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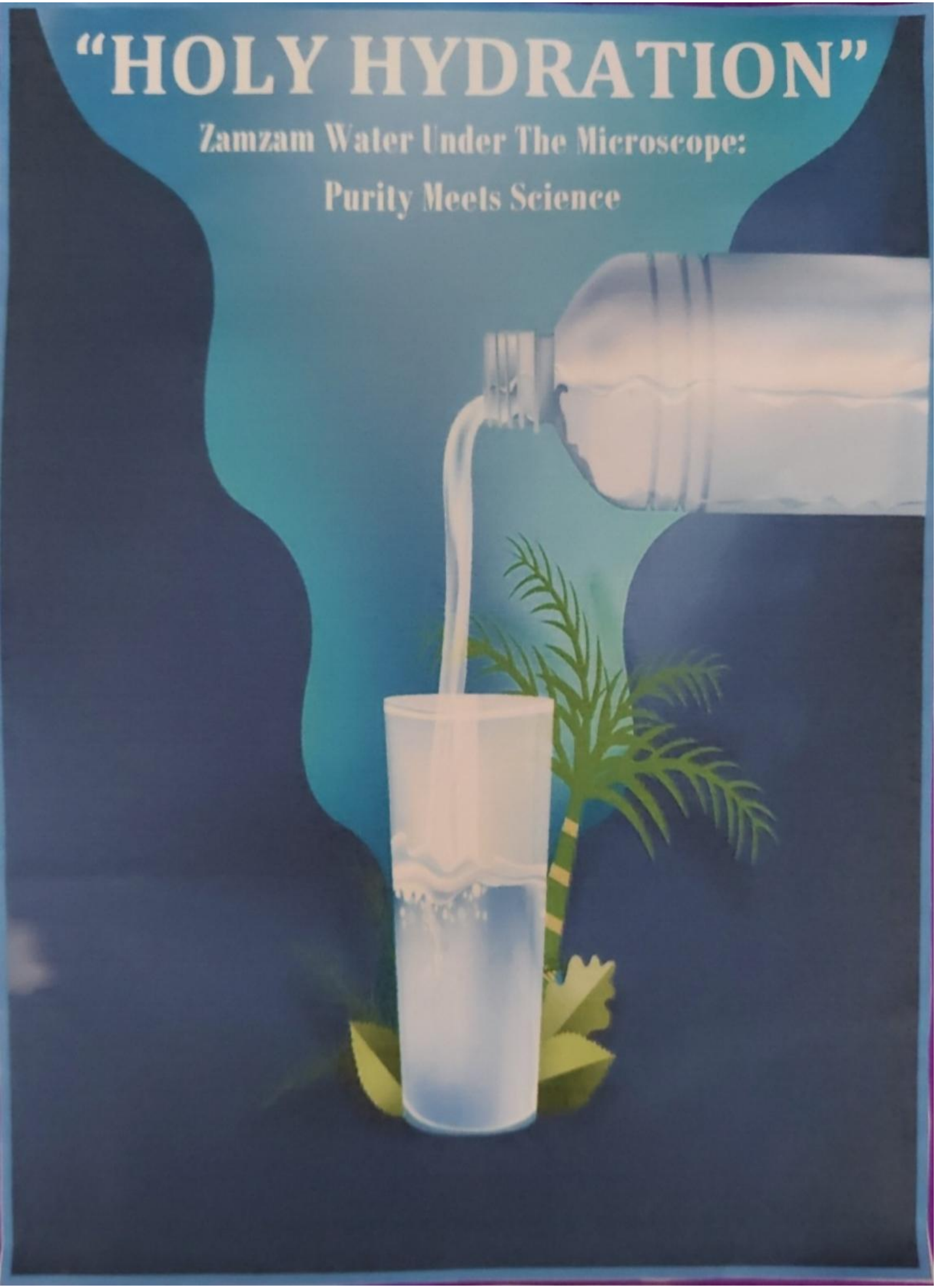
Zamzam Water Under The Microscope:

Purity Meets Science



Abstract

Water quality plays a crucial role in human health, and comparing different water sources helps us understand their purity and safety. This study scientifically analyzes and compares Zamzam water ,tap water, filtered water, rainwater, and corporation water using physio chemical and microbial tests. The parameters tested include pH, hardness, total dissolved solids (TDS), turbidity, electrical conductivity, heavy metal content, and microbial growth. All tests were conducted in controlled conditions and repeated three ti for accuracy. The results showed that Zamzam water exhibited the highest mineral content, slightly alkaline pH, excellent clarity, and zero microbial contamination. Filtered water showed low turbidity and minimal microbial growth, while rainwater had moderate turbidity. Tap water and corporation water recorded higher turbidity, noticeable microbial presence, and slight heavy metal contamination. Overall, the findings support the alternative hypothesis that Zamzam water differs significantly from other water sources in its physico chemical and microbial properties. This study highlights the importance of water quality testing and encourages further scientific investigation into natural mineral waters.

Introduction.

Water is essential for all living organisms, and its quality directly affects health and well-being. Several studies have reported that physicochemical properties such as pH, conductivity, and total dissolved solids (TDS) influence water's taste, usability, and mineral content. Microbial analysis further ensures the safety of water for consumption.

Zamzam water, originating from the sacred well in Mecca, has been revered for centuries in Islamic tradition for its purity, pleasant taste, and supposed healing properties.

Hypothesis

H_0 (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant difference in the physicochemical and microbial properties of Zamzam water compared to tap, bottled, and filtered water.

H_1 (Alternative Hypothesis): Zamzam water exhibits distinct physicochemical and microbial characteristics compared to other water sources.

Methods

Five different water samples were tested: *Zamzam water, tap water, bottled mineral water, rain water, and filtered water.*

Physicochemical Analysis:

- Measured pH
- Hardness and TDS
- presence of heavy metals
- minerals using digital meters.
- Measured turbidity using DIY turbidity tube.
- Measured the electrical conductivity using DIY conductivity meter.
- Determined microbial presence using nutrient broth.

Controls and Variables:

Independent Variable: Type of water source.

Dependent Variables: pH, Conductivity, TDS, Mineral content, Microbial count.

Controlled Variables: Sample volume, temperature, collection method and laboratory conditions.

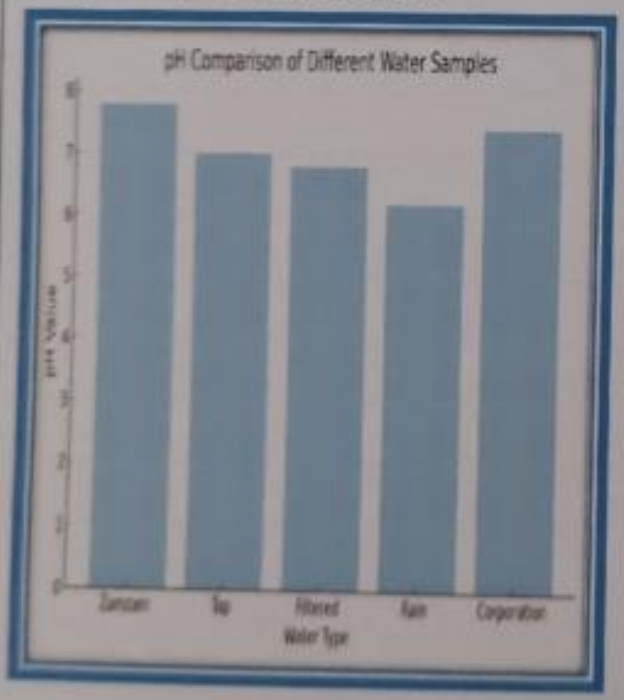
Each test was repeated three times, and average values were calculated for accuracy.

Result based on Tabulations.

Table 1: Physicochemical Properties of Different Water Samples

Parameter	Zamzam Water	Tap Water	Filtered Water	Rain Water	Corporation Water	Inference
pH	7.6	7.2	7.4	6.8	7.0	Zamzam slightly alkaline — good for health
Hardness (ppm)	150	300	100	50	250	Zamzam moderate minerals; filtered & rain low
Free Chlorine (ppm)	0	1	0	0	1	Chlorine in treated municipal water
Total Chlorine (ppm)	0	1	0	0	1	Confirms disinfection in corporation supply
Nitrate (ppm)	0	5	0	2.5	10	Zamzam nitrate-free — excellent quality
Copper (ppm)	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	Slight presence in tap/corporation water.

Graph 1: pH comparison



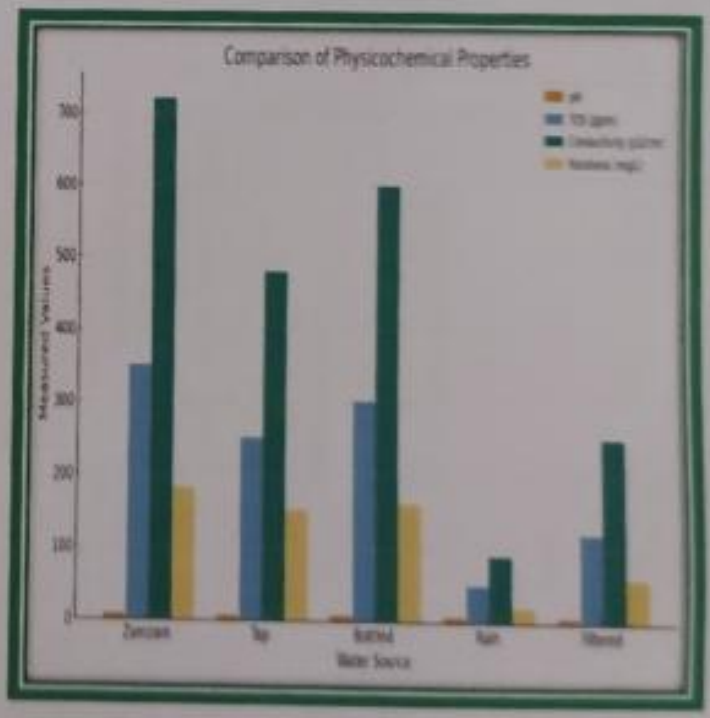


Table 2: Detection of heavy metals

Sample	Lead (Pb)	Copper (Cu)	Iron (Fe)	Mercury (Hg)	Remarks
Zamzam Water	0	0	0	0	Pure and safe for drinking
Tap Water	0.05	0.2	0.3	0	Slight presence of metals, safe within limits
Rain Water	0.1	0.1	0.05	0	Minor contamination due to atmospheric pollution
Filtered Water	0	0.05	0.05	0	Clean and purified
Corporation Water	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.01	Slightly contaminated but acceptable level

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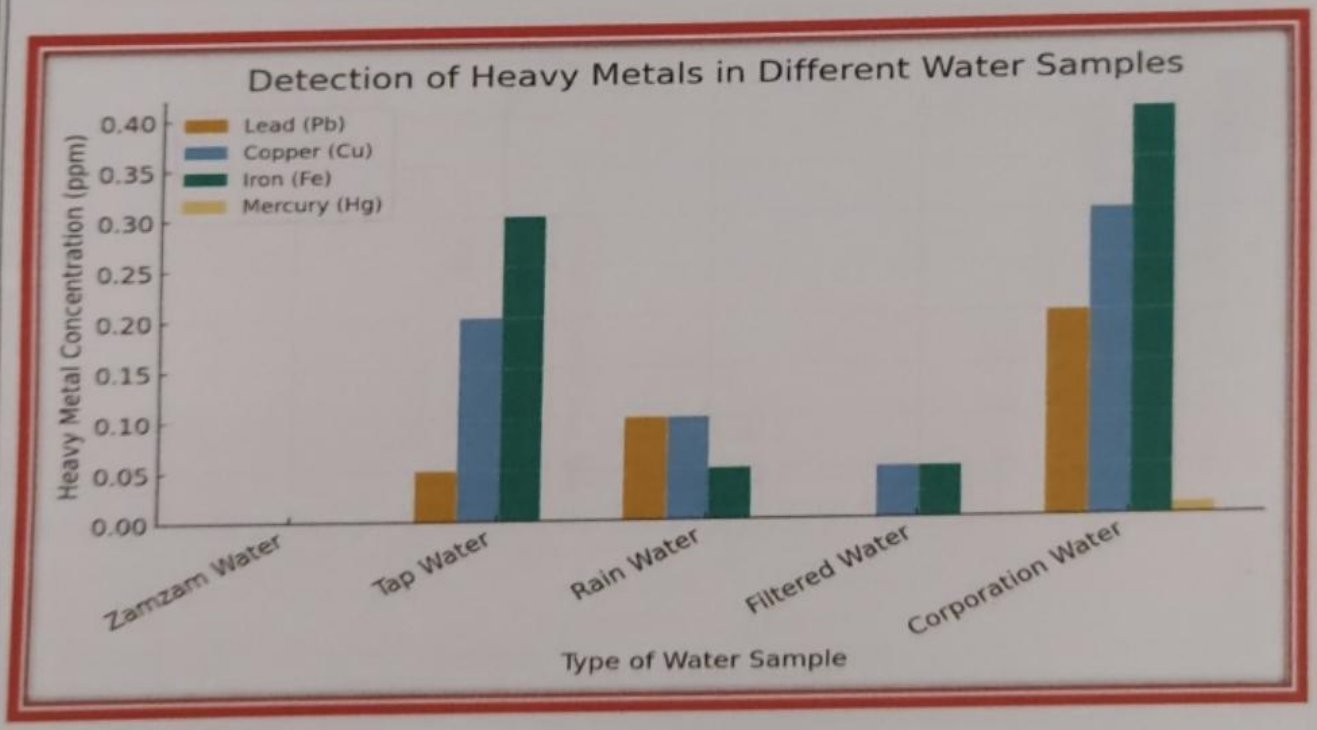


Table :3
Microbial Growth Observation in Water Samples

Sample	Appearance Before Incubation	Appearance After Incubation	Turbidity Level	Microbial Presence
Zamzam Water	Clear	Clear	0	No
Tap Water	Clear	Slightly Turbid	+	Yes
Rain Water	Clear	Turbid	++	Yes
Filtered Water	Clear	Slightly Turbid	+	Yes
Corporation Water	Clear	Strongly Turbid	+++	Yes

Graph 3 : Microbial Growth Observation in Water Samples

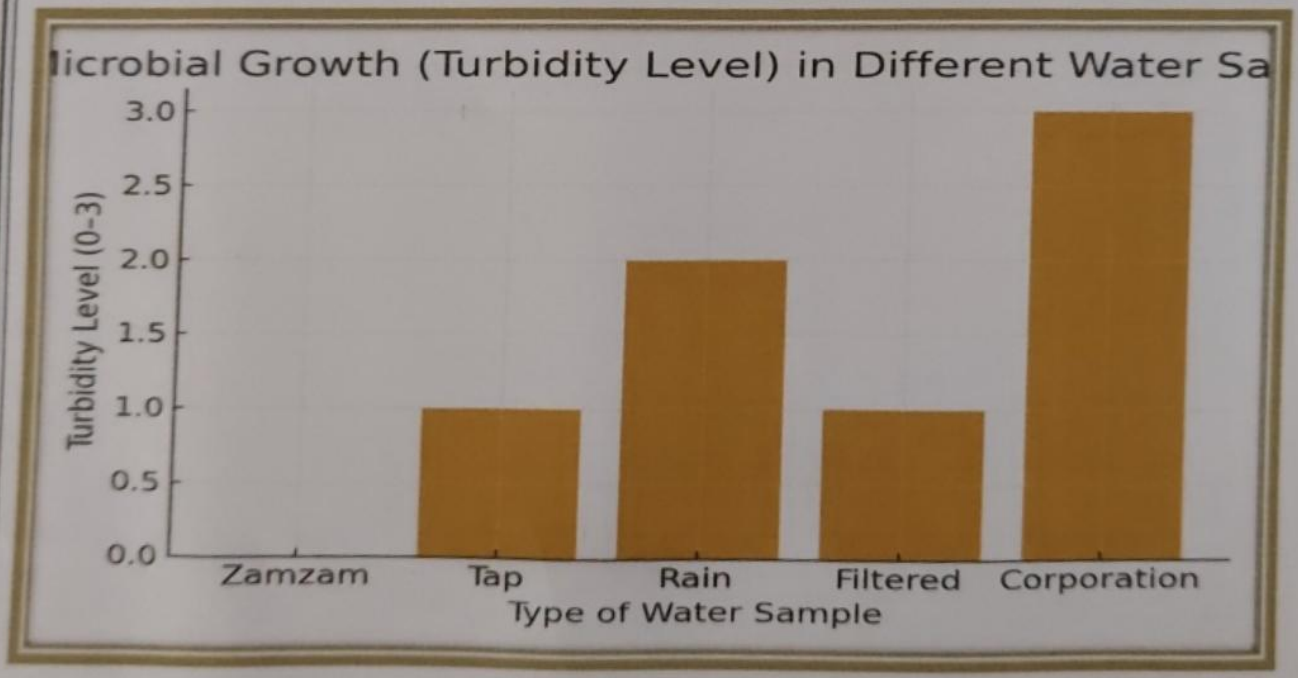


Table :4: RelativeTurbidity

S.No	Type of Water	Volume (mL) at which Cross Disappears	Relative Turbidity Level	Appearance	Inference
1	Zamzam Water	900	Very Low (Clear)	Transparent	The cross is visible up to a high level, showing excellent clarity and minimal suspended particles — purest sample.
2	Filtered Water	850	Low	Clear	The cross disappears slightly earlier than Zamzam, indicating low turbidity and good filtration quality.
3	Rain Water	700	Moderate	Slightly Cloudy	Moderate clarity; may contain dust or fine suspended matter collected during rainfall.
4	Tap Water	600	High	Cloudy	The cross disappears sooner, showing higher turbidity — possibly due to dissolved salts or impurities.
5	Corporation Water	500	Very High	Opaque	The cross disappears quickly, showing maximum turbidity — contains visible suspended particles or contamination.

Graph 4: Relative Turbidity

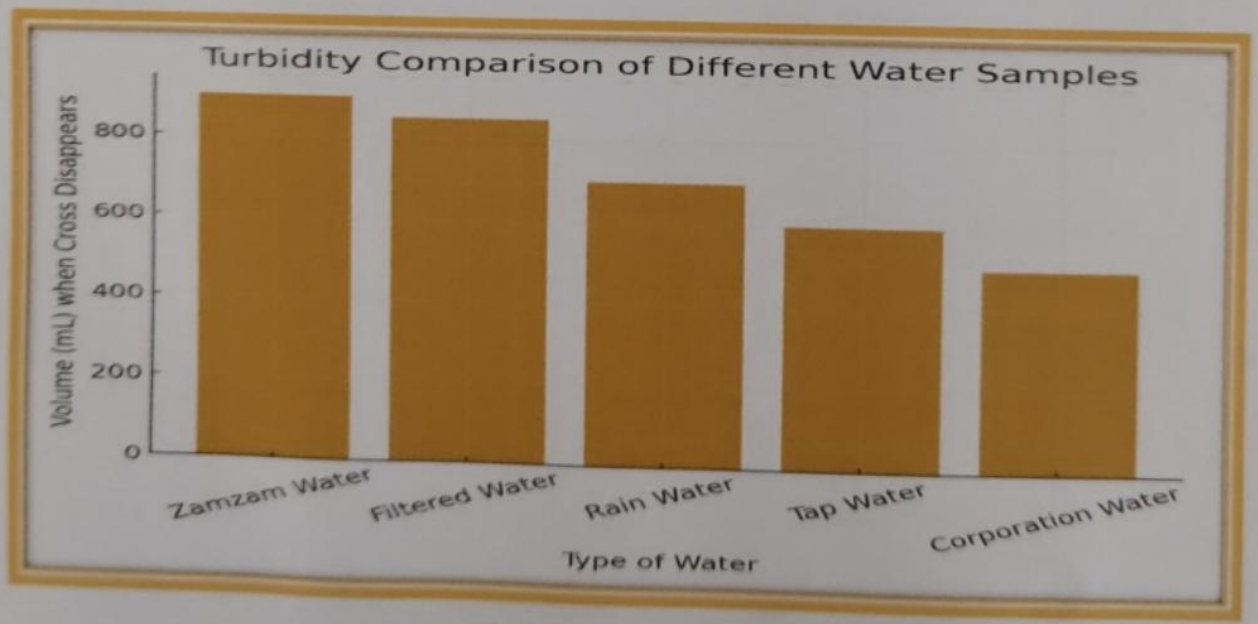
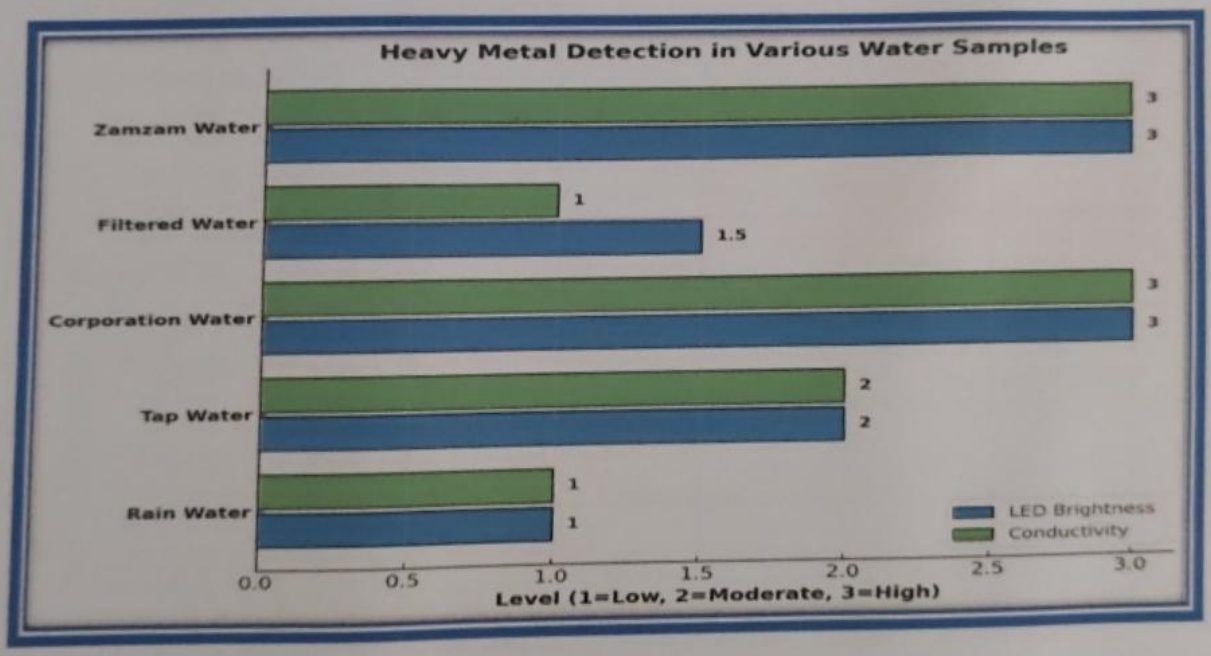
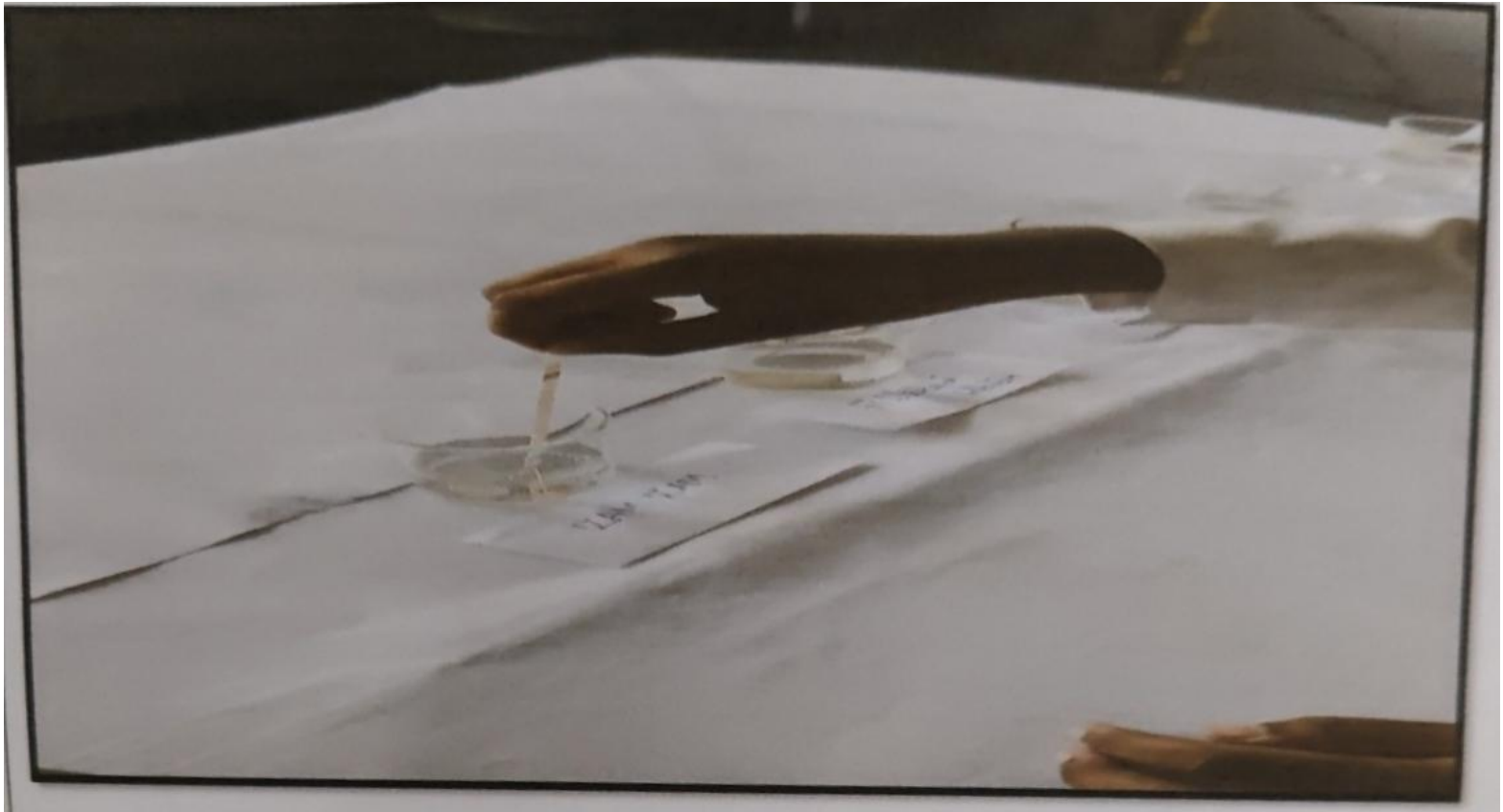


Table 5 : Electrical conductivity

Water Sample	LED Brightness	Conductivity
Rain Water	Very Dim	Low
Tap Water	Medium	Moderate
Corporation water	Bright	High
Filtered Water	Dim	Low
Zamzam Water	Bright	High (rich in natural minerals and ions)

Graph 5: Electrical conductivity





Results :

- Zamzam water showed the highest mineral content and conductivity but zero microbial contamination.
- Tap water had detectable microbial growth
- Filtered waters showed moderate mineral content with minimal microbial growth.

Discussion

The results indicate that Zamzam water possesses a higher mineral concentration and excellent microbial purity compared to other water sources. Its slightly alkaline pH and high conductivity are consistent with published data on natural mineral waters. These findings support the long-held belief in its purity and potential health benefits.

Conclusions

The study concludes that Zamzam water differs significantly from other tested water sources in terms of its mineral composition and microbial purity. The alternative hypothesis (H_1) is supported. Zamzam water's unique properties may be attributed to its underground geological origin and mineral-rich source.

Applications:

These findings can be used to raise awareness about water quality testing, promote scientific curiosity among students, and encourage further studies on natural mineral waters.

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