



Major Ion Chemistry and Assessment of Groundwater Quality around Gangapur Village, Nagpur District, Maharashtra, India

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Abstract

Groundwater quality results of 37 representative groundwater samples around Gangapur village are discussed here. The pH values of the groundwater reveal that it is in general alkaline in nature. The electrical conductivity varies from 565 to 1687 μ S/cm; the TDS content from the area shows that the 63% of groundwater samples from the study area have drinking utility, while its spatial variation is attributed to variations in lithology and hydrological processes. The cation chemistry is dominated by Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ while anion chemistry is dominated by Cl⁻ and HCO₃⁻. There are two dominant hydrogeochemical facies, which are Mg-Ca-HCO₃ and Ca-Mg-SO₄-HCO₃ where in alkaline earths (Ca⁺⁺ + Mg⁺⁺) dominates over the alkalies (Na⁺ + K⁺). The US Salinity classification indicates that water of the study area belongs to C2–S1, and C3–S1 classes. In general, the groundwater from the study area is suitable for drinking, domestic as well as irrigation purpose without any hazards.

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