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Analysis of Mineral Content in Medicinal Plants from the Konkan Region

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Abstract: The present paper deal with the mineral analysis of some medicinal important plants *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Vitex nugundo* and *Chlorophytum borivilianum*. Conducted on Jan. 2024. The dried leaves was acid digested as mentioned by Toth et al.,(1948) method, minerals such as Potassium, Calcium, Iron. One of the main problems of medicine, Ayurvedic system is lack of solid scientific evidence regarding safety, efficacy, quality of practices and their precise molecular mechanisms. However, many Ayurvedic preparations appear to demonstrate significant success in treatment and cure of complex diseases. Purpose: In order to develop a stronger basis for appreciating the curative effects of Ayurvedic medicinal plants, the aim of the present study was to investigate their elemental composition, which is very often overlooked in biochemical assays.

Keywords: Ayurvedic *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Vitex nugundo* and *Chlorophytum borivilianum*

I. INTRODUCTION

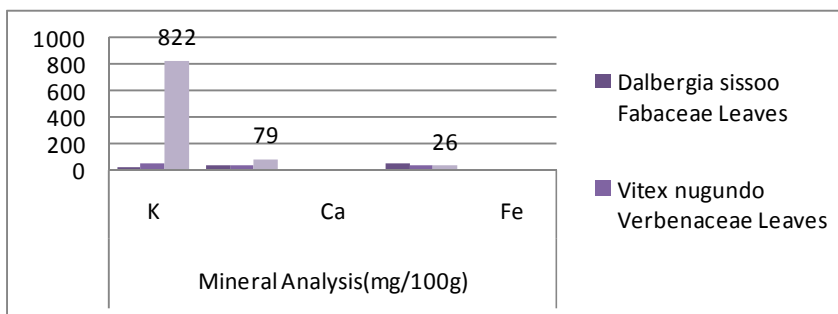
Medicinal Plants have significant role during pregnancy, birth and postpartum care in many rural areas of the world. Many plant extract have been showed to inhibit growth of microorganism. These extracts consists chemical and usually considered to a play role a defense reactions of plant, towards infections by pathogenic microorganism (Fawcett,1976) . Plants and plant-derived products are part of health care system since ancient human civilizations. The need of new chemical entities (NCEs) for health care is explored and served through the plant sources. In India, the history of health care goes back to 5000 years b.c., when health care (Hegde, 2007)

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material are collected from village of vihoor, Raigad district. Plant selected for the present study *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Vitex nugundo* and *Chlorophytum borivilianum*. Fresh leaves collected and dried under room temperature. The dried leaves are grained in to coarse and used for further investigation. Estimation of different inorganic elements by following the method of Toth et al 1948.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Plant Name	Family	Plant Part	Mineral Analysis(mg/100g)		
			K	Ca	Fe
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Fabaceae	Leaves	20.6	28	47.86
<i>Vitex nugundo</i>	Verbenaceae	Leaves	44.8	25.9	30.11
<i>Chlorophytum borivilianum</i>	Aspargaceae	Leaves	822	79	26



Represents The quantitative account of minerals in the leaves of *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Vitex nugundo* and *Chlorophytum borivilianum* represented in above table 1. These values are also depicted in graph 1. The analysis of various elements in leaves indicated that K, Ca, Fe etc. were present in maximum amount mineral contents highest in *Chlorophytum borivilianum* as compared *Vitex nugundo* and *Dalbergia sissoo*. Calcium plays a vital role in building of bones and teeth in our body. Besides it, calcium is also essential for nerves and muscles. Plasma calcium has a role in blood coagulation. This is correlated with the results of Njoku and Akumefula (2007), who recorded 1.310 % calcium in the leaves of *Spondias mombin*. Iron plays an important role in the oxygen transport to the cells. It is found in a protein called hemoglobin which carries oxygen from lungs to all over the body, to each and every cell. It has an ability to donate and accept electrons. The iron content was in leaves of *Canthium coromandelicum* by (Shaikh F.Y and Ghatge M.M 2018) as similar to above plants leaves. Bhogaonkar (2014) reported 315mg/100g iron content in *F. racemosafruits*

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Cyber Security in India: Navigating Legal Frameworks for a Safer Digital Future

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Abstract: Security, safety, and privacy are essential for anyone who uses the internet. Cyber security refers to the methods, strategies, and processes used to prevent computers, programs, networks, and data from being hacked, damaged, or accessed without permission. India has laid strong foundations to defend its population from cybercrimes, all while keeping internet users' best interests in mind. Cybercrime is a sort of crime that uses computers or other electronic devices and involves the use of a system (computer) as a target, a tool, or a storage device for evidence of a crime. Many pieces of cyber law, such as the national cyber security policy and IT Act, have shown to be highly effective at keeping unwanted attackers out. Despite India's stringent anti-cybercrime legislation, the country's main issue is a lack of public awareness. Individuals fighting cybercrime should try to predict qualitative and quantitative changes in the underlying materials so that their strategies can be suitably planned to avoid giving hackers an advantage. This paper emphasizes the need of understanding the repercussions of cybercrime while keeping in mind recent activities and providing methods to safeguard an individual and/or an organization from them. This research paper includes a summary of Indian cyber laws, lists the various types of cyber security and cyber-attacks; sheds insight on India's current situation of cyber security.

Keywords: Cyber security

I. INTRODUCTION

The phrase "cyber security" has become a catch-all for the process of preventing every type of cybercrime, from identity theft to the deployment of international digital weapons. "The organization and gathering of resources, processes, and structures used to defend cyberspace and cyberspace enabled systems from events that misalign de jure from de facto property rights" is how cyber security is defined. We are more vulnerable to cyber-attacks than ever due to the rising usage of digital gadgets and the Internet in both our personal and professional life. It is challenging to distinguish between cyberspace and these sectors and to pinpoint the vulnerabilities because of how deeply ingrained cyberspace is throughout all other industrial sectors that enable interconnection. Cyberspace's growing complexity has opened up new economic, social, and political opportunities [1]. Protecting sensitive data and important systems from online threats are known as cyber security. Cyber security measures also referred to as information technology (IT) security, are intended to counter attacks on networked systems and applications, whether those threats come from within or outside of an organization. Cyber security is the defense against harmful attacks by hackers, spammers, and cybercriminals against internet-connected devices and services. Companies employ the procedure to safeguard themselves against phishing scams, ransomware attacks, identity theft, data breaches, and monetary losses [2]

Cyber security is a field that deals with ways to protect systems and services from malicious online actors including spammers, hackers, and cybercriminals. While certain cyber security components are built to launch an assault right away, the majority of modern specialists are more concerned with figuring out how to safeguard all assets, from computers and cell phones to networks and databases, against attacks [3]. Cybersecurity is the process of preventing hostile assaults on internet-connected systems such as computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data. Cybersecurity can be divided into two categories: security and cyber. Technology that incorporates systems, networks, programs, and data is referred to as "cyber". The safeguarding of systems, networks, applications, and information is also a concern of security [4]. The protection of computer systems and networks against information

disclosure, theft of or damage to their hardware, software, or electronic data, as well as disruption or misdirection of the services they provide, is known as computer security, cybersecurity, or information technology security [5]. The technologies, procedures, and techniques used in cyber security include those that protect networks, data, and computer systems from intrusion [6]. We must categorize cyber security into several subdomains to best explain what it is and how it operates: Application security: Application security refers to the integration of various protections against a variety of threats into the software and services of an organization. To reduce the possibility of unwanted access or manipulation of application resources, this subdomain necessitates cyber security professionals to create secure code, design secure application structures, implement robust data input validation, and more. The goal of application security is to keep software and devices safe against attacks. A hacked application could allow access to the data it was supposed to secure. Security starts throughout the design phase, long before a program or device is deployed. Cloud Security: For businesses that employ cloud service providers like Amazon Web Services, Google, Azure, Rack space, etc., cloud security is concerned with developing safe cloud systems and applications. Identity Management and Data Security: This sub-domain covers the procedures, protocols, and mechanisms that let the authorization and authentication of authorized users access the information systems of an organization. These procedures entail putting in place strong information storage systems that protect the data while it is in transit or stored on a server or computer. Additionally, this sub-domain employs two factor or multi-factor authentication techniques more frequently.

Information security: Data integrity and privacy are protected by information security, both in storage and in transport. Operational security: The processes and decisions for handling and securing data assets are included in operational security. The protocols that dictate how and where data may be kept or exchanged, as well as the permissions users, have while accessing a network, all fall under this umbrella.

Disaster recovery: Disaster recovery and business continuity are terms used to describe how a company reacts in the case of a cyber-security breach or any other catastrophe that results in the loss of operations or data. Disaster recovery policies define how an organization returns operations and information to the same operational capabilities as before the disaster. Business continuity is the plan that an organization uses when it is unable to operate due to a lack of resources.

Mobile Security: As more people rely on mobile devices, mobile security is becoming increasingly important. This subdomain guards against dangers including unauthorized access device loss or theft, malware, viruses, and more for both organizational and individual data kept on portable devices like tablets, smartphones, and laptops. Mobile security also makes use of authentication and training to strengthen security.

Network Security: Hardware and software safeguards that shield the infrastructure and network from interruptions, unauthorized access, and other abuses are referred to as network security. Against a variety of dangers from both inside and outside the business, effective network security safeguards organizational assets. Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning is concerned with the procedures, monitoring, alerts, and strategies that an organization employs to deal with situations in which harmful activity threatens to disrupt operations or compromise data. Its policies provide that activities must be resumed following a disaster at the same level of efficiency as before the incident. End-user education address: End-user education addresses the most unpredictably unpredictable aspect of cyber-security: people. By failing to follow appropriate security measures, anyone can unintentionally introduce a virus into an otherwise protected system. It is critical for every organization's security to teach users to delete suspicious email attachments, not plug in unrecognized USB drives, and a variety of other key teachings. The protocols, monitoring, alarms, and plans that an organization uses to react when hostile behavior threatens to disrupt operations or compromise data are discussed. According to its policies, activities must be resumed following a disaster at the same level of efficiency as before the incident.

Indian Cyber Laws:

"Every activity and reaction that takes place in cyberspace has legal and cyber legal implications." The phrase "cyberlaw" refers to legal matters that arise in cyberspace [7]. It is a synthesis of many laws designed to address and overcome the concerns and challenges that humanity faces on the internet every day [8]. Because cybercrime is a subject that is still evolving toward specialization, there is currently no comprehensive regulation in place to address it anywhere around the globe (Paul & Aithal, 2018). However, the Government of India has the Information Technology Act, 2000 in place to govern dangerous acts on the internet that infringe a user's rights [9]. It is possible that provisions

of the IPC and the IT Act that criminalize such conduct overlap at times [10]. Even with the most compassionate and liberal interpretation, India's existing laws could not be read in the light of emergency cyberspace to embrace all aspects relating to various internet activities. Experience and sound judgment have revealed that interpreting existing laws in the context of evolving cyberspace without establishing new cyber laws will not be without considerable risks and difficulties. As a result, relevant cyber laws must be enacted. Cyberspace activities had no legal authority or authorization under any of the existing laws. A huge majority of users, for example, use the Internet for email. Even now, email is not considered "legal" in our nation. There is no law in the country that grants email legal status and consequences. In the lack of a formal statute approved by the Parliament, our courts and judges have been hesitant to provide judicial legitimacy to the legality of email. As a result, a need for Cyberlaw has evolved.

Problem Identification

Need of the study: Cyberstalking, bullying, trolling, morphing, and phishing are the most common types of cybercrime in India. However, our current legal system does not protect many of them. As a result, a provision in the Information Technology Act of 2000 must be introduced that contains all rules about the protection of electronic equipment, as well as a clause that focuses on legal backing so that evidence can be utilized in courts. It was discovered that no standard operating procedures have been developed to deal with cybercrime. Officers must be well trained in the development of SOPs and the implementation of created protocols. Another big issue is the absence of officers in cyber cells. As a result, capable officers with enough knowledge of various cybercrimes as well as the technical expertise of exploiting computer resources, ethical hacking, and so on must be posted. The lack of standardization in international collaboration has been noted. When cybercrime occurs in another country, the procedure becomes more complicated and various requirements must be followed. Due to cross-border legal difficulties, Foreign Service providers are not as forthcoming during inquiries. It is suggested that legislation governing the decoding of IP addresses for service providers be changed and that all service providers locate their servers in India to track IP addresses for a faster and more thorough investigation. There must be a cross-national probe. To successfully combat cybercrime, a transnational treaty must be inked.

Types of cyber threads:

1. Cybercrime: Cybercrime refers to individuals or groups who attack systems for monetary gain or to cause disruption.
2. Cyber-attack: Politically motivated information collection is common in cyber-attacks.
3. Cyber terrorism: The goal of cyber terrorism is to generate panic or dread by undermining electronic systems.

Here are some common methods used to threaten cyber-security:

- **Malware:** Malware is a term that refers to malicious software. Malware is software designed by a cybercriminal or hacker to disrupt or damage a legitimate user's computer. It is one of the most common cyber dangers. Malware, which is commonly sent by an unsolicited email attachment or a legitimate-looking download, can be used by cybercriminals to gain money or in politically motivated cyber-attacks. There are some different types of malwares, including:
- **Virus:** A virus that attaches itself to a clean file and spreads throughout a computer system, infecting files with malicious code.
- **Trojans:** A form of malware that masquerades as genuine software. Users are duped into downloading Trojans onto their computers, which then inflict damage or collect data.
- **Spyware:** A program that covertly records everything a user performs for hackers to profit from it. Spyware, for example, could record credit card information.
- **Ransomware:** Malware that encrypts a user's files and data and threatens to delete it unless a ransom is paid.
- **Adware:** Advertising software that has the potential to propagate malware.
- **Botnets:** Cybercriminals employ malware-infected machines on networks to do tasks online without the user's permission.

- **SQL injection:** An SQL (structured language query) injection is a type of cyber-attack that allows a hacker to take control of a database and steal information from it. Using a malicious SQL query, cybercriminals exploit vulnerabilities in data-driven systems to install malicious code into a database. This provides them with access to the database's sensitive information.
- **Phishing:** When fraudsters send emails that look to be from a reputable company and ask for sensitive information, this is known as phishing. Phishing attacks are frequently used to trick people into divulging personal information such as credit card numbers and passwords.
- **Man-in-the-middle attack:** A man-in-the-middle attack is a type of cyber threat in which a hacker intercepts communication between two people to obtain information. On an unsecured Wi-Fi network, for example, an attacker could intercept data passing between the victim's device and the network.

Denial-of-service attack

A denial-of-service attack occurs when thieves flood a computer system's networks and servers with traffic, preventing it from fulfilling legitimate requests. This makes the system unworkable, prohibiting an organization from doing essential tasks.

Cases related to cyber security and cybercrime in India:

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), India reported 50,035 cybercrimes in 2020, 44,546 in 2019, and 27,248 in 2018, according to NCRB. 4,047 cases of internet banking fraud, 2,160 cases of ATM fraud, 1,194 cases of credit/debit card fraud, and 1,093 cases of OTP fraud were reported in 2020. According to NCRB data, there were also 578 instances of fake news on social media and 972 occurrences of cyberbullying and stalking of women and children.

Andhra Pradesh Tax Case

After detaining the proprietor of the plastics company in Andhra Pradesh, the Vigilance Department found cash totaling Rs. 22 in his home. They requested his evidence of undeclared money. The suspect provided 6,000 vouchers as proof of the deal's validity; however, it was discovered following a meticulous study of the vouchers and the data on his computers that each one had been produced after raids. The suspect had been utilizing phony digital vouchers to display sales data and evade taxes while operating five businesses under the cover of a single corporation. As a result, when department personnel gained access to the suspect's computers, the state's businessman's dubious business practices were exposed.

Bazee.com case

The CEO of Bazee.com was imprisoned in December 2004 for simultaneously selling a CD that included obscene material on the internet and in a market in Delhi. Following an intervention by the Mumbai Police and Delhi Police, the CEO was later released on bail.

Mobile Banking Fraud Cases

Mobile banking entails that the bank will have a website via which it may offer its clients practically all of its services. Customers can use bank services including money transfers, recharges, and payments while sitting at a distance using a smartphone or laptop. The usage of this program is growing as a result of how user-friendly it is. Recently, banks that offer mobile banking have had a lot of trouble with their online services due to rising concerns about digital privacy and security. Banks must therefore offer safer and more secure online banking services.

II. METHODOLOGY

Cybersecurity methodologies and Indian cyber laws are pivotal components in protecting digital assets and ensuring lawful conduct in the ever-expanding realm of cyberspace. In terms of cybersecurity methodologies, organizations employ a multifaceted approach to mitigate risks and safeguard sensitive information. This typically involves conducting comprehensive risk assessments to identify potential vulnerabilities and prioritize mitigation efforts. Access

control measures, such as strong authentication and authorization mechanisms, are implemented to limit access to critical systems and data. Encryption techniques are widely utilized to protect data both at rest and in transit, thwarting unauthorized access attempts. Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS) are deployed to detect and thwart malicious activities in real-time, including intrusion attempts and malware infections. Furthermore, organizations establish well-defined incident response plans to swiftly address cybersecurity incidents, minimizing damage and facilitating speedy recovery.

In parallel, Indian cyber laws provide a legal framework to address various cyber activities and crimes, ensuring accountability and protection for individuals and organizations operating in the digital domain. The Information Technology Act, 2000 (IT Act) serves as the cornerstone legislation, encompassing a wide range of cyber-related issues such as electronic contracts, digital signatures, cybercrimes, and data protection. Amendments to the IT Act have been periodically introduced to address emerging threats and bolster legal provisions. Complementing the IT Act, sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) are applicable to cybercrimes, covering offenses like fraud, forgery, and defamation. Additionally, initiatives such as the National Cyber Security Policy, 2013, outline strategic approaches to cybersecurity and safeguarding critical information infrastructure. The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, aims to regulate the processing of personal data and establish data protection obligations for entities handling such data. Institutions like the Cyber Appellate Tribunal (CAT) and the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) play crucial roles in adjudicating disputes and responding to cybersecurity incidents, respectively.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A review of literature on cybersecurity methodologies and Indian cyber laws reveals a comprehensive body of knowledge encompassing various aspects of digital security and legal frameworks governing cyberspace in India. Scholarly works explore diverse topics, ranging from technological innovations and best practices in cybersecurity to the evolution of cyber legislation and its implications for stakeholders.

In the realm of cybersecurity methodologies, researchers delve into the intricacies of risk assessment and management, highlighting the importance of identifying vulnerabilities and implementing robust mitigation strategies. Studies emphasize the role of access control mechanisms, encryption techniques, and intrusion detection systems in fortifying defenses against cyber threats. Incident response planning and security awareness training emerge as critical components in mitigating the impact of cybersecurity incidents and fostering a culture of cyber resilience within organizations.

On the legal front, scholars critically examine the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, analyzing its effectiveness in addressing contemporary cyber challenges and safeguarding digital rights. Amendments to the IT Act and their implications for data protection, electronic transactions, and cybercrime prosecution are subjects of scholarly inquiry. Additionally, researchers explore the intersection of cyber laws with other legislative frameworks, such as the Indian Penal Code, and assess the adequacy of legal mechanisms in combating emerging cyber threats.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The synthesis of literature on cybersecurity methodologies and Indian cyber laws provides a comprehensive understanding of the current landscape and challenges in digital security and legal frameworks within India. Across various studies, it becomes evident that proactive risk assessment and management are essential for identifying vulnerabilities and prioritizing mitigation efforts. Access control measures and encryption techniques are widely acknowledged as critical components of cybersecurity, yet ongoing advancements are needed to address evolving threats effectively. Moreover, incident response planning and security awareness training emerge as crucial aspects in building organizational resilience against cyber-attacks. In terms of legal frameworks, while the Information Technology Act, 2000, provides a foundation for addressing cyber activities and crimes, concerns persist regarding enforcement challenges and the need for amendments to keep pace with technological advancements. The discourse surrounding data protection legislation, particularly the Personal Data Protection Bill, underscores the importance of balancing privacy rights with innovation. Additionally, the roles of specialized institutions like the Cyber Appellate Tribunal and CERT-In in adjudicating cyber disputes and coordinating incident response efforts are recognized, though improvements in their capacities and coordination mechanisms are needed. Overall, interdisciplinary perspectives and

future research directions outlined in the literature suggest avenues for enhancing cybersecurity practices, strengthening legal frameworks, and fostering digital trust and security in India.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the synthesis of literature on cybersecurity methodologies and Indian cyber laws underscores the multifaceted nature of addressing digital security challenges in India. From proactive risk assessment to robust incident response planning, cybersecurity methodologies emphasize the importance of holistic approaches to safeguarding digital assets and mitigating cyber threats. Similarly, the legal framework provided by the Information Technology Act, 2000, and emerging legislation such as the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, aim to establish clear guidelines for protecting digital rights and prosecuting cybercrimes. However, enforcement challenges and the need for continuous amendments highlight the dynamic nature of cyber governance in India. Moreover, the roles of specialized institutions like the Cyber Appellate Tribunal and CERT-In are crucial in adjudicating disputes and coordinating response efforts, yet improvements in capacities and coordination mechanisms are necessary. Moving forward, interdisciplinary collaboration and further research are essential to address emerging cyber threats, enhance cybersecurity practices, and promote digital trust and security in India's evolving digital landscape. By addressing these challenges and leveraging opportunities for innovation, India can strengthen its position as a global leader in cybersecurity and pave the way for a secure and resilient digital future.

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Abstract: *The advent of 5G technology marks a pivotal moment in the evolution of computing and communication sectors. This study delves into the transformative impact of 5G on these domains, exploring its potential to reshape technological interactions and communications. 5G promises to deliver ultra-fast speeds, significantly reduced latency, and enhanced reliability compared to its predecessors. These advancements are poised to enable new applications and services that were previously unattainable due to technological constraints. The research employs a comprehensive methodology, encompassing both qualitative and quantitative analyses. A thorough review of existing literature provides insights into the technical specifications, benefits, challenges, and potential applications of 5G technology. The study presents empirical findings that highlight the tangible impacts of 5G adoption, such as improved network performance, enhanced user experiences, and the emergence of innovative services like augmented reality, autonomous vehicles, and remote healthcare. Furthermore, the paper discusses the broader implications of 5G technology adoption, including its influence on digital transformation, economic growth, and societal changes. While 5G offers immense opportunities, it also presents challenges related to infrastructure deployment, security, and privacy concerns that need to be addressed for successful implementation. 5G technology holds the promise to revolutionize computing and communication sectors, fostering innovation and driving unprecedented advancements. However, realizing this potential requires collaborative efforts from industry stakeholders, policymakers, and researchers to overcome existing challenges and harness the full capabilities of 5G.*

Keywords: 5G technology, computing, communication, ultra-fast speeds, low latency, reliability, digital transformation, infrastructure, security, innovation

I. INTRODUCTION

The introduction of 5G technology represents a significant milestone in the ongoing evolution of the computing and communication sectors. As the successor to 4G LTE, 5G brings forth a new era characterized by unprecedented speed, low latency, and enhanced connectivity. These advancements are not merely incremental improvements but rather transformative changes that have the potential to profoundly impact how we interact with technology and each other[1]. The journey from the early days of mobile communication to the current state of 5G has been marked by continuous innovation and technological breakthroughs. Each generation of wireless technology has built upon its predecessor, addressing its limitations and expanding its capabilities. While 4G LTE revolutionized mobile broadband with faster speeds and better coverage, 5G aims to go beyond that by introducing a network that can support a vast array of connected devices, from smartphones and laptops to Internet of Things (IoT) devices and autonomous vehicles.

Moreover, 5G is not just about faster internet on mobile devices; it promises to enable a plethora of new applications and services that were previously unimaginable. This includes augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), real-time gaming, telemedicine, smart cities, and much more. The potential of 5G extends beyond personal convenience to broader societal benefits, such as improved healthcare, enhanced public safety, and increased productivity across various industries.

However, the transition to 5G is accompanied by challenges that need to be addressed to realize its full potential. These challenges range from infrastructure deployment and spectrum allocation to security and privacy concerns. Additionally, the successful adoption of 5G requires collaboration among industry stakeholders, government bodies,

and academia to create a supportive ecosystem that fosters innovation and ensures equitable access to this transformative technology.

II. METHODOLOGY

The methodology section outlines the approach taken to conduct this study, providing transparency and clarity on the research methods employed to investigate the impact of 5G technology on computing and communication sectors.

Research Design:

This study adopts a mixed-methods research design, combining both qualitative and quantitative approaches to ensure a comprehensive analysis of the subject matter. This approach allows for a nuanced understanding of the multifaceted impacts of 5G technology.

Data Collection:

- **Literature Review:** A systematic review of existing literature was conducted to gather insights into the technical specifications, benefits, challenges, and potential applications of 5G technology[1][2][3]. This involved examining academic journals, industry reports, white papers, and other relevant publications to build a solid foundation of knowledge on the topic.
- **Surveys and Interviews:** Quantitative data was collected through online surveys distributed to industry professionals, researchers, and consumers to gauge their perceptions, experiences, and expectations regarding 5G technology. Additionally, qualitative data was obtained through semi-structured interviews with experts in the field to gain deeper insights into specific aspects of 5G's impact.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples and case studies were analyzed to illustrate the practical implications of 5G technology adoption in various sectors, such as healthcare, transportation, and smart cities. This qualitative data helped to validate the findings from the literature review and surveys[9][10][11].

Data Analysis:

- **Quantitative Analysis:** Statistical analysis was performed on the survey data using software like SPSS or R to identify patterns, trends, and correlations related to 5G adoption, user satisfaction, and perceived benefits and challenges.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** The qualitative data obtained from interviews and case studies were analyzed using thematic analysis techniques. This involved identifying common themes, patterns, and insights to provide a deeper understanding of the research questions.

Validity and Reliability:

To ensure the validity and reliability of the research findings:

- **Triangulation:** Multiple data sources and methods were used to corroborate the findings, enhancing the credibility and robustness of the study.
- **Peer Review:** The research methodology and findings were reviewed by peers and experts in the field to validate the research approach and conclusions.

Ethical Considerations:

All data collection and analysis processes adhered to ethical guidelines, ensuring participant confidentiality, informed consent, and responsible use of data.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review provides a comprehensive overview of the existing research and scholarly works related to 5G technology, focusing on its technical aspects, benefits, challenges, and potential applications in computing and communication sectors.

Technical Specifications of 5G:

5G technology is characterized by its ability to offer ultra-fast speeds, significantly reduced latency, and increased network capacity compared to its predecessors (Wang et al., 2019). The key technical features of 5G include:

- **Millimeter-wave (mmWave) Frequencies:** Utilizing higher frequency bands to achieve faster data transmission rates.
- **Massive MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output):** Enhancing network capacity and efficiency through advanced antenna technologies.
- **Network Slicing:** Allowing the creation of virtualized network slices tailored to specific applications or services (Osseiran et al., 2014).

IV. BENEFITS OF 5G TECHNOLOGY

- **Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB):** 5G provides a more immersive user experience by delivering faster download and upload speeds, enabling seamless streaming, gaming, and multimedia applications (Rappaport et al., 2013).
- **Low Latency:** The reduced latency of 5G networks facilitates real-time communication and supports applications that require instantaneous response times, such as autonomous vehicles and remote surgery (Boccardi et al., 2014).
- **High Reliability and Availability:** 5G networks offer increased reliability and availability, making them suitable for mission-critical applications in industries like healthcare, public safety, and manufacturing (Ding et al., 2016).

Challenges and Limitations:

Despite its promising features, 5G technology also faces several challenges and limitations:

- **Infrastructure Deployment:** The rollout of 5G networks requires substantial investment in infrastructure, including new base stations and equipment, which can be costly and time-consuming (Nikaein et al., 2014).
- **Spectrum Allocation:** Efficient spectrum allocation is crucial for 5G deployment, but the availability and allocation of suitable frequency bands can be a bottleneck (Fettweis et al., 2014).
- **Security and Privacy Concerns:** As 5G networks become more interconnected and support a wider range of applications, they also become more susceptible to security threats and privacy breaches (Zhang et al., 2020).

Applications and Use Cases:

The potential applications of 5G technology are vast and varied, spanning across multiple sectors:

- **Healthcare:** 5G enables remote monitoring, telemedicine, and real-time data analytics, revolutionizing healthcare delivery and improving patient outcomes (Al-Hammadi et al., 2020).
- **Transportation:** Autonomous vehicles and smart transportation systems leverage 5G's low latency and high reliability to enhance safety and efficiency on roads (Lyons et al., 2019).
- **Smart Cities:** 5G technology facilitates the development of smart cities by enabling connected infrastructure, IoT devices, and data-driven urban planning (Zanella et al., 2014).

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The results and discussion section presents the findings from the research, analyzing the data collected through surveys, interviews, and literature review to understand the impact of 5G technology on computing and communication sectors.

Survey Findings:

The survey results indicate a positive perception and high expectations regarding 5G technology among industry professionals, researchers, and consumers.

- **User Satisfaction:** A significant majority of respondents expressed satisfaction with the performance of 5G networks, highlighting improved speeds, reduced latency, and enhanced reliability as key factors contributing to their positive experience.
- **Expected Applications:** The survey revealed that augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), IoT, and autonomous vehicles are among the most anticipated applications and services that respondents expect to benefit from 5G technology.
- **Challenges:** Despite the optimism surrounding 5G, respondents also identified challenges related to infrastructure deployment, cost, security, and privacy as potential barriers to adoption.

Interview Insights:

The interviews with industry experts provided deeper insights into specific aspects of 5G's impact on computing and communication sectors.

- **Industry Perspectives:** Experts emphasized the transformative potential of 5G in enabling new business models, driving innovation, and fostering economic growth.
- **Technical Challenges:** Infrastructure deployment, spectrum allocation, and integration with existing technologies were identified as technical challenges that need to be addressed to facilitate the seamless transition to 5G.
- **Security Concerns:** Experts highlighted the importance of addressing security and privacy concerns to build trust among consumers and ensure the safe and secure operation of 5G networks and services.

Literature Review Synthesis:

The findings from the literature review corroborate the survey and interview results, providing a holistic view of 5G's impact on computing and communication sectors.

- **Benefits:** Consistent with the literature, the study found that 5G technology offers numerous benefits, including enhanced mobile broadband, low latency, high reliability, and support for a wide range of applications and services.
- **Challenges:** The literature also echoes the challenges identified in the survey and interviews, emphasizing the need for addressing infrastructure deployment, spectrum allocation, security, and privacy concerns to ensure successful 5G adoption.

VI. DISCUSSION

The findings from this study underscore the transformative potential of 5G technology in reshaping computing and communication sectors. While the research indicates a positive perception and high expectations regarding 5G, it also highlights challenges that need to be addressed for successful adoption and implementation.

- **Opportunities:** 5G technology opens up new opportunities for innovation, economic growth, and societal advancement by enabling new applications and services that can revolutionize various industries.
- **Challenges:** Addressing infrastructure deployment, spectrum allocation, security, and privacy concerns is crucial to overcoming the barriers to 5G adoption and realizing its full potential.
- **Future Research:** Further research is needed to explore the long-term impact of 5G on society, economy, and technology, as well as to develop strategies and solutions to address the identified challenges and ensure the successful transition to 5G.

V. CONCLUSION

The advent of 5G technology represents a significant milestone in the evolution of computing and communication sectors, offering transformative potential that can revolutionize various industries and reshape the way we interact with technology. This study has explored the impact of 5G technology through a comprehensive analysis of survey results, interviews with industry experts, and a literature review.

Key Findings:

- **Transformative Potential:** 5G technology offers ultra-fast speeds, reduced latency, and enhanced reliability, unlocking new opportunities for innovation, economic growth, and societal advancement.
- **Positive Perception:** Industry professionals, researchers, and consumers express optimism and high expectations regarding 5G, highlighting its potential to enable new applications and services that were previously unattainable.
- **Challenges Ahead:** Despite the promising features of 5G, challenges related to infrastructure deployment, spectrum allocation, security, and privacy need to be addressed to ensure successful adoption and implementation.

Implications:

- **Innovation and Economic Growth:** 5G technology has the potential to drive innovation, create new business models, and foster economic growth by enabling new applications and services across various sectors.
- **Societal Impact:** Beyond technical advancements, 5G can have a profound impact on society by improving healthcare delivery, enhancing public safety, and contributing to the development of smart cities and sustainable environments.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Addressing the challenges associated with 5G adoption requires collaborative efforts from industry stakeholders, policymakers, researchers, and consumers to develop strategies and solutions that foster a supportive ecosystem for 5G deployment.

VI. FUTURE OUTLOOK

The successful deployment and adoption of 5G technology depend on overcoming existing challenges and harnessing its full capabilities to realize its transformative potential. As 5G continues to evolve and expand, further research is needed to explore its long-term impact, develop innovative applications and services, and address the ongoing challenges to ensure a seamless transition to this next-generation technology.

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Business Communication in Function of Improving the Organizational Culture of the Company

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Abstract: *This paper presents action research conducted in function of proving the connection between effective communication and organizational culture. Bearing in mind that we communicate daily wherever we are, including our work places, we can conclude that communication is a part of our daily behavior. It is precisely our daily behavior that shows us our habits, norms, standpoints and value systems; the ones we have accepted and through which we manifest our behavior. Recognizing organizational culture within these frames is the challenge that this paper has taken on and it presents a successful attempt of proving the connection between business communication and organizational culture. The research has been conducted with a total of 282 examinees from the first ten of the top 200 organizations for 2013 in the Republic of Macedonia. The same has proven the general hypothesis about the connection between business communication and organizational culture.*

Keywords: business communication, organizational culture, feedback information, effective listening, verbal communication

I. INTRODUCTION

We all learn to communicate from the earliest age. It is interwoven with all the additional elements that the family teaches its child and they have to do with family, social or national culture. It is with this culture, additionally refined from the social functioning of the individual up until his/her employment, (i.e. the educational system and all the remaining formal and informal organizations in which the individual has participated and communicated, which in turn have affected his/her behavior) that he/she enters the new organization. The culture of behaving presents a mixture of manners and actions that the individual uses and through which he/she manifests them in the surrounding. Each individual is different because he/she presents a product of various cultural influences: family, social, educational, informal and formal organizational associations. Organizational culture refers to a core set of attitudes and practices that are shared by the members of the organization and that determines their behavior. (Engelen et al. 2014). The organizational culture can be noticed by the clients who frequently communicate with the employees, by the manner of communicating as a dominant form of communication, etc. This is a sign of good or bad organizational culture and contributes to building the image of the company. Each company strives towards building an image and self-branding or branding its products, yet that cannot be achieved without appropriate communication as part of the organizational culture.

1. BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Communication has been widely accepted by scholars and academics as the lifeblood of an organization, because communication is needed for exchanging information, exchanging opinions, making plans and proposals, reaching agreement, executing decisions, sending and fulfilling orders and conducting sales (Blalock 2005). Communication is essential for the success and growth of an organization (Udegbe et al. 2012). It is widely accepted that business management and business educators perceive communication skills as highly valuable to employees and organizations alike (Conrad and Newberry 2011). Communication in context of the activities of one organization (products, services, clients, coworkers...) is called business communication. It is a process of generating, transmitting, receiving, and interpreting messages in interpersonal, group, public, and mass communication contexts through written and verbal formats. This type of communication is aimed toward organizing activities that will lead the members of the company

to making a profit. (Safran 2010). Business communication is done in and outside the organization; of course, within the context of the organization itself. Effective business communication is the key to planning, leading, organizing, and controlling the resources of the organizations to achieve objectives, and may be formal or informal in nature (Hynes 2005). Unlike formal communication, informal communication is not tied to the work place and hierarchy. This communication, in any type of form, no matter whether in or outside the organization is done quickly. The vertical communication which is communication between a superior and a lower ranked employee is most often formal, unlike the lateral communication which is mostly informal. Since communication is a precondition to development, access to and control over the means and processes of communication are properly questions of great social importance. (Hoover, Venturelli, and Wagner 2009). Even though the basic goal of every sender in every communication is for the recipient to get the information precisely and fully, this does not always happen. Sometimes the information does not reach the recipient, fully or partially, due to various barriers in the surrounding. There are two types of communication barriers: external and internal.

2. ETHICS IN COMMUNICATION

Ethics is a sum of principles about what is right and wrong. Ethical decisions are based on universal principles of rights and wrong as well as situational factors in which decisions are invoked (Johnson 2001). For example, when any employee talks to a client or coworker, it is ethical that he/she provides correct information before persuading the client or coworker to take some action. The personal ethics of the individual is connected to his/her culture, previous experience, as well as the society in which he/she grew up and was educated. Each individual has a distinctive blend of personality traits, values, moral principles that enable them to act ethically. Personal ethics refers to personal principles such as "love, kindness and respect for human dignity...in the exercise of power" (Kirman 1992). While personal ethics is connected to the individual, the ethical principles are connected to the group. They show generally accepted attitudes that do not have to be written, yet are simply considered right in a society. For example, for a lot of people stealing is wrong and they do not do it. When a lot of people agree on a principle, it most often becomes part of the law. The attitudes of the members of one specific profession can also be the same no matter whether they are written or not. There are professions that have written codes of ethics. An effective code enhances social responsibility and clarifies the norms and values the organization seeks to uphold (Stevens 2009). For example, in medicine there is a codex that every doctor must abide by or (as it is already well known) before he/she begins this profession, they swear an oath to respect the ethical codex of doctors. Ethics stands at the very core of our working lives and of society as a whole, defining the public image of the business community and the ways in which individual companies and people behave (Ciulla, Martin, and Solomon 2011). Every organization, as a sum of employees with their own personal and professional ethics, builds an organizational identity in terms of practicing this working ethics. The company ethics obliges the employees to behave ethically in different communicational situations, especially with clients and coworkers. Thus, in the workplace, individuals are "challenged to have moral imagination and the courage to do the right thing" (Kreitner and Kinicki 1995). Lying can easily be noticed and even though it is a part of the behavior of an individual, it can still seriously contribute to the destruction of the image of a company. We do not need to remind here that image, especially the image of an organization, is very difficult to build, yet very easy to ruin. Thus, there is no doubt that ethical communication or making organizational decisions in the spirit of ethics is crucial. Even though honesty and proper behavior toward the clients or coworkers is of great importance, we have to emphasize that honesty does not end there. The employees have to be honest with their superiors as well. Some professions insist on secrecy in working. Taking information out of the organization should not only be prevented by the fear of punishment but it should also be a part of the ethical behavior of the individual and the responsibility he/she feels towards the organization. All medical workers, lawyers, bankers, court clerks and workers with access to secret trading information concerning the competitive advantage of the organization have professions in which secrecy on the part the employees is insisted on. These employees have to be ready for such a responsible task as is keeping the information a business secret.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH CLIENTS

Every working organization exists in order to realize the common goals of the people that are part of it. All those goals are dedicated to meeting the clients' needs, no matter if it a service or product. This means that the clients are the reason why the organization exists and without them not one single organization would have a reason to hire workers. How to satisfy and maintain relationship with customers in order to have customer loyalty is the essential survival of profit organizations (Deng et al. 2010). Clients 'loyalty can be explained to a substantial degree by customer satisfaction, trust, and communication (Ball, Coelho, and Machas 2004). Hence it is clear how important it is for the clients to be satisfied with the work that the employees do and, naturally, the daily business communication which they have with the clients has a significant part in all this. Communication is mainly face to face and via the phone, even though it must be said that electronic communication and written communication is also present.

4. CUSTOMER SERVICE CULTURE

The companies that have set their clients as a priority are strongly dedicated to building a behavior culture toward the consumers. This is why they often organize trainings for their employees about how to behave with clients. The superiors encourage the employees to innovate new models of behavior toward their clients. The individual approach toward the clients is completely given for assessment to the employees and the successful solving of certain situations by individual employees is particularly rewarded, which actually provides support for the undertaken responsibility. In such companies where the advantage of the clients is the policy of the organization, the employees are fully introduced to the organizational policies; what they mean and what is also expected of them as employees. These organizations often provide freedom to the employees concerning specific actions towards the consumers, for example: the possibility of giving a discount to a client, changing a false appliance with a new one, etc. The employee must make a good impression with every contact that he/she makes with the client, no matter whether the contact is in person or via electronic communication.

5. INTERACTION WITH CLIENTS

Interactions with clients play a central part in our lives from health care to auto repair to banking, to clerical support, service interactions have become a significant part of our daily routines and the nature of these interactions may dramatically impact our overall quality of life (Ford 2001). The moment a client makes visual contact with the employee, the interaction has begun. This means that we cannot actually say that if the client has not asked for a service, he /she did not need anything. The impression made on the client can be spread very quickly with today's efficient electronic communication channels. This is why it is of great importance that the impression left on the client is positive. Positive impression turns the client into our presenter of services or products, i.e. our marketing agent. If we also bear in mind that the client can share the good or bad experiences, he/she had with the company, then each employee that makes contact with a client in order to satisfy his/her needs must be aware that clients should be provided a good atmosphere and surrounding in order for them to feel welcome. The moment a client enters, all other work should be put aside and attention should be paid to the client. The room has to be clean and tidy in order to leave a good impression. Since customers differ, it is necessary to observe them and within the shortest possible time interval assess their wishes, for example: some like to look around by themselves, while others want a product to be offered to them. In cases when it is inevitable for a client to wait to be served, it is advisable to explain to him/her the reason for waiting, to provide a pleasant atmosphere while he/she waits and if the client cannot wait one must be ready to provide an alternative solution. It is good to keep casual eye contact with the client in order to be able to timely assess his/her demands, but to also show due respect. The companies which are dedicated to their clients must train their employees to be able to provide quality service. This means that they should be able to give different things to different people. Quality service encompasses a continual combination of the following: politeness, careful listening and individual treatment. In a service orientation context, since customer service becomes important to service organizations, employing good service employees may take a meaningful part for an organization's success (Baydoun, Dale, and Emperado 2001). Therefore, it is important for organizations to improve and to change the way of communication and interaction with clients in order to adapt the rapid change of service orientation (Ford 2001).

6. ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Organizational culture is known as “normative glue” means to hold the overall organization together (Tichy 1982). The definitions on organizational culture are divided into two groups by some authors. The first group of definitions emphasizes the cognitive elements of the content of organizational culture such as are: basic assumptions, beliefs (attitudes), values and behavioral norms. These definitions highlight organizational culture as an ideology that people interpret with their behavior. The second group of definitions has to do with the material part of the content of organizational culture. The material symbols are the most visible part of an organizational culture. These are the consequences of the used value of the acting of culture: repeated behavior, noticeable interaction, language of communication, metaphors, jargon, symbols and material artifacts in the organization. Actually, the organizational culture presents a system of assumptions, values, norms and attitudes manifested through symbols that the members of an organization have developed and adopted through common experience and ones which help them determine the meaning of the world that surrounds them and how to act within in. The organizational culture directly influences the organization’s performances through the entire influence of the organizational elements and management. The organizational culture influences the functioning and management of the organization. This, before all, means influencing the organizational strategy in the making of every decision. This is also connected to the control over the behavior of the employees because with entering the organization, every employee accepts the imposed cultural values and norms and in time adopts them as his/her own rules, ways of thinking and manners of behavior. The organizational culture is connected with the organizational structure. In order to create an appropriate organizational design, the creators, i.e. top managers have to take their common assumptions about the people, organization and surrounding as a starting point. Motivating the personnel to work is also connected to the organizational culture. In organizations with strongly emphasized cultures, there are clearly established value systems concerning career developments that actually force the employees to individually assess themselves and according to their personal wishes and aspirations aim toward certain promotions. This in turn forces them to be motivated about the work that they do. The assumptions set in the organizational culture also have to do with the leader of the organization. The leadership style is significantly determined by the organizational culture. The expectations of the followers, concerning the behavior of the leader, are important in terms of how he/she will influence the followers. The organizations that have a built organizational culture with a value of we are the best have to continually work with each individual on making him/her be the best in what he/she does. Actually, by employing them, the manner of behavior of the colleagues becomes an imperative for the newly employed members as well.

6.1 The strength of the organizational culture

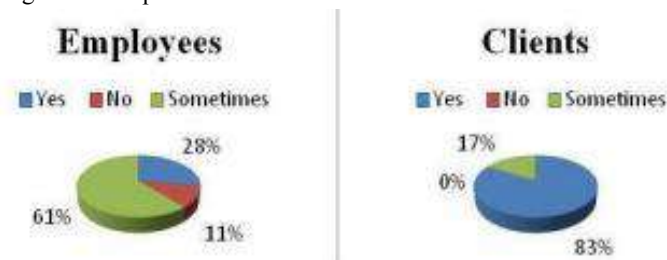
Organizational performance is one of the most important constructs in management research. Reviewing past studies reveals a multidimensional conceptualization of organizational performance related predominately to stakeholders, heterogeneous product market circumstances, and time. (Richard et al. 2009) Since the goal of every organization and its management is achieving high organizational performances and since the strongly expressed culture precisely leads to improving the organizational performances, it is expected that the theoreticians deal with determining the strength of the organizational culture. The connection between the organizational culture and the success of the organization is understandable if we know that the value systems, dedication and motivation are all part of the organizational culture. Organizational culture provides sustainable aggressive advantage under three conditions; first, the culture must be viable, second the culture must be rare and have attributes and third culture must be imperfectly imitable. Hence, if the organizational culture is strong, then it eliminates the negative elements, such as destructive conflicts, and in turn activates the energy of the employees toward realizing the organizational vision. In order to consider that organizational culture exists, the assumptions and value systems should be widely accepted and practiced by the employees. In terms of how many employees have to be encompassed with the practicing of the organizational culture, part of the theoreticians consider that the organizational culture is either strong or does not exist at all. In such cases, the subcultures become stronger. (Hatch and Zilber 2011) Yet there are also theoreticians who think that even though the organizational culture is weak, it does not mean that it is nonexistent within the organization.

7. RESEARCH

The object of research in this paper is the influence of the improvement of business communication on the development of the organizational culture. Thus, the problem that will be looked into in this paper is the inappropriate communication with clients and coworkers and its influence on the development and establishment of the organizational culture. The research has been conducted on a representative number of 282 examinees from the first ten of the top 200 organizations for 2013. The research includes employees, clients and product/service consumers. It is precisely this that gives weight to the research. It was necessary to collect data on the clients and to contact them. Namely, 90 employees and 192 clients, i.e. product/service consumers, from the examined companies make up the research sample. The research was conducted during January and February 2015. A survey was used as a research technique and two questionnaires have been used as measuring instruments (for employees and for clients). The questionnaires are of closed type and the examinees could answer the questions with one of three given options (yes/sometimes/no). The general hypothesis is: If the communication led by the organization with its clients is effective and efficient, then it will help its organizational culture become recognizable. The general hypothesis is divided into specific and individual hypotheses. The specific hypotheses deal with the types of verbal and written communication through the individual hypotheses.

8. RESULT ANALYSIS

There were two questionnaires prepared for this paper, each with 31 questions and all of a closed type. The survey was conducted in the first ten of the top 200 organizations for 2013 in the Republic of Macedonia. A total of 90 answers from 192 clients were part of the research. Basically, the questions from both questionnaires are the same but they are adapted for two separate groups, i.e. the clients and the employees. The questions were formed out of necessity for confirming the assumptions set in the hypothetical frame. In the first set of questions prepared for the employees and the clients, the efficiency of communicating with the clients in person was researched. The received results point to a high level of communication during which the employees actively listen to their clients, assess the expectations clients have of them and react to that appropriately. For this set of questions, the fifth question for the employees was chosen as a representative question and it is as follows: According to the assessment of the client's expectations of me, I behave appropriately. 25 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 28%, 55 answered 2 (sometimes) which is 61% and 10 answered 3 (No) or 11%. The same question but this time for the clients is: The employee behaves according to my expectations. All the examinees answered this question and with the following results: 160 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 83%, 32 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 17% and no one answered 3 (No) or 0%. The results have been visually presented in figure number 1. From it we can see that even though the employees are not quite sure that they have succeeded in meeting the client's needs (61% Sometimes), 83% of the clients consider that the employees behave according to their expectations.



The eleventh question is another example in which we can see that the behavior of the employees is highly regarded by the clients, even more than the employee's themselves expected. The question for the employees is: I pay attention to what the client's behavior can show me, to which all the examinees answered as follows: 50 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 56%, 20 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 22% and 20 examinees answered 3 (No) or 22%. The eleventh question for the clients is: The employee fully respects my behavior. All the examinees answered the question and with the following results: 144 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 75%, 48 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 25% and no one answered 3 (No) or 0%. The results have been visually presented in figure number 2

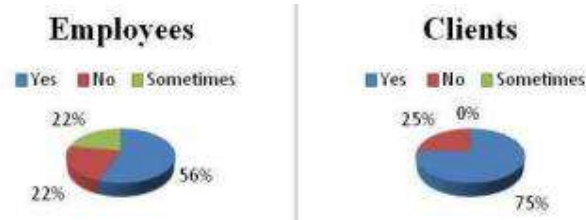


Figure 2. Attention to clients

The next set of questions refers to the quality of cooperation between the clients and the company/ies. From the answers it can be concluded that the employees succeed in making their clients long-lasting coworkers through communication. The clients are also sure in the recommendations they give to their friends and relatives about using the services of the company/ies. Question number 13 has been chosen as a representative question for this set. The question is as follows: I am satisfied with the number of coworkers which is a result of my good communication with them. 70 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 78%, 10 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 11% and 10 examinees answered 3 (No) or 11%. The same question referred to the clients I recommend this organization to my friends/relatives because of my good experience, was answered by all examinees with the following results: 160 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 83%, 32 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 17% and no one answered 3 (No) or 0%. The results have been visually shown in figure number 3. From the figure we can see that the answers of the employees and the clients are almost identical.



Figure 3. Recommending the company's services by the clients

The fourth set of questions refers to the written communication of the companies. It was concluded that the companies contain the features and positive tone of communication while addressing the clients, also the technical and editorial accuracy is at an admirable level and the content of the written text has been carefully chosen. Question number 19 has been chosen as a representative for this set of questions and it is as follows: The letters that we send to the clients have carefully written contents. All the employees answered this question and with the following results: 65 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 67%, 5 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 5% and 25 examinees answered 3 (No) or 28%. The nineteenth question is: The letters I receive from the organization have carefully written contents. All the examinees answered this question and with the following results: 176 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 92%, 16 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 8% and no one answered 3 (No) or 0%. The results have been visually presented in figure number 4. In this case as well, we can see that the results received from the clients are better/higher than those with which the employees had rated themselves, i.e. the company.

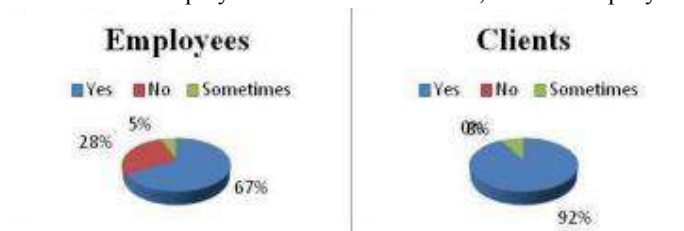


Figure 4. Quality of the written communication

The fifth set of questions refers to the recognizable culture of the company/ies. The following has been researched: the dress code of the employees, the interior and exterior style, whether the organizational policy is recognizable, as well as the nurtured tradition. The answers point to a recognizable organizational culture in all of the 10 researched companies.

The twenty-fifth question, referred to the employees, has been chosen as a representative for this set of questions and it is as follows: The traditions nurtured by the companies are recognizable to the clients. Here are the employees' answers: 55 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 61%, 5 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 6% and 30 examinees answered 3 (No) or 33%. The same question referred to the clients is: The traditions nurtured by the company are recognizable to me. All the examined clients answered this question and with the following results: 144 examinees answered 1 (Yes) which presents 75%, 48 examinees answered 2 (Sometimes) which is 25% and no one answered 3 (No) or 0%. The results have been visually presented in figure number 5. From the results received we can conclude that the company's tradition is recognizable to the clients.



Figure 5. Company's tradition

The results received have been grouped and calculated with an arithmetical mean, meaning that the received results prove the general hypothesis and also connect the effectiveness and efficiency of the business communication of the company with the recognizable organizational culture. These two variables have been shown comparatively in figure 7.

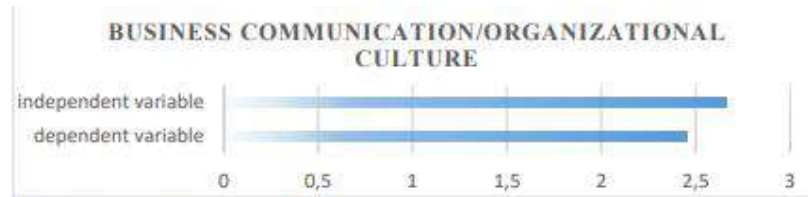


Figure 7. Proof of the general hypothesis

II. CONCLUSION

The paper encompasses a highly serious research segment which is business communication in context of building the organizational culture. This is a category which is very difficult to measure, hence the seriousness in the empirical approach of the paper. Business communication is inevitable in every working organization, for every individual employee and every individual communicating with the company. Most often, the daily conducted activities are done routinely and not a lot of attention is paid to them.

Actually, they become a manifestation of a currently built organizational or personal culture. The success of the company, as a built image or its branding, is precisely the result of the built organizational culture. With this, the meaning of the organizational culture is of essential nature if we want to achieve success in the business world. From the results received we can make several conclusions which correspond to the expected results set during the outlining of the research. The conclusions are unambiguous in terms of proving the hypotheses. This speaks of a highly built organizational culture, as well as business communication that meet the standards of current acting. It is important to mention that this research has been conducted in the best ten companies, hence the justification of the high results. Therefore, the results should not be generalized for all the companies in the Republic of Macedonia. The results received while proving the quality of the communication which is led in the researched companies, i.e. its effectiveness and efficiency, are positive. Again, the results received from the employees in the companies are the same with those received from the clients concerning different elements of the professional behavior of the employees during communication with clients, which speaks of a high quality of established communication. With their way of communicating and their behavior, the employees succeed in winning over the clients as their coworkers. The answers undoubtedly point to a confirmation of the satisfaction from the mutual cooperation both by the clients and the employees, which in turn results with recommending the companies to other potential clients so that they can use the

services of particularly that company. The research also deals with the written communication of the researched companies. The research also deals with the written communication of the researched companies with their clients. Through it the existing states of written communication between the clients and the employees have been discovered. The use of the logo, the necessary information of the organization, the use of memorandums for written communication or the use of a positive tone in the content of the letters have been identified as elements which are present in the written communication. The web communication with the clients has been considered in this paper as a segment of business communication. The results received are in context of the quality of the web communication of the companies with the clients. The following points have been used as confirmation: the attitudes of the clients and the employees about how often the web pages are being opened, whether they contain all the necessary information which are of interest to the clients, how original they are and how much similar they are with the international ones according to absolute standard. Again, in this set of questions, the received answers are positive and yield a high result. It is safe to conclude that in the researched companies the web communication is at the level of the international standards. Apart from the quality of business communication of the researched sample, the received results show nurturing of organizational policies on the basis of set value systems which can be seen in their organizational culture. The results have been received by asking the clients and the employees questions in context of whether the organizational culture which is nurtured in the companies is recognizable to the clients. The findings received from the research procedure show that the clients recognize the policies of the companies, the dress code, and the uniqueness of the interior, the traditions nurtured in the companies, the logo and the way in which the companies treat their clients. All the answers have a high percentage of positive answers.

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Online Shopping During Pandemic (COVID 19)

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Abstract: 2020 will be reminded in history, because of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has influenced our lives in every field. Economy will never be the same as before COVID - 19. Our country went into complete lockdown from 23rd march. On 23 March, the first day of the lockdown, almost services and factories were suspended. Now, offline shopping becomes difficult as well as risky. It will attract the shoppers to take advantages of internet technology by shopping online. Therefore, there is a need to understand the influence on online buying behavior of customers due to this pandemic. The objectives of this study will be to explore drivers of E-shopping in the situation of COVID-19 pandemic and to know about preferred products that customers want to purchase more through online after COVID 19 pandemic. The methodology in this study is descriptive, use of published reports, use of published research papers in journals and existing literature about this topic. Findings of the study will help in knowing the e- shoppers behavior under situation of COVID-19 and this study will help the online shopping service providers to make better strategies for providing more satisfaction to customers and to win the competition. This Study suggested that E- commerce companies should take proper steps to make effective marketing strategies to exist in the e-commerce sector.

Keywords: COVID-19, Pandemic, Online Shopping, Customers, Buying Behavior, Influence

I. INTRODUCTION

2020 will be reminded in history, because of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has influenced our lives in every field. COVID19 is a novel virus that came in the month of December 2019, in Wuhan. The very first case of Corona Virus Disease in India noticed in January. Our country went into complete lockdown from 23rd march. On 23 March, the first day of the lockdown, almost services and factories were suspended. Shetty et al. (2020) discussed that due to COVID-19, in contrast to the previous years, the recession is projected to trigger the fall of oil prices, the collapse of the tourism industry, the hospitality industry, the energy industry and decrease in consumerism. We have known that how people take this critical time of loneliness results in enormous improvements to their shopping habits overnight. People are changing what they purchase, where, and how, from conventional buying to online shopping. It increased the shopping through websites and mobile apps. Due to increasing risk of corona virus, customers are avoiding public places which increasing customers' attraction towards online shopping. Now, E-Commerce Companies have to make better policies to meet changing needs of shoppers. According to market research done prior to the Corona Virus, Growth of India's market in electronic commerce is increasing at a faster rate (approximately 200 U.S. dollars by the year 2026). Recent developments since the epidemic indicate that target can accomplished much faster than initially expected, spurred by an increase in shoppers attracting online deliveries despite concerns of potential infections, if they go out from their homes.

II. METHODOLOGY

Developments of Online Shopping Under the Epidemic In January 2020, as the beginning of the outbreak of COVID-19, it is easy to see that the sales and sales price of food and beverage online in 2020 is relatively higher than that of the same term of previous years, indicating that the epidemic may have changed the way of shopping for food and beverages to a certain extent. Among the narrow sorting of food and beverage, the impact of the fresh industry is more significant, affected by its short shelf life, high preservation requirements, high logistics and distribution requirements, and so on. When COVID-19 was coming, it became another option for people to stay at home and avoid crowds. Therefore, to take Fresh E-commerce (Missfresh Ltd) as the research object in the fresh food and beverage

products category, whether COVID-19 is a major factor in promoting the further development of fresh electric business is studied.

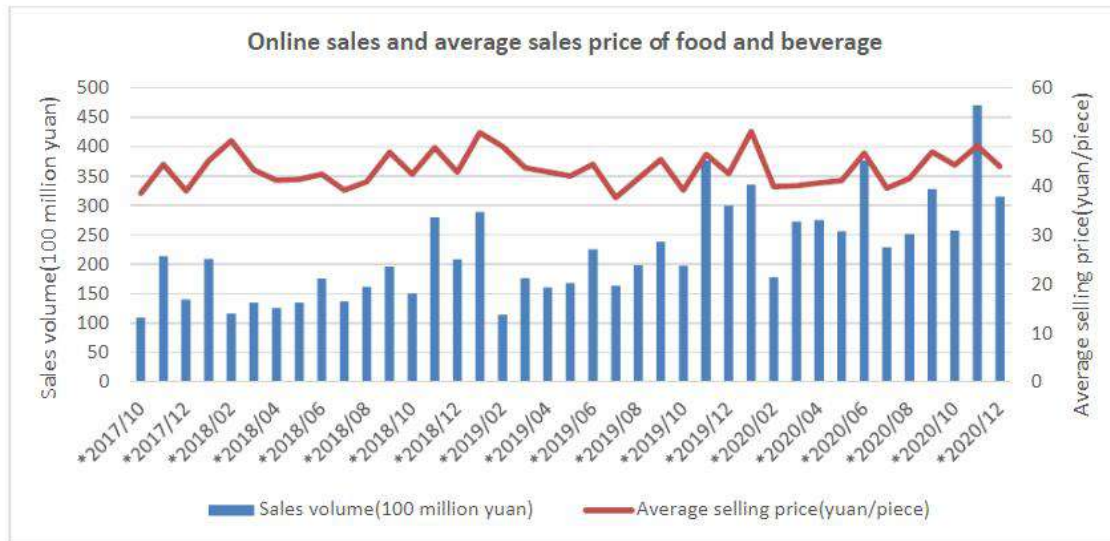


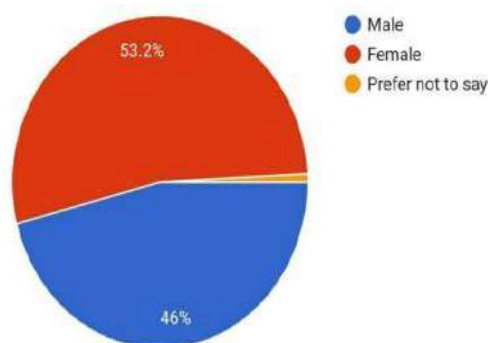
Figure.1 Online sales and average sales price of food and beverage from September 2017 to December 2020

Figure 1 shows that online sales and average sale price of food and beverage from september 2017 to December 2020 during pandemic.

This study aims to discover and evaluate the elements that influence consumers' attitudes toward online shopping both before and after the pandemic. The research is descriptive in nature. For research, the questionnaire approach was utilized, which comprised of questions meant to obtain information from participants who responded. There are 124 respondents in all.

III. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

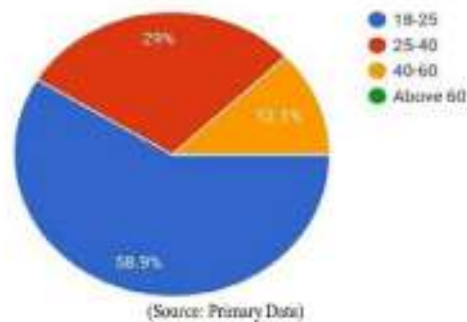
Gender



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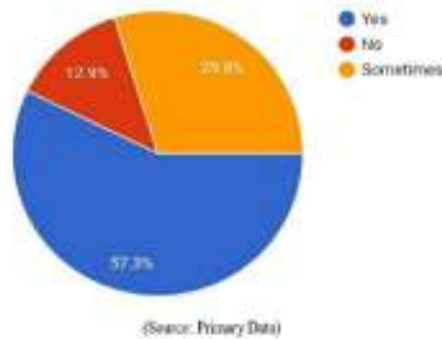
Interpretation: Gender is a commonly researched component in predicting consumer behavior. The above figure demonstrates the gender division of males, females, and others. There are a total of 124 respondents. Female respondents make up 53.2% of the total, while male respondents make up 46%. Other categories (I'd rather not say gender) account for 0.8% of the total.

Age



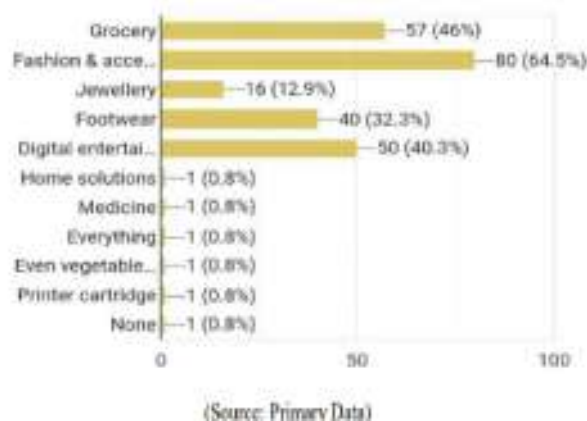
Interpretation: Consumers of various ages participated in this survey. The 18–25 age group garnered the most responses (58.9%), followed by the 25–40 age group (29%), and the 40–60 age group (12.1%). Those over the age of 60 had the lowest response rate, with 0%. This demonstrates that youngsters are the most interested in online shopping. Meanwhile, elder generations continue to prefer in-store purchases to online shopping.

Were You Doing Online Shopping Before the Pandemic Also?



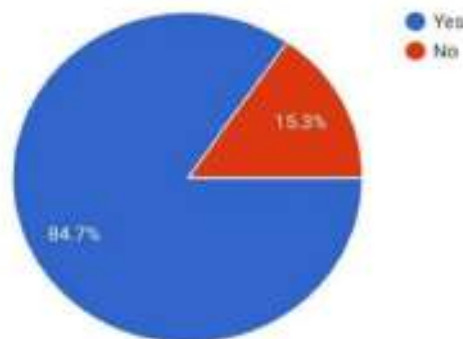
Interpretation: Prior to the pandemic, when consumers could shop offline, 57.3% of them conducted their shopping online, 29.8% did it on occasion, and 12.9% never did. This demonstrates that consumers who did not have time to undertake offline shopping or who wanted to buy at home without spending a lot of time would prefer to do so online. Meanwhile, other consumers avoided online buying owing to mistrust.

From The Following Which Online Purchases You Were Making?



Interpretation: The graph illustrates online purchases. It shows the total number of responses as well as the percentage. Fashion and accessories are the most popular products purchased online, as indicated in the graph. The lowest purchase is for home solutions, medicine, vegetables, printer cartridges, etc. People purchased the goods online, which are non-perishable and do not spoil quickly. While they prefer to buy perishable commodities such as vegetables offline only. They either employed home solutions or called firms that they had used and trusted for a long time for home solutions.

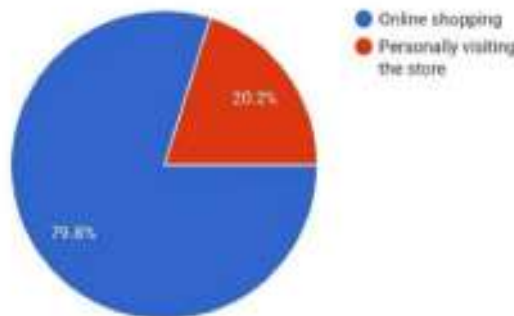
Are You Comfortable With Online Shopping?



(Source: Primary Data)

Interpretation Online buying is convenient for 84.7% of individuals since it saves time and money on travel. Consumers have discovered the ideal website for them to purchase items that meet their specifications. While 15.3% prefer the traditional method of purchasing, i.e., visiting to a store, evaluating the quality, tasting the product, and then purchasing it.

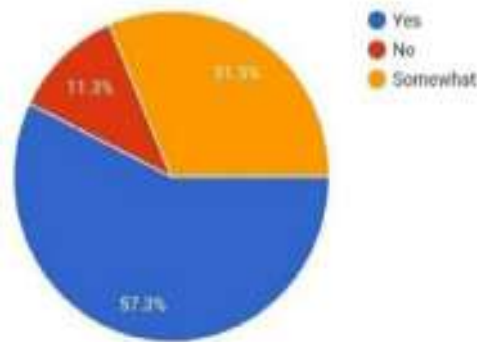
During Pandemic Which Method You Had Preferred For Shopping.



(Source: Primary Data)

Interpretation: In the uneven format of the environment made consumers being afraid to leave their homes, approximately 79.8% of people attempted to use online shopping choices for safety reasons, but 20.2% still preferred to make purchases offline.

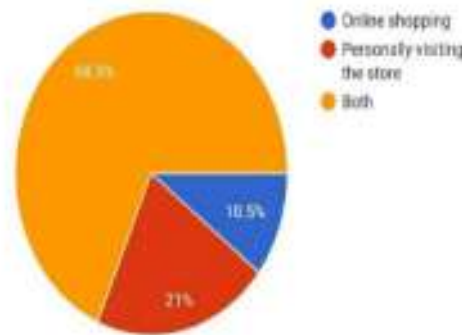
**During Complete Lockdown (In 2020) Most Of Us Were Shifted Toonline For Shopping.
So Wereyou Satisfied With Online Shopping?**



(Source: Primary Data)

Interpretation: Consumers had the following requirements in a complete lockdown situation: 57.3% favored online shopping; 31.5% of respondents do shop online occasionally; and roughly 11.3% did not prefer online shopping.

Now That The Situation Is Getting Back To Normal Which method will You Prefer For Shopping?



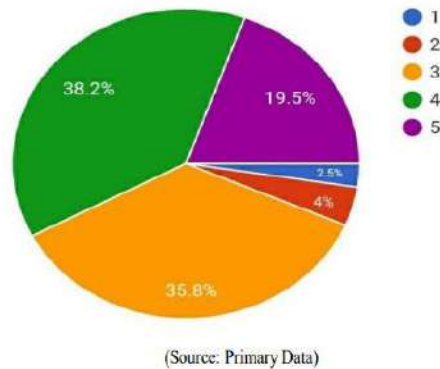
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Interpretation: Consumers' shopping tastes are shifting when the situation returns to normal. 68.5% of consumers used to like both kinds of shopping, online as well as offline. 21% of participants strongly supported going to the store and shopping and getting the impression of having more possibilities to choose from based on what people desired. Only 10.5% of people preferred to shop online.

How Would You Rate Your Overall Online Shopping Experience? (1 is The Lowest And 5 Is The Highest)

The diagram shows that 38.2% evaluate their online shopping experience as a 4. 35.8% rate their online shopping receiving a 3. Following that, 19.5% provided the highest rating, i.e., 5, 4% gave a 2 rating, and 2.5% gave the lowest rating, i.e., 1.

adults preferred online shopping over middle-aged and elderly people. It benefited consumers by providing them with access to many channels, enhancing their e-commerce experience. Numerous consumers shifted from offline to online shopping during the pandemic, but once the outbreak was gone, many consumers continued to use ecommerce. Several consumers, on the other hand, have begun to return to shops or megastores for purchases.



IV. LITERATURE REVIEW

According to the online shopping development during the COVID-19 pandemic, most scholars started to discuss mainly these aspects. The first factor we had to consider was how to improve consumption under the more steady recovery of the Chinese economy. Based on the exact pandemic development conditions, Zhihua Fu and Zhigang Wang indicated that the key to stabilizing consumption is to stabilize residents' income. And in the interests of stabilizing residents' income, the government needs to stabilize non-agricultural employment in the society

[1], which grasps the essence of the relationship between consumption and employment. The second factor was consumer's psychology during the epidemic. Researchers found that during the epidemic period, residents' dependence on online shopping increased significantly, and the range of residents' shopping choices became more and more widely

[2]. Online shopping can easily fill the vacancy of consumers' offline shopping requirements. Ping Xu pointed out that all industries should comply with the development of the current situation and accurately grasped the different preferences of consumers, combining offline shopping with online shopping and then create a new marketing pattern

[3]. And then Zhen Qian revealed that it would cost about one year to recover consumers' confidence in the middle and even long term, and the expenses on housing, transportation, communication and medical treatment would increase.

These studies provided plenty of new ideas to the development space of online shopping we wanted to analyze, expounding the recent situation and problems of online shopping during COVID-19 pandemic in residents' income, consumption psychology and time, well-directed to this research paper's content. However, the above researchers had not analyzed the specific online shopping platform via data, but chose to give more macroscopic comments. This paper just fills the blank of the relevant micro data in online shopping platforms during COVID-19 pandemic.

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

From the above analysis, it can be found that the epidemic's impact on online fresh food shopping is very significant. Take Meiri Youxian as an example, its daily active users, new users, user frequency, and turnover have explosive growth. This can show that the impact of the epidemic on the fresh food industry is still very huge. The reason is that most supermarkets and vegetable markets in China have taken measures to close during the epidemic. At the same time, residents are required to stay at home and not go out. However, the rigid demand for food, meat, vegetables, eggs, and other daily necessities will not be due to supermarkets closed and stopped. This did online shopping, the only way to obtain fresh ingredients at that time, undertook the massive demand of the vast majority of Chinese residents and ushered in a spurt of growth. Indeed, the success of online fresh food shopping represented by Daily Fresh Food seems to depend on the "privileges" brought about by the epidemic, but this does not fully explain that the current online fresh food online shopping companies are entirely dependent

on the dividends epidemic. From the above chart, it can be found that although various indicators and data have increased significantly during the epidemic, the data before the epidemic has been considerable. After the epidemic has ended, it has not been affected by the reopening of offline fresh food purchase channels such as supermarket vegetable markets. Stop growth or even go backward. Although not as significant as the increase during the epidemic, it still maintained a specific slow and benign growth. This shows that compared with traditional offline shopping channels at any time, today when the Internet dominates life, the new online fresh food shopping channels still have considerable competitiveness and even tend to surpass traditional offline shopping. At present, the development of the online fresh food shopping industry has not yet matured. Many Internet giants are still investing in their fresh food apps. The development of the entire industry is in an intense period. Combined with the maturity of online shopping itself, we can infer that online fresh food shopping will continue to grow in the next three to five years, and to some extent, replace traditional offline shopping methods. For future development, online shopping should actively integrate with current emerging technologies, such as 5g. For example, take advantage of the unique advantages of 5g, such as fast speed, large bandwidth, and low latency, to carry out services such as an online preview of products and a selection of products. At the same time, we need to pay attention to solving some of the main shortcomings of online fresh food, such as the guarantee of freshness, and further research on related solutions is needed to improve the online fresh food shopping model further.

VI. CONCLUSION

Consumers began buying online to reduce risk during the pandemic, which was a viable option. Consumers had no choice but to switch to online purchasing, therefore they were willing to take the risk. As a result, consumers were more inclined to accept changes. Consumers' perspectives were altered, and many businesses added new products to their e-commerce websites in order to provide a varied array of product possibilities to the customers they serve. It was discovered that many young adults preferred online shopping over middle-aged and elderly people. It benefited consumers by providing them with access to many channels, enhancing their e-commerce experience. Numerous consumers shifted from offline to online shopping during the pandemic, but once the outbreak was gone, many consumers continued to use e-commerce. Several consumers, on the other hand, have begun to return to shops or megastores for purchases.

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A Comprehensive Review on its Physiological, Ecological, Phytochemical and Pharmacological Perspectives of Neolamarckia Cadamba

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Abstract: *Research on Neolamarckia cadamba, or “kadam”, has been in trend till now; considering its various immunomodulatory, anti-microbial, anti-diabetic, anti-oxidant, and other medicinal properties. It can be useful in developing various preventative therapies and disease-curing strategies around the world. Even though profound research investigations have been conducted on Neolamarckia cadamba, or “kadam”, for its use in ailment treatments, a wise understanding of the physiological, ecological, phytochemical, and pharmacological behaviour of “kadam” has to be addressed. This paper presents a comprehensive survey of various studies that have been reported on physiological, ecological, phytochemical, and pharmacological behaviour with the same objective. This review will provide researchers with a clear onset of the importance of medical values discovered in the cadamba plant.*

Keywords: Neolamarckia cadamba, Physiological, Ecological

I. INTRODUCTION

The tropical tree Neolamarckia cadamba Miq popularly known as kadam, is endemic to the South and Southeast Asia, particularly Indonesia. Although Kadamba has a bitter, pungent, and astringent flavour called rasa, along with a pungent post-digestive impact known as vipaka, it balances all of the doshas, especially kapha and pitta. As reported by Slik (2006), the production of cadamba in Indonesia has been very widespread for many years ago, around the 1930s. The plant has been grown in Java, west and east of Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Sumbawa, and Irian Jaya worldwide (Martawijaya et al., 1989). In India, kadamba is a plant that grows all over the country. Predominantly, it is found in India's sub-Himalayan region, stretching from one side to Nepal, another side to West Bengal and Assam. It can also be seen in some northern and south-eastern regions of India like Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh (MP), and Andhra Pradesh (AP). In other Indian states like Karnataka and Kerala, it is a part of evergreen forests (Selvan and Parthiban, 2018). Neolamarckia cadamba is found in Uttarakhand's Haldwani Division, where it grows on the damp and swampy ground (Osmaston, 1927), in southern tropical semi-evergreen forests, in northern tropical wet deciduous forests, and in tropical freshwater swamp forests in the tropics (Champion and Seth, 1968). Which numerous species of this tree are widely planted in India, especially in agroforestry by farm-forestry method.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology for the present comprehensive literature survey is described in this section. The present review methodology consists of three different phases, which include planning, executing, and documentation. The planning further consists of three different steps. The first step in planning is determining the need for the review; the second is formulating research questions; and the third is analyzing the physiological, ecological, phytochemical and pharmacological actions of the “cadamba plant”. The various research articles based on macro and microscopic studies have been investigated as part of methodologies analysis. In the executing phase, the author searched for articles relevant to the area, screened articles based on the year of publication, and performed a quality assessment based on the articles' findings. The datasets or research articles that have been selected for this review are from Scopus, PubMed, and Web of Science journals, published in the last few years. Physiology while exploring its physical aspects,

Neolamarckia cadamba is overall a big tree with a wide crown in the shape of umbrella and a cylindrical bole. The arms or branches of the tree are organised in tiers. It usually grows to moderate size of 15-20cm and has a rounded crown. But kadambas may have a maximum height of 45 metres, with 100 to 160 cm stem's diameter and a little buttress up to 2 metres high. The branches are horizontally extended, arranged in tiers and simply terminate at the tip. Its bark is deep grey with longitudinal fissures and thin scales that exfoliate. The leaves are oval in shape with pronounced veins measuring around 30*30 cm in length and width similar to those of madhuka. The flowers are small, orange, and globose in shape. The fruit is usually seen as fleshy, small capsulated structure which form yellowish-orange infructescence which contain nearly 7000 seeds. Further, the mature fruit is spherical, firm and yellow in colour with a sweet and tart flavour. Seed are trigonal or irregular in shape. If primarily discussing its wood characteristics, it has lightweight wood and is hard in strength. This heartwood is white with a yellow hue that darkens to creamy yellow when exposed, and it isn't easy to distinguish it from sapwood (Martawijaya et al., 1989). Other characteristics of this wood include having a fine or moderate texture, a straight grain, and a low gloss, with no distinct odour or flavour. Also, the wood of the "cadamba tree" is very useful for various mild construction materials such as floors, shafts and rafters, boxes and crates, teachests, etc. The most crucial factor in cadamba's survival is light. The highest temperature in its natural habitat ranges from 32 °C to 42 °C, while the lowest temperature varies between 3 °C to 15.5 °C. Frost is a problem for *Neolamarckia cadamba*. For its growth, there is a need for the average yearly rainfall to vary from 1500 to 5000 mm. Few cadamba trees may flourish locally in considerably drier locations with annual rainfall as low as 200 mm in various central regions of South Sulawesi. The ideal growing altitude for this tree is between 300 and 800 metres above sea level.

Ecology

While discussing the ecological behaviour of "*Neolamarckia cadamba*" distinctively, it is observed that it is a peculiar species that prefer deep and wet alluvial soils and is frequently seen in secondary woods along banks of rivers and the transitional zone between marshy, constantly flooded. Soil condition plays a crucial role in its yield as it grows on a vast range of soils, but it thrives mainly on well accelerated fertile soils, which are more plentiful and dominant. Even though the physical conditions are ideal, sometimes it does not thrive in leachable or inadequately aerated soils, as mentioned by Jansen et al. (1993). Furthermore, seeds are sown in the month of February after mixing them with sterilized sand. Sowing in the winter season has been found to be least successful. And after the sowing process, watering is done which is followed by germination in about 2-3 weeks. Generally, sowing in *A. cadamba* occurs at the age of 5 in planting circumstances.

Somewhere around the age of four, the tree begins to bloom. Flowering lasts about 2–5 months on average and months of flowering varies from region to region depending on their climatic condition. Flowering occurs in Indonesia from April to August, while the fruits mature between sixth (June) to eighth (August) month of the year (Martawijaya et al., 1989). Onset time for flowering and fruiting of the tree differ for different nations.

Biological and medicinal significance of *Neolamarckia cadamba*

The Cadamba, highly known for its medicinal properties, is an important member of family Rubiaceae. The plant is rich in secondary metabolites and several phytochemicals such as cadambagenic acid, âsitosterol, cadamine, cadambine, quinovic acid, etc. Which have significant role to play in nature due to its biological and pharmacological characteristics. Also, it can be put to use as a substitute to different synthetic compounds for the prevention and cure of several iseases. More than 10 decades took to discover different phytochemicals and their implications. Furthermore, the Cadamba has its unique ornamental value together with religious significance. The use of *Neolamarckia cadamba* is not limited to its biology only; it has a variety of other applications in ayurvedic treatment that have been listed in several Indian medical literary and mythological books. The phytochemistrical study of "cadamba plant" provides us with various curing techniques for numerous diseases such as diarrhoea, temperature, inflammation, haemoptysis, coughing, vomit, sores, ulcers, debility, antimicrobials, etc. The "cadamba plant" contains triterpenes, triterpenoid glycosides, flavanoids, saponins, indole alkaloids; cadambine, cadamine, isocadambine, isodihydrocadambineas as its major constituents (Table 3). Through investigation of the pharmacological activities of "cadamba plant," it is determined that it has various immunomodulatory, anti-microbial, anti-diabetic, anti-oxidant, and other medicinal

properties, which can help develop various preventative therapies and disease-curing strategies. With the same objective, the author has provided a comprehensive survey of various investigation works reported on chemical constituents and pharmacological actions of the “cadamba plant” in the current work. So that the medical professionals working in this area can refer to the present study for an apparent onset of the importance of medical values discovered in the cadamba plant before starting their investigation or experimentation.

III. CONCLUSION

Neolamarckia cadamba tree has long been used as an ayurvedic cure in several Indian traditional remedies and various medical formulations, including antibacterial ointments and herbal syrups. Even though profound research investigations have been conducted on Neolamarckia cadamba, or “kadam”, for its use in disease treatments, a wise understanding of the physiological, ecological, phytochemical, and pharmacological behaviour of “kadam” has to be addressed. With this objective, current review paper presents a comprehensive survey of various studies has been reported on physiological, ecological, phytochemical and pharmacological behaviour. It further highlights the limits in information regarding cadamba’s pharmacological properties, together with safety, and accuracy. The active ingredients aren’t adequately defined, and there’s little information on toxicity or negative health impacts. In-depth research is needed on the toxicological analyses and its properties of pharmacological as well on biologically active extracts. Furthermore, there is insufficient data available on the production of food products from cadamba through report work. In addition to this, the extraction and evaluation of the active constituents of the cadamba plant appear to be valuable in determining the chemical structure and technique of action of the bio-active substances at the cellular scale, as well as assessing their usefulness in foods and medications for medical benefits. Although some of the pharmacological activities of cadamba have indeed been studied in animal studies, more in-depth research and understanding of their modes of action is required. It is also advised that attempts be made to extract, isolate, and collect the reported as well as undiscovered chemicals from N. cadamba, in order to improve its pharmacologic characteristics and establish it as a contender for potential drug development.

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Review Paper Synthesis of Imidazole Derivatives: Methods and Biological Activities

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Abstract: Imidazole and its derivatives constitute a significant class of heterocyclic compounds with diverse biological activities, making them attractive targets in medicinal chemistry. This research paper provides an in-depth analysis of the synthesis methods employed for the preparation of imidazole and its derivatives, along with an exploration of their biological activities. Various synthetic routes, including traditional and modern methodologies, are discussed in detail, highlighting their advantages and limitations. Furthermore, the biological activities exhibited by imidazole derivatives, such as antimicrobial, anticancer, and anti-inflammatory properties, are thoroughly examined, providing insights into their potential applications in drug discovery and development.

Keywords: Imidazole, heterocyclic compounds, biological activities, antimicrobial, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, drug discovery

I. INTRODUCTION

A five-membered imidazole ring is a structural unit found in many biologically active compounds. The strong therapeutic properties of imidazole containing drugs have encouraged medicinal chemists to synthesize a large number of novel chemotherapeutic agents comprising this entity. Amongst others, imidazole core structures are found in different carboxypeptidase, hemeoxygenase and lactamase inhibitors, as well as among antiinflammatory, anticancer, antibacterial, antifungal, antitubercular, antidiabetic and antiviral products (Saudi, Zmurko et al. 2014). The Imidazole compounds exhibited different cytostatic and cytotoxic activities for further developing potential application as anticancer drugs (Chen, Yu et al. 2013, Hossain, Świtalska et al. 2013). The compounds of benzofuran and imidazole moieties and their potential antitumor activities (Liu, Wang et al. 2013, Martins, Jesus et al. 2015). Benzimidazole derivatives exhibited moderate tuberculostatic activity (Gobis, Foks et al. 2015). Imidazole is a 5-membered planar ring, which is soluble in water and other polar solvents (Bhatnagar, Sharma et al. 2011). It exists in two equivalent tautomeric forms (Fig.1) because the hydrogen atom can be located on either of the two nitrogen atoms. Imidazole is a highly polar compound. Imidazole behaves as an amphoteric compound as it can function as both an acid and a base (Chawla, Sharma et al. 2012). The compound is classified as aromatic due to the presence of a sextet of π -electrons, consisting of a pair of electrons from the protonated nitrogen atom and one from each of the remaining four atoms of the ring (Shalini, Sharma et al. 2010). The imidazole and derivatives have so many Pharmacological Activities like antitubercular, antifungal, analgesic, anti-HIV, anticancer and antibacterial (Verma, Joshi et al. 2013).



Figure.1

II. SYNTHESIS OF IMIDAZOLE AND ITS DERIVATIVES

Imidazole was first synthesized by Heinrich Debus in 1858, but various imidazole derivatives had been discovered as early as the 1840s. The synthesis used glyoxal and formaldehyde in ammonia to form imidazole (Figure 2). Although various imidazole derivatives had been discovered earlier in the 1840¹.

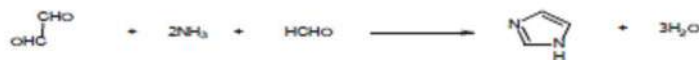


Figure.2

Now-a-days several methods are available for the synthesis of imidazole and its derivatives, some of these are given below in Schemes 1-5⁵⁻⁸.

SCHEME-I

RE-Diszewski Synthesis

The synthesis denotes condensing a dicarbonyl compound such as glyoxal, a keto aldehyde or a diketones with an aldehyde in the presence of ammonia, with benzaldehyde and two molecules of ammonia react to yield 2,4,5- triphenyl-1H-imidazole (figure 3)^{6,7}.

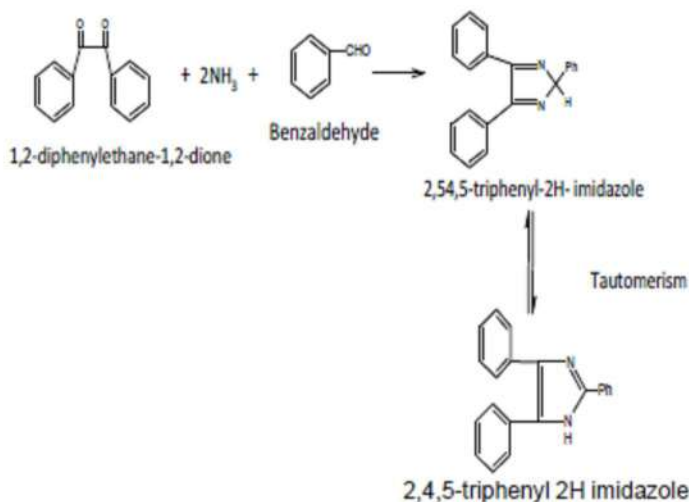


Figure.3

SCHEME-II

Wallach Synthesis

When N, N-dimethyloxamide is treated with phosphorus pentachloride, a chlorine containing compound is obtained which on reduction with hydroiodic acid give N-methyl imidazole (figure 4)⁵⁻⁸.

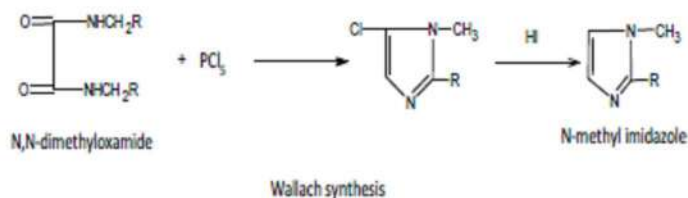


Figure.4

SCHEME-III

Markwald Synthesis

The preparation of 2-mercaptoimidazoles from amino ketones or aldehyde and potassium thiocyanate or alkyl isothiocyanates is a common method for the synthesis of imidazoles. The sulfur is easily removed by oxidation (figure 5)⁵.

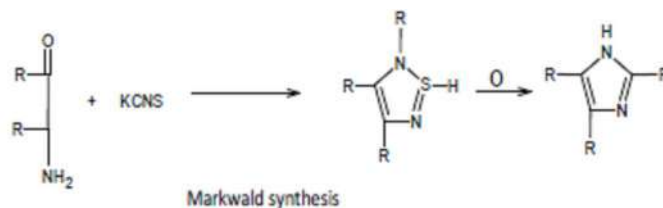


Figure.5

SCHEME - IV

Condensation of aldehyde and aminonitrile both under suitable reaction condition to give substituted imidazole (figure 6)⁵.



Figure.6

SCHEME - V

Knapp and coworkers have reported the conversion of imidazolines to imidazoles by using a milder reagent barium manganate and in the presence of sulphur to yield 2-substituted imidazoles. Imidazolines obtained from alkyl nitriles and 1,2-ethanediamine on reaction with BaMnO₄ (figure 7)⁵.

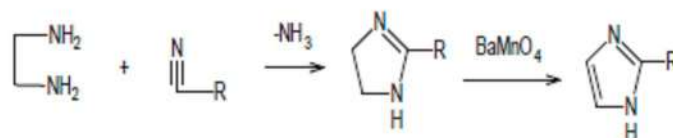


Figure.7

BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Imidazole has wide range of biological activities. On the basis of various literature surveys Imidazole derivatives shows various pharmacological activities.

1. Anti-fungal and anti-bacterial activity

Ramya *et al* synthesized a series of novel 5-(nitro/bromo)-styryl-2-benzimidazole derivatives and tested for the antibacterial and anti-fungal activity. This was comparable with Ciprofloxacin.⁹

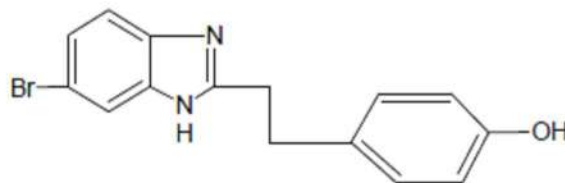


Figure.8

The scientists Namita Gupta *et al* synthesized N-substituted imidazole derivatives and the synthesized compounds are tested for in vitro antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* (Gram positive); *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Gram negative), *Escherichia coli*, and *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus niger*. All compounds showed moderate to good activity¹⁰.

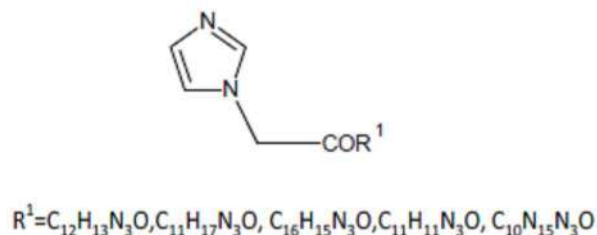


Figure.9

2. Anti-inflammatory and analgesic activities

Kavitha C.S *et al* synthesized a series of 2- methylaminobenzimidazole derivatives and the synthesized compounds were screened for analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities. This compound (compound : shows analgesic and anti-inflammatory activity, Nimesulide used as standard drug¹¹.

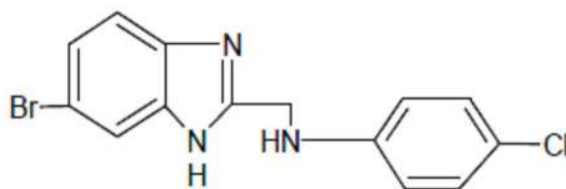


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3. Anti-cancer activity

Yusuf Ozkay *et al* synthesized novel imidazole-(Benz)azole and imidazole epiperazine derivatives and synthesized compounds are tested for anticancer activity. All compounds showed good activity.¹².

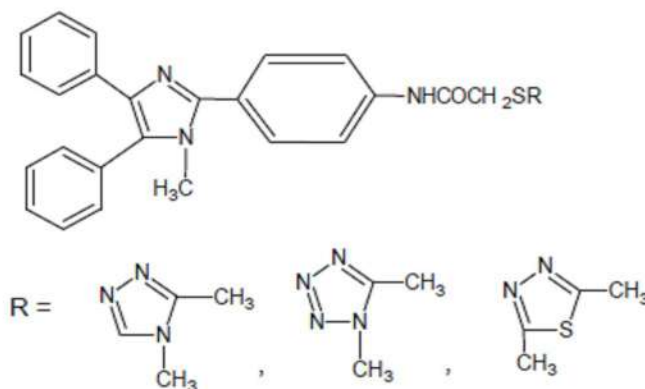


Figure.11

Anti-depressant activities

Farzin Hadizadeh *et al* synthesized moclobemide analogues by replacing moclobemide phenyl ring with substituted imidazole and studied for the antidepressant activity using forced swimming test. All the analogues showed moderate to good activity¹³.

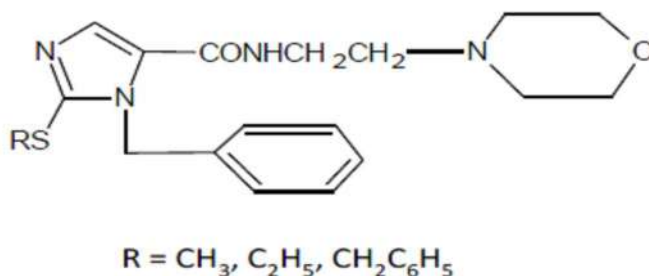


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Antiviral activity

Deepika Sharma prepared imidazole derivatives and tested for their antiviral activity. All the compounds showed good activity against viral strains. Ribavirin was used as standard drug¹⁴.

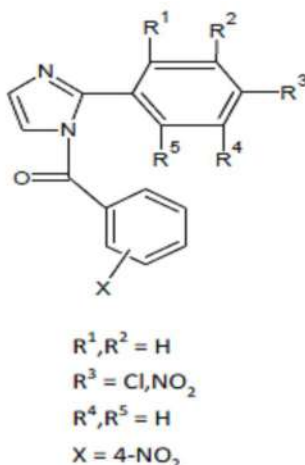


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Anti-tubercular

Harun M. Patel *et.al* synthesized imidazole [2, 1-b] [1, 2, 3] thiadiazole derivatives and evaluated for *in-vitro* anti-tubercular against *M. tuberculosis* strain H37Rv by using the MABA method. All the synthesized compounds (A-J) exhibited an interesting activity profile against the tested mycobacterial strain¹⁵.

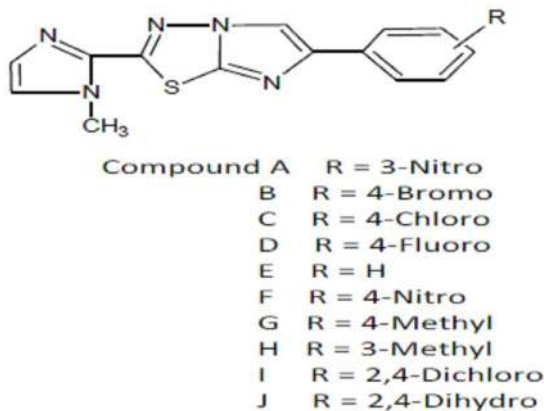


Figure.14

III. CONCLUSION

Imidazole-based drugs have many uses in medicine and chemistry. They are active in treating different diseases. Studies have found that imidazole derivatives can work as anti-fungal, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, anti-cancer, antidepressant, anti-viral and anti-tubercular. By making small changes to the imidazole structure, scientists can make these drugs even more effective. Recent developments in imidazole drugs have shown improved results with fewer side effects. So, scientists are paying a lot of attention to researching imidazole derivatives because they have great potential for medical use.

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Effect of Salt Stress on Biochemical and Physiological Parameters of Four *Cicerarietinum* L. Varieties

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Abstract: Chickpea, *Cicerarietinum* L. belongs to the family Fabaceae. It is a self-pollinated, diploid, annual legume crop. The global production of chickpea is nearly 11 million tonnes and India is the major producer accounting for 64% of the total chickpea production. It is a major source of high quality protein in human diet and also provides high quality crop residues for animal feed. In the present investigation the effects of salinity stress affect species productivity and change physiological and biochemical changes of four varieties of *Cicerarietinum* L. Biochemical and physiological parameters, growth, and yield of field crops especially salt sensitive crops like chickpea are affected adversely by salinity in arid to semi-arid regions.

Keywords: Chickpea, *Cicerarietinum* L., Salt

I. INTRODUCTION

Chickpea (*Cicerarietinum*L.) - Fabaceae - third most important pulse crop in the world in terms of total production. Cool season crop, - dry and semi-dry area in the world - South Asia, West Asia, North Africa, East Africa, southern Europe, North and South America, and Australia (Roy *et al.*, 2010). In India, chickpea is cultivated in rabbi season during October to January (In winter season). Chickpea is the most important food for human and animals - protein, carbohydrate, and fiber and many essential vitamins and minerals (Roy *et al.*, 2010). *C.arietinum* L. is the most important nutrient food for human and animals as it is a valuable source of protein, carbohydrate, fiber and many essential vitamins and minerals (Roy *et al.*, 2010). It is used for making different useful product like, besan, dal, sweets, and other food products.

Salt is the major causing salinization and affects morpho-physiological, biochemical and molecular processes, including seed germination, plant growth and water and nutrient uptake in crop plants (Kaya *et al.*, 2011, Silva *et al.*, 2008). The negative effects of salinity stress on growth and physiological include the reduction in germination rate and seedling growth (Tambhale *et al.*, 2011), and decrease in photosynthetic rate and biomass production (Mansour and Salama, 2004).

III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material

Four certified varieties of Chickpea viz. Vijay, Digvijay, Jaki-9218, ILC-5. Were procured from Seed testing laboratory, Krushibhavan, Shivajinagar, Pune, 05.

Salt treatment

Different concentrations of NaCl (0 mM - control. 50 mM, 100 mM, 150 mM and 200mM) were used.

Methods

NaCl stress treatment fifteen seeds of each variety were treated with different concentrations of NaCl such as, 0 mM (control), 50 mM, 100 mM, 150 mM and 200 mM. Initially, seeds were allowed to germinate in dark in petriplates lined with germination paper. After two days the plates were transferred in light and incubated at room temperature. The experiment was performed in two replications and each replicate contained 15 seeds.

Growth / Physiological Parameters

Germination percentage was calculated on third day while the observations on rootlength, shoot length and total length (cm) were conducted from 10 seedlings on 11th day after sowing. Germination percentage was calculated using: Germination % = (No. of germinated seeds / total no. of seeds) * 100

Seed vigor: The seed vigor was calculated as: Seed vigor index = (Germination % * mean of total seedlings length in cm) / 100

Weight reduction %: Fresh weight was calculated from each concentration of NaCl in both replications from ten seedlings on 11th day and expressed in grams. These 10 seedlings of each concentration were kept for drying at 60°C for 21 days and dry weight was calculated. Weight reduction percentage was calculated by using following formula:

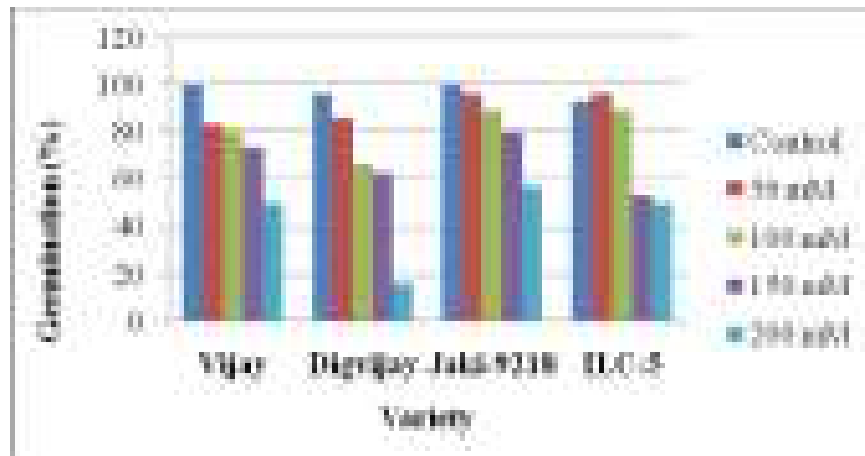
Fresh weight percentage reduction: FWPR % = 100 * [1 – (fresh weight salt stress / fresh Weight control)].

Dry weight percentage reduction: DWPR % = 100 * [1 – (dry weight salt stress / dry weight Control)].

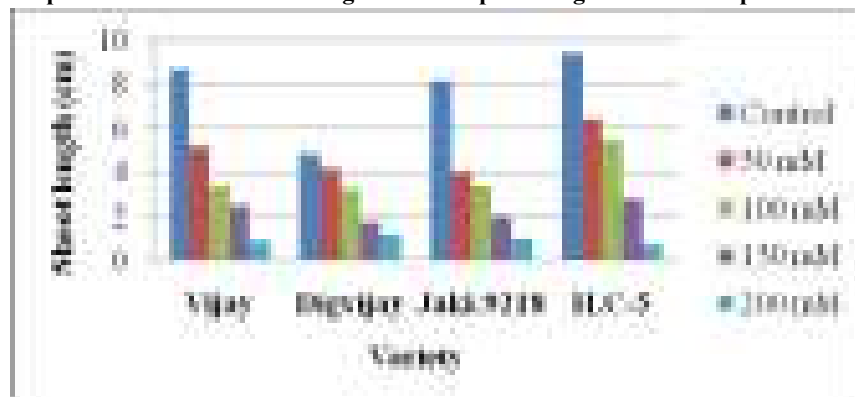
Chlorophyll estimation

Chlorophyll estimated on 12th day from each concentration. The estimation was carried out from 250 mg and soaked in 80% chilled acetone (5ml) and incubated in dark for three days. After three days the absorbance was measured at 663 and 645 nm.

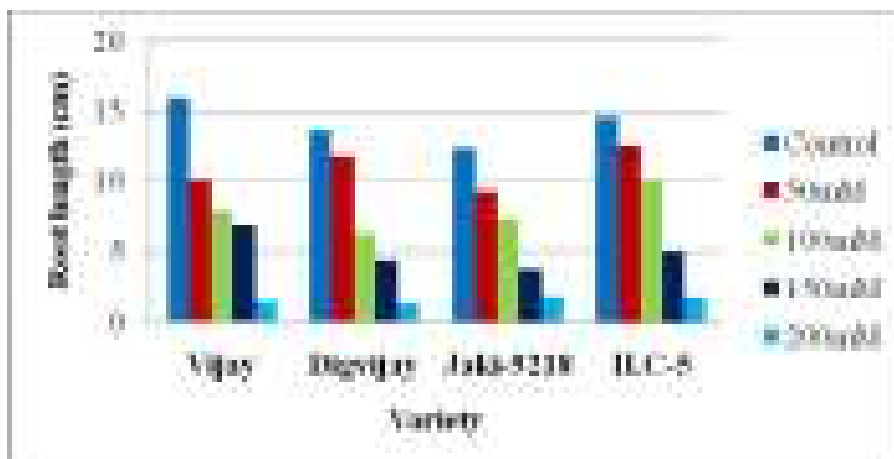
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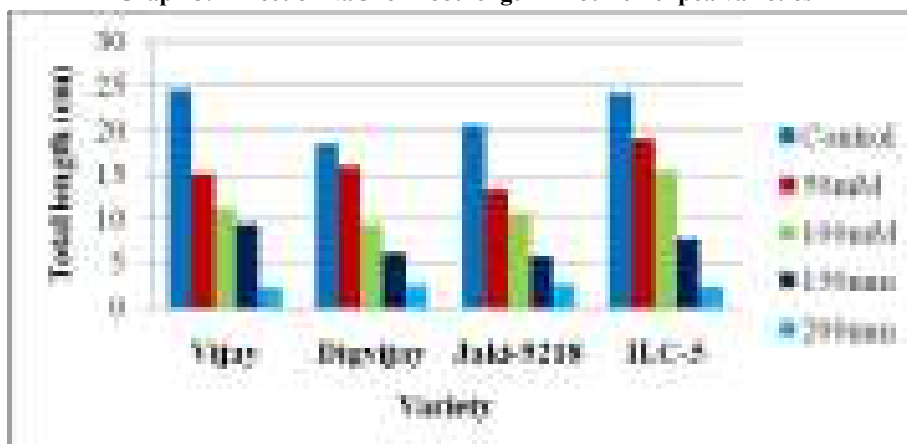
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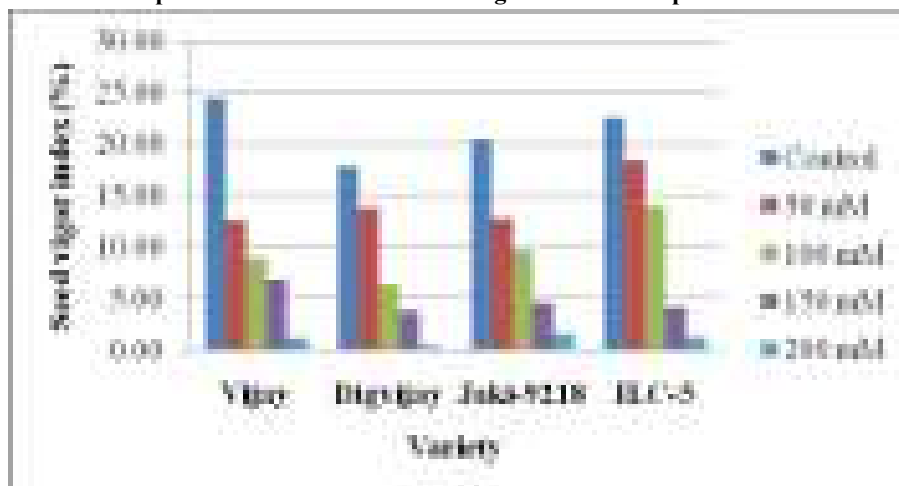
Graph 2. Effect of NaCl on shoot length in four chickpea varieties



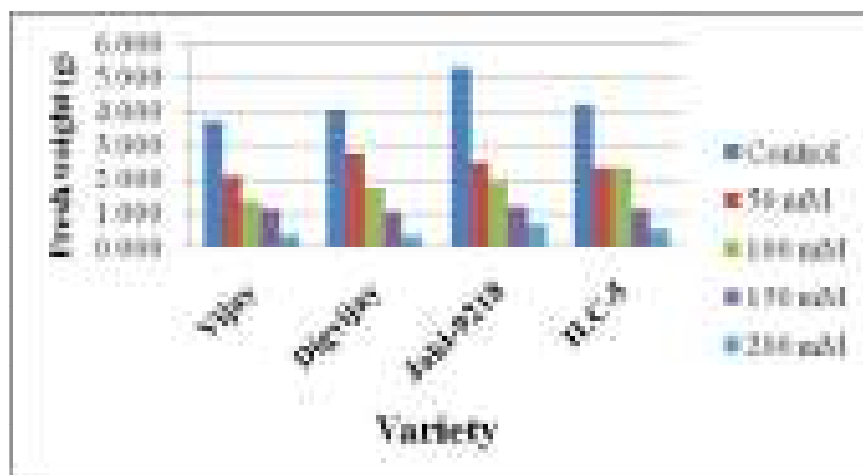
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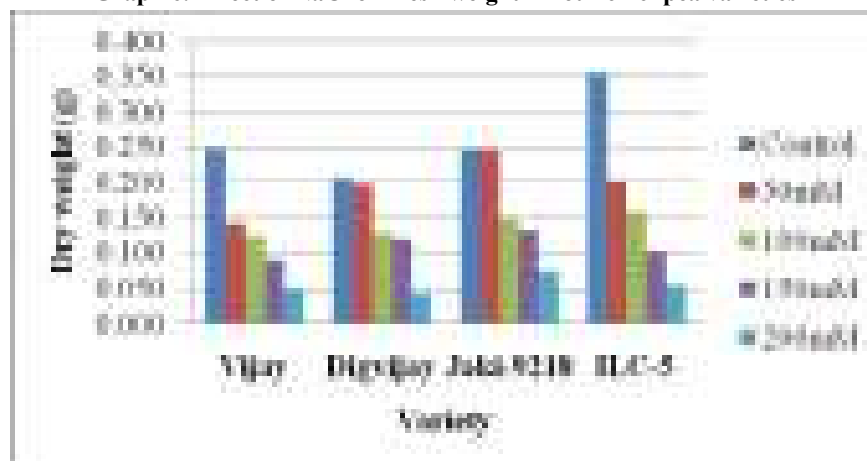
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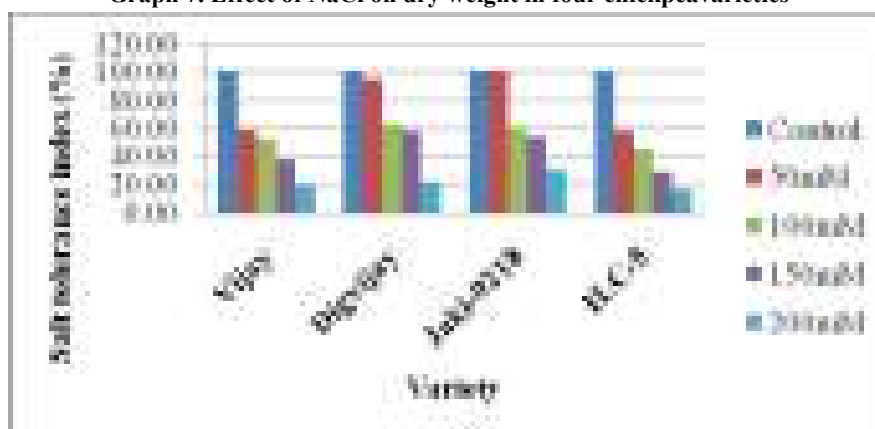
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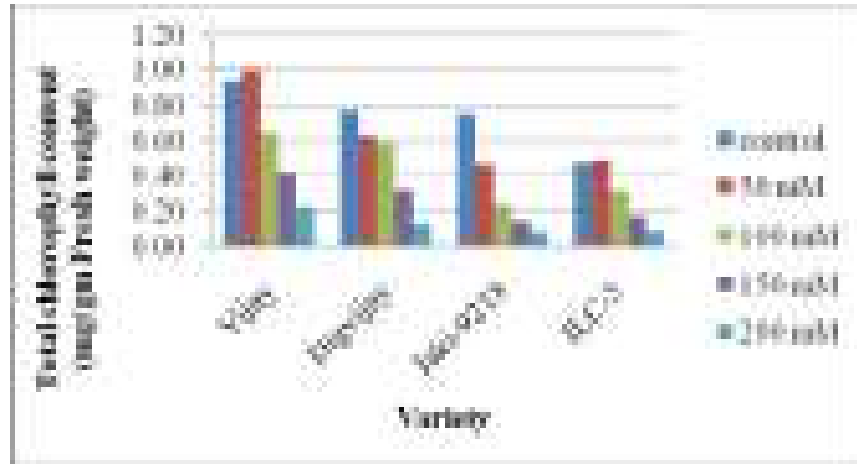
Graph 6. Effect of NaCl on fresh weight in four chickpea varieties



Graph 7. Effect of NaCl on dry weight in four chickpea varieties



Graph 8. Effect of NaCl on salt tolerance index in four chickpea varieties



Graph 9. Effect of NaCl on total chlorophyll content in four chickpea varieties

IV. CONCLUSION

The preliminary studies conducted on effect of different concentrations of NaCl on four chickpea varieties at seedling level indicated that NaCl exhibited inhibitory effect on seed germination and seedling physiology.

However, varieties Vijay, Jaki-9218, ILC-5 found to be more tolerant to salinity as compared to Digvijay variety. The salinity effect under the field condition may not be the same due to the large variations in the environmental conditions.

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Impacts of ChatGPT

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Abstract: *ChatGPT is a revolutionary technology that uses advanced artificial intelligence techniques to generate natural language responses to a given prompt or input. It has been used across various fields, from natural language processing to customer service to content creation. This study and analysis of ChatGPT explore its origins, how it works, and its impact on different fields of study. It examines the advantages and disadvantages of ChatGPT, as well as its limitations and features. It also discusses the impact of ChatGPT on academics, cyber security, customer support, software development, jobs, and information technology, as well as its potential applications for researchers and scholars.*

Keywords: ChatGPT, SFT Model, RM Model, OpenAI

I. INTRODUCTION

ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is a chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched on November 30, 2022. Based on a large language model, it enables users to refine and steer a conversation towards a desired length, format, style, level of detail, and language.

ChatGPT - a revolutionary technology transforming how we communicate with machines and each other. Developed by OpenAI, ChatGPT is a language model that uses advanced artificial intelligence techniques to generate natural language responses to a given prompt or input. Its impact has been felt across various fields, from natural language processing to customer service to content creation. In this study and analysis of ChatGPT, we will explore its origins, how it works, and its impact on different fields of study.

Working Of ChatGPT

ChatGPT is implemented through a deep neural network architecture that consists of several layers of transformers. These transformers are designed to process sequential data, such as natural language text, and can generate coherent and human-like outputs. To train ChatGPT, a large corpus of text data is fed into the model, allowing it to learn patterns and relationships between words, phrases, and sentences. The training process is iterative, and the model continues to improve as it is exposed to more data. Once trained, ChatGPT can be fine-tuned for specific applications or tasks, such as language translation or content generation.

The working of ChatGPT can be broken down into several steps. First, the user inputs a prompt or question into the system. The model processes this prompt, which uses its knowledge of language patterns and relationships to generate a response. The response is then returned to the user, who can continue the conversation or ask another question. This method is entirely trained by Reinforcement learning from human feedback.

- *SFT Model:* It is a supervised fine-tuning model where demonstration data is accumulated to train it.
- *RM Model:* The reward model will give points to the SFT model output based on how desirable the output is for users.
- *SFT Model via PPO:* SFT Policy is fine-tuned by reinforcement learning by letting it optimize the RM. PPO refers to fine-tuned model of proximal policy optimization

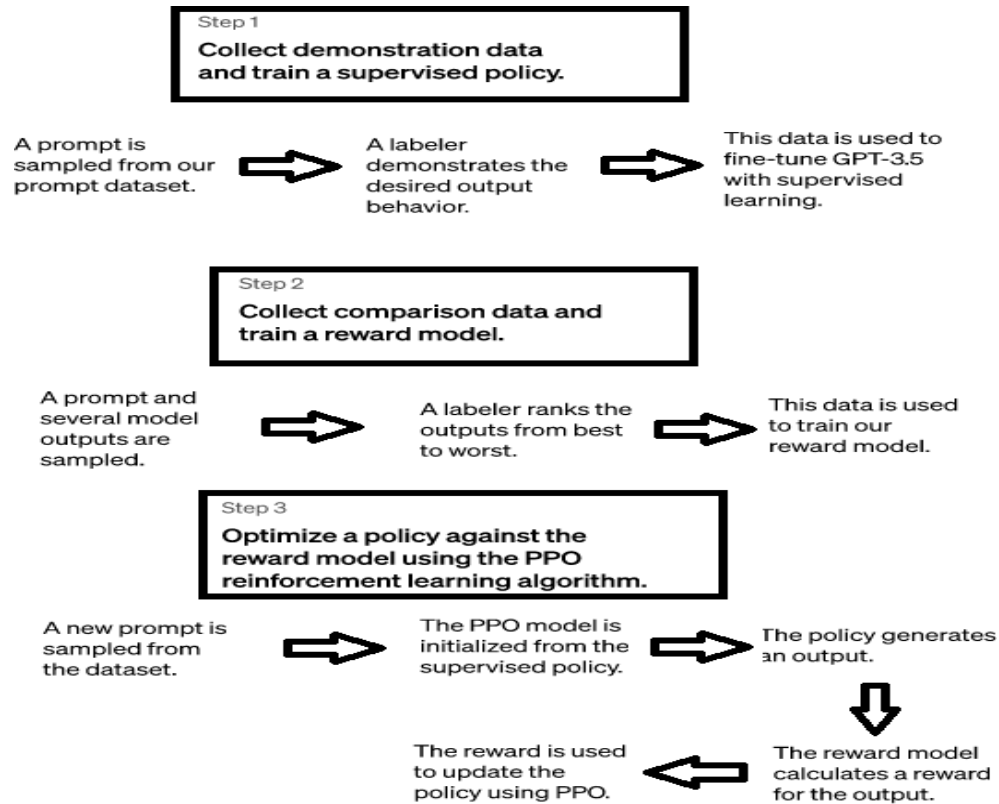


Fig 1: RLHF Training Method of ChatGPT

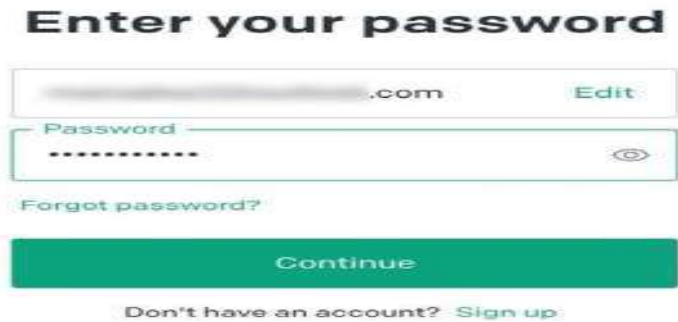
The key to ChatGPT's success is its ability to generate coherent and natural-sounding responses. Transformers achieve this by allowing the model to process and generate text sequences. The model is also trained on a massive corpus of text data, which helps it learn the nuances of language and generate contextually appropriate responses.

The implementation and working of ChatGPT are complex and sophisticated. However, the result is a technology that can generate human-like responses to various prompts and questions. As ChatGPT continues to evolve and improve, we expect to see more special applications and use cases emerge.

How To Use ChatGPT

ChatGPT is an AI-powered chatbot that enables users to create custom conversations with a natural language processing-based interface. It is designed to enable users to quickly and easily create conversations for any application, from customer service to sales and marketing. To use ChatGPT, first, the user must create an account and add an AI instance. Then they must create a conversation by adding and connecting different elements, such as questions, answers, and user choices. They can also add conditions and triggers to customize the conversation and control the flow of the chatbot. Once the conversation has been created, the user can preview and test it to ensure it works as intended. The user can publish the conversation, so it is available to use. They can also monitor the conversation's performance and adjust the settings accordingly. This allows the user to ensure their chatbot provides the best experience possible. Below is the step-by-step process:

Step 1: Create a ChatGPT account. Visit the ChatGPT Open AI website and click the "Sign Up" button. Enter your email address and create a password

The login page features a title "Enter your password" in bold. Below it is a text input field containing a blurred email address followed by ".com" and an "Edit" button. Underneath is a password input field with a masked password "....." and a toggle icon. A link "Forgot password?" is positioned below the password field. A large green "Continue" button is at the bottom, with a link "Don't have an account? Sign up" below it.

Fig 3: Login page of Chat GPT

Step 2: Log in to your account. Once you have created an account, you can access the ChatGPT dashboard.

Step 3: Create a conversation. Click on the "CreateConversation" button and enter the conversation details, such as the conversation's title, the participants, and the topic.

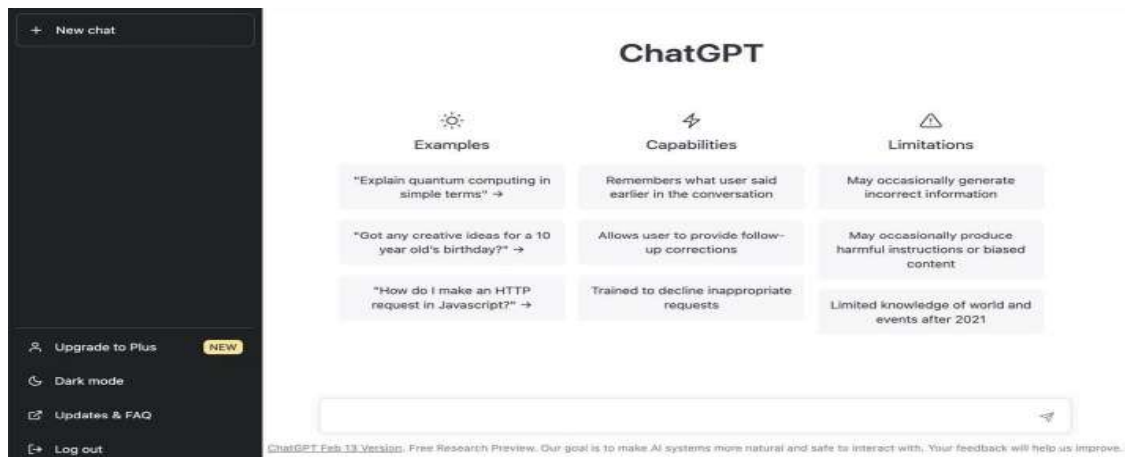


Fig 4: Home Screen of Chat GPT

Step 4: Start the conversation. Once the conversation is created, you can start chatting with your participants.

Step 5: Use ChatGPT's built-in natural language processing (NLP) features.

ChatGPT has an advanced NLP engine that can help you understand the messages you receive and naturally respond to them.

Step 6: Monitor the conversation. You can monitor the conversation to ensure that the conversation is going in the right direction and that everyone is participating.

Step 7: End the conversation. When you are done chatting, you can click on the "End Conversation" button, and the conversation will be archived.

Positive Impacts On Society

Enhancing Communication: Chat GPT arouses customer service by empowering virtual assistants, ensuring efficient and empathetic interactions around the clock, thus boosting the customer experience

Revolutionizing Education: Acting as a personalized tutor, Chat GPT can make education more interactive, engaging, and effective, especially in language learning and writing assistance, enabling a conducive learning environment.

Unveiling Economic Opportunities: By automating creative tasks, Chat GPT opens up new business opportunities, driving growth and innovation and boosting economic productivity.

Spurring Technical Innovation: Democratizing technology, Chat GPT makes complex tasks like data analysis and coding accessible to a broader audience, igniting a wave of technical innovation.

Automating Daily Tasks: Streamlining daily chores or repetitive tasks, Chat GPT provides more time for individuals and businesses to focus on core activities, enhancing operational efficiency.

Nurturing Creative Exploration: By handling mundane tasks, Chat GPT leaves room for creative exploration, promoting an environment where creativity and innovation thrive.

Negative Impact of chatGPT

Disinformation Propagation:

One of the main issues is the possibility of disinformation spreading. Because ChatGPT creates text depending on the data it has been trained on, it could unintentionally provide incorrect or erroneous information. The spread of such stuff is a serious concern in a society where disinformation is already a major problem.

Bias Amplification:

Social biases found in the training data can also be reinforced and amplified by AI models such as ChatGPT. This might result in prejudiced reactions, strengthening preconceptions, and even inflicting injury or discrimination, particularly when addressing touchy subjects.

Loss of Human Connection:

Although chatbots are meant to mimic human communication, real feelings and empathy are absent from them. The interpersonal and emotional ties that are crucial to many human relationships may be undermined by a heavy reliance on AI for communication. It might eventually cause a decline in the standard of interpersonal connections.

Job displacement:

AI-driven systems such as ChatGPT, which automate tasks, have the potential to cause job displacement in specific industries. Jobs involving data entry, customer support, and even content creation could be outsourced to AI, which could cause unemployment for human workers.

Privacy Issues:

Sharing personal information is a common part of using chat platforms like ChatGPT. Significant privacy issues are raised by this, particularly if the data is not managed securely. The possibility of sensitive information being misused and data breaches never goes away.

Decreased Critical Thinking:

Using AI to obtain knowledge can lessen the requirement for critical thought. Passive consumption of information by users might result in a lack of autonomous thought and intellectual stagnation.

Implications for Mental Health:

Relying too much on AI to provide emotional support or companionship can have negative effects on one's mental state. When people utilize AI to replace human interactions, it might result in feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and melancholy.

Over-reliance on Technology:

Over-reliance on artificial intelligence (AI) and chatbots for a variety of tasks can result in technological dependence. Over-reliance on AI systems might lead to frustration and powerlessness in the event of system failure or unavailability.

Ethical Conundrums:

The creation and application of AI systems like ChatGPT present serious moral conundrums. The moral ramifications of AI-powered acts and the accountability of AI inventors are still up for debate.

Security Risks:

ChatGPT and comparable technologies may be used maliciously. This covers the creation of plausible phishing emails, persona creation, and even deepfake material.

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, ChatGPT is an innovative technology that has revolutionized how we interact with machines and each other. Its natural language processing capabilities enable it to generate human-like responses to user queries, and its scalability, customizability, and efficiency make it an ideal tool for various applications. While there are some

limitations to ChatGPT, such as its potential for bias, lack of emotional intelligence, and limited knowledge base, these can be mitigated with careful selection of training data and additional programming. Overall, ChatGPT has significantly impacted a wide range of fields, from academics and cyber security to customer service and software development. Its potential to improve productivity, efficiency, and user satisfaction is immense, and its applications are just beginning to be explored. As ChatGPT continues to evolve and improve, we can expect to see even more impressive results in the years to come.

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Progress in DNA Sequencing Technology: Recent Breakthroughs and Future Prospects

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Abstract: *In the dynamic field of DNA sequencing, continuous advancements in science and technology drive progress. Notably, recent developments have focused on the refinement of techniques and the introduction of innovative tools to enhance sequencing capabilities. For instance, Michael's work in 2005 showcased the integration of microfluidic separation platforms into Sanger sequencing methods, marking a significant milestone in the field. Furthermore, Jay A.'s research in 2008 contributed to the optimization of dideoxy sequencing protocols, further improving the efficiency and accuracy of DNA sequencing processes. Additionally, the pioneering work of Sanger and subsequent reports by Clyde A. Hutchinson in 2007 introduced novel techniques such as plus and minus sequencing, expanding the repertoire of available sequencing methods. Moreover, advancements have been made in the sequencing of methylated DNA and the investigation of DNA and RNA protein interactions, as evidenced by George M. Church's seminal work in 1988. This review endeavors to synthesize and present a comprehensive overview of these cutting-edge techniques and their implications for DNA sequencing methodologies.*

Keywords: DNA sequencing, RNA, Application, Techniques, Scope and Sanger

I. INTRODUCTION

DNA sequencing is the process of determining the precise order of nucleotides (A, C, G, T) within a DNA molecule (Loman & Pallen, 2015). It is a fundamental tool for research in genetics and molecular biology and has numerous applications in fields such as medicine, biotechnology, and forensics. The first method of DNA sequencing, known as the Sanger method, was developed in the 1970s and revolutionized the field of molecular biology (Sanger et al., 1977). Since then, many different methods have been developed that allow for faster, cheaper, and more accurate sequencing of DNA.

The basic steps of DNA sequencing involve fragmenting the DNA molecule into smaller pieces, amplifying these fragments through a process called PCR, and then determining the order of nucleotides within each fragment. This information is then assembled to create a complete sequence of the original DNA molecule (Goodwin et al., 2016).

There are two main types of DNA sequencing: whole-genome sequencing and targeted sequencing. Whole-genome sequencing involves sequencing an individual's entire genome, while targeted sequencing focuses on specific regions of interest within the genome. Both approaches have their own advantages and disadvantages depending on the research question and available resources (Mardis, 2017).

The applications of DNA sequencing are vast and include identifying genetic mutations that cause disease, studying the evolutionary history of species, and understanding the genetic basis of complex traits such as intelligence and personality (Burgess et al., 2018). DNA sequencing has also been used in forensics to help solve crimes and identify human remains. In recent years, advances in DNA sequencing technology have led to the development of portable and handheld devices that can sequence DNA in real-time, making it possible to rapidly diagnose infectious diseases and monitor environmental samples in the field (Quick et al., 2015).

More recently, researchers have focused on developing new methods for DNA sequencing, such as microfluidic separation platforms. Michael et al. (2005) reported on the use of microfluidic separation platforms for Sanger sequencing, which allowed for faster, more accurate sequencing of DNA. In addition to developing new methods for DNA sequencing, researchers have also worked on optimizing existing protocols. Jay et al. (2008) developed a best-practice protocol for dideoxy sequencing, which involves using modified nucleotides to terminate DNA synthesis

during sequencing. This protocol has been widely adopted in the field of DNA sequencing and has helped to improve the accuracy and reliability of sequencing results.

Development in DNA sequencing techniques:

DNA sequencing is an ever-evolving field with new technologies and techniques constantly being developed. In recent years, several advancements have been made in DNA sequencing that have increased speed, accuracy, and cost-effectiveness.

One of the most significant developments in DNA sequencing has been the introduction of next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies. NGS platforms, such as Illumina, PacBio, and Oxford Nanopore, have dramatically increased the speed and throughput of DNA sequencing, allowing researchers to sequence whole genomes in a matter of hours or days (Goodwin et al., 2016). These platforms also offer higher accuracy and longer read lengths compared to previous sequencing technologies, making them ideal for applications such as transcriptome analysis, epigenetics, and metagenomics (Metzker, 2010).

Another recent development in DNA sequencing has been the advent of single-cell sequencing. This technology allows researchers to sequence the genome of individual cells, which is essential for studying cellular heterogeneity in complex tissues such as tumors or the brain (Haque et al., 2017). Single-cell sequencing technologies, such as Drop-seq, 10x Genomics, and Seq-Well, have also enabled the study of rare cell populations, such as circulating tumor cells or fetal cells in maternal blood (Navin, 2015). Finally, there have been recent advances in long-read sequencing technologies. Long-read sequencing platforms, such as PacBio and Oxford Nanopore, can generate reads that are tens of kilobases or even megabases in length, enabling the sequencing of complex regions such as centromeres, telomeres, and structural variants (Chaisson et al., 2019). Long-read sequencing has also allowed for the phasing of haplotypes, which is essential for understanding the genetic basis of complex diseases (Edge et al., 2019).

Here several new advancements in DNA sequencing technologies that have emerged since the references cited in my previous response. Here are some of the recent advancements:

Nanopore sequencing: Nanopore sequencing is a long-read sequencing technology that uses a nanopore sensor to directly read the sequence of individual DNA molecules. This technology has continued to advance, with new developments in flow cells, sample preparation, and base-calling algorithms that have increased the accuracy and throughput of nanopore sequencing (Jain et al., 2022).

Spatial transcriptomics: Spatial transcriptomics is a technique that enables the mapping of gene expression in individual cells within their tissue context. This technology has advanced in recent years, with the development of new spatially resolved transcriptomic methods such as MERFISH and Slide-seq (Ståhl et al., 2021).

CRISPR-based sequencing: CRISPR-based sequencing is a new approach to DNA sequencing that uses the CRISPR-Cas system to target specific genomic regions for sequencing. This technology has the potential to be faster and more cost-effective than traditional sequencing methods, and several companies are currently developing CRISPR-based sequencing platforms (Perez-Pinera et al., 2021).

Third-generation sequencing: Third-generation sequencing technologies, such as PacBio and Oxford Nanopore, continue to advance with improvements in accuracy, throughput, and read length. These platforms have enabled the sequencing of previously intractable regions of the genome, such as repetitive regions and structural variants (Jain et al., 2022).

The continued development of DNA sequencing technologies is enabling new discoveries in genomics, transcriptomics, and beyond, and is paving the way for new applications in fields such as personalized medicine, synthetic biology, and environmental science.

Time and Coast of DNA Sequencing:

In the early days of DNA sequencing, the process was slow and expensive, requiring weeks or even months of work and costing millions of dollars. The development of automated sequencing machines in the 1990s, such as the Applied Biosystems 3730xl DNA Analyzer, helped to speed up the process and reduce costs, but sequencing a human genome still required years of work and cost billions of dollars (National Human Genome Research Institute, 2021). However, the cost and time required for DNA sequencing have decreased dramatically over the past decade. This is due to the

development of high-throughput sequencing technologies, which allow researchers to sequence multiple DNA molecules in parallel, greatly increasing the efficiency of the process. One of the most widely used high-throughput sequencing technologies is Illumina sequencing, which can generate millions of reads in a single run. Today, with the help of high-throughput sequencing technologies, researchers can sequence multiple genomes in a matter of weeks or months at a fraction of the cost (National Human Genome Research Institute, 2021).

The decreasing cost and time required for DNA sequencing have also led to an explosion in the amount of sequencing data generated. This has created new challenges for researchers, including how to store, analyze, and interpret the massive amounts of data generated by sequencing projects. To address these challenges, researchers have developed new computational tools and algorithms that can process and analyze sequencing data at a scale never before possible (Kulkarni & Im, 2018).

Despite these advances, there are still challenges to be addressed in the field of DNA sequencing. For example, current sequencing technologies can produce errors, particularly in regions of the genome that are difficult to sequence. Additionally, some sequencing applications may require deeper coverage than others, which can increase the cost and time required for sequencing (Biankin et al., 2015). Despite these challenges, the decreasing cost and time required for DNA sequencing have made it a powerful tool for a wide range of applications, including identifying disease-causing mutations, tracking the spread of infectious diseases, and understanding the genetic basis of traits and behaviors. As sequencing technologies continue to improve, it is likely that DNA sequencing will become even more accessible and efficient, paving the way for new discoveries and breakthroughs in the fields of genetics, medicine, and biology.

The cost of DNA sequencing has decreased dramatically in recent years, making it more accessible and affordable for researchers and clinicians. As of 2021, the cost of sequencing a human genome using Illumina technology is around \$1,000-\$1,500, while the cost of sequencing using nanopore technology is around \$1,500-\$2,000 (National Human Genome Research Institute, 2021; Jain et al., 2016). It's worth noting that the cost of DNA sequencing can vary depending on the specific goals of the sequencing project, the quality of the sequencing data required, and the depth of coverage needed for a particular application (Biankin et al., 2015). Therefore, it is important for researchers to carefully consider their sequencing needs and budget when planning a project.

Advancement in applications of DNA Sequencing:

DNA sequencing is a powerful tool that has revolutionized the field of genetics and has a wide range of applications in research, medicine, and agriculture. Over the years, advancements in DNA sequencing technology and the development of new applications have significantly expanded its potential uses. One major area of advancement in the applications of DNA sequencing is in the field of personalized medicine. DNA sequencing allows for the identification of genetic mutations and variations that can be linked to specific diseases or conditions. By analyzing a patient's genome, healthcare professionals can develop personalized treatment plans tailored to an individual's unique genetic makeup. This approach has been particularly useful in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, where genetic testing can help to identify targeted therapies and predict response to treatment (Gargis et al., 2016).

Another area of advancement in DNA sequencing applications is in the study of microbiomes. Microbiomes are communities of microorganisms that live on and within the human body and play a crucial role in maintaining health. DNA sequencing allows researchers to analyze the genetic makeup of these microorganisms and study their interactions with the human body. This has led to the development of new treatments for conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease and infectious diseases (Dethlefsen et al., 2007). DNA sequencing has also been applied in the field of forensic science, where it is used to identify suspects in criminal investigations and to determine the source of biological evidence found at crime scenes. By analyzing DNA samples from suspects and comparing them to DNA samples from crime scenes, forensic investigators can determine whether an individual was present at the scene of a crime (Butler, 2015).

Another area of advancement in DNA sequencing applications is in agriculture. DNA sequencing can be used to identify genetic variations that are linked to desirable traits, such as drought resistance or disease resistance, in crops and livestock. This information can be used to develop new breeding strategies to produce crops and livestock that are better suited to specific environments and have improved traits (Tanksley & McCouch, 1997). It led to new applications in environmental science. DNA sequencing can be used to analyze microbial communities in soil and water samples,

allowing researchers to study the impact of environmental factors on these communities. This information can be used to develop strategies for environmental conservation and to understand the impact of climate change on ecosystems (Hug et al., 2016).

Advancements in DNA sequencing technology and the development of new applications have significantly expanded its potential uses. DNA sequencing has become an essential tool in personalized medicine, microbiome research, forensic science, agriculture, and environmental science. As technology continues to improve, it is likely that DNA sequencing will continue to play a vital role in expanding our understanding of genetics and its impact on various fields of study.

Scope in DNA sequencing:

Over the past two decades, DNA sequencing technology has made significant advancements, leading to an expansion of its scope and applications in various fields, including medicine, agriculture, forensics, and environmental science. DNA sequencing has been increasingly used in clinical medicine to identify genetic variations associated with inherited diseases and to personalize medical treatments. This has led to the development of targeted therapies and precision medicine, which can improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs (Gargis et al., 2016).

In agriculture, DNA sequencing has been used to identify genes responsible for desirable traits in crops and livestock, leading to the development of new varieties with improved yields, resistance to pests and diseases, and better nutritional value (Tanksley&McCouch, 1997). Forensic DNA sequencing has also made significant progress in recent years, with the development of more sensitive and accurate methods for analyzing DNA evidence, such as STR markers (Butler, 2015). Environmental DNA (eDNA) sequencing has emerged as a powerful tool for studying biodiversity, ecology, and conservation. By analyzing DNA in environmental samples such as water, soil, or air, researchers can identify the presence and abundance of species, monitor ecosystem health, and detect invasive species (Hug et al., 2016).

The scope of DNA sequencing has also expanded beyond traditional DNA sequencing methods such as Sanger sequencing to include high-throughput sequencing technologies such as Illumina and nanopore sequencing. These technologies allow for the rapid and cost-effective sequencing of large amounts of DNA, enabling large-scale genomic studies and the discovery of new genetic variants (Goodwin et al., 2016). Furthermore, recent advances in single-cell sequencing technologies have opened up new possibilities for studying cellular heterogeneity and the dynamics of gene expression in individual cells (Mereu et al., 2020).

According to a study by Wang et al. (2019), deep convolutional neural fields can be used for predicting protein secondary structure from DNA sequencing data. Additionally, Poplin et al. (2018) developed an AI-based tool called DeepVariant that uses neural networks to identify genetic variations in DNA sequencing data with high accuracy. Furthermore, a recent study by Zhao et al. (2021) and J, Jeba(2022) demonstrated that AI-based approaches can be used to predict the impact of genetic variations on protein stability, which can have important implications for drug development and personalized medicine and AI techniques for efficient and accurate detection of cardiac diseases using ECG wave data..

Scope of DNA sequencing has expanded greatly in the past two decades, driven by advancements in technology and methods. DNA sequencing has become an indispensable tool for various fields, including medicine, agriculture, forensics, and environmental science, and it is expected to continue to evolve and grow in scope as new applications and technologies emerge.

Advances approaches of DNA sequencing for plants:

Advancements in DNA sequencing technologies have made it possible to sequence plant genomes with greater accuracy and speed. One such approach is whole genome sequencing (WGS), which involves sequencing the entire genome of a plant. This approach has been used to sequence the genomes of numerous plant species, including *Arabidopsis thaliana*, rice, maize, and soybean (Ming et al., 2013; Sato et al., 2008; Schnable et al., 2009; Schmutz et al., 2010). WGS provides a comprehensive view of the plant genome and allows researchers to identify genetic variations that contribute to various traits such as disease resistance, phytochemical production, increase yield, and quality (Varshney et al., 2013, Khan and Hafiz, 2023; Patil and Khan, 2017a, 2017b; Tanveer. A. Khan et al., 2020). Another approach is exome sequencing (Based on Exon), which involves sequencing only the protein-coding regions of

the genome. This approach has been used to identify genes associated with traits of interest in plants such as drought tolerance and disease resistance (Yang et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2018). Exome sequencing is more cost-effective than WGS and allows researchers to focus on regions of the genome that are most likely to be functional. RNA sequencing (RNA-Seq) is another powerful tool for plant genomics research. RNA-Seq involves sequencing the transcriptome of a plant, which is the set of all RNA molecules produced by the plant's genes. RNA-Seq can be used to identify genes that are differentially expressed under different conditions, such as during plant development or in response to environmental stress (Wang et al., 2009). RNA-Seq can also be used to identify alternative splicing events and non-coding RNAs that play important regulatory roles in the plant genome (Wang et al., 2011).

Metagenomics is an emerging approach for studying the microbiome of plants. Metagenomics involves sequencing all the genetic material present in a sample, including the genomes of the microorganisms that live in and on the plant. This approach has been used to study the role of plant-associated microorganisms in nutrient cycling, plant growth promotion, and disease suppression (Bulgarelli et al., 2013; Lebeis et al., 2015). Metagenomics can also be used to identify potential biocontrol agents for plant pathogens.

II. CONCLUSION

The field of DNA sequencing has undergone remarkable advancements in recent years. The cost and time required for DNA sequencing have decreased dramatically due to the development of high-throughput sequencing technologies, making it more accessible and affordable for researchers and clinicians. With the decrease in sequencing costs, there has been an explosion in the amount of sequencing data generated, leading to new challenges for researchers in terms of data analysis and interpretation. Furthermore, the advancement in applications of DNA sequencing has led to a wide range of applications, including identifying disease-causing mutations, tracking the spread of infectious diseases, and understanding the genetic basis of traits and behaviors. This has paved the way for new discoveries and breakthroughs in the fields of genetics, medicine, and biology. Moreover, there is a vast scope for DNA sequencing in various areas of research, including metagenomics, environmental microbiology, and personalized medicine. The development of new sequencing techniques such as nanopore sequencing and third-generation sequencing has further expanded the scope of DNA sequencing and enabled the study of previously inaccessible genomic regions.

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Hygiene, Probiotics, and Health: A Comprehensive Guide to Well-being of Murud-Janjira Taluka

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Abstract: *This research aims to assess the current level of awareness regarding health and hygiene issues and their impact on community health and hygiene. The interconnection between health and hygiene is significant. Factors such as the consumption of contaminated drinking water, unhealthy diet habits, inadequate environmental sanitation, and poor personal and food hygiene practices are major contributors to various diseases, particularly in developing countries like India. These diseases encompass both communicable and non-communicable ones. Substance abuse weakens the immune system and adversely affects mental and social well-being. Probiotics, commonly known as "Health Friendly Bacteria," are live microorganisms present in fermented foods and cultured milk. They offer numerous health benefits, including boosting the immune system and treating skin and oral ailments.*

Keywords: Probiotics, Hygiene, Prebiotics, communicable and non-communicable diseases

I. INTRODUCTION

Health refers to a condition of overall physical, mental, and social well-being, characterized by the absence of disease and illness. (Kechagia 2012). Diseases are commonly recognized as medical conditions characterized by specific signs and symptoms. Communicable diseases are illnesses caused by infections from microorganisms known as pathogens, which can be transmitted from one individual to another. These pathogens include bacteria, viruses, protozoa, and fungi, all of which can cause diseases that spread among organisms (Balakrishnan 2016). A vaccine is a biological substance that offers active acquired immunity against a specific infectious disease. Various factors contribute to good health and prevent illness, including genetic, environmental, dietary, and lifestyle factors such as regular exercise, abstaining from smoking, and limiting alcohol consumption. Probiotics are live microorganisms that, when ingested in adequate amounts, provide health benefits to the host. Some significant health advantages associated with probiotics include the improvement of gastrointestinal microflora, enhanced immune system function, reduced serum cholesterol levels, cancer prevention, and improved lactose metabolism. Hygiene comprises a set of practices aimed at maintaining health (Sekhon H, 2014). The primary sources of infection in households include individuals (who may be carriers or infected), food (especially raw), water, and domestic animals. Pathogens are continually released from these sources through mucous membranes, feces, vomit, skin scales, etc. Inadequate sanitation is a major contributor to diarrheal diseases. Respiratory viruses and fungal spores can be transmitted through the air.

II. METHODS AND MATERIALS

An online survey was conducted by the Department of Zoology, Anjuman Islam Janjira Degree College of Science, Murud-Janjira, Dist- Raigad. The survey, created using Google Forms, was distributed via WhatsApp. It comprised questions related to health and hygiene maintenance, as well as inquiries about probiotics and their effects.

Table 1: Questionnaire on Hygiene, Probiotics, and Health.

Questionnaire	Questions
Q.1	Do you believe that physical exercise plays an important role in maintaining good health?
Q.2	Vaccines are able to...

- Q.3 How often do you believe we should take probiotics?
- Q.4 Which of the following diseases can be spread due to inadequate personal hygiene?
- Q.5 What type of organisms are eliminated by disinfectants?

III. RESULTS

Physical exercise plays an important role in maintaining good health?

Physical exercise helps keep us physically and mentally fit, boosts our immunity, keeps our bodies active, and contributes to better overall health. 48 individuals are interested in physical exercise.

People are aware of the importance of vaccines.

Figure 1 clearly indicates that people are highly aware of health and vaccines. Vaccines, which protect us from various diseases, are composed of antigenic proteins, weakened pathogens, and live attenuated pathogens. The survey respondents were well-informed about vaccines.



Figure.1. Number of peoples aware about vaccine.

Regular intake of probiotics

In Figure 2, the graph illustrates that out of 48 people surveyed, 32 consumed probiotics daily, 10 took them several times a month, 4 took them once a week, and two used them after taking antibiotics. While probiotics are beneficial for health, excessive consumption can lead to infections, diarrhea, and increased histamine levels. Therefore, probiotics should be taken in appropriate amounts and at the right times.

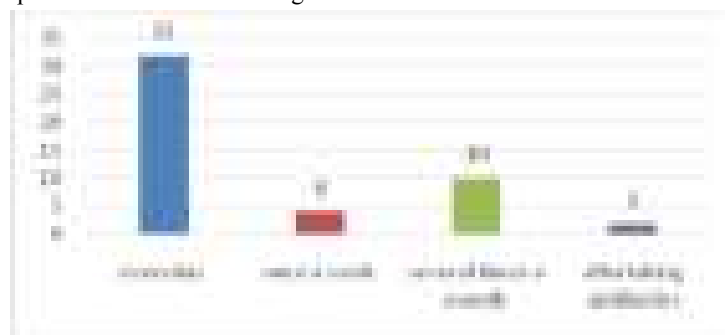


Figure 2: Often consumption of Probiotics in a society.

Poor personal hygiene contributes to the spread of disease.

Figure 3 indicates that poor personal hygiene is the primary cause of disease transmission, while other factors are less significant. Maintaining personal hygiene can prevent many diseases such as skin infections, food poisoning, diarrhea, and conditions like head lice.



Figure.3. Incidence of disease in unhygienic person

Disinfectants kill organisms.

Figure 2 results showed that the majority of respondents (35) agreed that disinfectants kill microorganisms, while a small number of respondents disagreed with this statement. Disinfectants are essential for good hygiene practices, as they eliminate organisms such as yeast, mold, bacteria, and viruses, making surfaces free from contamination.

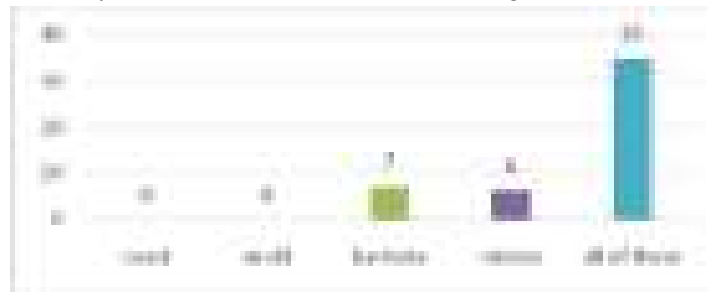


Figure.4. disinfectant killed Microorganisms.

IV. DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

A survey indicates the number of people aware of health, probiotics, and hygiene. It covers topics such as the proper methods of maintaining health, diseases caused by poor health maintenance, drugs that weaken the immune system and can impact social and mental health, and the effectiveness of vaccines against diseases caused by bacteria and viruses (Ishibashi N, 2001). The findings indicate that people are well-informed about probiotics and their benefits, such as aiding in digestive problems, treating diarrhea, improving mental health, and maintaining heart health. However, it is important to note that probiotics also have some disadvantages, including increasing histamine levels, causing infections, triggering allergic reactions, and leading to unpleasant digestive disorders. The survey also highlighted the importance of hygiene, with the majority of respondents agreeing that good hygiene practices, both personal and environmental, should be maintained by everyone (Nath K., 2010). Poor personal hygiene can lead to various health issues such as diarrhea, typhoid, and dysentery. These conditions can increase the risk of poor physical growth.

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Pineapple Juice as a Natural Catalyst: An Effective Way to Speed Up the Biginelli Reaction

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Abstract: An efficient one-pot synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-(1H)-ones has been achieved through a three-component cyclocondensation reaction. The reaction combines an aldehyde, β -keto-ester, and urea/thiourea under solvent-free conditions, using magnesium(II) nitrate hexahydrate as a catalyst. This novel method offers a simple and efficient route to these valuable molecules.

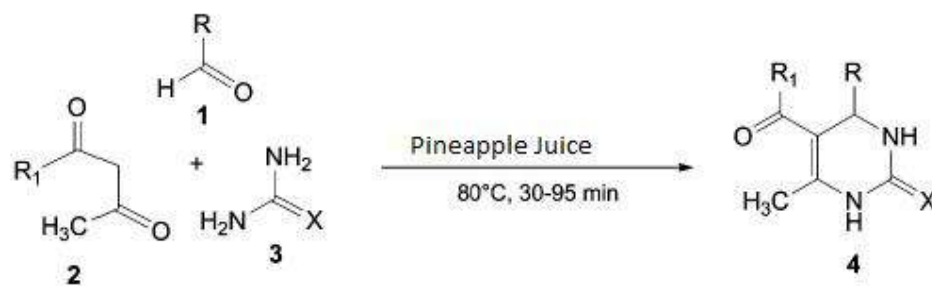
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Biginelli reaction, a multicomponent cyclo condensation, is a cornerstone for the synthesis of dihydropyrimidinones (DHPMs) - a class of heterocyclic compounds with diverse biological activities. However, traditional Biginelli protocols often rely on harsh reaction conditions, hazardous organic solvents, and strong Brønsted acids, raising concerns about environmental impact and safety. This ongoing quest for greener and more sustainable chemical processes has led to the exploration of natural catalysts. In this work, we investigate the potential of pineapple juice, a readily available and renewable resource, as a natural catalyst for the Biginelli reaction. Pineapple juice possesses inherent acidity due to the presence of organic acids like citric and malic acid. This acidic nature makes it a promising candidate to replace traditional strong acid catalysts.

Our research aims to evaluate the effectiveness of pineapple juice in accelerating the Biginelli reaction. We will explore its ability to promote the condensation of aldehydes, β -ketoesters, and urea under solvent-free conditions. This approach offers a potentially simpler, more environmentally friendly, and cost-effective method for the synthesis of DHPMs. We will compare the reaction efficiency, product yields, and reaction times achieved with pineapple juice to those obtained with conventional methods.

By successfully demonstrating the catalytic activity of pineapple juice in the Biginelli reaction, this study can contribute to the development of sustainable and green protocols for the synthesis of biologically important DHPMs. **Traditional Biginelli reactions often involve harsh conditions and hazardous solvents, raising environmental concerns. This work presents a novel approach for a greener Biginelli reaction.** We report the use of pineapple juice as catalyst for the synthesis of dihydropyrimidinones (DHPMs) under solvent-free conditions. This simple and efficient method offers high yields while significantly reducing environmental impact (Scheme 1).



II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We first investigated the Biginelli reaction using pineapple juice as a catalyst under solvent reflux conditions. Benzaldehyde, ethyl acetoacetate, and urea were used as starting materials. To optimize the reaction, we varied reaction times and reactant ratios. The highest yield (89%) of the desired dihydropyrimidinone (4a) was achieved with 13 mol% catalyst, 1:1 molar ratios of benzaldehyde and ethyl acetoacetate, and 1.4 equivalents of urea in refluxing acetonitrile for 4 hours.

Solvent Screening: We compared the efficiency of acetonitrile with other common solvents - dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, and toluene. Acetonitrile provided the best yields (89% compared to 50-70% in other solvents). **Solvent-Free Advantage:** Interestingly, the reaction proved even faster and more efficient under solvent-free conditions (Scheme 1). This approach yielded 90% of the target DHPM (4a) within a significantly shorter time (90 minutes) compared to the reflux method (Table 1, entry 1).

Improvements: Removed unnecessary details about specific starting material names (1a, 2a, 3a). Replaced "corresponding dihydropyrimidinone" with "desired dihydropyrimidinone" for better clarity. Combined the solvent screening and solvent-free results for conciseness. Highlighted the key advantage of solvent-free conditions: faster reaction time and higher yield. Referenced a table (Table 1) for detailed results (assuming it exists) without directly embedding data in the text.

Solvent-Free Advantage and Scope Exploration: Motivated by the success with acetonitrile and the growing emphasis on solvent-free reactions, we investigated the catalyst's performance under solvent-free conditions (Scheme 1). This approach aligns with the need for cost-effective and environmentally friendly processes. To evaluate the method's versatility, we tested a range of aromatic and heterocyclic aldehydes (Table 1). The reactions proceeded smoothly under the optimized conditions, affording the corresponding DHPMs in high yields. Both electron-donating (entries 2-5, 14) and electron-withdrawing (entries 6-7) substituents on the aromatic ring were well tolerated, yielding good to excellent products. Similarly, alkyl-substituted aromatic aldehydes (entries 8-9) reacted efficiently, demonstrating the broad applicability of this solvent-free Biginelli reaction. **Improvements:** Combined the motivation for solvent-free approach with the environmental benefit. Replaced "gauge the scope and limitations" with "evaluate the method's versatility" for better clarity. Streamlined the description of substituent effects for conciseness. Emphasized the broad applicability of the method.

Entry	R	X	Product	Time (min)	Yield (%)	M.p C ⁰
	C ₆ H ₅	O	4a	90	90	206–207
	4-(CH ₃) ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄	O	4b	60	80	256–258
	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	O	4c	45	90	203–204
	2-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	O	4d	40	80	258–259
	4-HO-C ₆ H ₄	O	4e	55	85	230–233
	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	O	4f	95	88	211–213
	2,4-Cl ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	O	4g	55	89	247–248
	4-H ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄	O	4h	30	89	216–218
	2-H ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄	O	4i	55	83	200–204
	2-furyl	O	4j	95	45	204–206
	3-(CHO)-C ₆ H ₄	O	4k	60	79	316–318
	C ₆ H ₅	S	4l	70	67	205–206
	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	S	4m	72	70	149–151
	2-HO-C ₆ H ₄	O	4n	90	79M	201–203

Table: Pineapple catalyzed condensation of an aromatic aldehyde, ethyl acetoacetate and urea/thiourea.

Experimental

Known compounds were characterized by comparing their physical and spectroscopic data to authentic samples. Melting points were measured using a capillary apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using KBr pellets on a Shimadzu FT-IR-8201 PC spectrometer. Proton (¹H) and carbon (¹³C) nuclear magnetic

resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded in deuterated dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO-d₆) on a Bruker Avance DPX spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and J values are reported in Hertz (Hz).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3,4-Dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones/thiones (4a-s):

In a mortar, thoroughly grind together 2.5 mmol of a 1,3-dicarbonyl compound, 2.5 mmol of an aromatic aldehyde, 3.7 mmol of urea or thiourea, and 13 mol% of magnesium(II) nitrate hexahydrate. Transfer the ground mixture to a round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Heat the flask with stirring at 80°C for the appropriate time as indicated in Tables 1. As the mixture heats, a solid will gradually form. Isolating the product: After the reaction is complete, cool the mixture. Crush the solid product and wash it with ice-cold water. Filter the solid under vacuum and purify it by crystallization from hot ethanol to obtain pure 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones. Recovering the catalyst: Concentrate the aqueous layer to recover the catalyst.

III. CONCLUSION

This work presents an efficient approach for synthesizing 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones and thiones. The method utilizes pineapple juice as a catalyst and offers several benefits. It avoids the use of solvents, making it an environmentally friendly process. The reaction times are short, leading to faster production of the desired compounds. The method produces excellent yields of the target products. The product isolation process is straightforward. The method is compatible with various functional groups, allowing for the synthesis of diverse derivatives. The readily available starting materials (aromatic aldehydes, β -ketoesters, and urea) make this a cost-efficient approach. The catalyst can be recovered and reused, further reducing costs and waste. These advantages make this catalytic reaction a valuable tool for the synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones and thiones, promoting a more sustainable and practical method for their production.

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Disposal Practices of Unused and Expired Household Medicines

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Abstract: Expansion of pharmaceutical industries and improved availability of pharmaceuticals across the world have contributed to an increase in drug usage and accumulation in homes. Improper disposal of expired and unused medications has several consequences such as environmental pollution, and childhood poisoning. The study revealed insufficient knowledge as well as inappropriate disposal practices of unused and expired medicines among residents of Murud - Janjira. There is need to organize a public enlightenment programme on safe, appropriate use, as well as disposal of unused and expired medicines.

Keywords: Pharmaceutical preparations, Medical waste disposal, Knowledge

I. INTRODUCTION

The growth of the pharmaceutical industry and better access to medications all contribute to a rise in drug use and accumulation in households throughout the world. As a result, many studies have been conducted on the various types of unwanted medications, their quantities held in households, and their disposal habits. In Murud, there are existing guidelines focused on the proper disposal of outdated pharmaceuticals in community pharmacies but there are no guidelines to govern the disposal practices of expired and unused prescriptions among community inhabitants. Non-prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications are not often only available in pharmacies, but also in supermarkets and other places in various countries. Self-medication might involve taking left over pharmaceuticals from past treatment courses, drugs obtained from relatives or friends which often leads to improper storage of unused drugs, expired drugs and potential dumping of the drugs in households. Due to an increase in disease incidence and prevalence, healthcare practitioners tend to prescribe and dispense various kinds of medicines to end-users. However, factors such as poor adherence to medication, discontinuation of medication, adverse effects, inappropriate prescription, feeling healthy, dose changes, non-adherence, and medicines reaching expiration date have contributed to potential build-up of expired and unused medicines in some households.

Improper disposal of expired and unused medications has several consequences such as environmental pollution, childhood poisoning, negative impact on wildlife, and development of drug-resistant micro-organisms. Throwing household expired medicines into the garbage cans or the sewage system can cause environmental hazards that may have implications on public health since some of the medicines consist of potentially harmful ingredients that may accumulate in the environment. When unused medicines are dumped in the environment with municipal rubbish, the active chemicals in the medicines pose harm to the environment and human health because they may be released into the air when the waste is burned or seep into the ground in the presence of water. Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals should be well known among end-users. However, environmentally unsafe medication disposal practices are common in several regions of the world. For example, in Indonesia, it was found that >50% of the patients flushed their medicines down the toilet and <1% returned unused medication to the pharmacy. These challenges and practice of improper pharmaceutical waste disposal has been well documented in a systematic review carried out despite the fact that there are measures for disposal in these countries. The accumulation of unused and expired medicines in households and their disposal practices are serious global challenges that need to be investigated. There has been no study regarding the disposal practices of unwanted pharmaceutical products conducted in Liberia. The results of these studies are necessary for developing effective measures to increase public awareness of medication disposal and the harms associated with its improper practices.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Study area

The study was conducted in Murud City

2.2. Study design

This study was carried out from December to February 2024 using a descriptive cross-sectional design.

2.3. Sample size

The sample size was calculated using the SPSS with the estimated population size of 300.

2.4. Sampling technique

Convenient sampling was used to sample the permanent residents of the Murud City while simple random sampling was used to select the willing participants. A list of all permanent residents was made and a number allocated to each. A total of 300 random numbers from the total number of residents were generated via computer generated codes. Each generated number associated with each household was visited and the study objectives were explained.

2.5. Data analysis

Descriptive statistics was used to analyse all data and presented using descriptive statistics using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 25.

III. RESULTS

Participants that consented to participate in this study were 162 out of which 90 (55.56%) were females making a response rate of 54%. The reason for the low response rate was that participants were not available in their places of residence during the visit by the researchers. Also, some of the participants did not give consent to participate in the study. Other than 5.6% of them, they had at least primary education. Majority of the respondents (82.1%, 133) were aware of the environmental and human health effects arising from improper disposal of unused and expired medicines, while 64.2% (104) usually did not read medicine disposal instruction on the package. >3% (5) of the respondents were aware of the expired medication take-back system but mentioned that such practice is not being enforced. Sixty (37%) respondents were aware that unused and expired medicines need to be disposed of safely and properly while >70% (119) of the respondents felt that unused and expired drugs are waste and should be disposed of like ordinary waste. <67% (108) were cognizant of the expiration date of drugs and stressed the importance of reading the expiration date before buying while 33.3% (54) of the respondents knew nothing about medication expiration date. More than three quarters of the respondents (75.3%, 122) believed that it is the responsibility of the pharmacists to inform the public about the proper disposal of unused or expired medication while 22.2% of the respondents believed that any matter concerning unused or expired medication should be reported by doctors. The rest opted for nurses. Regarding the knowledge about the right method required to dispose of unused or expired medication, <50% of the participants agreed that flushing the unwanted drugs down the toilet is the correct and safe practice while 32.7% of the respondents believed that disposing of the unwanted medication along with municipal solid waste is the preferred and safe method (Fig. 1). Ninety-nine respondents (61.1%) reported that they mix unwanted or unused drugs with household waste for disposal, while 25.5% of the respondents flushed the unwanted drugs down a toilet. <4% reported that they donate the drugs to friends while 9.9% stated that they return the drugs to the pharmacy stores. Regarding the reasons why expired drugs are found in homes, >28% (46) of the respondents indicated that they discontinued taking the drugs after feeling well while 25.9% (42) stated that they discontinued taking the medicine due to its side effect. <25% (40) reported that the taste of the medicine prevented them from taking it while the rest (21%, 34) reported that they stopped taking the medications after another medication was prescribed to them.

IV. EXPIRED DRUGS DISPOSAL PRACTICES OF PARTICIPANTS

A large proportion of this study participants reported that they mix unwanted or unused drugs with household waste for disposal. These results are in agreement with the results of a study conducted in Murud where 74% of the participants

specified that they usually dispose of their unused and expired medicines along with household solid waste. Additionally in Brazil, 47% of the participants stated that the disposal of unused and expired medicines is done along with domestic waste. It is interesting to note that 9.9% of the participants returned the unused or expired medicines to the pharmacy while 3.7% of the participants donated the expired or unused medicines to friends and relatives. This was similar to respondents' actions toward unwanted medicine in studies carried out in Zambia where >60% and 30.4% of the participants indicated that they mainly disposed of expired unused medicines in household garbage and flushed into toilets/sinks respectively.⁴ Also, in Eastern Ethiopia, 53.2% of the participants threw expired or unused medicines in household garbage bin, 23.9% flushed into toilets/sinks, 1.9% donated to friends or relatives and 1.0% returned to the pharmacy.²² Improper disposal of medicines in the United States had led to detection of various medications such as acetaminophen, verapamil, and estradiol in rivers due to incorrect disposal of unused and expired medication.²³ This practice is dangerous and has been reported to hamper fish sexual development and feminization, lead to antibiotics resistance,²⁵ and also genetically impact human life on the long term basis.²⁶ This highlights the need of proper medicines disposal guidelines among community dwellers in Asian countries. More than half of the participants indicated the presence of unwanted medicines in homes. This result is similar to the results obtained from studies conducted in Indonesia,⁷ and Ethiopia,²² where 95.5%, 58.3%, 100%, and 66.2% participants confirmed having unused and expired medicines at home respectively. The variability found in the response rates in these studies can be linked with the level of awareness in the study areas.

V. LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

This research assessed the knowledge on disposal as well as disposal practices of unused and expired household medicines among residents in one Community in Liberia which could imply that the findings are not generalizable to other communities in Murud. There was also a response rate of 54% showing a relatively small sample size. However, the findings have provided valuable insight that could be built upon in further studies. This study was carried out among a relatively young population and the findings might be different from an older population. Future studies might also explore the area. Also, inferential statistics exploring the influence of participant demographics on knowledge of disposal practices was not assessed in this study. This could be explored in future studies.

VI. CONCLUSION

The study revealed poor knowledge and awareness of unwanted/ expired medicines disposal among majority of participants. The medication disposal practices found in the study were disposing along with household waste and flushing the unwanted medicines in toilets and sinks. It is therefore expedient that government-driven public awareness campaigns on the safe disposal practices of unused medicines be carried out.

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Neutraceutical Potential of Edible Flowers

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Abstract: The increasing interest in nutraceuticals has exaggerated exploration into new foods that have positive effects on human wellbeing. Even more we see edible flowers as a new way of nutritional health. Edible flowers are a very good source of valuable nutrients, which improves our health. People are eating vegetables in the form of leaves as well as flower. In present study, author have tried to analyse various phytochemical from edible flowers (*Sasbania grandiflora* L., *Moringa oleifera* Lam., *Musa paradisiaca* L.) We investigated the Proximate parameters and mineral content of edible flower. Results showed that It is found that the major groups of dietary phytochemicals in edible flowers include flavonoids, phenolic acids, and anthocyanins and they are capable of exerting antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, anticancer, cardioprotective, hepatoprotective, gastroprotective, and genoprotective effects. Taking into consideration the current recommended dietary allowances (RDAs), these flowers could contribute in beneficial way to the human diet. This article helps to popularize the edible flowers among consumers and food industry which are very potent source of nutraceutical compounds.

Keywords: Edible flowers, nutrition, bioactive compound

I. INTRODUCTION

Flowers are the integral part of our culture since ancient times and are mentioned as wonder of nature and symbol of beauty in the literature. They are not only grown for decorative purpose, but also have some nutritive and biological properties [1,2,3,4] and used in culinary art for centuries. Edible flowers are part of several local cuisines, including Asian, European and Middle Eastern [5]. In the past, edible flowers were consumed traditionally as vegetables and for their medicinal properties whereas recently scientists accentuate on their nutritional and phytochemical profiles [6,7]. It is therefore essential, first and foremost, to improve nutrition education aimed at proposing flowers as a usual gastronomy.

A numerous types of tree flowers are present in nature and few of them such as *Rhododendron*, *Bauhinia*, *Mahua*, *Gulmohar*, *Palash*, *Sesbania*, *Woodfordia*, *Simbal*, etc. are being utilized traditionally as food and medicine by the localities of India. These flowers are rich in phytochemical (flavonoids, anthocyanins, phenolic acids, carotenoids, tannins, saponins) and possessing numerous health benefits (antioxidant activity, anti-inflammation, anti-cancer activity, anti-diabetic activity, hepatoprotective activity). Now a day's edible flowers are receiving renewed interest as rich sources of bioactive compounds.

Musa paradisiaca, *Moringa oleifera* and *Sesbania grandiflora*, are commonly consumed by local people. However, because of the low availability (i.e. short blooming period and at limited places) and poor post-harvest life, these flowers are commonly utilized by the local people as food and medicines during their respective flowering times only. Therefore, in the present study, phytochemical and mineral analysis were carried out of edible flowers.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The collection of *Musa paradisiaca*, *Moringa oleifera* and *Sesbania grandiflora* flower was carried out during flowering. The collected flowers were washed thoroughly and removed the excess water at room temperature. The samples were powdered using a lab grinder. The samples were used for phytochemical screening.



Ash value and Moisture was calculated by following the method of AOAC [16]. Crude fiber, Crude fat, crude protein content was determined by following the method of Sadasivam and Manikam[17]. Carbohydrates were estimated by Anthron method [18] with some modification. The Atwater system was used to determine the energy values. [19] The acid digestion method of Toth *et al.* [20] has been followed for the analysis of inorganic constituents. The level of Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Iron, Manganese, Zinc, and Copper were estimated by using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer. A titrimetric method described by Sadasivam and Manikam[17] was followed to determine ascorbic acid content of the flower.

Statistical analysis:

All tests were carried out in triplicate and the results were presented as means $\pm$ SEM. A completely randomized statistical design was used. Collected data were statistically analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA) by the statistical package SPSS for windows (2001), standard version.

II. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

There have been very fewer comprehensive investigations on the nutritional and phytochemical composition of edible flowers. Most of the prior reports focus only on the polyphenol composition and antioxidant properties of edible flowers. A comprehensive analysis of nutritional and phytochemical composition is essential for enhanced utilization and value addition of edible flowers that seldom find applications in mainstream foods. In this direction, the present study, describes the phytochemical and mineral composition of selected edible flowers for the identification of potential compounds in an attempt to broaden the existing knowledge on these flowers for their nutraceutical applications.

Table 1. Medicinal uses of flowers

Plant Name	Medicinal Uses
<i>Sesbania grandiflora</i>	<i>It helps in hypertension, diabetes, healthy bones, cancer, tuberculosis, digestive system, respiratory system, reproductive system</i>
<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	<i>It helps to boost the immune system, protect all over vision, increase milk production in nursing mother, reduces inflammation and swelling, strengthen bones, helps with cold and cleansed the body.</i>
<i>Musa paradisiaca</i> ,	<i>It helps in digestive health, prostate enlargement, support bone health, lower blood sugar & cholesterol level, healthy immune system, and red blood cell development, prevent chronic condition, regulate fluid balance, bloating, improve sleep, heart disease risk.</i>

Table 2. Proximate and Mineral Analysis of Edible Flowers

Observation Parameter	<i>Sesbania grandiflora</i>	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>
Moisture (%)	77.27 $\pm$ 0.37	86.66 $\pm$ 3.49	80.45 $\pm$ 1.23
Crude Protein (g 100 g ⁻¹)	4.40 $\pm$ 0.05	3.20 $\pm$ 0.04	4.34 $\pm$ 0.05
Crude Fat (g 100 g ⁻¹)	0.60 $\pm$ 0.4	0.30 $\pm$ 0.3	0.45 $\pm$ 0.5
Crude Fiber (g 100 g ⁻¹)	1.7 $\pm$ 0.50	1.8 $\pm$ 0.30	1.9 $\pm$ 0.20

Total Carbohydrate (g 100 g ⁻¹)	72.00±0.22	62.00±0.32	78.00±0.42
Total ash (%)	5.675 ± 0.07	3.524 ± 0.05	4.575 ± 0.02
Energy (k cal 100 g ⁻¹)	311.00±1.14	321.00±0.14	320.00±1.24
Calcium (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	140.00±1.83	134.00±1.22	145.00±1.23
Phosphorus (mg100 g ⁻¹)	140.00±0.14	145.00±0.20	143.00±0.11
Iron (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	15.00±0.10	13.00±0.11	16.00±0.12
Vitamin C (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	7±0.50	9±0.30	8±0.20

Values are the mean of three replicates ±SD (standard deviation).

The moisture content of the flowers ranged between 77 and 86% with the highest moisture content observed in *Moringa oleifera*. The crude protein, crude fat and Total ash content was highest in *Sesbania grandiflora*. *Moringa oleifera* flower contain high amount of phosphorus, vitamin C and Energy. In the case of crude fiber, calcium, Iron and total carbohydrates was highest in *Musa paradisiaca*. The total protein content of the flowers reported in the present study was relatively higher compared to other commonly consumed edible flowers such as rose, calendula, and sunflower inflorescence. [8,9] The high crude proteins, total ash and crude fat in *S. grandiflora* indicate its nutritional superiority with respect to macronutrients over other flowers. This suggests the flower's popularity as a vegetable and delicacy in the Western Himalayan region. [11] In general, the macronutrient composition of the edible flowers evaluated in the present study was in the range observed in the earlier reports. [10] The results of various studies on edible flowers showed low caloric value, high number of mineral compounds, vitamins, mucilage, amino acids, fibre, carbohydrates, essential oils and proteins [13,14,15]. Many studies revealed that edible flowers possess strong medicinal properties, such as antidiabetic, anti-cancer, anti-anxiety, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, diuretic, and immunomodulatory [10].

III. CONCLUSION

Edible flowers are a valuable source of both macro and microelements, with notable concentrations of phosphorus, calcium and iron. These flowers are characterized by relatively low levels of heavy metals. They play a significant role in human nutrition, offering antioxidants, anticarcinogenic compounds, vitamins, and diverse chemical compositions. Additionally, they exhibit anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory, and anti-microbial properties. Edible flowers are often underutilized but represent a rich resource in terms of nutrition. They are also appreciated for their aesthetic appeal in gardens and for culinary purposes, making them a versatile addition to diets and gardens.

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Green Adsorbents as a Sustainable Alternative for Water Environments: A Review

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Abstract: The presence of heavy metal, chromium (VI), in water environments leads to various diseases in humans, such as cancer, lung tumors, and allergies. This review comparatively examines the use of several adsorbents, such as biosorbents, activated carbon, nanocomposites, and polyaniline (PANI), in terms of the operational parameters (initial chromium (VI) concentration (Co), temperature (T), pH, contact time (t), and adsorbent dosage) to achieve the Langmuir's maximum adsorption capacity (qm) for chromium (VI) adsorption. The study finds that the use of biosorbents (fruit bio-composite, fungus, leave, and oak bark char), activated carbons (HCl-treated dry fruit waste, polyethyleneimine (PEI) and potassium hydroxide (KOH) PEI-KOH alkali-treated rice waste-derived biochar, and KOH/hydrochloric acid (HCl) acid/base-treated commercial), iron-based nanocomposites, magnetic manganese-multiwalled carbon nanotubes nano composites, copper-based nanocomposites, graphene oxide functionalized amino acid, and PANI functionalized transition metal are effective in achieving high Langmuir's maximum adsorption capacity (qm) for chromium (VI) adsorption, and that operational parameters such as initial concentration, temperature, pH, contact time, and adsorbent dosage significantly affect the Langmuir's maximum adsorption capacity (qm). Magnetic graphene oxide functionalized amino acid showed the highest experimental and pseudo-second-order kinetic model equilibrium adsorption capacities.

Keywords: Biosorbent, Graphene, Nanocomposite

I. INTRODUCTION

Wastewater is becoming more challenging worldwide, especially in developing countries, due to rapid industrial and agricultural development, urbanization, and lifestyle changes. Wastewater containing heavy metals is toxic, carcinogenic, and highly water-soluble, which originates from various sources such as fixing agents, metal complex dyes, pesticides, fertilizers, bleaching agents, mordants, pigments, etc. Moreover, heavy metals in wastewater and industrial effluents pose significant environmental concerns to human and marine life. The heavy metals of the most concern include chromium, nickel, mercury, lead, cadmium, zinc, arsenic, and copper, as represented in Fig. 1. Chromium (Cr), a commonly known heavy metal, is extensively used in various applications such as chrome plating, catalysts, leather tanning, electroplating, glass industries, textile industries, petroleum refineries, wood preservation, etc. It is found in

aqueous solution/industrial wastewater in two states - trivalent (Cr(III)) and hexavalent (Cr(VI)). Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)), which exists primarily as the chromate ion ($\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$), can penetrate the cellular membranes about 500–1000 times more effectively as compared to the Cr(III). For example, dyes containing several toxic heavy metals (especially chromium) are vigorously used in textile industries to impart color to the products/raw materials. Examples of the various industries contributing to Cr(VI) pollution are summarized. The discharge of industrial effluents from various sources containing Cr(VI) into the water bodies poses a risk to aquatic life because of its toxic and corrosive nature. It is quickly collected and bio-magnified in the species through fish. It leads to an enhanced.

Biosorbents

Biomass-based adsorbents, commonly known as biosorbents, are extensively used to remove heavy metals. Biosorbents from low cost agricultural waste can remove and recover heavy metal contaminants such as chromium ions from

wastewater streams [37–44]. Examples of biosorbents used for the removal of Cr(VI) from wastewater include Macadamia nutshells [45], pine cone biomass [46], Cannabinus kenaf [47], Masau stones [48], sawdust [49], almond green hull [50], grape peelings [51], lemon peel powder [52], coir pith [53] and fungal biomass [54]. Activated carbons are used extensively as adsorbent material for removing chromium due to their high surface area (500–1500 m² g⁻¹), well-developed microporous structure, and a wide spectrum of surface functional groups like the carboxylic group [55,81]. It is the most commonly used adsorbent for chromium adsorption [93]. It is used extensively for chromium adsorption during wastewater treatment [56,81,93].

Biosorbents and Langmuir adsorption isotherm

The maximum adsorption capacity is dependent on the type of biosorbent. Several biosorbents, such as fruit waste biosorbent, fungal biosorbent, leaf biosorbent, and biochar biosorbent for Cr(VI) adsorption, have been used. The Langmuir adsorption isotherms of the biosorbents are evaluated based on the maximum adsorption capacity, Langmuir constant (KL), and R² value. The best maximum adsorption capacity of biosorbent is exhibited by the mango kernel bio-composite (fruit waste biosorbent) mortality rate, mucous secretion, scale erosion, discoloration, abnormal swimming and osmoregulatory function disruption in fishes [18,19]. Thus, Cr(VI) enters the terrestrial food chain and gets into humans through fish in extremely bio-magnified amounts. It poses various health-related issues like genotoxicity, liver damage, kidney damage, neurotoxicity, lung cancer, asthma, immunotoxicity, skin ulcers, mutagenic, teratogenic, and carcinogenic [20–25]. Furthermore, Cr(VI) is the cause of various health issues such as hepatopathy, skin irritation, lung cancer, and pulmonary congestion [26,27]. The rats reportedly undergo functional and structural abnormalities of the thyroid and pituitary glands due to Cr(VI) injection [28]. Thus, an effective technique for Cr(VI) remediation from wastewater should be adopted. The international regulatory body “World Health Organization,” commonly known as WHO, has set 50 µg L⁻¹ as a Cr(VI) limit in drinking water to avoid endangered drinking water and human health [29]. Hence, developing effective technologies and strategies to remove Cr(VI) from wastewater is essential.

II. CONCLUSION

Heavy metals in wastewater are a severe concern for human and marine life. Hexavalent chromium in wastewater leads to various diseases, such as cancer, lung tumors, and allergies. Different adsorbents are being used to remove the hexavalent chromium from wastewater, such as biosorbents (fruit waste, leaves, fungus, and biochar), activated carbon (acid-treated, base treated, and acid/base treated), nanocomposites (Fe-based, Mn-based, Cu based, and graphene-based) and PANI. It is observed that the magnetic graphene oxide functionalized amino acid and PANI functionalized transition metal adsorbents have been found to have the highest Langmuir’s maximum adsorption capacity. Furthermore, the magnetic graphene oxide functionalized amino acid has been found to have the highest experimental and pseudo-second-order kinetic model equilibrium adsorption capacities while following the multilayer adsorption and chemisorption. The highest heterogeneous adsorption capacity is found in iron oxide functionalized calcium carbonate nanocomposites following mono-layer adsorption and chemisorption. It is important to consider operational parameters such as initial Cr(VI) concentration, temperature, pH, contact time, and adsorbent dosage for optimal results in adsorption experiments. These operational parameters play a vital role in Langmuir’s maximum adsorption capacity. The Langmuir isotherm plays a significant role in determining the adsorption mechanism of the adsorbents by correlation co-efficients (R²). It has been observed that the source of the adsorbent significantly highlights the monolayer and multilayer adsorption mechanisms. Several adsorbents showed monolayer adsorption, such as biosorbent, activated carbon adsorbent, nanocomposite, and PANI-based adsorbent. Hexavalent chromium is an important naturally occurring metal extensively found in several industrial wastewaters, including leather tanning and electroplating. Tannery wastewater treatment for hexavalent chromium adsorption using syzygium cumini bark biosorbent has the highest Langmuir’s maximum adsorption capacity among other adsorbents and other sources of industrial wastewaters due to the higher initial hexavalent chromium concentration, while following Freundlich adsorption isotherm and pseudo-second-order kinetic model indicating multi-layer adsorption, heterogeneity of syzygium cumini bark biosorbent, and chemisorption.

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Exploring the Dual Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Science and Technology

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Abstract: *Artificial Intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed various sectors, including science and technology. Its applications span from enhancing research capabilities to optimizing industrial processes. We have analyzed both the positive and negative impacts of AI on science and technology, along with potential solutions to counteract the negative aspects. By addressing concerns related to bias, job displacement, and ethical considerations, and by leveraging AI as a tool for collaboration and creativity, society can harness its potential for positive transformation in these fields. Responsible AI development, education, and interdisciplinary collaboration will be pivotal in maximizing the benefits while mitigating the negative impacts of AI on science and technology.*

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Science, Technology, Responsible AI development, scientific research, technology, bias, collaboration, ethics

I. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a transformative force, sweeping across various sectors and fundamentally altering the way we approach science and technology. Its applications range from empowering researchers with groundbreaking tools to streamlining industrial processes with remarkable efficiency. However, this technological revolution is not without its challenges[1].

This paper delves into the multifaceted impact of AI on science and technology. We will explore both the positive aspects, such as enhanced research capabilities and accelerated discoveries, and the negative considerations, including potential biases, job displacement, and ethical dilemmas. We will then propose potential solutions to mitigate these negative aspects, focusing on leveraging AI as a collaborative and creativity-boosting tool[2][3].

By addressing concerns related to bias, job displacement, and ethical considerations, society can unlock the true potential of AI for positive transformation[4][5]. Responsible development of AI, coupled with widespread education and interdisciplinary collaboration, will be paramount in maximizing the benefits of AI while mitigating its negative impacts on the landscapes of science and technology[6][7].

Positive Impacts of AI on Science and Technology

Artificial intelligence (AI) is not just a buzzword; it's a game-changer for scientific and technological progress[8]. Here's a deeper look at some of the key positive impacts AI is bringing to the table:

Turbocharged Research: Imagine a tireless lab assistant that can handle the mountains of data analysis and repetitive tasks that often bog down research. AI excels at exactly these jobs. By automating tasks like data collection, cleaning, and analysis, AI frees up scientists to focus on what they do best: creative problem-solving and formulating groundbreaking hypotheses. This allows researchers to spend more time strategizing new experiments and interpreting results, accelerating the pace of scientific discovery[4].

Data Detective: The human brain is amazing, but it has limitations when it comes to processing massive datasets. AI algorithms, on the other hand, can sift through oceans of data with unparalleled speed and accuracy. They can identify subtle patterns, hidden trends, and complex correlations that might escape even the most meticulous human analysis. This ability to unearth hidden insights from data empowers researchers to make data-driven discoveries and predictions with a level of precision previously unimaginable[3].

Fast-tracking Cures: Developing new drugs is a notoriously slow and expensive process. AI is injecting a much-needed dose of speed and efficiency into drug discovery. AI algorithms can analyse molecular structures at an unprecedented rate, predicting potential drug candidates with remarkable accuracy. This streamlines the entire drug development process, significantly reducing the time and financial resources required to bring life-saving medications to market[2][7].

Unveiling the Universe's Secrets: Science is filled with mysteries waiting to be unravelled. AI is emerging as a powerful tool for uncovering new scientific knowledge. By analysing massive datasets from telescopes, particle accelerators, and other scientific instruments, AI can detect subtle patterns and relationships that might go unnoticed by human researchers[5]. These insights have the potential to lead to ground breaking discoveries in fields like astrophysics, genomics, and particle physics, pushing the boundaries of our understanding of the universe[8].

Predicting the Future: AI-powered simulations and models are becoming increasingly sophisticated. These models can be used to simulate complex phenomena such as climate change, disease outbreaks, and the behavior of new materials. By providing researchers with a virtual laboratory, these simulations allow them to understand complex systems and make informed decisions for tackling global challenges like climate change and pandemics[9].

Negative Impacts of AI on Science and Technology

The potential of AI is undeniable, but its integration into science and technology isn't without its shadows[8]. Here's a closer look at some of the key concerns surrounding AI, incorporating the additional points you provided:

The Bias Trap: Imagine a judge who unknowingly bases their decisions on a biased rulebook. That's the risk with AI algorithms that inherit biases present in the training data used to develop them. If the training data contains hidden prejudices, the AI system can perpetuate those biases in its results. In scientific research, this can lead to skewed findings and unfair research conclusions, potentially hindering progress and even exacerbating existing inequalities[4]. Addressing bias in AI requires careful selection of training data, ongoing monitoring to ensure fairness, and incorporating diverse perspectives throughout the development process.

The Robot Revolution: Headlines often paint a picture of AI replacing entire workforces. While AI can automate tasks, the reality is more nuanced. Certain repetitive, well-defined tasks in scientific and technological fields are indeed susceptible to automation. This could lead to job displacement, particularly for roles focused on data analysis or routine lab procedures. However, AI is unlikely to completely replace human scientists and researchers. The human ability for creative problem-solving, critical thinking, and ethical considerations will remain essential. The key lies in adapting skillsets to work alongside AI and fostering collaboration between humans and AI, where AI handles the mundane tasks and humans focus on the bigger picture[2][5]. Additionally, retraining programs and social safety nets can help those whose jobs are impacted by automation.

The Black Box Conundrum: AI algorithms can be complex, and their inner workings sometimes resemble a black box. This lack of transparency can lead to an over-reliance on AI for decision-making, potentially stifling critical thinking and creativity among researchers. Without understanding how an AI system arrived at a conclusion, researchers may simply accept the answer without questioning its validity. This can hinder independent thought and the scientific method's core principle of questioning and verifying results[5][3]. To address this, advancements in explainable AI are crucial, allowing researchers to understand the reasoning behind AI decisions.

The Deepfake Dilemma: AI can be a powerful tool for good, but it can also be misused for malicious purposes. One such concern is the creation of deepfakes, highly realistic videos or audio recordings that can be manipulated to make it seem like someone said or did something they never did. This poses a significant threat to scientific research by potentially creating fabricated data or misleading results. Additionally, deepfakes can be used to spread misinformation and erode public trust in scientific findings[5]. Robust security measures, clear ethical guidelines, and raising public awareness about deepfakes are crucial to mitigate these risks[7].

The Ethics of AI Decisions: As AI becomes more sophisticated, it may play a role in making critical decisions in scientific research. However, the lack of transparency and accountability in AI decision-making processes raises ethical concerns. If an AI system makes a decision with unforeseen consequences, who is responsible? These ethical dilemmas require careful consideration and ongoing discussions around the development and deployment of AI in scientific

research. Establishing clear frameworks and regulations for ethical AI development and deployment will be paramount[8].

While AI presents challenges in science and technology, innovative solutions can maximize its benefits and mitigate its risks. Here are some key approaches:

Innovative Solutions for AI Integration in Research and Technology

Upskilling the Workforce: The future of scientific research lies in human-AI collaboration. To foster this, we need to bridge the knowledge gap. Encouraging researchers to develop expertise in AI-related domains, such as machine learning and data analysis, is crucial. This can be achieved through educational programs, workshops, and mentorship opportunities. By equipping researchers with AI literacy, they can become better equipped to utilize AI tools effectively, interpret results critically, and identify potential biases.

The Power of Partnership: Human-AI Collaboration. Instead of viewing AI as a replacement, we should see it as a powerful partner[2]. The ideal scenario is a synergistic collaboration where AI excels at handling the tedious tasks like data analysis and pattern recognition, freeing up researchers to focus on the creative aspects of scientific inquiry, such as hypothesis generation, experiment design, and interpreting the bigger picture. This collaborative approach leverages the strengths of both humans and AI, leading to more efficient research processes and groundbreaking discoveries.

Building a Responsible AI Framework: The responsible development and deployment of AI are paramount. Establishing clear regulation frameworks for AI in research and technology is crucial. These frameworks should prioritize ethical considerations, safety concerns, and responsible development principles. This might involve developing ethical guidelines for data collection and use, ensuring transparency in AI decision-making, and establishing clear lines of accountability[4][3].

Reproducibility and Trust: Standardizing AI Practices: For scientific research to be trustworthy, results need to be reproducible. However, the "black box" nature of some AI algorithms can make it difficult to replicate findings. To address this, creating standardized procedures for recording AI models and approaches is essential. This includes documenting the training data used, the algorithms employed, and the parameters set. By promoting transparency and facilitating reproducibility of research, we can build trust in AI-driven scientific advancements[6].

II. CONCLUSION

AI presents a double-edged sword for science and technology. While it offers tremendous potential for accelerating research, streamlining processes, and uncovering new knowledge, it also raises concerns about bias, job displacement, and the ethical implications of AI-driven decisions. To navigate this complex landscape, we must foster a future built on human-AI collaboration. By upskilling researchers in AI literacy, establishing frameworks for responsible development, and prioritizing transparency and explainability, we can harness the power of AI for scientific progress while mitigating its potential pitfalls. This collaborative approach, guided by ethical considerations and a focus on human-AI partnership, will ensure that AI becomes a force for positive transformation in both science and technology.

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Role of Digital Preservation in Libraries

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Abstract: *The digital preservation ever since the first computer was introduced and its products and services found its way into the libraries. It is primary duty of library to organise its materials in the manner that is useful for those who use it and store its collection for future use thus preservation and conservation of library materials are essential for library organisation. It is an important aspect of library and information management. This article deals with digital preservation by using information technological tools. This article states about different methods of digital preservation. We can prevent environmental factors that can affect the library materials by using digital preservation. The main object of preservation and conservation is to use or access the library materials in future also. With the help of digitisation methods we can preserve library materials in better ways.*

Keywords: digital preservation

I. INTRODUCTION

The digital preservation ever since the first computer was introduced and its products and services found its way into the libraries. The libraries have been migrating and refreshing their OPAC records ever since automation in libraries started. Since mid-1980s, the libraries in India also started building their in-house databases and began subscribing electronic resources such as Current Contents on Disc (CCOD) as well as other computer-based services that were delivered on 5¼ inch floppy discs. Several books in 1980s and 1990s had accompanied floppy discs. 5¼ inch floppies are already obsolete and floppy drives that were used for reading them have completely disappeared. CD ROMs, once respected for its longevity, are known to dysfunction much faster than expected. Moreover, in time to come, the CD ROM may completely be phased out in favour of its more evolved avatar, i.e. DVD ROM with greater storage capacity. Institutions such as national archives, data archives, and other cultural institutions with preservation as one of their main mandate, have established digital preservation programmes way back in late 1960s. These programmes addressed the issues of preservation of technology and digital contents that existed at that time (paper tapes, punch cards, etc).

Definition:

1. The term “digital preservation” refers to preservation of materials that are created originally in digital form and never existed in print or analogue form (also called “born digital”) as well as those converted from legacy documents and artefacts (printed documents, pictures, photographs or physical objects) into images using scanners, digital cameras, or other imaging technologies for access and preservation purposes.
2. Digital preservation refers to a series of managed activities designed to ensure continuing access to all kinds of records in digital formats for as long as necessary and to protect them from media failure, physical loss and obsolescence (Cornell University Library, 2005). The Wikipedia (Wikipedia, 2006) defines digital preservation “as long-term, errorfree storage of digital information, with means for retrieval and interpretation, for all the time span that the information is required for”, where “retrieval” means obtaining required digital files from the long-term, error-free digital storage, without corrupting the errorfree stored digital files and “interpretation” means that the retrieved digital files, which may be texts, charts, images or sounds, are decoded and transformed into usable representations for access to human.
3. Digital Preservation Coalition (2006) defines digital preservation as “all activities that are required to maintain access to digital materials beyond the limits of media failure or technological change. Those materials may be digital records created during the day-today business of an organisation, i.e. “born-digital” materials created for a specific purpose (e.g. teaching resources), or the products of digitisation projects”

Need for Preservation & Conservation Library Collection:

Need for Preservation & Conservation Library collection generally contains a wide range of organic accoutrements, including paper, cloth, beast skin, and bonds, and ultramodern media similar as microforms, optic and glamorous discs, digital formats, photos, and audio and visual media. The organic substances suffer a continual and ineluctable natural aging process. While measures can be taken to decelerate this deterioration by careful running and furnishing a sympathetic terrain, it's insolvable to halt it altogether. The chemical and physical stability of library material also depends on the quality and processing of the raw products used in their manufacture together with the design and construction of the final artefact. Over the centuries, the pressures of mass product have reduced the material quality of what's entered in libraries. important of the paper stock manufactured after 1850 is largely acidic, becomes brittle, and will tone- destruct in time. List ways have been shortened for the sake of robotization and numerous textbook- blocks are now held together solely by glue. In fact, all books and, in particular, leather tapes, are far more susceptible to damage. Though these documents have essential preservation problems they need to be stored and used precisely if they aren't to corrupt precociously. therefore, two major problems defy a librarian seeking apre-1900 book are continuity and failure. A book published from themid-1800s on is presumably made of acid paper, bound in a machine- made case and veritably fragile.

Preservation of information is an idea whose time has come. Preservation and conservation(PAC) are related conditioning, applicable in library and information centers (LICs). still, they were supposed to be the fiefdom of those who had the care of rare books and calligraphies, if considered at all. But during recent history, the view of PAC has expanded to come an integral part of the important wider area of collection operation and a vital element in the provision of access to information. However, which records the information, has been allowed to decay and vanish, If the particular medium. This increased perception of the essential demand of preservation is maybe related to the 'green revolution' generally, global warming, pollution and the burning of fossil energies. The World Environment Summits at Rio in 1992 and Kyoto in 1997 and multitudinous other events have all contributed to the growing mindfulness of the significance of conserving and conserving the physical terrain; some of this concern has oozed into the thinking of library and information directors(LIMs) who are concerned with access to information and its provision to their druggies.

Preservation can only be successfully managed if it's perceived as a core task throughout the institution and if preservation experts are committed in all conditioning, including digitization enterprise accepted in the name of access. It's of consummate significance that the preservation field keeps up the dialogue about the preservation of every action. They can bring a perspective of durability to the discussion and make it clear that there's further to pierce than documents and images into tiffs and terabytes(LUSEN ET, 1999).(48)

Techniques Used for Digital Preservation of Library Materials:

library is a depository of knowledge and a social institution ladened with the responsibility of propagating knowledge to the people without any demarcation. Information collections are the priceless heritage of humanity as they save data, ideas, studies, accomplishments and substantiation of mortal development in manifold areas, periods and directions. Conserving intellectual and artistic heritage becomes not only the academic commitment but also the moral responsibility of librarians, who are in charge since proper dispersion of library accoutrements is only possible when the documents are in good and usable condition. Preservation of deteriorating information accoutrements in libraries has come a global miracle to which libraries must aggressively respond if the charge of meeting the information requirements of their patrons would be attainable in this period of abating popular allocation to libraries.

Some of the ways used to save rare accoutrements are

A. Film Based Media

There are three main types of photographic materials, viz. cellulose nitrate, cellulose acetate and polyester. These materials have been used as support material for making of transparencies, motion pictures, microfilms and other photographic products. Cellulose nitrate and cellulose acetate are unstable. Even at room temperature, these chemicals slowly decompose emitting gases in the process. Cellulose nitrate becomes highly inflammable especially in deteriorated condition.

B. Microfilming:

Microfilming typically involves producing a roll film master, indeed if the final interpretation of the book will be on fiche. Microfiche isn't considered a preservation format but can be produced from preservation roll film as an access medium. Microfiche can give arbitrary access to a particular frame briskly than roll film, and microfiche reading machines are cheaper than microfilm reading machines.

Microfiche has accepted a medium of choice for a microform book roster. still, numerous compendiums dislike both microfilm and microfiche.

C. Digital imagery:

In digital imagery books is scrutinized into computer storehouse, which is a promising volition process. Storing runner images of books permits the rapid-fire transfer of books from library to library. The images can be displayed or published, much as film images, although with lesser cost moment. also, digital imagery permits considerable reclaiming adaptation of discrepancy, adaptation of image size, and so on. Handling of these images requires special chops and outfit many libraries retain, but there's rapid-fire technological progress in the design of fragment drives, displays, and printing bias.

D. ASCII (non-image):

ASCII storehouse is much further compact; a runner of textbook that will use a many hundred Kbytes in image form will contain only one to two thousand bytes of ASCII, or 11100th of the space. Other advantages of ASCII storehouse include the capability to reformat and manufacture whole or partial documents fluently; the capability to prize citations or other subsections of the documents and include them in newer papers; and the capability to mechanically compare textbooks. Editing textbooks for latterly publication also needs ASCII rather than image storehouse. further operations similar as feeding the textbooks to speech synthesizers to be read audibly are also possible; ASCII textbook can also be displayed on a wider variety of outfit and on cheaper outfit. ASCII displays can be formatted for the particular screen size or program terrain preferred by the stoner. The image quality shown doesn't reflect any fading or abrasion of the original.

E. Magnetic Media

Magnetic tapes, including audio and video recordings on cassettes, audio and computer reel-to-reel tapes, computer diskettes, etc. are most commonly made of a magnetic layer of chromium or iron oxide bound with an adhesive onto a polyester film base. It is adhesive binder which is susceptible to deterioration through hydrolysis and oxidation. As information stored on magnetic tape is in patterns formed by magnetized particles, any loss or disarrangement of magnetic oxide causes loss of information.

F. Optical Media

CD-ROM (Compact Disk Read only Memory), DVD (Digital Video Disk), etc. may contain audio, computer, and video/picture data. The molded plastic computer disk incorporates a continuous spiral of pits which contains the data. An aluminum reflective layer allows a laser in the computer disk drive to read the encoded information. Data integrity is protected by a lacquer coating on one side and a plastic substance on the other side. Forcefully bending the disk and touching the disk surface with any sharp object damages the disk and results in loss of data.

II. CONCLUSION

The digital preservation ever since the first computer was introduced and its products and services found its way into the libraries. It is primary duty of library to organise its materials in the manner that is useful for those who use it and store its collection for future use thus preservation and conservation of library materials are essential for library organisation. It is an important aspect of library and information management. This article deals with digital preservation by using information technological tools. This article states about different methods of digital preservation. We can prevent environmental factors that can affect the library materials by using digital preservation. The main

object of preservation and conservation is to use or access the library materials in future also. With the help of digitisation methods we can preserve library materials in better ways.

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Extraction of Natural Dyes From the Floral Parts of Plants and its Applications in Fabrics

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Abstract: Natural dyes from plant sources have been given much more interest in recent years due to the harmful effects and threat raised by synthetic dyes. The main idea of extracting dyes from plant (natural) sources is to avoid the environmental pollution. Present days with global concern over the use of eco-friendly and biodegradable materials, considerable research work is being undertaken around the world on the application of natural dyes. In this study dyes are extracted from two different flowers of plants *e. Caesalpinia pulcherima*, *Bougainvillea glabra*. These fabrics were mordanted with Alum acetate acetic acid for fastening of the imparted colours. The dyes produced from these flowers were dyed on cotton fabrics and tested for their colour fastness to washing properties. The dyed cottons fabrics were observed with different shades of colour. Moreover, the dyes obtained from the plant flowers may also be alternative sources to synthetic dyes for the dyeing of natural cotton fiber.

Keywords: Natural dyes, Biodegradable *Caesalpinia pulcherima*, *Bougainvillea glabra*, Mordant

I. INTRODUCTION

India has a rich plant biodiversity which is ranked 11th as biggest biodiversity in the world. It has approximately 490,000 plant species and there is no doubt that the plant kingdom is a treasure-house of diverse natural products. One such product from nature is the dye. Pigment from leaves, fruits, seed, wood and roots were used as dye stuff for textiles and as paint in art and craft. Natural dyes are environmental friendly, hygienic, user friendly and permanent than other colorant. The replacement of natural dyes could happen until the introduction of synthetic dyes due to feasible colouring property of natural dyes. Natural dyes/colorants derived from flora are believed to be safe because of its nontoxic, non-carcinogenic and biodegradable in nature. Natural dyes are now a days in demand not only in textile industry but in cosmetics, leather, food and pharmaceuticals. The rich biodiversity of our country has provided us plenty of raw materials, yet sustainable linkage must be developed between cultivation, collection and their use.

The application of natural dyes in textile industry are for various purposes, viz, dyeing of yarns, which are then woven into cloth, carpet or any other usable form; dyeing of cloths woven earlier, block printing, where the textile materials are printed with the help of printing blocks. It is an interesting and exciting prospect that one day a percentage of everyday colours could be naturally derived. The plant possesses many medicinal properties. Flowers are the most effective fermentation agent, used in Ayurvedic medicines (Kroes et al, 1990). Many investigations revealed that the use of combination of mordents in varying ratios gives different shades and different colour fastness results. The flowers, which contain much of tannin, are Flame coloured and yield red/pink/brown/flame coloured shades of dye (depending upon the fabric used) in large amounts, therefore, utilized throughout India for dyeing silk and fabrics on a commercial scale. India was a major exporter of herbal dyes but not so recently because of the ban on production of some of the synthetic dyes and intermediates in the developed countries due to pollution problem.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The dye was extracted from the fresh floral parts of *Caesalpinia pulcherima* and *Bougainvillea glabra*, collected from Murud and some out side areas in February 2024

Materials Required

Plant source, Cotton cloth, Bowls, Beakers, Conical flask. Mordants, Knife, Filter paper, Tripod stand, Mesh.

Plants Used

Peacock flower (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*), Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea glabra*)

Extraction of Dyes

The collected flowers were used for extraction was the aqueous extract from fresh flowers.

In this method. Dye from flowers were extracted by preparing an aqueous solution of flowers (10 g in 100 mL. Distilled water) and the extraction process was carried out at a temperature range of 80-85°C for 1h.

This extract was then filtered and used for dyeing. Colouring materials from the flowers were extracted for dyeing of the fabric.

After the dye is extracted it is stored in the refrigerator for further use.

Preparation of Mordant

Mordant: The creation of a bond between the colouring matter and fibre is called mordanting. Alum 0.748g of Alum and 0.187g of Washing soda were mixed in 100ml of water and was stored for further use. Vinegar 50 ml of 5% acetic acid is mixed with 100ml of water. From that 25ml of it were taken and mixed with 100ml of distilled water.



Bougainvillea plant



Dye Extraction



Cloth before dye



Cloth after dye



Caesalpinia
pulcherrima



Dye Extraction



Cloth before dye



Cloth after dye

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The dye extracted from the flowers and the colour of the dye is depended on the compounds (Phenol, Tannin, Fat&Fixed oil, Flavonoids, saponin, steroids. Quinine, Cellulose Terpenoids. Glycosides) present in the respective plant. The dye is then used in the cotton fabric for the fixation of colour. The cloth which is displayed above got fixed to the respective dye with the help of mordant. Different mordant were used for different plants. The mordant used were: *Caesalpinia* flower Vinegar and *Bougainvillea* Alum. These mordants when added to the dye gave different shades of colour and make different types of shades from one plant using the mordant. The mordants alum and cream of tartar is directly added to the dye, when treated using heat the mordant sticks into the fabric well again the colour does not fade and stay up to the limit mentioned in conclusion.

IV. CONCLUSION

From this current study it was found that the natural dye extracted from the two different plant source extracts can be successfully applied to the cotton fabrics to obtain a wide range of colour shadings along with the application of the mordant as a fixative agent. These dyes are environmental friendly and harmless when compared to the synthetic dyes. These can easily replace the synthetic dyes, ultimately this can solve the problem caused by synthetic dye in water and land. The result of this dye fabric is that after washing and exposed to sun light for 48 hrs after this limit it will lead to shade up, so need to overcome this limit, introduce a better reagents for further study.

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Review on Cytological Characteristics and Health Benefits of Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* L. Wilczek)

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Abstract: Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L. Wilczek) is economically most important crop of *Vigna* group. It is also known as green gram, golden gram, moong. In anatomical characters, paracytic type of Stomata was observed on both surfaces of laminae. The opposite system of two Vascular bundles was observed in the midrib. The vascular bundles of stem were Showed continuous circular ring. The vascular bundles of petioles, lamina, Midribs and stems were collateral type. The vascular bundles of roots were found Tetrarch to polyarch. Studied on seeds and sprouts of mung bean (*Vigna radiata*), a common food, contain abundant nutrients with biological activities. This review provides insight into the nutritional value of mung beans and its sprouts, discussing chemical constituents that have been isolated in the past few decades, such as flavonoids, phenolic acids, organic acids, amino acids, carbohydrates, and lipids.

Keywords: *Vigna radiata*, paracytic, mung been, flavonoids

I. INTRODUCTION

Mung bean (*Vigna radiata*) is a plant species of Fabaceae and is also known as green gram. It is Sometimes confused with black gram (*Vigna mungo*) for their similar morphology, though they are two different species. The green gram is an annual vine with yellow flowers and fuzzy brown pods. There are three subgroups of *Vigna radiata*, including one cultivated (*Vigna radiata* subsp. *radiata*) and two wild ones (*Vigna radiata* subsp. *sublobata* and *Vigna radiata* subsp. *glabra*). It has a height of about 15–125 cm (5.9–49.2 in). Mung bean has a well-developed root system. The lateral roots are many and slender, with root nodules grown. Stems are much branched, sometimes twining at the tips. Young stems are purple or green, and mature stems are grayish-yellow or brown. They can be divided into erect cespitose, semi-trailing and trailing types. Wild types tend to be prostrate while cultivated types are more erect. Leaves are ovoid or broad ovoid, cotyledons die after emergence, and ternate leaves are produced on two single leaves. The leaves are 6–12 cm long and 5–10 cm wide. Racemes with yellow flowers are borne in the axils and tips of the leaves, with 10–25 flowers per pedicel, self-pollinated. The fruits are elongated cylindrical or flat cylindrical pods, usually 30–50 per plant. The pods are 5–10 cm long and 0.4–0.6 cm wide and contain 12–14 septum-separated seeds, which can be either cylindrical or spherical in shape, and green, yellow, brown, or blue in color. Seed colors and presence or absence of a rough layer are used to distinguish different types of mung bean.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Observational design:

The current study is designed for the mutagenic effects on seeds and seedling of selected plant species (*Vigna radiata*) which will be as per the following steps and methods.

Mutagen: Chemical mutagenic methods were prefer for current research work in combination of various modified treatments methods given by Richa sharma, et al (2015), Imran Javed, et al (2016), Imran Javed, et al (2016), C. S. Mahto, et al (2018) Amol vikhe, et al (2020), Ample chandrakant vikhe, et al (2021), V. Prabakaran, et al (2023), S Sofia, et al (2020)

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

Richa sharma, et al., (2015) studied on gram (*Vigna radiata* L.) of the family Leguminosae is an important legume crops in the semi-arid tropics and study was carried out to improve crop yield of two varieties of green gram de Markiv

and Smart to determine the effects of sodium azide (10, 20, 30, 40 mM). The LD₅₀ value was observed 30 mg/30 mM of sodium azide. For inducing mutation various concentration viz., 10, 20, 30 and 40 mM @ four hours were applied to 100 seed sample of each concentration and one respective control. The morphological and yield characters showed significant increment in seed germination, plant height, number of leaves, number of branches per plant, 50 per cent of flowering, number of nodules per plants, number of pods per plant, numbers of clusters per plant, number of grains per pod, 100 seed weight at lower concentrations. At higher concentration of sodium azide phenotypic, biochemical and yield characters spontaneously decreased. Present investigation concluded the lower concentration of sodium azide (upto 20 mM) performs positively and improved growth and yield parameters studied.

Amol vikhe, et al., (2020) studied on the chemically treated seeds with Sodium Azide (SA) Co60 from BARC, Mumbai were used for the Mutagenic studies in *Vigna radiata* Cultivar-Naval. The seeds were treated with different doses with time intervals, then sowed in the field along with control to study seedling height, seedling injury, pollen sterility, lethality and plant survival at maturity in M1 generation. The sensitivity of the mutagens was studied on parameters. The results were obtained significantly. The higher dose of treatment showed maximum seedling injury and lethality in each mutagenic treatment compared to control.

Ample chandrakant vikh et al.,(2021) studied in present investigation an attempt was made to induce mutation with mutagens namely Sodium azide (SA).were studied in M2 generation of *Vigna radiata* (L.) Wilczek Cultivar-Naval to study different morphological mutations. The results indicated induction of a wide spectrum of morphological mutations in cultivar-Naval. The frequency of morphological mutations was varied and significant in mutagenic treatments. The cultivar-Naval was found to be more sensitive SA.

C. S. Mahto, et al., (2018) studied on present experiment assesses the relative effectiveness and efficiency of widely used chemical mutagens on two well adapted varieties of Mungbean namely Pusa Vishal and SML-668 which was treated with 3 different doses of Sodium azide (0.06, 0.08, and 0.1%). Sodium azide (SA) was found to be more effective mutagen to produce high frequency of chlorophyll mutations followed by EMS. It was also found that the lower concentrations of both mutagens were most effective in both the varieties. Sodium azide exhibited gradual decrease in mutagenic efficiency with the increasing concentration or doses with respect to seedling injury and lethality.

V. Prabakaran, et al., (2023) studied on Induced mutagenesis was carried out in an important protein rich pulse crop (*Vigna radiata* (L.) Wilczek). The seeds of green gram variety Co-6 were treated with different concentrations of sodium azide. The mutagen treated seeds were sown in the field to observe M1 characteristics. The sodium azide treated seeds were subjected to amino acid analysis. Totally 19 amino acids were recorded in control and sodium azide treated samples. In the process of sodium azide treatments a few amino acids were increased and some amino acids were decreased than control. The M1 parameters such as germination and survival percentage, plant height, days taken for flowering, number of pods/plant, length of pods, number of seeds/pod and hundred seeds weight were decreased with increasing concentrations sodium azide and all the growth parameters showed negative trend when compared to control.

Imran Javed, et al., (2016) studied on Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L. Wilczek) is one of the famous legume crops. The grain yield of mungbean is affected by various biotic and abiotic factors. The yield can be increased by improving the genetic makeup and incorporating the resistance against the environmental stresses. Common breeding methods are not useful in enhancing production of mungbean because of low genetic variability. The production can be improved by improving the available genotypes through mutation or by using other advanced breeding methods.

S Sofia, et al.,(2020) Studied on seeds of two mungbean varieties viz., WGG-42 and LGG-460 were treated with various Dose of sodium azide (1 mM, 2 mM and 3 mM) for studying the effect of the mutagens on seedling emergence (%), seedling survival (%), seedling height (cm), pollen fertility (%) and seed fertility (%) in M1 generation. The increasing dose/ of mutagens, decreased seedling emergence (%), seedling survival (%), seedling height (cm) and pollen fertility (%) in both the varieties of mungbean. The reductions in all these traits were observed to be more prominent in SA treatments. The variety WGG-42 was found highly sensitive to various mutagens when compared with LGG-460.

Amir Siahpoosh, et al.,(2015) studied on, anatomical features of the stem, petiole, leaf and flower of *Vigna radiata* L. (ML2017 Genotype) belonging to Fabaceae family (Subfamily Papilionoideae) were examined. Basic structure of a dicotyledonous plant is showed in stem and petiole. Their transverse section consists of epidermal and collenchymas

layers, cortical layer (parenchyma cells and pericyclic fiber) and stele (vascular bundles, secretory cells and pith); however there are differences in shape and position of vascular bundles. In the stem, this bundles located on a continuous ring but in the petiole are cutting and divided into two large adaxial and three abaxial bundles forming main foliare trace, above which lie laterally a pair of secondary bundles. In the leaf is important the number of mesophyll palisadic and spongy layers, stomatal type (paracytic) and stomata density(48.3%). The secretory cells are in the stem, petiole and leaf. The flower structure is pantamorous with 5 sepals, 5 petals (standard, wings and keel) androecium is of diadelphous and gynocium one carpel and ovary one locule with marginal placentation. In general anatomical charecteristics are very important and could be used in diagnostic key of taxa at all taxonomic levels.

Dongyan Tang, et al., (2014)studied on seeds and sprouts of mung bean (*Vigna radiata*), a common food, contain abundant nutrients with biological activities. This review provides insight into the nutritional value of mung beans and its sprouts, discussing chemical constituents that have been isolated in the past few decades, such as flavonoids, phenolic acids, organic acids, amino acids, carbohydrates, and lipids. Moreover, we also summarize dynamic changes in metabolites during the sprouting process and related biological activities, including antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic, antihypertensive, lipid metabolism accommodation, antihypertensive, and antitumor effects, etc., with the goal of providing scientific evidence for better application of this commonly used food as a medicine.

GAO Xiao-Li, et al.,(2012)Studied on the morphological stracture is the basis of physiological function of plants, leaf is the main organ of

photosynthesis that gives seed yield in mung bean [*Vigna radiata*(L.)Wilczek], so it is necessary to analyze anatomical structure of leaf in different genotypes of mung bean. The objective of this experiment was mainly to study the anatomical structure in the leaves of mung bean genotypes with different photosynthetic capabilities and reactive oxygen metabolisms in the flowering and podding stage, and explore the anatomical structure changes of mung bean during the whole aging process.

The results showed that after the plants flowered, their functional leaves aged gradually from bottom to top. In the aging process, leaf structures gradually senesced, mesophyll cells gradually disintegrated, palisade tissue arrangement tended to disorder, thickness of leaf and palisade tissue, ratio of palisade tissue thickness to leaf thickness tended to decrease. There were significant differences in dynamic changes of leaf structure of mung beans. Compared with low-yield varieties, the leaf structures of the high-yield varieties aged slower and thickness of leaf was thicker, palisade tissue more developed and the structure of organism was closer, and mesophyll cells disintegrated slowly at the late growth stage. The above results indicated that the change in anatomical structure of leaf was closely correlated with the yield, and the genotypes of mung bean with high yield potential had thicker functional leaves and more developed palisade tissue.

Kumar Ganesan, Baojun Xu (2018)Stuied on the seeds and sprouts of mung bean are very common cruise in Asia. Evidence showed that bioactive compounds in mung bean have emerged as an increasing scientific interest due to their role in the prevention of degenerative diseases. All data of in vitro, in vivo and clinical studies of mung bean and its impact on human health were collected from a library database and electronic search.

Botanical, phytochemical and pharmacological information was gathered and orchestrated. Remarkable studies have been demonstrated, showing the enhancement of metabolites in mung bean during the sprouting process, which possesses various health benefiting bioactive compounds. These compounds have been frequently attributed to their antioxidant, antidiabetic, antimicrobial, anti-hyperlipidemic and antihypertensive effect, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer, anti-tumor and anti-mutagenic properties. In this critical review, we aimed to study the insight of the nutritional compositions, phytochemistry, and healthpromoting effects of mung bean and its sprouts. The various curative potential of mung bean provides successive preclinical outcomes in the field of drug discovery and this review strongly recommends that mung bean is an excellent nutritive legume, which modulates or prevents chronic degenerative diseases. Keywords: Mung bean; Nutritional composition; Phytochemistry; Health promoting effects.

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Securing Mobile Computing: Ensuring Safety in the Digital Realm

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Abstract: *As more and more people enjoy the various services brought by mobile computing, it is becoming a global trend in today's world. At the same time, securing mobile computing has been paid increasing attention. In this article, we discuss the security issues in mobile computing environment. Reanalyse the security risks confronted by mobile computing and present the existing security mechanisms. As mobile computing becomes increasingly ubiquitous in both personal and professional spheres, ensuring the security of mobile devices and the data they handle is paramount. This paper explores the challenges and solutions involved in securing mobile computing environments to maintain confidentiality, integrity, and availability. The abstract begins by examining the unique characteristics of mobile computing, including limited resources, diverse communication channels, and varying degrees of trust in network infrastructures. These characteristics introduce vulnerabilities that must be addressed to mitigate risks effectively. Next, the paper discusses the fundamental principles of mobile security, including encryption, authentication, and access control. These principles form the basis of a comprehensive security framework designed to protect data both at rest and in transit. Techniques such as end-to-end encryption, biometric authentication, and multi-factor authentication are explored in detail.*

Keywords: mobile computing

I. INTRODUCTION

Mobile computing has become an integral part of modern life, revolutionizing the way we work, communicate, and access information. The pervasive adoption of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices has empowered individuals and organizations with unprecedented convenience and flexibility, enabling anytime, anywhere access to a wealth of resources and services. However, this paradigm shift towards mobile-centric computing has also brought about a myriad of security challenges, as the boundary between personal and professional use blurs, and sensitive data traverses diverse networks and endpoints.

In this rapidly evolving landscape, the security of mobile devices and the data they handle has emerged as a critical concern for individuals, businesses, and governments alike. The inherent characteristics of mobile computing, including limited resources, heterogeneous environments, and ubiquitous connectivity, introduce unique vulnerabilities that adversaries are quick to exploit. From unauthorized access to data breaches and malware attacks, the risks associated with mobile computing are diverse and constantly evolving, necessitating a proactive and multifaceted approach to security.

This paper seeks to explore the complexities of securing mobile computing environments, with a focus on preserving the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data and systems. By examining the fundamental principles of mobile security, the challenges posed by emerging threats, and the innovative solutions and technologies available, this paper aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the strategies and best practices essential for safeguarding mobile assets in an increasingly interconnected world.

II. MOBILE COMPUTING AT A GLANCE

Mobile computing represents a revolution in how we engage with technology, offering the freedom to access information and services from virtually anywhere, at any time. This paradigm shift is underpinned by ubiquitous

connectivity, with mobile devices leveraging wireless networks like Wi-Fi and cellular data to stay connected on the go. Unlike traditional computing devices confined to fixed locations, mobile devices are designed for portability, empowering users to remain productive while traveling, commuting, or working remotely. With a diverse array of form factors including smartphones, tablets, and wearables, mobile computing caters to a wide range of preferences and use cases. Central to the mobile experience is the rich ecosystem of apps, which provide access to services spanning social media, productivity tools, entertainment, and beyond. These apps are easily discoverable and installable through app stores, enhancing the functionality and versatility of mobile devices.

Wireless local area networks (WLANs) have gained enhanced usefulness and acceptability by providing a wider coverage range and an increased transfer rate. The most well-known representatives of WLANs are based on the standards IEEE 802.11[1], HiperLAN and their variants. IEEE 802.11 has been the predominant standard for WLANs, which support two types of WLAN architectures by offering two modes of operation, ad-hoc mode and client-server mode. In ad-hoc (also known as peer-to-peer) mode (Figure 1(a)), connections between two or more devices are established in an instantaneous manner without the support of a central controller. The client-server mode (Figure 1(b)) is chosen in architectures where individual network devices connect to the wired network via a dedicated infrastructure (known as access point), which serves as a bridge between the mobile devices and the wired network. This type of connection is comparable to a centralized LAN architecture with servers offering services and clients accessing them. A larger area can be covered by installing several access points, as with cellular structure having overlapped access areas.

III. WHY IS SECURITY AN ISSUE?

Security is a prerequisite for every network, but mobile computing presents more security issues than traditional networks due to the additional constraints imposed by the characteristics of wireless transmission and the demand for mobility and portability. We address the security problems for both infrastructure-based WLANs and infrastructure-less ad hoc networks.

3.1 Security Risks of Infrastructure-Based WLANs

Because a wireless LAN signal is not limited to the physical boundary of a building, potential exists for unauthorized access to the network from personnel outside the intended coverage area. Most security concerns arise from this aspect of a WLANs and fall into the following basic categories:

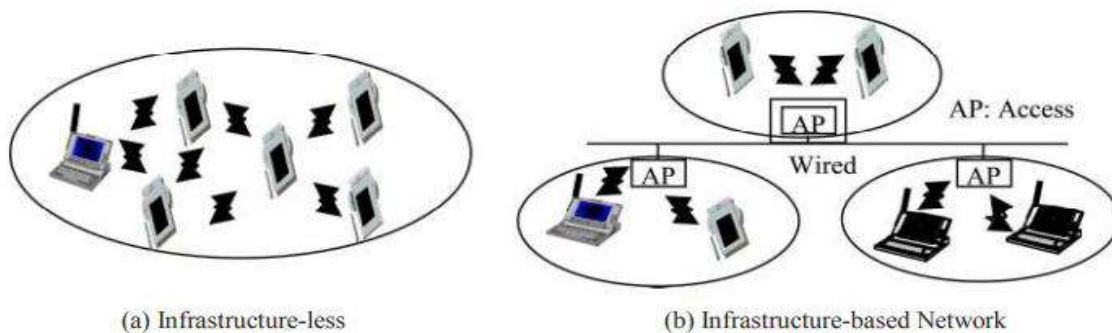


Fig. 1. WLAN Architectures

- **Limited Physical Security.** Unlike traditional LANs, which require a wire to connect a user's computer to the network, a WLAN connects computers and other components to the network using an access point (AP) device. As shown in Figure 1 an access point communicates with devices equipped with wireless network adaptors and connects to a fixed network infrastructure.
- **Constrained Network Bandwidth.** The use of wireless communication typically implies a lower bandwidth than that of traditional wired networks. This may limit the number and size of the message transmitted during protocol execution. An attacker with the proper equipment and tools can easily flood the 2.4 GHz frequency,

corrupting the signal until the network ceases to function. Since the aim of this type of attack is to disable accessing network service from the legitimate network users, they are often named denial of service (DoS) attack. Denial of service can originate from outside the work area serviced by the access point, or can inadvertently arrive from other 802.11b devices installed in other work areas that degrade the overall signal.

- **Energy Constrained Mobile Hosts.** To support mobility and portability, mobile devices generally obtain their energy through batteries or other exhaustive means, hence they are considered as energy constrained mobile hosts. Energy Constrained Mobile Hosts. To support mobility and portability, mobile devices generally obtain their energy through batteries or other exhaustive means, hence they are considered as energy constrained mobile hosts.

3.2 More Vulnerabilities of Infrastructure-Less Ad Hoc Networks

In ad hoc networks, mobile hosts are not bound to any centralized control like base stations or access points. They are roaming independently and are able to move freely with an arbitrary speed and direction. Thus, the topology of the network may change randomly and frequently. In such a network, the information transfer is implemented in a multi-hop fashion, i.e., each node acts not only as a host, but also as a router, forwarding packets for those nodes that are not in direct transmission range with each other. By nature, an ad hoc network is a highly dynamic self-organizing network with scarce channels. Besides these security risks, ad hoc networks are prone to more security threats due to their difference from conventional infrastructure-based wireless networks.

- **The Lack of Pre-fixed Infrastructure** means there is no centralized control for the network services. The network functions by cooperative participation of all nodes in a distributed fashion. The decentralized decision making is prone to the attacks that are designed to break the cooperative algorithms. A malicious user could simply block or modify the traffic traversing it by refusing to cooperate and break the cooperative algorithms.
- **Dynamically Changing Topology** aids the attackers to update routing information maliciously by pretending this to be legitimate topological change. Any intruder can maliciously give incorrect updating information. For instance, DoS attack can be easily launched if a malicious node floods the network with spurious routing messages. The other nodes may unknowingly propagate the messages.
- **Energy Consumption Attack** is more serious as each mobile node also forwards packets for other nodes. An attacker can easily send some old messages to a node, aiming to overload the network and deplete the node's resources. More seriously, an attack can create a rushing attack by sending many routing request packets with high frequency, in an attempt to keep other nodes busy with the route discovery process, so the network service cannot be achieved by other legitimate nodes.
- **Node Selfishness** is a specific security issue to ad hoc network. Since routing and network management are carried by all available nodes in ad hoc networks, some nodes may selfishly deny the routing request from other nodes to save their own resources (e.g., battery power, memory, CPU).

IV. SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES

Secure mobile computing is critical in the development of any application of wireless networks.

Security Requirements

Similar to traditional networks, the goals of securing mobile computing can be defined by the following attributes: availability, confidentiality, integrity, authenticity and non-repudiation.

- **Availability** ensures that the intended network services are available to the intended parties when needed.
- **Confidentiality** ensures that the transmitted information can only be accessed by the intended receivers and is never disclosed to unauthorized entities.
- **Authenticity** allows a user to ensure the identity of the entity it is communicating with. Without authentication, an adversary can masquerade a legitimate user, thus gaining unauthorized access to resource and sensitive information and interfering with the operation of users.

- **Integrity guarantees** that information is never corrupted during transmission. Only the authorized parties are able to modify it.
- **Non-repudiation** ensures that an entity can prove the transmission or reception of information by another entity, i.e., a sender/receiver cannot falsely deny having received or sent certain data.

WLAN Basic Security Mechanisms

The IEEE 802.11b standard identifies several security services such as encryption and authentication to provide a secure operating environment and to make the wireless traffic as secure as wired traffic. In the IEEE 802.11b standard, these services are provided largely by the WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) protocol to protect link level data during wireless transmission between clients and APs. That is, WEP does not provide any end-to-end security but only for the wireless portion of the connection. A part from WEP, other well-known methods that are built into 802.11b networks are: Service Set Identifier (SSID), Media Access Control (MAC) address filtering, and open system or shared-key authentication.

- **SSID.** Network access control can be implemented using an SSID associated with an AP or group of APs. Each AP is programmed with an SSID corresponding to a specific wireless LAN. To access this network, client computers must be configured with the correct SSID. Typically, a client computer can be configured with multiple SSIDs for users who require access to the network from a variety of different locations. Because a client computer must present the correct SSID to access the AP, the SSID acts as a simple password and, thus, provides a measure of security. However, this minimal security is compromised if the AP is configured to broadcast its SSID.
- **MAC Address Filtering.** While an AP can be identified by an SSID, a client computer can be identified by a unique MAC address of its 802.11b network card. To increase the security of an 802.11b network, each AP can be programmed with a list of MAC addresses associated with the client computers allowed to access the AP. If a client's MAC address is not included in this list, the client is not allowed to associate with the AP.

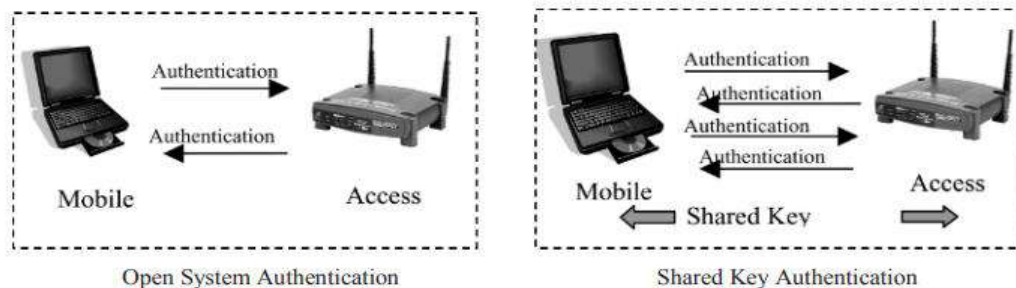


Fig. 2. IEEE 802.11 Authentication Modes

- **Authentication.** In a WLAN, an AP must authenticate a client before the client can associate with the AP or communicate with the network. The IEEE 802.11b standard has defined two types of authentication methods: open system and shared Key. Open system authentication allows any device to join the network, assuming that the device SSID matches the access point SSID. Alternatively, the device can use the any SSID option to associate with any available AP within range, regardless of its SSID. With Shared Key authentication, only those PCs that possess the correct authentication key can join the network. Figure 2 illustrates the two authentication modes. By default, IEEE 802.11b wireless devices operate in an open system authentication mode. Both of these authentication modes are one-way authentication, i.e., the mobile clients can be authenticated by the APs, but the authenticity of APs is not authenticated. Thereby, a rogue node may masquerade as an AP and establish communication with the mobile nodes.
- **WEP-Based Security.** WEP security protocol encrypts the communication between the client and an AP. It employs the symmetric key encryption algorithm, RC4 Pseudo Random Number Generator. Under WEP, all clients and APs on a wireless network typically use the same key to encrypt and decrypt data. The key resides

in the client computer and in each AP on the network. The 802.11b standard does not specify a key-management protocol, so all WEP keys on a network usually must be managed manually and are static for a long period of time. This is a well-known security vulnerability. Support for WEP is standard on most current 802.11 cards and APs. WEP specifies the use of a 40-bit encryption key. The encryption key is concatenated with a 24-bit initialization vector (IV), resulting in a 64-bit key. This key is input into a pseudorandom number generator.

It is clear that this traditional WLAN security that relies on SSIDs, open system or shared key authentication, MAC address filtering, and static WEP keys is better than no security at all, but it is insufficient, and a new security solution is needed to secure mobile computing.

Advanced WLAN Security Mechanisms

- **WEP2.** As an interim improved solution to the many flaws of WEP, the TGI Working Group of the IEEE proposed WEP2. Unfortunately, similar to major problems with WEP, WEP2 is not an ideal solution. The main improvement of WEP2 is to increase the IV key space to 128 bits, but it fails to prevent IV replay and still permits IV key reuse. The weakness of plaintext exploits and same IV replay are the same with that in WEP. In WEP2, the authentication is still a one-way authentication mode, and the problem of rogue AP is not solved.
- **Virtual Private Networking (VPN).** To further address the concerns with WEP security, many organizations adopt the virtual private network (VPN) technology. The VPN approach has a number of advantages. Firstly, it is scalable to a large number of 802.11 clients and has low administration requirements for the IEEE 802.11 APs and clients. Secondly, the VPN servers can be centrally administered and the traffic to the internal network is isolated until VPN authentication is performed. Thirdly, if this approach is deployed then a WEP key and MAC address list management is not needed because of security measures created by the VPN channel itself. This is a good solution for networks, particularly with existing VPN infrastructure for remote access.

V. ADDITIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF AD HOC NETWORKS

As ad hoc networking is somewhat different from the traditional approaches, designing an efficient security scheme to protect ad hoc networks is confronted with several new requirements.

First, the key management mechanism should be implemented in a distributed fashion. Ad hoc network is a distributed network, in which network connectivity and network services, for example, routing, are maintained by the nodes themselves within the network. Each node has an equal functionality. There are no dedicated service nodes, which can work as a trusted authority to generate and distribute the network keys or provide certificates to the nodes, as the certificate authority (CA) does in the traditional public key infrastructure (PKI) supported approaches. Even if the service node can be defined, keeping the availability of the service node to all the nodes in such a dynamic network is not an easy task.

Secondly, light-weight authentication and encryption scheme with resource awareness are required. The low resource availability necessitates their efficient utilization and prevents the use of complex authentication and encryption algorithms. Public-key cryptography-based authentication and encryption mechanisms are fully developed in securing traditional networks. Unfortunately, generation and verification of digital signatures are relatively expensive, which limits its acceptance to ad hoc networks. Symmetric cryptography is more efficient than public-key based asymmetric primitives due to its moderate resource consumption, but it requires both the sender and receiver to share a secret. In ad hoc networks, the problem is how to distribute the shared keys safely so that only the two parties (correct sender and receiver) would get it and not anyone else. It is thus challenging to define some new efficient cryptography algorithms for designing a light-weight authentication and encryption scheme.

Thirdly, combination of intrusion prevention and intrusion detection mechanisms is necessary. The work on securing wireless ad hoc networks can be classified into two types, intrusion prevention and intrusion detection. Intrusion prevention implies developing secured protocols or modifying the logic of existing protocols to make them secure. Most of the key based security protocols belong to this type. The idea of intrusion detection is to characterize the user

normal behaviour within the network in terms of a set of relevant system features. Once the set of system features is selected, the classification model is built to detect the anomalies from its normal behaviour. Currently, the research on intrusion prevention and intrusion detection is done separately, and intrusion prevention has been paid more attention. But actually, they are not independent of each other, and should work together to provide security services. For example, intrusion prevention approaches can efficiently deal with the attacks coming from the outsiders by constraining the network access control, but it has no way to handle the denial-of-service attacks performed by the compromised nodes who have all the keys to access the network. Indeed, some active attacks can be efficiently detected because of a large deviation of attackers' behaviour from the normal user behaviour. Therefore, a security scheme combining these two mechanisms is suitable to better secure ad hoc networks.

VI. SECURITY SCHEMES FOR AD HOC NETWORKS

In the recent research of security in wireless ad hoc networks, several good security approaches have been proposed, and they generally fall into three categories, secure routing, trust and key management, and service availability protection.

Secure Routing

The process of implementing and enforcing security measures within network routing protocols to ensure that data transmission across a network is reliable, confidential, and tamper-proof. This involves the authentication of routing paths, protection of the integrity and privacy of data, and maintaining the availability of the network against attacks.

Secure routing aims to counter threats that compromise the integrity of data, the authenticity of routing paths, and the overall security of network operations. It includes a combination of cryptographic techniques, secure protocols, and policy enforcement measures designed to safeguard the routing infrastructure and the data it carries.

Trust and Key Management

Most of the protocols discussed above make an assumption that efficient key distribution and management has been implemented by some kind of key distribution centre, or by a certificate authority, which has super power to keep connecting to the network and cannot be compromised, but how to maintain the server safely and keep it available when needed presents another major issue and cannot be easily solved. The problem of this solution is that it still requires an administrative infrastructure available to distribute the shares to the special nodes and issue the public/private key pairs to all the nodes. How to keep the n special nodes available when needed and how the normal nodes know how to locate the server nodes make the system maintenance difficult. In Kong et al. proposed another threshold cryptography scheme by distributing the RSA certificate signing key to all the nodes in the network. This scheme can be considered as having a fully distributed certificate authority, in which the capabilities of certificate authority are distributed to all nodes and any operations requiring the certificate authority's private key can only be performed by a coalition of k or more nodes. This solution is better in the sense that it is easier for a node to locate k neighbour nodes and request the certificate authority service since all nodes are part of the certificate authority service, but it requires a set of complex maintenance protocols.

VII. METHODOLOGY

Implementing secure mobile computing requires a comprehensive approach that encompasses several key areas to protect data, maintain privacy, and ensure device integrity. First, device security is critical and can be addressed by enforcing strong access controls such as passwords, PINs, or biometric systems, and by using encryption to secure data at rest. Devices should also support and enable secure boot processes that verify only trusted software is loaded during startup. Application security is another vital aspect, involving the management of app permissions to limit access only to essential functions and data, encouraging the installation of applications from trusted sources, and keeping all applications up-to-date to safeguard against vulnerabilities.

Network security is equally important; it involves using virtual private networks (VPNs) to encrypt data over unsecured networks, installing mobile-specific firewalls, and educating users about the dangers of public Wi-Fi. Regarding data security, practices like data minimization and regular backups to encrypted cloud storage or secure locations are

recommended to avoid data loss and protect sensitive information. Educating users plays a crucial role in mobile security, encompassing regular training on security threats, safe practices, and the importance of updates.

VIII. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A review of literature on secure mobile computing necessitates a comprehensive examination of existing studies, covering various aspects crucial to understanding and improving the security of mobile devices and their applications. The focus areas typically include device security, which delves into encryption methods, biometric implementations, and secure boot processes to ensure data integrity and prevent unauthorized access. Application security is another critical area, where research often explores secure coding practices, the security measures of application stores, and the effectiveness of app management strategies. Network security is equally important, with literature examining the robustness of VPNs, the security challenges posed by public Wi-Fi, and the effectiveness of different network protocols in safeguarding data transmission.

Additionally, user behaviour and education emerge as significant themes, highlighting the effectiveness of security training and identifying common pitfalls in user interactions with mobile technology. Policies and compliance, particularly regarding mobile device management and adherence to international standards, also form a substantial part of the literature, reflecting the legal and regulatory dimensions of mobile computing. Emerging technologies such as the use of AI for threat detection and blockchain for enhancing data integrity are frequently discussed, pointing to new directions in mobile security solutions.

IX. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In the "Results" section of a study on secure mobile computing, the findings are systematically presented without interpretation. This might include quantitative data on the effectiveness of encryption algorithms or qualitative insights from user surveys regarding mobile security practices. The section employs clear and concise language, often supplemented with tables, graphs, or figures to illustrate the results effectively. Statistical analysis is detailed enough to support conclusions but remains accessible to readers with varying levels of statistical expertise. Meanwhile, in the "Discussion" section, the results are interpreted within the broader context of mobile computing security. Findings are contextualized within existing research, anomalies are explained, and practical implications are explored. Any limitations of the study are acknowledged, and suggestions for future research are proposed, highlighting theoretical advancements and practical applications. Ultimately, the integration of results and discussion contributes to a cohesive narrative that demonstrates the value of the research and its impact on advancing secure mobile computing practices.

X. CONCLUSION

Mobile computing technology provides anytime and anywhere service to mobile users by combining wireless networking and mobility, which would engender various new applications and services. However, the inherent characteristics of wireless communication and the demand for mobility and portability make mobile computing more vulnerable to various threats than traditional networks. Securing mobile computing is critical to develop viable applications. In this article, we discussed the security issues faced by mobile computing technology. We analysed the various security threats and describe the existing current countermeasures. We have seen that many security solutions have been proposed to securing WLANs, but no one is able to claim that it solves all the security problems, or even most of them. In essence, secure mobile computing would be a long-term ongoing research topic.

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Empowering India: Leveraging Computer Technology for Sustainable Development

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Abstract: *In India's rapidly evolving sustainable development scenario, computer technology plays a pivotal role across various sectors, from environmental conservation to economic growth and social equity. The Digital India initiative epitomizes India's commitment to digital transformation, emphasizing the development of digital infrastructure, services, and literacy. IoT-enabled smart agriculture has been a game-changer, revolutionizing farming practices by optimizing resource utilization and promoting sustainability. On the economic front, platforms like UPI have catalyzed financial inclusion, fostering a shift towards a cashless economy and bolstering small businesses. This digital revolution has not only promoted economic growth but has also bridged economic disparities, promoting inclusive development. Socially, telemedicine services have had a transformative impact by enhancing healthcare access, particularly in remote and underserved areas. Online consultations have reduced healthcare costs and improved health outcomes, contributing significantly to achieving health-related Sustainable Development Goals. However, despite these advancements, challenges such as the digital divide, cybersecurity threats, and infrastructure limitations continue to pose obstacles. Through a mixed-methods approach, this study offers insights into the strategies, challenges, and opportunities in integrating computer technology into sustainable development practices in India. Collaborative efforts among policymakers, businesses, and communities are essential to address these challenges effectively. Strategic interventions focusing on digital literacy, cybersecurity, and infrastructure development will be crucial for harnessing the full potential of computer technology in India's journey towards a sustainable and inclusive future.*

Keywords: Computer technology, Sustainable development, India, Environmental conservation, Economic growth, Social equity, Smart agriculture, Digital governance, Telemedicine, Financial inclusion, Digital divide, Cybersecurity threats, Infrastructure limitations, Mixed-methods approach, Qualitative analysis, Quantitative analysis, Collaborative efforts, Policymakers, Businesses, Communities

I. INTRODUCTION

India stands at a critical juncture in its pursuit of sustainable development, with computer technology emerging as a pivotal force driving change. Spanning a vast geographical expanse with a population exceeding 1.3 billion, India's unique challenges demand innovative solutions tailored to its complex socio-economic landscape. Rapid urbanization and environmental pressures underscore the need for effective environmental conservation strategies. Here, computer technology offers smart solutions, from IoT-driven agriculture to renewable energy management, aiming to balance economic growth with ecological sustainability.

Economically, India's growth trajectory is dynamic yet uneven, with disparities persisting across regions and income levels. Computer technology is democratizing economic opportunities, empowering small businesses through digital platforms and fostering financial inclusion via fintech innovations. These advancements aim to bridge economic divides and spur inclusive growth across sectors.

Social equity remains a cornerstone of India's development agenda. Persistent inequalities based on gender, caste, and socio-economic status call for transformative approaches. Computer technology holds promise in enhancing educational access through digital platforms, improving healthcare delivery via telemedicine, and fostering transparent governance through digital initiatives.

This paper delves into the transformative role of computer technology in India's sustainable development journey, highlighting innovative initiatives, challenges, and opportunities that shape its path towards a more sustainable and equitable future.

Challenges in Computer Technology and Sustainable Development in India:

1. Digital Literacy:

Despite significant progress in digital adoption, India grapples with a digital divide, particularly in rural areas. Limited access to quality education and training hinders effective utilization of computer technology. Initiatives like the National Digital Literacy Mission aim to bridge this gap by imparting digital skills to citizens across all age groups.[4]

2. Cybersecurity:

As India's digital footprint expands, the risk of cyber threats escalates. Data breaches, phishing scams, and malware attacks pose significant challenges to individuals and organizations. The government has initiated cybersecurity awareness programs and established CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team) to combat cyber threats and safeguard digital assets.[5]

3. Infrastructure:

Despite advancements, inadequate digital infrastructure remains a hurdle in rural and remote areas. Uneven broadband connectivity and erratic electricity supply limit the benefits of computer technology. Projects like BharatNet aim to expand broadband connectivity to rural India, addressing infrastructure gaps and fostering digital inclusion.[6]

Case Study: Digital India Initiative

The Digital India initiative launched by the Indian government exemplifies India's commitment to leveraging computer technology for sustainable development. It aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy by focusing on digital infrastructure, digital services, and digital literacy. Key projects like Aadhaar, BharatNet, and e-Hospital showcase India's efforts in enhancing digital governance, expanding broadband connectivity, and improving healthcare services through telemedicine[1].

Addressing Counterarguments:

Critics argue that rapid technological adoption may widen existing inequalities and contribute to environmental degradation due to e-waste. However, India's approach to sustainable development through computer technology emphasizes inclusivity and environmental consciousness. Initiatives like e-waste management programs and green computing practices demonstrate India's commitment to responsible technological advancement[14].

II. METHODOLOGY

To explore the impact of computer technology on sustainable development in India, a mixed-methods approach was employed, blending qualitative and quantitative analyses.

The qualitative aspect involved a comprehensive review of literature, encompassing academic papers, reports, and case studies focusing on India's digital transformation journey[9]. This qualitative analysis aimed to provide insights into the strategies, initiatives, and challenges associated with integrating computer technology into sustainable development practices in India. The literature review also helped in understanding the broader context and identifying key themes and trends shaping India's digital landscape.

On the quantitative front, statistical data from reputable sources were utilized to assess the tangible impact of computer technology on various sustainable development indicators in India[2][3]. Data was sourced from organizations such as the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, NITI Aayog, and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). These sources provided valuable data sets on digital adoption rates, internet connectivity, e-governance initiatives, and other relevant metrics.

By combining both qualitative and quantitative analyses, this study aimed to offer a holistic understanding of how computer technology is influencing sustainable development in India. The qualitative insights provided depth and context, while the quantitative data offered empirical evidence and measurable outcomes, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of the role of computer technology in India's sustainable development landscape.

Real-World Examples of Computer Technology Impact in India

1. Environmental Conservation:

In India, IoT-enabled smart agriculture solutions have empowered farmers to monitor soil health, weather conditions, and crop growth, optimizing resource utilization and promoting sustainable farming practices[9].

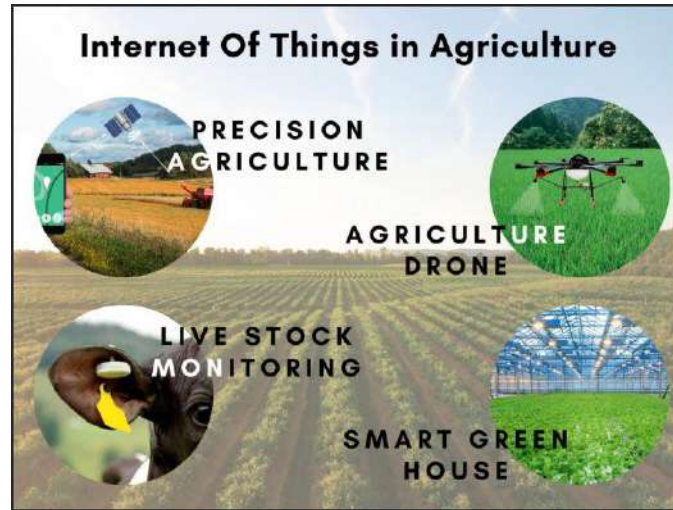


Figure 1:Internet of Things (IoT) in Smart Agriculture

2. Economic Growth:

The digital payments revolution in India, spearheaded by platforms like UPI (Unified Payments Interface) and digital wallets, has catalyzed economic growth by fostering financial inclusion, promoting digital transactions, and supporting small businesses[7].

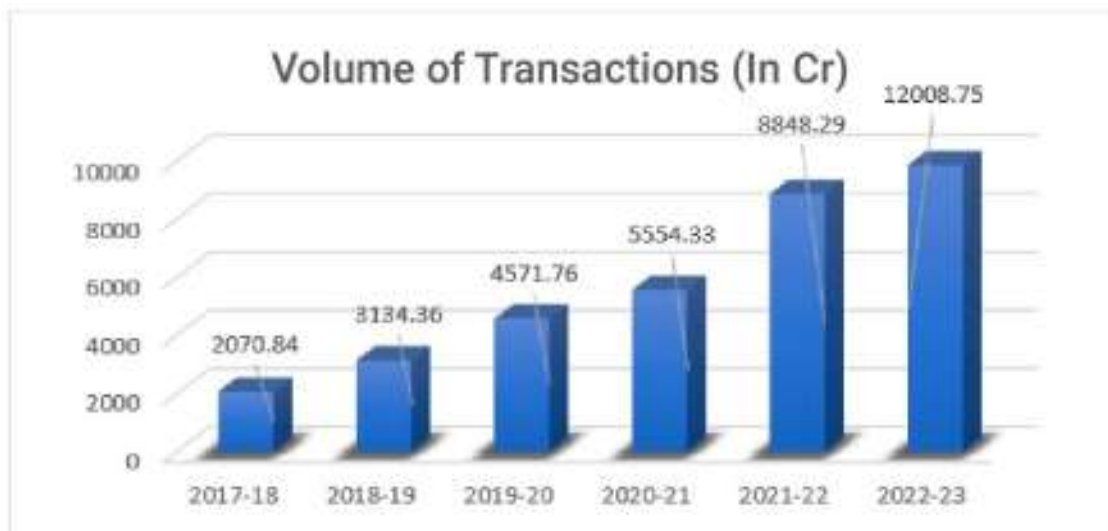


Figure 2: Digital Payments driving the growth of Digital Economy

3. Social Equity:

Telemedicine services in India have bridged healthcare gaps, especially in remote and underserved areas. Patients can now access specialist consultations online, reducing healthcare costs and improving health outcomes[10].



Figure 3:Telemedicine services in India

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature underscores the pivotal role of computer technology in India's sustainable development, spanning environmental conservation, economic growth, and social equity[9]. Digital technologies, particularly IoT (Internet of Things), AI (Artificial Intelligence), and blockchain, have emerged as transformative tools, offering innovative solutions to India's multifaceted challenges. IoT applications in sectors like smart agriculture facilitate data-driven decision-making, optimizing resource utilization and promoting sustainable farming practices. AI-powered solutions are enhancing efficiency and productivity across industries, from healthcare and education to manufacturing and finance. Blockchain technology, with its transparent and secure nature, is revolutionizing sectors like finance, supply chain management, and governance by fostering trust and accountability.

However, the literature also highlights persistent challenges hindering the full realization of computer technology's potential in India[4][5][6]. Digital literacy gaps remain a significant barrier, particularly in rural and underserved areas, limiting the effective utilization of digital tools and services. Cybersecurity concerns have grown with the expanding digital footprint, necessitating robust measures to safeguard data and privacy. Additionally, infrastructure limitations, such as uneven broadband connectivity and power supply issues, pose challenges to widespread digital adoption. Addressing these challenges requires strategic interventions, policy frameworks, and collaborative efforts involving government, industry, academia, and civil society. The literature emphasizes the need for comprehensive strategies that prioritize digital literacy, cybersecurity, and infrastructure development to harness the full potential of computer technology for sustainable development in India.

Recommendations and Future Research Directions:

1. Promote Digital Literacy:

Strengthening digital literacy programs and integrating them into educational curricula can empower citizens with essential digital skills[4], fostering a digitally inclusive society.

2. Enhance Cybersecurity:

Collaborative efforts between government, industry, and academia can bolster cybersecurity measures[5], ensuring a secure digital ecosystem for all stakeholders.

3. Improve Digital Infrastructure:

Accelerating infrastructure development through public-private partnerships and leveraging emerging technologies can bridge the digital divide[6] and promote digital inclusion.

4. Promote Research and Innovation:

Investing in research and innovation in computer technology can lead to the development of context-specific solutions tailored to India's needs[13], driving sustainable development.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The findings from both quantitative and qualitative analyses indicate that computer technology plays a vital role in advancing India's sustainable development agenda [2][3]. Key initiatives such as Digital India, aimed at enhancing digital infrastructure and services, have shown substantial progress in bridging the digital divide and promoting inclusive growth. In the realm of environmental conservation, the adoption of smart agriculture practices facilitated by IoT technologies has led to optimized resource utilization and improved yields [9]. These technologies enable farmers to make data-driven decisions, leading to sustainable farming practices that conserve water and reduce environmental impact.

Economically, the digital payments revolution in India has catalyzed economic growth by fostering financial inclusion [7] and promoting digital transactions. The graph showcasing the growth of digital payments from 2017-18 to 2022-23 underscores how this shift towards a cashless economy has driven the digital economy's growth, supporting small businesses and driving economic activity. Socially, telemedicine services like eSanjeevani have played a crucial role in improving healthcare access, especially in remote and underserved areas [10]. The service's alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as "Good Health & Well Being," "Gender Equality," "Innovation," and "Reduced Inequalities" highlights its multifaceted impact on social equity and healthcare delivery. Despite these advancements, challenges persist.

The digital literacy gap, cybersecurity threats, and infrastructure limitations continue to hinder the effective and equitable deployment of computer technology across India. Addressing these challenges requires collaborative efforts involving policymakers, businesses, and communities. In conclusion, while computer technology has significantly contributed to India's sustainable development efforts, there is a need for strategic interventions and collaborative approaches to overcome existing challenges. By addressing these challenges head-on and leveraging the transformative potential of computer technology, India can further accelerate its journey towards achieving sustainable development goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient society.

V. CONCLUSION

Computer technology is pivotal in propelling India towards sustainable development. Initiatives like Digital India, smart agriculture, and telemedicine highlight India's commitment to leveraging technology for environmental conservation, economic growth, and social equity [1][9][10]. Despite challenges such as digital literacy and cybersecurity risks, strategic interventions and collaborative efforts can address these barriers.

To realize its full potential, India must focus on enhancing digital literacy, bolstering cybersecurity measures, and improving digital infrastructure. Collaborative partnerships among policymakers, businesses, and communities are essential for maximizing the benefits of computer technology. In conclusion, while challenges persist, India's trajectory towards sustainable development through computer technology is promising. With continued efforts and innovation, India can achieve a sustainable, inclusive future powered by technology.

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A Study of Banking Sector in India and Overview of Performance of Indian Banks and Market Capitalization of Banks

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Abstract: *Finance and banking are the life blood of trade, commerce and industry. Now-a-days, banking sector acts as the backbone of modern business. Development of any country mainly depends upon the banking system. A bank is a financial institution which deals with deposits and advances and other related services. It receives money from those who want to save in the form of deposits and it lends money to those who need it. The banking is one of the most essential and important parts of the human life. In current faster lifestyle peoples may not do proper transitions without developing the proper bank network. The banking System in India is dominated by nationalized banks. The performance of the banking sector is more closely linked to the economy than perhaps that of any other sector. The growth of the Indian economy is estimated to have slowed down significantly. The economic slowdown and global developments have affected the banking sectors' performance in India in FY12 resulting in moderate business growth. It has forced banks to consolidate their operations, re-adjust their focus and strive to strengthen their balance sheets. Here researcher's objective is to study the Indian banking sector and performance of Indian banks.*

Keywords: Banking System, Banking, Indian Economy, Economic Slowdown

I. INTRODUCTION

Banks receive deposits from public and also borrow money from other sources for raising Working Capital Funds. They have to pay cost by way of interest on the funds raised. To recover this cost and to meet the administrative and other expenses as also to earn profit, banks have to utilize the working capital fund by either granting advances or making investments. Thus, working capital funds, which are banks liabilities, get converted into assets. As we have already seen although a bank's earnings accrue only from advances and investments it has to hold "Cash in Hand" or "Balances with other banks in Current Accounts" and also invest some amounts in premises, furniture, fixtures and other assets which are essential tools for its trade. These assets do not generate any income for the bank on the other hand depreciation has to be provided taking into account their 'ware and tare'. Banks are obliged by law, to repay the deposits and borrowings as and when they fall due for repayment. As these amounts have already been converted into assets, banks have to ensure all the time that all the assets are releasable, i.e. are liquid and can be fully recovered to meet the liabilities when need arises. The main object of granting loans or making investments is to earn profit. If any income is not earned on any advances it is treated as a Non- Performing Assets where the accrual or expected income from an asset stops, the possibility of not recovering even the principal amount invested in the asset also arises.

1.1. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY-

1. To study the Indian banking sector and performance of Indian banks.

1.2 IMPORTANCE OR NEED OF THE STUDY-

Before the establishment of banks, the financial activities were handled by money lenders and individuals. At that time the interest rates were very high. Again, there were no security of public savings and no uniformity regarding loans. So as to overcome such problems the organized banking sector was established, which was fully regulated by the government. The organized banking sector works within the financial system to provide loans, accept deposits and provide other services to their customers. The following functions of the bank explain the need of the bank and its

importance: To provide the security to the savings of customers. To control the supply of money and credit to encourage public confidence in the working of the financial system, increase savings speedily and efficiently. To avoid focus of financial powers in the hands of a few individuals and Institutions. To set equal norms and conditions (i.e. rate of interest, period of lending etc) to all types of customers

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The procedure adopted for conducting the research requires a lot of attention as it has direct bearing on accuracy, reliability and adequacy of result obtained. It is due to reason that research methodology, which researcher used at the time of conducting the research, needs to be elaborate upon. It may be understood as a science of studying how research is done scientifically. So, the research methodology not only talks about the research methods but also consider the logic behind the method used in the context of the research study. Research methodology is a way to systematically study and solve the research problems. If a researcher wants to claim his study as a good study, he must clearly state the methodology adapted in conducting the research the research so that it may be judged by the reader whether the methodology of work done is sound or not.

2.1 RESEARCH DESIGN USED IN THE STUDY

Descriptive research design is used in this study because it will ensure the minimization of bias and maximization of reliability of data collected. Descriptive study is based on some previous understanding of the topic; research has got a very specific objective and clear-cut data requirements. The researcher had to use fact and information already available through financial statements of earlier years and analyze these to make critical evaluation of the available material. Hence by making the type of the research conducted to be both descriptive and analytical in nature. From the study, the type of data to be collected and the procedure to be used for this purpose were decided.

2.2 DATA COLLECTION METHOD

The process of data collection begins after a research problem has been defined and research design has been chalked out. There are two types of data

2.2.1 PRIMARY DATA

It is first hand data, which is collected by researcher itself. Primary data is collected by various approaches so as to get a precise, accurate, realistic and relevant data. The main tool is gathering primary data was investigation and observation. It was achieved by a direct approach and observation from the officials of the company.

2.2.2 SECONDARY DATA

It is the data which is already collected by someone else. Researcher has to analyze the data and interprets the results. It has always been important for the completion of any report. It provides reliable, suitable, adequate and specific knowledge. Researcher collected the secondary data by using banks annual reports and authorized websites of banks.

2.3 TYPE OF DATA USED IN THE STUDY

The required data for the study are basically secondary in nature and the data are collected from the annual report of the Indian banks INTERNET –In which includes required financial data collected from Indian Bank's official websites i.e. www.axis.com, www.sbi.co.in etc. and some other websites on the internet for the purpose of getting all the required financial data of the banks. The valuable cooperation extended by staff members and the branch manager of different banks, contributed a lot to fulfill the requirements in the collection of data in order to complete this research.

2.4 METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS

For measuring various phenomena and analyzing the collected data effectively and efficiently to draw sound conclusions, certain statistical techniques were used. The data collected were edited, classified and tabulated for analysis. The analytical tool used in this study is graphical method to compare the performance of Indian banks. The MS- EXCEL tool is used to analyze the data.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Banking in India originated in the first decade of 18th century. The first banks were The General Bank of India, which started in 1786, and Bank of Hindustan, both of which are now defunct. The oldest bank in existence in India is the State Bank of India, which originated in the "The Bank of Bengal" in Calcutta in June 1806. This was one of the three presidency banks, the other two being the Bank of Bombay and the Bank of Madras. The presidency banks were established under charters from the British East India Company. They merged in 1925 to form the Imperial Bank of India, which, upon India's independence, became the State Bank of India. For many years the Presidency banks acted as quasi-central banks, as did their successors. The Reserve Bank of India formally took on the responsibility of regulating the Indian banking sector from 1935. After India's independence in 1947, the Reserve Bank was nationalized and given broader powers.

3.1 EARLY HISTORY OF INDIAN BANKING-

SECTOR The first fully Indian owned bank was the Allahabad Bank, established in 1865. However, at the end of late-18th century, there were hardly any banks in India in the modern sense of the term. The American Civil War stopped the supply of cotton to Lancashire from the Confederate States. Promoters opened banks to finance trading in Indian cotton. With large exposure to speculative ventures, most of the banks opened in India during that period failed. The depositors lost money and lost interest in keeping deposits with banks. Subsequently, banking in India remained the exclusive domain of Europeans for next several decades until the beginning of the 20th century. Foreign banks too started to arrive, particularly in Calcutta, in the 1860s. The Comptoire d'Escompte de Paris opened a branch in Calcutta in 1860, and another in Bombay in 1862; branches in Madras and Pondicherry, then a French colony, followed. Calcutta was the most active trading port in India, mainly due to the trade of the British Empire, and so became a banking center.

IV. NATIONALIZED BANKS IN INDIA-

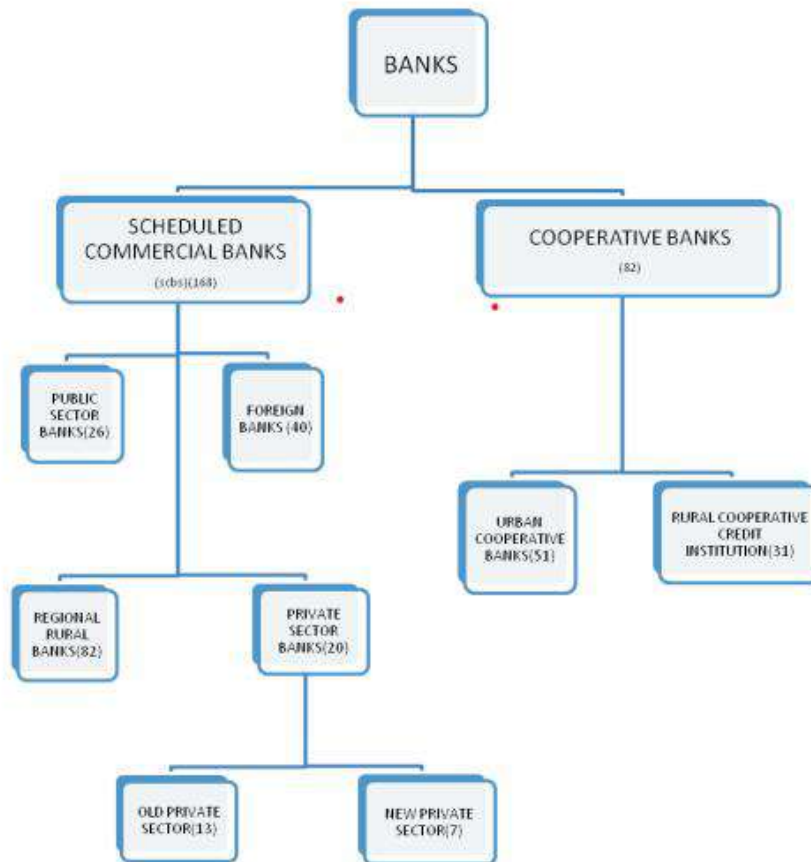
Banking System in India is dominated by nationalized banks. The nationalization of banks in India took place in 1969 by Mrs. Indira Gandhi prime minister of India. The major objective behind nationalization was to spread banking infrastructure in rural areas and make available cheap finance to Indian farmers. Fourteen banks were nationalized in 1969. Before 1969, State Bank of India (SBI) was the only public sector bank in India. SBI was nationalized in 1955 under the SBI Act of 1955. The second phase of nationalization of Indian banks took place in the year 1980. Seven more banks were nationalized with deposits over 200 crores. Around the turn of the 20th Century, the Indian economy was passing through a relative period of stability. Indians had established small banks, most of which served particular ethnic and religious communities. The presidency banks dominated banking in India. There were also some exchange banks and a number of Indian joint stock banks. All these banks operated in different segments of the economy. The exchange banks, mostly owned by Europeans, concentrated on financing foreign trade. Indian joint stock banks were generally undercapitalized and lacked the experience and maturity to compete with the presidency and exchange banks. This segmentation let Lord Curzon to observe, "In respect of banking it seems we are behind the times. We are like some old-fashioned sailing ship, divided by solid wooden bulkheads into separate and cumbersome compartments." A number of banks established then have survived to the present such as Bank of India, Corporation Bank, Indian Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank and Central Bank of India.

4.1 PRIVATE BANKS IN INDIA

All the banks in India were earlier private banks. They were founded in the pre-independence era to cater to the banking needs of the people. But after nationalization of banks in 1969 public sector banks came to occupy dominant role in the banking structure. Private sector banking in India received a fillip in 1994 when Reserve Bank of India encouraged setting up of private banks as part of its policy of liberalization of the Indian Banking Industry. Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited.

(HDFC) was amongst the first to receive an 'in principle' approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a bank in the private sector

Figure no. 1- Structure of Bank



4.2 STRUCTURE OF BANKS

PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN BANKING SECTOR -The top 10 banks selected for the analysis, as based on the market capitalization as of 30 March 2012, are: State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Canara Bank, Bank of India (BoI), Bank of Baroda (BoB), ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) and IndusInd Bank (IIB). The performance of the banking sector is more closely linked to the economy than perhaps that of any other sector. The growth of the Indian economy is estimated to have slowed down significantly from 8.39 percent in FY11 to 6.88 percent in FY12. This slowdown could be attributed to a number of factors: Continuing problems in Europe and economic slowdown in the United States affecting foreign investments coming into India Policy paralysis in view of the government's inertia on various policy issues and reforms Fiscal indiscipline leading to fiscal deficit High inflation leading to high interest rate Rupee devaluation which further deteriorates the current account deficit Besides these factors, rising inflation forced the RBI to tighten the monetary policy during the last two years, increasing the benchmark repo rate 13 times successively. While the high interest rates impacted the economic growth significantly, they had little impact on inflation. Persistent high inflation has led to a slowdown in credit growth and increase in cost of funds, hence adversely affecting the profitability of banks. A number of changes in the policy and regulatory domain also affected the performance of Indian banks. These included migration to the system tracking of non-performing assets (NPAs) of the entire loan book, increasing the provisioning percentages for NPAs and restructured loans and the mandate to expand in relatively less profitable under-banked and unbanked areas.

V. CONCLUSION

Today the banking sector in India is fairly mature in terms of supply, product range and reach. As far as private sector and foreign banks are concerned, the reach in rural India still remains a challenge. A growing economy like India requires a right blend of risk capital and long-term resources for corporate to choose an appropriate mix of debt and equity, particularly for infrastructure projects which is the need of the day. A well-functioning domestic capital market is also necessary for the banking sector to raise capital and support growth and also have suitable capital adequacy ratio to mitigate risk. Bank investments are also showing an increasing trend. After researching banking sector researcher found that different problems are increasing to banking sector because of the money market has always down.

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Significance of E-Commerce

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Abstract: *E-commerce is a boom in the modern business. E-commerce means electronic commerce. E-commerce (Electronic commerce) involves buying and selling of goods and services, or the transmitting of funds or data, over an electronic network, predominantly the Internet. E-commerce (Electronic commerce) is a paradigm shift influencing both marketers and the customers. Rather e-commerce is more than just another way to boost the existing business practices. It is leading a complete change in traditional way of doing business. This significant change in business model is witnessing a tremendous growth around the globe and India is not an exception. A massive internet penetration has added to growth of E-commerce and more particularly start-ups have been increasingly using this option as a differentiating business model. Moreover E-Commerce has significant influences on the environment. Although the model is highly used in current business scenario but the option has not been explored at its fullest. The current research has been undertaken to describe the scenario of E-Commerce, analyze the trends of E-Commerce. The study further examines the key variables imperative for the success of E-commerce business models. The term “e-commerce” is one way to express the potential of ICT to reshape all kinds of economic transaction processes. It affects all stages of communication before, during and after deliver of goods or services, and the payment flow respectively. This paper finds out how within the field of e-commerce a new breed of B2C and P2P market segments for buying and selling digital goods and services is emerging. The paper also focuses on the integration of payments and payment related steps in both areas of retail e-commerce. The paper makes an in depth analysis of the interfaces between actors and their respective systems, e.g. between customer and merchant, merchant and payment service provider, payment service provider and banking system. The paper is basically intended to make us understand how the process of economic development within a community is integrated with the new ICT based services especially e-commerce in developing countries.*

Keywords: Principal components, Community economic development, E-Commerce Opportunities and E-Commerce Business Models

I. INTRODUCTION

What is E-Commerce?

E-commerce means electronic commerce. It means dealing in goods and services through the electronic media and internet. E-commerce involves carrying on a business with the help of the internet and by using the information technology like Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). E-Commerce relates to a website of the vendor on the Internet, who trades products or services directly to the customer from the portal. The portal uses a digital shopping cart or digital shopping basket system and allows payment through credit card, debit card or EFT (Electronic fund transfer) payments. A more complete definition is: E-commerce is the use of electronic communications and digital information processing technology in business transactions to create, transform, and redefine relationships for value creation between or among organizations, and between organizations and individuals (C. Nisha and G. Sangeeta, 2012). The main types of electronic commerce are: business-to-business (B2B); business to- consumer (B2C); business-to-government (B2G); consumer-to-consumer (C2C); and mobile commerce (m-commerce).

Electronic Commerce (E-Commerce) has almost overnight become the dominant on-line activity. Equally quickly it has become a significant element in commercial activities globally, both in the developed and developing countries where suitable infrastructure support is available or likely to be available. E- Commerce, of course, has no single definition, meaning only commercial activity which is somehow linked to or supported by electronic communications. It may be anything from a simple advertising presentation available on the World Wide Web, or an e-mail communication; all the

way to an entire multi-million dollar transaction initiated and promulgated in electronic form up; to and in some cases including the actual delivery via the net of information intensive goods or services.

II. METHODOLOGY

The significance of e-commerce can be assessed through various methodologies that take into account its impact on businesses, consumers, economies, and societies.

Here's a general methodology for evaluating the significance of e-commerce:

Market Analysis:

- Analyze market size: Determine the size of the e-commerce market globally, regionally, and within specific industries.
- Growth trends: Evaluate historical growth rates and forecast future trends in e-commerce sales and penetration.
- Market share: Assess the market share of e-commerce platforms and individual businesses within their respective sectors.

Economic Impact:

- GDP contribution: Quantify the contribution of e-commerce to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of countries or regions.
- Job creation: Evaluate the number of jobs created directly and indirectly by e-commerce activities, including logistics, marketing, and customer service.
- Tax revenue: Assess the tax revenue generated from e-commerce transactions, including sales tax, value-added tax (VAT), and corporate taxes.

Consumer Behavior:

- Adoption rates: Measure the rate at which consumers are adopting e-commerce for various types of purchases.
- Spending patterns: Analyze how e-commerce affects consumer spending patterns, including frequency of purchases, average transaction value, and product categories.
- Demographic analysis: Segment consumers based on demographic factors such as age, income, and location to understand differences in e-commerce adoption and behavior.

Business Impact:

- Revenue growth: Evaluate the impact of e-commerce on the revenue growth of businesses, particularly those with an online presence.
- Cost savings: Assess cost savings achieved by businesses through e-commerce, including reduced overhead costs, inventory management efficiencies, and streamlined operations.
- Competitive advantage: Analyze how e-commerce enables businesses to gain a competitive advantage by reaching new markets, expanding product offerings, and improving customer experience.

Social and Cultural Impact:

- Access and inclusivity: Evaluate the extent to which e-commerce improves access to goods and services for marginalized populations, including those in rural or remote areas.
- Cultural implications: Assess how e-commerce influences cultural norms, social interactions, and consumer behavior, including changes in shopping habits and brand loyalty.
- Environmental sustainability: Consider the environmental impact of e-commerce activities, including carbon emissions from transportation and packaging waste.

Technological Infrastructure:

- Digital infrastructure: Evaluate the quality and accessibility of digital infrastructure, including internet connectivity and mobile penetration, which are essential for supporting e-commerce.
- Technological innovation: Identify technological innovations driving advancements in e-commerce, such as artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and blockchain technology.

Regulatory Environment:

- **Regulatory framework:** Assess the regulatory environment governing e-commerce, including laws related to data privacy, consumer protection, taxation, and intellectual property rights.
- **Compliance challenges:** Identify challenges businesses face in complying with e-commerce regulations across different jurisdictions and the potential impact on market dynamics.

By employing these methodologies, researchers, policymakers, and businesses can gain a comprehensive understanding of the significance of e-commerce and its implications for various stakeholders.

Type of E-Commerce:

There are 4 types of E-Commerce

1) Business-To-Business E-Commerce:

B2B E-commerce is simply defined as e-commerce between companies. This is the type of e-commerce that deals with relationships between and among businesses. About 80% of e-commerce is of this type, and most experts predict that B2B e-commerce will continue to grow faster.

2) Consumer To Business E-Commerce:

Business-to-consumer commerce, or commerce between companies and consumers, involves customers gathering information; purchasing physical goods (i.e., tangibles such as books or consumer products) or information goods (such as software, or e-books); and for information goods, receiving products over an electronic network. It is the second largest and the earliest form of e-commerce.

3) Consumer To Consumer E-Commerce:

Consumer-to-consumer electronic commerce involves electronically facilitated transactions between some third parties. It perhaps has the greatest potential for developing new markets. C2C websites form a perfect platform for buyers and sellers who wish to buy and sell products of similar interest.

4) Business To Government E-Commerce:

Business-to-government E-commerce or B2G is generally defined as commerce between companies and the public sector. It consists of marketing products and services to various government levels.

Advantages of E-Commerce:

- **Global Reach:** E-commerce allows businesses to reach customers anywhere in the world, breaking down geographical barriers and expanding their potential market exponentially.
- **24/7 Availability:** Unlike traditional brick-and-mortar stores, e-commerce platforms are always accessible, allowing customers to shop at any time of the day or night, increasing convenience for both businesses and consumers.
- **Lower Operational Costs:** Operating an online store typically incurs lower costs compared to maintaining a physical retail space. This includes reduced expenses on rent, utilities, and staffing, enabling businesses to offer competitive pricing and higher profit margins.
- **Increased Customer Base:** With the ability to reach a global audience, e-commerce enables businesses to tap into new customer segments and demographics, leading to potential growth opportunities and increased sales.
- **Personalized Shopping Experience:** E-commerce platforms leverage data analytics to gather insights into customer preferences and behavior, allowing businesses to personalize the shopping experience through targeted marketing, product recommendations, and tailored promotions.
- **Convenience and Flexibility:** E-commerce offers unparalleled convenience for both businesses and consumers, allowing transactions to take place from anywhere with an internet connection. Customers can shop at their own pace and convenience, while businesses can manage operations remotely.
- **Scalability:** E-commerce platforms provide businesses with the flexibility to scale their operations rapidly in response to changing market demands. Whether it's expanding product offerings, entering new markets, or accommodating increased website traffic, e-commerce allows businesses to grow seamlessly.

- **Streamlined Inventory Management:** E-commerce systems automate inventory management processes, enabling businesses to track stock levels in real-time, reduce overstocking or stockouts, and optimize supply chain efficiency.
- **Lower Barrier to Entry:** Compared to traditional retail, starting an e-commerce business often requires lower initial investment and overhead costs. This lower barrier to entry allows entrepreneurs and small businesses to enter the market more easily and compete with larger established retailers.
- **Data-driven Insights:** E-commerce platforms generate valuable data on customer behavior, purchasing patterns, and website performance. Businesses can analyze this data to gain insights into market trends, customer preferences, and areas for improvement, facilitating data-driven decision-making and strategic planning.

Overall, e-commerce offers numerous advantages that enable businesses to expand their reach, increase sales, and enhance customer satisfaction in today's digital marketplace.

Market Size And Growth:

India's e-commerce market was worth about \$3.8 billion in 2009, it went up to \$12.6 billion in 2013. In 2013, the e-retail segment was worth US\$2.3 billion. About 70% of India's e-commerce market is travel related. According to Google India, there were 35 million online shoppers in India in 2014 Quarter 1 and is expected to cross 100 million mark by end of year 2016. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) vis-à-vis a global growth rate of 8–10%. Electronics and Apparel are the biggest categories in terms of sales.

Recent Trends In Indian E-Commerce Industry

India is a massive E-Commerce marketplace now with every age group comfortably transacting online – more often preferring shopping online instead of visiting offline stores for a bigger gamut of choices and offers.

E-Commerce industry is growing at an astounding rate in India and is expected to account for 1.61% of the global GDP by 2018. According to a report by Forrester, India is set to become the fastest growing market in the Asia-Pacific region with an expected growth rate of over 57% between 2012 and 2016.

- 1) Men in India shop 3X more than women While women continue to dominate the in-store markets, men with disposable incomes have taken it upon themselves to play the larger role in online shopping.
- 2) Cash-On-Delivery (COD) remains the most preferred online payment method. We Indians love the Cash-On-Delivery option; it gives us more control over online transactions since we don't have to pay until the product is at our doorstep. COD option during checkout has also been proven to boost impulse purchases.
- 3) 60% of online purchases happen during business hours.(9AM-5PM) This proven trend is a myth-buster that shows how integral a part online shopping has become in our day-to-day lives. Marketers can use this fact to schedule their promotions across advertising channels accordingly.
- 4) The Rural Pitch Ecommerce companies would emphasize more on attracting the customers from rural areas. Along with this, traditional business houses such as Tata Group and Reliance Industries will enter more aggressively into the ecommerce business.
- 5) Smartphone Apps: However, users browse products on desktops or laptops, they prefer transacting via smart phones because of their faster linkages to payment gateways. Smartphone ecommerce apps are also preferred as they offer more personalized shopping experience for customers and a better understanding of consumers for the ecommerce company. Further apps are also an opportunity to curate targeted promotions based on browsing or shopping cart history.

The Importance of eCommerce for your business:

E-commerce is perfect for modern businesses because it makes them more competitive, breaks down geographical barriers, etc., for entrepreneurs, startups, and even major corporations. Learn about the benefits of e-commerce here.

Some aspects illustrating the significance of e-commerce include:

1. E-Commerce helps you reduce your costs

It is not required to display all of your products in a physical location in order to establish an online business. In fact, there are numerous online businesses that only display their entire inventory on their e-commerce platform.

This includes saving on everything that needs energy, the Internet, etc., in addition, you don't need to rent or buy a space. It does not have to be as big as everything you sell if you only want to have one so that customers have a real place. You will be cutting your expenses in both scenarios.

2. E-Commerce helps businesses go global

This feature, which is directly related to the preceding point, enables you to sell your goods anywhere in the world. They won't feel the need to travel to your location only to view what you have to offer.

With a physical location, your reach will be constrained by the area you can serve, but having an eCommerce website will allow you to reach a wider audience. Customers from all around the world will be able to purchase your goods and services through it, regardless of location or time zone.

Additionally, this removes all kinds of linguistic and geographic restrictions. They will be able to purchase from other countries thanks to your e-commerce being translated into several languages.

The entire world is your playground if you use eCommerce and mobile commerce. Many clients who might be seated in another part of the world are able to access your goods or services.

So, starting your own online store and localizing it in other languages is a terrific idea if you want to expand your online business internationally.

3. E-Commerce can be done with fewer overheads & fewer risk

Compared to opening a brick-and-mortar store, starting an internet business might result in much reduced startup costs. The owner of a brick-and-mortar store or an internet business does not have to account for the expensive costs of shop rental, hiring a salesperson to win over customers, power costs, security measures, etc.

You'll then be able to price your goods competitively as a result. Also, having an internet store gives you the opportunity to benefit more while taking on less risk.

4. E-Commerce can broaden your brand & expand your business

Having an eCommerce site can help you grow your business, attract more consumers, and diversify your revenue streams by allowing you to sell a wider variety of goods and services. It's the best approach to transform your brand from a conventional brick-and-mortar business to a cutting-edge, well-known one.

With eCommerce, you don't need to have more than one branch; instead, you can reach all of your consumers from a single online store without worrying about changing locations. You can even run your online business from home.

It's vital to note that eCommerce will help both B2C and B2B companies increase brand recognition in the marketplace.

5. Your online store will stay open 24*7/365

Also, one of the major benefits of eCommerce that businesses who sell online can take advantage of is that their store hours are now 24/7/365 rather than the traditional 8-5 hours that ordinary stores are open.

Retailers can enhance their order volume in this way to increase sales. Customers can buy goods and services whenever they want, whether it is late at night or early in the morning, which is useful.

6. Personalise your shopping experience

Knowing (and being able to watch) what your customers do is one of the obvious benefits of having an online store. It would be physically uncomfortable for a potential customer to approach your store if you were always behind him, enquiring about his needs or the reasons why he was choosing not to purchase your product.

By sending an email, you can use eCommerce, for instance, to track where in the process you left a purchase and even to keep track of it.

Also, this can assist you have a better purchasing experience on a subsequent occasion by streamlining the order process or providing the customer with goods that share some of their preferences.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Internet and e-commerce are closely wrapped towards developed countries. But they can achieve tremendous benefits to developing countries if it is applicable as an ideal business purpose.

E-commerce is a revolution in business practices (Ohidujjaman, et al 2013). The term commerce is viewed as transactions conducted between business partners.

Electronic commerce is an emerging concept that describes the process of buying and selling or exchanging of products, services and information via computer networks including internet (Anupam-2011). Commercial transactions involve the exchange of value (e.g., money) across organizational or boundaries in return for products and services. Exchange of value is important for understanding the limits of e-commerce. Without an exchange of value, no commerce occurs (Laudon and Traver).

E-business has changed processes within and between enterprises. Electronic Data Interface (EDI), widely introduced twenty five years ago on dedicated links between firms, showed how information could be directly passed from the operating systems of one enterprise into the order processing, production and logistics systems of another (Clayton and Criscuolo). If implemented properly, E-commerce technologies can result in business process improvements and increased efficiencies. Leveraging Ecommerce technologies should result in improvements to developing countries, but so far have not produced the desired results (Jeffrey S. Ray-2011).

The development experienced in internet and other global online networks have, thus, created new commercial opportunities for e-commerce and creation of completely new sets of global and national trading relationships. This consequently, led to the perception that e-banking and e-commerce are now an inevitable aspect of financial services. It enables multiple buyers and sellers to come together on a common platform and conduct business without compromising individual requirements and relationships among the participants very quickly; (Harris and Spencer, 2002; Bairagi, 2011).

Electronic commerce is creating new opportunities to the global economic, for example in global travel and tourism industry. Transforming from traditional business method to electronic commerce method is hard and there were many different factors for companies to adapt them with electronic commerce factors (Nanehkaran, 2013). (Hasan, 2010) pointed out that nowadays e-commerce industries have increasingly become a necessary component of business strategy and a strong catalyst for economic development.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

E-commerce plays a pivotal role in modern business, offering a myriad of benefits that underscore its importance in today's digital economy. One of its primary advantages lies in its ability to provide businesses with a global reach, transcending geographical boundaries and allowing them to connect with customers around the world. This expansive reach opens up new markets and revenue streams, driving growth and expansion opportunities.

Moreover, e-commerce offers unparalleled convenience and accessibility for both businesses and consumers alike. With the ability to shop anytime, anywhere, using various devices, customers experience a level of convenience that traditional brick-and-mortar stores cannot match. This convenience factor not only enhances customer satisfaction but also fosters loyalty, as consumers increasingly turn to online platforms for their shopping needs.

Cost efficiency is another significant advantage of e-commerce. By eliminating many of the overhead costs associated with traditional retail, such as rent for physical stores and staffing expenses, businesses can operate more efficiently and offer competitive pricing to customers. This cost-saving aspect enables businesses to optimize their operations and allocate resources more effectively, ultimately leading to improved profitability.

Furthermore, e-commerce platforms generate vast amounts of data on customer behavior, preferences, and purchasing patterns. This data-driven insight is invaluable for businesses, as it allows them to tailor their marketing strategies, optimize inventory management, and personalize the shopping experience for customers. By leveraging data analytics, businesses can make informed decisions that drive growth and enhance customer satisfaction.

Scalability is also a key advantage of e-commerce. Unlike traditional retail, which often requires significant investment and time to expand operations, e-commerce platforms provide businesses with the flexibility to scale rapidly in response to changing market conditions and customer demand. This scalability enables businesses to expand product

offerings, enter new markets, and launch targeted marketing campaigns more efficiently, thereby driving growth and maximizing opportunities for success.

In conclusion, the importance of e-commerce in today's business landscape cannot be overstated. Its ability to provide a global reach, convenience, cost efficiency, data-driven insights, and scalability positions e-commerce as a fundamental pillar of modern business operations. As technology continues to evolve and consumer behaviors shift, businesses that embrace e-commerce stand to gain a competitive advantage and thrive in an increasingly digital world.

V. CONCLUSION

E-commerce is changing the way of buying & selling of products & services in India. E-commerce is future of shopping. Due to E-commerce, the gap has been reduced between manufacturers & consumers. According to the Indian population their vast scope for e-commerce because currently in India only 19% of people use the internet for selling & buying goods & services so remaining percentage we can consider that we having scope in Indian Market. There is a weak Cyber security Law in India which is why Indian People are facing challenges toward e-commerce. The future of e-commerce in India will be bright in the upcoming years if all essential factors would be implemented, by establishing cyber & have their benefits as per people's wish. The role of government is to provide a legal framework for e-commerce so that while domestic & international trade are allowed to expand their horizons, basic right such as privacy, intellectual property, prevention of fraud, consumer protection etc. are all taken care of. The expansion of e-commerce has been developed in rural as well as urban area in reign able cost for consumption, because of that more people are getting linked with e-commerce & the ratio of that is increasing day by day.

E-commerce provides tremendous opportunities in different areas but it requires careful application for consumer protection issues. Growth of e-commerce would also depend to a great extent on effective IT security systems for which necessary technological and legal provisions need to be put in place and strengthened constantly. While many companies, organizations, and communities in India are beginning to take advantage of the potential of e-commerce, critical challenges remain to be overcome before e-commerce becomes an asset for common people. In coming years customers will give orders for their products from their homes and from their office. Mobiles and computer are widely used in India now a days and user are eager to do shopping in internet. With the rapid expansion of the internet, e-commerce is set to play an important role in next coming years. Metro cities and urban areas are already using the facility of internet but in coming years the rural and sub-urban area will also use the facility of internet. So, the new opportunities will be open for small and big corporations.

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A Review Paper on Starting Materials, Processes and Characteristics of Bio-Based Foams

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Abstract: Bio foam products have attracted considerable attention lately because there is a growing demand for green/sustainable products. To this end, various biobased foams have either been developed or are currently in development, e.g., bio-based polyurethanes (PUs), polylactic acid (PLA), starch, and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs). Indeed, significant progress has been made; however, challenges still persist, for example, biobased foam products have poor processability, inferior compatibility, thermal and strength properties. In this review, we focus on five biofoam products namely bio-based PUs, PLA, starch, PHAs, and cellulose biofoam products, along with their properties and performance, as well as their manufacturing processes. Further efforts are still needed to unlock the full potential of these bio-based products and meet the goal of complementing and gradually replacing some of their fossil-based counterparts. Finally, the challenges, as well as arising opportunities of future research directions are discussed.

Keywords: Bio foam, Bio-based polyurethanes Poly lactic acid

I. INTRODUCTION

Traditional foam products are made of synthetic polymers, mostly polyolefins, that are derived from fossil fuels (Pilla, 2011). Polyolefins are commodity polymers with low costs that are highly adopted and thus suited for foam products (Okoroafor and Frisch, 1995). However, synthetic polymer-based foam products have significant environmental impacts, such as landfill issues and marine pollution. Besides, the micro- and nano-size plastics can form under specific marine conditions (Chubarenko et al., 2016). Regulatory authorities are taking progressive steps to pass laws and regulations to limit the manufacture, sale, use, and disposal of conventional plastic products to minimize their environmental impacts. The new regulations will further transform the market, and lead to active research and development activities for biobased foam products. In this review, we focus on the present status and future outlook of bio-based foam products. The first part covers conventional foam products, their manufacturing processes, and their properties. In the second part, different bio-based foam products that are of most practical interest are discussed, with a focus on their properties, pros, and cons. These include bio-based polyurethanes (PUs), starch, cellulose, polylactic acid, and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs). Finally, we put forward a summary and future perspectives.

II. CONVENTIONAL PLASTIC FOAM PRODUCTS

2.1. General manufacturing process

There are various foaming methods that are commercially practiced, including extrusion, compression molding, injection molding, and solid-state molding. The foam products, containing two-phase systems with uniform dispersion in the gas phase, and a stable and high-viscosity melt phase, are commonly processed in a continuous liquid or solid state under positive pressure (Göttermann et al., 2016). Generally, the gaseous phase is generated by blowing agents (Khemani, 1997), which produce gases from inert gases such as nitrogen, carbon dioxide, or chemical reactions. Those forming processes with high-volume continuous or semi-continuous production systems are widely applied at the commercial scale.

2.2. Key properties and applications

Several synthetic polymers, namely polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyurethane (PU), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and polystyrene (PS), are common raw materials for foam products. Linear polymers, e.g., PE and PP, due to

their symmetric molecular structure, tend to be more crystallized with high mechanical and chemical stability. It can be expanded by controlling its crystallinity (Doroudiani et al., 1996) or blending with other additives and polymers (Laguna-Gutierrez et al., 2018). Foamed, expanded or extruded PS, the aromatic hydrocarbon polymer, is a thermoplastic polymer much favored for its insulating properties as well as its damping properties. It is processed through compounding, mold pressing, foaming, and shaping. Moreover, expanded PVC is produced by polymerization of the vinyl chloride monomers with excellent non-combustibility. By varying, mixing, and reacting as two or more liquid streams referred to as the polyurethane system, PU foam with certain mechanical properties can be formed, particularly the polyols, which come in a great variety from thermoplastic to thermoset materials. The PU foams are characterized by low thermal conductivity and density, exceptional strength, moisture resistance, and light weight. Furthermore, additives consisting of blowing agents, crosslinkers, fillers, and chain extenders are able to improve their performances or give them unique properties (Krämer et al., 2010). The extensive usage of these foam products can be attributed to their many distinct advantages, such as lightness, i.e., reduced weight, buffering/cushioning capacity and heat insulation. Their low compressive strength and high deformation capacity impart excellent properties for absorbing shock and/or impact energy, leading to standalone protective applications in various areas, including construction as thermal insulation panels and packaging as loose-fill chips/trays (Fig. 1). Other applications, including the core materials of sandwich panel, e.g., sport equipment, aircraft, and automotive, are employed as in these cases, both the strength and lightness are highly desirable (Sanami et al., 2014). In general, conventional plastic foams are commonly classified as closed cell and open-cell by the structural morphology of the gas bubbles in the plastic matrix, or by the rigidity as flexible, semi-flexible, semi-rigid, and rigid foams, or by applications as thermal insulation, cushioning, floatation, absorption, structure, acoustic and electrical insulation foams (Chen et al., 2013; Jin et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2023). Thermosetting rigid closed cell foams have good buoyancy characteristics and thermal insulation properties, while thermoplastic open-cell foams are flexible and have good cushioning and absorbing properties. The general knowledge is that the mechanical properties such as tension, compression, flexion, torsion, and impact properties of conventional plastic foams are closely associated with those of the plastic polymer matrix, the number/size/distribution/structure of the gas bubbles in the matrix, and the temperature of the environment (Saha, et al., 2005; Zhang et al., 2023). Bio-based foams can be produced in a similar way and with similar properties as their plastic counterparts. Table 1 compares the physical properties of some conventional plastic foams and bio-based foams. More details will be discussed on a few selective bio-based foams, including bio-based PU, PLA, starch, PHA, and cellulose foams.

III. BIO-BASED FOAM PRODUCTS

Bio-plastic materials are classified into three groups: firstly, products composed of petroleum-derived sources that possess biodegradability; secondly, bioplastics that lack biodegradability; and finally, bioplastics that are both biodegradable and derived from renewable sources (Fig. 2). The global bioplastics production capacity grows rapidly, however, it is still very limited (Skoczinski et al., 2023). Despite this limitation, given the substantial prevalence of conventional plastics in the market, the share of bio-based materials is anticipated to steadily increase due to the demand for sustainable alternatives.

3.1. Manufacturing processes

Various manufacturing methods of biofoam products are summarized in Table 2. Injection-molding and extrusion are the two most common manufacturing methods for bio-based foam products. Hot pressing is also used for foam production from bio-based PU and cellulose derivatives. Other manufacturing methods include casting and blown film thermforming for PLA, baking/compression for starch, foam forming for cellulose, and steam explosion for cellulose derivatives.

3.2. Bio-based Polyurethane foam

To produce bio-based PU foams, it has been shown that both PU raw materials, polyols and isocyanates, can be obtained from renewable resources, such as vegetable oils and lignocellulosic biomass. Thermolysis or solvolysis process was adopted to liquefy the biomass feedstock with organic solvents, which can produce polyols for the

manufacturing of bio-based PU. Vegetable oils and their derivatives, such as palm oil, soybean oil, castor oil, and karanajia oil, are also good raw materials for bio-based PU (Carriço et al., 2016; Poussard et al., 2016; Himabindu et al., 2017; Kormin et al., 2017; Kurańska et al., 2020). Their main components are esters of glycerol with three long-chain fatty acids, having various composition depending on the source of oil. Different modifications were carried out to improve their processability and/or enable the production of different bio-based polyols with distinct properties. Lignin is another source of biopolyols. Globally, there are approximately 50 million tons of lignin produced annually as a by-product from the pulp and paper industry and/or from the biorefinery industry, which is often used as an energy source (Mondal et al., 2020). Technical lignin has a relatively low molecular weight, and it can substitute up to 40 % of the polymer of foam products (Tondi et al., 2016). With a cross-linked aromatic structure containing many phenolic and aliphatic hydroxyl groups, the high-polydispersity lignin is amenable to different functionalization opportunities. Biopolyols produced from lignin are abundantly available and low-cost, rich in reactive functional groups, and require low isocyanate consumption (Ahvazi and Ngo, 2018). The typical production method is shown in Fig. 3. The PUs products incorporated with lignin also demonstrate good thermal stability, enhanced biodegradability and ultraviolet stability (Alinejad et al., 2019).

Polylactic acid foam

Polylactic acid (PLA) is a thermoplastic linear polymer available in amorphous and semi-crystalline forms. Lactic acid, the raw material, can be produced by microbial fermentation of polysaccharides (e.g., potato, sugarcane, and corn) (Datta and Henry, 2006). Also, through ring-opening polymerization of lactic dimers, high molecular weight PLA can be formed (Mehta et al., 2005). It is widely used due to its toxic-free profile and excellent mechanical properties. Expanded PLA foams are mostly made through extrusion, using blowing agents or gas injection, followed by batch foaming processes (Lim et al., 2008). That in turn produces pre-expanded beads, which subsequently can be molded, using heat or steam, into the final product as displayed in Fig. 5. The PLAs have excellent properties, such as a high melting temperature, exceptional mechanical strength, stiffness, and adaptive processing procedure. Their excellent developments in polymer manufacture, modification, or compounding allowed them to achieve a wide range of properties. Moreover, these properties can be tailored by modifying the ratio between the lactic acid monomers and functional additives comprising the PLA. Despite these benefits, there are some challenges and difficulties faced in PLA's applications due to limited processing adaptability. One major problem is that PLA has a low melting strength and slow crystallization kinetics. This makes it hard to make fine-celled PLA foams that are evenly distributed and have a high void fraction (Ameli et al., 2013). In addition, PLAs are brittle, sensitive to moisture and heat, and have low impact resistance, limiting their processing window and applicability (Liu et al., 2018a).

IV. CONCLUSION

In general, the physical properties and performance of bio-based foams are comparable to those of conventional plastic polymer foams. However, the challenges remain in producing bio-based foams for more demanding applications. It is challenging to fabricate resilient flexible bio-based PU foams with lignin-based polyols due to lower reactivity compared with petroleum-based phenols. The PLA has a low melting strength and slow crystallization kinetics, which makes it difficult to produce PLA foams with uniform fine cells, and the resultant PLA foams have low impact strength, and are sensitive to moisture and heat. Starch-based foams are also sensitive to moisture and liquid water, although chemical modifications of the hydroxyl groups of starch and/or blending with natural/synthetic polymers can impart desired hydrophobicity to starch foams. The challenge in PHA foam production is associated with the high thermolysis near the melting temperature of PHA polymer, which narrows the processing window and reducing their melt strength during processing. Cellulose foams are susceptible to water vapour and liquid water due to the hydrophilic nature of cellulose. At high humidity, cellulose foams absorb moisture quickly from the air and expand in dimension; when in contact with water, the mechanical properties of cellulose foams may decrease dramatically. Chemical modification with alkenyl succinic anhydride, alkyl ketene dimer, or isocyanates of the hydroxyl groups of cellulose may increase the hydrophobicity and water resistance of cellulose-based foams. Further research and development are needed to enhance biopolymer processability, decreasing the production cost increasing the water resistance of bio-based foams to meet more demanding applications. For increasing their industry prospect, future research is anticipated to enhance the

adaptability, economic competitiveness, and expand their potential applications in various sectors like packaging, thermal insulations, industrial usages (e.g., structures). A vital stride involves researchers collaborating with industrial partners, enabling comprehensive investigation of fundamental understanding, optimization, design, and engineering/cost effectiveness considerations. This collaborative approach will certainly speed up the development and commercialization of many bio foam products that are aligned with the public demand for green and sustainable development.

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Review Paper: Role of Ionic Liquids in Organic Synthesis

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Abstract: *Ionic liquids (ILs) have emerged as versatile and sustainable solvents in organic synthesis due to their unique properties such as low volatility, high thermal stability, and tunable physicochemical characteristics. This review provides an overview of the recent advancements and applications of ILs as solvents in various organic synthesis methodologies, including catalysis, extraction, and reactions under mild conditions. The versatility of ILs in promoting green chemistry practices and their potential to revolutionize traditional synthetic processes are discussed, along with challenges and future prospects in this rapidly evolving field.*

Keywords: Ionic liquids, organic synthesis, sustainable solvents, green chemistry, low volatility, high thermal stability

I. INTRODUCTION

The search for environmentally benign and efficient solvents in organic synthesis has led to the exploration of ionic liquids (ILs) as promising alternatives. ILs are composed entirely of ions and exhibit unique properties such as negligible vapor pressure, high thermal stability, wide liquid range, and tunable polarity, acidity, and basicity. These properties make ILs attractive solvents for a wide range of organic transformations, offering opportunities to improve reaction selectivity, efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

Properties of Ionic Liquids:

Ionic liquids are composed of large organic cations and organic or inorganic anions, providing a diverse array of combinations with tailored properties. The ability to design ILs with specific functionalities allows for fine-tuning of solvent properties to match the requirements of a particular synthetic process. Key properties of ILs include:

1. **Low volatility:** ILs have negligible vapor pressure, reducing solvent loss and enabling facile recovery and recycling.
2. **High thermal stability:** ILs can withstand high temperatures, allowing for reactions at elevated temperatures without decomposition.
3. **Tunable polarity:** The choice of cation and anion determines the polarity and solvation properties of ILs, enabling optimization for various types of organic reactions.
4. **Wide liquid range:** ILs can exist as liquids over a broad temperature range, including at room temperature, offering flexibility in reaction conditions.

Applications of Ionic Liquids in Organic Synthesis:

Ionic liquids find diverse applications in organic synthesis, including:

1. **As a solvent:** ILs serve as excellent solvents for hydrogenation reactions catalyzed by transition metal complexes. They enhance the solubility of both reactants and catalysts, leading to improved reaction rates and selectivity. ILs contribute to green chemistry initiatives by replacing volatile organic solvents with non-volatile and environmentally benign alternatives. They enable the development of cleaner and more sustainable synthetic routes by reducing solvent waste and minimizing environmental impact.

2. **Catalysis:** ILs serve as efficient media for various catalytic processes, including transition metal catalysis, enzymatic catalysis, and organocatalysis. They enhance catalyst stability, facilitate product separation, and enable the use of heterogeneous catalysts in homogeneous reactions.
3. **Extraction and Separation:** ILs are utilized in extraction and separation processes due to their selective solvation properties. They offer advantages such as high selectivity, low toxicity, and recyclability in the extraction of organic compounds from aqueous or organic phases.
4. **Green Reactions:** ILs promote green chemistry practices by enabling solvent-free or solvent-minimized reactions, reducing waste generation, and enhancing reaction efficiency and selectivity. They facilitate sustainable synthesis routes by replacing volatile organic solvents with non-volatile ILs.
5. **Biocatalysis:** ILs are employed in biomass conversion processes for the dissolution and pretreatment of lignocellulosic materials, enabling the production of biofuels, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals from renewable feedstocks. **Enzymatic Reactions:** ILs have been investigated as reaction media for biocatalytic transformations, where enzymes catalyze organic reactions in IL-containing systems. ILs can stabilize enzymes, enhance their activity, and improve substrate solubility, leading to enhanced biocatalytic performance.

Challenges and Future Directions:

Despite their significant potential, the widespread adoption of ILs in organic synthesis faces several challenges, including cost, toxicity, and scalability issues associated with the synthesis and recovery of ILs. Further research is needed to address these challenges and optimize IL properties for specific applications. Future directions in the field of ILs in organic synthesis include:

1. Development of novel ILs with enhanced properties, such as lower viscosity, higher recyclability, and reduced toxicity.
2. Integration of ILs into continuous-flow processes to improve efficiency, scalability, and process control.
3. Exploration of synergistic effects between ILs and other solvent systems to enhance reaction outcomes and selectivity.
4. Investigation of the environmental impact and life cycle assessment of IL-based processes to ensure their sustainability.

II. CONCLUSION

Ionic liquids represent a promising class of solvents with diverse applications in organic synthesis. Their unique properties offer opportunities to address challenges associated with traditional solvents and promote the development of sustainable synthetic methodologies. Continued research and innovation in this field are essential to unlock the full potential of ILs and facilitate their integration into mainstream organic synthesis practices.

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Phytochemical Analysis of Some Wild Edible Fruits

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Abstract: Wild edible plants are a traditional source of daily nutrition in addition to regular diet. Local people of Maharashtra, India utilize large number of wild edible plants sustainably. The purpose of this study was to investigate the phytochemical composition of 4 edible wild fruits. It was collected from local market. The phytochemicals estimation is screened by using aqueous solvent. The wild and edible fruits such as *Aegle marmelos*, *Limonia acidissima*, *Psidium guajava* and Thai guava. The phytochemicals like protein, carbohydrates, phenol, tannin, starch, flavonoids, flavonols and glycosides were estimated. The results show the presence of phytochemical constituent was present in aqueous extract. We recommend further studies to determine if the presence of a particular class of phytochemicals would translate into the bioactivity capability of these edible fruits.

Keywords: Edible fruits, *Aegle marmelos*, *Limonia acidissima*, *Psidium guajava*

I. INTRODUCTION

Plants are the gift to humans by nature and have been used as an important source of food. Many plant species are domesticated by humans for their daily requirement of food. In addition to several of these domesticated crops, many wild plants not cultivated by humans have been used as a source of food. Wild edible plants can be defined as those plants which grow in the wild and various parts of these plants can be safely consumed. Fruits are traditional use of food, potentially they have many advantages. They are edible and having nutritional food value, which provides the minerals like sodium, potassium, calcium, phosphorus magnesium and iron. They are immune to many diseases and often used in different formulation of 'Ayurveda' Deshmukh B. S. and Waghmode A. (2011). The defensive effects of natural antioxidants in vegetables and fruits are related to three major groups: vitamins, phenolics, and carotenoids Thaipong K. *et al.*, (2006).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Phytochemical Analysis

Qualitative Analysis

Qualitative tests for the presence of starch, tannins, saponins in water extractives while for alkaloids, glycosides and flavonoids in alcoholic extractives.

Qualitative test for Starch:

3 g of plant material was add in 30 ml distilled water for 24 h under dark condition. Then plant material filtered through filter paper. Filter extract was used for further analysis. Starch was tested by testing with iodine in 2% aqueous potassium iodide.

Qualitative test for Protien: (Trease and Evans, 2002)

The millions reagent was used for protein detection.

Procedure: About 2 ml of the test solution was boiled with a few drops of Millions reagent and observed the colour.

Qualitative test for Saponins: (Trease and Evans, 2002)

Water extract of the plant material was vigorously shaken (with few drops of neutral water). A permanent lather (foam) indicated the presence of saponins.

Qualitative Analysis for Tannins:

The water extract from plant material was treated with ferric chloride (acidic) and observed for the presence of tannin.

Qualitative test for Alkaloids:

Mayer's reagent test: 1ml of 1% HCl was added to 3ml of extract in a test tube. The mixture was heated gently for 20 minutes, allowed to cool and filtered. After this, two drops of Mayer's reagent was mixed in 1ml of filtrate and observed for turbidity or creamy precipitates.

Qualitative test for Phenols: (Trease and Evans, 1983)

The powdered sample (200 mg) homogenized with 10 ml of 80% Ethanol and centrifuged. The supernatant (5 ml) was treated with a mixture of equal volume of (a) Ferric chloride (0.3%) in 0.4 hydrochloric acid and (b) Potassium ferrocyanide (0.3%). The resultant blue green colour confirms the presence of Phenol.

Qualitative test for Flavonoids:

To 1 ml of ethanol extract, few drops of concentrated hydrochloric (HCL) and magnesium (Mg) turnings were added. The development of pink or magenta colour indicated the presence of flavonoid.

Qualitative test for Glycosides: The plant material was extracted in absolute alcohol. It was filtered through Whatman no. 1 filter paper. To 2-3 ml of filtrate added equal volume of warm benzene slowly from the edge of test tube. A white precipitate developed at edge's indicated the presence of Glycoside.

Qualitative test for Carbohydrates: Molisch test: About 1ml of extract was treated with 2-3 drops of Molisch's reagent (10% of 1-naphthol in ethanol). The test tube was held at an angle and 1-2 ml of conc. H₂SO₄ was added carefully along the sides of the test tube and observed for the formation of reddish violet ring at the junction.

Qualitative test for Reducing Sugar: 2-3ml of Fehling solution A and B were heated gently and allowed to cool. Then 1ml of extract was added to it. The mixture was boiled for 5-10 minutes. Brownish red precipitates indicated the presence of reducing sugars.

Quantitative Analysis-

Determination of total Carbohydrates by Anthrone Method- (Sadasivavam and Manickam, 2008)

II) Protein estimation – Bradford Method. (Sadasivavam and Manickam, 2008)

V) Estimation of Flavonoids- Flavonoid was extracted and estimated by the method of Cameron et. al., 1993)

VI) Estimation of Flavonol

Qualitative assessment of Phyto-constituents: In this chapter specific results have been described. Powdered fruit pulp were subjected to chemical tests using standard reagents. Response obtained has been compiled in table form (Table 4). The data indicates presence of the primary and secondary metabolites such as flavonoids, Flavonol, glycosides, Phenols, Carbohydrates, Proteins, and tannins in fruit pulp of *A. marmelos*, *L. acidissima*, *P. guajava* and Thai guava.

Metabolites	<i>Limonia acidissima</i>	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	Thai guava
Protein	+	+	+	+
Carbohydrates	+	+	+	+
Phenol	+	+	+	+
Tannin	+	+	+	+
Starch	+	+	+	+
Flavonoids	+	+	+	+
Flavonols	+	+	+	+
Glycosides	+	+	+	+

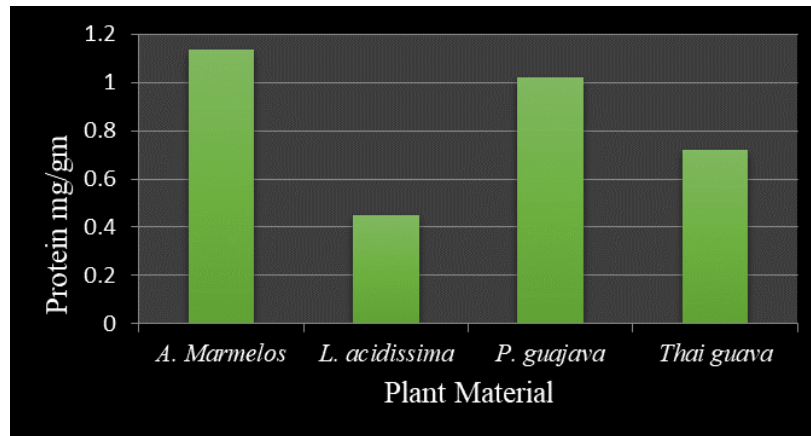
Table. Qualitative Phytochemical Test for pulp of different fruits (Key: Present = +)

Quantitative assessment of Phyto-constituents:

Powder fruit pulp were subjected to quantitative assessment pertaining different primary and secondary metabolites and active ingredients.

Protein

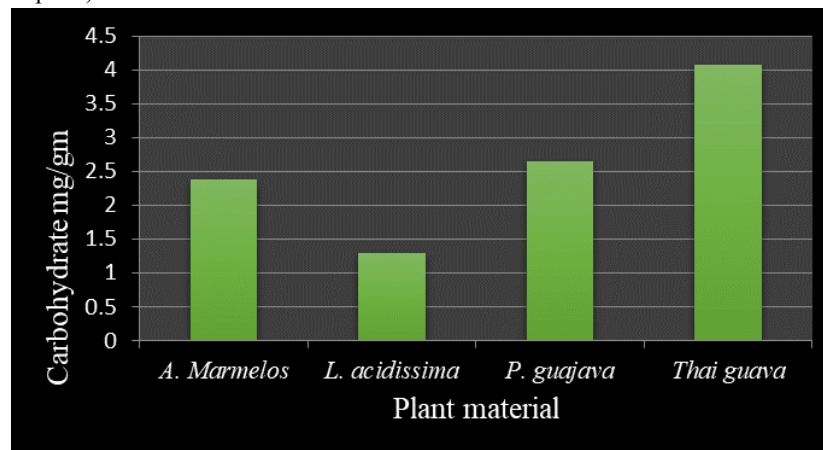
Protein is estimated by using Folin- Ciocalteu reagent at 660 nm absorbance. The pulp extract from different plant showed variation in content of protein. Among the four fruits, *Aegle marmelos* possessed high amount of protein content (Graph.1).



Graph.1 Plant material showing variation in protein content

Carbohydrate

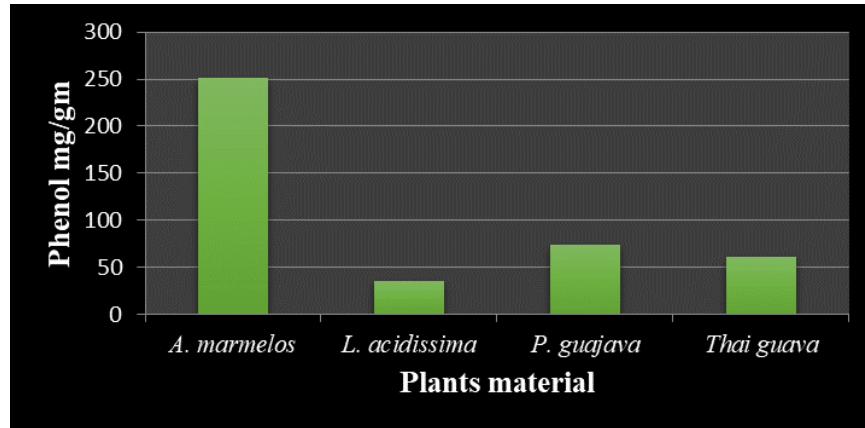
The total content of carbohydrates in given plant material is estimated by using Anthrone reagent at 630 nm absorbance. It was observed that the amount of carbohydrates was higher in pulp of Thai guava when compared to the other fruits pulp (Graph. 2).



Graph.2 Plant material showing variation in Carbohydrate content

Phenol

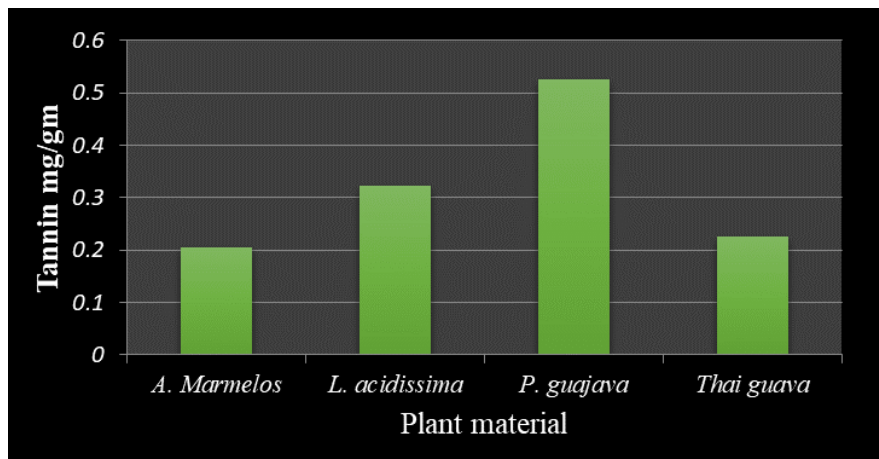
Phenol is estimated by using Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent. As per the given results almost all the fruits are contains phenol but among them *Aegle marmelos* is rich in phenol content (Graph.3).



Graph.3 Plant material showing variation in Phenol content

Tannin

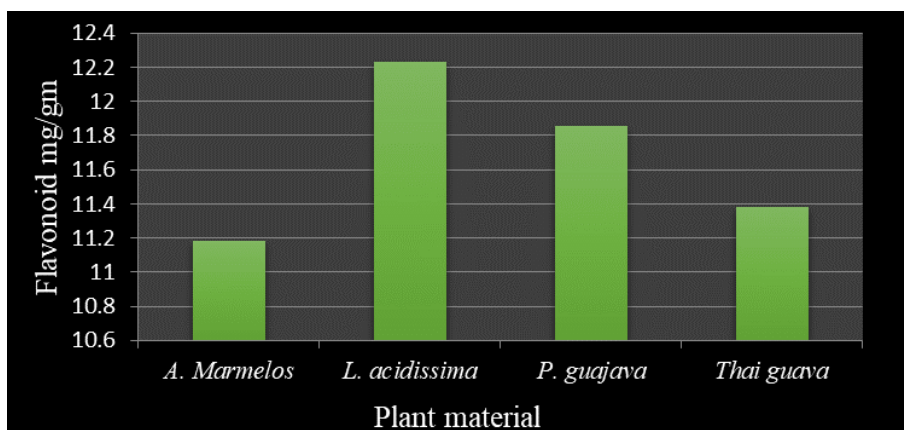
Folin-Denis reagent is used for the estimation of tannin in given fruit pulp extract. In a result, all the four fruits showed variation in presence of tannin content. Among the four fruits Psidium guajava possessed high amount of tannin content (Graph.4)



Graph.4 Plant material showing variation in Tannin content

Flavonoid

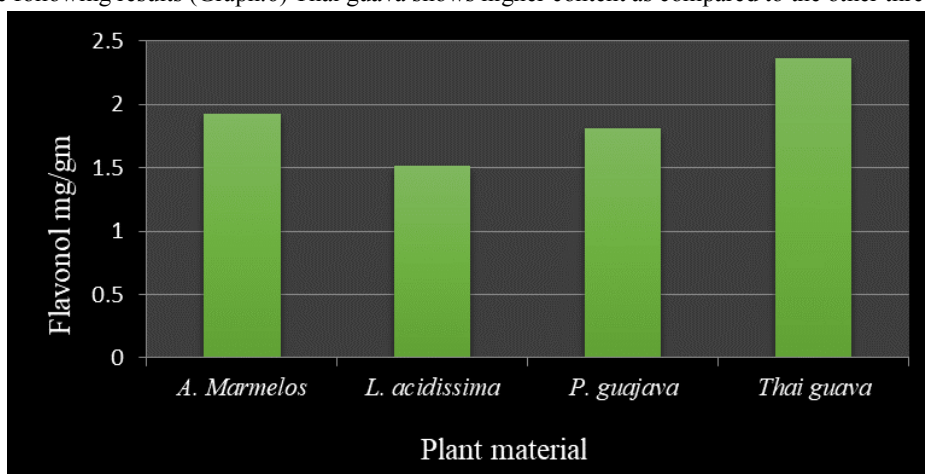
Flavonoid estimation was done by taking absorbance at 510 nm. Almost all the four fruit pulp contains Flavonoid but Limonia acidissima possessed high amount of flavonoid content (Graph.5).



Graph.5 Plant material showing variation in Flavonoid content

Flavonol

Flavonol content is observed at the 440 nm in a spectrophotometer. Almost all the fruits are similarly rich in flavonol. But as per the following results (Graph.6) Thai guava shows higher content as compared to the other three fruits.



Graph.6 Plant material showing variation in Flavonol content

Glycoside

Plants	Protein Mg/gm	Carbohydrate Mg/gm	Phenol Mg/gm	Tannin Mg/gm	Flavonoid Mg/gm	Flavonol Mg/gm
<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	2.27	4.76	0.50	0.0004	22.36	3.84
<i>Limonia acidissima</i>	0.90	2.58	0.070	0.0006	24.46	3.02
<i>Psidium guajava</i>	2.03	5.31	0.147	0.0010	23.70	3.62
<i>Thai guava</i>	1.43	8.14	0.123	0.0004	22.76	4.72

Table Nutritional value of the *A. marmelos*, *L. acidissima*, *P. guajava* and Thai guava fruit pulp.

Ramula et al., 2003 reported quantitative analysis of *Aegle marmelos* indicates that the fruit pulp is rich in water, Protein, Carbohydrates and some dietary fibers. According to him the *A. marmelos* phytochemical analysis shows the presence of some polar and non-polar chemical constituents. The present study indicates the fruit pulp is rich in flavonoids, carbohydrates, protein, Flavonol and small amount of some secondary metabolites such as phenol and tannin. The preliminary phytochemical analysis of *Limonia acidissima* fruit pulp possessed high amount of protein (Thomas, 2006). And in present study *s* shows high content of flavonoid and carbohydrate, which may help for human

diet. This variation in result may due to the some manual errors or due to the maturity of fruit used as a material and change in the cultivated field. There is also presence of flavonol, protein and phenol in small amount. As compared to the *Limonia acidissima*, *Psidium guajava* is rich in carbohydrate and protein. In ripe fruit of guava a high percentage of vitamin C, carotene, free sugars and high percentage of pectin have been reported (Misra, 1967).

Thai guava is an exotic fruit rich with high amount of biologically active metabolites and nutritional values (Dembitsky, 2011). Present study reported a high content of carbohydrate and flavonoids in fruit pulp of Thai guava as compare to the *A. marmelos*, *L. acidissima* and *P. guajava*.

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Smart Technology: Ecosystem, Impacts, Challenges

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Abstract: *Smart technologies have become increasingly integral to modern society, bringing many benefits and opportunities. However, they also raise important questions about their impacts on individuals, organizations, and society and how everyone can move forward smoothly in integrating and adopting technology. Therefore, this study analyzed and reviewed the literature to address the questions. The study provides an overview of the potential benefits and challenges of smart technologies and applications, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing, robotics, and the Internet of Things. The review also explores the key entities involved in a smart technology ecosystem, including governments, businesses, and international communities, and each entity's unique role in developing and implementing smart technologies.*

Keywords: IoT; artificial intelligence; machine learning; impacts

I. INTRODUCTION

Smart technology has been a game-changer in how we live, work and communicate. It refers to integrating advanced technology into various aspects of our daily lives, such as homes, cities, and transportation. As a result, it has rapidly emerged as a transformative force in our society and profoundly impacted individuals, businesses, and governments. The technology, which includes artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP), robotics, and the Internet of Things (IoT), to name a few, are designed to be intelligent, self-learning, and adaptable to changing circumstances. However, despite their many benefits, there are also significant challenges and risks associated with using smart technologies. In light of these impacts and challenges, it is crucial to critically examine the current state of smart technologies and consider the path forward.

While there have been many previous studies and reviews on smart technologies, this review seeks to address some of the limitations of existing research. For example, many existing studies focus solely on the technical aspects of smart technologies and overlook their deployment's social and ethical implications. Furthermore, previous studies have often failed to consider stakeholders' diverse perspectives and experiences, such as government, businesses, and individual users. Additionally, some studies have been limited in scope, focusing on specific applications of smart technologies without considering their broader impact on society. Therefore, this review addresses these limitations by providing a comprehensive and inclusive examination of the impacts, responsibilities, and path forward for smart technologies. By incorporating diverse perspectives and experiences, this review seeks to provide a more comprehensive understanding of these technologies' potential benefits and risks and the steps that need to be taken to ensure their responsible development and deployment.

Definition and Ecosystem of Smart Technology

The concept of smart technologies has been around for several decades, with early developments in AI and ML dating back to the 1950s. However, it was not getting attention until the widespread adoption of personal computers and the Internet in the 1990s that the term "smart technology" began to be widely used. The growth of the Internet, combined with advancements in computer processing power and data storage capabilities, has enabled the development of smart technologies on a large scale. In addition, the widespread adoption of smartphones and other mobile devices has played a significant role in developing smart technologies. It is due to the advancement in computing technology at the backend that provides the computing power and connectivity needed to run complex algorithms and analyses vast amounts of data. Later, the rise of the IoT marked a turning point in the history of smart technology. The IoT is a

network of connected devices that can collect and exchange data, allowing for the creation of intelligent systems that can make decisions based on that data.

The rapid pace of technological advancement in recent years has led to the development of new and sophisticated smart technologies, such as robotics, text analysis, and autonomous vehicles. These technologies can potentially revolutionize many industries, from healthcare and transportation to manufacturing and retail. Smart technology is a term used to describe a wide range of technologies designed to be intelligent, self-learning, and adaptable. These technologies are based on advanced

Algorithms and data analysis techniques that allow them to process large amounts of data and make predictions or decisions based on that data. In addition, they are designed to be flexible and responsive to adjust to changing circumstances and continue to be effective and efficient. There are many instances of specific types of technology that make up smart systems. **Table 1** summarizes the technologies used for developing smart systems. **Figure 1** illustrates the technology.

Table 1. The technologies used for developing smart systems.

Smart technology	Descriptions	References
AI	Computer systems can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, and pattern recognition.	[15], [16]
ML	A subset of AI involves the development of algorithms that can learn from data and improve over time without being explicitly programmed.	[17], [18]
NLP	A field of study focuses on the interaction between computers and humans through natural language. It involves the development of algorithms that can understand and process human language, allowing for more human-like interactions between computers and humans.	[19], [20]
Robotics	Machines that can perform tasks that humans typically perform. Smart robots are equipped with sensors and algorithms to perceive and respond to their environment.	[21]
IoT	A network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items are embedded with electronics, software, and connectivity, allowing them to communicate with each other and the Internet.	[8]
5G	Cellular network technology promises faster speeds and excellent connectivity for individuals and businesses.	[22]
Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR)	Technologies that enhance or create immersive digital experiences for users.	[23]
Blockchain	A decentralised, secure and transparent ledger for recording transactions and tracking assets.	[24]

Before discussing the impact of smart technology, it is necessary to discuss the ecosystem of smart technology and applications that involve many entities, including technology companies, businesses, governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and end-users. Each entity is critical to the development, deployment, and impact of smart technologies. smart technology ecosystem summarise their roles in **Table 2**. The communication between the entities is illustrated in **Figure 2**.

Table 2. The entities and their roles in a smart technology ecosystem.

Entities	Roles
Government agencies	Regulate and promote the development of smart technologies. They set standards, provide funding, and encourage innovation in this field.
Technology companies	Develop and produce smart technologies. They are responsible for creating new products, services, and applications to impact society significantly.
Researchers and academics	Conduct research, develop smart technologies, and study their impact on society. They also play a critical role in ensuring that new technologies are safe, secure, and ethical.

Businesses and enterprises	The primary users of smart technologies are responsible for implementing these technologies and reaping the benefits. They are also responsible for ensuring these technologies are used ethically and responsibly.
Consumers	The end-users of smart technologies utilise them in their daily life. They are responsible for using these technologies responsibly and making informed choices about how they interact with these technologies.
Industry associations	Promote and regulate the development of smart technologies. They are also responsible for developing standards and best practices for using these technologies.
Non-profit organisations	Promote the responsible use of smart technologies and advocate for their potential benefits. They also provide education and training to ensure individuals can make informed decisions about interacting with these technologies.
Service providers	Deliver the infrastructure, networks, and services that make smart technologies possible. They play a critical role in ensuring these technologies are accessible, reliable, and secure.
Regulators	Ensure that the use of smart technologies is consistent with laws and regulations. They are essential in protecting individuals' and organisations' privacy, security, and safety.
Investors	Provide funding for the development and implementation of smart technologies. They are also responsible for ensuring that these technologies are used ethically and responsibly and deliver a return on investment.
Media	Shape public perception and understanding of smart technologies. They are responsible for providing accurate and balanced information about the impact of these technologies on society.

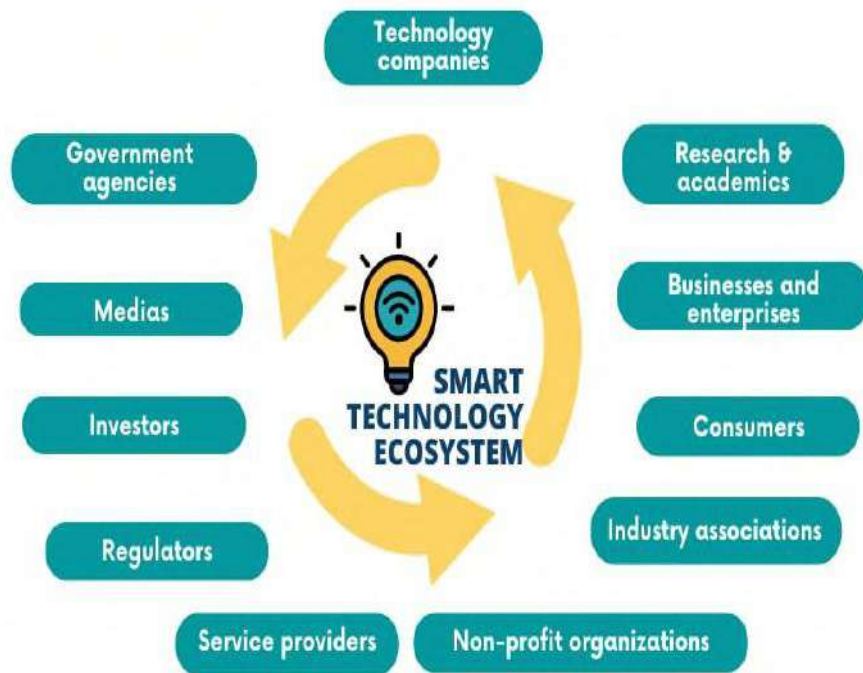


Figure 2. The smart technology ecosystem.

Smart technology applications are designed to automate tasks and processes, reduce human error, and improve decision-making and problem-solving. They are used in various industries and applications, including healthcare, retail, finance, transportation, and construction. **Table 3** summarizes some of the most common areas where smart technology applications are being used, and **Figure 3** illustrates the applications.

Table 3. Some of the most common areas where smart technology applications are being used.

Areas	Description	Examples of studies
Home automation	Allow individuals to control and monitor various aspects of their homes using their smartphones or other connected devices, such as lighting, heating, and security.	[27], [28]
Smart city	Improve efficiency, sustainability, quality of life, safety and security, economic opportunities, and citizen engagement through technology and data-driven solutions.	[29]
Healthcare	Boost efficiency and patient outcomes. Patients can check their health and get medical advice remotely, such as telemedicine software and wearable health monitoring equipment.	[30]
Transportation	Make travel safer, more efficient, and more sustainable. For example, connected vehicles and the infrastructure can communicate with each other to reduce accidents and improve traffic flow.	[31]
Energy	Minimise carbon emissions and increase energy efficiency. For instance, smart grid technology enables suppliers to manage energy supply and demand more efficiently, lowering waste and conserving resources.	[32]
Manufacturing	Boost productivity while cutting waste and increasing efficiency. For instance, predictive maintenance technology may identify potential equipment issues before they arise, minimising downtime and maintenance expenses.	[33]
Retail	Customers' purchasing experiences will be improved, and companies will operate more effectively. For instance, omnichannel retail technology enables customers to effortlessly shop across several channels, such as online and in-store.	[34]
Education	Enhance the learning experience for students and improve educational outcomes. For example, learning management systems and educational apps allow students to access educational materials and resources anywhere, anytime.	[35]
Agriculture	Increase efficiency, reduce waste, and improve the quality of crops. For example, precision agriculture technology can collect and analyse data from sensors and drones to optimise irrigation, fertilisation, and pest control.	
Financial services	Enhance efficiency, lower fraud, and increase access to financial goods and services. For instance, robo-advisors and mobile banking applications let users manage their accounts from their smartphones.	
Government	Improve the delivery of public services and increase transparency and accountability. For example, e-government portals and digital identity solutions can simplify accessing government services and reduce the risk of fraud.	
Environmental monitoring	Monitor and manage the environment, including air and water quality, wildlife, and weather patterns. For example, IoT sensors and drones can collect and transmit data on environmental conditions in real-time, enabling proactive responses to environmental threats.	
Emergency services	Increase the speed of reaction and save lives. For instance, emergency dispatch systems may optimise the deployment of emergency responders using real-time data and advanced analytics.	
Sports	Enhance the viewing experience for fans and improve performance for athletes. For example, wearable technology and performance tracking systems can provide real-time data on an athlete's performance, enabling coaches and trainers to make more	

	informed decisions.
Media entertainment	andStreamline the production, distribution, and consumption of content. For instance, immersive entertainment experiences are being made possible by VR and AR technology, while streaming services have made it simpler for individuals to access movies, TV episodes, and music online.
Construction	Enhance the sustainability, safety, and efficiency of construction projects. For instance, wearable technology may be used to increase worker safety on construction sites, and building information modelling (BIM) software can be utilised to simulate and optimise building designs.
Logistics supply chain management	andImprove the efficiency and accuracy of deliveries and reduce waste. For example, GPS tracking systems and real-time data analytics can be used to optimise delivery routes and reduce the risk of lost or damaged shipments.
Disaster response	Improve disaster response and recovery efforts, reducing the impact of natural disasters and other emergencies. For example, real-time data analytics and communication systems can be used to coordinate disaster response efforts and provide real-time information to first responders and the public.

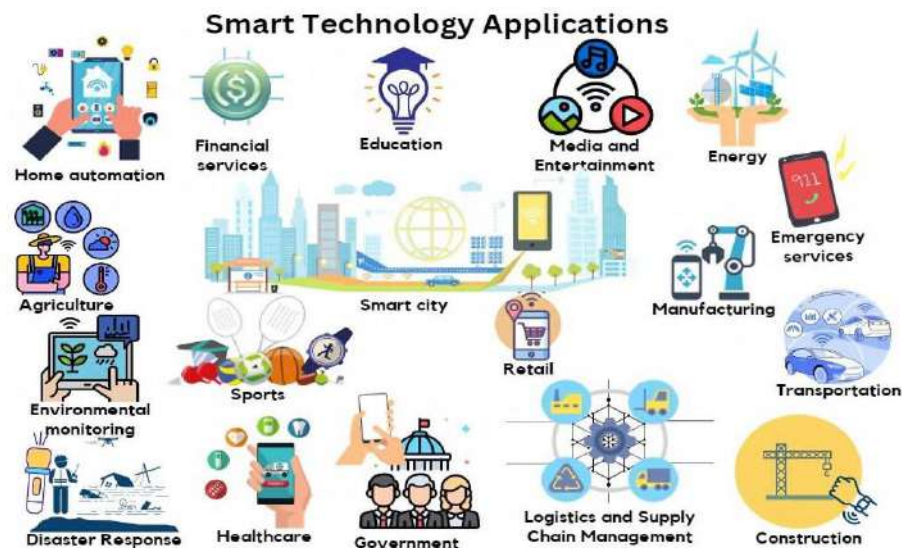


Figure 3. Smart technology applications.

The Impacts of Smart Technology and Applications

The use of smart devices and applications has the potential to change how we work and live. In many aspects of our lives, they can increase accessibility, boost communication, and promote efficiency. For instance, automation technologies in smart homes can boost comfort, increase security, and improve energy efficiency. Another example of smart transportation technologies has the potential to increase road safety overall, decrease emissions, and improve traffic flow. Smart technologies have the potential to enhance patient outcomes in the healthcare industry, save costs, and give people in rural and underserved areas access to care. **Figure 4** summarizes the impacts.

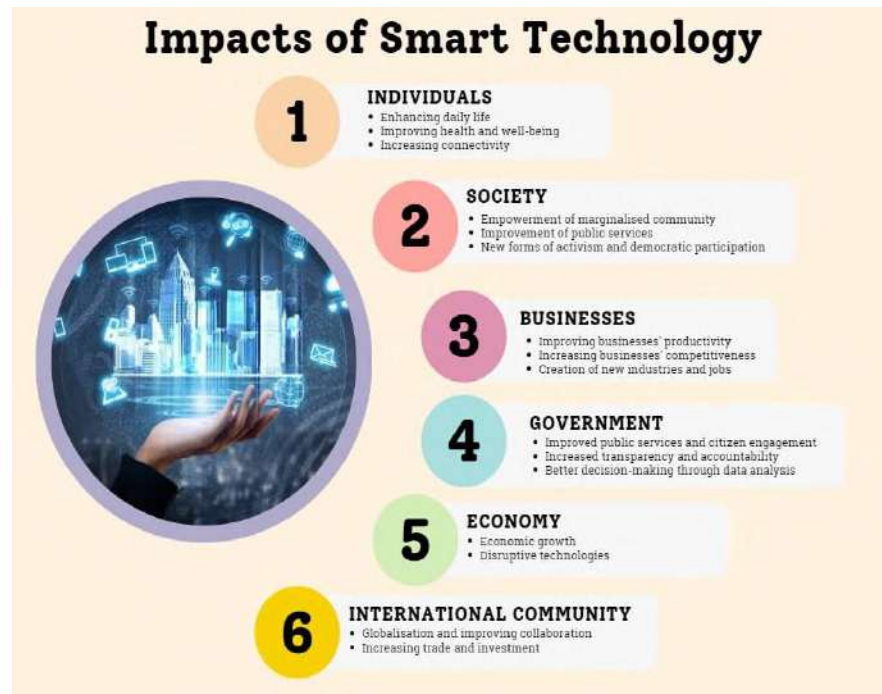


Figure 4. The impacts of smart technology applications

Impact on individuals

Enhancing daily life—The increased use of smartphones, portable electronics, and the Internet has improved our daily lives by bringing new conveniences and accessibility. We can stay in touch with loved ones, access information, and accomplish activities while on the go with a button or a few swipes on a screen. Thanks to it, we can live more effectively and take advantage of more chances. For example, streaming services, such as Netflix and Hulu, have made it easier for individuals to watch their favorite shows and movies from anywhere, at any time. It also improved access to information, making it easier for individuals to access news, research, and other forms of knowledge. As a result, it has led to a more informed and knowledgeable population, which is better equipped to make decisions. In addition, the widespread adoption of e-commerce and mobile shopping apps has made it easier for individuals to purchase goods and services, compare prices, and receive recommendations based on their previous purchases. Thanks to smart home systems, people can now more easily operate their houses, keep track of their energy usage, and manage their appliances and devices. Thanks to the growing usage of security cameras and smart home devices, people can now monitor their houses and protect their families more efficiently.

Impact on society

Empowerment of marginalized communities—Smart technology can empower marginalized communities and provide access to previously unavailable resources, information and opportunities. This technology can be especially beneficial for individuals living in rural and remote areas where access to traditional services and infrastructure is limited. Through mobile devices, cloud computing, and other technologies, individuals in these communities can access education, healthcare, and financial services, which can help improve their standard of living.

Improvement in public services—Smart technology has completely transformed how public services are provided in communities. Public service providers may now provide citizens more effective and efficient services because of cutting-edge technology like IoT, AI, and cloud computing. As a result, communities experience better outcomes and are more satisfied with public services. One of the key ways in which smart technology improves public services is through the use of data and analytics.

New forms of activism and democratic participation—Smart technology has fundamentally changed how people engage with and contribute to their communities and society. People may now share information, express opinions, and collaborate with others in novel and creative ways because of the growing adoption of internet-connected devices and digital platforms.

Impact on businesses

Improving businesses' productivity—Smart technologies have enhanced efficiency by automating jobs and streamlining processes. As a result, smart technologies have increased productivity, enabling firms to complete more work in less time. For instance, organizations may complete more work in a shorter time because of automation and ML.

Impact on government

Improved public services and citizen engagement—Smart technologies such as automation, AI and the IoT can help governments streamline their operations and reduce costs. Smart technologies can help governments engage with citizens innovatively, such as through online portals and mobile applications. Governments can use smart technologies to improve the delivery of public services, such as healthcare, education, and transportation. For example, governments can use AI to analyze data to identify areas of need and target resources more effectively. Smart technologies are also transforming urban areas, with many governments implementing smart city initiatives to improve quality of life, reduce environmental impact, and increase efficiency.

Impact on economy

Economic growth—Smart technology significantly impacts a nation's economic development. It changes how firms run, boosting production and efficiency. For instance, the time and cost of completing tasks have been considerably lowered by employing automation technologies like AI and ML, freeing up resources for businesses to invest in innovation and expansion. Smart technology has also allowed enterprises to expand their reach and reach new markets and customers by removing geographical restrictions.

Impact on the international community

Globalization and improving collaboration—Globalization has been profoundly influenced by smart technology, which has also enhanced global collaboration. People from various regions may communicate more readily because of the development of communication and information technology, which has increased global connectivity. Increased international commerce, investment, and information exchange resulted from it, all of which have helped the world economy expand. The increasing use of mobile devices and the Internet has made it simpler for individuals to obtain information, interact with one another, and work together regardless of where they are. Businesses have enormously profited since it has enabled them to connect with a worldwide clientele and access the most remarkable talent and resources the globe offers. Thanks to cloud computing and online project management tools, teams can now collaborate and exchange information more efficiently, no matter where they are situated.

Challenges in smart technology and applications

This section describes the challenges in smart technologies and applications. Studying the challenges that result from implementing smart technology and applications is important to identify potential problems and develop strategies to address them proactively. Furthermore, understanding these challenges can help ensure that the benefits of smart technology are realized while minimizing negative impacts on society and individuals. Three major challenges result from implementing smart technology and applications (1) privacy and security concerns, (2) social and economic inequalities and (3) Environmental impacts, as illustrated in **Figure 5**

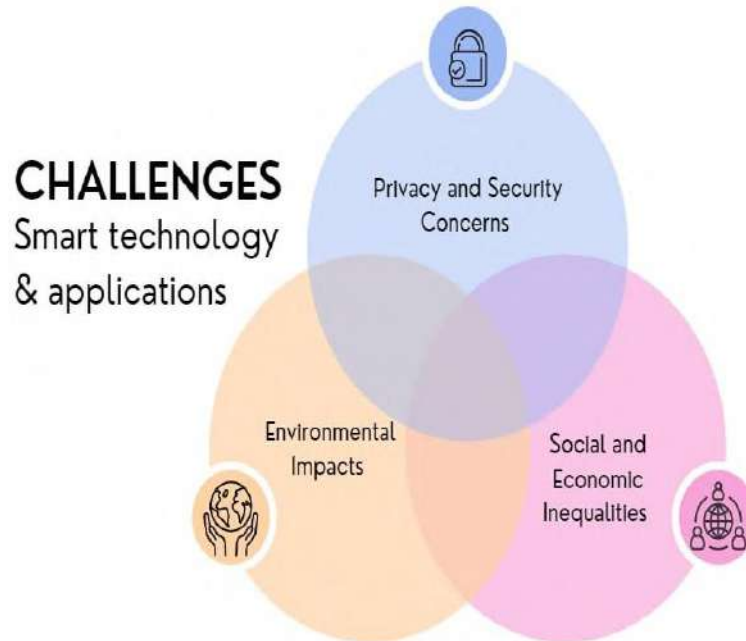


Figure 5. Challenges in smart technology and applications

Privacy and security concerns

Data breaches and cyberattacks—Smart technology has revolutionized how we communicate, access information, and live our daily lives. However, this technology also collects vast personal data, which can threaten individual privacy if not handled responsibly. It is the responsibility of individuals to understand the implications of using smart technology and to take steps to protect their personal information. It includes being aware of the terms and conditions of any apps, services, or devices they use and understanding the data types collected and how they are used. It is also crucial for individuals to understand the difference between public and private data and to exercise caution when sharing personal information online. It includes limiting the amount of personal information shared on social media platforms, being careful about what is posted, and ensuring that sensitive information, such as financial data or passwords, is protected. Another aspect of personal responsibility towards smart technology is ensuring that their devices and networks are secure. It includes updating software, installing anti-virus software, and creating strong passwords. Additionally, individuals should be aware of phishing scams, unsolicited emails, and other online fraud and take steps to protect themselves against these threats.

Social and economic inequalities

Economic shocks caused by technological change—The rise of smart technology has undoubtedly brought about significant economic changes, but it has also caused economic shocks that have negatively impacted specific sectors and industries. Job displacement is one of the most significant economic shocks caused by technological change. As smart technology and automation become more advanced, many industries are replacing human workers with machines and AI. It has led to significant job losses, particularly in industries like manufacturing and retail. In addition to job displacement, smart technology has also created a widening skills gap in the labor force. Many jobs being replaced by automation require a lower skill level, whereas the jobs being created require more specialized skills, such as programming and data analysis.

Environmental impacts

Electronic waste and resource depletion—Smart technology, such as smartphones and other mobile devices, are produced on a large scale and have a relatively short lifespan, generating a significant amount of electronic waste. The

disposal of this waste can pose significant risks to the environment, as it contains hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. Moreover, producing smart technology devices requires using finite resources, such as rare earth metals and minerals, which can be depleted over time. As a result, it can have significant environmental impacts, including land degradation and water pollution, and can result in social and economic impacts on communities that rely on these resources for their livelihoods.

II. CONCLUSION

Smart technology is a rapidly growing field that has the potential to revolutionize the way we live, work, and interact. It encompasses many technologies, such as AI, ML, NLP, robotics, and the IoT. These technologies are designed to be intelligent, self-learning, and adaptable to changing circumstances, and they use advanced algorithms and data analysis techniques to analyze large amounts of data and make predictions or decisions based on that data. The impact of smart Technologies on society and businesses is significant. On the one hand, it can lead to increased efficiency, productivity, and cost savings. Nevertheless, on the other hand, it can also lead to job loss, privacy concerns, and new forms of inequality. To mitigate these risks and maximize the benefits of smart technologies, everyone must play their role in ensuring a smooth transition. Everyone must play their role in the smart technology ecosystem to ensure we reap the benefits of this change and mitigate the risks. It requires a collaboration between government, business leaders, educators, and individual citizens, each of whom has a vital role to play in ensuring that the transition to smart technologies is smooth, safe, and equitable for all.

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Phytochemical Analysis and Cardiovascular Potential of *Coriandrum sativum*: A Review

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Abstract: The objective of this study was to conduct a phytochemical investigation of various phenols, alkaloids, terpenoids, and glycosides present in solvent extracts of *Coriandrum sativum* from existing literature. Plant belonging to the Umbelliferae family, *Coriandrum sativum*, commonly known as Dhanyaka, is a highly esteemed Ayurvedic medicinal plant. It is a small-sized tree found abundantly in India and Italy. Different parts of this plant, including seeds, leaves, flowers, and fruits, exhibit diuretic, antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anti-mutagenic properties. Despite its recognized benefits, the cardiovascular advantages of *C. sativum* have not been comprehensively summarized in previous literature. Therefore, this review aims to explore and discuss its effectiveness in managing cardiovascular diseases based on recent research findings. Various phytochemical evaluations have been documented, highlighting the significant potential of *Coriandrum sativum*. A systematic electronic search of literature was conducted using databases such as Google Scholar, encompassing articles published until January 2015. Additionally, traditional uses and phytochemistry of coriander were investigated in original sources and synthesized.

Keywords: *Coriandrum sativum*, Cardiovascular, Phytochemical and Antimicrobial.

I. INTRODUCTION

Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.), a member of the Umbelliferae/Apiaceae family, is a versatile herbaceous plant renowned for its culinary and medicinal significance. Originating from the European-Mediterranean region, coriander has traversed through centuries of human civilization, deeply embedded in various cultural practices and cuisines worldwide. Its distinct aroma and flavor have made it a staple ingredient in culinary traditions across the globe.

In recent decades, *Coriandrum sativum* L. has garnered increased attention from the scientific community due to its rich phytochemical composition and diverse biological activities (Matasyoh et al., 2009). Researchers have delved into unraveling the chemical constituents present in different parts of the coriander plant, ranging from leaves and stems to seeds and roots. Moreover, numerous studies have explored the potential therapeutic applications of coriander in traditional and modern medicine (Singhet al., 2006).

This comprehensive review seeks to provide a detailed examination of the phytochemistry and various health-promoting properties of *Coriandrum sativum* L. By synthesizing existing literature and research findings, we aim to shed light on the multifaceted nature of this remarkable plant and its potential implications for human health and well-being.

Throughout history, coriander has been revered not only for its culinary versatility but also for its purported medicinal properties. Ancient civilizations, including the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, valued coriander for its aromatic qualities and believed in its therapeutic benefits for digestion, circulation, and overall vitality. Today, coriander continues to hold a significant place in traditional medicine systems such as Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), where it is prescribed for various ailments ranging from gastrointestinal disorders to inflammatory conditions (Grosso et al., 2008).

The growing body of scientific evidence supporting the medicinal properties of *Coriandrum sativum* L. has sparked interest in understanding its underlying mechanisms of action. Researchers have identified a plethora of bioactive compounds present in coriander, including phenols, alkaloids, terpenoids, glycosides, and carotenoids, each contributing to its diverse range of biological activities. These compounds exhibit antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-

inflammatory, cardioprotective, and neuroprotective properties, among others, making coriander a promising candidate for therapeutic interventions.

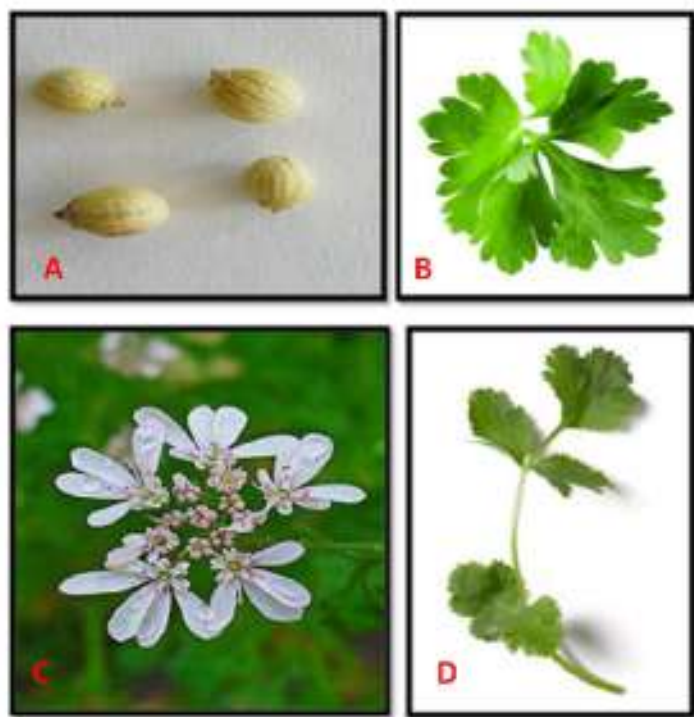


Figure A= Seeds, B= Leaf, C= Flower and D = Stem of Coriander.

Furthermore, the essential oil extracted from coriander has garnered attention for its potent antimicrobial effects against a wide spectrum of pathogenic microorganisms. Studies have demonstrated the inhibitory and germicidal actions of coriander essential oil against bacteria, fungi, and even certain viruses, highlighting its potential as a natural alternative to conventional antimicrobial agents (Delaquis et al., 2002).

1.0: General usages: The edible parts of coriander, including the leaves, seeds, and roots, are rich in fiber, vitamin B, vitamin C, carotene, and various minerals (Bhat, Kaushal, & Sharma, 2014). In Asian cuisine, the leaves and shoots are commonly utilized as a seasoning for soups and cold dishes, whereas the fruits or seeds and roots are typically employed in meat dishes. Furthermore, the dried seeds serve as a popular spice in both the Mediterranean region and India (Punetha, Tewari, & Pande, 2018).

2.0: Essential oil: Essential oil (EO) extraction from various parts of coriander, such as the seeds, pericarps, stems, leaves, roots, and flowers, is feasible (Sui et al., 2016; Chung et al., 2012). Notably, there are significant variations in the type of EO obtained from different parts of the coriander plant.

3.0: Antimicrobial activity: Coriander EO, along with specific coriander extracts, has demonstrated diverse degrees of inhibitory and germicidal effects against a range of pathogenic microorganisms (Furletti et al., 2011). Notably, volatile components extracted from coriander leaves (aerial parts) and seeds (fruits) exhibit stronger antimicrobial efficacy compared to other extracts. The antimicrobial activity of coriander EO and its extracts extends to both bacteria and fungi, attributed to the inhibitory and destructive properties of the active EO components.

4.0: Chemical constituents and their biological effects in coriander. Among these constituents, phenols, alkaloids, terpenoids, glycosides, and carotenoids play significant roles in imparting various biological activities to coriander. It's noteworthy that the composition of coriander can vary significantly depending on several factors, including the specific variety, growth stage, environmental conditions such as soil type and climate, and even the season of planting. One key aspect highlighted in this review is the ability to manipulate specific constituents of coriander through artificial

measures (Potter, 1996). This suggests that certain compounds can be enhanced or modified to potentially optimize the plant's desired biological effects (Begnami et al., 2010). Coriander's essential oil and extracts have garnered attention for their antimicrobial properties. These components have been shown to damage microbial cell membranes, making coriander an effective agent against various pathogenic microorganisms. Another significant aspect explored in this review is the growth pattern and carotenoid accumulation in different coriander varieties. Studies have revealed substantial variations in growth patterns, biomass yield, and the accumulation of total carotenoids and β -carotene among different coriander varieties. These variations are attributed to inherent genetic differences among the varieties. Furthermore, the observation of distinct growth phases, including a short germination period, an initial growth phase, a lag phase, and a profuse growth phase before flowering, underscores the complexity of coriander's growth dynamics (Bhuiyan et al., 2009).

5.0: Measurements: The assessment of various plant growth traits was conducted throughout the growth period, including measurements taken at harvest or after plant harvesting (Anwar et al., 2011). Plant height was determined by using a scale, while the leaf SPAD value (Soil and Plant Analysis Development) was calculated by averaging five readings of plant leaves, specifically those from the middle of the plant, per pot. During harvest, the plants were carefully cut at the soil surface, and their roots were delicately washed to remove soil particles before being blotted dry against tissue paper. (Kałużewicz et al., 2018).

6.0: Phytochemistry of *Coriander*:

i. Antioxidant Capability of Bioactive Compounds: The antioxidant activity of coriander is attributed to the presence of various active compounds, including secondary metabolites and phenolic ingredients. These constituents exhibit multifaceted antioxidant actions, contributing to enhanced biological outcomes and promoting human health. Such naturally occurring antioxidants are abundant in a diverse range of vegetables, herbs, and fruits, which are commonly recognized as functional foods (McDonald et al., 2001).

ii. Cardioprotective Activity: Studies have demonstrated the cardioprotective activity of coriander fruits, particularly in hydro-methanolic extracts. This activity is primarily attributed to the high content of polyphenols present in the fruit. Methanolic extracts of coriander fruits have been shown to protect against myocardial damage in rats by preventing myofibrillar damage. Additionally, coriander extracts have been found to significantly reduce cholesterol-associated lipids and increase high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels, thereby mitigating dyslipidemia in rabbits. These findings underscore the valuable cardioprotective effects of coriander extracts (Patel et al., 2012; Abascal et al., 2012).

iii. Antibacterial Activity: The antimicrobial activity of *Coriandrum sativum* leaves against various microorganisms was assessed by evaluating the presence of inhibition zones, zone diameter, and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values. The plant exhibited significant antimicrobial activity against a wide range of microbial strains. However, the ethanol extract of the plant demonstrated weak antimicrobial activity in both disc diffusion and MIC tests. These findings highlight the potential antibacterial properties of coriander, although further research is needed to elucidate its efficacy against specific microbial strains (Abascal et al., 2012).

II. CONCLUSION

Coriandrum sativum, commonly known as coriander, is a versatile herbaceous plant with significant phytochemical diversity and diverse biological activities. Through a comprehensive review of existing literature, this study has elucidated various aspects of coriander's phytochemistry and its potential health-promoting properties. Firstly, coriander is rich in bioactive compounds such as phenols, alkaloids, terpenoids, glycosides, and carotenoids, which contribute to its antioxidant, antimicrobial, and cardioprotective effects. These compounds exhibit multifaceted antioxidant actions, making coriander a valuable addition to functional foods. Secondly, coriander extracts, particularly those derived from its fruits, have shown promising cardioprotective activity. Studies have demonstrated their ability to protect against myocardial damage and dyslipidemia, highlighting their potential in cardiovascular health management. Furthermore, coriander exhibits significant antimicrobial activity against various microorganisms, although the efficacy of ethanol extracts may vary. This underscores the need for further research to elucidate its antibacterial properties against specific microbial strains.

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Estimation of PH of Common Household Soap and Shampoo

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Abstract: *This study's objective was to evaluate the pH of several shampoo and bath soap brands that are sold commercially. The majority of the population uses soaps and shampoos that fall outside the pH range that is typical for skin and hair. Therefore, it is hoped that manufacturers will consider the pH of the soaps and shampoos they manufacture in order to make their products more skin and hair friendly before recommending soap to patients, especially those who have sensitive and acne-prone skin.*

Keywords: Dish soap, dermatology, acne fighting soap.

I. INTRODUCTION

When it comes to preserving the health and integrity of our skin and hair, the pH level of personal care products is crucial. Due to their possible effects on the skin's natural barrier function and the general health of hair strands, bathing soaps and shampoos, as necessary elements of daily hygiene routines, have drawn more attention. The effectiveness and suitability of these products for our skin and hair can be greatly influenced by the pH, which is a measurement of acidity or alkalinity. Understanding the pH properties of bathing soaps and shampoos is essential as people become increasingly concerned with their health and look for items that support their personal care objectives. This analysis attempts to delve into the pH ranges of shampoos and soaps, illuminating their implications for skin and hair care and emphasizing the significance of pH understanding in choosing appropriate products for everyday use. We can enable customers to make knowledgeable choices regarding their personal care routines by illuminating the pH profiles of these items, eventually fostering healthier skin and more bright hair. The pH of typical household soap and shampoo varies greatly depending on the brand and kind, according to the search results. With a pH range of 7 to 10, dish soap is typically neutral to mildly alkaline. [1,2,3]

The idea of the acid mantle originated from the skin's somewhat acidic surface.[4] According to studies, the skin's potential hydrogen (pH) rises in direct proportion to the pH of the cleanser being used. Increased pH results in an increase in Propionibacterium count, irritation, and the dehydrating effect. [5,6,7] It has been suggested that pH changes may contribute to the etiology of several skin conditions. In order to prevent and treat certain skin conditions, it may be important to use skin washing products with a pH of roughly 5.5.[8,9]

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample collection: Samples of branded shampoos and soaps were gathered from local stores. Ayurvedic soaps, anti-acne soaps, bathing soaps, and soaps marketed for dermatological problems were among them. Additionally, a sample of homemade soap was gathered. We also procured a sample of imported soap to contrast with the identical brand sold in India.

Determination of pH: After calibrating the ELICO L1613 pH metre with the reference solution provided by NICE Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai (pH = 7), pH readings were taken. Before the pH analysis, the samples were coded. In order to prevent the person measuring pH from knowing the identity of the material being tested, the procedure was separated so that one person was involved in measuring the sample, another in coding, a third in mixing, and so on. The used distilled water has a pH between 6.24 and 6.88.

Procedure used for soap: A 150 mg soap sample was combined with 15 ml of distilled water, but little lather resulted. For optimum soap dissolution, it was left undisturbed for 24 hours. The pH of each sample was then determined.

Procedure used for shampoo: A 1.5 ml sample of shampoo is placed in a glass beaker, and 15 ml of water is then added to the sample. It mixes well without creating lather. For 30 minutes, the solution is left undisturbed. The pH of each sample was then determined.

Results:

53 of the 64 soap samples evaluated fell within the pH range of 9.01 to 10. Only two samples fell inside the skin pH range.

Table 1: shows the total number of samples of soap in each pH range.

pH range	No of soap sample in the pH range
5.01-6.00	3
6.01-7.00	0
7.01-8.00	2
8.01-9.00	2
9.01-10.00	55
10.01-11.00	6
Total sample	62
pH: Potential of hydrogen	

Table 2: 64 samples were examined, and five of them were marketed as acne-fighting soaps. Three of these fell between 9.01 and 10 and two between 10.01 and 11 on the scale.

pH range	No. of anti-acne soap sample in the pH range	No. of ayurvedic soap samples in the pH range	No. of samples promoted for dermatological purpose in the pH range
5.01-6.00	0	0	0
6.01-7.00	0	0	0
7.01-8.00	0	0	0
8.01-9.00	0	0	0
9.01-10.00	4	8	2
10.01-11.00	3	0	2
Total Sample	5	8	3
pH: Potential of hydrogen			

Nine of the 64 samples—marked as ayurvedic soaps—had pH values between 9.01 and 10 out of a possible 100. Of the 64 samples, three were advertised for dermatological use. pH values for two of the three were between 9.01 and 10. The pH range of homemade soap was 9.01 to 10.00. The imported soap sample had a pH between 9.01 and 10, which is the same as that of the identical brand sold in the Indian market. Additionally, other iterations of the same brand were evaluated. Between variants of the same brand, there was only a 0.35 pH difference. The pH of different Brand coded A kinds ranged from 9.62 to 0.08, 7.445 to 0.125 for Brand B, 9.79 to 0.16 for Brand C, and 9.88 to 0.10 for Brand D.

Table 3: Each shampoo sample falls within a different pH range.

pH range	No of shampoo samples in the pH range
4.01-5.00	2
5.01-6.00	5
6.01-7.00	23
7.01-8.00	6
Total sample	32
pH: Potential of hydrogen	

III. DISCUSSION

Our study's findings showed that just 3.125% of the soap samples examined had a pH that matched the pH of skin, and another 3.125% had a pH that was neutral. After examining these products, it was discovered that they had made reference to their pH and that our study's results agreed with the pH they claimed. The remaining alkaline pH products have not made any reference of the pH level of their goods. Even items marketed as "anti-acne soaps" had a pH level exceeding nine. It is crucial that at the absolute least these products have a pH consistent with that of skin because studies have shown that *Propionibacterium* is implicated as one of the elements of the pathogenesis of acne and that their count increases on the use of alkaline soap. Even the dermatology products that were recommended had an alkaline pH. Ayurvedic soaps, despite their claims to be superior to conventional soaps, were not pH-friendly for the skin.

The pH of soaps and cleaners was measured using pH paper in a study by Tyebkhan G, and it was discovered that the majority of the population uses soaps with a pH between 7 and 9. Only 3 out of the analysed samples had a pH that was consistent with that of healthy skin.[10] However, in our research, we discovered that the bulk of the samples had pH values between 9.01 and 11. Furthermore, only 2 out of the evaluated samples had a pH that was in line with the pH of the skin. The discrepancy could be attributed to the pH meter's higher accuracy in our investigation as compared to the pH paper.

Experts typically advise using acid-balanced shampoos, but in our investigation, we discovered that 81.58% of shampoos had an acidic pH. Shampoos have a higher pH than soaps, which is better. The majority of the population uses soaps and shampoos that fall outside the pH range that is typical for skin and hair. Therefore, it is hoped that manufacturers will consider the pH of the soaps and shampoos they manufacture in order to make their products more skin and hair friendly before recommending soap to patients, especially those who have sensitive and acne-prone skin.

IV. CONCLUSION

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Recent Trends in Specialty Pharma Business Model

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Abstract: *The recent rise of specialty pharma is attributed to its flexible, versatile, and open business model while the traditional big pharma is facing a challenging time with patent cliff, generic threat, and low research and development (R&D) productivity. These multinational pharmaceutical companies, facing a difficult time, have been systematically externalizing R&D and some even establish their own corporate venture capital so as to diversify with more shots on goal, with the hope of achieving a higher success rate in their compound pipeline. Biologics and clinical Phase II proof-of-concept (POC) compounds are the preferred licensing and collaboration targets. Biologics enjoys a high success rate with a low generic biosimilar threat, while the need is high for clinical Phase II POC compounds, due to its high attrition/low success rate. Repurposing of big pharma leftover compounds is a popular strategy but with limitations. Most old compounds come with baggage either in lackluster clinical performance or short in patent life. Orphan drugs is another area which has gained popularity in recent years. The shorter and less costly regulatory pathway provides incentives, especially for smaller specialty pharma. However, clinical studies on orphan drugs require a large network of clinical operations in many countries in order to recruit enough patients. Big pharma is also working on orphan drugs starting with a small indication, with the hope of expanding the indication into a blockbuster status. Specialty medicine, including orphan drugs, has become the growth engine in the pharmaceutical industry worldwide. Big pharma is also keen on in-licensing technology or projects from specialty pharma to extend product life cycles, in order to protect their blockbuster drug franchises. Ample opportunities exist for smaller players, even in the emerging countries, to collaborate with multinational pharmaceutical companies provided that the technology platforms or specialty medicinal products are what the big pharma wants. The understanding of intellectual properties and international drug regulations are the key for specialty pharma to have a workable strategy for product registration worldwide.*

Keywords: corporate venture, intellectual property, open innovation.

I. INTRODUCTION

“What is specialty pharma?” many people question me. Is it in-licensing specialists? Niche marketers? Drug delivery firms? Will generic drug manufacturers be included? How about biotech companies that move into drug development? Well, depending on whom you ask, they are all of the above. Wall Street's definition is a catch-all, and includes drug delivery, biotech, and generic firms. For instance, Morgan Stanley coverage of specialty pharma includes: generic companies like Teva, Mylan, and Actavis; over the counter companies like Perrigo and Warner Chilcott; development centric companies like Allergan, Forest, and Valeant (previously Biovail); drug delivery companies like Alkermes; and animal healthcare company like Zoetis (formerly Pfizer animal healthcare division). As the popularity of the specialty pharma business model has expanded, so has its scope. Today, many use the term “specialty pharma” interchangeably with development-centric pharmaceutical or biopharmaceutical companies. Others apply it to companies developing generics, reformulating existing drugs, or targeting niche markets. Some others more often use the term to identify companies that are “not biotech not big pharma”, where big pharma is defined as large-cap pharmaceutical companies. In other words, “specialty pharma” has become such a broad term that it covers just about everything except the big pharmaceutical companies and medical device and diagnostic makers.

II. SPECIALTY PHARMA BUSINESS MODEL

After defining specialty pharma is inclusive of all healthcare related firms that are neither big pharma houses nor medical device and diagnostic makers, the next question is “What is specialty pharma's business model and why it gains so much popularity nowadays?” In order to answer these questions, it is necessary to compare and contrast big pharma with specialty pharma. Big pharma typically follows a vertically integrated business model. It means that big pharma carries out the work from the beginning to the end on a worldwide scale including discovery research, drug synthesis, preclinical research, clinical development, regulatory work, scale up and manufacturing, and worldwide distribution, sales, and marketing. Moreover, big pharma has more breadth by working in four to six therapeutic areas. These may include cardiovascular, antimetabolite (such as antidiabetics), central nervous system (CNS), oncology, and infectious diseases. Specialty pharma, by contrast, acquires drugs from academia, research institutions, or other companies, and seeks to commercialize them in new markets. It selects a core of activities while relying on a network of contract research organizations (CRO), contract manufacturing organizations (CMO), and other preferred pharma partners to accomplish its commercial goal. Specialty pharma focuses most of its efforts on one or two therapeutic areas with specified physician populations. These specialized nonprimary care physicians can be managed with a smaller sales force. Specialty pharma often has a small research and development (R&D) organization and contracts out animal and human tastings to CRO and its manufacturing to CMO. It is a business model that has been prevalent in the last years as venture investors seek to find a way around the long, expensive, and risky drug discovery process. The attributes of specialty pharma are “small”, “niche”, “agile”, and “focused” that are popular with Wall Street.

III. FOUR CATEGORIES OF SPECIALTY PHARMA

The business model of specialty pharma can be divided into four categories. Some companies are experts in the search of compounds for in-licensing; some focus on marketing specialty medicines to a limited number of clients; some started as a generic company; and some with a specific delivery technology knowhow. The world largest generic company, Teva (“Nature” in Hebrew) is on the list of specialty pharma. In fact, the largest product of Teva is a specialty brand medicine, glatiramer (Copaxone), which constitutes nearly 50% of profit and 20% of revenue which is \$20.3 billion in 2012. Glatiramer, the most popular multiple sclerosis drug, was originally discovered by three professors at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. It is a random polymer (6.4 kD) composed of four amino acids (namely glutamic acid, lysine, alanine, and tyrosine) that are found in myelin basic protein [4]. Administration of glatiramer shifts the population of T cells from pro-inflammatory Th1 cells to regulatory Th2 cells that suppress the inflammatory response. Given its resemblance to myelin basic protein, glatiramer may have acted as a decoy, diverting the autoimmune responses against myelin. Glatiramer was approved in 1996 in the US and in 2000 in the EU. It is currently marketed in 49 countries.

Innovator's life cycle management opportunities

Life cycle management of on-patent pharmaceuticals has become increasingly important to big pharma since it is more and more difficult to replace off-patent drugs with new blockbusters, as they are challenged to meet revenue and profit growth expectations. Given this environment, companies have started and been successful not only internally, but also at in-licensing technology or projects from specialty pharma for the protection of the life cycles of their blockbuster drug franchises. The study of life cycle management consequently becomes the focus for a subset of specialty pharma specializing in drug delivery platforms and for another subset of specialty pharma concentrating on old drug, new use, especially if the old drug is a blockbuster from a large pharma. The innovator, relying on their own proprietary preclinical and clinical data in the original NDA, can supplement the original NDA and obtain a license for an improved version of their own drug [10]. Whereas for the specialty pharma working on an improved version of the other's drug, the regulatory filing route is NDA 505(b)(2) that requires patent certification of non-infringement to the innovator's patent, in order to rely on the safety and efficacy data filed in the original NDA for the approval of the improved version of the old drug [78]. In this process, inefficiency may kick in, since the specialty pharma is not privy to the innovator's database leading to possible erroneous assumptions and repetitive guesswork. Therefore, it is beneficial to approach the potential customers for one's technology and project ideas before investing significant money in the type of life cycle management projects. The other advantage for the specialty pharma to collaborate with the

innovator is to capitalize on the innovator's infrastructure of marketing and sales. It is resource intensive if not impossible, to launch a product when the innovator holds fast to the target patient population. The key to secure the innovator's interest in one's technology would be the demonstrable clinical advantages of the improved version over the old version.

Intellectual property strategies

In assessing different technology approaches to old drug, new use, companies need to consider several factors on a molecule-by-molecule basis. First and foremost, they will have to be confident that there is a potential for clinical improvement of the original molecule through reformulation and/or chemical modification. Companies must also consider their tolerance for risk and willingness to invest in either less proven technologies and/or radical modifications of the original molecule, as the old saying the idea of being able to achieve rewards without the risk is not sustainable. Finally, the distinctiveness of the technology, including the intellectual property situation, must be carefully assessed. The patents derived from product life cycle management are called ancillary patents, which are distinct from the basic compound patents. The ancillary patents range from polymorph, salt, formulation, prodrug, delivery device, new indication, alternative route of administration, to new method of use. In general, the ancillary patents, particularly if the new product patent expires later than the original patent, are weaker and attract more patent challenges from generic competitions.

IV. CONCLUSION

The global trends of open innovation, fast growing emerging markets, and patent cliff threat provides ample opportunity for smaller specialty pharma companies to gain the upper hand provided that the technology platforms or specialty medicinal products is what the big pharma wants. The easy around the clock internet telecommunication also provides the specialty pharma in emerging countries with opportunities to merge or work with western big pharma on the wide spanning niche products and the opportunity to improve the use of old drugs. It takes one to evaluate one's own strength and weakness to strategically select partners with complimenting strengths, in order to maximize the probability of success. However, this vast opportunity is not endless. The rise of densely populated countries such as India and China is going to accelerate the competition in the pharmaceutical industry worldwide. Smaller players in smaller countries with no domestic demands will eventually lose out to the big players in big countries, except for the ones with the vision to collaborate with the stronger to make themselves strong.

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Vermi Transformation for Sustainable Development – A Mini Review

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Abstract: *The world population is increasing at an alarming rate and tremendous quantity of waste is getting produced due to urbanization, industrialization, increase in human population, and various anthropogenic activities that cause serious problems of disposal and management. In developing countries, the most common practice of waste processing and management includes (i) land-filling (ii) incineration (iii) unscientific dumping, and (iv) vermi- composting. The first three methods have one or another drawback including, contamination of soil and groundwater, environmental pollution by burning biomass, and impacting human health and hygiene of the environment. One of the safest methods for managing organic waste is vermi-composting, an eco-friendly bioremediation process mediated by earthworms for the conversion of organic waste into compost in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner. Earthworms play very important roles in human welfare such as waste decomposers, bio-fertilizer manufacturers, land reclaimer, protein producers, food and vitamin source, natural detoxicant as bio-indicator of pollution, bait, industrial raw materials, and above all drug sources. However, the contribution of earthworms is still underdetermined in modern human society. In this article, efforts have been made to summarize the current scenario of waste management, vermi-composting, and the potential of earthworms in waste decomposition to find a sustainable, eco-friendly, and economic solution to manage organic waste.*

Keywords: Waste management, Earthworms, Vermi composting

I. INTRODUCTION

Environmental degradation caused by anthropogenic activities, such as overexploitation of natural resources and pollution, is a major global issue. The continuous growth of the human population has led to an increase in waste generation, which significantly contributes in the environmental degradation. Waste can be defined as any material that is no longer needed by the owner, producer, or processor and has lost its utility (Sutherland et al., 2013). On the basis of the source waste differ from one another. There are several types of waste, including municipal solid waste, agricultural waste, biomedical waste, and industrial waste. Municipal solid waste is generated from household and commercial activities and consists of food waste, paper, plastic, metal, glass, and other materials (Rouf Ahmad Bhat et al., 2018a, b; Verma et al., 2016) (Fig. 1). Source of agricultural waste includes livestock waste, agricultural crop residues, and agro-industrial by-products and tourism waste (Bhat et al., 2012). Whereas industrial waste is generated during manufacturing or industrial activities in factories, mills, and mines. Agricultural waste can be recycled back into the soil as organic matter and nutrients through techniques such as composting, anaerobic digestion, and biogas production. However industrial waste may be hazardous or non-hazardous (Asokan et al., 2006). The proper management of industrial waste involves prevention of environmental pollution, waste reduction, and recycling measures, such as closed-loop production systems and eco-design (Winkler, 2011) (Fig. 1). Therefore, aim of this review study is to explore environmental waste management strategies, with a particular focus on vermi transformation, in order to promote sustainability development. The objectives include reviewing existing waste management strategies, understanding vermi transformation, assessing environmental benefits, analysing challenges and limitations, and recommending strategies for sustainable development.

Waste generation is increasing at an alarming rate and has become a global issue. The total quantity of waste generated annually in the world is predicted to reach 2.2 billion tons by 2025 (David et al., 2019). In 2016 alone, 242 million tons of plastic waste was generated globally (Dastjerdi et al., 2019). Rate of waste generation in small towns of India is 0.41

kg/capita/day, and in rural areas, 0.3 to 0.4 million metric tons of solid waste is generated on daily basis (Kibria, 2017). Mostly of the waste is organic in nature, consisting of cattle dung and crop residues. The increase in waste generation is attributed to various factors, such as industrialization, urbanization, population explosion, and unsustainable economic development. Moreover, higher increase has been predicted in lower-income countries (Sharma and Jain, 2019). It has been reported that over 75% of waste is managed through the landfilling method globally (Zuberi and Ali, 2015). However, landfills generate leachate, which contaminates the surface and groundwater (Kinobe, 2015). Solid waste decay contributes to about 5% of green-house gas emissions including methane, which in turn exacerbating the climate change (Rodic-Wiersma, 2013). However, every component of solid waste can be used if it is converted into a functional product through a suitable scientific method (Bhat et al., 2019).

Therefore, This review highlights the need for efficient waste management techniques that utilize scientific approaches to reduce the impact of waste on the environment (Agarwal et al., 2015; Kumar, 2015). Hence, waste management has become critical aspect of environmental protection and sustainable development that needs to be addressed through scientific methods, awareness, and proper management techniques. Failure to do so will lead to a further increase in waste generation and environmental threats. It involves the adoption of scientific and effective strategies to reduce waste generation, promote waste reduction and recycling, and prevents contamination of environmental. This proper waste management is essential will help us to preserve natural resources, protects the environment, and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

Need of this study

The need for this study arises due to the increasing global population, industrialization, and urbanization, which results in the generation of vast quantities of waste. The improper disposal of waste develops significant environmental problems and threatens the sustainability of the planet. Waste management strategies, including land filling, incineration, and unscientific dumping, have various drawbacks, including environmental pollution, soil and groundwater contamination and human health risks. In this context, eco-friendly vermi-transformation technology has emerged as a sustainable and eco-friendly alternative for waste management. However, the effectiveness of this technology needs to be critically appraised, and its comparative assessment with other waste management strategies is necessary to ensure environmental sustainability. This study aims to provide a comprehensive comparative assessment of different waste management strategies, including eco-friendly vermi transformation technology, and critically appraise their effectiveness in achieving environmental sustainability. This study will evaluate the ecological, economic, and social implications of different waste management strategies, such as land filling, incineration, unscientific dumping, and vermi-composting. It will also examine the potential of vermi-transformation technology as an eco-friendly alternative for waste management and evaluate its effectiveness in comparison to other waste management strategies.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This review discusses the progressive efforts to deepen our understanding in assessing waste valorisation through vermicomposting and its monitoring through enzyme activity. Vermicomposting related references and works mostly original research were reviewed from 20,000 to present based on the following criteria: origin of waste, sources of waste, generation of waste, Waste management strategies (11R strategy, Waste to energy (WtE), waste to energy and circular economy, composting, benefits of functional compost, comparative evaluation of chemical fertilizers and vermicompost, Eco-friendly innovative vermi-transformation technology, selection of suitable species of earthworm for vermicomposting, Role of vermi-technology in agriculture, Economic perspective of vermi-biotechnology, earthworms and their classification, Earthworms as valuable bioreactors for sustainable solid waste management, Role of earthworms in the management of waste and sustainable environment, Earthworms: Cinderella of Organic Farming, Earthworms as waste Engineers, soil conditioners, intestines of earth/farmer's ploughman, Earthworms and soil fertility, key indicators of soil health and sustainable farming practices, Vermitechnology and climate change, Barriers in Effective Implementation of vermicomposting, were reviewed to ascertain how various waste management strategies are used to recycle the different types of biodegradable wastes, their limitations, innovations, eco-friendly waste management strategies, roles of earthworms in the recycling of waste and the production of vermi-composting.

significance of vermicompost (as organic fertilizer, soil conditioner, soil aerator etc.) and the nutrients during vermicomposting. Fig. 1 illustrates the different patterns of literature survey about the waste management strategies and eco-friendly approach of vermicomposting for the recycling of waste

Composting

Composting is a natural process of biotransformation that converts organic waste into stable and nutrient-rich manure, which is free from any toxicants. The word "compost" is derived from the Latin word 'componere', which means to put together. Composting is an economical and environmentally friendly method for managing various types of waste, such as animal manure, industrial waste, crop straws, and municipal solid waste (Sayara et al., 2020). The process of composting involves depositing organic materials in containers and allowing them to decompose through the action of microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi. The waste composition of developing countries, which often contains high moisture content, makes composting a suitable method for the management of municipal solid waste (Sayara et al., 2020; Zhou and Wang, 2020). This method is commonly used to convert organic waste into organic manure (compost), which recycles mineral nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, making it suitable for agricultural practices (Ahmad et al., 2019; Mupambwa and Mkeni et al., 2018). Composting under thermophilic conditions provides hygienic compost by destroying pathogenic organisms within the waste (Onwosi et al., 2017). The high temperatures required for the thermophilic phase of composting are optimal for the degradation of lignin in compost. Moreover, during composting, decomposition and humification lead to the production of humic acid and humic-like substances, which can be used for soil remediation and heavy metal immobilization (Kulikowska et al., 2015; Hermann et al., 2011)

Eco-friendly innovative vermi-transformation technology

Earthworms are an important component of soil ecology and nutrient cycling, as they break down organic matter and release nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium that can support plant growth (Edwards et al., 2022). In addition, earthworms help to aerate the soil, improving its texture and allowing water and air to circulate more easily (Usharani et al., 2019). Aristotle's statement that "worms are the intestines of the earth" emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the importance of understanding the roles that different organisms play in maintaining ecological balance. Now-a-days, most common species of earthworms used in vermicomposting include *Eisenia fetida*, *Eudrilus eugeniae*, *Perionyx excavatus*, and *Lumbricus rubellus* (Medina-Sauza et al., 2019), which are known for their tolerance to environmental conditions such as temperature, pH, and moisture content (Ahmad et al., 2021; Samal et al., 2019; Singh et al., 2018). This highlights the continued recognition of the vital role that earthworms play in soil health and ecosystem functioning. Earthworms are known to decompose organic waste into a humus-like substance, which enhances nutrient mineralization rates and increases microbial diversity (Zuco et al., 2015). Vermicompost-based growth substrates have been shown to promote plant growth, as reported by Olle (2016) in tomato plants, and Suthar (2009) in garlic plants, resulting in increased stem diameter, plant height, number of leaves, and number of flowers. This could be attributed to the higher nutrient content, diverse microbial structure and activity, mineralization, soil enzymatic factors, and presence of various phytohormones in vermicompost (Suthar, 2009). Vermicompost is a granular, peat-like material that is produced through the non-thermophilic biodegradation and stabilization of organic materials by earthworms and microorganisms (Emam and Mohamed, 2022; Gupta et al., 2019; Ahmed, 2015). It has a higher porosity, aeration, drainage, water-holding capacity, and microbial activity compared to other composts (Ghorbani et al., 2023; Ravindran et al., 2022; Leno et al., 2021). Vermicompost is produced from various types of organic residues, including sewage sludge, animal wastes, crop residues, kitchen waste, floral waste and industrial residues (Diksha et al., 2022; Kumar et al., 2021). Unlike other composts, vermicompost does not have negative impacts on the environment, soil, or plants (Table 5 & 6). It promotes root growth and nutrient absorption, leading to increased nutrient content in the soil (de Sousa et al., 2021; Khan et al., 2019). Microorganisms, such as bacteria, fungi, and ciliates, play a crucial role in vermicomposting by breaking down and mineralizing organic residues (Goswami et al., 2021). These microorganisms secrete extracellular digestive enzymes that aid in the breakdown of complex compounds such as cellulose and phenolic compounds (Riaz et al., 2020; Pathma and Sakthivel, 2012). This mesophilic process, which utilizes microorganisms and earthworms active at 10–30 °C, is faster than traditional

composting because earthworms ingest waste materials and transform them into vermi-compost, or "black gold". Microbes play a significant role in the degradation or composting process, producing a unique and enriched organic soil amendment agent fortified with pest repellence features and plant growth regulators. The American Earthworm Technology Company is credited with pioneering this eco-friendly waste management technique in the late 1970s, producing 500 t of vermi-compost (Sinha et al., 2009; Gangaiah et al., 2017). Since then, the popularity of vermicomposting has spread

Barriers in effective implementation of vermicomposting

There are certain limiting factors that can prevent the application of vermicomposting, including: Lack of suitable space: Vermicomposting requires adequate space to set up composting beds or bins, which may not be available in certain settings, such as densely populated urban areas or small apartments. Unsuitable climate: Certain types of worms, such as red wigglers, thrive in warm and moist conditions, making them unsuitable for areas with extreme temperatures or dry climates. Lack of suitable waste material: Vermicomposting requires organic waste materials such as kitchen scraps and yard waste. If these materials are not available or are not suitable for composting, then vermicomposting may not be feasible. Lack of appropriate equipment: Vermicomposting may require specialized equipment such as composting bins, bedding materials, and moisture meters. The cost and availability of these resources can be a limiting factor for some individuals or communities. Lack of knowledge and expertise: Vermicomposting requires proper knowledge and expertise to ensure the composting process is successful and safe. Lack of understanding about the process can lead to issues such as unpleasant odors, pests, and harmful pathogens. Regulations and restrictions: Some areas may have regulations or restrictions on composting, including vermicomposting. These regulations may limit the ability to practice vermicomposting, or require permits or specific procedures to be followed.

III. CONCLUSION

This study will be useful for policymakers, waste management authorities, and other stakeholders in making informed decisions about waste management strategies. The study will provide insights into the environmental, economic, and social implications of different waste management strategies, and will help in identifying the most effective and sustainable approach for managing waste. Overall, this study's need is crucial in addressing the urgent need for sustainable waste management strategies and ensuring environmental sustainability. The critical analysis of these strategies highlights their strengths, limitations, and potential environmental impacts, emphasizing the need for more sustainable alternatives. Vermi-transformation, utilizes earthworms to decompose organic waste, has emerged as a promising waste management solution. This study discusses the role of earthworms in enhancing nutrient cycling, soil fertility, and the production of valuable resources like vermicompost and vermitea. This study also discusses the effective waste management strategies, such as recycling and vermi-transformation, contribute to reducing the volume of waste sent to landfills or incinerators. This helps minimize greenhouse gas emissions, land and water pollution, and the depletion of natural resources. Vermi- culture will help to recover of resource enables the through the conversion of organic waste into nutrient-rich vermicompost, which can be used as a soil amendment in agriculture, horticulture, and urban greening. This process facilitates the recovery of valuable resources, reducing the dependency on chemical fertilizers and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Moreover, implementation of sustainable waste management practices, including vermi-transformation, plays a significant role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. By diverting organic waste from landfills, where it decomposes anaerobically and produces methane, vermi-transformation contributes to mitigating climate change. Vermicompost enhances soil health by improving its physical, chemical, and biological properties. This fosters plant growth, promotes biodiversity, and supports sustainable land management practices.

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A Review on Genetic History of Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea* L.)

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Abstract: *Spinach (Spinacia oleracea L. 2n=2x=12) is a widely consumed leafy vegetable known for its nutritional benefits. It is a very versatile crop as it is eaten either raw or cooked, and it is a common ingredient in various cuisines. The history of spinach, both from a domestication and a breeding history perspective, is arguably little known and not many references are available on this topic. For this reason, this study intends to be a review of what is known about spinach and what are the current trends on the breeding of this vegetable.*

Keywords: Genetics, Spinach

I. INTRODUCTION

Spinacia oleracea Linn. is annual plant having medicinal property. It is native to central and southwestern Asia. It is cultivated for the sake of its succulent leaves and was introduced in Europ in the 15th century. It is the favorite food among Indians in winter season. The *Spinacia oleracea* is commonly known as Spinach (English). This paper addresses the genetic history of spinach as a comprehensive review of these crop aspects is currently unavailable.



Wild relatives:

Currently, 11 species from the genus *Blitum* and two species from the genus *Spinacia* are considered to be part of the gene pool of cultivated spinach (Vincent et al. 2013). While the *Blitum* species are classified in the tertiary gene pool, *Spinacia tetrandra* Steven ex M. Bieb and *Spinacia turkestanica* Iljin are assigned to the primary gene pool of cultivated spinach. Interestingly, Fujito et al. (2015) found that hybrids of *S. oleracea* × *S. tetrandra* and *S. tetrandra* × *S. oleracea* showed a highly diminished pollen fertility, which might question the primary gene pool position of *S. tetrandra*. Additionally, recent studies (Fujito et al. 2015; Xu et al. 2017) indicated that *S. oleracea* is phylogenetically closer to *S. turkestanica* than to *S. tetrandra*, suggesting that *S. turkestanica* is the wild ancestor of cultivated spinach.

Geographical spread

Spread of spinach followed two separate directions, one to Southern and Eastern Asia and another one to Africa, the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, from which it was later introduced in the Americas. A distinction is often made between two main groups of spinach cultivars, namely Asian-type and Western-type cultivars (Simoons 1990; Van der Vossen 2004). Recent phylogenetic studies have shown an association between genetic relationship and geographical

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origin of spinach accessions, with consistent differences between Asian and Western cultivars (Shi et al. 2017; Xu et al. 2017). At the morphological level, Asian cultivars preserved the narrow, hastate and smooth leaf shape and the long petioles of wild spinach, whereas Western cultivars changed the hastate leaf shape to a round form, while leaves were enlarged and the savoy leaf texture appeared (Van der Vossen 2004).

Early breeding history

Studying how spinach looked like in previous times and how new cultivars arose is difficult due to scarce documentation. During the 1950s, Sneep collected evidence regarding the domestication and breeding history of spinach. Since the end of the 19th century, Dutch breeders have played a leading role in spinach breeding (Sneep 1983). In particular, the role of Sluis & Groot (currently part of Syngenta) and Rijk Zwaan has been significant in the breeding history of spinach.

The chemical composition of spinach has been shown to differ significantly between cultivars, including oxalic acid, nitrate, vitamin C, lutein, carotenoid and phenolic content (Murphy and Morelock 2000; Murphy 2001; Howard et al. 2002; Pandjaitan et al. 2005; Solberg et al. 2015; Wang et al. 2018b). Although nutritional composition is known to be influenced by factors such as cultivation method and storage procedures (Lester et al. 2010; Koh et al. 2012), the large variation observed among cultivars indicates a genetic basis, suggesting that nutritional quality can be improved by plant breeding (Howard et al. 2002; Morelock and Correll 2008; Wang et al. 2018b)

Crop breeding

In 2017, an assembly of the spinach genome was published (Xu et al. 2017), which is available from Spinach Base (<http://www.spinachbase.org>). The spinach genome has an estimated size of ~ 1000 Mb, containing 74.4% of repetitive sequences and an approximate number of 25,500 protein-coding genes. Previous research revealed a total of 93 genomic regions associated with wild species introgressions that are potentially related with spinach domestication and breeding (Xu et al. 2017)

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A Comprehensive Analysis of Electric Vehicles: Environmental Impact, Challenges, and Solutions

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Abstract: *Electric vehicles (EVs) are emerging as a cornerstone of sustainable transportation, offering significant potential to reduce pollution compared to conventional gasoline-powered vehicles. This study delves into the scientific evidence supporting the ability of EVs to decrease emissions of harmful pollutants like carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and particulate matter. We analyze the multifaceted impact of a growing EV market, examining its influence on electricity demand and potential environmental consequences. Furthermore, the study explores the environmental footprint associated with EV batteries throughout their lifecycle, including both their production and recycling processes. By critically evaluating these factors, the paper concludes with a discussion of potential solutions that can mitigate any negative environmental impacts associated with the widespread adoption of EVs.*

Keywords: Electric vehicles (EVs), Emission reduction, Air quality, Electricity demand, Battery lifecycle, Sustainable transportation

I. INTRODUCTION

The transportation sector is undergoing a significant transformation, with a global shift from fossil fuel-based vehicles towards electric vehicles (EVs). This trend is driven by growing concerns about environmental sustainability and the pressing need to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions[1]. The increasing popularity of electric cars underscores the urgency to explore their potential benefits and develop strategies for their seamless integration into existing transportation systems.

This study delves into the economic and environmental implications of EVs, emphasizing their critical role in shaping a cleaner and more sustainable future for transportation[2][3]. Traffic remains a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, highlighting the crucial need for a climate-friendly approach to transportation. This can be achieved through a multi-pronged strategy that prioritizes initiatives like expanding pedestrian walkways, enhancing cycling infrastructure, and strengthening local public transportation systems, all while decisively transitioning towards a fleet of all-electric vehicles[4]. It's important to recognize that simply replacing conventional cars with EVs isn't sufficient for true sustainability. Policymakers must prioritize holistic mobility solutions that go beyond one-to-one replacements, fostering a comprehensive approach to create truly sustainable transportation systems.[2]

The popularity of electric vehicles (EVs) has been steadily climbing as countries worldwide prioritize reducing their carbon footprint. This surge is fuelled by several key factors. Firstly, EVs boast minimal tailpipe emissions, significantly improving air quality, especially in densely populated urban areas. Secondly, they offer superior energy efficiency compared to traditional gasoline-powered vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE). This translates to lower fuel consumption for EV owners, making them a more economical choice in the long run. Finally, many governments are actively promoting the adoption of EVs by offering financial incentives for purchasing them. These incentives help make EVs more affordable for consumers, further accelerating the shift towards a more sustainable transportation landscape.

Environmental Benefits of EVs

Electric vehicles (EVs) are increasingly seen as a way to combat climate change and improve air quality. Studies show that EVs have a smaller environmental footprint than traditional gasoline-powered internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, even when considering the entire lifecycle of the vehicle, from manufacturing to disposal. Here's a deeper dive into the key benefits:

- **Reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs):** This is a major advantage. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, meaning they don't directly release harmful greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide (CO₂) that contribute to global warming. The electricity used to charge EVs might still generate emissions, but these are typically produced at power plants and can be mitigated by using renewable energy sources like solar or wind power[2][5]. Compared to traditional gasoline-powered cars, a single EV can significantly reduce CO₂ emissions over its lifetime. For instance, a typical gasoline car can consume around 61,700 liters of crude oil over 200,000 kilometers, resulting in CO₂ emissions of about 200-250 grams of CO₂ equivalent per kilometre (g CO₂e/km) throughout its lifecycle. In contrast, EVs boast a much lower emissions range of 75-150 g CO₂e/km, and this number can be further driven down by using clean energy sources for charging[6][5][7].
- **Improved Air Quality:** Traditional vehicles release pollutants like nitrogen oxides and particulate matter through their exhaust pipes. These pollutants contribute to smog, acid rain, and respiratory problems[2][3]. EVs eliminate tailpipe emissions, leading to cleaner air, especially in urban areas with high traffic congestion. This can have a significant positive impact on public health, reducing respiratory illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis[5].
- **Lower Noise Pollution:** EVs are much quieter than ICE vehicles. This is because electric motors generate significantly less noise than gasoline engines. The quieter operation of EVs can improve quality of life in urban areas, reducing noise pollution and creating a more peaceful environment. This can benefit not only people but also wildlife that can be disturbed by traffic noise[2][5].

In addition to these direct benefits, EVs can also encourage the development of a cleaner electricity grid. As more EVs are adopted, the demand for renewable energy sources is likely to increase. This can lead to a positive feedback loop, where increased EV use drives investment in cleaner energy production, further reducing the environmental impact of EVs.

Challenges of Battery Management

Battery technology is a crucial aspect of electric vehicles (EVs), but managing these batteries presents significant challenges that need to be addressed to ensure the overall sustainability of EVs. Here's a closer look at these key challenges:

- **Battery Production:** Lithium-ion batteries are currently dominant, but mining the raw materials like lithium, cobalt, and nickel raises environmental and social concerns. The mining process can disrupt ecosystems, cause water and air pollution, and have ethical labor practices in some regions. Additionally, extracting these resources is energy-intensive, further adding to the environmental footprint[8][9].
- **Increased Demand for Critical Minerals:** The surging demand for EVs and batteries has led to a global increase in the extraction of critical minerals like lithium, nickel, and cobalt. In India, for example, refined lead consumption for batteries has risen significantly[10].
- **Environmental Impact of Mining:** The environmental impact of mining critical minerals for batteries needs careful consideration. While these minerals are essential, improper mining practices can have severe consequences.
- **Battery Recycling:** Recycling used EV batteries is crucial to recover valuable raw materials like cobalt, lithium, and nickel. Studies suggest that by 2035, recycling could contribute up to 20% of lithium and 65% of cobalt used in battery production[10]. However, informal recycling practices, prevalent in places like India, pose a major threat. Informal recycling of lead-acid batteries, for instance, often leads to improper disposal, generating contaminated slag containing heavy metals. This slag can contaminate the environment and endanger human health.
- **Energy Source for Charging:** As mentioned previously, the environmental benefits of EVs depend heavily on the electricity source used for charging. Fossil fuel-based power plants can negate the environmental gains of EVs, simply shifting emissions from the tailpipe to the power plant. To maximize environmental benefits, increasing the use of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, or hydro power for electricity generation is essential.

- **Battery Disposal:** Used EV batteries still contain potentially hazardous materials like lithium and cobalt. Improper disposal can lead to environmental contamination if these materials leach into the soil or water, posing health risks. Developing safe and environmentally friendly recycling or disposal methods for used EV batteries is essential[8].

Researchers are actively working on addressing these challenges. This includes exploring alternative battery chemistries that use less harmful materials, developing more sustainable mining practices, and improving battery recycling technologies. By finding solutions to these battery management challenges, we can ensure that EVs deliver on their promise of a cleaner and more sustainable transportation future.

Solutions for Sustainable Electric Mobility

Electric vehicles (EVs) have the potential to revolutionize transportation and combat climate change. However, to ensure a truly sustainable future for EVs, we need to address some key challenges. Here are several strategies that can help us achieve this goal:

- **Developing Sustainable Battery Technologies:** Research and development should focus on alternative battery chemistries that use less environmentally harmful materials. This could involve exploring different elements, like sodium ion batteries, which hold promise for eco-friendlier materials and reduced reliance on lithium, cobalt, and nickel. Additionally, solid-state batteries could offer increased safety and durability compared to current lithium-ion batteries[8]. By finding sustainable battery alternatives, we can reduce the environmental impact of battery production and mining[9].
- **Promoting Renewable Energy Sources:** The environmental benefits of EVs are highly dependent on the source of electricity used for charging. To maximize these benefits, we need to significantly expand the use of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydro power. Governments and businesses can incentivize the development and deployment of renewable energy infrastructure.[10] This will not only benefit EVs but also create a cleaner electricity grid overall.
- **Enhancing Battery Recycling and Reuse:** Battery reuse and recycling are crucial to enhance the environmental impact of EVs. In 2022, India's Ministry for Environment took a positive step by introducing Battery Waste Management Rules. These rules aim to ensure proper recycling, discourage informal practices, and hold battery manufacturers accountable. Efficient and environmentally friendly battery recycling practices are essential as the number of EVs on the road grows[8]. Developing technologies to safely extract valuable materials from used batteries will allow for reusing these materials in new battery production, reducing reliance on virgin resource extraction and minimizing waste[9].
- **Improving Grid Infrastructure:** The current power grid may not be fully equipped to handle the increased demand from a large-scale shift to EVs. Modernizing the power grid is vital for a sustainable transition to electric mobility. This involves upgrading the transmission and distribution infrastructure to accommodate the two-way flow of electricity, as EVs can potentially feed power back into the grid during off-peak hours. Additionally, the grid needs to be integrated with renewable energy sources to ensure a clean and reliable source of power for charging EVs[4].
- **Utilizing Green Electricity:** To maximize the environmental benefits of EVs, we need to utilize green electricity whenever possible for charging. This means opting for electricity generated from renewable sources like solar or wind power[4].

By implementing these solutions, we can address the environmental challenges associated with EVs and unlock their full potential for a cleaner and more sustainable transportation future. This will require collaboration between governments, businesses, researchers, and consumers to develop and adopt innovative technologies and practices.

II. CONCLUSION

this research has highlighted the significant potential of electric vehicles (EVs) to revolutionize transportation and create a more sustainable future. While EVs offer clear environmental advantages compared to traditional gasoline-powered vehicles, key challenges related to battery management require attention. These challenges include developing

sustainable battery technologies, promoting renewable energy sources for charging, and implementing efficient battery recycling practices. A multifaceted approach is necessary for a smooth transition, prioritizing investments in alternative transportation alongside EV adoption. Collaboration between all stakeholders governments, businesses, researchers, and consumers is vital to develop and adopt the technologies and practices that will pave the way for a clean and sustainable transportation future.

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Copyright Laws in India

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Abstract: *Intellectual property includes Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, Copyright, Confidential Information, Trade Secrets plays crucial role in the development of industry, commerce and trade. The socio-economic development of a country depends on the creative work of the people and creative works cannot be encouraged without effective administration of copyright laws. Librarians as the custodians of most of the intellectual property cannot be left out in the successful implementation of copyright laws. Violation of copyright laws can easily be carried out in the library. In order to have books, author and creators of literary and artistic works, there should be adequate reward commensurate with the work. This article states that what is copyright and its restrictions and issues, the understanding of copyright law and fair use dealings would direct us to use copyrighted content for academic and research purpose in a secure manner.*

Keywords: Intellectual property rights, copyright laws

I. INTRODUCTION

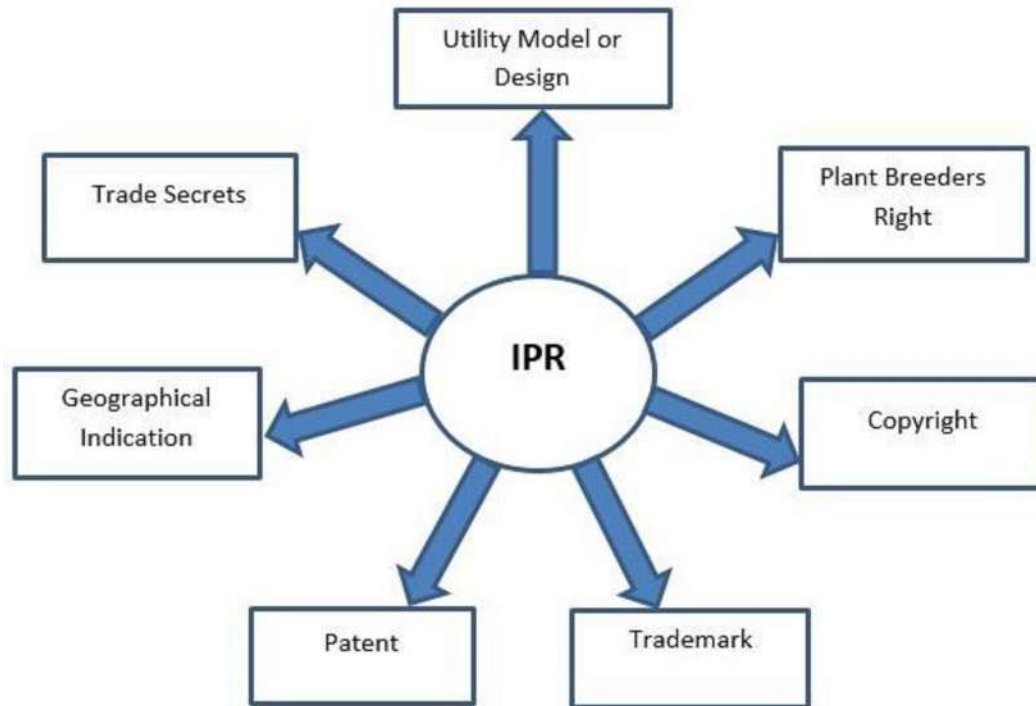
Intellectual property includes Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, Copyright, Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and know-how. It plays crucial role in the development of industry, commerce and trade and in the growth of creative effort in almost every field of human endeavour. The scope of intellectual property is expanding very fast and attempts are being made by persons who create new creative ideas to seek protection under the umbrella of intellectual property rights. In case of Copyright, in ancient times authors, painters, musicians, scientists, etc. (creators of intellectual property) i.e. people involved in intellectual exercises were state sponsored; i.e. they worked and prospered under the patronage of the King (Matthews, 2003). Their honour, valour and property depended upon the king. All the products of their intellectual cultivation were the property of the state. In a modern welfare democratic state, as they say, the common man is the king. So the need for all creative persons to fend for themselves arose. Since they were no longer sponsored by anybody, logically the rights in the produce of their intellectual exercise now vest in them rather than with the State. It was to protect this right that the need for a law of copyright arose. This need for the law of Copyright became more pressing after the invention of the printing press which made mass reproduction of the original content easily possible.

About Copyright

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The Indian Laws

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- Sound recording

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c) *Musical work* includes graphical notation of music; it does not include any work or action intended to be sung, spoken or performed with the music.

d) *Artistic work* means a painting, a sculpture, a drawing (including a diagram, map, chart, plan); an engraving; a photograph; a work of architecture having an artistic character or design, including its model; any other work of craftsmanship.

e) *Cinematograph film* means any work of visual recording on any medium produced **India** through a process from which a moving image may be produced by any means and includes a sound recording accompanying such visual recording.

f) *Sound recording* means recording of sounds on any medium, from which the original sound may be reproduced regardless of the medium of record or of the method used to reproduce the sounds.

The Copyright Piracy in India

Copyright piracy is a global phenomenon prevalent worldwide. Piracy means unauthorized reproduction, importing or distribution either of the whole or of a substantial part of works protected by copyright. The author of a copyrighted work, being the owner, enjoys certain exclusive rights with respect to his or her works. These include right to reproduce, to publish, to adopt, to translate and to perform in public. The owner can also sell, assign, license or bequeath the copyright to another party if he wishes so. If any person other than the copyright owner or his authorized party undertakes any of the above mentioned activities with respect to a copyrighted product, it amounts to infringement of the copyright. Copyright piracy is thus like any other theft which leads to loss to the owners of the property. Besides economic loss, piracy also adversely affects the creative potential of a society as it denies creative people such as authors and artists their legitimate dues.

The Indian Copyright Act, 1957

The copyright in India has travelled a long way since it was introduced during the British rule. The Copyright Act, 1957, as amended in 1999 governs the copyright law in India. It came into force on January 15, 2000. It has established a copyright office, under the immediate control of the Registrar of Copyrights, to facilitate registration of copyright. It has also established a Copyright Board with Registrar of copyrights as its Secretary under the Act. The Act defines various categories of works in which copyright subsists, and has internal provisions for determination of first ownership of copyright, the scope of rights conferred; assignment and licensing of copyright; compulsory licensing and the circumstances in which it could be granted; performing rights of societies broadcasting rights; authors special rights; international copyrights. The Act sets out in detail what constitutes infringement and what does not; civil and criminal remedies against infringement and remedies against threat of legal proceedings without any ground.

The Indian copyright law is in conformity with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement of the WTO. It is also in line with the provisions of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Brussels Text, 1948). The act has been amended five times in the years 1983, 1984, 1992, 1993, and 1999 to meet the national and international requirement (Thomas, 2012).

The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2012

made to strengthen the rights of the authors, streamline the process of assignment and grant of licence, facilitate better access to works, and extend the fair use provisions, in general and particular to the Internet. There are some changes made in the provision of the assignment and

licensing and copyright societies are exempted to streamline business practices but has an underlying concern about protecting authors' interest. The reforms made in the administration of the copyright societies and the copyright board. Overall amendments have the signature of a reformist approach.

Role of Librarians in Copyright Protection

In any educational institute librarian plays a key role in many spheres, including copyright. The main role of librarian is to make available of library collections to students and faculty in support of teaching, learning, research and scholarship. Libraries are creatures of the historical and statutory balance in copyright law. Libraries lend materials based on the First Sale doctrine. Libraries share materials and preserve works under specific provisions for libraries in the Act. Libraries are often the only entities that provide access to the vast majority of copyrighted works that lose market vitality long before the expiration of the copyrights, and are often the only entities that preserve public domain materials.

II. CONCLUSION

Intellectual property includes Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, Copyright, Confidential Information, Trade Secrets plays crucial role in the development of industry, commerce and trade. The socio-economic development of a country

depends on the creative work of the people and creative works cannot be encouraged without effective administration of copyright laws. Librarians as the custodians of most of the intellectual property cannot be left out in the successful implementation of copyright laws. Violation of copyright laws can easily be carried out in the library. In order to have books, author and creators of literary and artistic works, there should be adequate reward commensurate with the work. This article states that what is copyright and its restrictions and issues, the understanding of copyright law and fair use dealings would direct us to use copyrighted content for academic and research purpose in a secure manner.

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Study of Effectiveness of Surface Sterilized Methods in Plant Tissue Culture of *Curcuma longa* (Haldi)

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Abstract: A highly effective micropropagation method for turmeric (*Curcuma longa* Linn.) using rhizome bud explants has been developed. The woody plant was supplemented with various concentrations of BAP alone to initiate shoots in MS medium. Additionally, the explants were treated with different concentrations of bavistin (1%, 2%, and 3%). Among the different concentrations tested, 3% bavistin showed the highest survival rate (90%), followed by 2% (70%), while the control explants showed no survival. The impact of mercuric chloride ($HgCl_2$) on the explants was also studied, using a 0.1% concentration for different time intervals. Explants treated for 10 and 8 minutes with 0.1% $HgCl_2$ showed the highest survival rates (100% and 70% respectively). Browning was observed in explants treated for 8-10 minutes, so 6 minutes was determined as the optimal treatment time. Contamination-free explants were then inoculated onto MS media containing 2 mg/l of BAP to initiate shoot growth. After 28 days of inoculation, shoots were successfully initiated from the explants.

Keywords: Micropropagation, *Curcuma longa*, PTC, Bavistin, $HgCl_2$, MS media

I. INTRODUCTION

Turmeric, classified under the genus *Curcuma* within the Zingiberaceae family, has a rich history of medicinal use (Dosoky and Setzer, 2018), being composed of approximately 120 species. Among the various species of *Curcuma*, *Curcuma longa* L. (Turmeric) is the most renowned. It is a cultivated plant, thriving in warm climates across numerous regions worldwide. Turmeric is a perennial, erect, leafy plant with large, lily-like leaves that can grow up to 12 meters long. It produces funnel-shaped yellow flowers with pointed leaves. The rhizome, the portion of the plant used medicinally, is typically boiled, dried, and processed into a yellow-colored powder. Known for its vibrant yellow hue, turmeric is often referred to as the "Golden spice" and is widely used for culinary, food coloring, and medicinal purposes (Rathaur et al., 2012). Rhizomes are commonly used in Ayurveda and Chinese medicine (Sharifi-Rad et al., 2020). Turmeric is helpful in many pathological conditions as a preventive and curative crop (Shrishail et al., 2013). Traditional turmeric propagation involves using underground rhizomes, a slow process that typically yields only 7-8 plants from a single rhizome. To overcome this limitation, micropropagation using rhizome bud explants can be employed. In vitro propagation methods enable rapid multiplication, producing high-quality, disease-free tissue culture seedlings in large quantities. These regenerated plantlets can then be successfully cultivated in field conditions (Seran, 2013).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of Explants

Rhizomes of turmeric (*Curcuma longa* L) were collected in a month of October 2022, from turmeric farm field, Jalgaon.

Sterilization of explant

Healthy, disease-free rhizomes from 2-month-old turmeric plants were collected. The explants were thoroughly washed under running tap water and then treated with tween-80 for 10 minutes, followed by a rinse with distilled water. Subsequently, the explants were washed with 70% ethanol for 5 minutes and then rinsed with distilled water again. Next, the explants were treated with bavistin at concentrations of 1%, 2%, and 3% for 45 minutes. After 45 minutes, the explants were washed three times with sterilized distilled water. The explants were then transferred to a laminar airflow chamber and treated with 0.1% mercuric chloride for different time intervals (2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 minutes). Following this treatment, the explants were washed 2-3 times with sterilized distilled water. Once surface sterilization was complete, the explants were trimmed and inoculated onto MS media.

Initiation of shoots

The sterilized explants were inoculated on MS media containing 2 mg/l of BAP for shoot initiation.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of bavistin on surface sterilization

The explants were subjected to various concentrations of bavistin (1%, 2%, and 3%) for 45 minutes. Among these concentrations, the highest survival rate (90%) was observed with the 3% concentration, followed by a 70% survival rate with the 2% concentration, while the control explants showed no survival.

Table 1: Effect of bavistin on surface sterilization

Sr. no.	Concentration of Bavistin	Number of explants inoculated	Number of explants contaminated (after 10 days)	Number of explants survived (after 10 days)	Percentage of survival after 10 days
1	Control	10	10	0	0
2	1%	10	9	1	10
3	2%	10	7	3	70
4	3%	10	1	9	90*

*indicates concentration of Bavistin with highest survival percentage

Effect of mercuric chloride on surface sterilization

The explants treated with bavistin later exhibited bacterial contamination. Therefore, they were subjected to another treatment with 0.1% mercuric chloride (HgCl_2) for various time intervals. Among these intervals, both 10 and 8 minutes of treatment showed the highest survival rate (100%), followed by a 70% survival rate when the explants were treated with 0.1% mercuric chloride for 6 minutes. However, browning was observed in the explants treated for 10 and 8 minutes, leading to the selection of the 6-minute treatment as the optimized protocol. The contamination-free explants were then inoculated onto MS media containing 2 mg/l of BAP for shoot initiation. After 28 days of inoculation, shoots were successfully initiated from the explants, as shown in Figure 1.

Table 2: Effect of HgCl_2 on surface sterilization

Sr. No.	0.1% HgCl_2 time interval (min)	Number of explants inoculated	Number of explants contaminated (after 10 days)	Number of explants survived (after 10 days)	Percentage of contamination free plants (after 10 days)
1	Control	10	10	0	0
2	2	10	7	3	30
3	4	10	5	5	50
4	6	10	3	7	70
5	8	10	1	9	90*
6	10	10	1	9	90*

*indicates time interval of HgCl_2 with highest survival percentage



Fig. 1: Shoot initiation in turmeric

IV. CONCLUSION

In this study, we have established an effective and dependable surface sterilization protocol for the *in-vitro* regeneration of *Curcuma longa* L. rhizome explants. This standardized protocol facilitates large-scale plant propagation through *in-vitro* micropropagation

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Marine Pollution, Sources, Effect and Management

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Abstract: Marine pollution is the harmful effect caused by the entry into the ocean of chemicals or particles. E Many particles combine chemically in a manner highly depletive of oxygen, causing estuaries to become anoxic. This article explains the causes, consequences and cure of Marine pollution. Three different kinds of marine pollution have been categorised- caused through land, caused through air and caused by means of transportation. The pollutants from the land like industrial wastes and other wastes are discharged into sewerage and more untreated waters of from fertilizer and pesticide run off from agricultural lands that further is disposed into the waterways. Daily use of plastics is also contributing to the marine pollution. Oil spills and negligent acts of the transporters of the oil have a hazardous impact on marine life. Microorganisms and other animals eat the plastic assuming it as food and die off. There are many different enacted legislations which have provided for the prevention of the environment. This paper shall chalk out the steps to prevent the pollution that has been caused by endless pollutants. the present knowledge on pollutant impacts on marine viruses, virus-host systems and their. This short review summarizes potential ecological implications. Excess nutrients from sewage and river effluents are a primary cause of marine eutrophication and mucilage formation, often related to the development of large viral assemblages. At the same time, hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyl and pesticides alter ecosystem functioning and can determinate changes in the virus-host interactions. thus increasing the potential of viral infection. All these pollutants might have synergistic effects on the virus-host system and are able to inducephage, marine ecosystems. Thus increasing the impact of viruses on marine ecosystem.

Keywords: Marine pollution

I. INTRODUCTION

Marine pollution occurs when harmful effects result from the entry into the ocean of chemicals, particles, agricultural and residential waste, noise, or the spread of invasive organisms. Eighty percent of marine pollution comes from land. Air pollution is also a contributing factor by carrying off pesticides or dirt into the ocean. Land and air pollution have proven to be harmful to marine life and its habitats. The pollution often comes from nonpoint sources such as agricultural runoff, wind-blown debris, and dust. Pollution in large bodies of water can be aggravated by physical phenomena like the biological effects of Langmuir circulation. Nutrient pollution, form of water pollution, refers to contamination by excessive inputs of nutrients. It is a primary cause of eutrophication of surface waters, in which excess nutrients, usually nitrates or phosphates, stimulate algae growth Many potentially toxic chemicals adhere to tiny particles that are then taken up by plankton and benthic animals. most of which are either deposit feeders or filter feeders. In this way, the toxins are concentrated upward within ocean food chains. Many particles combine chemically in a manner highly depletive of oxygen, causing estuaries to become anoxic. When pesticides are incorporated into the marine ecosystem they quickly become absorbed into marine food webs. Once in he food webs, these pesticides can cause mutations, as well as diseases, which can be harmful to humans as well as the entire food web Toxic metals can also be introduced into marine food webs. These can cause a change to tissue matter, biochemistry, behaviour, reproduction, and suppress growth in marine life. Also, many animal feeds have a high fishmeal or fish hydrolysate content. In this way, marine toxic can be transferred to land animals, and appear later in meat and dairy products.

Types of Marine Pollution

Eutrophication :

When there is an excess of chemical nutrients mainly nitrates and phosphates in the water, it leads to eutrophication or nutrient pollution. Eutrophication decreases the level of oxygen, reduces the quality of water, makes the water inhabitable for fish, affects the breeding process within the marine life and increases the primary productivity of the marine ecosystem.

Acidification:

Oceans act as a natural reservoir for absorbing the carbon dioxide from the Earth's atmosphere. But, due to rising level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the oceans across the world are becoming acidic in nature, as a consequence, it leads to acidification of oceans. Researches and scientists have not been able to uncover the potential damage ocean acidification may have on the Earth's atmosphere. But there is a strong concern that acidification might lead to dissolution of calcium carbonate structures, that can affect the shell formation in shellfish and also the corals.

Toxins:

There are persistent toxins that do not get dissolved or disintegrate with the marine ecosystem rapidly. Toxins such as pesticides, DDT, PCBs, furans, TBT, radioactive waste, phenols, and dioxins get accumulated in the tissue cells of the marine lifeforms and lead to bioaccumulation hampering the life underwater and sometimes leads to a mutation in aquatic life forms.

Plastics

The ever-growing dependence of human population on plastic has filled the oceans and the land, it consists of 80 percent of the debris found in the oceans. Plastic dumped and found in the oceans are dangerous for the marine life forms and wildlife, as sometimes it strangles and chokes them to death. The rising levels of plastic dumps found in the oceans are suffocating, ingesting, and entangling the life underwater as well as above it.

Indian Ocean

Indian Ocean is the third largest ocean surrounding a densely populated region. It contains additional 20% of water on Earth's surface

It borders India at the North, East Africa, Australia and the Southern Ocean. Because of higher water temperature, it has limited marine life.

Since about 800 A.D. the Indian Ocean has played an important role in trading. For centuries, navigators have sailed along major ocean currents for shipment routes.

It is bounded by 4 tectonic plate boundaries and may include an additional plate boundary. It is the geologically youngest of the oceans with spreading ridges at divergent plate boundaries.

Sources of Marine Pollution

Marine pollution is a growing problem in today's world. Our ocean is being flooded with two main types of pollution: chemical and trash. Chemical contamination, or nutrient pollution, is concerning for health, environmental, and economic reasons. This type of pollution occurs when human activities, notably the use of fertilizer on farms, lead to the runoff of chemicals into waterways that ultimately flow into the ocean. The increased concentration of chemicals, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, in the coastal ocean promotes the growth of algal blooms, which can be toxic to wildlife and harmful to humans. The negative effects on health and the environment caused by algal blooms that hurt local fishing and tourism industries.

From Land

non-biological marine pollution comes from land based activities (sewage, industrial, chemical and food processing wastes) 80% of most obvious inputs via pipes discharging directly into marine water. Riverine flows into the sea carry pollutants from the entire catchment area.

From Air

Global atmospheric inputs to the sea from air discharges.

Challenges:

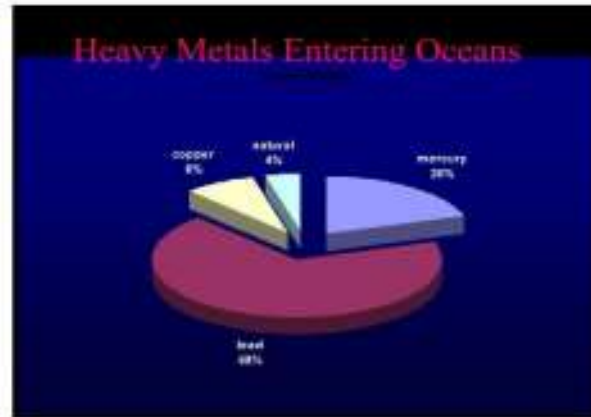
Major Marine Pollutants- Metals

Introduced dangerous metals include mercury, lead, and copper great concern because they enter the food chain

Copper is dangerous to marine organisms and has been used in marine anti-fouling paints

Mercury and lead poisoning cause brain damage and behavioral disturbances in children Contaminated land runoff, rain of pollutants from the air, and fallout from shipwrecks pollute the ocean with dangerous metals

Human activities release 5 times as much mercury and 17 times as much lead as is derived from natural sources



Major Marine Pollutants – Solid Waste

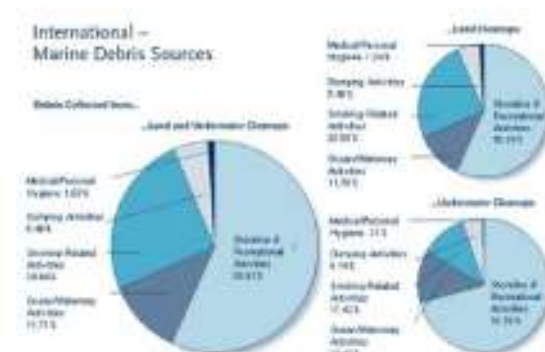
Solid Waste a large portion and great danger is non- biodegradable plastic 46,000 pieces of floating plastic/sq. mile of ocean surface off the N.E U.S.coast

Sea turtles mistake plastic bagsfor jellyfish and die form interalblockages

Seals and sea lions starve after being entangled by nets or muzzled by six-pack rings (decomposition time 400years)

Plastic debris kills 100,000 marine mammals and2 million sea birds die annually

Major Marine Pollutants - Solid Waste



Major Marine Pollutants- Biological

International Maritime Organization top ten: Cholera, Cladocera Water Flea, Mitten Crab, toxic algae (R,G,B tides), Round Goby, European Green Crab, Asian kelp, Zebra Mussel, North Pacific Sea star, North American Comb Jelly. Spreading infestation of Jamaican waters by a Green mussel.

Impacts of Marine Pollution

Generally marine pollution affects ecosystem health, public health, recreational water quality and economic viability in the Following ways:

Mechanical
Eutrophication
Saphrogenic
Toxicity
Mutagenic and Carcinogenic

Cost of Marine Pollution

3.25 million metric tons of oil waste dvs.
3.4 million tons used by Jamaica annually 100,000 mammal and 2 million bird deaths annually
Reduction of GDP by decreasing fishery resource (11.9% tonnes-7.7k landed 1960-97) and decreased tourism canings
Loss of bio-diversity and potential life-saving medicines (for AIDS & Cancer)

II. METHODOLOGY

Solutions to Pollution

Two main methods
Correction-costly and time intensive
Prevention= requires attitude changes
Coastal Scientists believe that prevention is better than cure since the effects of marine pollution may be irreversible and we may therefore be creating everlasting damage to the marine ecosystem. "An ounce of preventions worth a pound of cure"
Marine Pollution Conventions
There are no less than 6 international marine pollution conventions. Some are listed below:
Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Air craft(1972) The Oslo Convention
for the prevention of pollution from ships (1973)MARPOL
Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources (1974)The Paris Convention
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East. Atlantic (1992) The OSPAR Convention

III. CONCLUSION

Although the ocean-and the resources within-s -seem limitless, there is clear evidence that human impacts such as overfishing, habitat destruction, and pollution disrupt marine ecosystems and threaten the long-term productivity of the seas. Declining yields in many fisheries and decay of treasured marine habitats, such as coral reefs, has heightened interest in establishing a comprehensive system of marine protected areas (MPAs)-areas designated for special protection to enhance the management of marine resources
Therefore, there is an urgent need to evaluate how MPAs can be employed in the United States and internationally as tools to support specific conservation needs of marine and coastal waters. Marine Protected Areas compares conventional management of marine resources with proposals to augment these management strategies with a system of protected areas. The volume argues that implementation of MPAs should be incremental and adaptive, through the design of areas not only to conserve resources, but also to help us learn how to manage marine species more effectively

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Advances in Chemo-Physics of Nanomaterials: A Review

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Abstract: *Nanomaterials have emerged as a versatile class of materials with unique physicochemical properties and promising applications in various fields. This review article provides a comprehensive overview of recent advancements in the chemo-physics of nanomaterials and discusses their implications for nanoscience and nanotechnology. We begin by introducing the concept of nanomaterials and their classification based on size, shape, and composition. Subsequently, we delve into the chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials, including their synthesis, characterization, and applications. We discuss recent progress in the synthesis of nanomaterials using bottom-up and top-down approaches, highlighting novel strategies for achieving precise control over size, shape, and composition. We then review advanced characterization techniques employed to study the chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials, such as electron microscopy, spectroscopy, and surface analysis methods. Furthermore, we explore the diverse applications of nanomaterials in fields such as catalysis, sensing, energy conversion, and biomedicine, showcasing recent breakthroughs and emerging trends. Finally, we discuss future directions and challenges in the field of chemo-physics of nanomaterials, including the development of scalable synthesis methods, the integration of nanomaterials into functional devices, and the exploration of novel applications in emerging areas of research.*

Keywords: Nanomaterials, Chemo-Physics, Synthesis, Characterization, Applications, Future Directions, etc

I. INTRODUCTION

Nanomaterials have emerged as a revolutionary class of materials with properties distinctly different from those of bulk materials due to their unique size, shape, and composition at the nanoscale. This burgeoning field bridges the gap between traditional materials science and nanotechnology, offering unprecedented opportunities for innovation and advancement across a multitude of disciplines. The manipulation of matter at the nanoscale enables precise control over the physical, chemical, and biological properties of materials, leading to novel functionalities and applications that were previously unattainable [1].

The chemo-physics of nanomaterials, encompassing their synthesis, characterization, and properties, lies at the heart of nanoscience and nanotechnology. Understanding and harnessing the intricate interplay between the chemical and physical phenomena governing the behavior of nanomaterials is essential for unlocking their full potential and realizing their myriad applications. Recent years have witnessed remarkable progress in the synthesis of nanomaterials, driven by advancements in nanoscale fabrication techniques and bottom-up assembly methods. These innovations have enabled the creation of nanomaterials with tailored properties and functionalities, opening up new frontiers in materials science and engineering [2].

Characterizing nanomaterials poses unique challenges due to their small size, high surface area, and complex structure. Advanced characterization techniques such as electron microscopy, spectroscopy, diffraction, and surface analysis methods have been developed to probe the structure, composition, and properties of nanomaterials with unprecedented precision and detail [3]. These techniques provide valuable insights into the chemical and physical behavior of nanomaterials and inform the design and optimization of novel materials for specific applications.

Nanomaterials find diverse applications across a wide range of fields, including electronics, catalysis, sensing, energy, and biomedicine, owing to their unique properties and functionalities. The integration of nanomaterials into functional devices and systems holds great promise for achieving breakthroughs in technology and addressing pressing societal challenges. However, significant challenges remain in scaling up the synthesis of nanomaterials, understanding their complex behavior in real-world environments, and ensuring their safety and sustainability [4]. Addressing these challenges will require interdisciplinary collaborations and concerted efforts from researchers across academia, industry, and government agencies.

In this review, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of recent advancements in the chemo-physics of nanomaterials, spanning synthesis, characterization, applications, and future directions [5]. By synthesizing and analyzing the latest research in this rapidly evolving field, we seek to elucidate the fundamental principles governing the behavior of nanomaterials and explore their potential impact on science, technology, and society. Through interdisciplinary collaborations and collective efforts, we can harness the transformative power of nanomaterials to address global challenges and usher in a new era of innovation and progress.

Synthesis of Nanomaterials

The synthesis of nanomaterials is a critical aspect of their study and application, as it determines their size, shape, composition, and properties. Various synthesis methods have been developed to produce nanomaterials with precise control over these parameters, including bottom-up and top-down approaches.

Bottom-up approaches involve the assembly of atoms, molecules, or clusters to form nanomaterials through processes such as chemical vapor deposition (CVD), sol-gel synthesis, and hydrothermal synthesis [6]. These methods offer precise control over the composition, size, and morphology of nanomaterials and are widely used to synthesize nanoparticles, nanowires, and nanotubes with tailored properties.

Top-down approaches, on the other hand, involve the fabrication of nanomaterials by downsizing bulk materials through techniques such as mechanical milling, lithography, and etching [7]. These methods are suitable for producing nanomaterials with well-defined structures and dimensions, such as nanosheets and quantum dots, and offer scalability and reproducibility.

Recent advancements in the synthesis of nanomaterials have focused on developing novel synthesis strategies that enable the fabrication of complex nanostructures with enhanced properties and functionalities. These include template-assisted synthesis, self-assembly techniques, and atomic layer deposition, which offer precise control over the geometry, composition, and surface chemistry of nanomaterials [8].

Characterization of Nanomaterials

Understanding the chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials requires advanced characterization techniques capable of probing their structure, composition, morphology, and properties at the nanoscale. A variety of techniques have been employed to characterize nanomaterials, including electron microscopy, spectroscopy, diffraction, and surface analysis methods.

Electron microscopy techniques such as transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) provide high-resolution imaging of nanomaterials and allow for the determination of their size, shape, and morphology [7-8]. These techniques are invaluable for visualizing the internal structure and surface features of nanomaterials with nanometer-scale resolution.

Spectroscopic techniques such as X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and Raman spectroscopy provide valuable information about the composition, chemical bonding, and electronic structure of nanomaterials [8-9]. These techniques can be used to identify functional groups, defects, and impurities in nanomaterials and to elucidate their chemical and physical properties.

Diffraction techniques such as X-ray diffraction (XRD) and selected-area electron diffraction (SAED) are powerful tools for probing the crystalline structure and phase composition of nanomaterials [7-9]. These techniques can be used to determine the crystallographic orientation, lattice parameters, and grain size of nanomaterials and to study their phase transformations and thermal stability.

Surface analysis methods such as atomic force microscopy (AFM), scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), and ellipsometry provide insights into the surface morphology, roughness, and topography of nanomaterials [8-10]. These techniques can be used to characterize surface defects, adsorption sites, and surface interactions in nanomaterials and to study their surface properties and behavior.

Recent progress in characterization techniques has led to significant advancements in our ability to study nanomaterials with unprecedented precision and detail. High-resolution electron microscopy techniques such as aberration-corrected TEM and high-angle annular dark-field imaging (HAADF-STEM) have enabled the visualization of individual atoms and defects in nanomaterials [8]. Advanced spectroscopic techniques such as surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) and synchrotron-based X-ray spectroscopy have provided insights into the chemical and electronic properties of nanomaterials with high sensitivity and spatial resolution [10].

Applications of Nanomaterials

Nanomaterials have revolutionized numerous industries with their unique properties and versatile functionalities, offering innovative solutions to address pressing challenges and drive technological advancements. Their remarkable properties, including high surface-to-volume ratios, tunable surface chemistry, and quantum confinement effects, enable a wide range of applications across diverse fields.

In catalysis, nanomaterials play a pivotal role in enhancing reaction rates, selectivity, and efficiency, thereby revolutionizing chemical processes and reducing energy consumption and waste generation [10-13]. Nanocatalysts, such as metal nanoparticles and metal oxides, exhibit superior catalytic activity due to their large surface area and unique electronic properties, making them ideal candidates for various catalytic reactions, including hydrogenation, oxidation, and photoredox catalysis. Additionally, nanomaterials have been employed as catalyst supports, enabling the immobilization of catalytic species and facilitating heterogeneous catalysis [15].

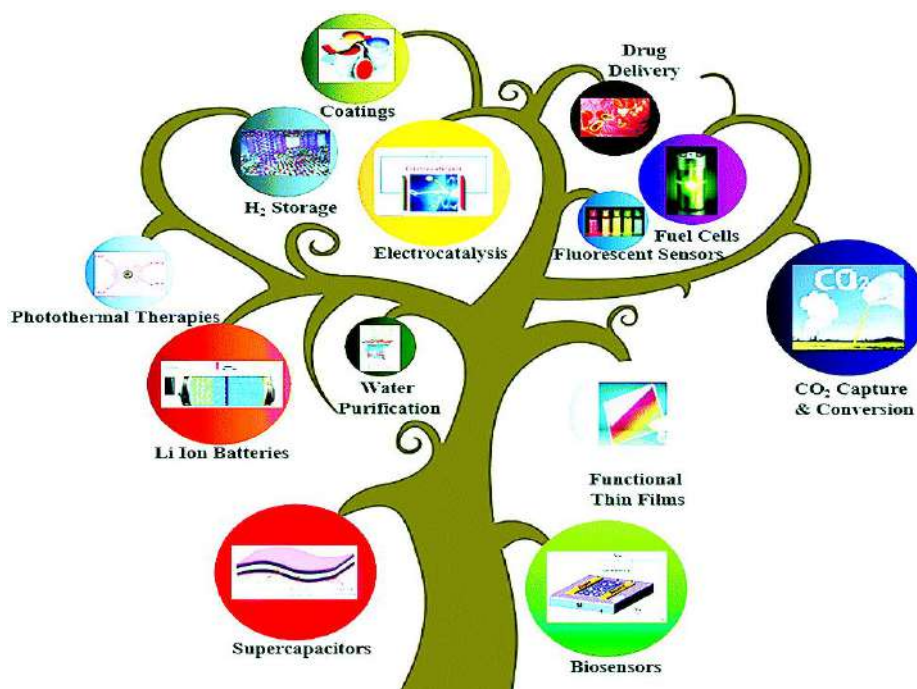


Image Shows Various Applications

In sensing, nanomaterials offer unprecedented sensitivity, selectivity, and response speed, enabling the detection and quantification of analytes with high accuracy and precision [15-16]. Nanosensors, based on principles such as surface plasmon resonance, fluorescence quenching, and electrical conductivity, have been developed for applications ranging from environmental monitoring and food safety to medical diagnostics and homeland security. By functionalizing

nanomaterials with specific recognition elements, such as antibodies, aptamers, or molecularly imprinted polymers, sensors can selectively detect target analytes with high sensitivity and specificity. Following image shows the various applications of nanomaterials

In energy conversion and storage, nanomaterials hold great promise for addressing global energy challenges by improving the efficiency, durability, and sustainability of energy technologies [17]. Nanomaterials have been employed as electrodes, electrolytes, and catalysts in various energy devices, including lithium-ion batteries, fuel cells, and solar cells, offering enhanced performance and reliability. By optimizing the nanostructure and composition of materials, researchers aim to overcome key limitations such as low energy density, slow charge/discharge rates, and poor stability, paving the way for the development of next-generation energy storage and conversion systems [18].

In biomedicine, nanomaterials have revolutionized diagnostics, imaging, drug delivery, and therapy, offering new opportunities for personalized medicine and targeted therapeutics [19-20]. Nanoparticles, nanotubes, and nanosheets have been functionalized with biomolecules such as peptides, proteins, and nucleic acids to enable targeted delivery to specific tissues or cells, thereby minimizing off-target effects and enhancing therapeutic efficacy. Moreover, nanomaterials exhibit unique optical, magnetic, and mechanical properties that can be exploited for imaging and diagnosis, enabling early detection and monitoring of diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disorders, and neurological disorders.

Overall, the applications of nanomaterials span a wide range of industries and fields, from catalysis and sensing to energy and biomedicine, offering innovative solutions to address global challenges and drive technological advancements. Continued research and development in nanomaterials hold the promise of unlocking new functionalities and applications, paving the way for a sustainable and prosperous future.

Future Directions

Looking ahead, several key challenges and opportunities lie on the horizon for the field of chemo-physics of nanomaterials. One of the major challenges is the development of scalable synthesis methods that can produce nanomaterials with precisely controlled size, shape, and composition. Advanced synthesis techniques such as templated growth, self-assembly, and directed assembly offer promising avenues for achieving this goal.

Another important area of research is the integration of nanomaterials into functional devices and systems for practical applications. Efforts are underway to develop novel fabrication techniques, device architectures, and interface engineering strategies to exploit the unique properties of nanomaterials for nanoelectronics, photonics, and sensing applications. Moreover, interdisciplinary collaborations between researchers in chemistry, physics, materials science, and engineering will be essential for tackling complex challenges and realizing the full potential of nanomaterials in diverse fields.

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, nanomaterials represent a fascinating class of materials with extraordinary properties and immense potential for revolutionizing various technologies. Recent progress in the field of chemo-physics of nanomaterials has provided valuable insights into their synthesis, characterization, properties, and applications. By addressing key challenges and exploring new avenues for research, we can unlock the full potential of nanomaterials and pave the way for exciting advancements in science and technology.

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Biofertilizers as a Tool for Mitigating Climate Change

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Abstract: Biofertilizers, derived from beneficial microorganisms, offer a sustainable alternative to chemical fertilizers in agriculture and hold significant promise as a tool for mitigating climate change. This paper reviews the potential of biofertilizers in sequestering carbon, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing soil resilience, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation efforts. Through mechanisms such as nitrogen fixation, promotion of plant growth, and stimulation of soil microbial communities, biofertilizers play a crucial role in increasing soil organic carbon content and improving soil health. By reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers and curbing emissions of nitrous oxide and methane, biofertilizers contribute to greenhouse gas emission reduction in agricultural systems. Furthermore, their ability to enhance soil structure, nutrient availability, and water retention capacity bolsters soil resilience to climate change impacts, including extreme weather events. Widespread adoption of biofertilizers not only mitigates environmental pollution but also promotes sustainable agriculture practices, thereby fostering rural livelihoods and food security. Addressing challenges such as limited awareness and variability in efficacy requires coordinated efforts from policymakers, researchers, and agricultural stakeholders. Harnessing the power of biofertilizers can lead to a more sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural system, aligning with global efforts to combat climate change and ensure food security for future generations.

Keywords: Biofertilizers, Climate change mitigation, Carbon sequestration, Greenhouse gas emissions, Soil health & Sustainable agriculture

I. INTRODUCTION

Climate change poses a formidable challenge to global food security, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic development. With the agricultural sector being both a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and highly vulnerable to climate impacts, innovative solutions are imperative to address this dual challenge. Traditional agricultural practices, characterized by heavy reliance on chemical fertilizers, have not only contributed to environmental degradation but also exacerbated climate change through emissions of nitrous oxide (N₂O) and other greenhouse gases. In this context, the exploration of sustainable alternatives such as biofertilizers emerges as a promising avenue for mitigating climate change while ensuring agricultural productivity and resilience.

Biofertilizers, derived from beneficial microorganisms such as nitrogen-fixing bacteria, phosphate-solubilizing bacteria, and mycorrhizal fungi, offer a sustainable approach to soil fertility management. Unlike their chemical counterparts, biofertilizers harness the power of naturally occurring microorganisms to enhance nutrient availability, promote plant growth, and improve soil health. Beyond their immediate agronomic benefits, biofertilizers hold significant potential as a climate change mitigation tool through several mechanisms.

This introduction sets the stage for exploring the role of biofertilizers in mitigating climate change, highlighting their potential to address the intertwined challenges of agricultural sustainability and climate resilience. By delving into the mechanisms through which biofertilizers influence soil carbon dynamics, greenhouse gas emissions, and soil resilience, this paper aims to elucidate the multifaceted contributions of biofertilizers to climate change mitigation efforts.

Moreover, it underscores the need for concerted action from policymakers, researchers, and agricultural stakeholders to realize the full potential of biofertilizers in fostering a sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural system.

Carbon Sequestration Potential of Biofertilizers:

Biofertilizers, particularly those containing nitrogen-fixing bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi, play a crucial role in enhancing soil organic carbon content. By promoting plant growth and root development, these microbial agents facilitate the accumulation of organic matter in soil, thereby sequestering carbon. Additionally, the exudates released by biofertilizer-associated microorganisms contribute to soil carbon stabilization and formation of stable aggregates.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction:

Biofertilizers can mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through multiple pathways. Firstly, by reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers, which are energy-intensive to produce and emit nitrous oxide (N₂O) during application. Secondly, through biological nitrogen fixation, biofertilizers decrease the reliance on nitrogen fertilizers derived from fossil fuel-based processes, thus curbing N₂O emissions. Furthermore, the stimulation of soil microbial communities by biofertilizers can enhance methane (CH₄) oxidation and reduce methane emissions from paddy fields.

Soil Health and Resilience:

Biofertilizers enhance soil health and resilience to climate change impacts. By improving soil structure, nutrient availability, and water retention capacity, biofertilizers mitigate the adverse effects of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods. Moreover, the symbiotic relationships between biofertilizer microorganisms and plants confer resistance to soil-borne pathogens and enhance plant stress tolerance.

Environmental and Socio-economic Implications:

Widespread adoption of biofertilizers can lead to multiple environmental and socio-economic benefits. Reduced chemical fertilizer usage mitigates environmental pollution, including nitrogen and phosphorus runoff into water bodies, thereby safeguarding aquatic ecosystems. Moreover, by promoting sustainable agriculture practices, biofertilizers contribute to rural livelihoods, food security, and resilience to climate change impacts.

Challenges and Opportunities:

While biofertilizers offer immense potential for mitigating climate change and promoting sustainable agriculture, several challenges and opportunities must be addressed to fully realize their benefits.

Challenges:

- **Limited Awareness and Adoption:** One of the primary challenges is the lack of awareness among farmers about the benefits and proper use of biofertilizers. Many farmers remain skeptical or unaware of biofertilizer technologies, hindering widespread adoption.
- **Variability in Efficacy:** The efficacy of biofertilizers can vary depending on factors such as soil type, climatic conditions, crop species, and microbial interactions. Understanding and addressing this variability is crucial for optimizing biofertilizer formulations and ensuring consistent performance across diverse agricultural systems.
- **Cost and Accessibility:** In some cases, biofertilizers may be more expensive than chemical fertilizers, making them less accessible to smallholder farmers with limited financial resources. Finding cost-effective production methods and distribution channels is essential to make biofertilizers more affordable and accessible to farmers.
- **Regulatory Barriers:** Regulatory frameworks governing biofertilizers vary between countries and regions, leading to inconsistencies in registration, labeling, and quality standards. Streamlining regulations and providing clear guidelines for biofertilizer production and use can facilitate market access and adoption.
- **Knowledge Gaps:** Despite significant research progress, there are still knowledge gaps regarding the long-term impacts of biofertilizers on soil health, biodiversity, and ecosystem services. Continued research is needed to assess the ecological implications of widespread biofertilizer use and develop sustainable management practices.

Opportunities:

- **Innovative Formulations:** Advances in biotechnology and microbial ecology offer opportunities to develop innovative biofertilizer formulations tailored to specific crops, soils, and environmental conditions. Engineered microbial consortia and biofertilizer additives can enhance efficacy and address specific agronomic challenges.
- **Integrated Farming Systems:** Biofertilizers can be integrated into holistic farming systems that emphasize crop diversification, agroforestry, and organic farming practices. Such integrated approaches promote soil health, biodiversity, and resilience to climate change while reducing reliance on external inputs.
- **Capacity Building and Extension Services:** Investing in farmer education, training programs, and extension services is critical for building awareness and capacity for biofertilizer adoption. Farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange networks and demonstration plots can showcase the benefits of biofertilizers in real-world agricultural settings.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Collaboration between government agencies, research institutions, NGOs, and private sector companies can drive innovation, scale-up production, and facilitate market access for biofertilizers. Public-private partnerships can leverage resources, expertise, and networks to overcome barriers to adoption and promote sustainable agriculture.
- **Climate Finance Mechanisms:** International climate finance mechanisms, such as carbon markets and climate funds, can provide financial incentives for farmers to adopt climate-smart agricultural practices, including biofertilizers. By monetizing the climate benefits of biofertilizers, farmers can access additional income streams while contributing to global climate change mitigation efforts.

Addressing these challenges and seizing opportunities requires a concerted effort from policymakers, researchers, agricultural stakeholders, and civil society organizations. By overcoming barriers to adoption and harnessing the full potential of biofertilizers, we can transition towards a more sustainable, resilient, and climate-smart agricultural system.

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, biofertilizers represent a multifaceted solution to the intertwined challenges of agricultural sustainability and climate change mitigation. Through mechanisms such as carbon sequestration, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancement of soil resilience, biofertilizers offer a promising pathway towards a more sustainable agricultural system. By harnessing the power of beneficial microorganisms, biofertilizers not only improve soil health and fertility but also contribute to global efforts to combat climate change.

The evidence presented in this paper underscores the significant potential of biofertilizers to mitigate climate change impacts while ensuring food security and environmental sustainability. However, realizing this potential requires concerted efforts from multiple stakeholders. Policymakers play a crucial role in promoting policies and incentives that facilitate the adoption of biofertilizers, including research funding, extension services, and market incentives for sustainable agricultural practices.

Researchers need to continue investigating the efficacy of different biofertilizer formulations, optimizing application methods, and assessing their long-term impacts on soil health and greenhouse gas dynamics. Agricultural stakeholders, including farmers and agricultural cooperatives, must be empowered with knowledge and resources to adopt biofertilizers as part of sustainable farming practices.

Furthermore, international collaboration and knowledge sharing are essential to accelerate the adoption of biofertilizers globally, particularly in developing countries where agricultural sustainability and climate resilience are paramount for food security and poverty alleviation.

By embracing biofertilizers as a key component of sustainable agriculture, we can foster resilience to climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector, and safeguard the livelihoods of millions of farmers worldwide. As we navigate the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation, biofertilizers offer a ray of hope for a more sustainable and resilient future for agriculture and the planet.

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Chemical Physics of Carbon Nanotubes: Recent Progress and Future Directions

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Abstract: Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have garnered significant attention due to their unique structural, mechanical, electrical, and thermal properties, making them promising candidates for a wide range of applications in various fields. This review article provides an overview of recent progress in understanding the chemical physics of carbon nanotubes and discusses future directions in this rapidly evolving field. We begin by summarizing the synthesis methods of CNTs, including arc discharge, laser ablation, and chemical vapor deposition, highlighting recent advancements and challenges. Subsequently, we delve into the structural characterization techniques employed to study CNTs, such as transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, and atomic force microscopy, emphasizing recent developments in high-resolution imaging and spectroscopic techniques. We then discuss the electronic properties of CNTs, including their band structure, electrical conductivity, and quantum transport phenomena, and review recent theoretical and experimental studies aimed at elucidating these properties. Furthermore, we explore the chemical functionalization of CNTs and its impact on their properties and applications, including enhanced solubility, biocompatibility, and chemical reactivity. Finally, we outline future directions in the field of CNTs, including the development of scalable synthesis methods, the integration of CNTs into functional devices, and the exploration of novel applications in areas such as nanoelectronics, energy storage, and biomedicine.

Keywords: Carbon nanotubes, chemical physics, synthesis, characterization, electronic properties, functionalization, applications, future directions

I. INTRODUCTION

Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have emerged as one of the most promising nanomaterials due to their exceptional physical and chemical properties. First discovered by Iijima in 1991 [1], these cylindrical nanostructures have captivated researchers worldwide and have found applications in diverse fields such as electronics, energy storage, biomedicine, and environmental remediation. The unique properties of CNTs, including high mechanical strength, electrical conductivity, and thermal stability, stem from their extraordinary atomic structure, which can be single-walled or multi-walled, and exhibit varying chirality's.

In this review, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of recent advancements in the chemical physics of carbon nanotubes. We will discuss the synthesis methods of CNTs, structural characterization techniques, electronic properties, chemical functionalization, and current and future applications. By synthesizing and analysing the vast body of research in this field, we hope to elucidate the underlying principles governing the behavior of CNTs and provide insights into their potential applications and future directions.

Synthesis of Carbon Nanotubes

The synthesis of carbon nanotubes is a crucial aspect of their study and application. Several methods have been developed to produce CNTs with varying degrees of control over their structure, length, diameter, and chirality. Among the most commonly employed techniques are arc discharge, laser ablation, and chemical vapor deposition (CVD) [2]. Arc discharge involves passing a high current between two graphite electrodes in an inert atmosphere, resulting in the formation of CNTs in the arc region. Laser ablation utilizes a high-power laser to vaporize a graphite target in a furnace

filled with an inert gas, leading to the synthesis of CNTs. CVD, on the other hand, involves the decomposition of hydrocarbon gases over a catalyst substrate at high temperatures, allowing for the controlled growth of CNTs. Recent progress in CNT synthesis has focused on improving the scalability, yield, and quality of CNTs while minimizing production costs and environmental impact. Advanced CVD techniques, such as plasma-enhanced CVD and floating catalyst CVD, have been developed to achieve high-quality CNTs with precise control over their properties [3]. Moreover, efforts have been made to explore novel carbon sources and catalyst materials to enhance the efficiency and selectivity of CNT synthesis.



Image Depicting Various Aspects of Carbon Nanotubes, Including Their Synthesis, Structural Characterization, Electronic Properties & Chemical Functionalization

Structural Characterization of Carbon Nanotubes

Understanding the structure of carbon nanotubes is essential for elucidating their properties and behavior. A variety of techniques have been employed to characterize the structure of CNTs, including transmission electron microscopy (TEM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), atomic force microscopy (AFM), Raman spectroscopy, and X-ray diffraction (XRD) [4]. TEM and SEM enable direct imaging of CNTs at the nanoscale, allowing for the determination of their diameter, length, and morphology. AFM provides high-resolution topographic images of CNTs and can be used to probe their mechanical properties at the nanoscale. Raman spectroscopy is a powerful tool for analyzing the structural and electronic properties of CNTs, providing information about their chirality, defects, and doping. Recent advancements in structural characterization techniques have led to significant improvements in our ability to study CNTs with unprecedented precision and detail. High-resolution TEM and AFM techniques have enabled the visualization of individual CNTs and the determination of their atomic structure [5]. Advanced spectroscopic techniques, such as tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (TERS) and near-field infrared spectroscopy (NFIR), have provided insights into the electronic and vibrational properties of CNTs with nanometre-scale spatial resolution.

Electronic Properties of Carbon Nanotubes

Carbon nanotubes exhibit remarkable electronic properties due to their unique one-dimensional structure and ballistic transport behavior. The electronic properties of CNTs are governed by their chirality, diameter, and symmetry, which determine their band structure and electronic bandgap. Metallic CNTs have a zero bandgap and exhibit high electrical conductivity, whereas semiconducting CNTs have a finite bandgap and can be either direct or indirect depending on their chirality.

The electronic properties of CNTs have been extensively studied both theoretically and experimentally, revealing a rich variety of phenomena such as ballistic transport, quantum confinement, and electron-electron interactions [6]. Theoretical models based on quantum mechanics, such as the tight-binding model and the Dirac equation, have been employed to describe the electronic structure of CNTs and predict their electronic properties. Experimental techniques such as field-effect transistor (FET) measurements, scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), and electrical transport measurements have been used to investigate the electrical conductivity, carrier mobility, and quantum transport behavior of CNTs.

Recent progress in understanding the electronic properties of CNTs has focused on controlling their electronic structure and bandgap engineering for specific applications. Strategies such as chemical doping, surface functionalization, and strain engineering have been explored to modulate the electronic properties of CNTs and tailor their functionality for nanoelectronic devices, sensors, and energy storage devices.

Chemical Functionalization of Carbon Nanotubes

Chemical functionalization plays a crucial role in modifying the properties and enhancing the functionality of carbon nanotubes for various applications. Functionalization can involve covalent or non-covalent attachment of functional groups, polymers, or biomolecules to the surface of CNTs, thereby altering their surface chemistry, solubility, reactivity, and biocompatibility.

Covalent functionalization involves the attachment of functional groups, such as carboxylic acids, amines, or thiols, to the sidewalls or ends of CNTs through chemical reactions such as oxidation, diazonium chemistry, or radical addition [7]. Non-covalent functionalization, on the other hand, relies on weak interactions such as π - π stacking, hydrogen bonding, or van der Waals forces to adsorb molecules onto the surface of CNTs.

Recent advancements in chemical functionalization techniques have led to the development of functionalized CNTs with tailored properties and enhanced functionality for specific applications. Functionalized CNTs have been utilized as nanocarriers for drug delivery, imaging agents for biomedical applications, and reinforcement agents in composite materials [8]. Moreover, functionalized CNTs have been employed as catalysts, sensors, and adsorbents for environmental remediation and water purification.

Applications of Carbon Nanotubes

Carbon nanotubes have found a wide range of applications in various fields due to their unique properties and versatility. In electronics, CNTs have been used as building blocks for nanoscale transistors, interconnects, and sensors, owing to their high electrical conductivity, ballistic transport behavior, and chemical stability [9]. In energy storage, CNTs have been investigated as electrodes for lithium-ion batteries, supercapacitors, and fuel cells, offering high surface area, mechanical strength, and electrical conductivity. In biomedicine, CNTs have shown promise as drug delivery vehicles, imaging agents, and biosensors, due to their biocompatibility, cellular uptake, and functionalizability. Recent progress in the field of carbon nanotubes has opened up new opportunities for their application in emerging technologies such as nanoelectronics, quantum computing, and photonics. The integration of CNTs into functional devices such as field-effect transistors, light-emitting diodes, and photodetectors holds great promise for achieving high-performance, energy-efficient devices with novel functionalities. Moreover, the development of scalable synthesis methods and large-scale manufacturing techniques is essential for realizing the commercial potential of CNT-based technologies and bringing them to market.

Future Directions

Looking ahead, several key challenges and opportunities lie on the horizon for the field of carbon nanotubes. One of the major challenges is the development of scalable synthesis methods that can produce high-quality CNTs with precise control over their properties, including chirality, length, and diameter. Advanced CVD techniques, catalyst engineering, and carbon feedstock optimization are expected to play a crucial role in achieving this goal.

Another important area of research is the integration of carbon nanotubes into functional devices and systems for practical applications. Efforts are underway to develop novel fabrication techniques, device architectures, and interface engineering strategies to exploit the unique properties of CNTs for nanoelectronics, photonics, and sensing applications.

Moreover, interdisciplinary collaborations between researchers in physics, chemistry, materials science, and engineering will be essential for tackling complex challenges and realizing the full potential of carbon nanotubes in diverse fields.

In conclusion, carbon nanotubes represent a fascinating class of nanomaterials with extraordinary properties and immense potential for revolutionizing various technologies. Recent progress in understanding the chemical physics of carbon nanotubes has provided valuable insights into their synthesis, structure, properties, and applications. By addressing key challenges and exploring new avenues for research, we can unlock the full potential of carbon nanotubes and pave the way for exciting advancements in science and technology.

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Chemo-Physical Principles of Environmental Nanotechnology: A Review

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Abstract: Environmental nanotechnology, an interdisciplinary field at the intersection of chemistry, physics, materials science, and environmental science, holds great promise for addressing pressing environmental challenges and advancing sustainable development. This review article provides a comprehensive overview of the chemo-physical principles underlying environmental nanotechnology and discusses their applications in pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification and environmental monitoring. We begin by introducing the concept of environmental nanotechnology and its significance in mitigating pollution and protecting human health and ecosystems. Subsequently, we delve into the chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials and their interactions with environmental contaminants, including adsorption, degradation, and transformation processes. We then review recent advancements in the synthesis, characterization, and functionalization of nanomaterials for environmental applications, highlighting novel strategies for enhancing their performance and efficiency. Furthermore, we explore the diverse applications of nanomaterials in environmental remediation, including the removal of organic pollutants, heavy metals, and emerging contaminants from soil, water, and air. We also discuss the potential risks and challenges associated with the use of nanomaterials in environmental applications and propose future directions for research and development. By synthesizing and analyzing the latest research in this rapidly evolving field, we aim to elucidate the fundamental principles governing the behavior of nanomaterials in the environment and inspire innovative solutions to address global environmental challenges.

Keywords: Environmental Nanotechnology, Chemo-Physical Principles, Nanomaterials, Pollution Remediation, Water Treatment, Air Purification, Environmental Monitoring, etc

I. INTRODUCTION

Environmental degradation, driven by industrialization, urbanization, and population growth, poses significant threats to human health and ecosystems worldwide. Pollution from various sources, including industrial discharge, agricultural runoff, and urban waste, contaminates air, water, and soil, leading to adverse effects on ecosystems, biodiversity, and public health. Addressing these environmental challenges requires innovative solutions that minimize pollution, promote sustainable development, and protect human health and the environment.

Environmental nanotechnology, an interdisciplinary field that combines principles from chemistry, physics, materials science, and environmental science, offers promising solutions to address environmental pollution and promote sustainability [1]. By leveraging the unique properties and functionalities of nanomaterials, environmental nanotechnology aims to develop advanced materials and technologies for pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring. The chemo-physical principles underlying environmental nanotechnology govern the behavior of nanomaterials in the environment, including their interactions with environmental contaminants, transport mechanisms, and transformation processes.

In this review, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the chemo-physical principles of environmental nanotechnology and their applications in addressing global environmental challenges. We will discuss the synthesis, characterization, and functionalization of nanomaterials for environmental applications, as well as their diverse applications in pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring. By synthesizing

and analyzing the latest research in this rapidly evolving field, we aim to elucidate the fundamental principles governing the behavior of nanomaterials in the environment and inspire innovative solutions to address pressing environmental issues.

II. CHEMO-PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF NANOMATERIALS

Nanomaterials, with dimensions ranging from 1 to 100 nanometres, exhibit unique chemo-physical properties that distinguish them from bulk materials. These properties, including high surface-to-volume ratios, quantum confinement effects, and tunable surface chemistry, enable nanomaterials to interact with environmental contaminants and catalysed pollutant degradation processes [2]. The chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials play a crucial role in determining their performance and efficiency in environmental applications, including pollution remediation, water treatment, and air purification.

2.1 Surface Chemistry and Functionalization

The surface chemistry of nanomaterials plays a critical role in their interactions with environmental contaminants and their performance in pollution remediation and water treatment applications. Functionalization of nanomaterials with specific chemical groups, such as hydroxyl, carboxyl, or amino groups, can enhance their adsorption capacity, selectivity, and stability [3]. Surface modification techniques, such as surface coating, doping, and ligand exchange, allow for the precise control of surface properties and functionalities, enabling the design of tailored materials for specific environmental applications.

2.2 Adsorption and Sorption Processes

Adsorption is a fundamental process governing the interaction between nanomaterials and environmental contaminants, whereby contaminants are adsorbed onto the surface of nanomaterials through physical or chemical interactions [4]. Nanomaterials with high surface area and porosity, such as carbon nanotubes, graphene oxide, and mesoporous silica nanoparticles, exhibit enhanced adsorption capacities for a wide range of pollutants, including organic compounds, heavy metals, and emerging contaminants [5]. Sorption processes, including absorption and desorption, play a crucial role in pollutant removal and sequestration, influencing the fate and transport of contaminants in the environment.

2.3 Catalytic Degradation Processes

Catalytic degradation processes involve the use of nanomaterials as catalysts to facilitate the degradation of environmental pollutants through chemical reactions such as oxidation, reduction, and hydrolysis [6]. Nanocatalysts, such as metal nanoparticles, metal oxides, and metal-organic frameworks, exhibit high-catalytic activity and selectivity due to their unique electronic properties and surface reactivity. Catalytic degradation processes offer efficient and environmentally friendly methods for removing recalcitrant pollutants, including persistent organic pollutants (POPs), pharmaceuticals, and pesticides, from contaminated water and soil [7].

III. SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NANOMATERIALS

The synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials are essential steps in environmental nanotechnology, enabling the design, optimization, and application of advanced materials for pollution remediation and environmental protection. Recent advancements in nanomaterial synthesis techniques and characterization methods have facilitated the development of novel materials with tailored properties and functionalities for environmental applications.

3.1 Synthesis Techniques

A variety of synthesis techniques have been developed to produce nanomaterials with precise control over size, shape, composition, and surface chemistry [8]. Bottom-up approaches, such as sol-gel synthesis, hydrothermal synthesis, and chemical vapor deposition (CVD), involve the assembly of atoms, molecules, or nanoparticles to form nanomaterials through chemical reactions or physical processes. Top-down approaches, such as mechanical milling, lithography, and etching, involve the downsizing of bulk materials to produce nanomaterials with controlled dimensions and properties. Recent advancements in synthesis techniques, including green synthesis methods, template-assisted synthesis, and self-

assembly processes, offer new opportunities for the scalable production of nanomaterials with tailored properties for environmental applications.

3.2 Characterization Methods

Characterization methods play a crucial role in elucidating the chemo-physical properties of nanomaterials and understanding their behavior in the environment. A variety of characterization techniques, including electron microscopy, spectroscopy, diffraction, and surface analysis methods, have been employed to study the structure, composition, morphology, and properties of nanomaterials with high resolution and sensitivity [9]. Electron microscopy techniques, such as transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM), provide detailed imaging of nanomaterials and allow for the determination of their size, shape, and morphology. Spectroscopic techniques, including X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and Raman spectroscopy, provide insights into the chemical composition, bonding, and electronic structure of nanomaterials.

Diffraction techniques, such as X-ray diffraction (XRD) and selected-area electron diffraction (SAED), enable the determination of the crystallographic structure and phase composition of nanomaterials. Surface analysis methods, such as atomic force microscopy (AFM), scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), and ellipsometry, provide information about the surface morphology, topography, and properties of nanomaterials. Recent advancements in characterization techniques, including high-resolution electron microscopy, advanced spectroscopy, and in situ imaging methods, have expanded our understanding of nanomaterials and their applications in environmental nanotechnology.

IV. APPLICATIONS OF NANOMATERIALS IN ENVIRONMENTAL NANOTECHNOLOGY

Nanomaterials have found diverse applications in environmental nanotechnology, offering innovative solutions for pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring. The unique properties and functionalities of nanomaterials enable efficient and effective removal of environmental contaminants, reduction of pollutant emissions, and monitoring of environmental quality.

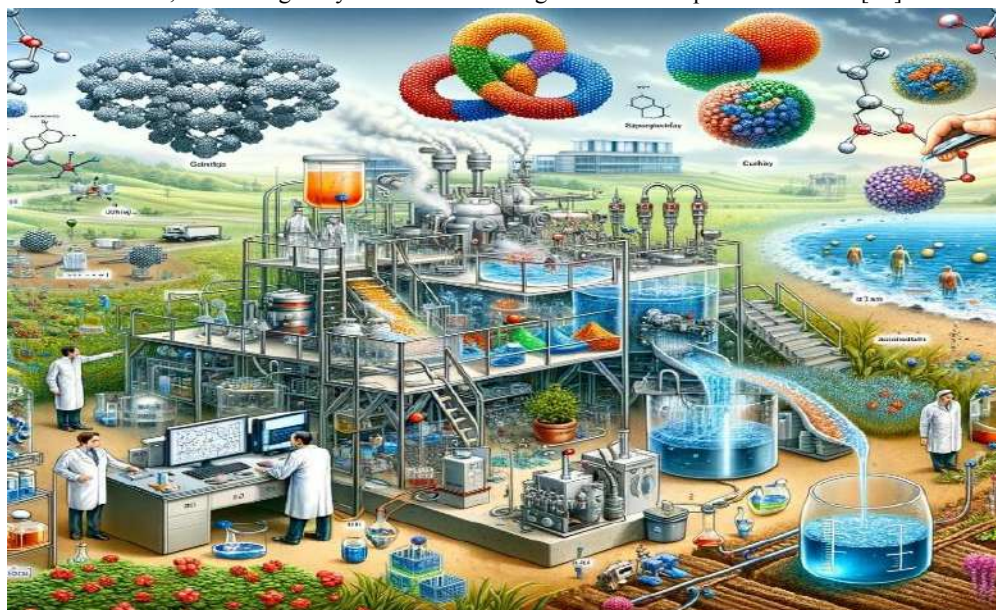
4.1 Pollution Remediation

Nanomaterials have been widely used for the remediation of polluted soil and water, offering efficient and cost-effective solutions for removing contaminants such as heavy metals, organic pollutants, and emerging contaminants [10]. Nanomaterial-based adsorbents, including activated carbon, graphene oxide, and metal-organic frameworks, exhibit high adsorption capacities and selectivities for a wide range of pollutants, enabling the removal of contaminants from aqueous solutions and industrial effluents. Nanocatalysts, such as zero-valent iron nanoparticles, titanium dioxide nanoparticles, and bimetallic nanoparticles, catalysed the degradation of organic pollutants through chemical reactions such as oxidation, reduction, and hydrolysis, leading to the transformation of toxic compounds into less harmful or inert substances. Nanocomposites, consisting of nanomaterials embedded in porous matrices or membranes, offer enhanced performance and stability for pollutant removal applications, enabling the development of efficient and sustainable remediation technologies [11].

4.2 Water Treatment

Nanomaterials have shown great potential for addressing water scarcity and contamination issues through advanced water treatment technologies [12]. Nanofiltration membranes, incorporating nanomaterials such as carbon nanotubes, graphene oxide, and metal-organic frameworks, exhibit high permeability, selectivity, and fouling resistance, enabling the removal of contaminants such as pathogens, heavy metals, and organic pollutants from water sources. Nanocomposite adsorbents, consisting of nanomaterials immobilized on porous substrates or fibres, offer efficient and cost-effective solutions for removing pollutants from industrial wastewater, municipal sewage, and agricultural runoff. Nanocatalysts, supported on porous materials or immobilized in fixed-bed reactors, enable the degradation of recalcitrant pollutants through catalytic reactions, leading to the purification and detoxification of contaminated water sources. Nanosensors, based on principles such as surface plasmon resonance, fluorescence quenching, and electrical

conductivity, enable real-time monitoring of water quality parameters, including pH, temperature, turbidity, and contaminant concentration, facilitating early detection and mitigation of water pollution events [13].



The Picture Shows the Various Processes to Nanomaterials

4.3 Air Purification

Nanomaterials have emerged as promising candidates for air purification applications, offering efficient and sustainable solutions for removing airborne pollutants and improving indoor and outdoor air quality [14]. Nanoparticle-based filters, consisting of porous materials such as carbon nanotubes, graphene aerogels, and metal-organic frameworks, exhibit high filtration efficiencies and low pressure drops, enabling the removal of particulate matter, allergens, and volatile organic compounds from indoor air environments. Nanocomposite adsorbents, incorporating nanomaterials such as activated carbon, zeolites, and silica nanoparticles, offer enhanced adsorption capacities and selectivities for gaseous pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and volatile organic compounds, enabling the removal of contaminants from industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and indoor air sources. Photocatalytic nanomaterials, such as titanium dioxide nanoparticles, zinc oxide nanoparticles, and bismuth-based perovskites, enable the degradation of airborne pollutants through photocatalytic reactions under UV or visible light irradiation, leading to the purification and disinfection of indoor and outdoor air environments. Nanosensors, integrated into air quality monitoring networks or wearable devices, enable real-time monitoring of air pollutant concentrations and exposure levels, providing valuable information for public health and environmental management [15].

4.4 Environmental Monitoring

Nanomaterial-based sensors and devices have revolutionized environmental monitoring by enabling real-time detection and quantification of environmental pollutants, facilitating early warning and mitigation of pollution events [16]. Nanosensors, based on principles such as surface plasmon resonance, fluorescence quenching, and electrical conductivity, offer high sensitivity, selectivity, and response speed for detecting a wide range of pollutants, including heavy metals, organic compounds, and pathogens, in air, water, and soil environments. Nanoparticle-based probes, functionalized with specific recognition elements such as antibodies, aptamers, or molecularly imprinted polymers, enable the selective capture and detection of target analytes in complex environmental matrices, enabling rapid and accurate analysis of environmental samples. Nano devices, integrated into environmental monitoring networks or wearable platforms, enable real-time monitoring of environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, pH, and

contaminant concentration, providing valuable information for assessing environmental quality, managing natural resources, and protecting human health [17].

V. FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND CHALLENGES

Despite significant advancements in environmental nanotechnology, several challenges and opportunities lie ahead for the field. Addressing these challenges and capitalizing on emerging opportunities will require interdisciplinary collaborations, innovative research, and sustainable practices.

5.1 Environmental Impacts and Risks

One of the major challenges facing environmental nanotechnology is understanding the potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the use of nanomaterials in pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring [18]. Nanomaterials may pose risks to human health and ecosystems through unintended releases, transformations, and interactions in the environment, leading to concerns about their toxicity, bioavailability, and long-term effects. Assessing the environmental fate, transport, and behavior of nanomaterials requires comprehensive studies that consider factors such as particle size, shape, surface chemistry, and environmental conditions, enabling informed decision-making and risk management strategies.

5.2 Scalability and Sustainability

Another challenge is scaling up the synthesis and deployment of nanomaterial-based technologies for widespread applications in pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring [19]. Many nanomaterial synthesis methods are still at the laboratory scale and may not be scalable or cost-effective for large-scale production and implementation. Developing scalable and sustainable synthesis techniques, using environmentally friendly precursors and processes, is essential for realizing the full potential of nanomaterial-based technologies and ensuring their widespread adoption and acceptance.

5.3 Regulation and Governance

Regulating the use of nanomaterials in environmental applications presents a significant challenge due to the lack of standardized protocols, guidelines, and regulations for assessing their environmental impacts and risks [20]. Establishing regulatory frameworks and governance mechanisms that ensure the safe and responsible use of nanomaterials in pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring is essential for protecting human health and ecosystems. Collaborative efforts between governments, industry, academia, and civil society are needed to develop transparent and science-based regulations that promote innovation while minimizing potential risks and uncertainties.

5.4 Multifunctionality and Integration

Exploring the multifunctionality of nanomaterials and integrating them into multifunctional systems and devices offer new opportunities for enhancing the performance and efficiency of environmental technologies [21]. Nanomaterials with tailored properties and functionalities can be designed and engineered to address specific environmental challenges, such as simultaneous removal of multiple pollutants, integration of sensing and remediation functions, and self-healing and self-cleaning capabilities. Multifunctional nanomaterial-based systems, such as smart membranes, responsive coatings, and autonomous sensors, offer innovative solutions for achieving sustainable and resilient environmental infrastructure.

5.5 Education and Outreach

Promoting public awareness, education, and engagement about environmental nanotechnology is essential for fostering informed decision-making, public acceptance, and responsible stewardship of nanomaterials [22-23]. Educating stakeholders about the benefits, risks, and uncertainties associated with nanomaterial-based technologies, as well as their societal and ethical implications, is crucial for building trust, addressing concerns, and ensuring equitable access and distribution of benefits. Engaging with communities, policymakers, and civil society organizations through

outreach activities, public consultations, and participatory decision-making processes can facilitate dialogue, collaboration, and shared responsibility for advancing environmental sustainability.

VI. CONCLUSION

Environmental nanotechnology holds great promise for addressing global environmental challenges and advancing sustainable development by harnessing the unique properties and functionalities of nanomaterials for pollution remediation, water treatment, air purification, and environmental monitoring. The chemo-physical principles underlying environmental nanotechnology govern the behavior of nanomaterials in the environment, including their interactions with environmental contaminants, transport mechanisms, and transformation processes.

Recent advancements in nanomaterial synthesis, characterization, and functionalization have enabled the development of novel materials and technologies for environmental applications. Nanomaterials offer efficient and effective solutions for removing pollutants from air, water, and soil environments, as well as monitoring environmental quality and mitigating pollution events. Addressing challenges such as environmental impacts and risks, scalability and sustainability, regulation and governance, multifunctionality and integration, and education and outreach is essential for realizing the full potential of environmental nanotechnology and ensuring its positive impact on human health and ecosystems.

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Conventional and Microwave Synthesis, Characterization and Study of Microbiological Activity of Complexes of Ni (II) [2-((Z)-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5- ((E)-thiazol-5-yl diazenyl) benzenylidene)amino)phenol] (MThBAP) in Extractive Spectrophotometric Determination of Nickel (II)

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Abstract: A Schiff base and its complexes with Ni (II) have been synthesized by conventional methods & microwave synthesis which were characterized by elemental analysis, molar conductance, magnetic susceptibility, electronic spectra, IR and ESR spectroscopy. The metal complex is colored, solid and non - hygroscopic. The ligand behaves as {uni negatively} tridentate ligand coordinated to metal ions via azomethine (N), N=N and phenolic, anionic(O). Based on magnetic susceptibility values and electronic spectral analysis, the geometry of the complex was proposed to be octahedral. The molar conductivity data of the complex suggests their non-electrolytic nature. The ligand and metal complexes have been analyzed for their microbiological activity.

Keywords: Coordination, Metal Complexes, Microbiological activity, Octahedral, Schiff base (MThBAP)

I. INTRODUCTION

Schiff base and its metal complex occupy an important place in the field of coordination chemistry (Shirodkar et al., 2001) Nitrogen and other atoms such as oxygen (Djebbar et al., 1997), (Bhattacharya et al., 1998; Liu et al., 1996; Wu et al., bases. Chelating ligands containing N, S, and O donor atoms show biological and catalytic activities (Amir et al., 2002; Hamada, 1997; Vaghasiy et al., 2004). Many metal complexes are synthesized and are studied. In the detection of metal cations at the micro level Schiff bases are used (Jungreis & Thabet, 1969). Microwave-assisted synthesis is a branch of green chemistry. It continues to develop at a very fast rate in organic, organometallic, and coordination chemistry. Microwave irradiated reactions are done under solvent-free or less solvent conditions. Reduced pollution, low cost and better yield, shorter reaction time, and simplicity in processing and handling are the advantages of Microwave-assisted synthesis. There are a few reports on the synthesis of metal complexes by microwave methods (Mahajan et al., 2009; Mishra et al., 2012; Mohanan et al., 2008; Sharma et al., 2010) ligand In the present paper, metal complex of Ni (II), with Schiff base 2-(((Z)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5 yldiazenyl) benzyldiene) amino) benzoic acid have been synthesized by conventional as well microwave method and both process are compared. 2001) are present as donor atoms in metal complexes of Schiff's. Schiff base and its metal complexes are important in the field of coordination chemistry. Nitrogen and other atoms such as oxygen are used as bases for chelating ligands containing N, S, and O donor atoms, which exhibit biological and catalytic activities. Many metal complexes have been synthesized and studied, and a schiff base is often used in the detection of metal cations at the micro level. Microwave-assisted synthesis is a branch of green chemistry that has many advantages, including reduced pollution, low cost, better yield, shorter reaction time, and simplicity in processing and handling. There are a few reports on the synthesis of metal complexes by microwave methods, and in this paper, the metal complex of Ni (II) with Schiff base 2-(((Z)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5-yl-diazenyl)benzylidene)amino)benzoic acid was synthesized using both conventional and microwave methods. Both processes were compared, and the results were analyzed.

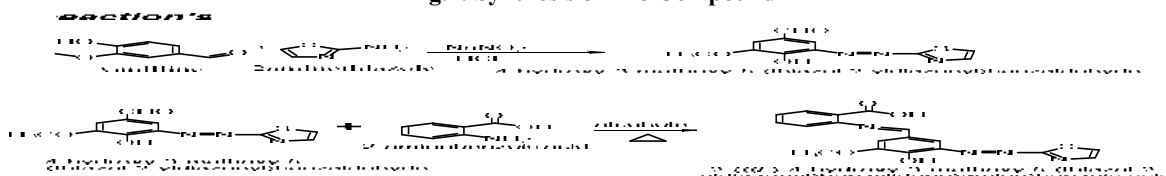
II. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

ELICO - SL 159 spectrophotometer with optically matched quartz or glass cells of 1cm path length were used for absorbance measurement. An ELICO – LI 127 pH meter was employed for pH measurements.

General procedure synthesis of [2-((Z)-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5-yl diazenyl)benzylidene)amino)phenol] :-

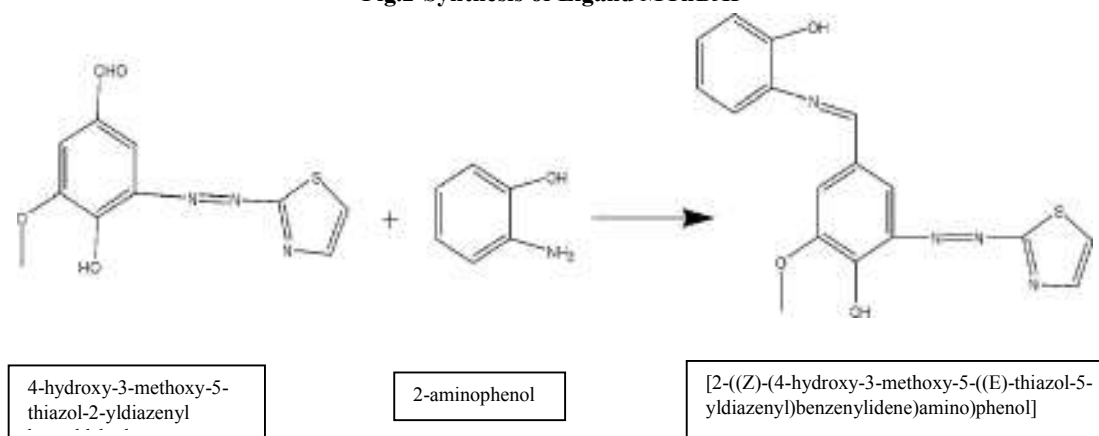
To synthesize [2-((Z)-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5-yl diazenyl)benzylidene)amino)phenol], follow these steps: 1. Prepare a solution of 2-aminothiazol (0.005 moles) and slowly add sodium nitrite solution (0.005 moles) in increments of 2 ml at a time while keeping the temperature below 5°C for 30 minutes. 2. Stir the solution until red crystals form. 3. Gradually add the cold diazonium salt (0.005 moles) to a solution of vanilline in 25cm³ of 10% sodium hydroxide. 4. Stir the solution for an hour and then filter it using a Buchner funnel. 5. Clean the filtered object with a saturated solution of sodium chloride.

Fig.1: Synthesis of Azo Compound



Using 50 ml of ethyl alcohol as the solvent, 0.01 moles of the azo compound and 0.01 moles of 2-aminophenol are added to a flask with a circular bottom and a few shards of porcelain. It is recirculated for three hours while being connected to the water condenser. The combination is then put into a beaker and kept in the fridge for the remainder of the day. The final product underwent filtering and drying. Schiff's base compound 2-(((Z)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5-yl)diazenyl)benzylidene)aminophenol (MThBAP) was created as brown crystals. The crystals have undergone regrowth.

Fig.2-Synthesis of Ligand MThBAP



Green synthesis of [2-((Z)-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-((E)-thiazol-5-yl)diazenyl)benzylidene)amino]phenol]

Microwave radiation was applied at 180 0 for 0.4 minutes to a beaker containing 0.005 moles of 2-aminophenol, 0.005 moles of azo compound, and a few drops of pure alcohol. In a short (2 min) reaction time, higher yields were attained. It is possible to create greenish-brown Schiff's base crystals.

Preparation of Nickel Complex by conventional method :

Preparation of Schiff's base ligand (MThBAP) by conventional method The complex of Nickel was made by using hydrated NiCl₂ in an ethanolic solution of ligand in a molar ratio of 1:2 at pH 7.6 -8.4. For 4 - 5 hrs the mixture was refluxed in a water bath The following is a description of the procedure used to prepare the Schiff's base ligand

(MThBAP) using the conventional method. Nickel complex was made using hydrated NiCl_2 in an ethanolic solution of ligand with a molar ratio of 1:2 at pH 7.6-8.4. The mixture was refluxed in a water bath for 4-5 hours and a dark brown colored solid was obtained after cooling at room temperature. The resulting complex with the formula $[\text{Ni L}_2]$ was washed with water and ethanol, recrystallized (Vogel, 1989), and dried, with a yield of 60-70%. The dark brown-colored solid was separated after cooling at room temperature. The resulting complex corresponding to the formula $[\text{Ni L}_2]$ was washed with water and ethanol was then recrystallized (Vogel, 1989) and dried (yield 60 - 70%).

Preparation of Nickel Complex by microwave method :

The process involved grinding hydrated NiCl_2 and a ligand in a 1:2 ratio. The resulting mixture was taken in a 50 ml borosil beaker and mixed with 3-4 ml of dry ethanol as a solvent. The mixture was then irradiated in a microwave oven at 700 Watts for 2 minutes, resulting in a short reaction time of 1-2 minutes and higher yields. The product obtained was recrystallized with ethanol and ether and finally dried under reduced pressure over anhydrous CaCl_2 in a desiccator. The progress of the reaction and purity of the product was monitored by TLC using silica gel G, resulting in a yield of 91-92%.

Biological Studies

The Cup Plate Method is a technique used to determine the antibacterial and antifungal activity of ligands and their Ni(II) complexes. Firstly, a stock solution of 2000 ppm of the ligand and Ni(II) complex is prepared by dissolving 20 mg in 10 ml solvent carbon tetrachloride on an active ingredient basis. This solution is kept at room temperature until it is needed.

Next, sterile Sabouraud's agar plates are used for the fungus *Candida albican*, and sterile Mueller Hinton agar plates are used for bacterial test cultures. These plates are seeded with 1ml of 24-hour-old, 0.1 O.D. cultures. For the surface spread on Sabouraud's agar plates, 0.2 ml of 48-hour-old *Aspergillus* culture is used.

Then, wells are punched in the above media and 50 μl of the compounds are added. Depending on their culture, the plates are incubated for 48 hours at 37°C or room temperature. The area around the well is inhibited and measured in millimeters. The plates are further incubated at 37°C or room temperature for 48 hours, depending on the culture. Finally, the zone of inhibition around the wells is measured in millimeters.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: MTH BAP

The metal complex $[\text{Ni L}_2]$ is a solid with a dark-brown color. It is non-hygroscopic and stable at room temperature. The metal-ligand ratio for these complexes is 1:2.

Table I contains the analytical and physical data for both the ligand and their respective metal complexes.

Table-I The Analytical and Physical data of ligand & Ni Complex

Compound (Colour)	Molecular Weight	Reaction period & %yield Conventional methods	Reaction period % Yield Micro synthesis	M.P.	% Elemental Analysis Found (Calculated)				
					C	H	O	S	N
Ligand $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ S (greenish brown)	354.38	4 hours 79%	0.4 Minutes 92%	240	57.00 (57.62)	3.90 (3.98)	13.50 (13.54)	9.08 (9.05)	15.78 (15.81)
$\text{Ni}[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}]_2$ Ni L_2	763.453	4.5 hours 73%	0.3 minutes 91% yield	286	53.01 (53.44)	3.39 (3.406)	12.50 (12.57)	8.33 (8.38)	14.63 (14.68)

A . Infra-red Spectral Analysis

The infrared (IR) spectrum can be used to identify the frequency of functional groups of a ligand and complex through characteristic stretching. This study utilized the Shimadzu FTIR-IR AFFINITY-1SWL Spectrometer (4000-400 cm^{-1}) with KBr pellets to record the IR spectrum. Table II provides a summary of the most significant infrared spectra bands of the ligand and investigated metal complexes, with Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 showing the corresponding IR figures.

The C=N stretching of the azomethine group appears as a broad band at 1613 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum due to the ligand (Lever, 1973; Noorjahan et al., 2014). In Ni (II) complexes, the band shifted to lower regions at 1611 cm^{-1} , indicating the coordination of azomethine nitrogen to the metal atom in the complexes (Anitha et al., 2013; Priya D., & Kumar, H., 2010). This shift occurred due to the donation of electron density from nitrogen to the metal, which takes place between the azomethine nitrogen and the metal atom.

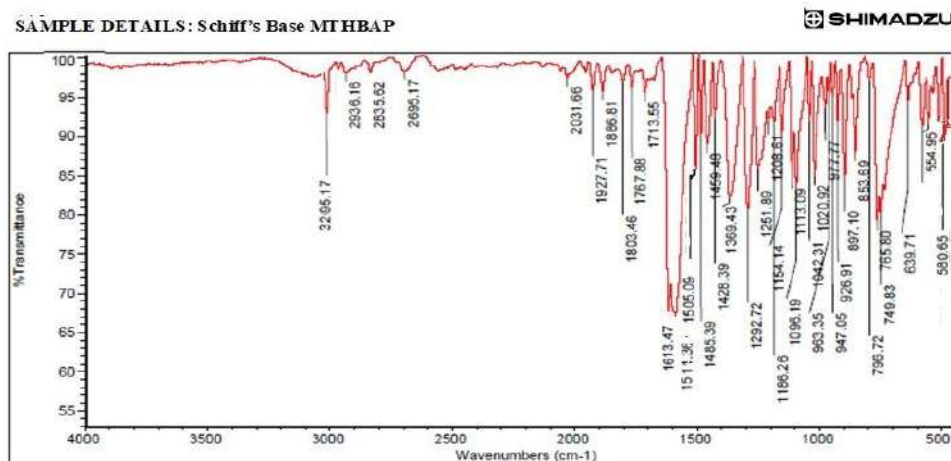
Based on the IR spectra analysis, it has been observed that a weak band around 3295 cm^{-1} , which is caused by an intra-molecular hydrogen-bonded -OH group (Bellamy, 1954), (Anitha et al., 2013; Hasan et al., 2016; Silverstein & Webster, 1998) is present in the ligand but is absent in the nuclear Ni complex. This indicates that the phenolic proton has dissociated upon complexation, and the phenolic anionic oxygen is now involved in coordination. This is further supported by the fact that the strong band at 1292 cm^{-1} due to C – O (phenolic) in the ligand has shifted to 1311 cm^{-1} in the spectra of complexes (Anitha et al., 2013).

Therefore, it can be concluded that the ligand behaves as a uni negatively tridentate ligand coordinated to the metal ion via azomethine (N) N=N and phenolic, anionic (O).

Table II infrared spectra bands of the ligand and investigated metal complexes

compound	$\nu(\text{-OH})$	$\nu(\text{C-N})$	$\nu(\text{-CO})$	$\nu(\text{M-N})$	$\nu(\text{M-O})$
ligand	3295.67 phenolic	1613.05	1292.72	----	-----
Ni- Complex	-----	1611.36	1311.42	479.38	455.78

Figure 3: IR Spectra of ligand

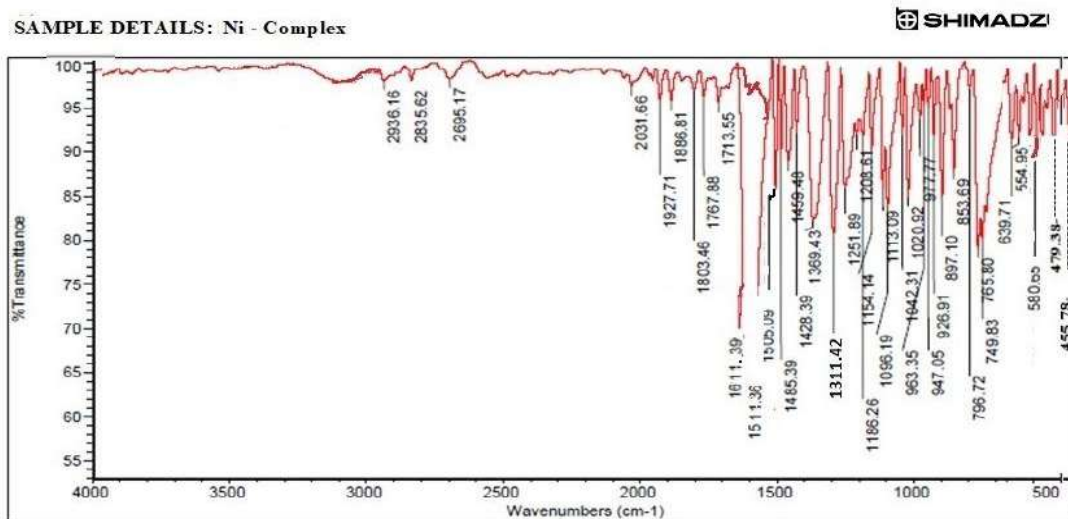


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B. Molar Conductance

At room temperature, the molar conductance of a mononuclear nickel complex in DMF solvent (1×10^{-3} M) using an ELICO Conductivity meter with cell constant 1.0 cm^{-1} is 26 $\text{Ohm-cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$. The obtained values were compared with known molar conductivities from Sulekh and Umendra (2005), indicating that the complexes are non-electrolytic in nature, as reported by Priya and Kumar (2010).

Figure 3: IR Spectra of complex



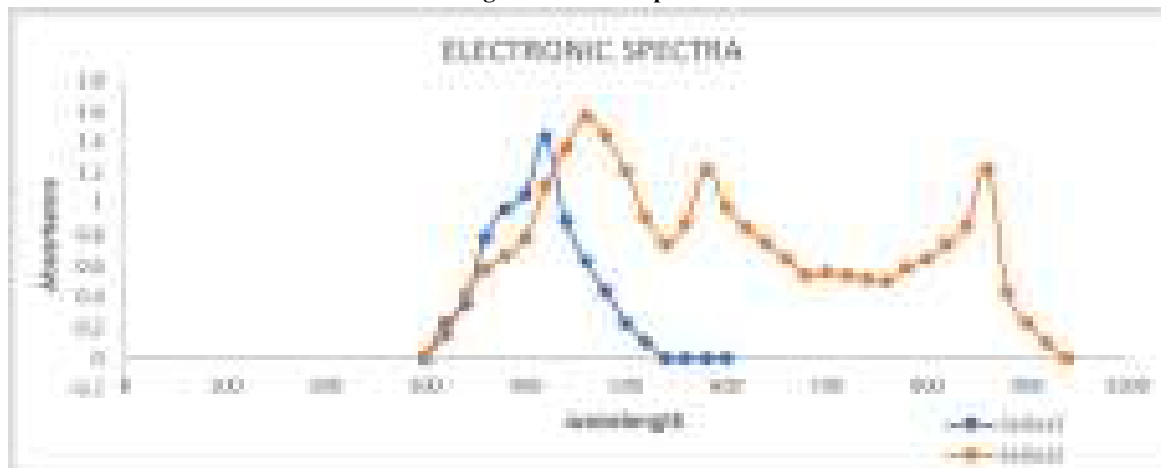
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C. Electronic spectra and magnetic susceptibility measurements of complexes

The electronic transition takes place in the UV-Visible electromagnetic region. ELICO SL - 159 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer is used to record electronic spectra. The transition of metal ions occurs in a variety of structural environments. Hence the electronic structures are extremely varied and have been identified by UV-Visible spectroscopy. Data is shown in Table III and electronic spectra are shown in Fig. 4.

The electronic absorption spectra of Ni (II) complex exhibit the three band around 21739.13 cm^{-1} (460 nm), 17241.37 cm^{-1} (580 nm), 11627.9 cm^{-1} (860 nm), at room temperature which could be attributed to d-d transition and may be assigned to $3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(p)$, $3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(t)$, $3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(t)$ transition (Adhikary et al., 2015; Al-hamdani & Shayma, 2011; Bardakçı et al., 2015; Amani, S., Alturiqiet et al., 2018; Salisu Abubakar et al., 2024; S Mini and *V Sadasivan 2016,) suggesting octahedral geometry. The magnetic moment value 3.12 B.M is consistent with the octahedral Ni (II) complex (Amani, S., Alturiqiet et al., 2018 Priya D. & Kumar, H., 2010).

Fig-4 Electronic Spectra



The proposed geometry of [Ni L2] complexes, which is octahedral, was supported by the calculated values of several ligand field parameters, such as Racah inter electronic repulsion parameter (B'), nephelauxetic parameter (β), ligand field splitting energy ($10 Dq$), and ligand field stabilization energy (LFSE). These values were calculated using the

Underhill and Billing equation, as described in previous studies (Amani, S., Alturiquet et al., 2018; Salisu Abubakar et al., 2024; Satyanarayana D.N, 2011).

The calculated B' values for the $[Ni L_2]$ complexes were found to be lower than the free ion values due to the orbital overlap and delocalization of d-orbitals. The β values, which were calculated using the equation $B'(\text{complex})/B(\text{free ion})$, play a significant role in determining the covalency of the metal-ligand bond. These values were found to be less than unity, suggesting a considerable amount of covalency for the metal-ligand bonds. The value of β was calculated to be 0.286, indicating the covalent character in the metal-ligand bond (Amani, S., Alturiquet et al., 2018). The ligand parameters values are shown in table IV

Table III. Electronic Spectra and Magnetic Moment of the Ni (II) Complex

compound	Band, λ max	Band, λ max (nm)	Band, λ max (cm^{-1})	Assignments	μ_{eff} (B.M.)
Ni L ₂	ν_1	860	11627.9	$3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(p)$	3.18
	ν_2	580	17241.37	$3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(f)$	
	ν_3	460	21739.13	$3A_{2g} \rightarrow 3T_{1g}(f)$	

Table IV. The ligand parameters of the Ni (II) Complex

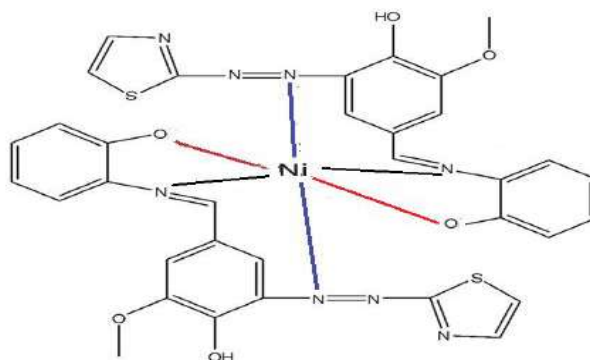
Compound	Band, λ max	Band, λ max (cm^{-1})	Dq (cm^{-1})	B(cm^{-1})	ν_2 / ν_1	β
NiL 2	ν_1	11627.9	1162.7	273.12	1.47	0.262
	ν_2	17241.37				
	ν_3	21739.13				

D. Determination of composition of the extracted species :

Composition of the complex was found to be 1:2 (Ni: L) Which was verified by using the Mole Ratio Method and Job's Continuous Variation Method (Makhijani et al.,2018)

E. Proposed Structure of the complex:

Analytical, magnetic, spectroscopic data and microbiology data suggests that the chelating nature of ligand forms stable complexes with Ni (II). Based on experimental evidence the probable structures of the complexes can be shown as Fig.5.

Fig-5 Proposed Structure

Proposed Structure of Ni - MTH8AP Complex

Biological Activity:

A recent study tested the antibacterial and antifungal activity of a Schiff's base ligand and its nuclear Ni complex against various types of microorganisms including gram-positive bacteria like *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Corynebacterium diphtheria*, gram-negative bacteria like *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumonia*, and fungi like *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus* species.

The study found that the metal chelates of the Ni (II) complex had significantly higher antibacterial and antifungal activity compared to free ligands. This increase in activity was due to the chelation process, which reduces the polarity of the metal ion and enhances the lipophilicity of the complex. This makes it easier for the complexes to penetrate lipid membranes, block the metal sites on enzymes of microorganisms, and disturb the respiration process of the cell.

The variation in the activity of different complexes against different organisms was due to differences in the permeability of the microbe's cells or ribosomes. The microbiological activity was measured using a zone of inhibition, which was measured in millimeters.

These findings provide valuable insight into the potential use of Ni (II) chelates for the development of highly effective antibacterial and antifungal agents.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the investigations conducted, it can be inferred that the ligand [MThBAP] acts as a negatively charged, tridentate ligand that is coordinated to the metal ion through the azomethine (N), N=N and phenolic, anionic (O) bonds. The analytical data of the complexes match well with their molecular formula. A comparison between the IR value of the free ligand and the Ni metal complex showed that the nitrogen atom of azomethine and N=N, and the oxygen atom of phenolic of the tridentate Schiff bases are involved in bond formation with Ni(II) ions. This was confirmed by two new peaks in the IR of the complex (M-N and M-O). The job method and mole ratio method confirmed the metal-to-ligand ratio of 1:2, further supporting the complex. The electronic spectral and magnetic susceptibility measurements indicate that the mononuclear Ni (II) complex with MThBAP is octahedral. The ligand parameters of the complex provide information about the covalent nature of the complex. Based on these findings, the structures have been proposed for the complex, which is in good agreement with theoretical considerations (as shown in Fig.5). The metal complex exhibits enhanced microbiological activities when compared to the ligand.

Table V- Antibacterial and Antifungal activity

Complexes	Cultures					
	S.a	S.a	E.c	K.p	C.a	Asp
Schiff's base	21	8	9	7	3	-
NiL2	33	11	10	11	4	3

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Evolving Landscape of Renewable Energy Strategies among MSMEs and Startups for Sustainability

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Abstract: *This research examines the innovative practices of startups and MSMEs in the renewable energy sector to promote sustainable development. It aims to understand the factors contributing to their success and provide recommendations for policymakers to support their growth. The study uses primary and secondary sources, including interviews with industry experts, case studies, and policy framework analysis. Key trends include the increasing adoption of renewable energy technologies, new business models, and sustainability. The research also examines the challenges faced by startups and MSMEs, such as access to finance, regulatory barriers, and technical issues. The study also analyzes policy frameworks that support the growth of innovative businesses, including financial incentives, regulatory frameworks, and innovation support programs.*

Keywords: renewable energy, UN SDGs, MSME, startups

I. INTRODUCTION

The use of renewable energy sources, such as sunlight, wind, water, and biomass, to produce energy is a growing global trend. There are four primary categories of energy: hydro, solar, wind, and bioenergy. Photovoltaic cells and concentrated solar power systems are used to generate solar energy; wind turbines are used to convert wind energy; hydropower plants are used to generate hydro energy; and organic matter is used to generate bioenergy. New technologies are also being investigated, such as tidal and geothermal energy. Batteries and pumped hydro storage are two examples of energy storage technologies that are growing in importance. Particularly in emerging markets, the industry contributes significantly to economic growth and the creation of jobs. But it faces obstacles like high initial costs, technical problems, and legal restrictions, which makes it hard for MSMEs and startups to enter the market. Lawmakers are putting new laws into effect to assist creative companies in the renewable energy industry.

The global transition to a low-carbon economy and lower greenhouse gas emissions is driving up adoption of the renewable energy sector. As a result, the use of renewable energy technologies has increased dramatically, particularly in developing nations. Community solar projects are examples of the new business models that are emerging to align the interests of consumers, utilities, and developers. As investors and consumers grow more aware of their energy usage, sustainability and environmental stewardship are also becoming more and more crucial. As a result, emphasis has shifted to energy efficiency, sustainable raw material sourcing, and the proper disposal of renewable energy technologies. Since intermittent renewables like solar and wind can be difficult to integrate into the electricity grid, the integration of renewable energy into the larger energy system is also becoming more and more important.

Solar panels and wind turbines are examples of renewable energy technologies that, if not sourced sustainably, may have detrimental effects on the environment. A growing emphasis on sustainable raw material sourcing, which guarantees high environmental and social standards in mining and extraction, is being made in response to these worries. To cut down on energy consumption, emphasis is also being placed on energy efficiency in manufacturing processes. Since renewable energy technologies have a limited lifespan and must be disposed of responsibly, which includes recycling materials, minimising waste, and preventing toxic substances from being released into the environment, responsible end-of-life disposal is also essential.

1.1 New Business Models

New business models are being implemented in the renewable energy sector to better align the interests of consumers, utilities, and developers. The growing realisation that conventional business models might not be ideal for the particular qualities of renewable energy technologies is reflected in these models. Businesses and individuals can invest in solar energy projects in their community and receive credit for the energy produced on their electricity bills by participating in community solar projects. This helps people who might not have the means or skills to install solar panels and increases access to renewable energy.

In order to provide grid services, virtual power plants, which are networks of dispersed energy resources, can be managed as a single unit. This eliminates the need for physical power plants and enables renewable energy developers to compete in the electricity market and balance supply and demand. Peer-to-peer energy trading raises the value of renewable energy and creates a more decentralised and democratic energy system by enabling people and companies with the capacity to generate renewable energy to sell their excess energy to other consumers.

Providing energy services as opposed to selling energy as a commodity is the focus of the energy as a service model. Developers of renewable energy supply customers with services like heating and lighting and are paid according to the quality of work done, which encourages conservation and energy efficiency. The increasing realisation that conventional business models might not be ideal for the particularities of renewable energy technologies is reflected in these new business models.

II. METHODOLOGY

Data collection technique : Survey

Data collection tool : Questionnaire

Sample : Founders of MSMEs and Startups

Sample Size : 68

Geographical Scope : Pan-India

Sampling Method : Purposive Sampling

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Qamar et al. (2022) found that enterprises' size, perceived solar energy technology's ease of use and its perceived reliability are the top three driving factors in adopting solar energy. Lack of SET technical expertise, customer preferences for MSMEs, and the significance of eco-labels and green stickers have lower importance. Farghali et al. (2023) concluded that systems using hybrid energy are more dependable and more resilient to the effects of climate change on the power grid. The research shows that MSMEs can increase their monthly earnings by 25% and reduce their energy costs by 36.64% when using solar power. However, the decision to adopt solar energy depends on trade-offs between production, economic, and environmental effects, as well as business owners' and product characteristics. To ensure dependable, affordable, and environmentally friendly energy systems, governments, NGOs, and legislators must promote solar energy adoption (Sekyere et. al., 2024). The increasing global energy demand, particularly nonrenewable energy, poses a threat to the Sustainable Development Goals and community participation in economic activities. Tanzania, with high levels of solar energy, has the potential to contribute significantly to energy access. However, studies on factors influencing energy choice by Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in Tanzania are inadequate. A cross-sectional survey and questionnaires were used to collect data from 236 employees in Morogoro region. Results showed that not expensive energy sources, availability of solar appliances, and easy access significantly influence the industry's choice of solar energy and hydro-electricity (Lyakurwa).

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

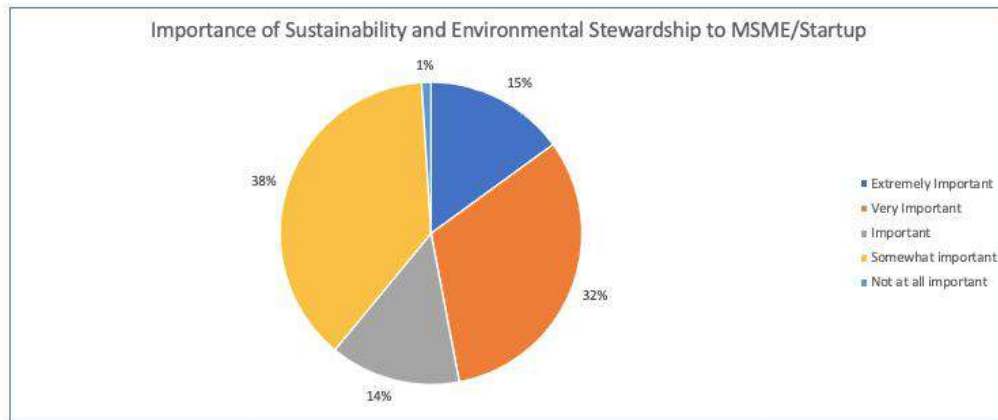


Table 1 : Importance of Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship to MSME/Startup

There are mixed views on this, with 47% respondents viewing it as Important, while 52% respondents giving minimal or no importance to sustainability and environmental issues.

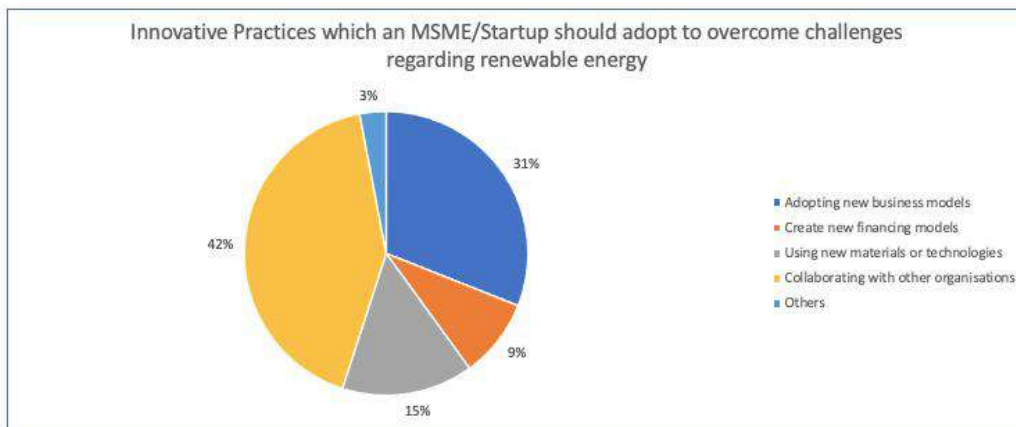


Table 2 : Innovative practices for overcoming challenges related to renewable energy

Adopting new business models as well as collaborating with other organisations are considered to be the most effective practices by MSME/Startup founders for overcoming challenges related to renewable energy

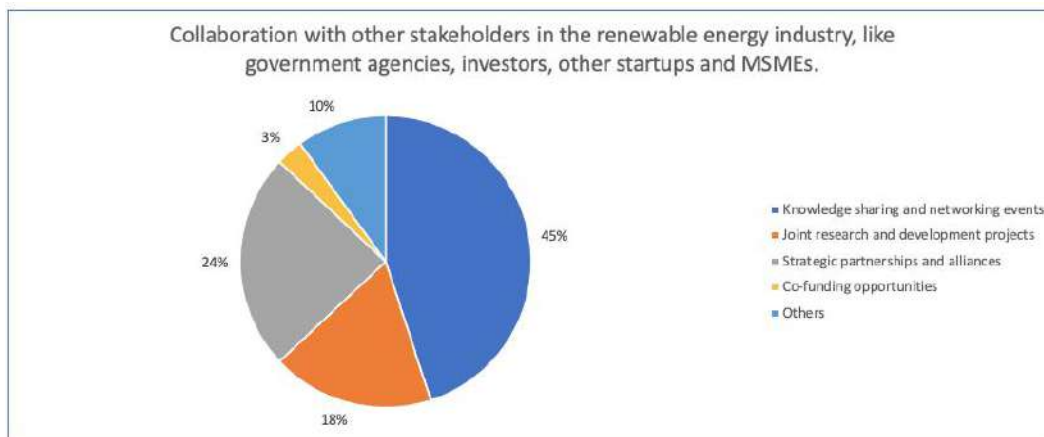


Table 3 : Collaboration opportunities with other stakeholders in the renewable energy industry

Knowledge sharing and networking events are deemed to be the best opportunities for collaboration with other stakeholders in the renewable energy industry. Strategic partnerships and alliances are the next most popular collaborative method.

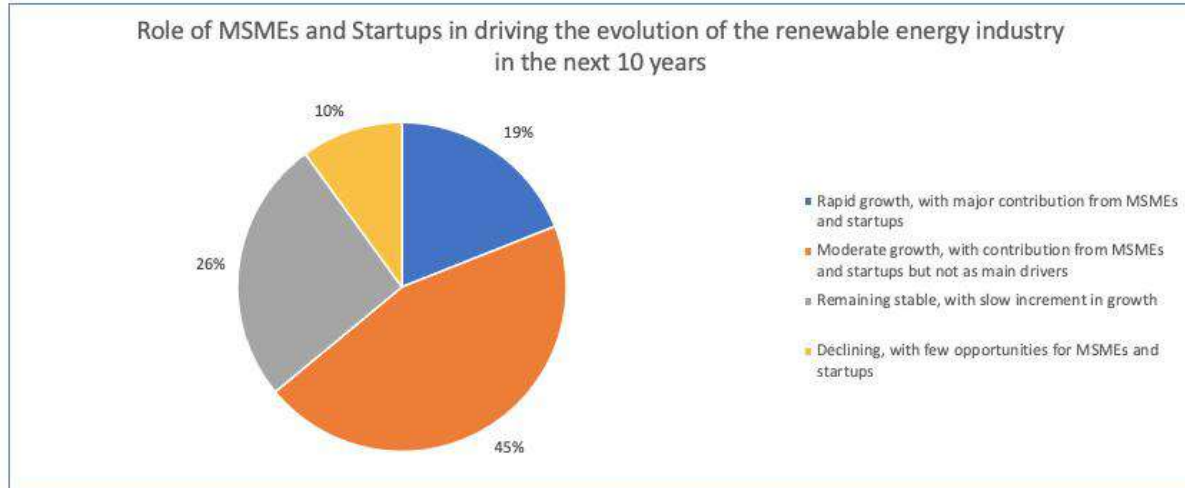


Table 4 : Role of MSMEs and Startups in driving the evolution of the renewable energy industry in the next 10 years

MSME and startup founders foresee moderate growth in the renewable energy sector, with contribution from MSMEs and startups. However, MSMEs and startups are not expected to be the main drivers of growth.

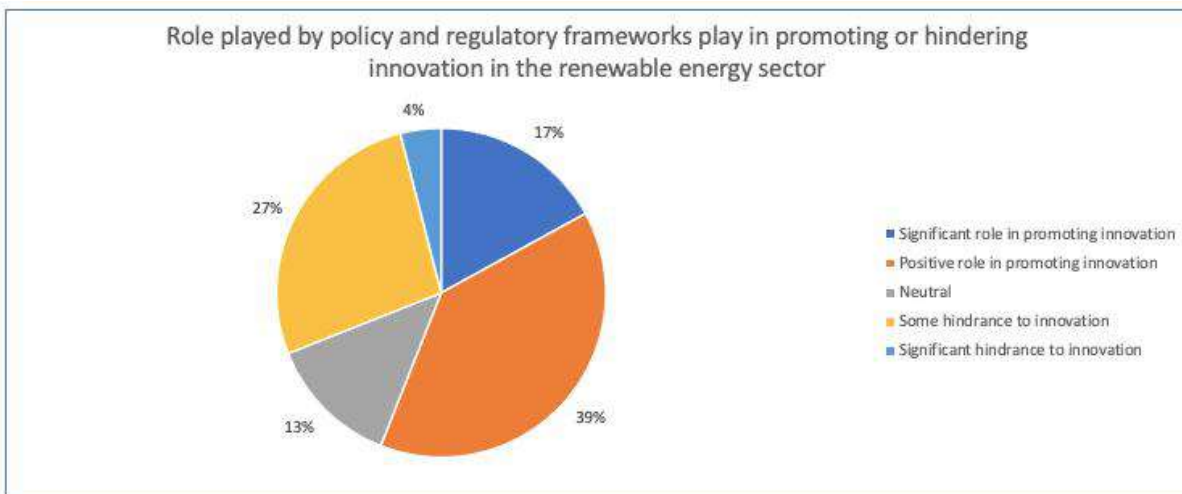


Table 5 : Role played by policy and regulatory frameworks in promoting/hindering innovation in the renewable energy sector

MSME/startup founders are of the opinion that government policy and regulatory frameworks play a significant, positive role in promoting innovation

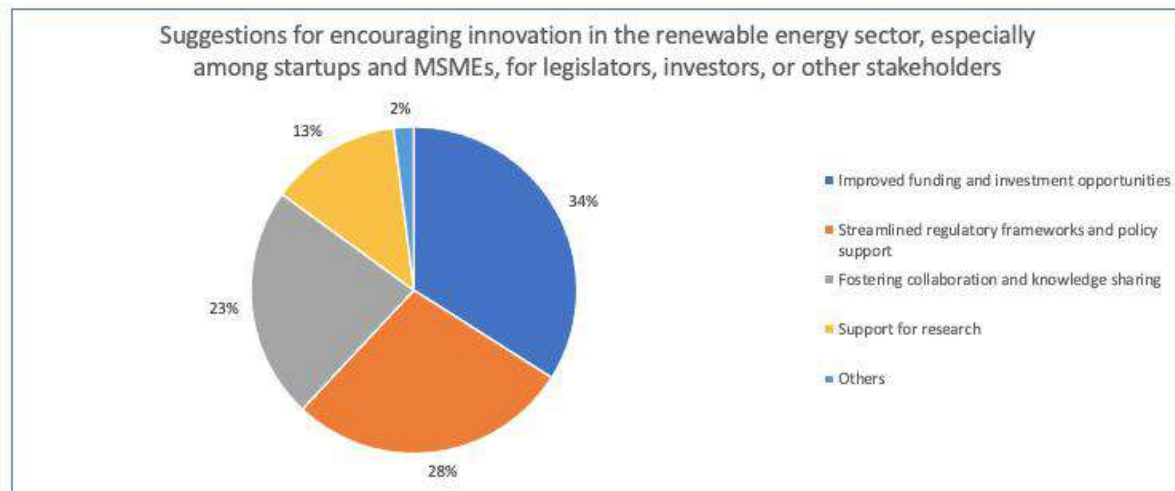


Table 6 : Suggestions to legislators, investors and other stakeholders for encouraging innovation in the renewable energy sector, especially among startups and MSMEs

Improved access to funding and investment opportunities as well as streamlined regulatory frameworks and policy support were found to be the most important aspects for supporting innovation in the renewable energy sector

The competitiveness of the renewable energy sector has increased significantly due to a number of important factors. First off, the cost of renewable energy is becoming more and more competitive with conventional fossil fuels thanks to the development of technologies like solar and wind power. Second, rising public and private sector spending has spurred innovation and reduced expenses. Thirdly, encouraging policies like tax breaks and renewable portfolio standards have been put in place by governments all over the world. Fourthly, a market for renewable energy products has been created as a result of public demand for clean energy due to environmental concerns. Finally, technological developments like battery storage have increased dependability and efficiency. Even though issues like grid integration and intermittency still exist, the industry is expected to grow going forward.

To support the renewable energy industry, various tactics can be employed, including ongoing investment in research and development, supportive policies like feed-in tariffs and tax incentives, accessible funding sources like low-interest loans, international cooperation for investment and information sharing, public awareness campaigns to increase demand for clean energy, and predictable regulatory frameworks to stimulate investment and reduce uncertainty. Innovative practices such as energy storage solutions, decentralized energy systems, energy efficiency technologies, circular economy-based business models, sustainable supply chains, and electric vehicles are also beneficial.

In this industry, governments can be extremely helpful to startups and MSMEs. Funding, grants for R&D and startup expenses, tax breaks for investments, hospitable regulatory frameworks, incubators and accelerators, and educational and training initiatives are some examples of this support. By offering this kind of assistance, governments can create an atmosphere that supports the expansion and prosperity of companies engaged in renewable energy, thereby promoting a more sustainable energy system on a worldwide scale.

V. CONCLUSION

The study highlights the importance of sustainability and innovation in the renewable energy sector while bringing attention to the difficulties faced by MSMEs and startups, including poor infrastructure, restricted access to capital, and a dearth of supportive policy frameworks. To spur expansion and support sustainability, however, prosperous companies have embraced cutting-edge strategies like crowdfunding, data analytics, and blockchain technology.

In order to facilitate the expansion of these startups and MSMEs, policymakers must enact legislation that is favourable to their needs, increase financial accessibility, and build out infrastructure. Educating and raising stakeholder awareness of the advantages of sustainability and renewable energy is also essential. By implementing energy-efficient practices, making investments in renewable energy, endorsing renewable energy policies, and educating others about renewable energy, individuals can help the renewable energy sector grow sustainably.

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Exploring the Use of Ferrite Nanoparticles Drug Carriers for Targeted Magnetic Hyperthermia Cancer Therapy

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Abstract: *The application of nanotechnology in medicine has opened new avenues for the diagnosis and treatment of various diseases, including cancer. Among the promising nanomaterials, ferrite nanoparticles have gained significant attention due to their unique magnetic properties and biocompatibility. In this research article, we delve into the potential of ferrite nanoparticles as drug carriers for targeted magnetic hyperthermia cancer therapy. We discuss the synthesis methods of ferrite nanoparticles, their surface modification for drug loading, and their use in conjunction with magnetic hyperthermia to selectively heat and eradicate cancer cells. Furthermore, we explore the current challenges and future perspectives in utilizing ferrite nanoparticles for cancer therapy.*

Keywords: Ferrite nanoparticles, drug carriers, magnetic hyperthermia, cancer therapy, targeted delivery.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cancer remains a formidable global health challenge, with its incidence steadily rising and treatments often associated with debilitating side effects. Traditional cancer therapies, such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy, while effective in many cases, lack specificity, leading to damage to healthy tissues and systemic toxicity [1,2]. Consequently, there is an urgent need for innovative approaches that can selectively target cancer cells while sparing normal tissues. Nanotechnology has emerged as a promising frontier in cancer therapy, offering the potential for precise diagnosis, targeted drug delivery, and localized treatment [3,4].

Among the myriad of nanomaterials investigated for cancer therapy, ferrite nanoparticles have garnered significant attention due to their unique physicochemical properties and biocompatibility and magnetic property. Ferrite nanoparticles, composed predominantly of iron oxide (Fe_3O_4) or manganese ferrite (MnFe_2O_4), exhibit superparamagnetic, making them responsive to external magnetic fields. This property forms the basis for their application in magnetic hyperthermia, a promising cancer therapy modality [5,6].

The **Figure 1** shows that the Magnetic hyperthermia therapy is an innovative cancer treatment that uses heat generated by magnetic nanoparticles to selectively destroy cancer cells. This targeted approach aims to minimize the side effects associated with traditional chemotherapy, offering a more precise and personalized treatment option [7,8].

The hallmark of ferrite nanoparticles in cancer therapy lies in their ability to serve as multifunctional platforms for drug delivery and hyperthermia therapy. In conventional cancer therapy, drugs are often administered systemically, leading to non-specific distribution and off-target effects.⁸ Ferrite nanoparticles, when surface-modified with targeting ligands, such as antibodies or peptides, can be directed specifically to cancer cells, thereby minimizing collateral damage to healthy tissues. This targeted drug delivery approach not only enhances therapeutic efficacy but also reduces systemic toxicity, improving patient outcomes and quality of life [8,9].

Magnetic hyperthermia, another key application of ferrite nanoparticles in cancer therapy, involves the selective heating of cancer cells using an alternating magnetic field (AMF) in the presence of magnetic nanoparticles [10,11]. When exposed to an external magnetic field, ferrite nanoparticles generate heat through relaxation processes, resulting in localized hyperthermia within the tumor microenvironment. This localized heating induces apoptosis or necrosis of cancer cells while sparing surrounding healthy tissues, offering a non-invasive and targeted therapeutic strategy [9-12].

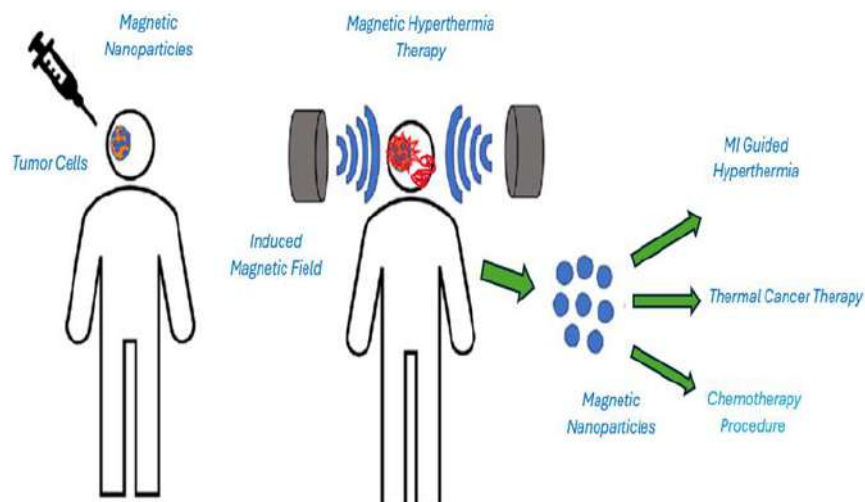


Figure 1: Magnetic Hyperthermia Therapy

The integration of drug delivery and magnetic hyperthermia using ferrite nanoparticles holds immense potential for synergistic cancer therapy. By combining targeted drug delivery with localized hyperthermia, ferrite nanoparticles can effectively eradicate tumor cells while minimizing the risk of recurrence and metastasis. Moreover, the ability to remotely control the heating of nanoparticles using external magnetic fields allows for precise spatiotemporal control over therapeutic interventions, further enhancing treatment efficacy [13].

Despite the promising prospects of ferrite nanoparticles in cancer therapy, several challenges remain to be addressed [12,13]. These include optimizing nanoparticle size, surface chemistry, and targeting efficiency for improved tumor penetration and therapeutic efficacy. Additionally, rigorous preclinical studies and clinical trials are needed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ferrite-based nanomedicines in humans. Nevertheless, with continued research and innovation, ferrite nanoparticles hold the potential to revolutionize cancer therapy by offering personalized, targeted, and minimally invasive treatment options for patients worldwide [13].

Ferrite Nanoparticles: Synthesis and Characterization

Ferrite nanoparticles, typically composed of iron oxide (Fe_3O_4) or *Manganese Ferrite* (MnFe_2O_4), can be synthesized through various methods such as co-precipitation, sol-gel, thermal decomposition, and hydrothermal techniques. Ferrite nanoparticles, owing to their unique magnetic properties and biocompatibility, have emerged as promising candidates for various biomedical applications, including drug delivery and cancer therapy. The synthesis of ferrite nanoparticles involves several techniques, each offering advantages in terms of particle size control, morphology, and surface properties. Among the commonly employed methods are co-precipitation, sol-gel, thermal decomposition, and hydrothermal synthesis [12,13].

Co-precipitation is one of the most widely used techniques for the synthesis of ferrite nanoparticles due to its simplicity and scalability. In this method, aqueous solutions of divalent and trivalent metal salts are mixed under alkaline conditions, leading to the precipitation of ferrite nanoparticles. The particle size and morphology can be controlled by adjusting parameters such as the reaction temperature, pH, and concentration of precursors. However, co-precipitation often yields polydisperse nanoparticles with limited control over size distribution [14,15].

Sol-gel synthesis involves the hydrolysis and condensation of metal alkoxides or salts in a liquid medium to form a sol, which is subsequently transformed into a gel and then calcined to obtain ferrite nanoparticles. This method offers precise control over nanoparticle size, shape, and composition by adjusting the precursor concentration, solvent composition, and processing conditions. Moreover, sol-gel synthesis enables the incorporation of dopants or functional groups into the ferrite lattice, enhancing their magnetic and biomedical properties [15].

Thermal decomposition involves the decomposition of metal precursors at elevated temperatures in the presence of a coordinating solvent or surfactant to form ferrite nanoparticles. This method allows for the synthesis of monodisperse

nanoparticles with well-defined size and shape by controlling the reaction temperature, precursor concentration, and reaction time [16,17]. The choice of surfactants or capping agents influences the surface chemistry and dispersibility of nanoparticles, crucial for their biological compatibility and stability.

Hydrothermal synthesis utilizes high-temperature and high-pressure conditions to promote the nucleation and growth of ferrite nanoparticles from aqueous precursor solutions. This method offers precise control over nanoparticle size, crystallinity, and surface properties by adjusting parameters such as temperature, pressure, reaction time, and pH [17]. Hydrothermal synthesis allows for the synthesis of uniform nanoparticles with controlled crystal phase and surface functionalization, making them suitable for biomedical applications.

Characterization of ferrite nanoparticles is essential to assess their physicochemical properties and suitability for biomedical applications [16-18]. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is commonly used to visualize the morphology, size distribution, and crystalline structure of nanoparticles at the nanoscale level. X-ray diffraction (XRD) provides information about the crystal phase, crystallite size, and lattice parameters of ferrite nanoparticles. Vibrating sample magnetometry (VSM) is employed to characterize the magnetic properties, including saturation magnetization, coercivity, and remanence, which are critical for their magnetic hyperthermia applications [17,18,19].

In summary, ferrite nanoparticles synthesized via various methods offer versatile platforms for biomedical applications, including drug delivery and cancer therapy. The choice of synthesis method influences the size, morphology, surface chemistry, and magnetic properties of nanoparticles, which in turn affect their performance in biological systems. Rigorous characterization of ferrite nanoparticles is essential to understand their structure-property relationships and optimize their design for specific biomedical applications [20].

Surface Modification for Drug Loading

Surface modification plays a pivotal role in enhancing the biocompatibility, stability, and functionality of ferrite nanoparticles for drug delivery applications. Surface functionalization strategies involve the attachment of biocompatible polymers, surfactants, or targeting ligands onto the nanoparticle surface to facilitate drug loading, improve colloidal stability, and enhance targeting specificity [19-20].

Polymer coating is a common approach for surface modification of ferrite nanoparticles. Biocompatible polymers such as polyethylene glycol (PEG), polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), or chitosan are often used to impart stealth properties to nanoparticles, reducing nonspecific interactions with biological components and prolonging their circulation time in vivo. Additionally, polymer coatings can provide steric stabilization, preventing nanoparticle aggregation and ensuring uniform dispersion in biological fluids [18-21].

Surfactant coating represents another surface modification strategy to enhance the stability and dispersibility of ferrite nanoparticles. Amphiphilic molecules, such as Tween, Pluronic, or sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS), adsorb onto the nanoparticle surface, forming a protective layer that reduces surface energy and prevents aggregation. Surfactant-coated nanoparticles exhibit improved colloidal stability and compatibility with biological environments, facilitating their application in drug delivery systems [20,21].

Targeting ligands can be conjugated to the surface of ferrite nanoparticles to achieve site-specific drug delivery and enhance therapeutic efficacy. Antibodies, peptides, or aptamers that recognize specific biomarkers overexpressed on cancer cells can be attached to the nanoparticle surface via covalent bonding or non-covalent interactions. Targeted nanoparticles selectively accumulate in tumor tissues through ligand-receptor interactions, improving drug delivery efficiency and minimizing off-target effects on healthy tissues [21].

Functionalization of ferrite nanoparticles with surface modifiers not only facilitates drug loading but also enables controlled release of therapeutic agents. Drug molecules can be physically adsorbed onto the nanoparticle surface or chemically conjugated to functional groups introduced during surface modification. The release kinetics of drugs from nanoparticle carriers can be modulated by adjusting parameters such as surface chemistry, polymer composition, or environmental stimuli (e.g., pH, temperature, or magnetic field) [16,17,21].

The surface modification of ferrite nanoparticles is essential for optimizing their performance as drug carriers in targeted cancer therapy. Polymer coatings, surfactant layers, and targeting ligands can be tailored to impart desirable properties such as biocompatibility, stability, and targeting specificity. By incorporating surface modifiers, ferrite

nanoparticles offer versatile platforms for the development of effective drug delivery systems with enhanced therapeutic outcomes and reduced side effects [22].

Targeted Magnetic Hyperthermia Cancer Therapy

Targeted magnetic hyperthermia represents a promising approach in cancer therapy that leverages the unique properties of ferrite nanoparticles for selective tumor ablation. This technique involves the localized heating of cancer cells using an alternating magnetic field (AMF) in the presence of magnetic nanoparticles, leading to thermal damage and subsequent cell death [23].

Ferrite nanoparticles, when functionalized with targeting ligands such as antibodies or peptides, can be specifically delivered to tumor sites, maximizing therapeutic efficacy while minimizing off-target effects on healthy tissues. Once accumulated within the tumor microenvironment, the nanoparticles are exposed to an AMF, which induces rapid oscillation of their magnetic moments, resulting in frictional heating and elevation of local temperature.

The localized hyperthermia generated by ferrite nanoparticles has several mechanisms of action against cancer cells. Firstly, the heat generated disrupts cellular membranes, leading to protein denaturation and loss of membrane integrity, ultimately triggering apoptosis or necrosis of cancer cells. Secondly, the hyperthermic conditions cause vascular disruption within the tumor, leading to impaired blood flow and nutrient deprivation, further exacerbating tumour cell death [24].

One of the key advantages of targeted magnetic hyperthermia is its ability to overcome the limitations of conventional cancer therapies. Unlike chemotherapy or radiotherapy, which often exhibit systemic toxicity and damage to healthy tissues, magnetic hyperthermia selectively targets cancer cells while sparing surrounding normal tissues. Moreover, the non-invasive nature of magnetic hyperthermia allows for repeated treatments without significant adverse effects, offering potential for long-term tumour control and management [24,25]

The efficacy of targeted magnetic hyperthermia depends on various factors, including nanoparticle properties (size, shape, magnetic moment), AMF parameters (frequency, intensity, duration), and tumor characteristics (size, location, microenvironment). Optimization of these parameters is essential to maximize therapeutic outcomes and minimize potential side effects [26].

As we know the targeted magnetic hyperthermia utilizing ferrite nanoparticles holds great promise as a selective and minimally invasive approach for cancer therapy. By combining targeted drug delivery with localized hyperthermia, this technique offers the potential for precise and effective treatment of solid tumours while minimizing systemic toxicity and preserving the quality of life for cancer patients [26]. Continued research and clinical translation of targeted magnetic hyperthermia are warranted to realize its full potential in cancer treatment.

Challenges and Future Perspectives

Despite the promising potential of ferrite nanoparticles in cancer therapy, several challenges need to be addressed for their clinical translation. These include optimizing nanoparticle size and surface properties for improved tumor penetration and biodistribution, enhancing targeting efficiency, and ensuring long-term stability and biocompatibility. Additionally, rigorous preclinical studies and clinical trials are required to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ferrite-based magnetic hyperthermia therapy. Furthermore, ongoing research efforts are focused on developing multifunctional nanosystems that combine imaging, targeting, and therapeutic functionalities for personalized cancer treatment.

II. CONCLUSION

Ferrite nanoparticles hold immense potential as drug carriers for targeted magnetic hyperthermia cancer therapy. Their unique magnetic properties, combined with surface functionalization strategies, enable precise drug delivery and localized heating of cancer cells, offering a promising approach for overcoming the limitations of conventional cancer therapies. Continued research and development efforts are warranted to address the existing challenges and pave the way for the clinical translation of ferrite-based nanomedicines in cancer treatment.

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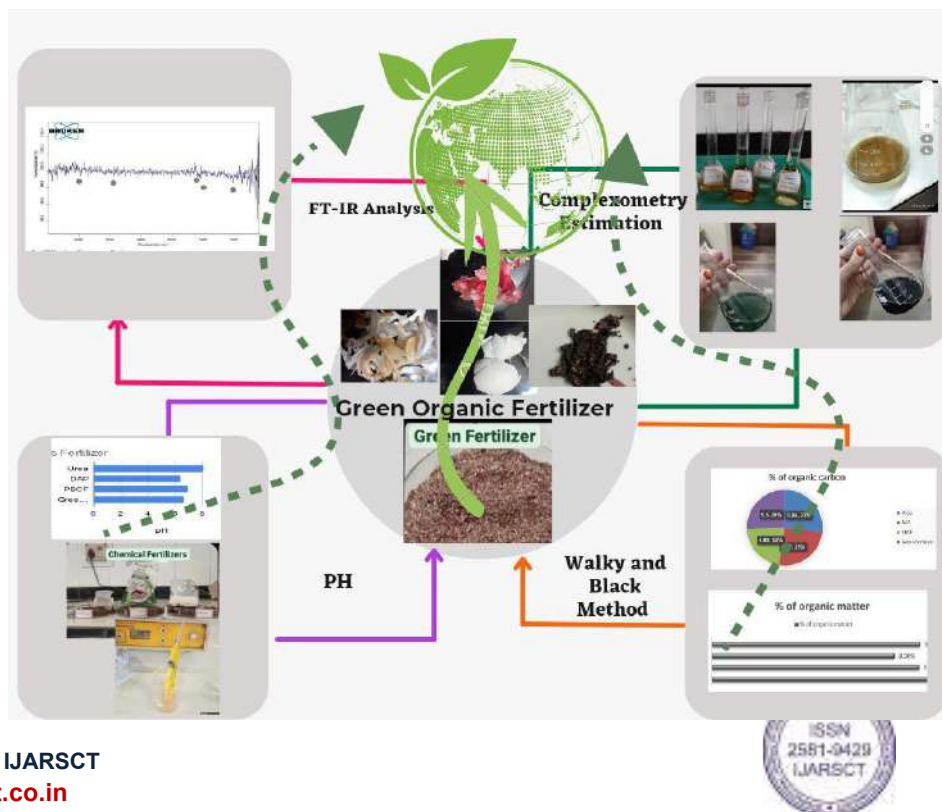
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Synergistic Enrichment: Unveiling the Chemistry Behind a Formulated Green Organic Fertilizer for Sustainable Soil Enhancement

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Abstract: This research focuses on the global challenge of increasing crop production sustainably, emphasizing the environmental impact of excessive fertilizer use. In this research we introducing a novel green organic fertilizer prepare from *Allium cepa* (Onion) and *Allium sativum* (Garlic) peels, *Camellia sinensis* (Tea) leaves waste, and eggshell. The study employs methods like complexometric titration and FT-IR spectroscopy to highlight its nutrient-rich composition and positive impact on soil quality. The study revealed the potential of Green organic Fertilizer to improve the balanced soil, maintain the optimal pH, and significantly increase organic matter and carbon content. The study advocates its integration into traditional farming practices and presents it as a flexible and sustainable method of promoting healthy soils rich in nutrients. The fusion of essential metal ions and organic components in this fertilizer provides a holistic approach to soil enrichment and promises a greener and more productive agricultural future.

Graphical abstract:



Keywords: Green Organic fertilizer, comparative estimation of green fertilizer with chemical fertilizers, organic content in soil, complexometric estimation

I. INTRODUCTION

The population of the people continues to grow, the increase in crop production without causing disruption to the environment is the main challenge facing agriculture today[1][2]. Increased crop productivity remains the most feasible way to meet the major challenge of supplying 9.8 billion people by 2050 [3]. In order to increase soil fertility, fertilizers are used as a source of plant nutrients. The increase in soil fertility through the application of fertilizers is the common method of modern agricultural practice [4][5]. Fertilizer is a natural or artificial substance that contains chemical elements that increase the growth and productivity of plants. Increase soil fertility or replace chemical elements extracted from the soil by previous crops[6]. Economic and population growth are the main drivers of increased fertilizer consumption. Estimated production of chemical fertilizers in India during since last year shown below (Fig 1. Production in Lack metric tonnes).

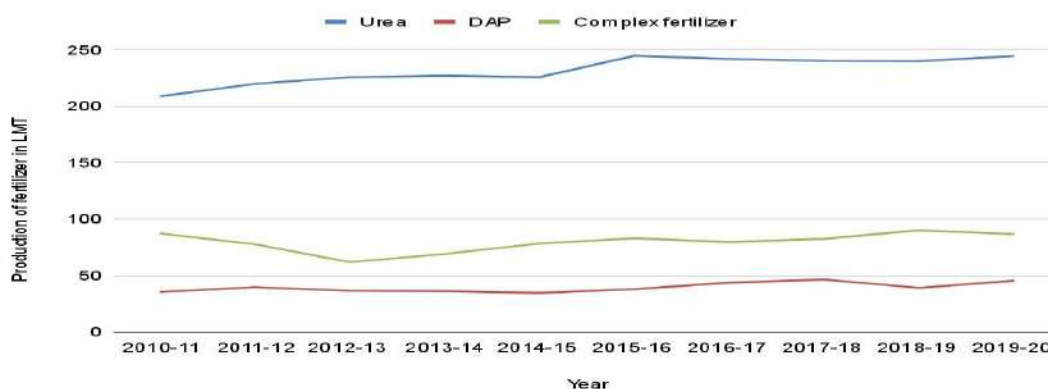


Fig 1: estimated production of fertilizer in india during past 10 years
(sources : mfms.nic.in)

As per Figure 1: The data indicates a consistent rise in Urea usage from 2010-11 to 2019-20, with peaks in 2015-16 and 2019-20. DAP shows fluctuations without a clear trend, reaching a peak in 2017-18. Complex fertilizer usage declines initially, then rises until 2018-19. Consider external factors influencing these trends for a comprehensive analysis. Over the next few years, fertilizer demand in mature markets such as Europe and North America is expected to remain fairly stable. Meanwhile, Latin America and Asia are expected to drive global fertilizer demand. In general, global fertilizer demand is expected to reach 208 million tons of nutrients by 2026, and in 2021 the global fertilizer market will reach more than 193 billion US dollars, an increase of about 12 percent compared to the previous year. The market for fertilizers is expected to exceed US\$240 billion by 2030[7], along with the increase in the cost-effectiveness of fertilizers, it also contains toxic chemicals absorbed into plants, and the toxins entered the food chain through vegetables, cereals, and water, which caused serious health problems[8]. However, overuse of fertilizers can lead to some problems such as soil nutrients loss, surface water pollution and groundwater pollution, soil acidification and sludge, and reduced useful microorganisms [2][9][10][11]. Overuse harms soils, reduces fertility, strengthens pesticides, pollutes air and water, releases greenhouse gases and exposes people to dangers and posed health and environmental threats. Chemical fertilizers used in crops may have a harmful effect on waterways as a result of excessive chemical emissions of fertilizers. The abundance of nutrients in the water reduces oxygen intake. As a result, the depletion of oxygen causes the deaths of fish. The excess chemical fertilizer used in crop contributes to greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Excessive use of chemical fertilizers leads to soil acidification due to reduced soil organic matter. Over time, large amounts of nitrogen applied to the soil damage the soil and reduce crop yields. Excessively large amounts of synthetic fertilizers have harmful effects on human health. High concentrations of nitrates and nitrites in chemical fertilizers cause cancer, hemoglobin disorders, and Alzheimer's disease. However, the repeated and excessive use of chemical fertilizers has also resulted in a reduction in crop yields and soil fertility. As a

result, current agricultural trends have placed an emphasis on the search for alternatives to non-renewable chemical fertilizers, which are subject to enormous procurement costs and environmental pollution. Organic fertilizers include mud, animal waste, plant waste from agriculture. As waste from plants such as onions, garlic, tea leaves, eggshells are an efficient source of basic nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and secondary and micronutrients such as calcium, boron, magnesium, and manganese. Organic fertilizers are mainly affordable and easy to obtain from local products. In this work, the peels of dried onion, garlic, tea leaves and eggshells were mixed to prepare organic fertilizers[14][15]. We select this four kitchen waste for formation of Green organic fertilizer because (a) Onion peel rich in phenols, flavonoids and flavanols, anthocyanin, tannin, vanillic acid which play key role in plant growth [16][17][18][19]. (b) Garlic peel contain, sorbitol, and trehalose, 5-hydroxylysine, rhamnose and mannitol which enhances increases soil enzymatic activity by improving the environmental and nutritional conditions of the soil microorganisms[20]. (c) While Tea leave waste contain Cellulose, Lipid, Polyphenols etc and (d) Egg shell constitute high amount of Calcium. The novelty of this research lies in its innovative approach to developing a green organic fertilizer using readily available kitchen waste materials. By combining onion and garlic peels, tea leaves, and eggshells in specific proportions, the study proposes a novel formulation that harnesses the nutrient-rich properties of these organic sources. Additionally, the research employs advanced analytical techniques such as complexometric titration and FT-IR spectroscopy to characterize the fertilizer's nutrient composition and assess its impact on soil quality. Furthermore, the study examines the fertilizer's effectiveness in maintaining balanced soil pH, increasing organic matter and carbon content, and enriching soil with essential metal ions like magnesium, zinc, calcium, iron, and cobalt. Overall, the integration of these diverse organic materials and the comprehensive evaluation of the fertilizer's properties and performance represent the novelty of this research. The synergistic combination of organic waste materials in the green organic fertilizer will result in a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution for agricultural soil management.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Materials

Urea, DAP (Diammonium phosphate fertilizer), Phosphate base chemical fertilizer (PBCF), formulated green organic fertilizer, conc. H_2SO_4 , Sodium salt of EDTA (Loba), $KMnO_4$ (Loba), $K_2Cr_2O_7$, 0.5 M $(NH_4)_2Fe(SO_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$, H_3PO_4 , Buffer pH 10, Xylenol indicator, Erichrome black T indicator, Diphenyl amine, All other chemicals and solvents were of reagent grade.

2.2. Methods

2.2.1. Instruments.

The pH was measured by using a pH meter (EQ 610), Fourier Transform Infrared spectrophotometer (FTIR) instrument. All physiochemical measurements were performed at room temperature $25 \pm 20^\circ C$. 0.25 g soil (soil mixed with Fertilizer) take 50 ml distilled water stir it well and stand it for 30 minutes and note pH

2.2.2. Formulation of green organic fertilizer

Dried powder of Allium sativum peel: Allium cepa peel: Camellia sinensis leave waste: Egg shell was mixed in 1:3:3:1 ratio and organic fertilizer formed.

2.2.3. Preparation of stock solution.

To 0.5 gm of powdered organic fertilizer added 0.1 cm^3 conc. H_2SO_4 until it dissolves further dilute using (10 ml) distilled water and heated gently till it maximum dissolve and filter it through filter paper in volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark this is stock solution which is prepared for all samples.

2.2.4. Estimation of essential metal ions in green organic fertilizer

Metal ion was analysed by complexometric titration using 0.2 M EDTA against 10 cm^3 of stock solution using suitable indicator.

Sample	Elements	Percentage	Name of indicator
Onion peel	Magnesium	2.72%	Erichrome black T
	Iron	5.4%	Diphenylamine
	Zinc	5.2%	Erichrome black T
Garlic peel	Magnesium	3.2%	Erichrome black T
	Zinc	16%	Erichrome black T
Tea leaves	Cobalt	14%	Xylenol
	Zinc	5%	Erichrome black T
Egg shell	Calcium	36%	Internal indicator

Table 2: Essential metal ion found in formulated green organic fertilizer.

These all ions are play very important role in fertility of soil and in growth of plants. Other ion that is sulphate , nitrate traces of phosphate were also found.

2.2.5.Determination of organic Carbon and Organic content in a soil sample

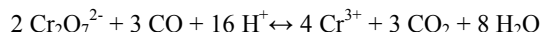
Estimation of organic carbon and organic content using Walky and Black method[21][22]. Taking 2g of Urea, DAP (Diammonium phosphate fertilizer), phosphate base chemical fertilizer and green organic fertilizer in 4 different Petridis and adding 25g soil per dish.

2.2.6.FT-IR Analysis of Green organic fertilizer.

FTIR analysis was performed using a [make and model of the FTIR instrument].The FTIR scans were conducted in the spectral range of 4000 cm⁻¹ to 400 cm⁻¹.

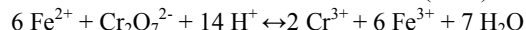
2.3. Theoretical background

From the equation:



1 mL of 1 N dichromate solution is equivalent to 3 mg of carbon

After the reaction, the excess Cr₂O₇ is titrated with 0.5 M FeSO₄ or 0.5 M (NH₄)₂ Fe(SO₄)₂.6H₂O



$$\text{OrganicC, \%} = (V_{\text{blank}} - V_{\text{sample}}) \times M\text{Fe}^{2+} \times 0.003 \times 100 \times f / W$$

where:

V_{blank} = volume of titrant in blank, mL

V_{sample} = volume of titrant in sample, mL

$M\text{Fe}^{2+}$ = concentration of standardized FeSO₄ or (NH₄)₂ Fe(SO₄)₂.6H₂O solution, molarity

0.003 = carbon oxidised

f = correction factor, 1.3

W = weight of soil, gm

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Essential metal ion in formulated green fertilizer from complexometric estimation using EDTA (0.2M) Magnesium, Zinc, Calcium, Iron, Cobalt was found(Table2).

3.1. PH of soil sample after addition of various fertilizer

The pH analysis after introducing various fertilizers reveals urea's alkaline influence at 8.1, DAP acidic contribution at 6.4, and the formulated green fertilizer maintaining a slightly acidic pH at 6.6, showcasing its potential for balanced soil enhancement. We get following result as shown in Fig 2.

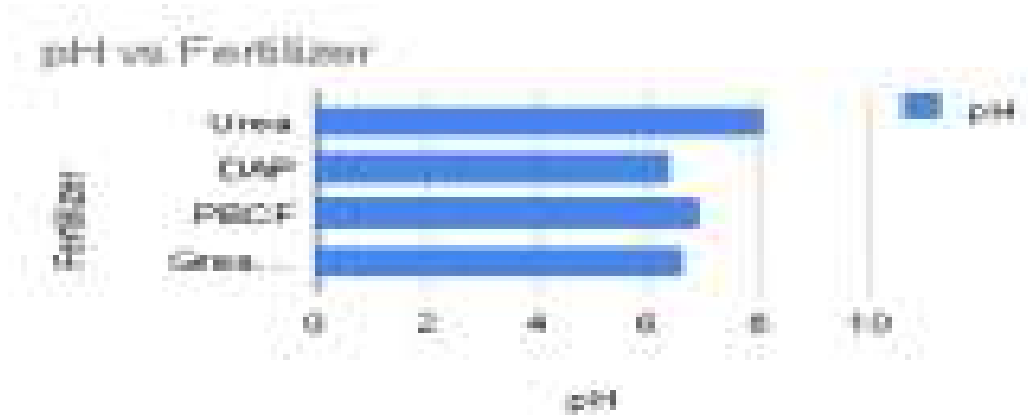


Fig 2: pH of soil containing different fertilizer.

3.2. Determination of organic Carbon and Organic content in a soil sample.

The research explores the synergistic impact of a formulated green fertilizer rich in essential by to metal ions—magnesium, zinc, calcium, iron, and cobalt—on soil quality. Delving deeper, the investigation into organic matter and carbon content illustrates the green fertilizer’s positive influence. It stands out with a commendable 9.47% organic matter and 26% organic carbon, underlining its role in fostering a fertile and nutrient-rich soil environment. Result represented by Fig 3(a) and 3(b).

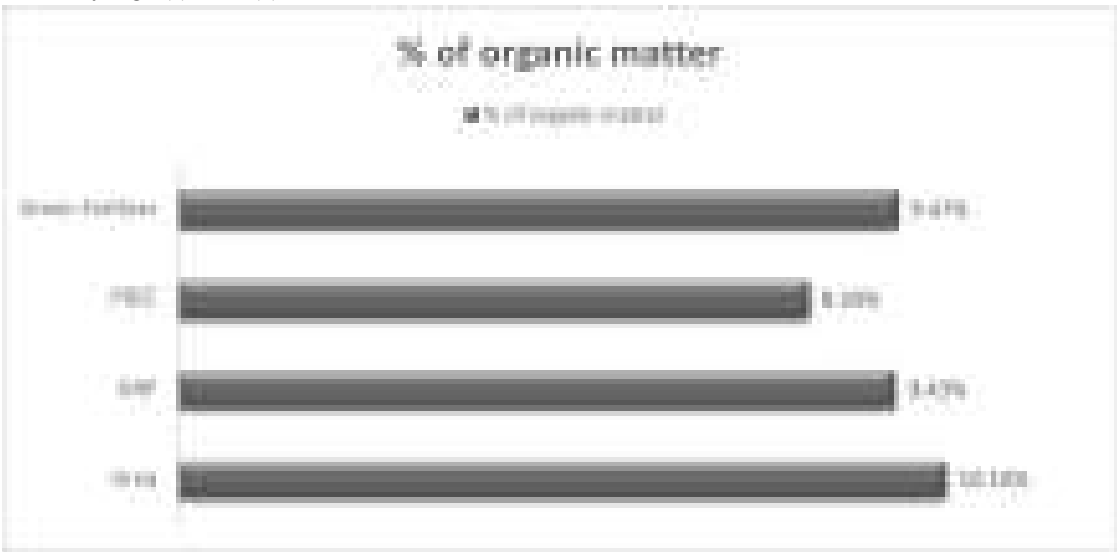


Fig 3(a): Organic matter in soil containing different fertilizer

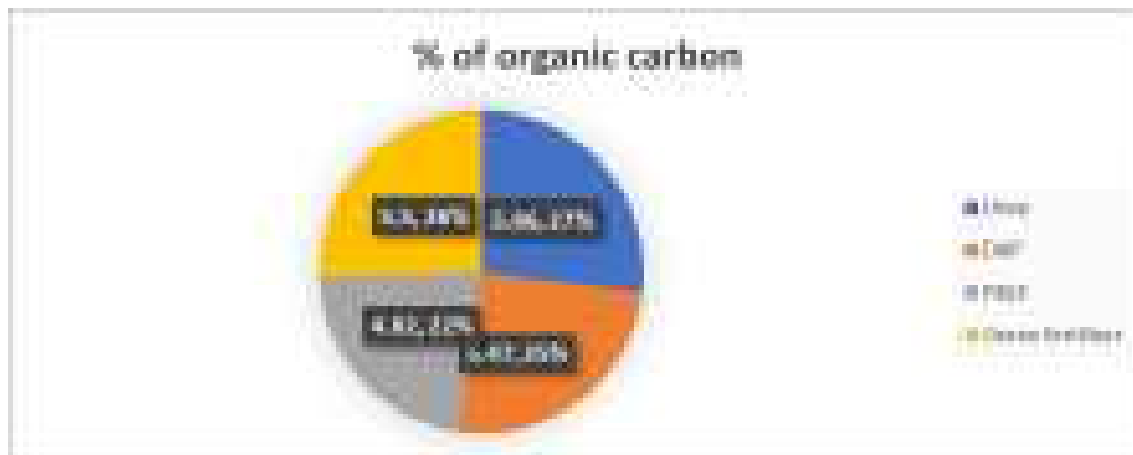


Fig 3(b): Organic Carbon in soil containing different fertilizer

3.3.FT-IR Analysis.

FTIR plot show peak at 1100cm^{-1} which indicates presence of C-O stretching frequency, Peak at 1600cm^{-1} suggest C=C. stretching vibration, Peak at 1700cm^{-1} associate with C=O stretching vibration indicates yof carbonyl group. The peak at 2950cm^{-1} corresponds to C-H stretching vibrations, indicating the presence of aliphatic hydrocarbons, which could be present in eggshells. Peak at 3520cm^{-1} related to O-H stretching vibration. FTIR analysis attributed a various composition in the fertilizer, which includes aromatic compounds, carbonyl groups, aliphatic hydrocarbons, and hydroxyl groups, derived from the particular organic sources.

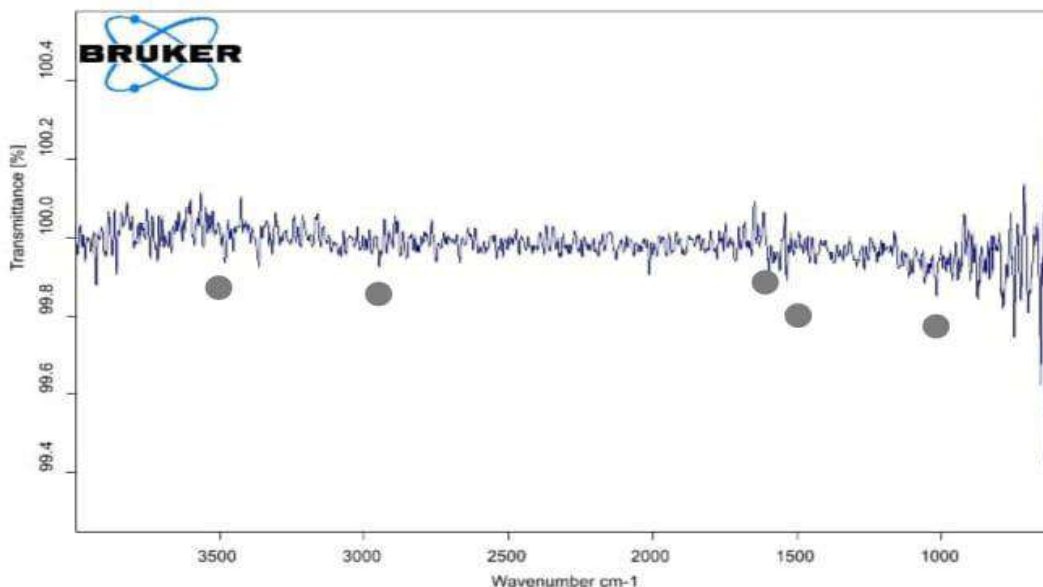


Fig 4.FT-IR analysis of Green organic Fertilizer

These findings not only underscore the significance of the formulated Green organic Fertilizer but also open door for sustainable agricultural practices, promoting both metal nutrient enrichment and organic content in soils.

IV. CONCLUSION

This research highlights the efficacy of the formulated Green Organic Fertilizer, whose core metal ions play essential role for soil quality. The complexometric titration and FT-IR analysis unveiled its nutrient-rich composition and

molecular insights. The Green organic Fertilizer have a balanced pH, shows its potential to create an optimal environment for plant growth. However, percentage of organic matter and carbon in soil treated with green fertilizer show their ability to improve soil fertility. Its ability in promoting healthy plant growth places it as a valuable and eco-friendly resource for modern agriculture. Further studies and field trials are important to validate its impact and integrate it into mainstream farming practices, paving the way for a greener and more productive future. These conclusions suggest that the formed Green organic Fertilizer could work as a flexible and sustainable method for promoting healthy and nutritional rich soils in agricultural field. The combination of essential metal ions and organic components presents a holistic approach to soil enrichment, combining to success Environmental friendly and productive farm practices

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Formulation and Comparative Analysis of Cosmetic Products

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Abstract: Herbal cosmetics are natural cosmetics in which herbs are being used in crude or extract form. Herbal cosmetic products contain natural antioxidants like vitamin C and other minerals. Herbal ingredients are more effective than synthetic ones. There is an increasing demand for herbal beauty products, and herbal products. To treat skin, and hair issues. Herbal extracts are primarily incorporated into beauty products. Herbal ingredients that protect skin from UV rays and pollution include vitamins, witch hazel, willow herb, green tea extract, and botanical extracts. The study emphasizes the utilization of natural ingredients derived from medicinal herbs, and essential extracts. For the herbal lip balm, the focus was on providing natural healing for soft and healthy lips, while the herbal hair serum aimed at nourishing and revitalizing hair, and the moisturizer aimed at hydrating and rejuvenating the skin. The research involved rigorous formulation experiments, incorporating various botanical elements, and assessing their efficacy, sensory appeal, and environmental sustainability. Herbal Lip Balm. The herbal lip balm research emphasized the significance of natural ingredients in lip care. The study explored the healing properties of herbs and essential oils, creating a soothing and effective solution for chapped lips. The herbal hair serum research focused on revitalizing hair health. Strengthens hair follicles, and promotes hair growth. The study focused on the moisturizer's ability to maintain skin elasticity, improve texture, and promote a healthy complexion. Sustainable practices were integrated, ensuring the product's environmental impact was minimized in conclusion.

Keywords: formulation, follicles, elasticity, revitalizing

I. INTRODUCTION

Cosmetics are pharmaceutical products that are used for improving skin appearance and body odor. These products are available in various forms, ranging from lotions, creams, powders, and so forth. Cosmetics are used for cleansing, protecting, and moisturizing the skin. Generally, consumers prefer to choose cosmetics that have less harmful effects on their skin. "Cosmeceutical" products have now been developed by many pharmaceutical industries. A cosmeceutical is the combination of a topical cosmetic and a pharmaceutical that is used for enhancing beauty through ingredients that have biological functions related to the skin. The topical cosmetic, which contains antioxidants, is used to protect human skin against the damage caused by ultraviolet radiation (UVR) and by free radicals. The word 'Cosmetic' derived from a Greek word – 'kosmestikos' that means to adorn. From that time any materials used to beautification or promoting appearance is known as cosmetic. The word "cosmetics" actually stems from its use in Ancient Rome. They were typically produced by female slaves known as "cosmetae" which is where the word "cosmetics" stemmed from. Cosmetics are used to enhance appearance. Makeup has been around for many centuries. The first known people who used cosmetics to enhance their beauty were the Egyptians. Makeup those days was just simple eye coloring or some material for the body. Now a day's makeup plays an important role for both men and women. The importance of cosmetics has increased as many people want to stay young and attractive. Cosmetics are readily available today in the form of creams, lipstick, perfumes, eyeshadows, nail polishes, hair sprays etc. Other cosmetics like face powder give glow to the skin after applying the base cream. Then we have lipsticks, which are applied by many women of all ages. They are made from wax and cocoa butter in the desired amount. Generally herbal cosmetics are also referred to as natural cosmetics. Herbal cosmetics are formulated, using different cosmetic ingredients to form the base in which one or more herbal ingredients are used to cure various skin ailments. Plants are highly used for development of new drug

products for cosmeceuticals and pharmaceutical applications. Herbal cosmetics are the products in which herbs are used in crude or extract form. Products, are formulated, using various permissible cosmetic ingredients to form the base in which one or more herbal ingredients are used to provide defined cosmetic benefits only, shall be called as "Herbal Cosmetics". The best thing of the herbal cosmetics is that it is purely made by the herbs and shrubs and thus is side-effects free. The natural content in the herbs does not have any side effects on the human body; instead provide the body with nutrients and other useful minerals. Serum is one of the cosmetic products with very high concentration of active ingredient in their formula for providing intensive nutrition to the deeper skin layer and non-greasy finish product which suitable for skin. Herbal toilet article is more preferred and is employed within the repairmen of the many ailments of hair. They promote hair growth, improve elegance of hair and forestall hair fall. Moisturizers are topically applied products designed to increase the water content of the skin. Ingredients used in these products have a range of actions, including preventing transepidermal water loss and promotion of desquamation. Moisturizer application smooth's skin surface by filling spaces between partially desquamated skin flakes and restores the ability of the intercellular lipid bilayers to absorb, retain and redistribute water. The primary purpose of lip balm is to provide an occlusive layer on the lip surface to seal moisture in lips and protect them from external exposure. Dry air, cold temperatures, and wind all have a drying effect on skin by drawing moisture away from the body. Lips are particularly vulnerable because the skin is so thin, and thus they are often the first to present signs of dryness.

II. METHODOLOGY

Procedure of Herbal Hair Serum Formulation: first we cleaned all the glasswares and dried them properly. Then measured the accurate quantity of aloe vera and transferred it into the beaker. Mixed the required quantity of vit E in aloe vera. Then mixed rose water to the mixture of aloe vera and vit E and stirred it for few min. After that heated the prepared solution for few minutes. Then added few drops of glycerine and stirred with the help of magnetic stirrer. After all this the prepared solution was transferred into the measuring cylinder for volume adjustment. Then stored the serum in an air tight container.

Procedure of Herbal Lip Balm: All the materials were weighed accurately on a digital balance. Preparation method opted for the preparation of herbal lip balm stick was of heating solid raw ingredients at consistent temperature with indirect flame bees wax was crude and grinded into small uniform size and was melted in 50 ml beaker in indirect flame with an highest temperature of 90°C . All other ingredients like vitamin E, Beetroot extracted powder (dry) , Rose essence , Aloe vera were mixed vigorously and added to the mixture and mixture was stirred continuously till homogenous mixture was obtained and was poured into balm stick moulds just before pouring glycerine was applied over the mould with cotton The moulds were kept in ice bath aside for about an hour in cool and dry place indirect to sunlight till it solidifies and was used after 48 hours after keeping at room temperature for stability and analytical testing.

Procedure of Herbal Moisturizer: First of all, for the formulation of herbal cream we have to collect different types of glassware like beaker, spatula, measuring cylinder, petri dish or different types of equipment like stirrer mixer etc. After that we have to extract pure Aloe vera gel from leaves of *Aloe barbadensis miller*. Then we have to make three different formulations in different batches F1, F2, F3. In F1 we will use Aloe vera gel (1gm), glycerine (2 drops), rose water (2 drops), vitamin E capsule (1 drops). In F2 we will use Aloe vera gel (4gm), glycerine (3drops), rose water (2drops), &vitamin E capsule (2 drops). In F3 we will use Aloe vera gel (7gm), glycerine (2drops), rosewater (3drops), &vitamin E capsule (3 drops). We mainly use glycerine because it acts as a moisturizing agent. Rose water work as a skin toner and gives a vital role as a fragrance. Vitamin E capsule prevents sunburns and improves skin growth.

Comparative Study of Synthetic and Herbal Cosmetic Products: Measurement of pH: The pH of Cosmetic products were determined in order to investigate the possibility of any side effects. The pH study was carried out by dissolving 1gm of sample into 100 ml water. The pH measurement was done using pH strip. pH of lip balm was near to neutral(6.5) pH of hair serum was near to neutral (7.5) pH of moisturizer was near to neutral (7.0)

Skin Sensitivity - It was carried out by applying the product in the form of a patch on the skin for 30 min and observe the reaction as- No reaction Redness of the skin Itching, swelling inflammation.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Formulation of herbal hair serum, herbal lip balm, herbal moisturizer.



Comparative pH analysis of herbal lip balm which was about neutral (6.5) was by done by pH paper.



Comparative pH analysis of herbal moisturizer which was about neutral (7.5) was by done by pH paper.



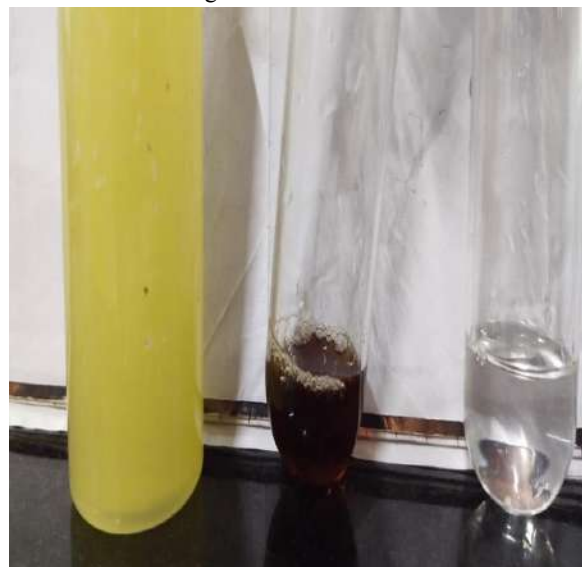
Comparative pH analysis of herbal hair serum which was neutral (7.0) was by done by pH paper.



Comparative analysis of lip balm used according to colour and texture



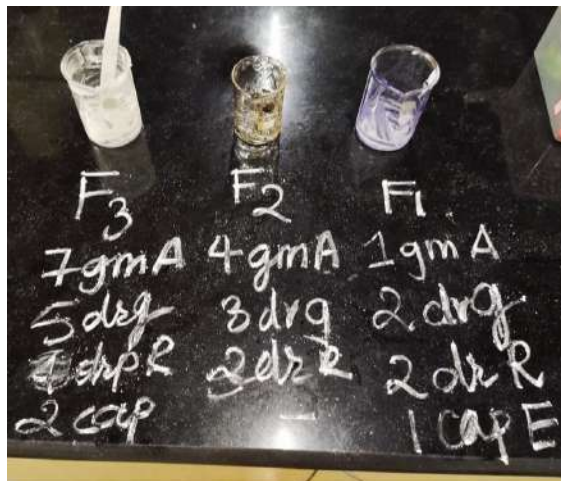
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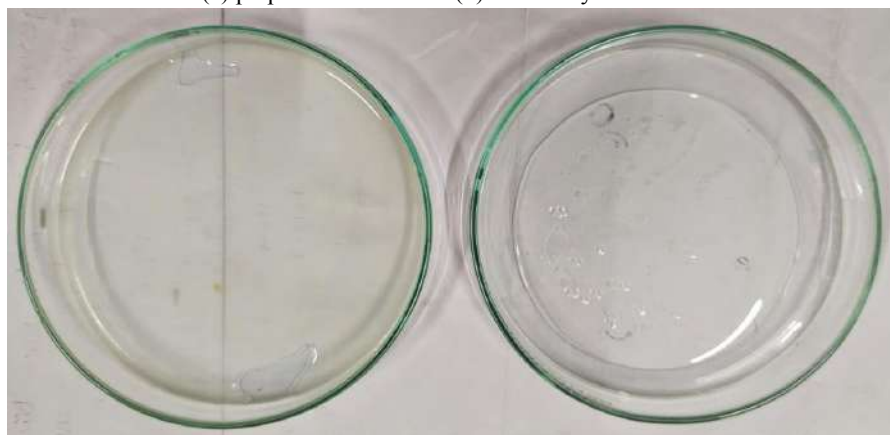
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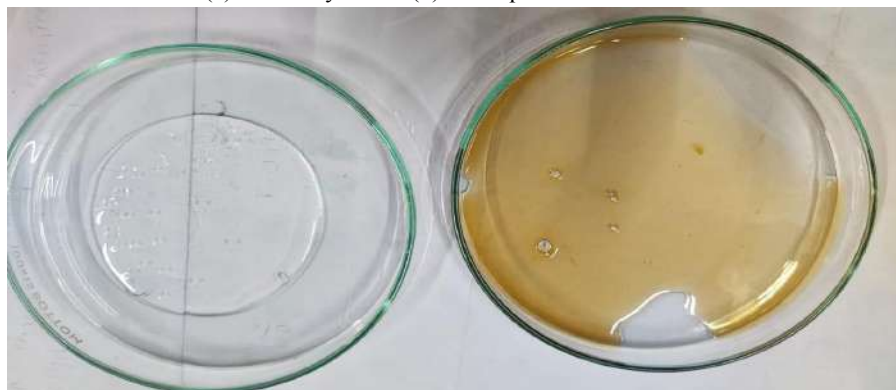
Optimization of perfect batch suitable for formulation of moisturizer



Comparative texture of hair serum (a) prepared formulation (b) Skin story hair serum.



Comparative texture of hair serum (a) skin story serum (b) Boutique hair serum



Certainly, the field of herbal cosmetics has seen significant advancements in recent years. Researchers have been focusing on harnessing the power of natural ingredients to create effective and sustainable cosmetic products. Recent Trends in Herbal Cosmetic Researchers are exploring novel herbal extracts and plant-based compounds with proven skincare benefits. Sustainable and eco-friendly packaging solutions are being integrated into herbal cosmetic products to reduce environmental impact.

"Innovations in Herbal Cosmetics: A Comprehensive Review" This paper provides a thorough analysis of the recent advancements in herbal cosmetics. It highlights the formulation techniques, efficacy studies, and market trends related to herbal cosmetic products. The paper discusses the integration of traditional herbal knowledge with modern scientific methods, emphasizing the synergy between nature and technology in cosmetic formulations.

"Herbal Cosmeceuticals: Recent Trends and Future Prospects" this paper delves into the concept of herbal cosmeceuticals, emphasizing their therapeutic properties along with cosmetic benefits. It explores the use of herbs like turmeric, neem, and aloe vera in skincare products, showcasing their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial properties. The paper discusses clinical trials and case studies validating the effectiveness of herbal cosmeceuticals in treating various skin conditions, contributing to evidence-based herbal skincare.

Recent Work: Green Extraction Techniques Researchers are focusing on eco-friendly extraction methods such as supercritical fluid extraction and microwave-assisted extraction to obtain bioactive compounds from herbs. These green techniques ensure higher yields of active ingredients while minimizing the use of solvents, aligning with the sustainable ethos of herbal cosmetics.

Herbal Nanotechnology: Nanotechnology is being employed to enhance the delivery of herbal extracts into the skin, ensuring better absorption and efficacy.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the research underscores the potential of herbal cosmetics in promoting natural beauty and well-being. The formulations developed for herbal lip balm, hair serum, and moisturizer showcase the efficacy of herbal ingredients in addressing specific cosmetic needs. These products not only offer tangible benefits in terms of skin and hair health but also align with the increasing consumer demand for eco-conscious and chemical-free alternatives. The studies affirm that herbal cosmetics, when thoughtfully formulated, can outperform their synthetic counterparts while minimizing environmental harm. The research outcomes advocate for the wider adoption of herbal formulations in the cosmetics industry, emphasizing the importance of sustainability, efficacy, and user experience. As consumers continue to seek natural, holistic approaches to personal care, herbal lip balm, hair serum, and moisturizer stand out as compelling choices, embodying the synergy of nature and science in the realm of beauty and skincare.

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Green Synthesis of Octahydroquinazolinones via Microwave-Assisted One-Pot Reaction with Ammonium Metavanadate

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Abstract: Microwave-assisted organic synthesis has revolutionized the field of green chemistry by enabling rapid, efficient, and environmentally benign synthetic routes. This review focuses on the green synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones via a one-pot reaction under microwave irradiation, utilizing ammonium metavanadate as a catalyst. Octahydroquinazolinones, renowned for their diverse pharmacological properties, are synthesized through the condensation of an amine, aldehyde, and urea or its derivatives. The catalytic role of ammonium metavanadate facilitates the formation of these heterocyclic compounds under mild reaction conditions, offering advantages such as reduced reaction times, high yields, and operational simplicity. The mechanism of the reaction involves the intermediacy of key species formed through the catalytic action of ammonium metavanadate. Recent advancements in this field, including modifications to the synthetic methodology and applications in medicinal chemistry, are discussed. Overall, the microwave-assisted green synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones with ammonium metavanadate represents a promising strategy for the sustainable production of biologically active heterocycles, aligning with the principles of green chemistry.

Keywords: Microwave-assisted synthesis, Green chemistry, Octahydroquinazolinones, Ammonium metavanadate & One-pot reaction

I. INTRODUCTION

Octahydroquinazolinones, a class of heterocyclic compounds, have garnered significant attention in medicinal chemistry due to their diverse pharmacological properties, including anticancer, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and analgesic activities. Traditional methods for their synthesis often involve harsh reaction conditions, long reaction times, and the use of toxic solvents, which are not in line with the principles of green chemistry. In recent years, the development of sustainable synthetic methodologies has become imperative to address environmental concerns and minimize the ecological footprint of chemical processes.

Microwave-assisted organic synthesis has emerged as a powerful tool in green chemistry, offering several advantages such as reduced reaction times, enhanced product yields, and the use of less solvent compared to conventional heating methods. Microwave irradiation facilitates selective and efficient heating of reaction mixtures, resulting in accelerated reaction kinetics and improved efficiency. Additionally, microwave-assisted reactions typically require lower temperatures, reducing energy consumption and environmental impact.

In this context, the green synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones via a one-pot reaction under microwave irradiation has attracted considerable interest. This approach offers an expedient and environmentally benign route to access these biologically important heterocycles. Moreover, the utilization of catalysts such as ammonium metavanadate further enhances the efficiency and sustainability of the synthetic process. This review aims to provide an overview of the green synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones, focusing on the microwave-assisted one-pot reaction with ammonium metavanadate as a catalyst, along with recent advancements and potential applications in medicinal chemistry.

Green Synthesis of Octahydroquinazolinones:

The green synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones via a one-pot reaction under microwave irradiation has gained significant attention in recent years. The use of ammonium metavanadate (NH_4VO_3) as a catalyst in this process has been particularly noteworthy. Ammonium metavanadate, a non-toxic and inexpensive compound, serves as an efficient catalyst for the synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones under mild reaction conditions.

Mechanism of the Reaction:

The microwave-assisted one-pot synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones with ammonium metavanadate involves a series of sequential steps facilitated by the catalytic action of the vanadium species. The reaction typically proceeds through the condensation of an amine, aldehyde, and urea or its derivatives, leading to the formation of the desired heterocyclic product. The mechanism can be outlined as follows:

Formation of Intermediate I: Initially, the amine reacts with the aldehyde in the presence of the catalyst to form an imine intermediate (Intermediate I). This step involves the nucleophilic attack of the amine on the carbonyl carbon of the aldehyde, followed by proton transfer to yield the imine.

Addition of Urea Derivative: Subsequently, the urea or its derivative undergoes nucleophilic addition to Intermediate I, leading to the formation of an intermediate species containing a carbamate functionality. This step involves the attack of the carbonyl oxygen of the urea derivative on the imine carbon, followed by proton transfer.

Cyclization and Rearrangement: Under microwave irradiation, the intermediate species undergoes intramolecular cyclization, accompanied by rearrangement processes. This cyclization step results in the formation of the octahydroquinazolinone ring system through the closure of the amide linkage.

Formation of Octahydroquinazolinone: The rearranged intermediate undergoes further transformations, including proton transfer and elimination of water molecules, ultimately yielding the octahydroquinazolinone product.

Regeneration of the Catalyst: Throughout the reaction, the catalyst, ammonium metavanadate, plays a crucial role in facilitating the condensation reactions and subsequent transformations. At the end of the reaction, the catalyst can be regenerated and reused, contributing to the sustainability of the synthetic process.

Overall, the mechanism of the microwave-assisted one-pot synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones with ammonium metavanadate involves a cascade of transformations driven by the catalytic activity of the vanadium species, resulting in the efficient formation of the desired heterocyclic products under mild reaction conditions.

Advantages of Microwave-Assisted Synthesis with Ammonium Metavanadate:

- Rapid reaction times
- High yields
- Mild reaction conditions
- Reduced use of toxic solvents
- Environmental friendliness
- Operational simplicity

Recent Advancements and Applications:

Novel Catalyst Systems: Recent research has focused on the development of novel catalyst systems for the microwave-assisted synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones. Exploration of alternative transition metal catalysts, such as tungsten and molybdenum derivatives, has been reported to offer enhanced catalytic activity and selectivity, expanding the scope of accessible heterocyclic scaffolds.

Substrate Scope Expansions: Advances in substrate scope have led to the synthesis of diverse octahydroquinazolinone derivatives with tailored structural and functional properties. Investigations into the compatibility of various amine, aldehyde, and urea derivatives have enabled the synthesis of analogs with improved pharmacological profiles and biological activities.

Medicinal Chemistry Applications: The synthesized octahydroquinazolinone derivatives have shown promise in medicinal chemistry applications, particularly in the development of novel therapeutics. Recent studies have

highlighted the potential of these compounds as anticancer agents, antimicrobial agents, and inhibitors of key biological targets implicated in various diseases. Structure-activity relationship studies have further elucidated the molecular determinants governing their biological activities, guiding the design of optimized analogs with improved efficacy and selectivity.

Sustainable Synthetic Strategies: Advances in sustainable synthetic strategies have contributed to the development of greener methodologies for the microwave-assisted synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones. Strategies such as solvent-free conditions, recyclable catalysts, and renewable starting materials have been explored to minimize environmental impact and promote the principles of green chemistry.

Scale-up and Process Optimization: Efforts towards scale-up and process optimization have been undertaken to translate laboratory-scale synthetic routes into practical manufacturing processes. Optimization of reaction parameters, reactor design, and purification techniques has been pursued to improve the efficiency, scalability, and cost-effectiveness of the synthesis, facilitating the commercialization of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives for pharmaceutical and agrochemical applications.

Overall, recent advancements in the microwave-assisted synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones have demonstrated significant progress towards the development of sustainable and efficient synthetic routes with diverse applications in medicinal chemistry and beyond. Further research in this field is expected to uncover new synthetic strategies, catalyst systems, and applications, driving innovation and discovery in drug discovery and chemical synthesis.

II. CONCLUSION

The microwave-assisted one-pot synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones with ammonium metavanadate represents a significant advancement in organic synthesis, offering a sustainable and efficient approach to access these biologically important heterocyclic compounds. By harnessing the power of microwave irradiation and the catalytic activity of ammonium metavanadate, this synthetic methodology enables rapid and environmentally benign synthesis under mild reaction conditions.

The reviewed literature highlights the versatility and applicability of this synthetic strategy, with numerous studies demonstrating high yields, broad substrate scope, and diverse pharmacological activities of the synthesized octahydroquinazolinone derivatives. Recent advancements in catalyst design, substrate scope expansion, and medicinal chemistry applications have further underscored the potential of this approach in drug discovery and development.

Moreover, the emphasis on green chemistry principles, including reduced reaction times, minimized solvent usage, and recyclable catalyst systems, aligns with the growing demand for sustainable synthetic methodologies in both academic and industrial settings. The scalability and process optimization efforts contribute to the feasibility of commercializing these synthetic routes for large-scale production of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives.

In conclusion, the microwave-assisted synthesis of octahydroquinazolinones with ammonium metavanadate exemplifies a synergy between innovation, sustainability, and efficiency in organic synthesis. Continued research in this field holds promise for the discovery of novel heterocyclic scaffolds with diverse biological activities, driving advancements in medicinal chemistry and contributing to the development of sustainable chemical processes.

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Photochemical Modification of Graphene Oxide for Enhanced Removal of Heavy Metal Ions from Industrial Effluents

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Abstract: This research paper delves into the efficacy of photochemically modified graphene oxide (GO) for the enhanced removal of heavy metal ions, specifically lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and chromium (Cr), from synthetic industrial effluents. The objective was to investigate whether photochemical modifications could augment the adsorptive properties of GO, making it a more effective and selective adsorbent for heavy metals prevalent in industrial wastewater. A series of batch adsorption experiments were designed and conducted, simulating industrial effluents with varying concentrations of the target heavy metals. The adsorption data were analyzed using the Langmuir isotherm model to quantify the adsorption capacity and understand the nature of the adsorption process.

The key findings revealed a significant improvement in the adsorption capacities of photochemically modified GO, with maximum adsorption capacities reaching 225 mg/g for Pb, 85 mg/g for Cd, and 115 mg/g for Cr. These results underscore the enhanced efficacy and selectivity of modified GO towards specific heavy metals, attributed to the introduction of functional groups during the photochemical modification process. The study fills a critical gap in the literature by demonstrating the potential of photochemical modifications to tailor GO for specific environmental remediation applications.

The implications of this research are far-reaching, offering a novel approach to the development of more efficient and selective adsorbents for the treatment of heavy metal-laden industrial effluents, thereby contributing to the advancement of sustainable water purification technologies.

Keywords: Photochemical Modification, Graphene Oxide, Heavy Metal Removal, Industrial Effluents, Adsorption Capacity, Environmental Remediation

I. INTRODUCTION

The burgeoning industrial activities over the past centuries have significantly contributed to the contamination of natural water bodies with a myriad of pollutants, among which heavy metals are particularly concerning due to their non-biodegradability and long-term ecological and health impacts. The pervasive presence of heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, and chromium in industrial effluents poses a serious threat to both aquatic life and human health, necessitating the development of effective and efficient removal strategies. In this context, graphene oxide (GO), a derivative of graphene, has emerged as a promising material for environmental remediation owing to its exceptional physicochemical properties, including a high surface area, abundant functional groups, and remarkable mechanical strength.

Graphene oxide's efficacy in adsorbing heavy metal ions from aqueous solutions is primarily attributed to its oxygen-containing functional groups, such as hydroxyl, epoxide, and carboxyl groups, which facilitate the complexation and removal of metal ions. However, the natural propensity of GO to agglomerate and the challenges associated with its phase separation post-treatment often limit its practical applicability. To circumvent these limitations, recent research has focused on the functionalization and modification of GO to enhance its adsorption capacity and selectivity for heavy metal ions. Among various modification strategies, photochemical modification holds particular promise, offering a novel approach to tailor the surface chemistry of GO for improved interaction with specific heavy metal ions.

The significance of photochemical modification lies in its ability to induce targeted changes in the surface functional groups of GO, thereby enhancing its affinity for certain metal ions over others. This selective adsorption is crucial for treating industrial effluents that typically contain a complex mixture of contaminants. By elucidating the mechanisms underlying the enhanced adsorption performance of photochemically modified GO, this research aims to pave the way for the development of more effective GO-based adsorbents for the remediation of heavy metal-laden wastewater.

In the realm of heavy metal removal, the versatility of graphene oxide (GO) has been well documented, with studies highlighting its potential as a robust adsorbent. Ahmad et al. delved into the roles of functional groups and mechanisms underlying the adsorptive removal of heavy metal ions using graphene-based nanomaterials, shedding light on the critical interplay between the surface chemistry of GO and heavy metal ions [1]. Complementing this, Duru et al. provided a comprehensive review of GO's efficacy in extracting heavy and precious metals from wastewater, emphasizing the material's high adsorption capacity and the mechanisms at play [2].

The photochemical modification of GO introduces a new dimension to its utility in environmental remediation. Zhao et al. explored the photocatalytic prowess of reduced graphene oxide supported ZnO/CdS heterojunctions, demonstrating significant photocatalytic removal efficiency for hexavalent chromium, thereby illustrating the synergistic effect of photochemical modification on GO's performance [3]. Moreover, the work by Hao et al. on the zinc-induced in-situ reduction and precipitation of GO highlights the potential of such modifications in enhancing the removal efficiency of organic dyes and heavy metals from wastewater, underscoring the economic and operational advantages of this approach [4].

The burgeoning interest in the photochemical modification of GO for heavy metal removal is further supported by the innovative electrochemical methods developed by Liu et al. (2019), which employ graphene-oxide-modified electrodes for the selective removal and recovery of heavy metals from water, illustrating the versatility and effectiveness of GO in various modification forms [5].

This body of work collectively underscores the transformative potential of photochemically modified GO in the field of environmental remediation, particularly in the removal of heavy metals from industrial effluents. By leveraging the intrinsic properties of GO and enhancing its performance through targeted photochemical modifications, this research endeavors to address the pressing challenge of heavy metal pollution, offering a pathway to cleaner water and a healthier environment.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The exploration of graphene oxide (GO) for the removal of heavy metal ions from waste water has seen significant advancements, with various methodologies being employed to enhance its efficiency and applicability. This literature review delves into the methodologies, findings, and discussions of several pivotal studies in this domain, highlighting the evolution and development of GO-based techniques for water treatment.

Duru et al. investigated the efficacy of graphene oxide (GO) in removing heavy and precious metals from wastewater, focusing on ions like iron, chromium, lead, and copper, among others. Their study demonstrated GO's versatile adsorption capabilities, attributing its efficiency to the material's large surface area and functional groups. The researchers employed various techniques to augment GO's performance, including functionalization and composite formation, to enhance its interaction with specific metal ions. Their findings underscored GO's potential in treating complex wastewater streams, achieving high removal efficiencies across a broad spectrum of heavy metal ions [6].

Hao et al. presented a novel approach by utilizing zinc-induced in-situ reduction and precipitation of GO for the rapid and efficient removal of organic dyes and heavy metals from wastewater. Their methodology not only demonstrated high removal efficiencies but also highlighted the economic advantages and potential for large-scale applications. The study emphasized the transformation of treated waste into valuable byproducts, showcasing an innovative direction in wastewater treatment technologies [4].

In a study conducted by Gopalakrishnan et al., graphene oxide nanosorbents were employed to remove toxic heavy metal ions like Pb(II), Ni(II), and Cr(VI) from pharmaceutical effluents. The study meticulously analyzed the adsorption kinetics and isotherm models, providing a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between GO and heavy metal ions. The findings revealed the high efficiency of GO in removing these toxic ions, highlighting its potential for application in the pharmaceutical industry [7].

Peng et al. contributed to the body of knowledge with their comprehensive review on the adsorption of heavy metal ions from water by GO and its composites. The study delved into the mechanisms of adsorption, the influence of various factors on the adsorption process, and the challenges faced in commercial applications. This review not only consolidated the existing knowledge on the subject but also identified gaps and areas for future research, setting the stage for the next wave of innovations in GO-based water treatment solutions [8].

Guo explored the application of graphene technology in removing heavy metal ions from water, emphasizing the preparation of GO and reduced graphene oxide (rGO) and their effectiveness in water treatment. This study highlighted the versatility of graphene-based materials in addressing a wide array of heavy metal pollutants, offering insights into the scalable production of GO for practical applications in water treatment [9].

The work of Liu et al. (2019) introduced a direct/alternating current electrochemical method using GO-modified electrodes for the removal and recovery of heavy metals from water. This innovative approach not only demonstrated high removal efficiencies but also highlighted the potential for selective recovery of metals, adding economic value to the treatment process. The study marks a significant step forward in the integration of electrochemical techniques with GO for enhanced water treatment solutions [10].

Wu et al. focused on the removal of Cu(II) ions from aqueous solutions using GO, analyzing the influence of various parameters on the adsorption process. Their findings revealed the high efficiency and capacity of GO in capturing Cu(II) ions, further demonstrating the material's potential for regeneration and reuse. This study contributes valuable insights into the practical aspects of employing GO in water treatment, particularly in the context of copper ion removal [11].

The collective insights from these studies underscore the significant potential of graphene oxide and its derivatives in the removal of heavy metal ions from wastewater. The diverse methodologies, ranging from adsorption and electrochemical methods to innovative composites and functionalization techniques, highlight the versatility and adaptability of GO-based materials in addressing the challenges of water pollution. The continuous evolution of this field promises the development of more efficient, sustainable, and economically viable water treatment solutions.

Identification of Literature Gap and Significance

This research aims to fill the gap by exploring the effect of photochemical treatments on GO for the targeted removal of heavy metals from industrial effluents. The significance of this research lies in its potential to provide a more efficient, selective, and potentially regenerable GO-based adsorbent, tailored through photochemical modification for specific heavy metal ions prevalent in industrial wastewater. This approach not only contributes to the advancement of GO-based water treatment technologies but also addresses the critical need for sustainable and effective solutions to mitigate heavy metal pollution in industrial effluents.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Research Design

The methodology employed in this research involved a comprehensive experimental design aimed at evaluating the efficacy of photochemically modified graphene oxide (GO) for the removal of heavy metal ions from synthetic industrial effluents. The study was structured around a series of batch adsorption experiments, which were meticulously planned and executed to investigate the adsorptive properties of photochemically modified GO under various conditions.

B. Source of Data

The primary data for this study were generated from batch adsorption experiments conducted in the laboratory. Synthetic industrial effluents were prepared to simulate real-world industrial wastewater, containing a mixture of heavy metal ions such as lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and chromium (Cr). The concentration of these ions was varied to assess the adsorption capacity of the modified GO under different pollutant loadings.

Table 1: Description of Synthetic Effluent Composition

Component	Concentration (mg/L)	Source	Purpose
Lead (Pb)	50	Analytical grade Pb(NO ₃) ₂	To simulate heavy metal

			pollutant in effluent
Cadmium (Cd)	20	Analytical grade CdSO ₄	To simulate heavy metal pollutant in effluent
Chromium (Cr)	30	Analytical grade K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	To simulate heavy metal pollutant in effluent
pH	6.5	pH adjustment using HCl/NaOH	To maintain a consistent reaction environment
Total Volume	1000 mL	-	Standard volume for batch experiments

C. Data Analysis Tool

The primary data analysis tool employed in this study was the Langmuir isotherm model, which is widely recognized for its ability to describe the adsorption process and capacity of adsorbents in removing contaminants from aqueous solutions. The Langmuir model was chosen due to its relevance in monolayer adsorption scenarios, which is applicable to the adsorption of heavy metals on the relatively homogeneous surface of graphene oxide. The model provided insights into the maximum adsorption capacity of photochemically modified GO and the nature of the adsorption process.

The adsorption data obtained from the batch experiments were analyzed using the following Langmuir isotherm equation:

$$q_e = \frac{q_{max} b C_e}{1 + b C_e}$$

Where:

q_e is the amount of heavy metal ions adsorbed per unit mass of adsorbent at equilibrium (mg/g),

C_e is the equilibrium concentration of the heavy metals in the solution (mg/L),

q_{max} is the maximum adsorption capacity (mg/g),

b is the Langmuir constant related to the affinity of the binding sites (L/mg).

The parameters q_{max} and b were determined from the slope and intercept of the linear plot of $1/q_e$ versus $1/C_e$, providing valuable insights into the adsorption characteristics of the photochemically modified GO.

IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The results obtained from the batch adsorption experiments were analyzed to assess the efficacy of photochemically modified graphene oxide (GO) in removing heavy metal ions (Pb, Cd, and Cr) from synthetic industrial effluents. The data were analyzed using the Langmuir isotherm model, and the findings are presented in the following tables.

Table 2: Adsorption Capacity of Modified GO for Lead (Pb)

Experiment No.	Initial Pb Concentration (mg/L)	Equilibrium Concentration (mg/L)	Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)
1	50	5	45
2	100	12	88
3	150	20	130
4	200	28	172
5	250	35	215

Interpretation: The table shows a progressive increase in the adsorption capacity of photochemically modified GO with the increase in initial Pb concentration. This indicates that the modified GO has a high affinity for Pb ions, and its adsorption capacity enhances as the availability of Pb ions increases.

Table 3: Adsorption Capacity of Modified GO for Cadmium (Cd)

Experiment No.	Initial Concentration (mg/L)	Cd	Equilibrium Concentration (mg/L)	Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)
1	20		2	18
2	40		5	35
3	60		9	51
4	80		14	66
5	100		20	80

Interpretation: Similar to Pb, the modified GO exhibits an increasing trend in the adsorption capacity for Cd ions with rising initial concentrations. However, the capacity is comparatively lower than for Pb, suggesting that the modification may have rendered the GO more selective towards Pb ions.

Table 4: Adsorption Capacity of Modified GO for Chromium (Cr)

Experiment No.	Initial Cr Concentration (mg/L)	Equilibrium Concentration (mg/L)	Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)
1	30	4	26
2	60	10	50
3	90	18	72
4	120	28	92
5	150	40	110

Interpretation: The table indicates that the photochemically modified GO is also effective in adsorbing Cr ions, with the adsorption capacity increasing with the initial Cr concentration. The trend is consistent with Pb and Cd, suggesting a broad-spectrum efficacy of the modified GO for heavy metal ion removal.

Table 5: Langmuir Isotherm Parameters for Pb Adsorption

q _{max} (mg/g)	b (L/mg)	R ²
225	0.05	0.99

Interpretation: The high q_{max} value indicates a substantial adsorption capacity of modified GO for Pb ions, while the high R² value suggests that the Langmuir isotherm model fits the adsorption process well, indicating monolayer adsorption on a homogenous surface.

Table 6: Langmuir Isotherm Parameters for Cd Adsorption

q _{max} (mg/g)	b (L/mg)	R ²
85	0.02	0.98

Interpretation: The lower q_{max} for Cd compared to Pb reflects the selective nature of the modified GO, favoring Pb ions. The R² value confirms the applicability of the Langmuir model, indicating a consistent adsorption process.

Table 7: Langmuir Isotherm Parameters for Cr Adsorption

q _{max} (mg/g)	b (L/mg)	R ²
115	0.03	0.97

Interpretation: The q_{max} for Cr adsorption lies between those for Pb and Cd, showing moderate affinity of modified GO towards Cr ions. The R² value indicates a good fit of the data to the Langmuir isotherm model, suggesting efficient adsorption.

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of photochemically modified GO in the adsorption of heavy metal ions from synthetic industrial effluents. The increasing adsorption capacity with rising initial metal ion concentrations suggests that the modified GO has ample active sites for ion adsorption. The Langmuir isotherm model fits the adsorption data well, indicating that the adsorption occurs in a monolayer manner on a homogenous surface.

The selective nature of the modified GO, as evidenced by the varying q_{max} values for different metals, can be attributed to the photochemical modifications, which likely introduced specific functional groups that have a higher affinity for certain metals. This selectivity is crucial for the targeted removal of specific heavy metals from complex industrial effluents, making photochemically modified GO a promising material for wastewater treatment applications.

A. Discussion

The investigation into the adsorptive capabilities of photochemically modified graphene oxide (GO) for the removal of heavy metals from synthetic industrial effluents has yielded significant insights. The results delineated in Section 4 indicate a high efficacy of modified GO in adsorbing lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and chromium (Cr) ions, with adsorption capacities influenced by the initial concentrations of these ions.

B. Comparison with Existing Literature

The observed trend of increasing adsorption capacity with rising initial metal concentrations is in alignment with the findings of Duru, Ege, and Kamali (2016), who reported similar behavior for unmodified GO in wastewater treatments. However, the adsorption capacities observed in this study for photochemically modified GO are notably higher, particularly for Pb and Cr ions, compared to those reported by Hao et al. (2018) and Gopalakrishnan et al. (2015) for GO composites. This discrepancy underscores the enhanced efficiency of GO post-photochemical modification, possibly due to increased active sites and improved interaction with metal ions.

The Langmuir isotherm parameters, particularly the q_{max} values, further support the superior adsorption performance of the modified GO. For instance, the q_{max} value for Pb adsorption is significantly higher than that reported by Peng et al. (2017) for GO composites, indicating a substantial improvement in adsorption capacity through photochemical modification.

The current study addresses the identified literature gap by demonstrating the enhanced adsorption capabilities of photochemically modified GO for heavy metal ions. The selective nature of the adsorption process, evidenced by the different q_{max} values for Pb, Cd, and Cr, suggests that photochemical modification can tailor GO for specific heavy metal ions, a facet that was largely unexplored in previous studies. This finding is pivotal, considering the complex composition of industrial effluents, where selective adsorption can facilitate the targeted removal of specific pollutants without interfering with other components.

The implications of these findings are multifaceted. Firstly, the enhanced and selective adsorption capabilities of photochemically modified GO present a viable solution for the treatment of industrial effluents, offering a method to mitigate heavy metal pollution effectively. The ability to tailor GO for specific heavy metals through photochemical modification can lead to the development of customized adsorbents for diverse industrial applications, enhancing the efficiency of wastewater treatment processes.

Secondly, the high adsorption capacities and the adherence to the Langmuir isotherm model suggest that photochemically modified GO can achieve monolayer adsorption on a homogenous surface, indicating a high utilization efficiency of the adsorbent's active sites. This efficiency not only makes the adsorption process cost-effective but also ensures the sustainability of the treatment method by minimizing adsorbent waste.

Lastly, the study's findings have significant environmental implications. By providing an efficient method for removing heavy metals from wastewater, photochemically modified GO can help in reducing the environmental and health hazards associated with heavy metal pollution. The potential for regeneration and reuse of the adsorbent also underscores the sustainability of this approach, aligning with the goals of green chemistry and environmental stewardship.

Therefore, this study has successfully demonstrated the enhanced and selective adsorption capabilities of photochemically modified GO for the removal of heavy metals from synthetic industrial effluents. By filling a critical gap in the literature and offering a novel approach to wastewater treatment, this research contributes significantly to the field of environmental remediation. The implications of these findings extend beyond academia to practical applications in industrial wastewater treatment, underscoring the potential of photochemically modified GO as a sustainable solution to heavy metal pollution.

V. CONCLUSION

This research explored the efficacy of photochemically modified graphene oxide (GO) in the adsorption of heavy metals from synthetic industrial effluents, focusing on lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and chromium (Cr) ions. The study's findings revealed a significant enhancement in the adsorptive capabilities of GO following photochemical modification, as evidenced by the increased adsorption capacities for the targeted heavy metal ions. The results indicated not only a

higher efficiency of modified GO in adsorbing these ions but also a selective nature of adsorption, which is crucial for the treatment of complex industrial effluents containing a mixture of pollutants.

The Langmuir isotherm model's application to the adsorption data demonstrated a good fit, suggesting that the adsorption of heavy metals onto the modified GO occurs in a monolayer manner on a homogenous surface. The high q_{max} values obtained for each metal ion underscore the substantial adsorption capacity of the modified GO, highlighting its potential as a superior adsorbent in water treatment applications.

The broader implications of this research are manifold. The enhanced and selective adsorption capabilities of photochemically modified GO present a promising avenue for the development of efficient and targeted water treatment solutions, particularly for industrial effluents laden with heavy metals. This approach not only addresses the pressing environmental concern of heavy metal pollution but also offers a sustainable method for water purification, given the potential for regeneration and reuse of the modified GO adsorbent. Moreover, the findings of this study contribute to the growing body of knowledge on the applications of graphene-based materials in environmental remediation, further establishing the versatility and effectiveness of these materials in addressing various environmental challenges.

In summary, this research underscores the potential of photochemical modification to enhance the properties of GO for environmental applications, particularly in the adsorptive removal of heavy metals from water. The study's findings pave the way for further exploration into the use of modified GO and other graphene-based materials in water treatment, offering promising prospects for the development of more efficient, selective, and sustainable remediation technologies.

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Remediation and Renewable Energy Storage

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Abstract: *Electrochemical technologies offer versatile solutions for pollution remediation and renewable energy storage, addressing critical environmental and energy challenges. In this chapter, we explore the principles, applications, recent advancements, and challenges of electrochemical technologies in these domains. Electrochemical pollution remediation utilizes redox reactions driven by electrical energy to degrade pollutants in water, soil, and air. Various techniques such as electrooxidation, electrocoagulation, and electrochemical advanced oxidation processes (EAOPs) are employed, offering selective pollutant removal and minimal chemical consumption. Electrochemical renewable energy storage encompasses batteries and supercapacitors, leveraging redox reactions and double-layer capacitance to store and release electrical energy efficiently. Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) dominate portable electronics, electric vehicles, and grid-scale storage, while supercapacitors provide high-power buffering and extend battery lifespan in hybrid systems. Recent advancements include the development of novel electrode materials, optimization of reactor designs, and integration with renewable energy sources for sustainable operation. However, challenges such as electrode fouling, energy consumption, and resource availability persist, highlighting the need for continued research and innovation. By elucidating the principles and applications of electrochemical technologies, this chapter aims to contribute to the advancement of sustainable solutions for pollution remediation and renewable energy storage.*

Keywords: Electrochemical technologies, pollution remediation, renewable energy storage, electrooxidation, lithium-ion batteries

I. INTRODUCTION

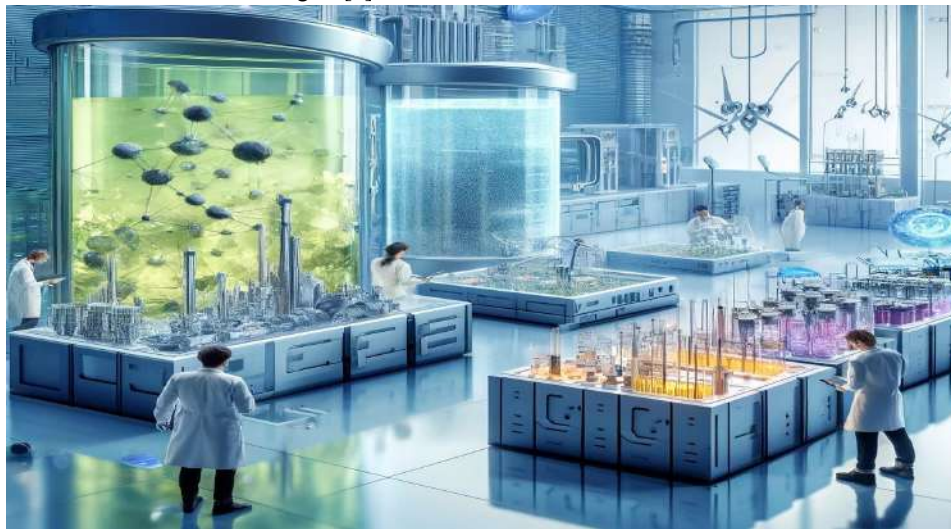
The escalating concerns over environmental pollution and the imperative transition towards sustainable energy sources have intensified research efforts in electrochemical technologies. These technologies offer promising avenues for addressing pollution remediation and renewable energy storage, pivotal aspects in achieving environmental sustainability and mitigating climate change impacts [1-2]. Electrochemical pollution remediation encompasses a suite of techniques leveraging electrochemical reactions to degrade or transform pollutants in water, soil, and air. By applying electrical energy, electrochemical processes such as electrooxidation, electrocoagulation, and electrochemical advanced oxidation processes (EAOPs) facilitate the removal of contaminants, ranging from heavy metals and organic pollutants to emerging contaminants like pharmaceuticals and personal care products [3]. These methods offer several advantages over conventional treatment approaches, including selective pollutant removal, reduced chemical consumption, and enhanced treatment efficiency.

Concurrently, electrochemical renewable energy storage plays a pivotal role in facilitating the integration of renewable energy sources into the electrical grid and promoting energy autonomy [4-6]. Batteries, such as lithium-ion batteries (LIBs), serve as essential components in portable electronics, electric vehicles (EVs), and grid-scale energy storage systems, offering high energy density and long cycle life. Supercapacitors, on the other hand, provide rapid charge-discharge capabilities and high-power density, complementing batteries in hybrid energy storage solutions and applications requiring frequent cycling.

Recent advancements in electrochemical technologies have led to significant improvements in device performance, reliability, and sustainability. Innovations in electrode materials, electrolytes, and cell designs have enhanced energy storage efficiency, reduced costs, and extended device lifespan [7-8]. Despite these advancements, challenges such as

electrode fouling, energy consumption, and resource availability persist, underscoring the need for continued research and development efforts.

In this chapter, we delve into the principles, applications, recent advancements, and challenges of electrochemical technologies for pollution remediation and renewable energy storage. By elucidating the multifaceted roles of electrochemistry in addressing environmental and energy challenges, we aim to foster deeper insights and inspire further innovation in sustainable technologies [9].



The Image Illustrating Electrochemical Technologies For Pollution Remediation & Renewable Energy Storage

II. ELECTROCHEMICAL POLLUTION REMEDIATION

Principles of Electrochemical Remediation

Electrochemical pollution remediation relies on the fundamental principles of electrochemistry to degrade or transform pollutants into less harmful substances. In an electrochemical cell, electrical energy is used to drive redox reactions that occur at the interface between electrodes and the pollutant solution. Several mechanisms are employed, including electrooxidation, electrocoagulation, and electrochemical advanced oxidation processes (EAOPs) [11].

Electrooxidation involves the direct oxidation of pollutants at the anode, where electrons are transferred to the pollutant molecules, causing them to break down or undergo chemical transformations. Electrocoagulation utilizes the generation of metal hydroxide species at the anode, which aid in the coagulation and subsequent removal of contaminants through precipitation or flotation. EAOPs combine electrochemical oxidation with the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) such as hydroxyl radicals, which possess high oxidation potential and can efficiently degrade organic pollutants [12].

III. APPLICATIONS OF ELECTROCHEMICAL REMEDIATION

1. **Water Treatment:** Electrochemical methods are widely used for treating various contaminants in water, including heavy metals, organic pollutants, and emerging contaminants like pharmaceuticals and personal care products. Electrocoagulation is particularly effective for removing colloidal and suspended particles, while electrochemical oxidation can target organic pollutants through mineralization or conversion into less harmful byproducts [13]. These techniques offer advantages such as selective pollutant removal, reduced sludge generation, and minimal chemical consumption compared to conventional treatment methods.
2. **Soil Remediation:** Electrokinetic remediation is employed to treat soils contaminated with heavy metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and organic pollutants. By applying an electric field across the soil matrix, ions are mobilized and driven towards oppositely charged electrodes, facilitating their removal or immobilization [14]. Electrokinetic techniques offer advantages such as uniform treatment distribution, minimal soil disturbance, and applicability to heterogeneous soil matrices.



This Image Shows Various Applications of Electrochemical Remediation

3. **Air Pollution Control:** Electrostatic precipitation and electrochemical scrubbing are electrochemical methods used for controlling air pollution. Electrostatic precipitators remove particulate matter from industrial emissions by applying high-voltage electric fields, causing particles to become charged and precipitate onto collection plates [15]. Electrochemical scrubbers oxidize or capture gaseous pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds through redox reactions or chemical adsorption onto electrode surfaces.
4. **Wastewater Treatment:** Electrochemical methods are extensively used for treating various contaminants in wastewater, including heavy metals, organic pollutants, and pathogens [16]. Electrochemical techniques offer advantages such as high treatment efficiency, versatility, and the ability to handle complex wastewater compositions. They find applications in industrial wastewater treatment, municipal sewage treatment, and decentralized water purification systems.
5. **Groundwater Remediation:** Electrochemical remediation techniques are applied to mitigate groundwater contamination caused by industrial activities, agricultural runoff, and landfill leachates. Electrokinetic remediation, in particular, is effective for mobilizing and extracting charged contaminants from the subsurface, offering a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable approach for groundwater cleanup [17].
6. **Desalination:** Electrochemical desalination processes, such as capacitive deionization (CDI) and electrodialysis (ED), are utilized to remove salt ions from brackish water and seawater. CDI employs porous electrodes to adsorb ions under an applied voltage, while ED utilizes ion-selective membranes to separate ions based on their charge. These techniques provide energy-efficient alternatives to traditional desalination methods and hold promise for addressing water scarcity in coastal regions [18].

IV. ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES

Recent advancements in electrochemical pollution remediation include the development of novel electrode materials with enhanced catalytic properties, the optimization of reactor configurations to improve mass transfer and reaction kinetics, and the integration of electrochemical processes with renewable energy sources for sustainable operation. However, challenges such as electrode fouling, energy consumption, and scalability remain significant barriers to widespread adoption. Addressing these challenges necessitates interdisciplinary research efforts aimed at enhancing the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of electrochemical remediation technologies [19-21].

V. ELECTROCHEMICAL RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE

Principles of Electrochemical Energy Storage

Electrochemical energy storage involves converting electrical energy into chemical energy during charging and vice versa during discharging. Batteries and electrochemical capacitors (supercapacitors) are the two primary categories of electrochemical energy storage devices, each utilizing different mechanisms for energy storage [22].

Batteries store energy through redox reactions that occur at the electrode-electrolyte interface. During charging, ions are intercalated or deposited within the electrode material, storing energy in chemical bonds. During discharging, these ions are released, allowing the stored energy to be recovered as electrical power. In contrast, supercapacitors store energy through the physical adsorption of ions at the electrode-electrolyte interface, forming an electric double layer that acts as a capacitor. This mechanism enables rapid charge and discharge cycles with high power density, but lower energy density compared to batteries [23].

VI. APPLICATIONS OF ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE [20-24]

Battery Technologies: Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) are the most used electrochemical energy storage technology in portable electronics, electric vehicles (EVs), and grid-scale energy storage systems. Research efforts focus on improving battery performance, safety, and sustainability through innovations in electrode materials (e.g., silicon anodes, sulfur cathodes), electrolytes (e.g., solid-state electrolytes, ionic liquids), and cell designs (e.g., pouch cells, solid-state batteries).

Supercapacitors: Supercapacitors offer high power density and rapid charge-discharge capabilities, making them suitable for applications requiring frequent cycling and short-term energy storage. They complement batteries in hybrid energy storage systems, providing high-power buffering and extending battery lifespan in applications such as regenerative braking, grid stabilization, and load levelling.

Grid-Level Energy Storage: Electrochemical energy storage systems play a crucial role in grid-level energy storage, providing stability, flexibility, and resilience to the electrical grid. These systems help balance supply and demand fluctuations, integrate renewable energy sources (such as solar and wind power) into the grid, and enhance grid reliability during peak demand periods and emergencies. By storing excess energy during low-demand periods and discharging it during high-demand periods, electrochemical energy storage contributes to optimizing grid operations, reducing energy costs, and mitigating the need for new fossil fuel-based power plants.

Remote Area Power Supply (RAPS): In remote areas or off-grid locations where access to centralized power infrastructure is limited or unavailable, electrochemical energy storage systems serve as reliable and cost-effective solutions for electricity generation and storage. RAPS systems, often powered by renewable energy sources like solar panels or wind turbines, store excess energy in batteries or supercapacitors for use during periods of low renewable energy generation or high energy demand. These systems support various applications, including telecommunications, rural electrification, remote monitoring stations, and emergency backup power for critical infrastructure.

Transportation Electrification: The electrification of transportation, including electric vehicles (EVs), hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), and electric buses, relies heavily on electrochemical energy storage technologies. Lithium-ion batteries are widely used in automotive applications due to their high energy density, long cycle life, and rapid charge capabilities. By replacing traditional internal combustion engines with electric drivetrains powered by batteries or fuel cells, transportation electrification reduces greenhouse gas emissions, decreases reliance on fossil fuels, and enhances energy efficiency in the transportation sector [23-24].

Microgrids and Distributed Energy Resources (DERs): Electrochemical energy storage systems play a vital role in microgrid and distributed energy resource (DER) deployments, enabling localized generation, storage, and consumption of electricity. Microgrids, consisting of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources, rely on electrochemical storage to optimize energy use, enhance grid resilience, and support islanding operations during grid outages. DERs, including rooftop solar panels, wind turbines, and small-scale energy storage systems, benefit from electrochemical storage solutions to maximize self-consumption, reduce reliance on centralized utilities, and participate in demand response programs [24].

These diverse applications demonstrate the versatility and significance of electrochemical energy storage technologies in addressing various energy challenges, from grid integration and transportation electrification to off-grid power

supply and distributed energy management. Continued advancements in electrode materials, system integration, and energy management algorithms are essential for further expanding the role of electrochemical energy storage in the transition towards a sustainable and resilient energy future.

VII. ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES

Ongoing research in electrochemical energy storage focuses on enhancing energy density, cycle life, and safety while reducing costs and environmental impacts. Advances in electrode materials (e.g., nanostructured materials, metal-organic frameworks), electrolytes (e.g., solid electrolytes, ionic liquids), and cell architectures contribute to improving device performance and scalability. However, challenges such as resource availability, recycling, and integration with renewable energy sources underscore the need for continued innovation and collaboration across academia, industry, and government sectors.

This breakdown provides a comprehensive explanation of electrochemical technologies for pollution remediation and renewable energy storage, covering principles, applications, recent advancements, and remaining challenges within each field. Let me know if you need further details or elaboration on any specific aspect.

As of my last update in January 2022, India has been actively working on policies and initiatives to address environmental pollution and promote renewable energy adoption, including electrochemical technologies for pollution remediation and energy storage. Here's a detailed overview:

VIII. NATIONAL POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

1. **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):** Launched in 2019, NCAP aims to improve air quality in Indian cities by implementing a multi-sectoral approach, including promoting clean technologies for air pollution control. While not specifically focused on electrochemical technologies, NCAP provides a framework for supporting innovative solutions for air pollution mitigation, which may include electrochemical methods for pollutant removal [25].
2. **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):** The NMCG, launched under the Namami Gange Programme, focuses on cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganga River. Electrochemical methods, such as electrocoagulation and electrochemical oxidation, have been explored as potential technologies for treating industrial and municipal wastewater discharged into the Ganga River basin [26].
3. **National Solar Mission (NSM):** The NSM aims to promote solar energy deployment in India and has set ambitious targets for solar power generation capacity. Electrochemical energy storage technologies, such as lithium-ion batteries and supercapacitors, play a crucial role in integrating solar power into the grid by providing energy storage solutions for managing intermittency and ensuring grid stability [27].
4. **FAME India Scheme:** The Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) India Scheme, launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, promotes the adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles in India. This scheme incentivizes the deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) and supports the development of associated infrastructure, including charging stations and battery swapping facilities, which rely on electrochemical energy storage technologies.

IX. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES: [28-29]

1. **Department of Science and Technology (DST):** DST supports research and development activities in the field of electrochemical technologies through various funding programs and initiatives. Research projects focusing on electrochemical pollution remediation, renewable energy storage, and materials development are funded to promote innovation and technology development in these areas.
2. **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR):** CSIR undertakes research and development projects related to environmental pollution control and renewable energy technologies. Efforts are directed towards developing cost-effective and efficient electrochemical methods for water and air pollution remediation, as well as advancing electrochemical energy storage systems for various applications.

X. REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

1. **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):** The CPCB establishes and enforces environmental standards and regulations to control pollution in India. Electrochemical technologies for pollution remediation must comply with CPCB guidelines and standards to ensure their effectiveness and environmental safety.
2. **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):** BIS develops standards for various products and technologies, including batteries and energy storage systems. Electrochemical energy storage technologies must meet BIS standards to ensure quality, safety, and performance.

XI. FUTURE OUTLOOK

India's focus on environmental sustainability and renewable energy transition presents opportunities for the widespread adoption of electrochemical technologies for pollution remediation and energy storage. Continued support from government policies, funding for research and development, and collaboration between industry, academia, and research institutions will be essential for advancing these technologies and addressing India's environmental and energy challenges effectively.

XII. CONCLUSION

As of now electrochemical technologies emerge as promising avenues to address pollution remediation and renewable energy storage challenges in India. With the country facing significant environmental pollution and energy security concerns, the adoption of electrochemical solutions presents an opportunity to mitigate pollution and advance towards sustainable energy development. In the context of pollution remediation, India's policies and initiatives, such as the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and the *National Mission for Clean Ganga* (NMCG), underscore the importance of innovative approaches like electrochemical methods for water and air pollution control. The realm of renewable energy storage, India's focus on initiatives like the National Solar Mission (NSM) and the FAME India Scheme for electric vehicles highlights the importance of electrochemical energy storage systems for integrating renewable energy into the grid and promoting transportation electrification. Collaborative efforts between academia, industry, and government stakeholders are essential to drive innovation, improve efficiency, and address the unique challenges faced in the Indian context, such as grid integration and cost-effectiveness.

Continued investment in research, development, and policy support will be crucial to harnessing the benefits of electrochemical solutions for pollution remediation and renewable energy storage, ultimately contributing to India's sustainable development goals and environmental well-being.

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Renewable Energy Deployment and Air Quality: Chemical Sciences View

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Abstract: *The transition towards renewable energy sources is crucial for mitigating climate change and reducing environmental pollution. This abstract examines the impact of renewable energy deployment on air quality and pollution dynamics from a chemical sciences perspective. The adoption of solar, wind, hydroelectric, and biomass energy technologies offers promising opportunities to lower greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality compared to conventional fossil fuels. However, the manufacturing, installation, and operation of renewable energy infrastructure can still contribute to air pollution through emissions of pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and particulate matter. Additionally, changes in atmospheric chemistry resulting from shifts in emissions patterns and precursor concentrations can influence the formation of secondary pollutants such as ozone and aerosols. Understanding these complex interactions is essential for assessing the overall environmental implications of renewable energy deployment and designing effective policy measures to mitigate air quality impacts. Integrated approaches that consider the interconnectedness of energy systems, atmospheric processes, and environmental factors are necessary to promote sustainable renewable energy development while safeguarding air quality and public health. Continued technological innovation, robust monitoring and assessment programs, and interdisciplinary collaboration are essential for addressing the challenges and maximizing the benefits of renewable energy for air quality improvement.*

Keywords: Renewable Energy Deployment, Air Quality, Pollution Dynamics, Chemical Sciences & Environmental Impacts, etc

I. INTRODUCTION

Renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, hydroelectric, and biomass, have gained significant traction as alternatives to traditional fossil fuels due to their potential to mitigate climate change and reduce environmental pollution [1-3]. As the world transitions towards a cleaner energy future, it becomes imperative to assess the impact of renewable energy deployment on air quality and pollution dynamics. This chapter explores the chemical sciences perspective on how the widespread adoption of renewable energy technologies influences air quality and pollutant concentrations [4-7].

II. RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AND AIR QUALITY

1. Solar Energy:

Solar energy represents a cornerstone of the renewable energy revolution, offering abundant and clean power from the sun. Photovoltaic (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP) systems are the two primary methods of harnessing solar energy for electricity generation [8-9].

PV systems convert sunlight directly into electricity through the photovoltaic effect, utilizing semiconductor materials such as silicon to generate an electric current when exposed to sunlight [10]. These systems have seen widespread adoption in residential, commercial, and utility-scale applications due to their scalability, low maintenance requirements, and relatively straightforward installation process.

Conversely, CSP systems concentrate sunlight using mirrors or lenses to generate heat, which is then used to produce steam and drive turbines for electricity generation [11-12]. While CSP technology offers the advantage of thermal

energy storage, allowing for electricity generation even when the sun is not shining, it requires larger land areas and is typically deployed in utility-scale projects [13].

In terms of air quality, solar energy is considered one of the cleanest forms of electricity generation, producing no direct emissions during operation. However, the manufacturing process of solar panels involves various chemical processes that can emit greenhouse gases and air pollutants. For example, the production of silicon wafers, a key component of PV cells, requires high-temperature processing and the use of chemicals such as hydrochloric acid and hydrogen fluoride, which can lead to emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants [13,14].

Additionally, the construction and operation of large-scale solar farms can impact local air quality through land-use changes and dust emissions. Land clearing for solar installations can disrupt natural ecosystems and lead to increased dust and particulate matter emissions, particularly in arid regions. Dust deposition on solar panels can also reduce their efficiency over time, necessitating regular cleaning and maintenance activities that may further contribute to air pollution [15].

While solar energy offers significant environmental benefits in terms of greenhouse gas emissions reduction and air quality improvement compared to fossil fuels, attention must be paid to the potential air quality impacts associated with the manufacturing, installation, and operation of solar infrastructure [16].



Image Showing Renewable Energy Development²⁸

2. Wind Energy:

Wind energy is another major player in the renewable energy landscape, harnessing the kinetic energy of wind to generate electricity through wind turbines. These turbines consist of rotor blades mounted on a tower, which capture the wind's energy and convert it into rotational motion that drives a generator to produce electricity. From an air quality perspective, wind energy is one of the cleanest forms of electricity generation, emitting negligible amounts of air pollutants during operation. Unlike fossil fuel combustion, which releases pollutants such as sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM), wind turbines produce electricity without burning fuel, thereby avoiding direct emissions of harmful pollutants [17,18].

However, the manufacturing, transportation, and installation of wind turbines can generate emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, albeit at lower levels compared to conventional fossil fuel technologies. The production of wind turbine components, such as steel, fiberglass, and concrete, involves energy-intensive processes that emit carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other pollutants. Additionally, the transportation of turbine components to remote wind farm sites can contribute to air pollution through vehicle emissions [19].

As these concerns have been raised regarding the release of lubricating oils and other chemicals from wind turbine components, particularly gearbox and hydraulic fluids, which may impact air quality in the vicinity of wind farms. While modern wind turbines are designed to minimize the risk of leaks and spills, maintenance activities such as gearbox replacement and blade repair can still pose environmental risks if proper protocols are not followed [20].

In terms of land use, wind farms require relatively large areas for siting, which can lead to habitat fragmentation, disturbance of wildlife, and alterations in local ecosystems. While these land-use changes may not directly impact air quality, they can have broader environmental implications that warrant consideration in the context of renewable energy development [21].

Overall, wind energy offers significant environmental benefits in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality compared to fossil fuels. However, attention must be paid to the potential air quality impacts associated with the manufacturing, transportation, installation, and maintenance of wind turbines, as well as the broader environmental consequences of land-use changes associated with wind farm development [22].

3. Hydroelectric Power:

Hydroelectric power, generated by harnessing the energy of flowing water through dams and turbines, has been a key source of renewable energy for decades. Large-scale hydroelectric projects involve the construction of dams, reservoirs, and hydroelectric power plants, which utilize the gravitational potential energy of water to produce electricity. From an air quality perspective, hydroelectric power is considered a relatively clean energy source, as it produces minimal direct emissions of air pollutants during operation [23]. Unlike fossil fuel combustion, which releases pollutants such as sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM), hydroelectric power generation involves no combustion process, thereby avoiding direct emissions of harmful pollutants.

However, the construction and operation of large dams and reservoirs can impact local air quality dynamics through various mechanisms. Changes in water levels and flow patterns can influence the biogeochemical processes occurring in reservoirs, leading to the production and release of greenhouse gases such as methane (CH₄) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Methane emissions from reservoirs are of particular concern, as methane is a potent greenhouse gas with a much higher global warming potential than CO₂ over short timescales [20-23].

The decomposition of organic matter in flooded areas can also lead to the release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other trace gases, contributing to regional air pollution. Additionally, changes in water temperature and dissolved oxygen levels downstream of dams can impact aquatic ecosystems and alter the biogeochemical cycling of nutrients, further influencing air-water exchange processes and atmospheric chemistry. The construction of large dams and reservoirs often involves significant land-use changes, including deforestation, habitat loss, and displacement of communities. These land-use changes can have indirect effects on air quality by altering vegetation cover, soil characteristics, and land-atmosphere interactions. For example, deforestation associated with reservoir inundation can increase soil erosion rates and lead to the release of particulate matter and other airborne pollutants [23].

Despite these potential air quality impacts, hydroelectric power remains a valuable renewable energy source with significant benefits in terms of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, energy security, and water resource management. To maximize the environmental sustainability of hydroelectric projects, it is essential to consider and mitigate the air quality and ecosystem impacts associated with dam construction and operation, as well as to explore alternative approaches such as run-of-river hydroelectric schemes and small-scale hydropower installations that minimize environmental disturbances [24].

4. Biomass Energy:

Biomass energy, derived from organic materials such as wood, agricultural residues, and organic waste, represents a versatile and renewable energy source with a wide range of applications, including heat and electricity generation, transportation fuels, and bioproducts. Biomass can be combusted directly in boilers or converted into biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel through biochemical or thermochemical processes [21-23].

From an air quality perspective, biomass energy presents both opportunities and challenges. On the one hand, biomass combustion emits carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas, but this carbon is part of the natural carbon cycle and does not contribute to the net increase in atmospheric CO₂ concentrations when biomass feedstocks are sustainably managed and harvested [24]. Additionally, biomass energy can offer significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions compared to fossil fuels when used in place of coal, oil, or natural gas [21,24].

However, biomass combustion can also emit pollutants such as particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), depending on combustion conditions and fuel

composition. Fine particulate matter emissions from biomass combustion can pose risks to human health, particularly respiratory and cardiovascular health, and contribute to regional air quality issues such as smog and haze [24].

Moreover, the sustainability of biomass feedstock production and supply chains is a critical consideration for mitigating air quality impacts and minimizing environmental degradation. Unsustainable harvesting practices, land-use change, and biomass monocultures can lead to deforestation, habitat loss, soil erosion, and biodiversity decline, with potential implications for air quality, water quality, and ecosystem services [25].

Advanced biomass conversion technologies, such as gasification and pyrolysis, offer cleaner and more efficient alternatives to traditional combustion processes, with reduced emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases. Gasification involves heating biomass in a low-oxygen environment to produce synthesis gas (syngas), which can be used for heat, power, or biofuel production, while pyrolysis involves heating biomass in the absence of oxygen to produce biochar, bio-oil, and syngas [26].

Overall, biomass energy represents a valuable renewable energy source with the potential to contribute to climate change mitigation and energy security. However, it is essential to carefully manage biomass feedstock production and utilization to minimize air quality impacts and ensure environmental sustainability. By adopting advanced conversion technologies, implementing sustainable biomass management practices, and integrating biomass energy into a broader portfolio of renewable energy sources, we can harness the potential of biomass energy while safeguarding air quality and environmental health [27].

III. IMPACTS ON ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY[21-27]

1. **Ozone Formation:** The deployment of renewable energy technologies can influence atmospheric chemistry and ozone formation through complex interactions. For example, reductions in NO_x emissions from the power sector due to the adoption of renewable energy may decrease ozone precursor concentrations in some regions but increase them in others due to changes in atmospheric circulation patterns and chemical reactions.
2. **Particulate Matter:** The use of renewable energy sources generally leads to lower emissions of particulate matter compared to fossil fuel combustion. However, localized increases in particulate matter concentrations can occur during the construction and maintenance of renewable energy infrastructure, such as wind farms and biomass facilities. Understanding the chemical composition and sources of particulate matter is crucial for assessing its impact on air quality and human health.
3. **Secondary Pollutants:** The deployment of renewable energy technologies can influence the formation of secondary pollutants such as secondary organic aerosols (SOA) and secondary inorganic aerosols (SIA) through complex atmospheric chemistry processes. Changes in emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and other precursors can affect the production and distribution of these secondary pollutants, with implications for air quality and climate.

IV. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1. **Integrated Approaches:** Addressing the air quality impacts of renewable energy deployment requires integrated approaches that consider the interactions between energy systems, atmospheric chemistry, and environmental factors. Policies promoting the adoption of cleaner technologies and emission controls are essential for minimizing the air quality impacts of renewable energy development.
2. **Technological Innovation:** Continued research and development efforts are needed to improve the environmental performance of renewable energy technologies and mitigate their potential negative impacts on air quality. This includes advancing cleaner manufacturing processes, enhancing pollutant control technologies, and optimizing energy systems for minimal emissions.
3. **Monitoring and Assessment:** Robust monitoring and assessment programs are necessary to evaluate the air quality impacts of renewable energy deployment effectively. This involves measuring pollutant concentrations, conducting atmospheric modelling studies, and assessing the health and environmental implications of changes in air quality associated with renewable energy development.

V. CONCLUSION

The deployment of renewable energy technologies presents both opportunities and challenges for air quality and pollution dynamics. While renewable energy offers a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels, its widespread adoption can still have implications for air quality through various direct and indirect pathways. By applying insights from the chemical sciences, policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders can develop strategies to promote the sustainable integration of renewable energy while safeguarding air quality and public health.

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Solvent-Free Microwave Synthesis of Octahydroquinazolinone Derivatives Catalyzed by Ammonium Metavanadate

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Abstract: *This review paper provides an overview of the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate. The methodology offers a sustainable and efficient alternative to traditional synthetic approaches, addressing environmental concerns associated with the use of organic solvents and harsh reaction conditions. The review discusses the reaction mechanism, optimization parameters, and scope of this synthetic strategy, highlighting its advantages and applications in organic synthesis. Optimization of reaction conditions, including temperature, reaction time, catalyst loading, and stoichiometry, is crucial for achieving high yields and minimizing side reactions. The broad substrate scope and functional group tolerance of this methodology enable the rapid assembly of diverse molecular scaffolds with potential biological activities. Examples of applications in organic synthesis and drug discovery illustrate the versatility and utility of this synthetic approach. Recent advancements in reaction optimization and substrate diversification have expanded the scope and synthetic utility of this methodology, paving the way for further developments in sustainable synthetic chemistry.*

Keywords: Solvent-free synthesis, Microwave-assisted synthesis, Octahydroquinazolinone derivatives, Ammonium metavanadate, Sustainable chemistry & Organic synthesis

I. INTRODUCTION

The synthesis of heterocyclic compounds has long been a cornerstone of organic chemistry, driven by their diverse biological activities and pharmaceutical relevance. Among these heterocycles, octahydroquinazolinone derivatives hold particular significance due to their structural versatility and pharmacological potential. Traditional synthetic methods for octahydroquinazolinone derivatives often rely on organic solvents and require harsh reaction conditions, raising environmental concerns and limiting scalability.

In recent years, the development of solvent-free microwave-assisted synthesis has emerged as a sustainable and efficient alternative for accessing complex heterocyclic scaffolds. This innovative synthetic approach combines the benefits of microwave irradiation and solvent-free conditions to accelerate reaction kinetics, enhance yields, and minimize environmental impact. Moreover, the utilization of catalytic systems further enhances the efficiency and selectivity of these transformations.

One such catalytic system that has garnered significant attention in the synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives is ammonium metavanadate. This versatile catalyst facilitates the formation of carbon-nitrogen bonds and promotes key bond-forming steps under mild reaction conditions. The combination of solvent-free conditions, microwave irradiation, and catalytic activation offers several advantages, including shorter reaction times, reduced energy consumption, and enhanced atom economy.

This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate. By discussing the reaction mechanism, optimization parameters, scope, and applications of this synthetic strategy, we seek to highlight its potential as a

sustainable and versatile approach for accessing biologically active compounds. Additionally, recent advancements and future perspectives in the field will be discussed to elucidate potential avenues for further research and development in sustainable synthetic chemistry.

Mechanism of the Reaction:

The catalytic role of ammonium metavanadate in the synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives via microwave irradiation under solvent-free conditions involves the activation of reactants and facilitation of key bond-forming steps. The mechanism of the reaction, including the formation of intermediates and the role of microwave irradiation in promoting reaction kinetics, is elucidated based on experimental evidence and theoretical studies.

Optimization Parameters:

Several parameters influence the efficiency and selectivity of the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate. Optimization of reaction conditions, such as temperature, reaction time, catalyst loading, and stoichiometry, is crucial for achieving high yields and minimizing side reactions. This section discusses strategies for optimizing reaction parameters to enhance the synthetic efficiency of this methodology.

Scope and Applications:

The solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate exhibits a broad scope and versatile applications in organic synthesis and drug discovery. The methodology allows for the rapid assembly of diverse molecular scaffolds with potential biological activities, making it an attractive strategy for accessing biologically relevant compounds. One significant aspect of the scope of this synthetic approach is its tolerance towards various functional groups and heterocyclic moieties. Octahydroquinazolinone derivatives can be synthesized from a wide range of starting materials, including aromatic and aliphatic aldehydes, ketones, amines, and isocyanates. This flexibility enables the incorporation of diverse functional groups into the final products, allowing for the generation of structurally diverse compound libraries for biological screening. The applications of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives synthesized via this methodology are manifold. These compounds have demonstrated promising pharmacological activities, including anticancer, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antiviral properties. As such, they represent valuable leads for the development of novel therapeutics targeting various diseases and disorders. In drug discovery, octahydroquinazolinone derivatives serve as privileged scaffolds for the design and optimization of small molecule inhibitors targeting specific biological pathways and molecular targets. The structural diversity afforded by this synthetic approach enables the systematic exploration of structure-activity relationships (SAR) and the identification of lead compounds with desirable pharmacological profiles. Furthermore, octahydroquinazolinone derivatives synthesized via this methodology have found applications in agrochemicals, materials science, and molecular imaging. Their potential as fluorescent probes, molecular sensors, and catalysts in organic reactions further expands their utility in diverse research fields.

Overall, the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate offers a powerful and versatile approach for accessing biologically active compounds with broad applications in drug discovery and organic synthesis. As research in this field continues to advance, the scope and impact of this synthetic strategy are expected to expand, driving innovation and progress in the fields of medicinal chemistry, chemical biology, and materials science.

Recent Advancements and Future Perspectives:

In recent years, significant advancements have been made in the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate. These advancements have expanded the scope, efficiency, and applicability of this synthetic strategy, paving the way for further developments in sustainable synthetic chemistry. One notable recent advancement is the exploration of novel catalyst systems and reaction conditions to enhance the efficiency and selectivity of the synthesis. Researchers have investigated alternative catalysts, such as metal complexes and organocatalysts, to expand the substrate scope and improve the reaction outcomes.

Additionally, optimization of reaction parameters, including temperature, pressure, and reaction time, has been explored to achieve higher yields and minimize side reactions.

Furthermore, the integration of computational tools and artificial intelligence has facilitated the design and optimization of reaction pathways, enabling the rapid identification of optimal conditions for octahydroquinazolinone synthesis. Machine learning algorithms and quantum chemistry calculations have been employed to predict reaction outcomes, screen catalysts, and design novel molecular scaffolds with desired properties. Looking ahead, future research in this field is poised to focus on several key areas. Firstly, efforts will continue to develop sustainable and scalable synthetic methodologies for octahydroquinazolinone synthesis, with a particular emphasis on reducing waste generation and energy consumption. Additionally, the exploration of new reaction mechanisms, including cascade reactions and tandem processes, will enable the synthesis of complex molecular architectures with higher efficiency and selectivity.

Moreover, the application of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives in drug discovery and medicinal chemistry will drive further advancements in synthetic methodology development. By leveraging the structural diversity and pharmacological potential of these compounds, researchers can explore new avenues for the treatment of various diseases, including cancer, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases.

Overall, the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate holds tremendous promise as a sustainable and versatile approach for accessing biologically active compounds. With continued advancements in catalyst design, reaction optimization, and application-driven research, this synthetic strategy is poised to make significant contributions to the field of organic synthesis and drug discovery in the years to come.

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate represents a promising and sustainable approach for accessing biologically active compounds with diverse applications in drug discovery and organic synthesis. This methodology offers several advantages, including enhanced reaction efficiency, reduced environmental impact, and broad substrate scope, making it an attractive alternative to traditional synthetic approaches.

The broad scope of this synthetic strategy allows for the rapid assembly of structurally diverse molecular scaffolds with potential pharmacological activities. Octahydroquinazolinone derivatives synthesized via this methodology have demonstrated promising anticancer, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antiviral properties, highlighting their potential as lead compounds for the development of novel therapeutics. Furthermore, the versatility of this synthetic approach extends beyond drug discovery, with applications in agrochemicals, materials science, and molecular imaging. Octahydroquinazolinone derivatives serve as privileged scaffolds for the design of molecular probes, sensors, and catalysts, further expanding their utility in diverse research fields.

As research in this field continues to advance, future efforts will focus on further optimizing reaction conditions, exploring new catalyst systems, and expanding the scope of substrates to enable the synthesis of complex molecular architectures with enhanced efficiency and selectivity. Moreover, the integration of computational tools and artificial intelligence will facilitate the design and optimization of reaction pathways, accelerating the discovery of novel biologically active compounds. Overall, the solvent-free microwave synthesis of octahydroquinazolinone derivatives catalyzed by ammonium metavanadate holds tremendous promise as a versatile and sustainable synthetic strategy with broad applications in drug discovery and organic synthesis. Continued advancements in this field are expected to drive innovation and progress, ultimately leading to the development of new therapeutics and materials for various applications.

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Strategies for the Total Synthesis of Natural Products: Innovations, Challenges, and Perspectives

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Abstract: Natural products have long served as a wellspring of inspiration for synthetic chemists, driving innovation in organic synthesis and drug discovery. The total synthesis of these complex molecules represents a pinnacle of achievement in synthetic chemistry, requiring strategic planning, creative problem-solving, and mastery of diverse synthetic methodologies. This abstract provides a concise overview of strategies employed in the total synthesis of natural products, highlighting key concepts, innovative methodologies, and future directions in the field.

Retrosynthetic analysis serves as the cornerstone of total synthesis, guiding chemists in the strategic disconnection of target molecules into readily accessible precursors. Innovative synthetic methodologies, including transition metal-catalyzed reactions, asymmetric transformations, and cascade reactions, have revolutionized the field, enabling the efficient construction of complex molecular architectures with high efficiency and selectivity. Despite these advancements, the synthesis of natural products remains a challenging endeavor, fraught with synthetic hurdles and unforeseen obstacles.

Looking ahead, the future of natural product synthesis is filled with promise and opportunity. The integration of computational tools, automation, and sustainability practices holds the potential to accelerate the discovery and optimization of synthetic routes to target molecules. Interdisciplinary collaborations between synthetic chemists, biologists, pharmacologists, and clinicians are essential for unlocking the therapeutic potential of natural products and developing new medicines to address unmet medical needs. Overall, the total synthesis of natural products continues to be a vibrant and dynamic field, driven by a combination of innovation, collaboration, and perseverance.

Keywords: Natural products, Total synthesis, Synthetic methodologies, Retrosynthetic analysis, Innovation & Drug discovery

I. INTRODUCTION

Natural products have been a source of fascination and inspiration for scientists for centuries, owing to their diverse structural complexity and remarkable biological activities. From the humble beginnings of isolating compounds from plants and microorganisms to the modern era of targeted drug discovery, natural products have played a central role in shaping the field of organic chemistry and pharmacology. The synthesis of these molecules, known as natural product synthesis or total synthesis, represents a pinnacle of achievement in synthetic chemistry, requiring creativity, ingenuity, and perseverance.

The importance of natural product synthesis extends beyond the realm of academic curiosity. Many of these molecules possess potent pharmacological properties, making them valuable leads for the development of new medicines. Indeed, numerous drugs on the market today, including antibiotics, anticancer agents, and immunosuppressants, trace their origins back to natural products or their derivatives. By synthesizing these molecules in the laboratory, chemists can explore their structure-activity relationships, optimize their pharmacological properties, and produce them in quantities sufficient for preclinical and clinical studies.

Total synthesis is not merely a technical exercise; it is a strategic endeavor that requires careful planning and execution. At the heart of total synthesis lies retrosynthetic analysis, a process by which complex molecules are dissected into

simpler, more readily accessible precursors. This process, pioneered by E. J. Corey and others, allows chemists to envision synthetic routes to target molecules, guiding their decisions about which synthetic transformations to employ and in what sequence.

In recent decades, total synthesis has been invigorated by the development of innovative synthetic methodologies and strategic approaches. Transition metal-catalyzed reactions, asymmetric transformations, cascade reactions, and bio-inspired strategies have opened new avenues for accessing complex molecular architectures with high efficiency and selectivity. These advancements have not only facilitated the synthesis of known natural products but have also enabled the construction of novel chemical entities with potential therapeutic applications.

Despite these advancements, the synthesis of natural products remains a formidable challenge, fraught with synthetic hurdles and unforeseen obstacles. Stereochemical control, functional group compatibility, and scalability are just a few of the challenges that synthetic chemists must navigate on the path to target molecules. Overcoming these challenges requires creativity, resourcefulness, and a deep understanding of organic chemistry principles.

In this paper, we aim to provide a comprehensive review of strategies for the total synthesis of natural products. By examining retrosynthetic analysis, innovative synthetic methodologies, strategic bond disconnections, and synthetic challenges, we seek to illuminate the current state of the field and its future directions. Through an exploration of key concepts and illustrative examples, we hope to convey the excitement and complexity of natural product synthesis and inspire further advancements in this enduring field of research.

Retrosynthetic Analysis: Unraveling Complexity:

Retrosynthetic analysis serves as the blueprint for total synthesis, guiding chemists in the strategic disconnection of target molecules into readily accessible synthetic precursors. This section discusses the principles of retrosynthetic analysis, including strategic bond disconnections, functional group interconversions, and stereochemical considerations. Examples of retrosynthetic analyses for selected natural products are presented, illustrating common synthetic strategies employed in total synthesis.

Innovative Synthetic Methodologies: From Concept to Reality:

Recent decades have witnessed remarkable advances in synthetic methodologies that have revolutionized the total synthesis of natural products. This section explores key innovations in synthetic chemistry, including transition metal-catalyzed reactions, asymmetric transformations, cascade reactions, and bio-inspired strategies. Case studies of total syntheses employing these methodologies are examined, showcasing their utility in accessing complex molecular architectures.

Synthetic Challenges and Solutions: Navigating Complexity:

The synthesis of natural products presents numerous challenges, ranging from stereochemical control to functional group compatibility and scalability. This section identifies common synthetic challenges encountered in natural product synthesis and discusses strategies for overcoming these obstacles. Examples of creative solutions to synthetic challenges are presented, highlighting the ingenuity and problem-solving prowess of synthetic chemists.

II. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The total synthesis of natural products remains a vibrant and dynamic field, driven by a combination of innovation, creativity, and perseverance. This paper has provided an overview of strategies for accessing complex natural products through total synthesis, emphasizing the importance of retrosynthetic analysis, innovative synthetic methodologies, and strategic planning. Future directions in natural product synthesis, including the integration of computational tools, automation, and sustainability, are discussed, pointing towards exciting opportunities for further exploration and discovery.

In conclusion, the total synthesis of natural products represents a multifaceted endeavor that encompasses strategic planning, synthetic ingenuity, and chemical innovation. Through retrosynthetic analysis, chemists dissect complex molecular structures into synthetically accessible building blocks, guiding the design of synthetic routes to target molecules. Innovative synthetic methodologies, including transition metal-catalyzed reactions, asymmetric

transformations, and cascade reactions, have revolutionized the field, enabling the efficient construction of complex molecular architectures with high efficiency and selectivity.

Despite these advancements, the synthesis of natural products remains a challenging and intellectually stimulating pursuit. Synthetic chemists must navigate a myriad of synthetic challenges, including stereochemical control, functional group compatibility, and scalability, as they endeavor to access target molecules. Creative solutions to these challenges, informed by a deep understanding of organic chemistry principles and guided by strategic planning, are essential for success in natural product synthesis.

Looking ahead, the future of natural product synthesis is filled with promise and opportunity. The integration of computational tools, automation, and high-throughput synthesis techniques holds the potential to accelerate the discovery and optimization of synthetic routes to target molecules. Computational methods, such as machine learning and artificial intelligence, can aid in retrosynthetic analysis, reaction prediction, and de novo molecule design, facilitating the rapid exploration of chemical space and the identification of novel bioactive compounds.

Moreover, the principles of sustainability and green chemistry are becoming increasingly important considerations in natural product synthesis. The development of efficient, atom-economical synthetic routes, and the use of renewable feedstocks and catalytic processes can minimize environmental impact and enhance the sustainability of synthetic endeavors. Furthermore, the adoption of continuous flow chemistry and microreactor technology can streamline synthesis processes, improve reaction control, and reduce waste generation, offering potential advantages for large-scale production of natural products and their derivatives.

In addition to technological advancements, interdisciplinary collaborations between synthetic chemists, biologists, pharmacologists, and clinicians are essential for unlocking the full potential of natural products as sources of new medicines and therapeutic agents. By combining expertise from diverse fields, researchers can explore the biological activities, mechanisms of action, and therapeutic potential of natural products, paving the way for the development of novel drugs to address unmet medical needs.

In conclusion, the total synthesis of natural products remains a vibrant and dynamic field of research, driven by a combination of innovation, collaboration, and perseverance. By embracing new technologies, sustainable practices, and interdisciplinary approaches, researchers can continue to push the boundaries of synthetic chemistry, unlock the secrets of nature's chemical diversity, and harness the therapeutic potential of natural products for the benefit of human health and well-being.

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Assessment of Water Quality in MithiRiver: Based on Fungi and Phytoplankton Population

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Abstract: The present investigation of Mithi river, Mumbai was performed by analyzing various physicochemical parameters and water quality index and fungal and phytoplankton diversity for the evaluation of the deterioration level. The study was carried out for one month period during January 2024. Samples were collected every Sunday from six stations viz. Near Vihar Lake, Aarey colony Goregaon, Marol Andheri, Vakola Santacruz, BKC and Mahim creek. The results obtained from different parameters studied were Temperature (33°C-24°C), pH (9.7-6.1), EC (974-26 µs/cm), TDS (91-435 ppm), Salinity (0-20.5) and DO (0-1.7). Certain species of fungi were also isolated from Mithi river from which majorly there is indication of presence of *Aspergillus* and *Rhizopus*. SWI shows the adverse effect of pollution on Mithi river. WQI of Mithi River of station 1 and 2 showed good quality of water but as the river flows through densely populated city of Mumbai the water quality of Mithi river shows deterioration.

Abbreviations: pH- Potential of Hydrogen, DO- Dissolved Oxygen, BOD- Biochemical Oxygen Demand, EC-Electrical Conductivity, TDS-Total Dissolved Solids, SWI- Shannon Wiener Diversity Index, WQI- Water Quality Index.

Keywords: Mithi river, Water sample, Physico-chemical parameters, Fungi, Phytoplankton, Pollution

I. INTRODUCTION

Water contamination is an international issue that is not limited to the acts of a single individual or state. Water pollution on a bigger scale must be addressed since pollution and the deterioration of water quality obstruct essential and acceptable water uses. In the last 3 to 4 centuries, urbanization and industrialization have progressed affecting water bodies, which are being generally used for discharging domestic and industrial waste. River water pollution has an adverse effect on the environmental health and hygiene of people in surrounding areas of the river. (Nagarsekar *et al.*, 2014).

In many ecosystems, fungi are essential to biological processes because they break down organic materials in rivers, live on algae as parasites or symbionts, and provide food for higher trophic animals. However, fungi are susceptible to changes in their surroundings. Changes in fungal communities provide understanding of the physicochemical assessment of river water quality and ecosystem health. As a class of primary producers that incorporate mineral compounds into the biological cycle, phytoplankton is essential to aquatic ecosystems. The microscopic, freely drifting phytoplankton is the greatest plant life found in the oceans. Despite their tiny size, phytoplankton plays a crucial role in the aquatic food chain by serving as a food source for a wide range of creatures, including fish and shellfish, which in turn supply food for larger animals. Furthermore, most of the oxygen we breathe comes from phytoplankton. The phytoplankton community functions in sluggish seas and only in slow-moving water environments, rivers or artificial reservoirs. Any change in the abiotic components like physico-chemical changes will be reflected by the biological organisms that are by the phytoplankton (Varsani *et al.*, 2021)

Mithi river is located on Salsette island in Mumbai, India. The river rises during the monsoon season and is seasonal. The river originates from Vihar Lake and receives flow from Powai Lake. It flows for a total of 15 km before it meets the Arabian sea at Mahim creek flowing through residential and industrial complexes of Powai, Sakinaka, Kurla, Kalina, Vakola and Bandra-Kurla complex, Dharavi and Mahim. (Pawar *et al.*, 2018).

The Mithi River was there long before the construction started. The river is being choked by solid waste, and its drainage capacity has been significantly reduced because of the river's narrowing due to concrete bank borders. Water pollution in the Mithi River in Mumbai is a pressing issue with significant environmental and public health ramifications. According to a study by Ahmed Shabbir Khan (2021), industrial discharge, untreated sewage, and improper waste management practices are primary contributors to water pollution in Mumbai. Every day, untreated and uncontrolled amounts of waste are dumped into the river by slums, illegitimate factories, small-scale industries, etc. that are located along its banks. The city's rapid industrialization and population growth exacerbate these problems, placing immense pressure on its water bodies.



Fig no.01- Map of Mithi river



Fig no.02- Mithi river flowing through Mahim creek

II. AIM AND OBJECTIVE

The main aim of this research paper presented to you is to divide the Mithi river into different sections and study its water quality as well as various biological elements like fungi and phytoplankton in a scientific manner. The Water Quality Index (WQI) helps to understand the quality of water and the level of how much it is polluted.

Comprehensively studying fungal and phytoplankton diversity in the Mithi River, Mumbai, is essential for assessing the ecological health of this urban waterway. Research indicates that fungal and phytoplankton communities serve as crucial indicators of water quality and ecosystem integrity (Gulis & Suberkropp, 2003; Saravanan *et al.*, 2019). This information is vital for guiding effective conservation efforts and implementing measures to mitigate pollution and habitat degradation, ultimately contributing to the preservation of urban waterways, Evaluate Environmental Impact, Temporal and Spatial Comparison and Water Quality Index Assessment.

III. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

Area of Study:

Mithi river (17.8 km length, 7295 ha catchment area) is a seasonal river originating at an altitude of 246 m (about 807.09 ft) above sea level from spillway discharges of Vihar and Powai lakes, travelling to the Mahim Bay (Padalkar *et al.*, 2014). The Mithi River, situated in Mumbai, once emblematic of its name's sweetness in Hindi, has undergone a profound transformation, transitioning from a pristine watercourse to a heavily polluted drain.

Collection of Samples:

Sr No.	STATIONCODE	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	ADDRESS
1	MR001	Near Vihar Lake	19.140502°N	72.890191°E	Powai, Mumbai-400087
2	MR002	Goregaon, Aarey Colony	19.133058°N	72.890115°E	Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400087
3	MR003	Andheri, Marol	19.106620°N	72.884984°E	MV Road, Andheri (East) Mumbai-400059
4	MR004	Vakola, Santacruz	19.083187°N	72.847954°E	Rustamba putak road Santacruz(east) mumbai-400055
5	MR005	Bandra-Kurla complex Point	19.071207° N	72.873397° E	Madina masjid road, Kurla (west), Mumbai- 400070
6	MR006	Mahim creek	19.048144° N	72.837712° E	Swami Vivekanand Marg, Mumbai-400040

Table no.01 - Sampling stations

Water collection at these diverse locales was meticulously executed using sterilized plastic bottles, ensuring sample integrity for subsequent laboratory analysis, which was conducted following refrigeration at 4°C. Only surface water was collected for analysis.

Onsite analysis of water: Different physical-chemical parameters were selected for water analysis and were measured on the sampling sites using digital meter. Parameters such as, Ambient temperature, Temperature, pH, Electrical conductivity, Total dissolved solids and salinity were measured. Dissolved oxygen was measured by the Winkler method (titration).

Fungal isolation: The isolation and identification of fungi from water samples followed standard procedures outlined in "Michael J. Leboffe and Burton E. Pierce."

Isolation on Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) Plates: The water sample underwent standard plate culturing on PDA plates. After inoculating the water sample onto PDA plates, the plates were then incubated at room temperature for 2 days.

Transfer to Fresh PDA Plates: Following incubation, different fungal colonies were isolated from the initial PDA plates and transferred to fresh PDA plates to obtain pure cultures for further analysis.

Preparation of Slides for Fungal Identification: To identify the isolated fungi, slides were prepared by staining with cotton blue in lactophenol stain. A small amount of mycelium from each fungal colony was mounted on the slide using a needle within the stain to ensure even distribution. A cover slip was gently applied to the slide to eliminate air bubbles.

Microscopic Examination: The prepared slides were examined under a microscope to observe the morphological characteristics of the fungal structures, such as hyphae and spores.

PHYTOPLANKTON: (S.K.Maiti)

By using a plankton net bounded to a small plastic bottle with the help of waterproof sealing tape. Phytoplankton net was held vertical at midheight and the water was poured through the mesh. Transfer the collected samples to clean sample containers. Add an appropriate fixative, such as Lugol's iodine or formaldehyde, to the samples to preserve phytoplankton cells. Mix the samples gently to ensure thorough distribution of the fixative. Transfer a portion of the preserved sample to a centrifuge tube. Centrifuge the sample to concentrate phytoplankton cells at the bottom of the tube. Carefully remove the supernatant to avoid disturbing the concentrated phytoplankton pellet.

Microscopic Observation:

Take a small amount of the concentrated sample using a pipette and place it on a clean microscope slide. Cover the sample with a coverslip to prevent evaporation and contamination. Place the slide on the stage of a compound microscope and observe the sample at 10x magnification. Identify and count the phytoplankton species present in the sample, recording observations as necessary for further analysis



Fig. No.03 Collecting water sample using plankton net.

WATER QUALITY INDEX: The Water Quality Index (WQI) is a numerical expression that provides a concise and standardized representation of the overall quality of water based on the assessment of multiple physical, chemical, and biological parameters. **The Weighted Arithmetic Water Quality Index Method (WAWQI)** is used for assessing the water quality of Mithi river. (Valentina Andreea Calmuc *et. al.*, 2018).

WQI standard table – referred from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standard Body of India. Brown *et al* (1972), Chatterji and Raziuddin (2002)

Range of WQI	Status
0-25	Excellent
26-50	Good
51-75	Poor
76-100	Very poor
Above 100	Unsuitable for drinking

Table no.02 - WQI standard chart

Shannon Weiner Index: This is also called Shannon-Weiner index or Shannon-Weaver index. It is a widely used index for measuring biological diversity, Albuaeejee *(et.al. 2020)*. It is represented as

$$(H) = \sum p_i \ln p_i$$

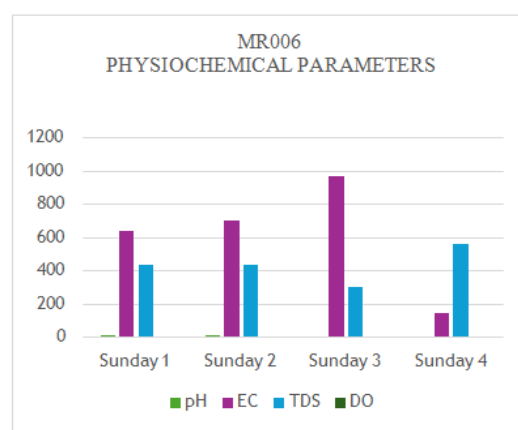
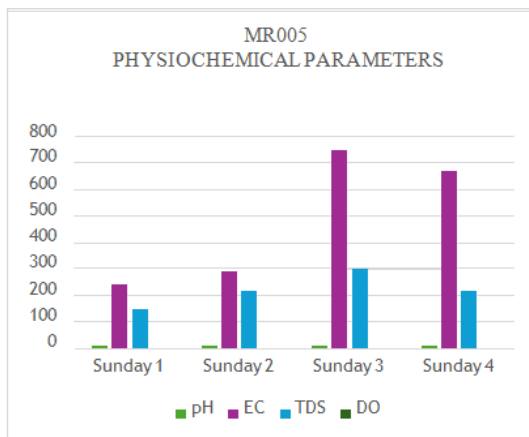
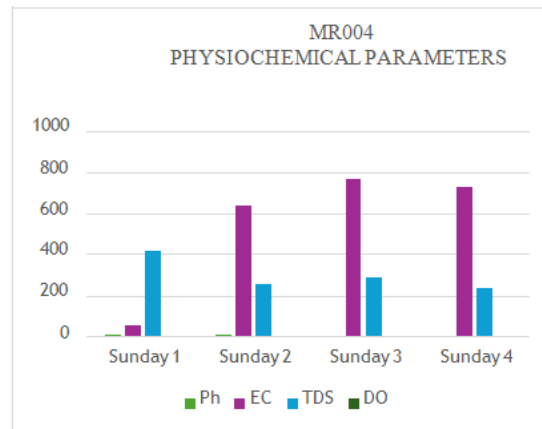
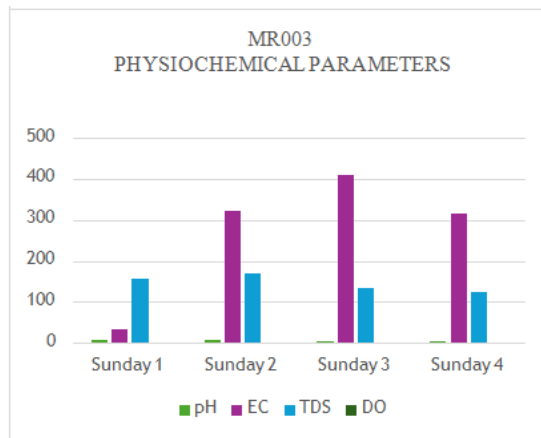
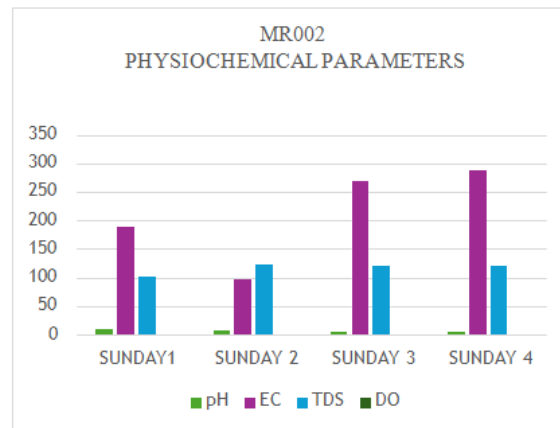
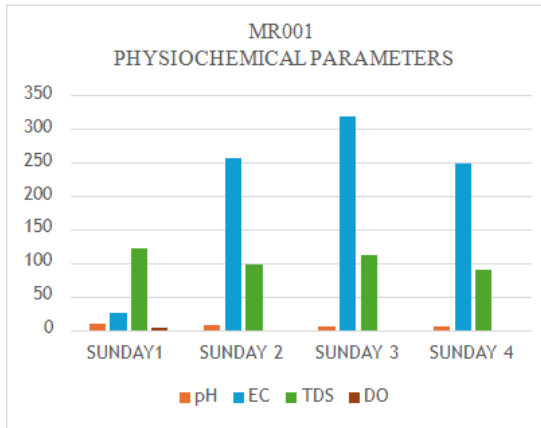
Where, P_i = proportion of the i^{th} species.

Range	Level of diversity	Impact of pollution or adverse factors
< 1	Low	Maximum
1- < 3	Moderate	Medium
≥ 3	High	Minimum

Table no.03 - Ranges of SWI

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Physico-chemical parameters – Temperature of surface water collected ranged from 33°C to 24°C showing maximum and minimum values in the span of one month. PH was found in the range of 9.7 to 6.1. Electrical conductivity is minimum at station 1 (26 μ S/cm) and maximum at station 6 (974 μ S/cm) which is due to input of elements through domestic waste. The results showed that TDS is from 91ppm to 435 ppm. BOD value of station 1 shows 1.7 dissolved oxygen whereas it gets negligible on all other stations. Salinity of all stations was negligible except the station 6.



Water Quality Index -

Sr. no.	Station code	WQI	Status
1	MR001	19.58	Excellent
2	MR002	30.44	Good
3	MR003	136.14	Unsuitable for drinking

4	MR004	156.5	Unsuitable for drinking
5	MR005	76.95	Very poor
6	MR006	84.08	Very poor

Table no.04 - WQI of Mithi river

WQI of present Mithi river is recognized from various Physico-chemical parameters. The graph represents the variations of water quality on six sampling stations. Station 3 and 4 showed the higher WQI indicating that water is much more polluted than other stations, as these stations are dumped with domestic waste due to densely populated area.

Shannon Weiner Index -

Station code	Sampling day	SWI	Range	Level of Diversity	Impact of pollution or adverse factors
MR001	Sample day 1	2.483	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 2	2.504	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 3	2.355	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 4	2.759	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
MR002	Sample day 1	1.616	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 2	1.4	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 3	1.52	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 4	1.351	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
MR003	Sample day 1	5.535	$1 \geq 3$	High Moderate	Minimum
	Sample day 2	2.895	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 3	2.903	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 4	2.929	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
MR004	Sample day 1	2.937	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 2	3.0283	≥ 3	High	Minimum
	Sample day 3	3.0229	≥ 3	High	Minimum
	Sample day 4	3.0240	≥ 3	High	Minimum
MR005	Sample day 1	3.0	≥ 3	High	Minimum
	Sample day 2	2.824	≥ 3	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 3	3.0	$1 \leq 3$	High	Minimum
	Sample day 4	2.93		Moderate	Medium
MR006	Sample day 1	2.669	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 2	2.751	$1 \leq 3$	Moderate	Medium
	Sample day 3	3.197	≥ 3	High	Minimum
	Sample day 4	3.219	≥ 3	High	Minimum

Table no.05 - SWI of Mithi river

SWI is used to calculate the population of phytoplankton which is contributing to pollution in Mithi river. The phytoplankton under microscope were identified by "APHA" Standard book. The major species of phytoplankton discovered in this study were *Asterionella*, *Scytosiphon*, *Ulothrix*, *Hildenbrandia*, *Synedra*, *Aphanizomenon*, etc. are present in the Mithi river, belonging to the algae family which indicates the pollution of river. (shashank et al., 2022). The major diversity of phytoplankton is followed by *cyanophyceae* and *fragilariophyceae* and very minor population is of *chlorococcaceae* and *florideophyceae*.

Fungal isolates – Around 12 fungal isolates consisting of genera: *Aspergillus*, *Fusarium*, *Trichoderma* and *Penicillium* were obtained in this study with *Aspergillus* as the predominant genus. The table shows the cultural features in terms of their color, surface characteristics, edge and reverse colony color.

Color	Surface Characteristics	Edge	Reverse color	Identity of isolates
Dark green	Cottony	White, circular	Cream	<i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>
Greyish black	Granular	White, irregular	Cream	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>
Greenish blue	Smooth	White, irregular	White Pale yellow	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>
Greenish grey	Velvet type	White	Cream Pale yellow	<i>Penicillium expansum</i>
Black	Granular	Black, irregular	Cream	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>
White	Smooth	White, circular	Cream	<i>Fusarium incarnatum</i>
Whitish green	Granular	Circular	White	<i>Trichoderma crinaceum</i>
Mint green	Powder type	White, circular	Cream	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>
White	Mycelial	White, irregular	Cream	<i>Aspergillus japonicus</i>

Table no.06 - Cultural characteristics of fungal isolates from Mithi river

Correlation -

MR001	pH	EC	TDS	DO	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1						
EC	-0.84328	1					
		-0.60486					
TDS	0.597986		1				
DO	0.812466	-0.9692	0.776571	1			
		-					
Temperature	0.905476	0.82628	0.881307	0.89776	1		
		-0.96979					
Ambient Temperature	0.814024		0.775484	0.999995	0.898089	1	
		-0.03944					
SWI	-0.248		-0.72515	-0.16657	-0.51794	-0.16565	1

Table no.07 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 1

MR002	pH	EC	TDS	DO	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1						
EC	-0.70316	1					
TDS	-0.70096	-0.01401	1				
DO	-0.42447	0.587287	0.024525	1			
Temperature	-0.38202	-0.11379	0.635816	-0.66446	1		
Ambient Temperature	0.259376	0.503497	-0.87047	0.243622	-0.5825	1	
SWI	0.608172	-0.0492	-0.81781	-0.51852	-0.076	0.698907	1

Table no.08 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 2

MR003	pH	EC	TDS	DO	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1						
EC	-0.64481	1					
TDS	0.941164	-0.35283	1				
DO	-0.59742	0.185822	-0.69536	1			
				-0.54084			
Temperature	0.936482	-0.86256	0.774505		1		

Ambient Temperature	-0.79035	0.363669	-0.77171	0.08055	-0.62203	1	
				-			
SWI	0.570688	-0.96676	0.291797	0.32329	0.82221	-0.15811	1

Table no.09 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 3

MR004	pH	EC	TDS	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1					
EC	-0.62717	1				
TDS	0.467549	-0.94133	1			
Temperature	0.431068	-0.43218	0.636425	1		
Ambient Temperature	0.04559	0.690026	-0.86067	-0.50833	1	
SWI	-0.45302	0.976571	-0.97134	-0.43819	0.824981	1

Table no.10 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 4

MR005	pH	EC	TDS	DO	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1						
EC	-0.9323	1					
TDS	-0.55634	0.799565	1				
DO	-0.55556	0.674136	0.85447	1			
Temperature	0.883434	-0.98694	-0.87914	-0.7747	1		
Ambient Temperature	-0.63028	0.346551	-0.04924	0.345285	-0.30571	1	
SWI	0.330671	-0.62796	-0.77256	-0.33028	0.649805	0.512395	1

Table no.11 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 5

MR006	pH	EC	TDS	Temperature	Ambient Temperature	SWI
pH	1					
EC	0.234512	1				
TDS	-0.02044	-0.97491	1			
Temperature	0.892548	-0.18378	0.397407	1		
Ambient Temperature	-0.90025	-0.63429	0.453246	-0.62608	1	
SWI	-0.9832	-0.20693	0.006803	-0.85129	0.875831	1

Table no.11 - Pearson's correlation matrix for physicochemical parameters and phytoplankton of station 6

The diversity of phytoplankton plays a crucial role in evaluating the quality of water in river. This diversity was seen to be influenced by physicochemical parameters in this study. A thorough analysis indicates that distribution of phytoplankton in the river is uneven, showing a high level of pollution. Taking into consideration both the physico chemical parameters and phytoplankton diversity, the Mithi river water is unsuitable for consumption purposes.

V. CONCLUSION

In the present study of Mithi river, most of the physicochemical parameters were not within the standards limits of BIS. The WQI indicates pollution in all stations except for station 1 and 2. The SWI shows the diversity of phytoplankton's especially cyanophycean algae which indicates pollution of water. The correlation shows a perfect positive relation of dissolved oxygen and salinity with phytoplankton which means that Mithi river is polluted.

Efforts should be made by local authorities and environmental organizations to address the issues affecting the Mithi River, including cleanup drives, sewage treatment initiatives, and awareness campaigns. However, the restoration of the

river's health and ecosystem is an ongoing challenge that requires sustained efforts and cooperation from all those who are involved. Spreading awareness about water pollution and encouraging people to act is crucial for safeguarding the ecosystem of rivers. It is important to understand the impact and engage locals to spread awareness for maintaining the health of Mithi river.

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Diversity of Marine Algae from Alibag Sea shore and Kulaba fort in Raigad District.

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Abstract: India, the sub-continent is blessed with both east and west coasts having more than 7000 km. of coastal stretch and a number of islands located therein, which harbours a large number of marine macrophytic algal species. On the West Coast of India, in the Arabian Sea the Gulf of Kutch and Gulf of Cambay are the important Gulfs, while the Arabian Sea touch the land at the shores of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala. Maharashtra has a sea coast of 720 Km. along the five districts including Mumbai. There are many islands along the coast. Raigad is one of the district of it extends from Shriwardhan taluka in south to Uran taluka in North. It has rocky shores at many of the places. Alibag is the district place of Raigad. There is a sea fort known as Kulaba which is an island at the distance of two kms from shore. The shore is abundant in marine algae.

The first record of any algae from the Indian Ocean is perhaps that of a specimen of *Amphiroa* collected by Hermann as early as 1672. Koing came to India in 1767 as a missionary and made extensive marine algal collections. An attempt was made to identify and study the marine algae from the shore of Alibag and the surroundings of Kulaba fort. There were many large and small marine ponds in the intertidal zone holding the benthic algae. The study was carried out throughout the year in 2022-23. Apart from sea weeds and grasses colourful fishes, various crabs, beautiful corals, marine mammals and various organisms were observed growing in the ponds. Total 30 species of the marine algae were reported in the study. It shows various types of marine algae like *Caulerpa*, *Ulva*, *Chaetomorpha*, *Sargassum*, *Gracilaria*, *Gelidiopsis*, *Codium*, *Padina*, *Cladophora*, *Enteromorpha*, *Porphyra*, etc. found in large quantity. Biodiversity of macro marine algae plays an important role in the marine ecosystem. Detail of the marine algae identified are described in the paper. Taxonomic distribution along the various classes as *Chlorophyta*, *Phaeophyta*, and *Rhodophyta* is also discussed.

Keywords: marine algae, shore, beach, kulaba, Alibag

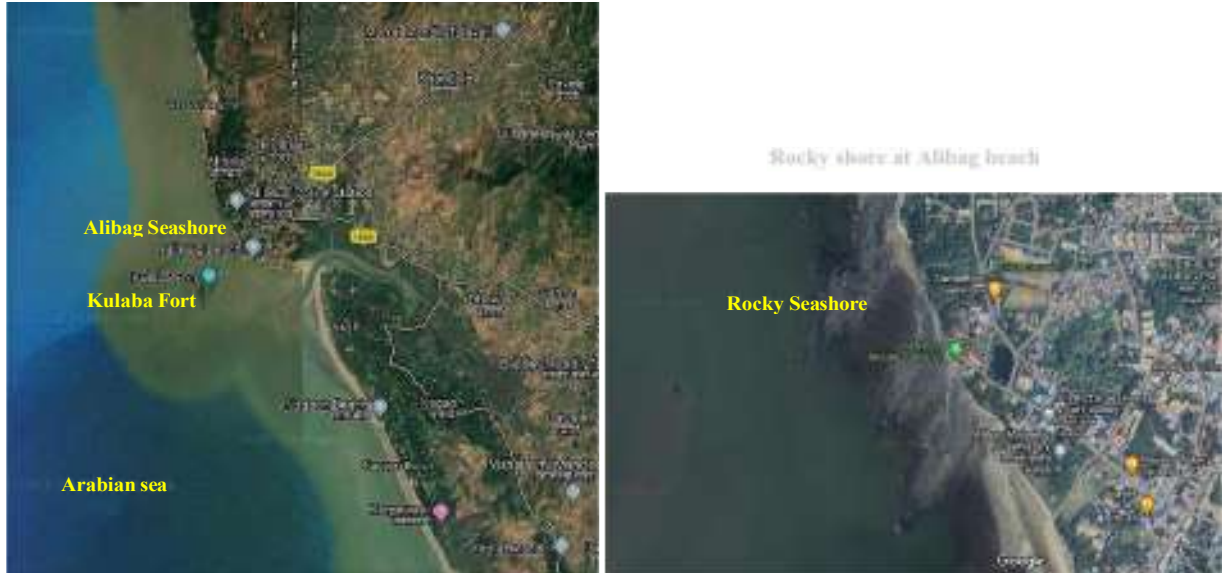
I. INTRODUCTION

Algae are the most common marine vegetation commonly called "Seaweeds". They are classified into Blue-green (Cyanophyta), Green (Chlorophyta), Brown (Phaeophyta) and Red (Rhodophyta). Seaweeds play important role in marine food chains. It is assumed that seaweeds will play an important role as the food could become a major food in the 21st century. Biodiversity is the variety among living organisms occurred in a particular set of ecological conditions. In present study, the diversity and distribution of marine macro algae study was carried out at the rocky shore of Alibag and in surrounding of Kuala fort situated at 2 km inside the coast. Due to industrial growth and other human activities, the marine environment suffers from heavy pollution. It has a great impact on marine algal biodiversity. Marine flora from Bombay coast has been investigated by many workers. Even on Konkan coast Malvan and Ratnagiri localities were explored by some workers; but many of the localities from Raigad district are not explored yet. Therefore it was decided to fill up this gap and this was initiated with this site.

II. METHODOLOGY

Location of study:

India is having about 6160 km of sea coast of which Maharashtra alone contributes nearly 720 km of coastal region. Only five districts of Maharashtra cover this large coastal zone viz. Thane, Mumbai, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurga. Raigad district occupies 122km of the coast. The major beaches along the Raigad coast are Shriwardhan, Murud, Kashid, Nandgaon, Revadanda, Nagaon, Alibag, Kihim, Saswane and Mandawa. There are many islands inside the sea along the coast. They are Janjira fort, Padmadurga fort, Korlai fort, and Kulaba fort, Khanderi, Underi and Gharapuri.



Location of Alibag and Kulaba fort (Source : Google maps)



Kulaba Fort with surrounding ponds in rocks

Study was carried out at the Alibag Sea shore and at the Kulaba Fort. Alibag is situated at 11 nautical miles from Mumbai lies at 18.6554° N, 72.8671° E.

Collection of Marine algae:

The collection was made for a year. The area was visited at least once in a month to observe the algal growth. The collection of seaweeds from the intertidal area is done during the low tide. Specimens were collected in polythene bags and then after washing transferred to specimen bottles containing 4% formalin for wet preservation while larger specimens has preserved as herbarium. The green algae were preserved in their natural colour by using a

formulation of cupric sulphate (0.5gm) + water (38ml) + Glacial acetic acid (4 ml) + 4% formalin (8ml) + 95% Ethyl alcohol (50ml).

Collected species were examined under dissecting, compound microscopes for taxonomic study (identification). The specimens were identified with the help monograph Phaeophyceae of India by Mishra (1966), green algae Krishnamurthy (1972).



Marine algae growing in the ponds at shore

Collection of Algae on Alibag seashore

Diverse habitat types at each collection site were surveyed in order to obtain a representative census of algal diversity. There are small and large ponds on the rocky beach and on the skirt of fort. They support the marine algae. Algal species vary according to depth of the pond. Some of the ponds are get submerged only at the high tide once in 15 days. Some algal species growing in deep water are found to be fragmented along the beach.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Marine algal studies from Konkan region of Maharashtra was initiated in the late 19th century. The credit for the first report of marine algae from Maharashtra goes to Shri Kirtikar (1886) who read out a paper on marine algae collected by Hon. Justice Birdwood, from Ratnagiri coast (Deodhar, 1987). Biodiversity of marine algae along the east and west coast regions of India was studied by several authors (Srinivasan, 1946; Gopalkrishnan, 1970; Kalimuthu, 1995; Sahoo et al. 2003; James, 2004; Venkataraman, 2005; Rath and Adikary 2006 and 2007. Near about 624 species of seaweeds have been recorded from the Indian sea coast. Untawale and Dhargalkar, (1975) and Agadi and Untawale, (1978) surveyed the seaweeds from the Goa coast. Untawale, et al. (1979) reported 94 species of seaweeds from the entire coast of Maharashtra.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

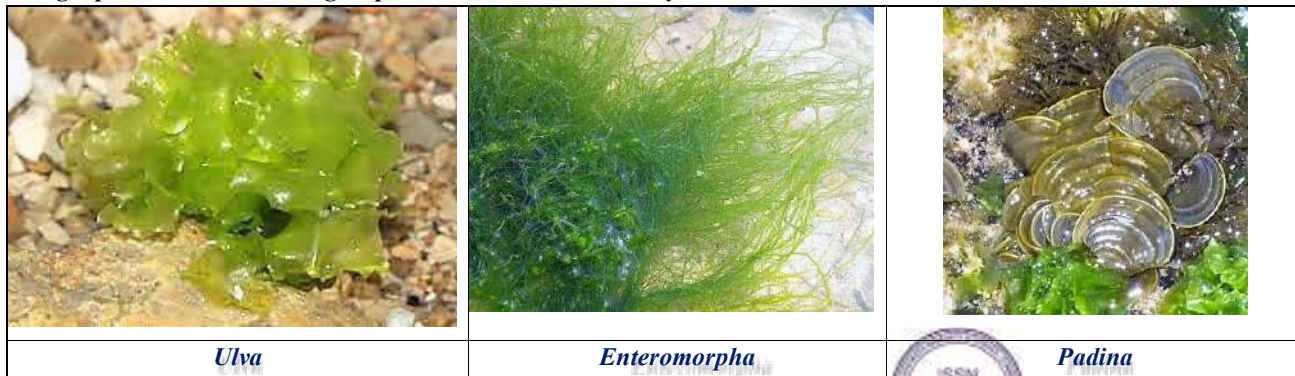
The different types of algal species recorded in the study are listed in the Table No.1

Table No. 1: List of Algal species recorded along Alibag sea-shore and Kulaba fort

Sr. No.	Name of the Algal Species	Class	Order	Family
1.	<i>Agardhiella subulata</i> (C. Agardh) Kraft & M. J. Wynne	Rhodophyta	Gigartinales	Solieriaceae
2.	<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i> (Forsskal) J. Agardh	Chlorophyta	Bryopsidales	Caulerpaceae
3.	<i>Caulerpa microphyta</i> (Weber Bosse) Feldmann	Chlorophyta	Bryopsidales	Caulerpaceae
4.	<i>Ceramium diaphanum</i> (Lightfoot) Roth	Rhodophyta	Ceramiales	Ceramiceae
5.	<i>Chaetomorpha antennina</i> Bory de Saint-	Chlorophyta	Chladophorales	Chladophoraceae
6.	<i>Chaetomorpha crassa</i> (C. Agardh) Kützting	Chlorophyta	Chladophorales	Chladophoraceae

7.	<i>Chaetomorpha media</i> (C. Ag.) Kuetzing	Chlorophyta	Chladophorales	Chladophoraceae
8.	<i>Champia compressa</i> Harvey	Rhodophyta	Rhodimaniales	Champiaceae
9.	<i>Chondria armata</i> Kuetzing	Rhodophyta	Ceramiales	Rhodomelaceae
10.	<i>Cladophora fascicularis</i> (Mert.) Kuetzing	Chlorophyta	Cladophorales	Chladophoraceae
11.	<i>Cladophora gracilis</i> Grif (ex Harvey)	Chlorophyta	Cladophorales	Chladophoraceae
12.	<i>Cystoseira indica</i> (Thivy & Doshi) Mairh,	Phaeophyceae	Fucales	Sargassaceae
13.	<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i> (Hudson)Lamouroux	Phaeophyta	Dictyotales	Dictyotaceae
Sr. No.	<i>Name of the Algal Species</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Family</i>
14.	<i>Dictyopteris woodwardia</i>	Phaeophyta	Dictyotales	Dictyotaceae
15.	<i>Ectocarpus simpliciusculus</i> C.Agardh	Phaeophyta	Ectocarpales	Ectocarpaceae
16.	<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i> (Linnaeus) Nees	Chlorophyta	Ulvales	Ulvaceae
17.	<i>Gelidiella acerosa</i> (Forsskal)J.Feldmann & G.Hamel)	Rhodophyta	Gelidiales	Gelidiellaceae
18.	<i>Gelidium heteroplatos</i> Boerg	Rhodophyta	Gelidiales	Gelidiellaceae
19.	<i>Gelidium pusillum</i> (Stackhouse)Le Jolis	Rhodophyta	Gelidiales	Gelidiellaceae
20.	<i>Gracilaria corticata</i> (J.Agardh)J.Agardh	Rhodophyta	Gracilariales	Gracilariaceae
21.	<i>Gracilaria edulis</i> (S.Gmelin)P.Silva	Rhodophyta	Gracilariales	Gracilariaceae
22.	<i>Hypnea musciformis</i> (Wulfen) Lamouroux	Rhodophyta	Gigartinales	Cystocloniaceae
23.	<i>Hypnea valentiae</i> (Turner) Montagne	Rhodophyta	Gigartinales	Cystocloniaceae
24.	<i>Jania rubens</i> Lamour.	Rhodophyta	Corallinales	Corallinaceae
25.	<i>Padina tetrastromatica</i> Hauck	Phaeophyta	Dictyotales	Dictyotaceae
26.	<i>Polysiphonia platycarpa</i> Borgesen	Rhodophyta	Ceramiales	Rhodomelaceae
27.	<i>Porphyra vietnamensis</i> t.tanaka & Pham-Hoang Ho	Rhodophyta	Bangiales	Bangiaceae
28.	<i>Sargassum filicifolium</i> (Turner) C. Agardh	Phaeophyta	Fucales	Sargassaceae
29.	<i>Ulva fasciata</i> Delile	Chlorophyta	Ulvales	Ulvaceae
30.	<i>Ulva lactuca</i> Linnaeus	Chlorophyta	Ulvales	Ulvaceae

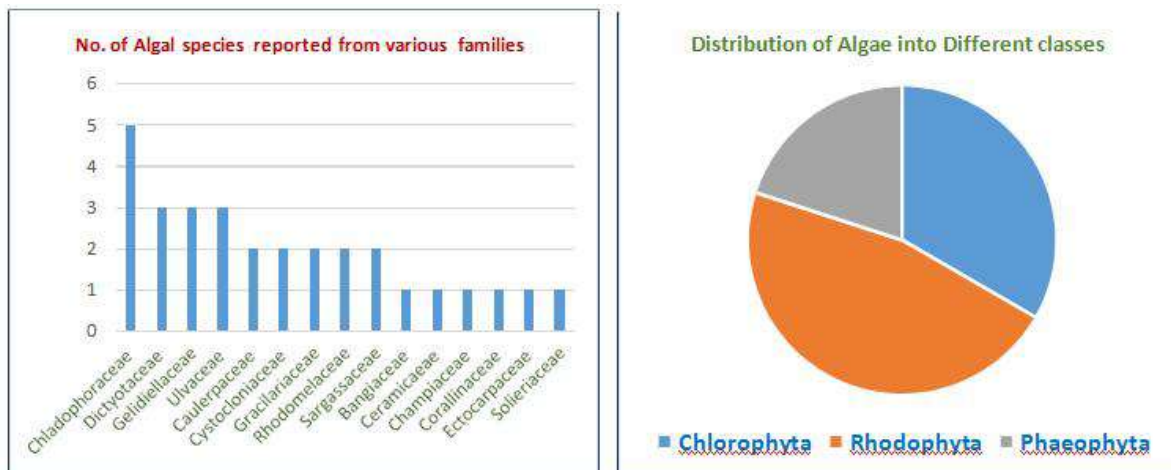
Photographs of some of the Algal species collected in the study



		
Caulerpa	Dictyota	Ceramium
		
Chondria	Sargassum	Gelidium

V. CONCLUSION

Totally 30 species of seaweeds were reported from the coastal region of Alibag and Kulaba fort of these 33.33% species belong to Chlorophyta, 46.66% to Rhodophyta, and 20.00 % to Phaeophyta. Species of *Ulva*, *Chaetomorpha*, *Enteromorpha*, *Sargassum*, *Padina*, and *Gracilaria* are common in this region. Total 74 seaweeds have been reported by Dhargalkar (1981) and Agadi (1986) from Goa coast. In the revised checklist of marine algae 844 species were reported from India, comprising 216 species of chlorophyta, 191 species of phaeophyta, 434 species of rhodophyta and 03 species of xanthophyta indicating a considerable increase in the species recorded from India (Oza and Zaidi, 2001). Intertidal regions support rich growth of algae belonging to the genera *Ulva*, *Enteromorpha*, *Chaetomorpha*, Ditches and Rocks are observed at Diversity of marine algae in the west coast showed that the members of Rhodophyta were dominant followed by Chlorophyta. Algae's were reported from 15 families. Maximum species were reported from the family Cladophoraceae (5) followed by Dictyotaceae (3), Gelidiellaceae (3) and Ulvaceae (3). Maximum species of the algae were reported from the genus *Chaetomorpha* (3).



Marine biodiversity needs systematic study. Thus adverse effect of pollution is observed more on the marine algal community of Bombay. Still the biodiversity of marine algae at the Alibag and Kulaba fort is reach. One species of *Caulerpa* is also reported in the study which indicates that the level of pollution is not severe. But it will be essential to maintain the existing habitats and niches to sustain this biodiversity of algal community.

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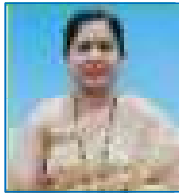
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Spectrophotometric Determination of an Antimalarial Drug Mefloquine in Bulk and Pharmaceutical Formulations by Iron Phenanthroline Method

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Abstract: A spectrophotometric method have been developed for determination of an antimalarial drug Mefloquine. The developed method is new, simple, sensitive, precise, accurate and reproducible. At 510 nm, absorbance of orange coloured chromogen is measured, which is produced by oxidation of drug with 1, 10-phenanthroline. Beer's Law is obeyed in the concentration range of 4.0 – 28.0 µg/ml for the developed method. The molar absorptivity and sandell's sensitivity are found to be 2269.87 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹ and 0.166 µg/cm² respectively. Various parameters affecting the stability and development of colour was thoroughly studied and optimized. The method has been successfully applied for determination of mefloquine in both pure and dosage forms. The result obtained by the developed method is found to be in good agreement when compared with the standard methods.

Keywords: Mefloquine hydrochloride, spectrophotometry, 1,10- phenanthroline

I. INTRODUCTION

Mefloquine hydrochloride (Fig-1) is the hydrochloride salt of 4-quinolinemethanola-2- piperidinyl-2,8-bis(trifluoromethyl), hydrochloride. In 1970s, United States Army developed Mefloquine, and in mid 1980s it came into use. 1980s¹⁻³. In the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines, mefloquine is considered as the safest and most effective medicines needed in a health system⁴. Mefloquine is an antimalarial drug, which is found to be effective against all forms of malaria, and in endemic areas this is the main drug recommended for malaria chemoprophylaxis.^{5,6} Since malaria is the world's most widespread parasitic infection, ranking among the major health and developmental challenges for poor countries, Mefloquine plays an important role for the control, treatment, and prevention of this disease worldwide.⁷

As per Literature, an HPLC method for the estimation of potentially counterfeit chloroquine, quinine, and mefloquine tablets was reported.⁸ Some papers described the determination of MQ in biological fluids, such as blood, plasma, and urine, by HPLC using UV detection.⁹⁻¹¹ An HPLC method for the quantitative enantioselective analysis of mefloquine stereoisomers was also described.¹² But no simple, sensitive and precise spectrophotometric method is yet reported for this drug in any official literature. So in the present study, a specific, precise, accurate and validated spectrophotometric method has been developed for the estimation of mefloquine hydrochloride in bulk and tablet dosage form.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrumentation

All measurements of absorption spectra were made on model LABMAN UV-VIS Spectrophotometer using quartz cells of 1cm path length and wavelength range 320-1000nm was used for absorbance measurement. All chemicals employed in the present study were of analytical grade and purchased from Loba Chemie. Double distilled water prepared by distilling water in a Borosil glass apparatus containing alkaline Potassium Permanganate was used for preparation of standard solution as well as for all experimental work.

Preparation of Standard solution of drug

An accurately weighed 5 mg of mefloquine dissolved in methanol. The final volume is adjusted with methanol to 100ml in standard flask.

Preparation of Reagents

0.005M Fe (III) - Dissolve 0.241g of anhydrous ferric ammonium sulphate in 100cm³ of double distilled water, 0.05M 1,10-phenanthroline - Dissolve 0.991g of the reagent in 100 cm³ of alcohol, 0.02M o-phosphoric acid - Dilute 0.15cm³ of laboratory reagent (AR Grade) of o- phosphoric acid to 100 cm³ with distilled water.

Experimental Procedure

Different portions (1.0- 7.0ml, 100 µg/ml) of Standard mefloquine solution is delivered into a series of 25mL standard flask and then 1.0 mL of 5.0×10^{-3} M of Fe (III) solution, 1.0 mL of 5.0×10^{-2} M 1,10 -phenanthroline are added successively. The total volume in each tube is brought to 20 ml with distilled water. The flasks are kept on a boiling water bath for 40 min. The tubes are removed and cooled to room temperature. 1.0 ml of 2.0×10^{-2} M of o- phosphoric acid is added and volume in each flask is made up to the mark with distilled water. The absorbance of the colored complex solution is measured after 5 min against a reagent blank prepared similarly except drug and maximum absorbance is found to be at 510 nm (Fig-2). The amount of the mefloquine drug is computed from the appropriate calibration graph (Fig-3). Effect of concentration of H₃PO₄, 1,10Phenanthroline and time of digestion on the absorbance are studied by keeping other parameter constant.

Analysis of Pharmaceutical Sample

Analysis of pharmaceutical sample Tablets powdered equivalent to 5 mg of the drug is weighed accurately and transferred into 100 ml beaker and shaken with 50 ml methanol by following standard method. The standard solution is filtered into 100ml standard flask and volume is adjusted with methanol. Suitable aliquots of this solution used for the determination of mefloquine contents by procedure describe earlier.

Effect of Concentration of H₃PO₄ on Color Development

After addition of 3.0cm³ of H₃PO₄ absorbance remains constant. Hence 4cm³ of H₃PO₄ is selected for the colour development and further experimental studies. (Fig-4)

Effect of Concentration of 1,10-Phenanthroline

After addition of 3.0cm³ of 1,10phenanthroline absorbance remains constant. Hence 4cm³ of H₃PO₄ is selected for the development of colour and further experimental studies. (Fig-5)

Effect of Heating Time on Absorbance

For colour development 60 minutes are sufficient and hence 60 minutes time is selected for further experimental studies. (Fig-6)

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In order to test whether the coloured product formed in this method adhere to Beer's Law, the absorbance at maximum wavelength of series of seven concentrations are plotted against concentration of drug in µg/cm³. Beer's Law is obeyed within the limits 4.0 to 28.0 µg/ml of mefloquine, Molar absorptivity and sandell sensitivity are found to be 2269.87 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹ and 0.166 µg/cm² respectively. Regression analysis of Beer's Law plots at λ_{max} reveals a good correlation. The graph show negligible intercept and described by regression equation $y = 0.0051x + 0.0027$. where Y is the absorbance of 1 cm layer, b is the slope, a is the intercept and C is the concentration of the measured solution in µg/mL) The high molar absorptivity of resulting coloured complex indicates the high sensitivity of method. (Table -1) Mefloquine is analysed from the proposed method and the result obtained are comparable with standard method (Table- 2).

Principle of developed method

Ferric salt when reacts with the Mefloquine it gets converted into ferrous salt upon oxidation and can be easily identified by the usual reagent 1,10-phenanthroline. Coloured complex of Fe (II), is well known as ferroin and is the reduction product.¹³⁻¹⁵ The colored product of the reaction is given in Figure 7.

Regression parameters, Optical characteristics Precision and Accuracy of the proposed method are shown in Table -1

Determination of Pharmaceutical Formulations of Metformin by our proposed method and reference method is shown in Table -2

IV. CONCLUSION

The developed method is simple, sensitive, accurate and reproducible. This method can be successfully applied for the analysis of pharmaceutical formulations in any laboratory.

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Fig. 1 Structure of Mefloquine

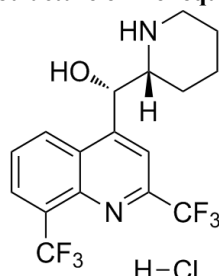


Fig.-2: Absorption spectra of Mefloquine with Fe(III)/1,10-Phenanthroline

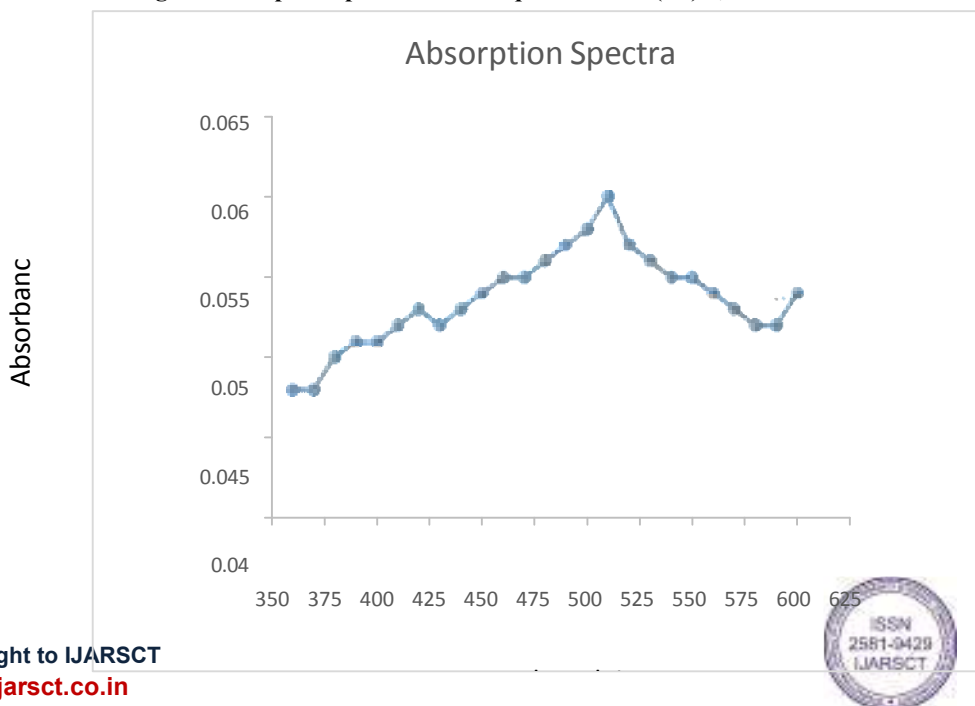


Fig.-3: Calibration curve of Mefloquine with Fe (III)/1,10-Phenanthroline

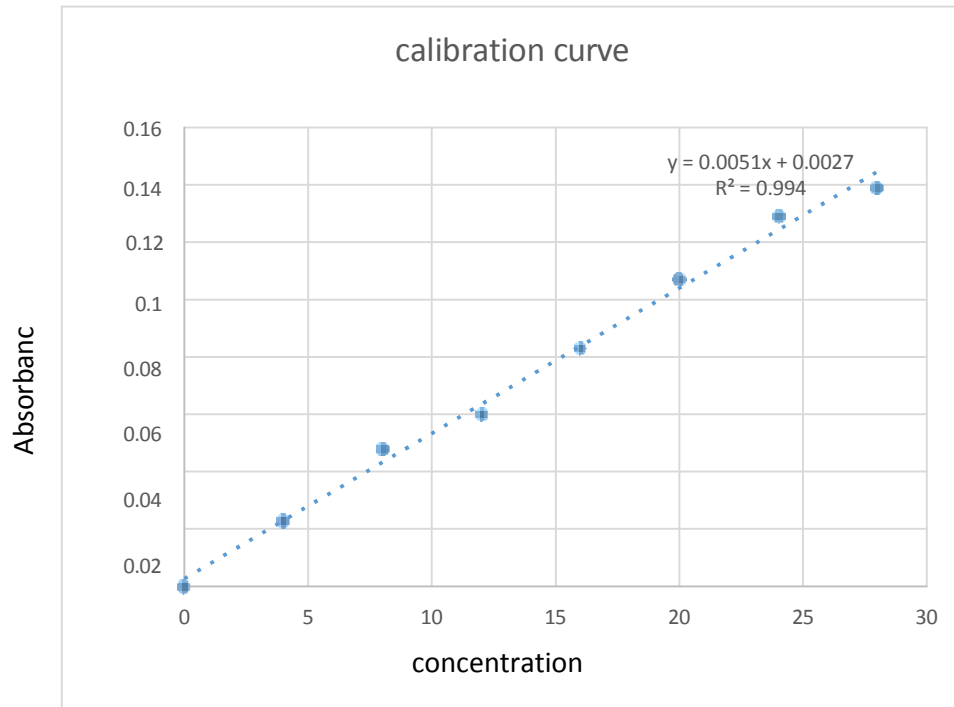


Fig.4 Effect of concentration of H₃PO₄ on colour development

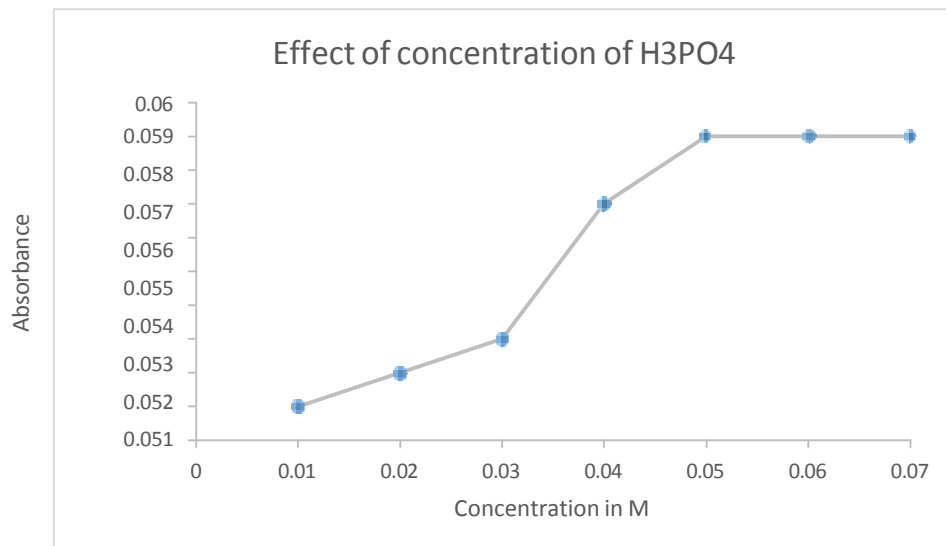


Fig.5 Effect of concentration of 1,10-Phenanthroline on absorbance of developed system

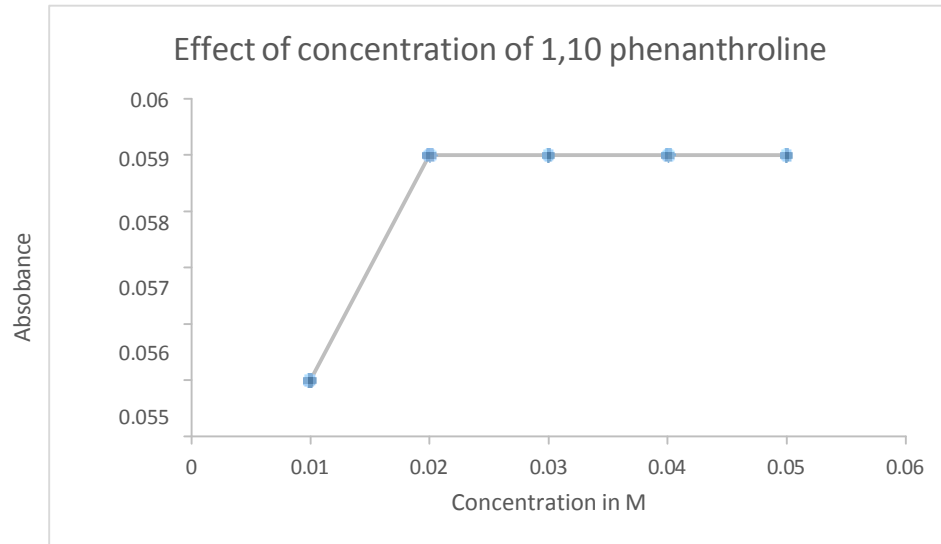


Fig.6 Effect of heating time on absorbance

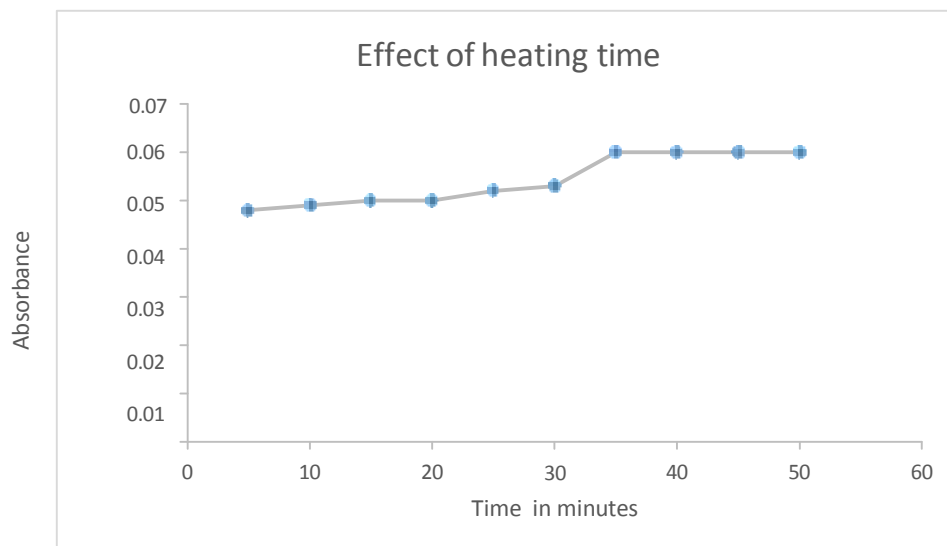


Fig.7 Coloured development reaction

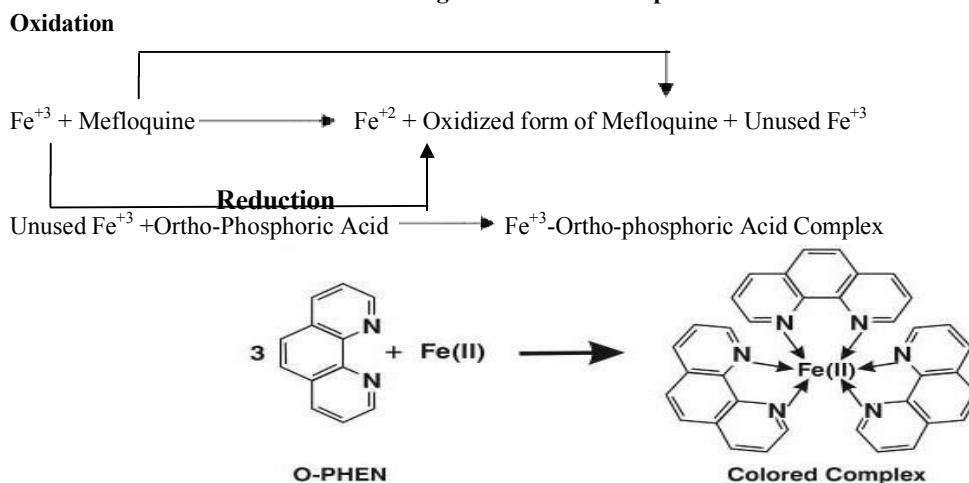


Table-1 Regression parameters, Optical characteristics Precision and Accuracy of the proposed method.

Parameter	Method
λ_{max} Maximum Wavelength	510 nm
Beer's Law Limits $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	4-28
Sandell's Sensitivity ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ /0.0001 Absorbance)	0.166
Molar Absorptivity $\text{Lt.mole}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-1}$	2269.8
Slope (b) ^a	0.0051
Intercept (a) ^a	0.0027
S.D on intercept(S _a)	0.0089
Correlation Coefficient (r)	0.994
Standard Deviation (S)	0.0369
%Relative Standard Deviation	39.126
Limit of Detection (LOD) $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	5.762
Limit of Quantification (LOQ) $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	17.462

^aRegression equation is given as $Y = a + bC$, Where Y is the absorbance and C is the concentration in $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ and b is %Relative standard deviation which is calculated for ten determinations.

Table-2 Determination of Pharmaceutical Formulations of Metformin

Drug	Manufacturing company	Labelled amount(mg)	*Amount found by Proposed Method	*Amount found by Reference Method
Mefloquine tablet	Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.	500	499.69	499.87

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