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A Significant Review to Indian Limnology

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ABSTRACT

The limnological research has explored an immense momentum throughout the world over previous few decades. It has evolved as an individual division of ecology and numerous fields of specialization in limnology are acknowledged such as physical limnology, chemical limnology, planktonology, paleolimnology and limnology of specific areas like desert, high altitudes, temperate region, tropical region etc. The Swift advances in the field of limnology have taken place particularly in European countries and North America. Eutrophication, community dynamics, planktonology and pollution is an actively engaged viewpoint of various laboratories in exploring inland water bodies. The current article is an endeavor to give a widespread analysis and furnish a broad review of literature associated with the initiation of limnology and work done in Indian sub-continent with one hundred seventy four quoted references.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Limnology emerge as a directive of science it consist of biological, chemical, physical, geological, and supplementary aspects of all inland waterbodies (Lentic and Lotic, fresh and marine, natural or man-made). Planktonology, Environmental Engineering, Aquatic Biology and Ecology, Geoinformatics (GIS), Hydrochemistry, Aquatic Toxicology, Pollution and eutrophication is an actively engaged viewpoint of various laboratories in exploring inland

water bodies. Life on earth depends on air, water and soil. Water is an expensive contribution of nature, which is essential for survival of human, plants and animals. The vigorous aquatic ecology is proportional to the biological and physico-chemical characteristics of a waterbody.

The physico-chemical characteristics of a wetland chiefly governs the existence of life and its growth, which gathers the complex interaction of the aquatic ecosystem; so many workers have investigated the properties (physical, chemical and biological) of various waterbodies. Aquatic ecosystem comprises of phytoplankton and hydrophytes as primary producers, zooplankton as primary consumers and fishes as secondary, tertiary consumers and several other organisms which together includes as one of the important part of aquatic-biodiversity.

2. CRITICAL DISCUSSION

Limnology expands as a division of science that chiefly deal with freshwater ecology together its interrelationship with physical and chemical environment.

It comprises the structural and functional study and co-relations of waterbodies, their dominant physical, chemical, and biological parameters and their exchange among organisms affects its biotic environments and vice-versa.

Leeuwenhoek initiated limnological studies with the microscopic description of Spirogyra in 1674 from Lake Berkelse in Netherland. Francois Alphonse Forel first proposed the term limnology while publishing his researches on Lake Geneva as a result of its practical value. **Fritsch (1888)** ingrained the initial mobile biological station to study the diverse lakes. **Forel (1901)** gave leading work of motivation to study limnology effectively and regarded as the father of modern limnology. **Fritsch (1907)** established the work to study the periodicity of algae in tiny ponds. **West and West (1907), West (1912), Hodgetts (1921), Pearsall (1921, 1923, 1930 and 1932)** gave a broad explanation of periodicity of fresh water algae and factors regulating it. “**August Thienemann**” and Swedish Botanist “**Einar Naumann**” (1922) a German Zoologist together founded the International Society of Limnology. Phenomenal contributions have been done on physical properties of the fresh water bodies by **Storm (1924), Howland and Lucy (1931). Hutchinson and Pickford (1932)** calculated chemical properties of fresh water lakes. **Fritsch and Rich (1932)** advertised a group “Studies on the occurrence and reproduction of British Fresh Water Algae in Nature”. **Bailey (1938), Prescott (1938 and 1939)** studied ecology of phytoplankton in Lake Michigan dealt with abhorrent algae and their management in lakes. **Thresh et al. (1944)** recorded chloride of surface waters which endorsed elevated amounts of chloride to contamination. **Welch (1948)** has reckoned significant apprehension on biological and physico-chemical properties of freshwater and conceived the problem of “Biological Productivity” as the central theme of limnology.

India has highly diverse physiography, unique geology, cloudburst climate with extremes of temporal and spatial inconsistency, and high biotic variety is endowed with equally diverse aquatic habitats. Natural lakes of the diverse origin occur only in Himalayan belt, where the climate varies from cold in the west to humid tropical in the east In the early 19th century these aquatic habitat and their biota have been broadly investigated since then the interest has grown rapidly in past few years due to the increasing requirement for fish and water and the necessity for managing the water quality. **Ganpati (1940, 1955 and 1960)** was among the pioneer workers of limnology in India.

Ganpati broadly studied on the ecology of temple tanks and ponds, a variety of aspects were done including differences in various physico-chemical parameters and biological their importance, bloom forming algae and its ecology in tropical waterbodies, temporary ponds and temple tanks. **Gonzalves and Joshi (1946)** studied the seasonal occurrence of algae in a tank at Bandra, Mumbai. **Rao (1953 and 1955)** discussed and reported the propagation of fresh water algae in Hyderabad with six undersized ponds. **Krishnamurthy (1954)** studied the diatomic flora of lakes in southern India. **Zafar (1955, 1964, 1967 and 1969)** worked on ecology of freshwater ponds in Hyderabad with a variety of aspects. The discovery of Plankton by a German Biologist **Victor Hensen** in 1887 was a glorious incident across the ground of limnology and rise up a different perception. Hensen first used the term “Plankton”; and it includes all raw particles, which glide generously and reluctantly at coast and underneath in waterbodies, (**Hutchinson 1957**).

Freshwaters planktons include representation of algae and bacteria with numerous groups; they are microscopic organism that live pendant and move via twist of wind in almost every habitat of an aquatic ecosystem. They forms a very imperative division of the freshwater ecosystem, thousands of these organisms can be found due to their small size which occupies huge region of water and capable to multiply at an exponential rate. Planktonic communities comprise a wide variety of organisms which includes plants (phytoplankton) and animals (zooplankton) that form the basis of aquatic food webs. In natural waters, plankton accumulates a huge component of the living material along with function in biogeochemical cycles. Morphologically and physiologically they are adapted to survive in the aquatic ecosystem. They are non motile and their movement is induced by the wind and currents and many can move covering little distance with the help of various appendages helps in locomotion.

Plankton drifts or swims freely on the surface of waterbodies and has been used as bio-indicator to monitor the aquatic ecosystems in recent times. Phytoplanktons mainly consist of variety of algae such as diatoms, dinoflagellates of the plant kingdom and serve as the primary producer community. Zooplankton comprises a higher trophic position in the community of plankton and contributes significant role in the yield of the freshwater biome. They occupy succeeding trophic stage in the food chain and have intermediary level in the food web of the aquatic ecosystem and transfers energy from lower trophic levels to higher. In an aquatic ecosystem, zooplankton communities participate in cycling of organic materials due to their heterotrophic nature and respond quickly to the environmental alteration because of their short life cycle. Zooplanktons are also recognized as biological indicator of the eutrophication in the water bodies.

The biotic community of an aquatic ecosystem is directly affected by the changes in physico-chemical conditions. The density and diversity of the zooplankton in freshwater ecosystem is controlled by several factors i.e Temperature, Dissolved oxygen and organic matter. In Indian environment, researchers acknowledged planktons extensively by **Sreenivasan (1967)**, **Philipose (1960)** studied inland fisheries and freshwater phytoplanktons. **Singh (1960)** evaluated the ecology of phytoplanktons in inland waterbodies of Uttar Pradesh. **George (1966)** covered a relative study of planktonic ecology of fish tanks. **Munnawar and Zafar (1967)** studied comparable assistance to the ecology of algae in unpolluted and polluted lakes of Hyderabad with the patterns of distribution in phytoplanktons. They analysed the significance of physico-chemical parameters and their impact on the growth of algae.

Vyas (1968) studied phytoplanktons in Lake Picchola, Udaipur.

Verma and Shukla (1968) calculated the biological characters of temple tanks, in Deoband. **Venkateshwarlu (1970)** studied the ecological aspects of Moosi River in Hyderabad and allied periodicity of algae and water pollution. **Munnawar (1970)** surveyed extensively of unpolluted and polluted environments along with the division of phytoplanktons in single and colonies. **Seenayya (1971)** studied planktonic arrangements in freshwater lakes. **Munnawar (1972)** reported that organic pollution can be gauged with the presence of Euglenophyceae. **Hosmani and Bharati (1975 and 1977)** examined the development of *Euglena sanguinea* and reported that temperature above 26 °C, phosphate with low concentrations of carbonates, albuminoidal ammonia, high pH, carbon dioxide, nitrates and free ammonia quickens the algal bloom.

George (1980) broadly classified and categorised Indian freshwater investigations and highlighted problems and priorities for supplementary limnological researches in the framework of freshwater resources in India. **Hosmani and Bharati (1980 and 1982)** prepared a wide-ranging investigation of freshwater hydrobiology of wetlands of Dharwad bothered by population of animals and humans, their investigation suggested that the increase in the number of species increases total production of algae. However during summer heavily polluted wetlands showed low production of algae, when different algal species emerge as blooms. **Singh (1990)** correlated primary production of planktons with physico-chemical parameters in their ecological studies associated with phytoplanktons.

Goviathan (1990) studied seasonal progression of algal growth in waste stabilization ponds. **Ibrahim (1990)** studied wastewater treatment plants with respect to algal productivity. **Naik and Hegde (1990)** examined Sharavathi estuary and expressed organized description of Diatoms. **Kumar and Patel (1990)** delineated desmids of Gujarat. **Naganandini and Hosmani (1990)** studied inland lakes of Mysore, their research proceedings conveyed that cyanophycean blooms were conquered by *Microcystis aeruginosa*. Death and decay of *Spirulina nordestedtii* coupled with dissolved organic matter, dissolved oxygen, carbon dioxide, phosphorous, calcium influenced the cyanophycean bloom. **Swarnalatha and Narsing Rao (1991, 1993, 1994 and 1998)** assessed water quality and pollution in Lake Sarror Nagar and Banjara Lake, and supports the observations of Naganandini and Hosmani (1990), their research conclusion states that Cyanophycean blooms indicate pollution of water.

Kumar and Sharma (1991) concluded in their research that high electrical inductance, pH, total alkalinity and nitrates increase trophic level of water. **Sarwar and Wazir (1991)** studied the water chemistry allocation of phytoplanktons followed up by invariability of planktons studied by **Kaushik et al. (1991)**. **Jyothi et al. (1992)** discussed the higher concentrations of chlorides, phosphates and organic matter in an environment controlling the blooms of *Cyclotella*. **Choudhary (1991)** studied the influence on diatoms due to optimum change rate of pH and temperature using the algal bioassay method. **Vaishya and Adoni (1992)** concluded that due to unbalanced physico-chemical characteristics Lake Sagar had turned out to be Hypereutrophic with low lucidity. **Chatterjee (1992)** reported that external organic and inorganic material majorly controlling the ecology of Lake Nandan Kanan. **Borker et al. (1992)** accomplished that the pollution rate in a lake at Goa and was accelerated due to higher concentration in physico-chemical parameters including dissolved oxygen, free carbon dioxide, pH, chloride and total alkalinity. **Adhakari and Sahu (1992)** concluded that *Trichodesmium* bloom for the duration of summer in Chilka lake conscientious alkaline pH with temperature above 20 °C. **Mohapatra and Mohanty (1992)** concluded water quality of lakes, their research study and found that efficiency of *Chlorella* was more than *Anabaena* in reducing pollution and

nutrient load. **Dixit et al. (1992)** suggested that environmental issues like Lake Acidification, eutrophication and climate changes can be addressed using diatoms as biological indicators. **Parvateesham and Mishra (1993)** studied algae various groups of algae used as indicators of pollution that showed a definite correlation between physico-chemical parameters and abundance in Pushker Lake. **Rao et al. (1993)** studied nutrients status and phytoplankton production of Ooty Lake and it classified as eutrophic. **Swarnalatha and Narsing Rao (1993)** extensively studied and described various factors responsible for appearance of a bloom of *Microcystis aeruginosa* in Banjera Lake of Hyderabad. **Heckey (1993)** suggests that nutrient loads input into the lakes are allied together with atmospheric deposition and land runoff with an approximate account of 94% nitrogen and 90% phosphorous.

Shaji and Patel (1994) highlighted physico-chemical parameters and phytoplankton ecology of a polluted pond at Anand, Gujarat. **Khan and Chowdhary (1994)** studied the physico-chemical limnology of Lake Katpal. **Swarnalatha and Narsing Rao (1994)** while conducting their research study in two ponds reported that continuous bloom of Cyanophyceae results in more pollution compared to other pond supported with Desmids was less polluted. **Goel et al. (1994)** reported that dominance of blue green algae is reliant on phosphorous nitrogen ratio. **Bairagi and Goswami (1994)** find similar observations in their research study across water blooms of some ponds in North India. **Miyajuima et al. (1994)** studied eutrophic Lake Biwa of Japan and concluded that the population of diatoms and silica composition were in higher range. **Sahu et al. (1995)** demonstrated seasonal variations in physico-chemical parameters with impact of COD and TDS on phytoplanktons and its pollution category. **Hosmani and Kumar (1996)** studied water pollution with its biochemical aspects and inferred that Dalvoi Lake is productive in planktons whereas Kukkarahalli Lake is highly productive in biochemical products.

Pandey et al. (1995 and 1998) analyzed in their study with Kosi River and Lake Fateh sagar, that inflow of nutrients and consequent algal growth deteriorates the water quality, while the seasonal abundance and dependence of phytoplankton is related with physico-chemical environment. **Agarkar (1998)** reported pollution tolerant algae species and water quality in Sakegoan reservoirs. **Gandhi (1998)** reported new species of freshwater diatoms of central Gujarat. **Wani (1998)** concluded diatoms were the most represented species in seasonal dynamics of phytoplanktons in Himalaya lakes. **Verma and Mohanty (1998)** reported a straight relative index between phytoplanktons and pH. **Pandit (1999)** reported trophic structure of some phytoplankton communities of tropical wetlands. **Nair (1999)** reported variations in the correlations of the physico-chemical parameters and phytoplanktons. **Johari et al. (1999)** studied physico-chemical parameters of lakes in Amaravathi district while **Chidambaram (1999)** worked on coastal aquaculture. **Borse and Bhave (2000)** studied that dissolved CO₂ was dependent on carbonates and bicarbonates in water and pH observed maximum in summer and minimum in winter. **Dhanapati (2000)** concluded that under favorable environmental conditions occurrence and growth of rotifers is rapid.

Gevrey et al. (2001) and **Nandan et al. (2001)** reported that seasonal concentration of dissolved carbon-dioxide, carbonates, total alkalinity, phosphates and chlorides was higher due to abundance of blue-green algae in Hentala Lake of Jalgaon. **Noor Alam (2001)** recorded significant variations in physico-chemical parameters while working on a pond at Hatwah, Bihar and suggested measures to prevent deterioration. **Rajkumar (2001)** studied seasonal distribution of planktons in freshwater pond of Pollachi, Tamil Nadu and reported minimum number of phytoplanktons occurred in winter months. **Mahadev and Hosmani (2002, 2004)** and

2005) concluded water quality by means of the Langlier's index as a factor of phytoplankton distribution index. Conclusion of their study indicates that one of the lake had propensity of heavy scale deposition while the other had a tendency of hard water with light scale deposition. Their research finding also confirms the levels of organic pollution with presence of Chlorococcales and blue-green algae having tendency of light scale deposition.

Nagarathna and Hosmani (2002) studied the factors influencing the bloom of *Nitzschia obtusa* in a polluted lake. Correlation matrix and cluster analysis indicated that most of the physico-chemical parameters were inversely proportional to the growth of the Diatoms; the appearance of few species of Desmids indicated that the water was polluted.

Pejavar et al. (2002) reported polluted water with an appearance of few species of Desmids. Their research explain variations in the levels of phosphorous and carbon-dioxide in lake Ambegosale. **Chinmoy and Raziuddin (2002)** reported the industrial areas with degraded water quality index. **Hosmani and Lingannaiah (2002)** studied the inter-relationships of phytoplankton and zooplankton with the contributory factors of fish kills due to algal blooms.

Hariprasad and Ramakrishnan (2003) determined organic pollution with the application of algal assay. **Juttner et al. (2003)** identified diatoms as indicators of water quality. **Ahmed et al. (2004)** evaluated water quality of streams with an innovative index. **Pandey and Verma (2004)** studied the chemical and biological characteristics with influence of catchment in two tropical freshwater lakes Baghdara receiving runoff from undisturbed woodlands and UdaiSagar receiving runoff from urbanized regions of Udaipur, Rajasthan, physico-chemical and biological analysis of both the lakes reveals that lake Udai Sagar was polluted and reaching eutrophic condition, whereas lake Baghdara was unpolluted, which further concludes that dredging of sediment containing phosphorus could be an effective measure for the restoration of dryland lakes or eutrophic lakes. **Mahadev and Hosmani (2005)** extensively studied of Langlier's index relation to fresh waters, their conclusion states that growth of phytoplanktons in saturated waters had a propensity to change its pH.

Nandan and Aher (2005) assessed algal communities and water quality of Haranbaree dam, Maharashtra, their findings recorded *Navicula*, *Oscillatoria* and *Euglena* as most pollution tolerant species. **Hosmani (2006)** extensively applied Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to calculate Trophic State Indices for Mysore lakes, their research values inferred less than 40 were considered Oligotrophic, 40-50 were considered Mesotrophic (moderate pollution), more values than 50 were eutrophic (highly productive).

Thomas et al. (2006) studied the Mysore lakes and inferred that, growth of Myxophyceae is significantly affected by phosphates, nitrates, oxygen and CO₂, they reported that Chlorococcales and their members had capacity to tolerate excessive concentrations of nutrients. **Veeresh Kumar and Hosmani (2006)** studied physico-chemical parameters and their relation to freshwater algal biodiversity; they concluded that occurrence of Desmids in fairly advanced records dependent on high temperature, pH and bicarbonates.

These observations suggest that the lakes are tending to become Eutrophic from Oligotrophic. **Ranjan et al. (2007)** observed dominance of Chlorophyceae over the year and seasonal variations in the other phytoplanktons while studying physico-chemical characters of Ghariyarwara pond, Nepal. **Bhuiyan and Gupta (2007)** made hydrobiological study of Barak pond, Assam. They reported diverse plankton population dominated by euglenophyceae in the lake ecosystem with high dissolved oxygen and neutral pH. **Tiwari and Shukla (2007)** observed high values of alkalinity, phosphates, ammonia and chloride indicating eutrophic status in temporary waterbodies of Kanpur. **Yogendra and Puttaiah (2007)** reported that due

to nitrification BOD and COD decreases with increase in nitrogen. **Venkatasubramani and Meenombal (2007)** studied lakes of Bodham and drew a conclusion, that due to discharge of sewage in water increase sulphate and chloride indicating pollution into it.

Khare et al. (2007) concluded in their research that organic matter in waterbodies constantly change dissolved oxygen levels. **Smitha et al. (2007)** contributes that magnesium and calcium levels can interfere with high sodium levels to salinity problems. **Hosmani (2008)** reported in certain waterbodies of Dharwad that euglenophyceae responded to high temperature, oxidisable organic matter and low concentration of dissolved oxygen. **Kumar and Verma (2009)** studied the quantitative and qualitative information on the seasonal variation of zooplankton and based on the nutrient data index of selected physico-chemical variables and plankton abundance in certain lotic systems of Jharkhand, India. **Jayashankara et al. (2010)** described physico-chemical parameters and microbial diversity of temple tanks of Udapi district. **Sawanth et al. (2010)** studied limnological parameters of Atyal pond in Kolhapur, Maharashtra and reported eutrophic pond with rich in nutrients. **Aijyaz et al. (2010)** studied the diversity index of algal flora in Wular Lake, Kashmir. They reported that diversity was significantly correlated with physico-chemical parameters. There was a positive correlation with conductivity, carbon dioxide, hardness and nitrate. **Shinde et al. (2010)** studied physico-chemical characteristics and their seasonal variations of Harssooli, Aurangabad and confirmed that the pond was suitable for fish culture. **Hosmani (2010)** extensively studied phytoplankton diversity in Mysore lakes and reported uniformly distribution of algal species were, however low population within the diversity. **Bhosale et al (2010)** reported great variations in phytoplankton population along with physico-chemical complexes while studying diversity of plankton in water bodies of Miraj district, Maharashtra. **Xiaofeng et al.** evaluated international scientific creation in Science Citation Index of limnology from 2001 to 2010 applying bibliometric analysis to their study. The compilation of their study suggested that over the past decade there is constant increment in limnological research attentive to growth and dynamic models of phosphorus, eutrophication and diatoms.

Sharma et al. (2011) studied the physico-chemical characteristic, planktonic and fish diversity through seasonal surveys in two annual cycles of 2005-06 and 2006-07 in Lake Pichhola, Udaipur, (Rajasthan) India. Their research verdict states that the water samples showed low mean values with moderately alkaline with pH 7.5, electrical conductance 0.39 mS/cm, TDS 237.5 mg/l, chloride 176 mg/l, hardness 174.33 mg/l, alkalinity 207.16 mg/l, dissolved oxygen \ 5.75 mg/l, nitrate and phosphate levels were 3.70 mg/l and 2.79 mg/l. They observed high rate of primary production as 302.08 mgc/m/hr with diversity of phytoplankton in 58 forms, zooplankton 104 forms and 15 species of fishes. **Basavarajappa et al. (2011)** examined water quality parameters based on the CCME-WQI in four freshwater lakes of Mysore. Their research finding evaluated fresh water diatoms are an excellent source of water quality and ecology. The research study shows presence of nitrogen eutrophic tolerant species and concluded that water quality of lakes were threatened and often deviated from the standard condition.

Hosmani et al. (2011) used CFCME-WQI, while studying water quality index for protection of aquatic life and reported endangered water quality in many lakes which were unable to support and protect aquatic life their conditions were deviated from normal situations.

Hosmani (2011) studied freshwater diatom assemblages and their nestedness patterns in Mysore lakes, their research findings concluded that *Synedra ulna* and *Nitzschia obtusata* are perfectly nested, while *Caloneis permagma* was idiosyncratic species.

Gomphonema sumatranse, Gomphonema baltonis, Gyrosigma kuetzingii, Nitzschia virudla and Navicula gracilis were in hierarchical range of diatoms. **Hosmani (2011)** examined Hassan Lake and rated water quality of lakes as medium to bad using National Sanitation Foundation-Water Quality Index, oxygen saturation levels had a major impact on the water quality. **Bhat et al. (2011)** examined Lake Pangong with at an altitude of 4,266 m of eastern Ladakh which remains frozen for around three months during winter season, their research outcome concludes that high salinity and harsh environmental conditions lower the biodiversity in the lake.

The physico-chemical analysis states that the lake is highly alkaline with $\text{pH} \leq 9.0$, electrical conductivity 1639 μS , the progression of cations are $\text{Mg}^{2+} > \text{Na}^+ > \text{K}^+ > \text{Ca}^{2+}$.

Twenty-three identified phytoplanktons were recorded and some unidentified taxa of red colored copepods, diaptomus spp. and their larvae represent the zooplankton in the lake. **Hosmani (2012)** monitored lake water quality using benthic diatoms, the plankton species identified in the lake indicating anthropogenic pollution due cattle rearing at the surroundings of the lake. **Hosmani and Mruthunjaya (2012)** reported pristine nature of water by applying the one way ANOVA to the limnological data. Their research explains that carbon dioxide and dissolved oxygen appears to be most significant parameters with optimum desmids during certain months. **Hosmani (2012)** studied implication on aquaculture and ionic composition of fresh waters. The experimental finding suggest that the lakes were not appropriate for aquaculture due to high content of residual sodium carbonate, sodium content and their sodium absorption ratio could be used for reclamation of lake. **Ayaz et al. (2012)** examined summer limnology in high mountain Lake 'Kailash Lake' their study reveals that total 14 species of phytoplankton of the total phytoplankton population were recorded, out of which 7 species (50%) to the total phytoplankton contributed by bacillariophyceae, 5 species (35.71%) of chlorophyceae and 1 specie (7.14%) was contributed by cyanophyceae and dyanophyceae. Zooplankton population includes copepod (45%), Cladocera (33%) and Rotifera (22%).

Shah and Pandit (2012) recorded various limnological parameters of Wular Lake, Kashmir, their study indicate the eutrophic status of the lake with high values records of the physico-chemical characteristics of water. The transparency ranges from 0.2 to 2.2 m; pH from 7 to 8.8; dissolved oxygen from 3.4 to 11.5 mg/L; total alkalinity from 47 to 257 mg/L; free CO_2 from 8 to 28 mg/L; ammonical nitrogen from 49 to 542 $\mu\text{g/L}$; total phosphate from 102 to 297 $\mu\text{g/L}$, orthophosphate 13.0 to 36 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and nitrate nitrogen from 146 to 483 $\mu\text{g/L}$. **Hosmani (2012)** concluded distribution of euglenophyceae by multivariate analysis and observed hierarchical associations between Peranema trichosporium and Phacus tortus.

Hosmani and Manjunath (2013) analyze a competent study of algae as indicators of water quality with diverse methods, their study shows low matrix fill of 59.59% and high system temperature of 32 °C which is a deprived division of algal species in the lakes.

Bisht et al. (2013) examined limnological parameters of three unlike water bodies at Bhimtal, (Nainital), Uttarakhand during winter season. Their research findings with earthen pond, cemented pond and lake suggested that the parameters promotes the aquatic efficiency of the waterbodies and initiate to be in range of optimal values; temperature 12 °C to 17.5 °C, pH 6.5 to 8.8, dissolved oxygen 5.7 to 8.0 mg/L, total alkalinity 38 to 63 mg/L, ammonia 0.01 to 0.23 mg/L, nitrite 0.02 to 0.15 mg/L, free carbon dioxide 0.36 to 2.7 mg/L, nitrate 0.4 to 4.3 mg/L, phosphate 0.36 to 2.38 mg/L, silicate 0.4 to 158 mg/L, total hardness 31 to 46 mg/L and total nitrogen 1.0 to 2.2 mg/L respectively.

Mushatq et al. (2013) monitored 21 physical and chemical characteristics of surface water were from six different site spread in four basins of lake on monthly basis from June 2010 to April 2011 at Dal lake Srinagar. Their research findings decorated the worsening of potability due to urbanization and anthropogenic movements. **Bini Das and Bindi (2014)** examined the soil samples of Jaisamand lake (Rajasthan), their research finding express that the pH value ranges from 8.25 to 9.00, while ideal pH ranges from 7.5 to 7.8, which appears that due to excessive evaporation of water in dry areas, the soil of Jaisamand lake is slightly alkaline, which bring salts to the surface. **Bhat et al. (2014)** gauged the spatio-temporal variability and water quality of Sukhnag stream Himalayas, Kashmir with multivariate analysis. The multivariate outcome reflects primarily inclination between stream water quality, agricultural runoff and wastewater discharge. Natural soluble salts and anthropogenic organic pollutants in the downstream areas are resultant for inclination in water quality.

Inaotombi and Gupta (2014) divulge data of water quality of a lake on various parameters and concluded to be under desirable limit for the human consumption. Hence it can be exploited for fish production by artificial culture. **Mahajan and Billore (2014)**, explored in their research from July 2008 to June 2010, their research verdict explains that physico-chemical parameters like phosphate, nitrate and chloride are beyond with permitted edge and waterbody tend towards eutrophication. **Kumari et al. (2014)** carried out detailed study over various limnological parameters of two dams near river Narmada from Sep 2011 to Aug 2012. Their research findings recorded forty-five genera of phytoplankton comprise of belonged to Chlorophyceae with 21 genera, Bacillariophyceae 14 and Cyanophyceae with 10 genera. **Khan et al. (2015)** statistically analyzed limnological study to determine and check the present status of Lake at five different sites from Sep 2011 to June 2012 in Monsoon, Post-Monsoon, Winter, Summer season at Upper Lake, Bhopal.

Mohammad et al. (2015) assessed the quality of water and monthly changes in physico-chemical parameters from Jan to Dec 2011 at Wyra reservoir of Khammam, Telangana. The quality of water is within the adequate values with seasonal fluctuations in some physico-chemical parameters and water be able to use for drinking purpose, irrigation and pisciculture. **Sharma et al. (2015)** studied that the load of inorganic and organic pollutants in Dal lake (Kashmir) resuming the macrophytic growth and reducing the biological oxygen demand (BOD) and water quality, which leads to deteriorate and diminished the recreational and aesthetic appeal of the lake will likely turn it into eutrophic condition.

Watkar and Barbate (2015) examined all the limnological parameters at river Chandrabhaga, Kalmeshwar (Maharashtra), the analysis concluded that the parameters were in tolerable edge except slight variations and the river is suitable for irrigation and fishery purpose and proper measures are needed to maintain the potability and avoid contamination of water.

Sharma and Singh (2016) observed the physico-chemical parameters of water during Aug 2014 to May 2015 at Pani Ki Dharamsala (Jhansi). pH, salinity, temperature and EC were minimum in February and maximum in August; however the month of May shows inclination in turbidity TDS, Alkalinity, Hardness. DO and BOD have different variation during the season in which DO minimum in May and maximum in February and BOD maximum in May and minimum in August.

Balai et al. (2016) studied Jaisamand Lake, Rajasthan and reported the presence of essential nutrients in ample amount in physico-chemical characteristics needed for primary producers and its suitability for aquaculture. **Deepika and Singh (2017)** explored the physico-chemical parameters and water quality of lake Bhalswa and their results indicate that water of

the lake and is appropriate for leisure activities due to contamination as per the standards by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) water samples shows the presence of high amount of organic matter, algal growth, slightly high pH and BOD. Bhalswa Lake exhibits threshold level of eutrophication and nutrient enriched lentic ecosystem due to excess concentration of phosphorous and total nitrogen increasing the lake productivity which reflects through presence of floating algae. **Sharma et al. (2017)** examined the limnological characteristics of Mid-Himalayan lentic water bodies they conclude seasonal variations in water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, free carbon dioxide, transparency, total dissolved solid, total hardness, alkalinity, and nitrate. The correlation results of various physico-chemical parameters revealed that permissible limits were found in pH, free CO₂, dissolved oxygen and nitrate, therefore small scale aquaculture practices can be used to enhance the fish production in water bodies. **Shah et al. (2017)** reported fading the water quality and eutrophication at Horesker wetland of Jammu and Kashmir region due to anthropogenic activities. They also concluded, since nutrient removal differs significantly between wetlands and vary deeply, it is difficult to predict the quantitative effect of wetland restoration with occurrences of lofty flow.

Sharma and Tiwari (2017) surveyed the physico-chemical parameters and water quality of four sampling stations during May 2015 to April 2016 at Nachiketa Tal, Garhwal Himalaya. The research verdict revealed that during the monsoon season, the concentration of dissolved oxygen decreases with increase in bounds of TDS, electrical conductivity, turbidity in all the sampling stations resulting in deprivation in the water quality. Winter season enhances the water quality by exhibiting highest dissolved oxygen levels through its low water temperature. **Kumari and Sharma (2018)** conducted study on limnological variables including water temperature, pH, conductivity, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Dissolved Oxygen, Hardness, Chloride, Nitrate and Phosphate covering five seasons of Winter (November-February) Spring (March-April), Summer (May-June), Monsoon (July-August) and Autumn (September-October) at Prashar lake, Himachal Pradesh. Their research findings express that winter season express maximum DO and pH, maximum TDS and BOD were observed during summer, whereas monsoon exhibits maximum conductivity, Nitrates and Phosphates.

Durge et al. (2018) studied the limnological parameters including Humidity, Atmospheric and water temperature, pH, Electrical Conductivity, Total Dissolved Solids, Dissolved oxygen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total alkalinity, Bicarbonate Alkalinity, Total Hardness, Calcium Hardness, Chloride, Nitrate-Nitrogen and Phosphate of a pond, situated in Ghugus town (Chandrapur) Maharashtra, parameters were collected monthly and represented seasonally with standard deviation. The result of the study indicates that the water quality of the pond is below the level of eutrophication. **Basu et al. (2018)** examined that the unplanned settlements led to huge deposition of organic matter into the Motijheel Lake which is an environmentally and economically significant water body of Murshidabad district.

The waterbody is currently depicts the impact of cultural eutrophication on the biodiversity leading to irreversible structural changes within the aquatic ecosystem also resulting in potential health hazards which could be encountered by the residents consuming the contaminated water of the lake.

Amaraneni et al. (2018) used GIS mapping to study the spatial distribution of air and water pollutants in Lake Kolleru. The water samples were collected in three seasons per year till three years; their research verdict indicates that the during summer season average distribution in water quality parameters of TDS, Hardness, Chloride, Sodium, BOD and COD is elevated in eastern zone compared to western zone of lake. The ecosystem of Kolleru Lake

is dishonored due to trade, automobile, farming, aqua-cultural actions. It results in increment of Hardness, TDS, Sodium, Chloride, COD and BOD, affecting the potable nature of lake water and declination of soil quality and aquatic organisms.

Gothwal and Gupta (2018) conducted limnological study on Nakki Lake, Mount Abu in summer season. The outcome of the research reports moderately alkaline water with pH 7.08, alkalinity of 102.16 mg/L and other limnological parameters showed low mean values including TDS 161.83 mg/L, hardness 95.66 mg/L and chloride 109.73 mg/L. The average dissolved oxygen levels were at 5.75 mg/L while average nitrate and sulphate levels were 31.19 mg/L and 123.73 mg/L. Based on the results of quality parameters of water, Nakki Lake is prone to be eutrophic.

Gothwal and Jangir (2019) analyzed ichthyofauna of Nakki lake, Mount Abu and applied statistical analysis to conclude total precise fish population using quadrat sampling method and concluded the significance in homogeneity with chi-square test.

Gothwal and Gupta (2019) examined limnological parameters and planktonic diversity in Sant-Sarover pond, Mount Abu. Further, they have applied methodology of quadrat sampling to calculate total precise fish population and test of goodness for homogeneity in fish population.

Shah et al. (2019) concludes a growing movement in limnological parameters chiefly for dissolved oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorus at Hokersar wetland, Jammu and Kashmir. Their research outlook confirms that due to natural release of domestic sewage and agricultural effluents, which would cause cultural eutrophication and generate pollution of the wetland results in distressing the aquatic environment.

Shahid et al. (2020) used high-resolution GIS satellite data of 2003 and 2016 to map lake surrounding area studied limnological characters, water quality, lake bathymetry and settlements using multiple datasets with at Nigeen Lake, Kashmir. Bathymetry was measured transversely; spread the lake surface with 235 points. Limnological characterization of surface water with 22 parameters was analyzed at five sampling sites. The water quality was as per the drinking standards by World Health Organization within the acceptable limits.

Sharma et al. (2020) analysed that enzymes present in soil ecosystem are biomarkers of environment changes. Their research conclusion states an augment in deliberation of heavy metals and water pollution level in river Yamuna resulting in amplifying movement of certain enzyme such as nitrate reductase, dehydrogenase and arginine deaminase while inhibits activity of urease enzyme. During the summer season high temperature increases the enzyme activity of arginine deaminase and urease, whereas during winter season higher soil moisture fascinates activity of dehydrogenase enzyme.

Ishtiyaq and Abdul (2020) accomplished that increase in loads of nutrient and silt from its catchment area deteriorates water quality in Dal Lake as a result of unprecedented land use/land cover (LULC) changes. LULC change analysis with five time-periods indicateds that the dominant land cover in forest class was 135.72 km² in 1980, 131.84 km² in 1992, 126.83 km² in 2000, 120.63 km² in 2010, and 118.30 km² in 2018, respectively. Aquatic vegetation noticed an enlargement of 180.65% within the lake, with 2.03 km² of area in 1980, and 5.70 km² in 2018; however agriculture land noticed a decline in 30.02% area with 34.44 km² of land in 1980 got reduced to 24.10 km² in 2018.

Kate et al. (2020) conducted analysis of water quality including pH, Conductivity ($\mu\text{Mho/cm}$), TDS (ppm), Residual Chlorine (mg/L), Chloride (mg/L) and Hardness (mg/L) from fourteen different wards with three water samples per ward of Urun-Islampur City of

Maharashtra. The results of physico-chemical analysis as per the World Health Organization (WHO) standard indicates permissible limits of water quality within the range of 80 to 90 in Water Quality Index (WQI) under the test from all fourteen wards.

Mahajan and Sharma (2020) studied geomorphological evolution and comparative assessment of nine Himalayan watersheds and concluded estimation of the stage and rate of erosional processes for improved planning and management with GIS system and remote sensing data. The research verdict states that morphometric analysis is important to study the drainage behavior and its impact on the prevailing rock units in a watershed area.

Gothwal and Jangir (2020) studied soil properties of a lentic ecosystem, Nakki Lake in semi-arid region, their research verdict determines that the soil parameter balances the ecological symmetry in a lake-ecosystem and maintains the portability of water through its inter-relationship among phytoplanktons and zooplanktons.

3. CONCLUSION

On reviewing the amount of work done on a specific research criterion, the utmost difficult countenance is availability of research publications. Across the globe enormous numbers of journals are published in limnology and closely related fields. The author regrets the exclusion of few other publications from Indian workers are not included in this review, however on the basis of certain proceedings and literature available on the theme, it has been probable to mount up the current review associated with the initiation of limnology and work done in Indian sub-continent with adequate percent of references available from (1901) to the present (2020).

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