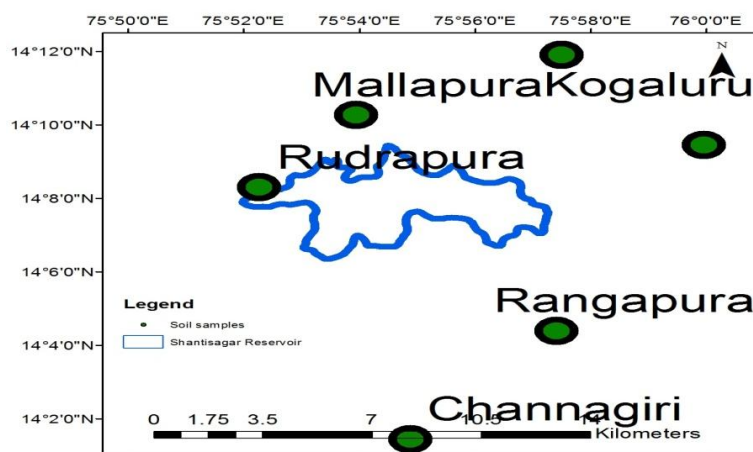


Fig. 4. Soil sampling locations of Shanti Sagara reservoir catchment (May, 2022)

Table 1. Criteria for the trophic status index classification (TSI)

Trophic status criteria	(TP) µg/L	(TN) µg/L	(SD) in (m)		(TSI) µg/L
			Mean	Max	
(Nurnberg criteria)					
(1) Oligotrophic	<10	<350	-	-	
(2) Mesotrophic	10-30	350-650	-	-	
(3) Eutrophic	31-100	651-120	-	-	>100
(4) Hypereutrophic	>100	>1200	-	-	>1200
(Swedish criteria)					
(1) Oligotrophic	<15	<400	>3.96		
(2) Mesotrophic	15-25	400-600	2.43-3.96		>100
(3) Eutrophic	25-100	600-1500	0.91-2.43		>1500
(4) Hypereutrophic	>100	>1500	<0.91		<0.91
µg/L	25136	6860	0.498		

Table 2a. Physico-chemical parameters surface water samples (pre monsoon December, 2021)

Location	pH	Cl	H	TDS	Alkali	Ca	Mg	T	DO	BOD
Units		mg/L	mg/L	ppm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L
Desirablelimit	6.5	250	300	500	200	75	30	5	-	-
Permissiblelimits	8.5	1000	600	2000	600	200	100	10	5	5
VS1	8.34	44	96	300	140	21.6	10.08	25.3	8.09	0.3
VS2	8.21	50	94	300	136	27.2	6.24	5.92	8.09	0.11
VS3	8.25	50	100	310	138	22.4	10.56	6.59	7.7	0.11
VS4	8.34	52	92	310	134	21.6	9.12	6.64	7.6	0.1
VS5	8.41	52	96	300	102	11.2	16.32	8.43	7.8	0.3
VS6	8.32	36	94	310	146	16	12.96	6.19	7.51	0.1
H-S1	8.35	48	98	310	166	24.8	8.64	5.27	8.49	0.39
H-S2	8.31	44	96	300	144	20	11.04	6.12	8.79	0.41
H-S3	8.31	52	96	320	152	20.8	10.56	6.01	7.79	0.51
H-S4	8.25	46	86	320	126	21.6	7.68	5.81	7.59	0.2
H-S5	8.2	46	94	300	152	22.4	9.12	5.76	8.57	0.4
H-S6	8.31	46	98	320	140	20	11.52	6.31	7.98	0.31

Vertical (V), Horizontal (H), Chloride (Cl), Hardness (H), Alkalinity (Alkali), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Dissolved oxygen (DO) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). Values that exceed permissible limits are in Numbers in bold

Table 2b. Physico-chemical parameters water samples at 2m depth (Pre monsoon December, 2021)

Location	pH	Cl	H	TDS	Alkali	Ca	Mg	T	DO	BOD
Units		mg/L	mg/L	ppm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L
Desirable limit	6.5	250	300	500	200	75	30	5		
Permissible limits	8.5	1000	600	2000	600	200	100	10	5	5
VS1-D1	8.32	48	104	300	140	20.8	12.48	14.5	7.6	0.01
VS2-D2	8.23	44	108	320	132	22.4	12.48	6.09	7.99	0.2
VS3-D3	8.29	42	100	310	134	20.8	11.52	5.55	7.5	0.1
VS4-D4	8.31	44	98	310	136	18.4	12.48	5.54	7.31	0.3
VS5-D5	8.42	50	100	300	114	29.6	6.24	7.18	8.29	0.21
VS6-D6	8.34	46	98	310	136	24	9.12	6.17	8.19	0.3
H-S1-D1	8.31	52	96	310	124	16	13.44	6.34	7.79	0.2
H-S2-D2	8.35	52	98	310	154	20	11.52	5.8	8.59	0.99
H-S3-D3	8.34	52	92	320	134	20	10.08	5.28	8.29	0.39
H-S4-D4	8.23	52	98	320	138	19.2	12	6.63	8	0.22
H-S5-D5	8.34	50	98	320	150	20	11.52	6.95	8.39	0.4
H-S6-D6	8.42	48	96	310	144	18.4	12	5.71	7.5	0.11

Vertical (V), Horizontal (H), Depth (D), Chloride (Cl), Hardness(H), Alkalinity (Alkali), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Dissolved oxygen(DO) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). Values that exceed permissible limits are in Numbers in bold

Table 3a. Physico-chemical parameters surface water samples (Post monsoon May, 2022)

Location	pH	Cl	H	TDS	Alkali	Ca	Mg	T	DO	BOD
Units		mg/L	mg/L	ppm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L
Desirable limit	6.5	250	300	500	200	75	30	5		
Permissible limits	8.5	1000	600	2000	600	200	100	10	5	5
VS1	8.5	54	102	350	142	48	54	10	6.51	0.6
VS2	8.4	54	98	350	136	34	64	11.8	6.31	0.7
VS3	8.4	60	102	320	140	40	62	12.1	6.41	0.8
VS4	8.5	54	108	350	150	38	70	8.61	6.41	0.3
VS5	8.3	56	102	350	154	36	66	8.82	6.41	0.4
VS6	8.3	52	108	350	162	38	70	8.14	6.51	0.5
H-S1	8.5	52	104	320	144	34	70	12.3	6.11	0.2
H-S2	8.5	52	98	340	144	38	60	12.7	6.31	0.1

Location	pH	Cl	H	TDS	Alkali	Ca	Mg	T	DO	BOD
H-S3	8.4	54	112	350	148	56	56	10.5	6.31	0.3
H-S4	8.5	60	106	350	142	66	40	11.7	6.41	0.3
H-S5	8.4	60	104	350	146	38	66	12.7	6.61	0.6
H-S6	8.5	58	104	350	138	36	68	12.6	6.41	0.2

Vertical (V), Horizontal (H), Depth (D), Chloride (Cl), Hardness(H), Alkalinity (Alkali), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Dissolved oxygen(DO) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). Values that exceed permissible limits are in Numbers in bold

Table 3b. Physico-chemical parameters water samples at 2m depth (post-monsoon May, 2022)

Location	pH	Cl	H	TDS	Alkali	Ca	Mg	T	DO	BOD
Units		mg/L	mg/L	ppm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L
Desirable limit	6.5	250	300	500	200	75	30	5	-	-
Permissible limits	8.5	1000	600	2000	600	200	100	10	5	5
VS1-D1	8.5	60	122	350	144	36	86	11.9	6.41	0.5
VS2-D2	8.4	64	122	320	146	44	78	11.9	6.41	0.5
VS3-D3	8.4	62	110	320	138	38	72	10.3	6.41	0.4
VS4-D4	8.5	60	122	350	148	44	78	11.4	6.31	0
VS5-D5	8.5	60	104	340	144	44	60	10.1	6.21	0
VS6-D6	8.6	56	112	340	144	50	62	11.2	6.51	0.4
H-S1-D1	8.4	56	106	360	142	46	60	11.1	6.5	0.1
H-S2-D2	8.5	68	104	350	154	52	52	10.4	6.6	0.1
H-S3-D3	8.6	70	106	350	140	38	68	8.52	6.9	0.4
H-S4-D4	8.6	62	102	350	144	42	60	10.9	6.9	0.4
H-S5-D5	8.5	64	106	350	138	50	56	10.9	6.9	0.1
H-S6-D6	8.5	64	110	340	144	48	62	11.5	6.9	0.3

Vertical (V), Horizontal (H), Depth (D), Chloride (Cl), Hardness(H), Alkalinity (Alkali), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Dissolved oxygen(DO) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). Values that exceed permissible limits are in Numbers in bold

Table 4a. Shanti Sagara reservoir drinking WQI for pre monsoon December, 2021

Characteristics	Std.(sn) values	1/Sn	$\sum 1/Sn$	K	Wu	Av	Mn	Mn/Sn	Si	Wu*Si WQI
pH	8.5	0.11	0.73	1.35	0.15	7	8.31	0.97	87.33	13.93
Chlorides	1000	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.01	0	55.5	0.05	5.55	0.07
Hardness	600	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.02	0	104.6	0.17	17.44	0.03
TDS	2000	0.05	0.73	1.35	0.06	0	317.2	0.15	15.86	0.01
Alkalinity	600	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.02	0	140.4	0.23	23.40	0.05
Calcium	200	0.05	0.73	1.35	0.06	0	22.8	0.11	11.44	0.07
Magnesium	100	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.01	0	11.5	0.11	11.5	0.15
Turbidity	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	0	7.26	1.45	145.2	39.37
Do	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	14.6	7.86	1.57	70.20	19.04
BOD	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	0	0.4	0.08	8	2.16
									WQI=	74.86

Standard values of n^{th} parameter (Sn), Constant (K), Unit weight (Wu), Actual values (Av), Mean concentration of n^{th} parameter (Mn), Sub-index (Si)

Table 4b. Shanti Sagara reservoir drinking WQI for post monsoon May, 2022

Characteristics	Std.(sn) values	1/Sn	$\sum 1/Sn$	K	Wu	Av	Mn	Mn/Sn	Si	Wu*SiWQI
pH	8.5	0.11	0.73	1.35	0.15	7	8.46	0.99	97.33	15.52
Chlorides	1000	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.01	0	56.78	0.05	5.67	0.00
Hardness	600	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.02	0	107	0.17	17.83	0.04
TDS	2000	0.05	0.73	1.35	0.00	0	343	0.17	17.15	0.01
Alkalinity	600	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.02	0	144	0.24	24	0.05
Calcium	200	0.05	0.73	1.35	0.06	0	42	0.21	21	0.14
Magnesium	100	0.01	0.73	1.35	0.01	0	64	0.64	64	0.86
Turbidity	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	0	10	2	200	54.23
Do	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	14.6	6.4	1.28	85.41	23.16
BOD	5	0.2	0.73	1.35	0.27	0	0.33	0.06	6.6	1.78
									WQI=	95.84

Standard values of n^{th} parameter (Sn), Constant (K), Unit weight (Wu), Actual values (Av), Mean concentration of n^{th} parameter (Mn), Sub-index (Si)

Table 5. Shanti Sagara reservoir post monsoon Trophic State Carlson's Classification 1977

Sl. No.	Latitude	Longitude	TN mg/L	TP mg/L	SD (m)	TSI _{SD}	TSI _{TN}	TSI _{TP}	Ratio of (TN :TP)
1	14.131	75.887	27.27	2.1	0.495	70.13	101.7	14.84	12.98
2	14.133	75.885	29.3	6.5	0.5	69.98	102.7	31.14	4.65
3	14.137	75.891	31.08	7.1	0.495	70.13	103.6	32.41	5.22
4	14.134	75.890	18.45	7.9	0.5	69.98	96.16	33.95	2.33
5	14.132	75.895	25.47	10.4	0.5	69.98	100.7	37.91	2.43
6	14.130	75.892	19.25	7.2	0.5	69.98	96.77	32.61	2.67
Mean			25.13	6.86	0.49				
mg/L			25136	6860					

Total Nitrogen (TN), Total Phosphorous (TP), Secchi depth (SD) and Trophic State index (TSI)

Hypereutrophic: It is the geography of water body where rich in the nutrients and minerals present in the water such as phosphorous, nitrogen etc it lead to higher the water from the surface that dissolved oxygen reduce in the summer cause to fish kill, hypereutrophic classification leads to high nutrients and minerals present in the water forms algal scum (Cyanobacteria) and few amount of macrophytes which floats on the surface of the water and this hypereutrophic dominance the rough fish in the water (Fig. 5) [22,23].

Nitrogen and phosphorous are found to be more in post monsoon (May, 2022), runoff is contributed from the reservoir catchment. This indicates that external nutrient loading is high (Precipitation occurred) [24]. Low TN: TP ratios are found in the freshwater reservoirs for five locations and these ratios are expected to deplete near the reservoir bed (Table 5). Changes in TN and TP availability, low TN: TP ratios indicate the phytoplankton growth, in the reservoir system at a given time. The results indicate excess P is released from the sediment relative to N (Table 5). Excess phosphorous released under anoxic conditions facilitates production of cyanobacteria and dominates when TN: TP ratios are low [25]. Internal P loading plays an important role in algal blooms. Nurnberg (1985) showed that 30% of hypolimnetic P was incorporated into plankton while another 30% remained as soluble reactive suggested that the internal load

altered the balance of nutrient ratios to favor blue green algae [26].

3.4 Reservoir Nutrients

Reservoir management has historically focused on controlling external nutrient loads to improve water quality, but internal mechanisms also contribute to eutrophication processes, that cannot be neglected. Therefore the nutrient cycle requires assessment of both external and internal load.

3.5 External Load

Reservoir management has focused in controlling the external loads but the formation of the eutrophication process cannot be neglected. However, the nutrient entering into the water from the catchment characteristics, by the usage of agriculture crops, fertilizing and sewage disposal from the rural areas entering in to the reservoir from the catchment, as more as nutrients usage in the land for the crop yield, irrigation and agricultural purpose the nutrients added in land that leads to from the eutrophication in the water from runoff the sediments enters into the water and settledown in the bottom of the reservoir (Table 6), for a period change in temperature the water starts formation of algae blooms and water gets eutrophic in the surface water that is nuisance for the aquatic life and consumption of water [27,28].



Fig. 5. The presence of cyanobacteria and macrophytes

Table 6. Shanti Sagara reservoir bed soil characteristics and nutrient status for post monsoon (May, 2022)

Sl. No.	Location	Landuse	Soil Texture	TN kg/acre	TP kg/acre	MC (%)	SG (%)	LL (%)	PL (%)	Insitu DD (gms/cc)
1	Kogaluru	Cropland	Siltyclay	202	10	6.365	2.64	33.74	NIL	0.25
2	Santhebennur	Cropland	Sandyloam	217	9.6	6.42	2.71	34.91	NIL	0.19
3	Rangapura	Cropland	Siltyloam	201	11	13.05	2.73	37.82	12.51	0.15
4	Channagiri	Dryland	Sandy clayloam	205	10.5	6.45	2.6	31.03	NIL	0.24
5	Rudrapura	Bareland	Sandy clay	210	12.4	6.65	2.6	37.16	12.045	0.23
6	Mallapura	Cropland	Siltyclay	211	10.2	7.03	2.68	42.05	13.065	0.21

Total Nitrogen (TN), Total Phosphorous (TP), Moisture content (MC), Specific gravity (SG), Liquid limit (LL), Plastic limit (PL) and Insitu dry density (Insitu DD)

Table 7. Shanti Sagara reservoir bed silt characteristics and nutrient status for post monsoon (May, 2022)

Sl. No.	pH	TDS (mg/L)	Total nitrogen (kg/acre)	Total phosphorous (kg/acre)
1	7.3	430	159	10.1
2	7.5	410	162	11.4
3	7.2	620	161	13.4
4	7.3	500	168	10.3

Moreover, the high nutrient concentration also owing to the domestic water and the sewage water has contributed to high concentration of phosphorous (P) in Rudrapura and Jakli near Somalapura.

3.6 Internal Load

However, as nutrients enter along with sediment and runoff in the reservoir, they build up in the sediment creating the potential for an internal load (Table 7). Phosphorus tends to accumulate in reservoir sediments leading to an excess of DRP (dissolved reactive phosphorous) in the water column during summer. The release of phosphorus (P) from anoxic sediments in the reservoir being the major source of P helped to reduce TN, TP ratios and create N limiting conditions owing to difference in temperature. This encourages the growth of cyanobacteria, which often grow algal bloom proportions [25]. Internal load High internal Phosphorous loads in shallow reservoirs are worldwide. There is evidence of recent increases in the Trophic level index that is (Declining trophic state) of [29] that are characterized by high internal nutrient loads comparable to their catchment loads on an annual basis [25,4].

4. CONCLUSION

Water quality index based on physico-chemical parameter was found to be poor in the pre monsoon, December 2021 and very poor in the post monsoon, May 2022. Internal loading and external loading in the process of eutrophication have a significant impact on water quality. Internal phosphorus (P) loading from sediment is associated with an increased (P) in water and is a threat to water quality status. Earlier studies have hypothesized that internal (P) loads may be as high as external places, especially in (P) developed landscapes such as agricultural areas, whereas Internal (P) loads in eutrophic conditions are infrequently quantified or differentiate to external (P) loads [27] The study suggests that the

trophic status of the reservoir, measured quantitatively with the Trophic Level Index (TLI), could move from highly eutrophic to mesotrophic with high external and internal loads of both Nitrogen and Phosphorous in reservoirs located in semiarid climate. The measure of the nutrient load reductions is significant of a major challenge in being able to effect growth across trophic state for eutrophication in the reservoir [27,30]. The reduction of nutrients and eutrophication level in the water that limits primary production is often a critical element of eutrophication. This suggests reduction in external load entering the reservoir as the top priority in reservoir catchment this can be achieved that nutrient management soil conservation structure and sewage treatment plant for rural settlements.

Limited silt samples were collected from the reservoir bed and the chlorophyll a was not accounted while calculating the trophic status of the reservoir. The results would have given us the better picture for environmental policy decisions in the assessment process.

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