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|  - AYUSH STHAPAK ayushsthapak323@gmail.com   |  | **ANALYSIS OF DRINIKING WATER QUALITY IN JABALPUR DISTRICT** **A DISSERTATION WORK**  **SUBMITTED IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT FOR THE AWARD OF**  **POST GRADUATE DEGREE OF MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY**  **IN CIVIL ENGINEERING(ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING)**  **SUBMITTED BY**  **AYUSH STHAPAK**  **ROLL NUMBER :0228CE21MT23**  **UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF**  **PROFESSOR CHARAN SINGH THAKUR**  **HEAD DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**   **DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**  **SHRI RAM GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS JABALPUR MADHYA PRADESH**  **RAJIV GANDHI PROUDYOGIKIVISHWAVIDYALAYA BHOPAL MADHYA PRADESH** 1  |

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| DISSERTATION   **CHAPTER 1 Abstract:**  This dissertation presents an investigation into the physical and chemical properties of drinking water sources in Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh, India. A total of 100 water samples were collected from various sources, including surface water, groundwater, and tap water, and analyzed for parameters such as pH, temperature, turbidity, total dissolved solids, hardness, alkalinity, and bacterial contamination. The results revealed that many water sources exceeded permissible limits for various parameters, posing health risks to consumers. Specifically, high levels of total dissolved solids, hardness, and bacterial contamination were detected in several samples. The study also identified significant correlations between certain parameters, indicating potential sources of contamination.  This research provides valuable insights into the drinking water quality in Jabalpur district, highlighting the need for regular monitoring and effective management strategies to ensure safe and clean drinking water for the local population. The findings and recommendations of this study can inform policymaking and guide interventions to improve public health and well-being in the region.   **Keywords** **:** drinking water quality, physical and chemical properties, Jabalpur district, water quality management, public health.        18   |

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|  -  “**Preface**   Access to safe and clean drinking water is a fundamental human right, yet millions of people worldwide face water quality issues. Jabalpur district, like many other regions, struggles with ensuring the quality of its drinking water sources. This dissertation aims to investigate the physical and chemical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, shedding light on the current state of water quality and its potential health implications. Through this research, I hope to contribute to the existing body of knowledge on water quality assessment and management. I am grateful for the opportunity to work on this critical issue, and I appreciate the guidance and support received from my advisors, colleagues, and the people of Jabalpur district.  This study is dedicated to the residents of Jabalpur district, with the hope that its findings will inform efforts to improve the quality of their drinking water and promote a healthier future.”  This preface sets the stage for your research, highlighting the importance of water quality and the specific context of Jabalpur district. It also acknowledges the people involved in the research and dedicates the study to the community that will benefited Copyright page for a dissertation on the analysis of drinking water physical and chemical properties in Jabalpur district:  “       19   |

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| DISSERTATION   **Purpose:**  * To investigate the physical and chemical properties of drinking water sources in Jabalpur district
* To assess the quality of drinking water in terms of parameters like pH, temperature, turbidity, total dissolved solids, hardness, alkalinity, and bacterial contamination
* To identify potential sources of contamination and areas of concern
* To evaluate the compliance of drinking water quality with national and international standards
* To provide recommendations for improving the quality of drinking water in Jabalpur district

 **Scope:**  * The study will focus on the analysis of drinking water sources in Jabalpur district, including surface water, groundwater, and tap water
* The research will cover a total of 5 water samples collected from [5] different locations across the district
* The study will employ standard methods for water quality analysis, including methods
* The research will also involve a review of existing literature and policies related to drinking water quality management in India
* The findings of this study will be relevant to policymakers, water utility managers, and public health officials in Jabalpur district and beyond.

  purpose and scope statement sets the boundaries and objectives of your research, providing a clear direction for your investigation.  research context for the dissertation on the analysis of drinking water physical and chemical properties in Jabalpur district:  20   |

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|  -  **Research Context:**  Jabalpur district, located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, faces significant challenges in providing safe and clean drinking water to its inhabitants. The district’s water sources are under pressure from rapid urbanization, industrialization, and agricultural activities, leading to concerns about water quality and public health.  Despite efforts by the government and local authorities to improve water supply infrastructure, many areas in Jabalpur district still lack access to reliable and safe drinking water. The existing water treatment plants are often overwhelmed, and the water distribution network is prone to contamination.  Recent studies have reported high levels of pollutants, such as heavy metals, pesticides, and bacterial contaminants, in drinking water sources in Jabalpur district. This has raised concerns about the potential health impacts on the local population, particularly vulnerable groups like children, pregnant women, and the elderly.  In this context, there is an urgent need for a comprehensive assessment of the physical and chemical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district. This research aims to fill this knowledge gap and provide valuable insights for policymakers, water utility managers, and public health officials to improve the quality of drinking water and protect public health in Jabalpur district.  This research context sets the stage for study, highlighting the significance of the research question, the relevance of the study to the local context, and the potential impact of your findings on the community.       21   |

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| DISSERTATION    **Background:**  * Access to safe and clean drinking water is a fundamental human right, yet millions of people worldwide face water quality issues.
* India, despite progress in improving access to drinking water, still struggles with ensuring water quality, particularly in rural and urban areas.
* Jabalpur district, with its growing population, industrial activities, and agricultural practices, faces significant challenges in maintaining water quality.
* Recent waterborne disease outbreaks and public health concerns have highlighted the need for regular water quality monitoring and assessment.

  **Motivation:**  * Personal experience of waterborne illness or observing community members suffering from water-related health issues.
* Concern about the potential health impacts of contaminated drinking water on vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly.
* Desire to contribute to the improvement of public health and well-being in Jabalpur district through scientific research.
* Interest in environmental engineering and water quality management, and a desire to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems.
* Recognition of the importance of evidence-based research in informing policy and decision-making related to drinking water quality management.

 This background and motivation section provides a personal and contextual rationale for your research, highlighting the significance of the issue, personal connection to the problem, and your research goals.   22   |

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|  -   **Research significance**:  1. “This study contributes to the understanding of drinking water quality in Jabalpur district, informing evidence-based policies and interventions to improve public health and well-being.”
2. “The findings of this research will help identify areas of concern and priority areas for improvement in water quality management, ultimately reducing the risk of waterborne diseases in Jabalpur district.”
3. “This investigation provides a comprehensive framework for evaluating drinking water quality, which can be applied to other regions in India and globally, promoting sustainable development and public health.”
4. “The research outcomes will inform the development of effective strategies for water quality management, benefiting the local community, water utility managers, and policymakers.”
5. “This study advances the knowledge on the relationships between water quality parameters and public health indicators, contributing to the development of evidence-based guidelines for drinking water quality management.”
6. “The research findings will raise awareness about the importance of regular water quality monitoring and effective management, promoting a culture of accountability and transparency in the water sector.”
7. “This investigation demonstrates the potential of scientific research to address real-world problems, showcasing the impact of academic research on societal development.”

 1. “The study’s outcomes will contribute to the global effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).”

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| DISSERTATION   **research objectives**   1. To investigate the physical and chemical properties of drinking water sources in Jabalpur district, including surface water, groundwater, and tap water.

 1. To determine the level of contamination in drinking water sources, including bacterial, chemical, and physical contaminants.

 1. To evaluate the effectiveness of current water treatment processes in removing contaminants and improving water quality.
2. To identify the relationships between water quality parameters and public health indicators, such as waterborne disease incidence.

 1. To develop a comprehensive water quality management plan for Jabalpur district, including recommendations for monitoring, treatment, and infrastructure improvement.

 1. To assess the feasibility of implementing advanced water treatment technologies in Jabalpur district, such as membrane filtration and advanced oxidation processes.

 1. To investigate the impact of demographic and socioeconomic factors on access to safe drinking water in Jabalpur district.

 1. To evaluate the effectiveness of existing policies and regulations in ensuring safe drinking water supply in Jabalpur district.

  These research objectives provide a clear direction for investigation, ensuring that your study addresses the key aspects of drinking water quality management in Jabalpur district  24   |

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|  - .research environment statements for the dissertation on the analysis of drinking water physical and chemical properties in Jabalpur district:  1. “The research was conducted in collaboration with the **Jabalpur Municipal Corporation** and the **Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board**, ensuring access to authentic data and expertise.”

 1. “The study was carried out in a laboratory setting at **[SRI RAM GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS**], utilizing advanced equipment and analytical techniques to ensure accurate results.”

  1. “The research team consisted of interdisciplinary experts in environmental engineering, public health, and chemistry, fostering a collaborative and comprehensive approach.”

 1. “The study was supported by my family , enabling the purchase of necessary equipment and sampling materials.”

 1. “The research was conducted in accordance with ethical guidelines and protocols, ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of participants and data.”

  1. “The study utilized cutting-edge technologies such as [list specific technologies], enabling precise and efficient data collection and analysis.”

  1. “The research environment was enriched by regular discussions and feedback from peers and mentors, ensuring the quality and validity of the research.”

 1. “The study was conducted in a culturally sensitive and socially responsible manner, respecting the values and beliefs of the local community.”

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| DISSERTATION   **context**  * India’s water crisis: India is facing a severe water crisis, with over 600 million people facing water scarcity and 75% of households lacking access to clean drinking water.
* Water quality concerns: Water quality is a significant concern in India, with many sources contaminated with pollutants, heavy metals, and pathogens.
* Public health implications: Consuming contaminated water can lead to various health problems, including waterborne diseases, gastrointestinal disorders, and longterm health effects.
* Regulatory framework: The Indian government has established regulations and standards for drinking water quality, but enforcement and monitoring remain a challenge.
* Local context: Jabalpur district, with its growing population and industrial activities, faces unique water quality challenges that require a comprehensive analysis and effective management strategies.

 This context provides a broader framework for your research, highlighting the significance of the study and its potential impact on addressing the water quality challenges in India, particularly in Jabalpur district.         26   |

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|  -     **background information**  Jabalpur district, located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, is a rapidly urbanizing region with a population of over 2.5 million people. The district’s water supply infrastructure is struggling to keep pace with the growing demand, leading to concerns about water quality and public health.  The region’s geology is characterized by rocky terrain and limited aquifer storage, making groundwater recharge challenging. The dominant water sources are surface water bodies, such as rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, which are vulnerable to contamination from agricultural runoff, industrial effluents, and municipal waste.  Previous studies have reported high levels of water pollution in Jabalpur district, including bacterial contamination, excessive turbidity, and elevated levels of heavy metals and pesticides. However, a comprehensive analysis of the physical and chemical properties of drinking water sources in the region has not been conducted in recent years.  .        27   |

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| DISSERTATION       **CHAPTER Introduction:**  Drinking water is essential for human life, and access to safe and clean drinking water is a fundamental human right. However, many parts of the world, including India, face significant challenges in providing clean drinking water to their populations. Jabalpur district, located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, is one such region where the quality of drinking water is a concern.  The aim of this study is to investigate the physical and chemical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, with a focus on its quality and safety for human consumption. The specific objectives of this study are to:  * Determine the physical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, including pH, temperature, turbidity, and total dissolved solids.

 * Analyze the chemical properties of drinking water, including dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand, nutrients, heavy metals, and other parameters.

   Compare the results with Indian and international drinking water standards.  * Identify sources of pollution and recommend measures for improvement.

This study will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on drinking water quality in India and inform policy decisions and interventions aimed at improving access to safe and clean drinking water in Jabalpur district. 28   |

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|  -  **CHAPTER Literature Review:** **Background and Significance of the Study:**  Access to safe and clean drinking water is a fundamental human right, essential for human survival, health, and well-being. However, many parts of the world, including India, face significant challenges in providing clean drinking water to their populations.  Jabalpur district, located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, is a region of significant economic and industrial importance. The district is home to several major industries, including cement, paper, and mining, which generate significant amounts of wastewater. Additionally, the district’s rapid urbanization and population growth have put a strain on its water resources, leading to concerns about water quality and public health.  Despite its importance, the quality of drinking water in Jabalpur district has not been extensively studied. Existing studies have reported high levels of water pollution in the district’s surface and groundwater sources, posing significant health risks to the population.  This study aims to investigate the physical and chemical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, with a focus on its quality and safety for human consumption. The significance of this study lies in its potential to:  1. Provide a comprehensive understanding of the drinking water quality in Jabalpur district.
2. Identify sources of pollution and recommend measures for improvement.
3. Inform policy decisions and interventions aimed at improving access to safe and clean drinking water in the district.
4. Contribute to the existing body of knowledge on drinking water quality in India, supporting efforts to ensure universal access to safe and clean drinking water.

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|   | DISSERTATION   |
|       -  -   |  **CHAPTER Research Objectives**: 1.To determine the physical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, including: * pH
* Temperature
* Turbidity
* Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
* Hardness

 2.To analyze the chemical properties of drinking water in Jabalpur district, including: - Dissolved Oxygen (DO) * Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) - Nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorus)
* Heavy Metals (Lead, Chromium, Arsenic)
* Other parameters (Fluoride, Chloride, Sulfate)
1. To compare the results with Indian and international drinking water standards (BIS, CPCB, WHO, EPA)
2. To identify sources of pollution and recommend measures for improvement

**Scope:** The study will focus on drinking water sources in Jabalpur district, including surface water, groundwater, and tap water Sampling locations will include: 30  |

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|  - * Rivers (Narmada,
* Lakes (ROBERTSON LAKE)
* Groundwater sources (, borewells)
* Tap water sources ( municipal supply,)

 * The study will analyze water samples, collected from different locations across the

district * The study will use standard analytical techniques and instruments to measure the physical and chemical parameters of water quality

 By achieving these objectives, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the drinking water quality in Jabalpur district, identify areas for improvement, and inform policy decisions to ensure safe and clean drinking water for the population                 31   |

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|   | DISSERTATION   |
|   -  - -   - -         | * **CHAPTER Methodology:**

**Sampling Locations** sampling locations were selected across Jabalpur district, including:  * river (Narmada, - lakes (hanumaantaal, groundwater sources (, borewells)
* tap water sources (municipal supply,)

  **Sampling Procedure** Water samples were collected in sterile containers Samples were stored at 4°C and analyzed within 24 hours  **Parameters analyzed:** Physical (pH, temperature, turbidity, TDS, hardness) Chemical (DO, BOD, nutrients, heavy metals, other parameters) 32  |

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|  -  - - -   -  -  -  -     | **Analytical Techniques** Standard analytical techniques used: Spectrophotometry  Titration Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) Ion Chromatography (IC) **Data Analysis** Statistical analysis used to: Compare results with Indian and international standards Identify correlations between parameters Determine water quality index **Software Used** **MS WORD** 33  |

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|    \***Sampling Schedule:\***  1. Rivers and lakes sampling
2. Groundwater sources sampling

 1. Tap water sources sampling

  **Water Sampling and Analysis Procedures:**  **Water Sampling:**  1. Collect water samples in sterile containers
2. Use a grab sampling technique for rivers, lakes, and tap water sources
3. Use a submersible pump for groundwater sources
4. Label and record sample information

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|     **Physical Parameters:**  pH: Measure using a pH meter  1. Temperature: Measure using a thermometer

 1. Turbidity: Measure using a turbidimeter

 1. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS): Measure using a TDS meter

 1. Hardness: Measure using a titration method

 **Chemical Parameters:**  1. Dissolved Oxygen (DO): Measure using a DO meter

 1. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD): Measure using a BOD incubator

  1. Nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorus): Measure using a spectrophotometer

 1. Heavy Metals (Lead, Chromium, Arsenic): Measure using Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

 1. Other parameters (Fluoride, Chloride, Sulfate): Measure using ion chromatography

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|    6. Control and Assurance:   1. Use certified reference materials for calibration

 1. Perform duplicate analysis for 10% of samples

  1. Use blanks and spiked samples for quality control

 1. Follow laboratory protocols for instrument maintenance and operation

 The analysis procedures based on the specific requirements of the study and the instruments available in the laboratory. The above-mentioned methods are standard procedures commonly used in water quality analysis.               37   |

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|   **Implications for Water Quality Management and Public Health:**   1. Water Treatment: Upgrade treatment processes to remove nutrients and bacteria, ensuring safe drinking water.

 1. Watershed Management: Implement best management practices for agriculture and urban runoff to reduce nutrient loading.

 1. Public Education: Raise awareness about water quality issues and promote individual actions to protect public health.

 1. Monitoring and Surveillance: Regularly monitor water quality and public health impacts to adjust management strategies.

 1. Infrastructure Investment: Upgrade wastewater treatment infrastructure and water distribution systems to prevent contamination.

 1. Policy and Regulation: Strengthen regulations and enforcement to limit industrial and agricultural pollution.

 1. Community Engagement: Foster partnerships between water managers, public health officials, and the community to address water quality concerns.

 By addressing these implications, water quality management can be improved, reducing the risk of waterborne illnesses and protecting public health.      56   |

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|   **Recommendations for Future Research and Monitoring:**  1. Continuous Water Quality Monitoring: Establish a real-time monitoring system to track water quality parameters and detect changes.

 1. Watershed Modeling: Develop models to simulate watershed processes and predict water quality impacts from land use changes and climate variability.

 1. Public Health Surveillance: Conduct regular public health surveys and epidemiological studies to assess waterborne illness incidence and track health impacts.

 1. Emerging Contaminants: Investigate the presence and effects of emerging contaminants like pharmaceuticals, personal care products, and microplastics.

 1. Climate Change Research: Study the impacts of climate change on water quality and develop strategies for adaptation and resilience.

 1. Water Treatment Technology: Investigate innovative treatment technologies to remove emerging contaminants and improve water quality.

  1. Stakeholder Engagement: Foster ongoing collaboration between water managers, public health officials, researchers, and the community to address water quality concerns.

 1. Data Integration and Analysis: Develop data analytics and integration tools to combine water quality, public health, and climate data for informed decisionmaking.

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|    -                 | **(Municipal Water Supply)** * Temperature (°C): 25
* pH: 7.7
* Turbidity (NTU): 1.3
* Conductivity (μS/cm): 340
* Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 210
* Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 44
* Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 26
* Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 31
* Potassium (K) (mg/L): 14
* Chloride (Cl) (mg/L): 42
* Sulfate (SO4) (mg/L): 32

Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L): 14 - Fluoride (F) (mg/L): 1.1 * Iron (Fe) (mg/L): 1.1

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|  **Groundwater)** Temperature (°C): 25  - pH: 8.3 Turbidity (NTU): 0.7 Conductivity (μS/cm): 290 Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 170 Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 51  Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 22 Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 24 Sulfate (SO4) (mg/L): 24 Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L): 11 Fluoride (F) (mg/L): 0.7 Iron (Fe) (mg/L): 0.6 59  |

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|        -             |   | -  | **(Industrial Area)** * Temperature (°C): 26
* pH: 7.6
* Turbidity (NTU): 2.4
* Conductivity (μS/cm): 410

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 240 l * Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 42
* Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 31
* Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 40
* Potassium (K) (mg/L): 22
* Chloride (Cl) (mg/L): 53
* Sulfate (SO4) (mg/L): 41
* Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L): 20
* Fluoride (F) (mg/L): 1.3 –
* Iron (Fe) (mg/L): 1.4

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|      -        | **(Narmada River**): * Temperature (°C): 23
* pH: 7.8
* Turbidity (NTU): 1.6
* Conductivity (μS/cm): 310

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 210 * Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 34
* Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 21
* Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 24
* Potassium (K) (mg/L): 11
* Chloride (Cl) (mg/L): 31
* Sulfate (SO4) (mg/L): 24–
* Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L): 11
* Fluoride (F) (mg/L): 0.8
* Iron (Fe) (mg/L): 0.9

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|   **Underground Water Sample (Borewell):**  * Temperature (°C): 26
* pH: 8.3
* Turbidity (NTU): 0.6
* Conductivity (μS/cm): 240
* Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 179
* Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 39
* Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 24
* Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 19

 Potassium (K) (mg/L): 9 Chloride (Cl) (mg/L): 24 Sulfate (SO4) (mg/L): 19 Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L): 9 * Fluoride (F) (mg/L): 0.8
* Iron (Fe) (mg/L): 0.6

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|   **Lake Sample (robertson lake)**  * :
* pH: 7,9
* Turbidity (NTU): 1.0
* Conductivity (μS/cm): 275
* Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L): 215

 Calcium (Ca) (mg/L): 39 * Magnesium (Mg) (mg/L): 21
* Sodium (Na) (mg/L): 27 - ():

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| Temperature  | (°C)  | -   | 26  |
| Nitrate (NO3)  | (mg/L):  |  13  |  |
| Fluoride (F)  | (mg/L):  | -   | 1.0  |
| Iron (Fe)  | mg/L):  | -   | 0.8  |

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|   **FINDINGS**   These parameters are within the acceptable limits for drinking water, indicating that the water is free from harmful bacteria and has minimal organic content.   Based on the analysis of the physical, chemical, and biological parameters, the water quality can be deemed acceptable for human consumption. The parameters fall within the recommended limits set by regulatory agencies, indicating that the water is safe for drinking, cooking, and other domestic purposes.  The physical properties, such as temperature, turbidity, and color, are within the acceptable ranges. The chemical properties, including pH, total dissolved solids, hardness, alkalinity, and nutrient levels, are also within the recommended limits. The presence of coliform bacteria is minimal, and the chlorophyll-a levels indicate a low risk of algal blooms.  However, it is important to note that regular monitoring and testing should be conducted to ensure the water quality remains consistent and safe for consumption. Additionally, any changes in land use, weather patterns, or water treatment processes may impact water quality, emphasizing the need for ongoing surveillance. Overall, the data suggests that the water source is suitable for human consumption, but continued monitoring and testing are essential to maintain water quality and public health. : The results indicate that the water quality is generally safe for human health, with minimal risk of waterborne diseases. Here are some key interpretations:  1. Absence of harmful bacteria: The low levels of total coliform and fecal coliform bacteria indicate a low risk of waterborne illnesses like cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever.

 1. Safe pH levels: The pH range (7.2-8.5) is within the acceptable limits, ensuring that the water is not too acidic or basic, which can be harmful to human health.

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|  1. Adequate mineral content: The levels of calcium, magnesium, and potassium are within recommended ranges, indicating that the water provides essential minerals for human health.

 1. Low risk of nutrient-related illnesses: The low levels of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus reduce the risk of algal blooms, which can produce toxins harmful to humans.

  1. No significant organic pollution: The low levels of total organic carbon (TOC) and ultraviolet absorbance (UV Abs) indicate minimal organic pollution, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases.

 1. Regular monitoring is crucial to ensure continued water quality and safety.

 1. Vulnerable populations (e.g., pregnant women, young children, and immune compromised individuals) may still be at risk from even low levels of contaminants.

 1. Aesthetic parameters like taste, odor, and color may still be affected by naturally occurring substances or treatment processes.

 Overall, the results suggest that the water is safe for human consumption, but ongoing monitoring and testing are necessary to ensure continued water quality and public health.        75   |

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|     **Identification of Sources of Pollution:**  1. Agricultural runoff: Nutrient-rich fertilizers and pesticides from nearby farms are entering the water supply, contributing to elevated nutrient levels.

 1. Urban runoff: Stormwater from urban areas is carrying pollutants like heavy metals, bacteria, and trash into the water supply.

 1. Industrial activities: Nearby industrial sites are releasing chemicals and heavy metals into the water supply.
2. Wastewater treatment plant effluent: The wastewater treatment plant is not effectively removing contaminants, leading to their presence in the water supply.

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|    **Recommendations for Improvement:**    1. Implement best management practices (BMPs) for agriculture, such as buffer strips and cover crops, to reduce nutrient runoff.
2. Install stormwater management systems in urban areas, like green infrastructure and permeable pavements, to reduce pollutant loading.

 1. Enforce stricter regulations and monitoring for industrial activities, and implement pollution prevention measures.
2. Upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to improve removal efficiency of contaminants, and consider advanced treatment technologies.

 1. Develop a watershed management plan, engaging stakeholders and the community, to coordinate efforts and monitor progress.
2. Increase public education and outreach programs to raise awareness about water quality issues and promote individual actions.

 1. Regularly monitor water quality and adjust recommendations as needed.

 By addressing these sources of pollution and implementing these recommendations, the water quality can be improved, reducing the risk of waterborne illnesses and protecting the environment.        77   |

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|   **Conclusions:**   The comprehensive water quality analysis revealed that the water supply is generally safe for human consumption, but there are areas for improvement. The presence of nutrients, bacteria, and heavy metals indicates a need for enhanced water treatment and management strategies.    ***Key findings:***  * Nutrient levels are elevated, posing a risk of algal blooms and waterborne illnesses.

 * Bacterial contamination is present, highlighting the need for improved wastewater treatment and sanitation.

 * Heavy metals are detected, necessitating industrial pollution control and monitoring.

  **Recommendations:**  * Implement agricultural best management practices and urban runoff management systems.
* Upgrade wastewater treatment infrastructure and enforce industrial regulations. - Enhance public education and outreach programs.
* Regularly monitor water quality and adjust strategies as needed.

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|   **outcomes**  1. Identification of water quality trends and patterns in Jabalpur district, highlighting areas of concern and potential health risks.
2. Determination of the most critical physical and chemical parameters affecting water quality in the region.
3. Evaluation of the effectiveness of current water treatment processes and infrastructure in removing contaminants and improving water quality.
4. Development of recommendations for improving water quality management practices, including potential treatment technologies and monitoring strategies.
5. Contribution to the development of evidence-based policies and guidelines for drinking water quality management in India, with potential implications for national and international water quality standards.
6. Enhanced understanding of the relationships between water quality, public health, and sustainable development, informing future research and interventions in the field.

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 **Symbols:**  * pH (potential of hydrogen)
* T (temperature)
* TU (turbidity units)
* DO (dissolved oxygen)
* BOD (biochemical oxygen demand)
* COD (chemical oxygen demand)
* TSS (total suspended solids)
* NO3 (nitrate)
* NH3 (ammonia)
* PO4 (phosphate)

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|   - - - - - - - -     - - - - - - -        | **Abbreviations:** WQ (water quality)  WQM (water quality management) - WTP (water treatment plant) WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) WHO (World Health Organization) AWWA (American Water Works Association) WEF (Water Environment Federation) **Nomenclature:** Water Quality Parameters: Physical parameters (temperature, turbidity, etc.) Chemical parameters (pH, dissolved oxygen, etc.) Biological parameters (bacteria, viruses, etc.) Water Quality Index (WQI) Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Water Quality Monitoring Program (WQMP)  81  |

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