

PRELIMINARY STUDY ON ALGAL DIVERSITY IN CHERLA ANKIREDDY PALLY VILLAGE LAKE, MEDAK DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE, INDIA

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Abstract: A study was conducted to analyze the diversity of algal components of Cherla ankireddy pally village lake located besides water filter bed of Moulana abdul kalam. Algal samples were collected at monthly intervals from January to June 2016. Acid washed collection bottles were used for algal samples were collected. In present study 55 species under 32 genera have been identified and recorded. Algal members belongs to Chlorophyceae, Bacillariophyceae, Cyanophyceae, Charophyceae and Euglenophyceae were recorded. Chlorophyceae group was found dominant which is followed by Cyanophyceae, Bacillariophyceae, Charophyceae, and Euglenophyceae. Algal genera such as *Chara*, *Spirogyra*, *Nitella*, *Scenedesmus*, *Cosmarium*, *Cladophora*, *Gloeocystis*, *Chlorella*, *Fragilaria*, *Oscillatoria*, *Microcystis*, *Spirulina*, *Lyngbya*, *Gloethecae* and *Pediastrum* were found dominant.

Key words: Cherla ankireddy pally, Algae, Biodiversity,

Introduction: Algae are important fraction of plankton in aquatic environments (Hecky and Kling 1981). Ponds, lakes and small reservoirs support flora & fauna which include plant and animal communities called phytoplankton and zooplankton respectively. Algae is a diverse group of plant kingdom. rivers, streams, ponds, puddles, pools, lakes and dams are the different types of fresh water habitats where algae grows abundantly and found in diverse form (Pandey, 1973, Kumar et al 1974, Prasad and Suxena, 1980, Mohan et al 1989). Cherla Ankireddy pally is a village located in Medak district of Telangana state. This lake is located besides Sujala Sravanthi water filter bed of Moulana abdul kalam at Mallaram. Geographically it is situated at 18° 10' 15" Latitude Northern and 78° 69' 16" Longitude Eastern. In the present investigation, data on morphometric features, water quality parameters, density and bio diversity of phytoplankton communities with special reference to diversity of algae have been gathered.

Materials and Methods: Medak is one of the 10 districts of telangana state lies between 17° 27' and 18° 18' Northern latitude and 77° 28' and 79° 10' of Eastern longitude. To study algal biodiversity of Cherla ankireddy pally lake of Medak district.

Algal samples were collected from the lake at monthly intervals from January to June 2006. Acid washed collection bottles were used for collection of algal samples. Floating, planktonic submerged and attached epiphytic algal samples were collected separately in collection bottles. Collected samples preserved in Lugol's solution for further taxonomic study. Fresh as well as preserved algal forms were microscopically examined using Olympus Binocular research microscope and microphotographs were taken using Sony cyber shot digital camera in department of P.G. Botany, Government degree college, Siddipet. Algal identification was done with

the aid of standard books and monographs [Fritsch (1935), Desikachary (1959), Philipose (1967), Prescott (1951), Smith (1950)]. Internet resources were also used for identification.

Results and Discussion: Algae are the primary producers of the aquatic ecosystem, an area that covers 71% of the Earth's surface. Algae occur in oceans, lakes, ponds and streams as well as on and in soil, rocks, ice, snow, plants and animals. In total, 40% of global photosynthesis is contributed by algae. It is a vital group of plants in aquatic ecosystem for monitoring programs to evaluate water quality. They are suited to water quality assessment because of their nutrient needs, rapid reproduction rate and very short life cycle. Algal community variability from time to time can result from seasonal changes in temperature and light availability. Microscopic analysis of water samples collected from lakes, streams and other bodies determines the diversity and density of algal species and provides potentially useful early warning signs of deteriorating conditions. Recently, algae have been associated with regulating environmental pollution. These can help in removing pollutants from the surroundings, restoring contaminated sites and preventing further pollution. The diversity of algae from the lake is remarkable. The species identification revealed that there was very high diversity of algal members in these lake. In present study a total of 62 species of algae under 56 genera have been identified and recorded. There are very high number of green algae followed by Blue Green algae and Diatom. Green algae dominated with more than 32 genera followed by blue green algae with species 8 and 6 species Diatoms 3 species Eugleniophyceae 2 species Charophyceae. (Ashtekar (1980), Kumawat (2004), Talekar (2009), Pochman (1942), Ramanathan (1964)., (Table-I).

Algal diversity studied in this lake had 62 species under 56 genera. About 45 species were representative of green algae under 32 genera. The number of species of *Scenedesmus* was high and it was represented by eight species. It is followed by *Pediastrum* five species. *Cosmarium* was represented by four species. three speices of *Closterium* was identified.

Ankistrodesmus, Chlamydomonas, Chlorococcim, Chlorella, Tetradasmus, had a representation of two species. Blue green algae were represented by eight genera. Diatoms represented by 6 genera. Only one species of *Chara, Nitella, Euglena* and *Phacus* were identified. Similar kind of results were obtained by Somani and Pejaver(2003), Mahajan and Nandan (2005) and Nandan Mahajan (2007).

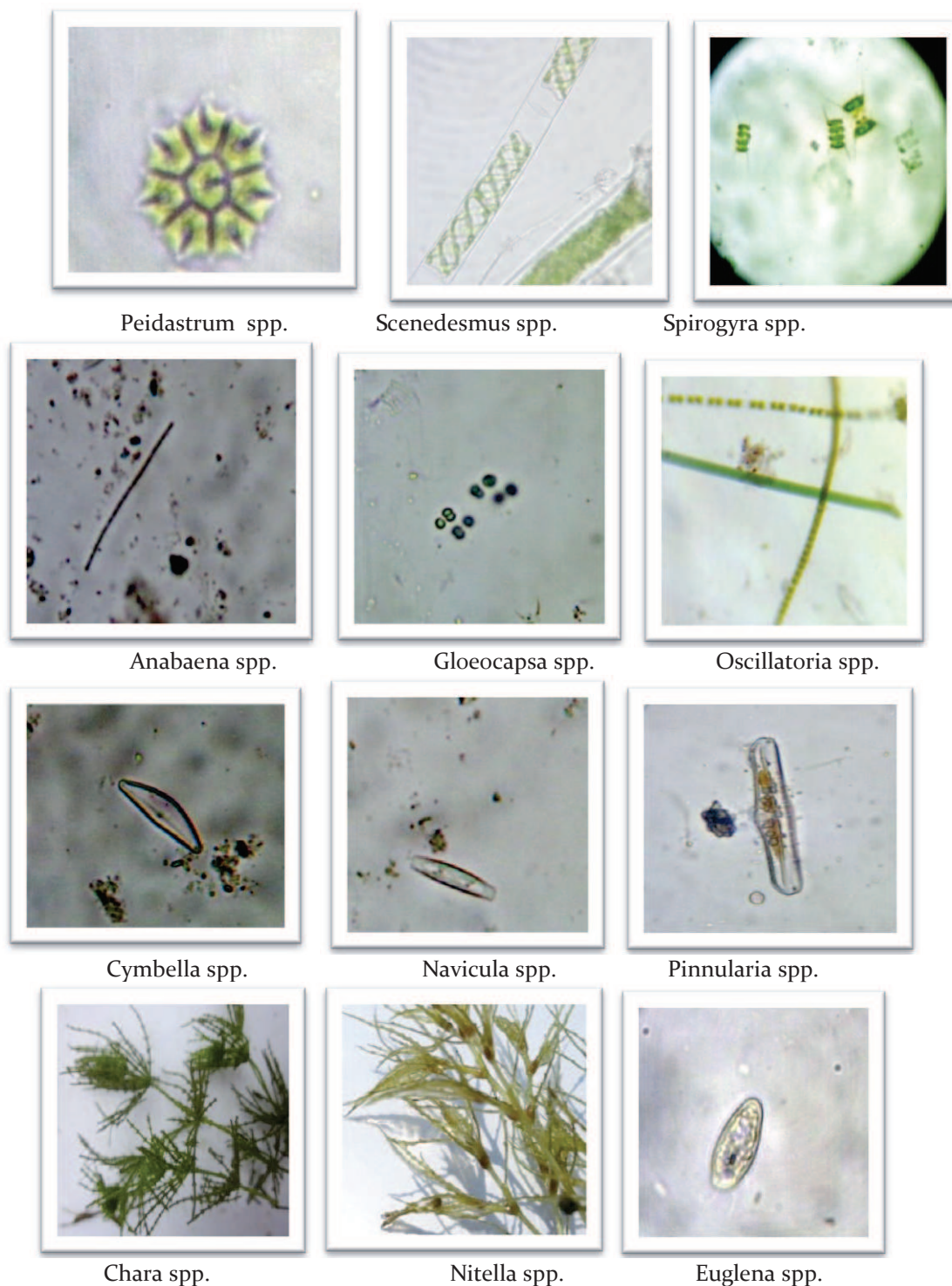
TABLE-I

Chlorophyceae	<i>Pediastrum duplex, Pediastrum simplex, Chlorella vulgaris, Oocystis spp, Volvox spp, Scenedesmus acunminatus, Scenedesmus acuttus, Scenedesmus armatus, Scenedesmus denticulatus, Scenedesmus dimorphus, Scenedesmus maximus, Ankistrodesmus falcatus, Ankistrodesmus sp, Chlorococcum sp, Closterium sp, Cosmarium contractum, Cosmarium depressum, Cosmarium quadrifarium, Hydrodictyon reticulatum, Pandorina sp, Spirogyra sp, Chlamydomonas gigas, Fritsch, Oedogonium sp, Tetradron regulare, (pres), Zygnema pectinatum, Rao,</i>
Cyanophyceae	<i>Anabaena Oryzae, Fritsch, Chroococcus giganteus, (Smith), Microcystis aeruginosa (kuetz), Oscillatoria nigroviridis, (kuetz), Rivularia aquatica, De wilde, Spirulina priceps, w.et. G.S. west Gleocapsa nigrescens, (kuetz), Cyndrospermum majus, (kuetz).</i>
Bacillariophyceae	<i>Cyclotella meneghiniana, kuetz, Cymbella tumida (Breb) van. Heurck, Fragilaria intermedia (gurn) var. robusta, Navicula papula, Kuetz, Navicula halophila, Kuetz, Pinnularia braunii (Nitz) Her., Syndera ulna (Nitz) Her,</i>
Eugleniophyceae	<i>Euglena sp, Phacus sp,</i>
Charophyceae	<i>Chara sp, Nitella sp</i>

FIGURE-1
OVER VIEW OF CHERLA ANKIREDDY PALLY LAKE.



FIGURE-2
MICROSCOPIC VIEW OF FEW ALGAL GENERA IDENTIFIED IN CHERLA ANKIREDDY PALLY LAKE.



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