

# Spatial Assessment of Physicochemical and Microbiological Characteristics of River Water Quality in the Southern Landfill of India

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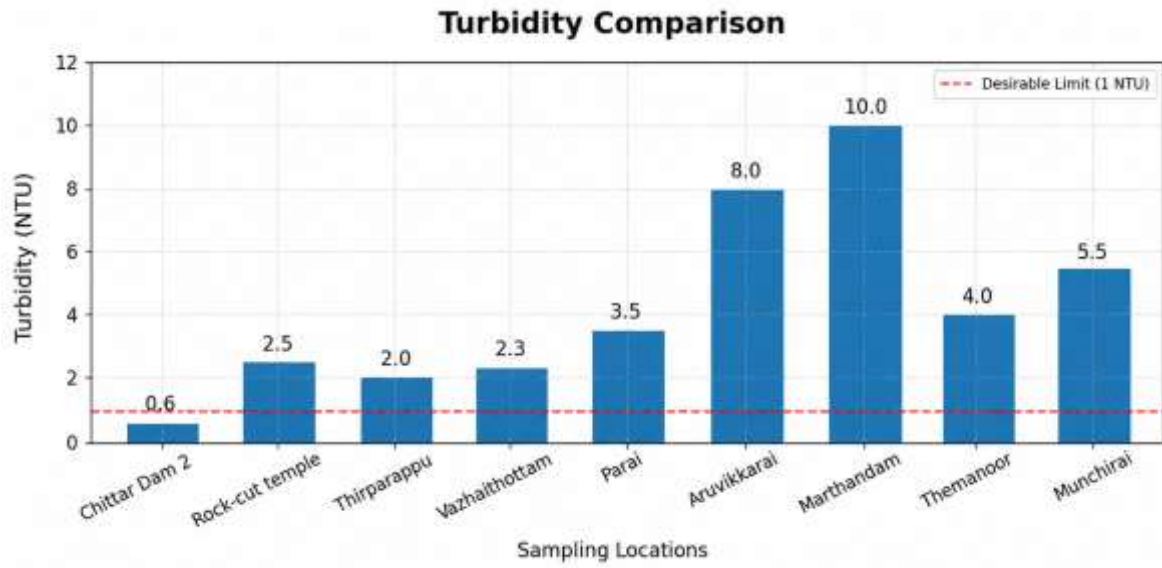
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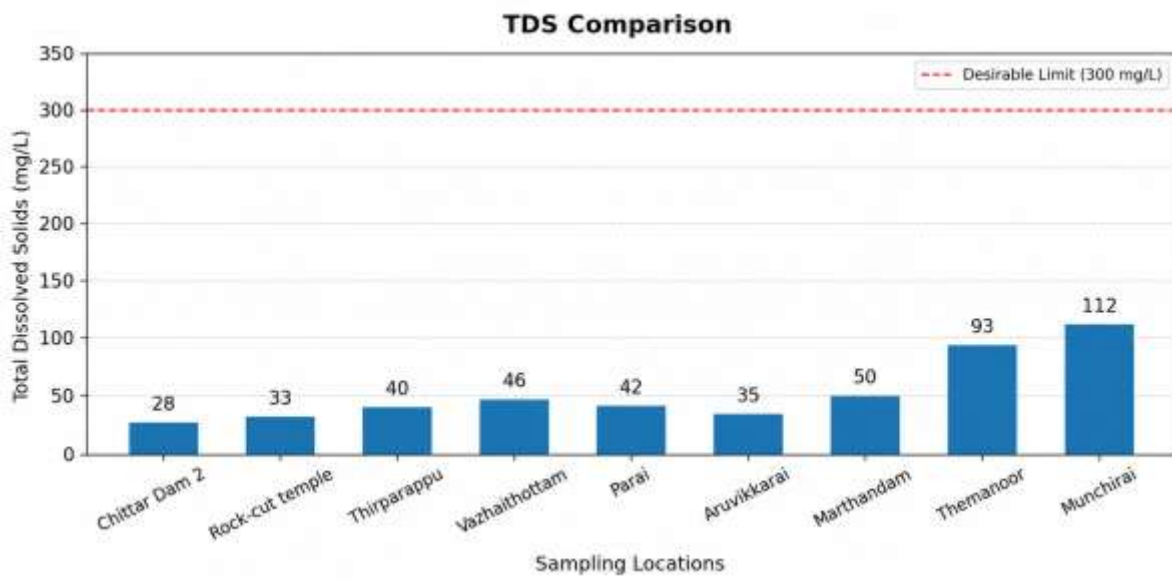




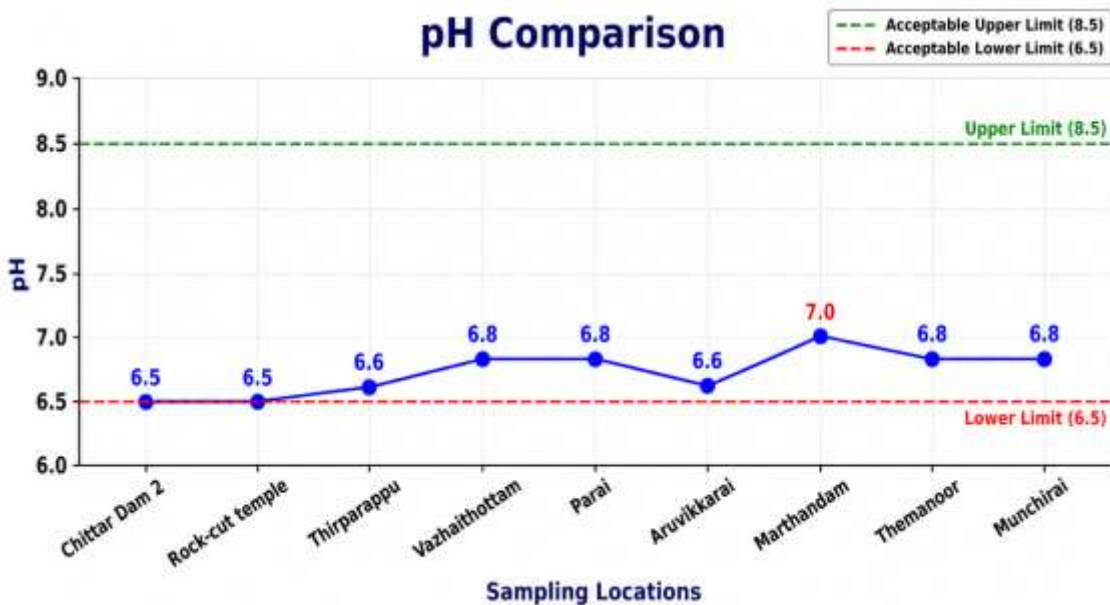
**Turbidity Bar Chart**



**TDS Comparative Chart**



**pH Trend Graph**











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