

### बौद्ध काल की मृद्भाण्डकला

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#### सारांश

बुद्ध काल छठी शताब्दी ईसा पूर्व बताया जाता है। इस काल में भारतीय जनसंख्या संतुष्ट और आर्थिक रूप से समृद्ध थी। इस समय अवधि के दौरान व्यावसायिक गतिविधि चरम पर थी। उत्तरी काले शानदार पोत परंपरा इस बिंदु पर मनुष्य के अस्तित्व में प्रवेश करती है। इस चरित्र परंपरा की शुरुआत और विकास भारत के दूसरे नागरिक आंदोलन से जुड़ा हुआ है। भारत के इतिहास में यह सबसे महत्वपूर्ण युगों में से एक था। ऐतिहासिक और बुद्ध युग की मिट्टी के बर्तनों की परंपरा उत्तरी काले चमकीले बर्तन परंपरा का दूसरा नाम है। काले रंग की सब्जियाँ अपनी अविश्वसनीय चमक और विशिष्ट व्यक्तित्व के कारण रंगीन रेस्तरां में एक महत्वपूर्ण अतिरिक्त हैं। इस मिट्टी के बर्तन का नाम उत्तर भारतीय पुरातात्विक स्थलों पर इसकी खोज के कारण पड़ा है। मंदिर, जो 500 ईसा पूर्व और लगभग 200 ईसा पूर्व के बीच के थे, उनमें तक्षशिला, हस्तिनापुर, कौशांबी और राजघाट शामिल हैं। यदि भगवान बुद्ध के शासनकाल के दौरान इस प्रकार के मिट्टी के बर्तनों का उपयोग बंद कर दिया गया होता, तो उस अनुमान में कोई समस्या नहीं होती। छठी और तीसरी शताब्दी ईसा पूर्व के बीच, उत्तरी काले चमकीले मिट्टी के बर्तन आम थे। पुरातात्विक आंकड़ों के आधार पर पुरातत्वविदों जैसे डी.एच. गार्डन और आर.ई.एम. व्हीलर उत्तरी बलैक लस्ट्रस पॉटरी के लिए प्रस्तावित समयावधि से असहमत हैं। डी. एच. गार्डन का दावा है कि वर्तमान पुरातात्विक साक्ष्यों के आधार पर उत्तरी ब्लैक लस्ट्रस वेयर को 400 ईसा पूर्व से पहले का नहीं माना जा सकता है। व्यापार–वाणिज्य के साथ–साथ नवीन वर्गों का विकास और लुहार, कुम्भकार, मनके तथा आभूषण बनाने वाले, मकान बनाने वाले शिल्पी, मिट्टी के खिलौने बनाने वाले शिल्पी आदि। आम लोग इस मिट्टी के बर्तनों का उपयोग नहीं करते थेय इसके बजाय, संभ्रांत समाज के सदस्य इसे खाने के लिए इस्तेमाल करते थे। उत्तरी काले चमकदार मृदभांड काल के दौरान लोगों का सांस्कृतिक जीवन काफी उन्नत हुआ था। जिंदगी में बहुत कुछ बदल गया है. शहरी क्रांति ने काफी भोतिक परिवर्तन लाया है।

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#### प्रस्तावना

छठी शताब्दी ई0 पू0 के समय को बुद्ध काल के रूप में जाना जाता है। इस समय भारतीय जनता आर्थिक रूप से सुखी और समृद्ध थी। इस काल में व्यापारिक गतिविधियां चरम पर थीं। इसी समय उत्तरी काली चमकीली पात्र परम्परा मनुष्य के जीवन में आती है। इस पात्र परम्परा का उद्भव तथा विकास भारत में द्वितीय नागरिक क्रान्ति के साथ जुड़ा है। भारत के इतिहास में यह सबसे महत्वपूर्ण कालों में से एक था। जबकि बड़े पैमाने पर गंगा घाटी में नगरों का विकास होता है साथ ही केन्द्रीकरण की राजनीतिक सत्ता का भी स्पष्ट स्वरूप दिखाई देता है। सोलह महाजनपदों का क्रमिक विलय, मगध का उत्कर्ष एवं मौर्य साम्राज्य की स्थापना एवं विकास काल उत्तरी कृष्ण मर्जित पात्र परम्परा के उद्भव, विकास तथा अन्त के साथ जुड़ी है। छठी शताब्दी ई0 पू0 का समय बुद्ध से सम्बद्ध है।

उत्तरी कॉली चमकदार मृदभाण्ड परम्परा को बुद्ध काल और प्रारम्भिक ऐतिहासिक काल की मृद्भाण्ड परम्परा भी कहते हैं। अपनी अदभूत चमक और स्पष्ट पहचान के कारण प्रातात्विक

उत्खननों में काल निर्धारण में इसका महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है। इस प्रकार के पात्र प्रारम्भ में उत्तर भारत के पुरास्थलों से मिले, इसलिए इसे यह नाम दिया गया। मार्टीमर व्हीलर के अनुसार ''भारत के पुरास्थलों पर यह पात्र परम्परा उसी प्रकार विशिष्ट है जिस प्रकार यूरोप महाद्वीप के भूमध्यसागर के तटवर्ती क्षेत्रों में 'टेरा सिगिलाटा'(ज्मततं`पहपससंजं) नाम की पात्र परम्परा है।''[2] यह पात्र परम्परा सर्वप्रथम 1911–12 में इलाहाबाद के भीटा नामक पुरास्थल पर प्राप्त हुई। मार्शल को इसी प्रकार की पात्र परम्परा तक्षशिला के भीर टीलें और सारनाथ से मिली है। आज भी इन्हें उत्तरी काले चमकीले मृद्भाण्ड की संज्ञा दी जाती है। यों तो ये दक्षिण के पैठन (धरनीकोट) तक मिले हैं। 3 इन पात्रों का विस्तार उत्तर दक्षिण में 2121 किमी0 तथा पूर्व–पश्चिम में 1790 किमी0 के क्षेत्र में है। उदेग्राम इसका सबसे उत्तरवर्ती पुरास्थल स्वात घाटी में तथा सबसे दक्षिणवर्ती पुरास्थल धरनीकोट के निकट छेबरोलू है। प्रभासपाटन पश्चिमवर्ती पुरास्थल तथा सबसे पूर्ववर्ती पुरास्थल पश्चिमी बंगाल में चन्द्रकेतुगढ़ है। मध्यगंगा घाटी में उत्तर प्रदेश में इस पात्र के सबसे अधिक पुरास्थल मिले हैं।

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### Allelopathic Medicinal Plants: 2. Ginseng (Panax) species

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#### ABSTRACT

Of the 12 ginseng medicinal species, only 3 spp. (*Panax ginseng*, *P. quinquefolium* and *P. notoginseng*) are important, due to their biological activities, hence, widely used worldwide. These are used for cardiovascular protection, immunomodulatory ability, antioxidants, antitumor, cholesterol lowering and anti-inflammatory activities. Hence, these are used in various products (food, health-food, daily necessities, cosmetics etc.). However, ginseng cultivation causes problems of replanting due to its allelopathic effects. This review provides a comprehensive insight of allelopathic ginseng plant and analyzes the allelopathic effects on soil diseases and soil microorganisms. More in-depth research is needed to reveal the mechanism of ginseng allelopathy.

Key words: Active ingredient, allelopathic effects, American ginseng biological activities, ginseng, ginseng spp., ginsenosides, medicinal plant, notoginseng, Panax ginseng, P. quinquefolium, P. notoginseng, replanting problem.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Ginseng is one of the precious medicinal plants in the world. Its main component is ginsenoside, which has important pharmacological and medicinal uses. The ginseng products benefits 'Qi', invigorate spleen and replenishes blood to nourish heart. The ginseng roots contain saponins, polysaccharides, organic acids, proteins, volatile oils, trace elements etc. Hence, it is used to treat cardiovascular system and central nervous system diseases, improve myocardial function, improve memory, enhance immunity, improve sleep, antiaging, anti-shock, anti-myocardial ischemia, etc.

Most of the ginseng species were wild and non-domesticated in the past, while, its cultivation has developed in past 50-60 Years. The ginseng needs specific climate and soil conditions, hence, its cultivation is done in China, South Korea, North Korea and Russia. *P.* 

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# Challenges and future solutions for detection of *Clostridioides difficile* in adults

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#### Abstract

There are no established standards for the diagnosis of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI), even though the importance of this infection in humans is well known. The effectiveness of the commercially available techniques, which are all standardized for use with human feces, is also limited in terms of the accuracy of the tests. Furthermore, the current approach lacks a point-of-care diagnosis with an acceptable range of sensitivity and specificity. This article reviews the challenges and possible future solutions for the detection of CDI in adults. Existing diagnostic methods, such as enzyme-linked immunoassays and microbial culturing for the detection of toxins A and B, appear to work poorly in samples but exhibit great sensitivity for glutamate dehydrogenase. Real-time polymerase chain reaction and nucleic acid amplification tests have been investigated in a few studies on human samples, but so far have shown poor turnaround times. Thus, developing a multiplex point-of-care test assay with high sensitivity and specificity is required as a bedside approach for diagnosing this emerging infection.

Keywords Clostridioides difficile, diagnosis, point-of-care device

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#### Introduction

Most cases of pseudomembranous colitis and 25-30% of cases of antibiotic-associated diarrhea are caused by Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) [1]. As C. difficile continues to cause significant morbidity and mortality, patients who present with diarrhea after being hospitalized for 3 or more days should be tested [2]. With an attributable mortality rate of 6-15%, C. difficile-associated diarrhea poses a serious hazard to health with rising prevalence and severity. A drastic shift in the epidemiology of C. difficile infection (CDI), with substantial fatality rates, has been documented globally since 2003 [3,4]. For instance, a rare but highly infectious genotype BI/NAP1/027 has emerged as a potent cause of infection in healthcare settings [5,6]. The clinical diagnosis of C. difficile has improved over the last few decades, with rapid and advanced detection techniques developed during the past 20 years. According to the UK recommendations, laboratories should test specimens using either a neutralized cell cytotoxicity assay or an enzyme immunoassay (EIA) that can detect both C. difficile toxins (CDT) A and B [7]. A survey found that, so far, no single "gold standard" test has been developed for the diagnosis of CDI [8].

#### **ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE**

# An investigation on 4585 nanobioactive glass using FTIR and Raman spectroscopy

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#### ABSTRACT

Bioactive materials are those that cause a number of interactions at the biomaterial-living tissue inter-face that result in the evolution of a mechanically strong association between them. For this reason, an implantable material's bioactive behavior is highly advantageous. Silicate glasses are encouraged to be used as bioactive glasses due to their great biocompatibility and beneficial biological effects. The sol-gel method is the most effective for preparing silicate glasses because it increases the material's bioactivity by creating pores. Glass densities are altered by the internal network connectivity between network formers and network modifiers. The increase in the composition of alkali or alkaline oxides reduces the number of bridging oxygens and increases the number of non-bridging oxygens by retaining the overall charge neutrality between the alkali or alkaline cation and oxygen anion. Higher drying temperatures increase pore densities, while the melt-quenching approach encourages the creation of higher density glasses. Band assignments for the BAG structure can be explained in detail using Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) and Raman spectroscopic investigations. Raman spectroscopy makes it simple to measure the concentration of the non-bridging oxygens in the silica matrix.

Keywords: bioactive glass (BAG); FT-IR; Raman spectra; melt-quench; EPMA

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#### **1. Introduction**

Bioactive materials are becoming an essential component of everyday life. These materials are in between inert and resorbable materials. Bio active materials have the ability to form natural bonds with living tissue<sup>[1,2]</sup>. During the 1970, this new class of materials, i.e., bioactive glass (BAG), gained attention<sup>[3-7]</sup>. The first bioactive glass (Bioglass 45S5 with compositions of 45 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 24.4 wt% CaO, 24.5 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O, and 6 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) was developed and studied by Jones<sup>[8]</sup> and Hench<sup>[9]</sup>. BAG is mostly used for biomedical applications and consists of a silicate network incorporating sodium, calcium, and phosphorus in different relative proportions. It exhibits high bioactivity and may attach to soft tissues. Recently, bioactive glass nanoparticles doped with antimicrobial agents such as silver, zinc, and magnesium ions have been widely developed for medical applications. The bioactive glass nanoparticles in a polymeric composite system enable us to develop potential materials for orthopedic applications to avoid health risks<sup>[10]</sup>.

To study the structural changes during the synthesis of BAG, Zachariasen<sup>[11]</sup> observed that the silicate crystals had a three-



### Analytical Study of Solvent trapping nature of Biocomptable PVA Polymer

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#### Abstract

Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) is a fabulous, non-toxic, synthetic solvent swelling polymer having widespread novel applications for its biocompatible characteristics. However, water is an excellent solvent for PVA, except this, it is soluble in numerous polar, organic solvents such as DMSO, DMF, etc. The present study is associated with the synthesis of PVA polymeric membranes by using different solvents. The spectroscopic analysis both from density functional theory and experimental observations indicate the co-existence of solvents in the PVA polymeric membrane, where the solvents remain trapped inside the membrane and impossible to remove completely despite the application of higher temperature to the membrane, which helps to refute the basic concept of membrane technology of "solvent-free membrane" formation. The XRD patterns of membranes show a peculiar phase changing phenomenon after annealing the membranes at 125°C. The FTIR and Raman spectroscopic studies showed a comprehensive perception on solubilization mechanism for the preparation of PVA membrane in different solvents with the variation in annealing temperatures and provided information regarding the polymer-solvent interactions during the formation of the polymeric membrane. The SEM images show the beautiful fish scale-like (spherulite) surface morphologies of the synthesized PVA-membranes.

**Keywords:** Polyvinyl Alcohol; FTIR; XRD; Solvent swollen,DMF,DMSO, SEM, Raman-Laser, Biomedical, Biocompatable

#### Introduction:

Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), is a biodegradable polymer with excellent mechanical and acousto-optical properties. It has been used extensively in various fields such as medicals (drug delivery, contact lens, artificial blood vessel etc.), optoelectronics (polarization, retardation, optical filtration etc.), absorbants, membrane materials and other fields [1-3]. PVA consists of the basic recurrent unit [-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(OH)-]<sub>n</sub>, where a hydroxyl group is attached with each monomer as shown in the schematic diagram represented by Fig. 1. Within the macromolecular structure of PVA, there is a wide range of stereo-chemical



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# Gold Nanorod-Induced Effects in a Mesogenic Compound 4-(*trans*-4-*n*-Hexylcyclohexyl) isothiocyanatobenzene

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and its composites with GNRs. Different calorimetric and dielectric parameters such as transition temperature, enthalpy, heat flow, permittivity, dielectric strength, dielectric anisotropy, and relaxation frequency have been determined, and the effect of GNRs has been explored. This article gives an insight into the influence of GNRs on the morphology and anisotropic physical properties of the nematic liquid crystalline material.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of new and advanced materials is carried on extensively to meet various technological, energy, and economic needs. One such material is a liquid crystal (LC). They are mesogenic molecules that show a counterintuitive combination of fluidity and long-range order. Due to this, they show various properties intermediate to that of crystalline solids and isotropic liquids. Although LCs are not new to this area of research but studies on them are going on broadly in the field of synthesis of new LC materials, their characterization, and preparation of composites by addition of different kinds of dopants to meet certain applicative needs. LCs find their application in the field of display technology, optics, electro-optics, bioscience, biophotonics, actuators, etc. These applications are due to their structural, orientational, transitional, thermal, dielectric, and optical properties.<sup>1,2</sup> LCs are majorly classified on the basis of the driving force for their existence as mesogenic molecules, namely thermotropic, lyotropic, and metallotropic. Thermotropic LCs are the most widely studied LC due to the existence of their mesogenic properties on temperature change. They are further classified into calamitic and discotic on the basis of the structure and orientation of molecules. In the case of calamitic LCs, the overall length of the molecule is significantly greater than its

width.<sup>3,4</sup> The most common phase used in various applications shown by the calamitic LCs is the nematic phase. The nematic phase is the least ordered where no translational but only orientational order is present.<sup>5,6</sup> As far as stereochemistry is concerned, nematic LC is symmetrical with the  $C_{\alpha}$  axis along the director with the  $D_{\alpha}$ h point group. Materials with a size range of 2–100 nm are known as nanomaterials. They vary in shape depending upon the material of which it is prepared and also on the type of method by which they are prepared. As the shape varies, their physical property will also vary. Nanorods come under 1D nanomaterials along with nanotubes and nanowires. Nanorods have no internal surface in comparison to nanotubes whereas in comparison to nanowires, the length of nanowires is considerably larger than in nanorods.<sup>7</sup>

Various research reveals that nanomaterials play an important role in altering and improving the properties of LC molecules. A large number of LC-nanomaterial composites

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### Quick catalytic responsive chitosan flakes@Ag/CuO nanocomposites in organic synthesis and environmental remediation

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#### Highlights

- Fabrication of chitosan flake based microgel without using any divinyl crosslinker.
- Synthesis of Ag/CuO nanocomposites by doping microgel through hydrothermal method.
- Catalytic reduction of MB, PNP and DMAB in presence of NaBH<sub>4</sub> and UV light.
- Ag/CuO nanocomposites have excellently worked as catalyst in reduction.
- The catalyst reduces MB, PNP and DMAB completely in lesser reaction time at neutral pH.

#### Abstract

This report deals with polymeric microgel of chitosan flakes (CF) for catalytic applications of bimetallic Ag/CuO <u>nanoparticles</u> (NPs). Nanocomposites, based on fabricated chitosan flakes, act as nanocatalyst and are used for swift chemical reduction of <u>methylene blue</u> (MB), para-nitro <u>phenol</u> (PNP) and dimethyl amino-benzaldehyde (DMAB) in presence of <u>sodium</u> borohydride or UV light. In our present work N-hydroxyl methyl <u>acrylamide</u>, instead of the traditional divinylic cross linker, has been employed as <u>monomer</u> as well as cross linker for the synthesis of chitosan flakes. The fabricated chitosan flakes have been doped with Ag/CuO NPs to yield nanocomposites. Three grades of nanocomposites have been synthesized by varying the amounts of N-hydroxyl methyl <u>acrylamide</u>, to optimize the crosslinking and suitable network, to yield stabilized NPs. FT-IR, <u>XRD</u>, <u>TGA</u>, SEM, TEM, <u>EDX</u>, <u>DLS</u> and Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis.) spectroscopic characterization techniques have been performed to establish the polymeric chitosan flakes and nanocomposites. When the nanocomposites are employed as catalysts, the percentages of reduction of MB, PNP and DMAB, using <u>sodium borohydride</u> (NaBH<sub>4</sub>) or presence of UV-light, are over 90%, with lesser reaction time. The catalytic reduction in case of NaBH<sub>4</sub> exhibits pseudo first <u>order kinetics</u> and the corresponding rate constant (k<sub>app</sub>) values have been determined.

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### *In silico* evaluation of *S*-adenosyl-L-homocysteine analogs as inhibitors of nsp14-viral cap N7 methyltranferase and PLpro of SARS-CoV-2: synthesis, molecular docking, physicochemical data, ADMET and molecular dynamics simulations studies

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#### Abstract

A series of S-adenosyl-L-homosysteine (SAH) analogs, with modification in the base and sugar moiety, have been designed, synthesized and screened as nsp14 and PLpro inhibitors of severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus (SARS-CoV-2). The outcomes of ADMET (Adsorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion, and Toxicity) studies demonstrated that the physicochemical properties of all analogs were permissible for development of these SAH analogs as antiviral agents. All molecules were screened against different SARS-CoV-2 targets using molecular docking. The docking results revealed that the SAH analogs interacted well in the active site of nsp14 protein having H-bond interactions with the amino acid residues Arg289, Val290, Asn388, Arg400, Phe401 and  $\pi$ -alkyl interactions with Arg289, Val290 and Phe426 of Nsp14-MTase site. These analogs also formed stable H-bonds with Leu163, Asp165, Arg167, Ser246, Gln270, Tyr274 and Asp303 residues of PLpro proteins and found to be quite stable complexes therefore behaved as probable nsp14 and PLpro inhibitors. Interestingly, analog 3 showed significant in silico activity against the nsp14 N7 methyltransferase of SARS-CoV-2. The molecular dynamics (MD) and post-MD results of analog 3 unambiguously established the higher stability of the nsp14 (N7 MTase):3 complex and also indicated its behavior as probable nsp14 inhibitor like the reference sinefungin. The docking and MD simulations studies also suggested that sinefungin did act as SARS-CoV-2 PLpro inhibitor as well. This study's findings not only underscore the efficacy of the designed SAH analogs as potent inhibitors against crucial SARS-CoV-2 proteins but also pinpoint analog **3** as a particularly promising candidate. All the study provides valuable insights, paving the way for potential advancements in antiviral drug development against SARS-CoV-2.

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#### ABSTRACT

Arsenic in water at low concentration (1–5 mg/L) presents difficulty in its removal by adsorption due to low concentration gradient. In the present study, silica was extracted from rice husk ash via sol–gel method and loaded with iron oxide using co-precipitation method. The maximum removal As(III) percentage (97.5%) was achieved using 0.1 g/L of adsorbent with a contact time of 90 min at pH = 7.0. Modelling of the experimental data with Freundlich isotherm and pseudo-second-order kinetic models showed the highest regression coefficient ( $R^2 > 0.95$ ). Adsorption was spontaneous at all temperatures ( $\Delta G^{\circ}$  value). Film and intraparticle diffusivities followed power-law model with initial concentration. FTIR spectra (at 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>) indicated the presence of monodentate arsenic complexes. The presence of PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> ions affected the As(III) removal from water. The synthesised adsorbent exhibited excellent reusability up to three adsorption-desorption cycles.

Q KEYWORDS: Arsenic adsorption silica iron oxide modelling monodentate complexes

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# A review on 'Triazoles': their chemistry, synthesis & pharmacological characterstics.

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Abstract: Heterocyclic chemistry serves as an illustration for the lack of clear boundaries because it permeates many of the other chemical fields. The processes of life are intricately linked with heterocycles. Heterocycles are crucial to the pharmaceutical and agricultural industries, and this interest is frequently related to the fact that they naturally occur. The chemistry-biology interaction and heterocycles are present in more than 90% of newly developed drugs. Triazole, also known as pyrrodiazole, has the chemical formula  $C_2H_2N_3$  and contains a nitrogenous heterocyclic component.Numerous studies have been conducted on five-member heterocyclic triazole rings. The focus of this review is on the many pharmacological properties of the triazole ring and its derivatives. Triazole compounds have a wide range of pharmacological effects, including antitubercular, antituberculosis, anticonvulsant, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antimalarial, and antinociceptive properties.

Keywords: Triazoles, pharmaceutics, anti-inflammatory, anti-fungal, anti-tubercular, anti-malarial.

Introduction: Heterocyclic chemistry is crucial in the field of research and the synthesis of novel bioactive molecules. The discovery and design of the important physiologically active drug molecule is the focus of medicinal chemistry, a branch of the medical and pharmaceutical sciences. These heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen and oxygen have been found to have the most robust biological activity. There are numerous different compounds that have been created and that show various forms of beneficial pharmacological activity. Due to their importance in biological function and synthetics, triazoles and their fused heterocyclic derivatives have garnered a lot of interest in recent years. Due to their successful application in medicinal chemistry, azolic derivatives such as thiazole, triazole, oxadiazole, and thiadiazole are pharmacologically active substances.

**Main Text:** Triazole is a five-member heterocyclic ring with the chemical formula and two  $C_2H_2N_3$  isomeric forms, 1,2,3-triazole and 1,2,4-triazole, which are also known as pyrrodiazole. It has two carbon and three nitrogen atoms. The 1,2,3-triazole, which consists of two double-bonded carbon atoms and two regular nitrogen atoms, is an unsaturated, aromatic, five-membered, p-excessive nitrogen heterocycle with a 6 pi electron ring structure. Three nitrogen atoms are present, two of which are pyridine types and one of which is pyrrole type. The 1,2,4 - triazole is more significant because it forms the basis of the best modern agricultural fungicides as well as medications for fungal disease in humans. All the atoms in 1,2,3-triazoles are sp<sup>2</sup> hybridised, and the available 6 pi electrons are delocalized around the ring, which gives them their aromatic character. Triazoles are white to pale yellow crystals with a mild odour that are soluble in water and alcohol at melting points of 120 °C and 260 °C, respectively. Both triazoles have the potential for tautomerism.

Due to their wide range of biological applications, including their anticonvulsant, antimicrobial, antiviral, antitubercular, antidiabetic, antiinflammatory, antiproliferative, antioxidant, anti-urease, and antimalarial activities, five membered heterocyclic nitrogen-containing compounds, such as triazole, are of great importance in medicinal chemistry.



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### **REVIEWING VARIABLES OF FINANCIAL WELLBEING: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE**

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#### ABSTRACT

Financial well-being has emerged as a significant issue for people, families, societies, and nation due to inadequate savings and insufficient long-term financial preparation for retirement. Financial well-being is characterized as a feeling of future stability with appropriate financial management in the present. Thus, the goal of this review is to determine how different variables affect financial well-being in context of India. The research methodology used in this paper is to study the existing literature on various factors influencing financial well-being. The review analysis of the existing literature indicates that factors like financial Literacy, knowledge; financial attitude; financial behaviour; financial consciousness; unemployment & Socio-economic factors like future security, savings and investments, people's attitudes towards money assessment, people's financial education, etc. have a substantial effect on people's financial well-being in Indian context. The result of this study can be utilized by academics, financial advisers, and others to understand the financial well-being from Indian perspective.

Keywords: Financial wellbeing, financial attitude, financial behaviour, financial literacy, financial stability.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Every individual in the world is becoming more conscious about their financial situation and is seeking ways to improve it by making decisions about their spending, saving, investments, and other financial activities in order to increase their assets and safeguard their resources. However, with the changing financial system, technology advancements, easy availability of financial products and services, and the decrease in individual purchasing power, making financial decisions has become more challenging. Hence it becomes necessary to improve the financial well-being of people.

The 2008 global financial crisis and the recent turmoil of COVID-19 have hit essential sectors of the Indian economy, posing significant risks to India's economic growth and livelihood stability. As a result of which, healthy investing and saving habits has become a topic of increasing importance not only for individuals but also for businesses, policymakers, and others. This gives rise to the need to present this paper.

Many academics have examined financial well-being using various variables since it has become a hot topic of conversation. Financial wellness is described by the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) as a state in which a person tries to maintain control over their day-to-day finances, has the ability to withstand financial shock, and has the freedom to make financial decisions in order to achieve their goals (CFPB, 2014). Another definition provided by Porter indicates that one's attitude towards their financial situation based on the future objectives and how they are judged in relation to their living standards constitutes their financial well-being (Porter, 1990). The World Bank notes that the policymakers around the

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#### Abstract

Merging engineering with medical science and adopting artificial intelligence to get further exact results specifically for preventive health care has made it challenging to detect the concentration or presence of biological analytes. The basic building blocks of such a system require recognition of an analyte, producing a signal that must be passed through a signal conditioning unit, and, finally, a detector that recognizes the specific analyte. The detection extends to the sensing of bacteria, tumor cells, tumor biomarkers, toxins, drugs, and other biomarkers with admirable accuracy with sensitivity. In optical biosensors, most commonly, it is the fluorescence technique. It measures the intensity, decay time, quenching efficiency, anisotropy, and quenching. Use plain sensor stripes, optical waveguide systems, arrays, and capillary-based technical sensors. This paper deals with the study of available optical biosensors, mentioning their working principle, merits, demerits, and application. The prime focus of this current study is the most widely used surface plasmon resonance (SPR) relied optical biosensors, including SPR imaging, and magneto-optical surface plasmon resonance. With this, some other optical biosensors are discussed, like evanescent wave fiber optic biosensor, evanescent wave fluorescence, and colorimetric polymerase chain reaction—based biosensor, as well as interferometric, ellipsometric, surface–enhanced Raman scattering biosensors, and Photonic crystal fiber sensor.

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#### Abstract

In the proposed surface plasmon resonance sensor, bimetallic plasmonic metal copper (Cu) and platinum (Pt) are coated over the BaF<sub>2</sub> prism for the occurrence of the surface plasmon phenomena. The black phosphorous (BP) nano-sheet enhances the sensitivity for detecting water containing the solution, hemoglobin (Hb), and glucose from the body fluid samples. This paper numerically investigated the effect of the bimetal (Cu–Pt) and black phosphorous (BP) on the performance of the Kretschmann configured SPR biosensor with a visible range of 633 nm wavelength. The maximum sensitivity of 495.7°/RIU is obtained at a sensing layer of 1.330–1.335. The angular interrogation technique optimizes the thickness of the metals and 2D material for minimum reflectance. The maximum sensitivity of 382.5°/RIU and 399.78°/RIU are achieved for detecting hemoglobin and glucose, respectively. The proposed work has much better sensitivity than pre-existing SPR biosensors in the Hb and glucose biosensor literature. The proposed paper can advance the research in sensing Hb and glucose in the medical field.

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### A theoretical analysis of refractive index sensor with improved sensitivity using titanium dioxide, graphene, and antimonene grating: *Pseudomonas* bacteria detection

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#### Highlights

- Analysis of <u>Refractive Index</u> Sensor with Improved Sensitivity using Titanium Dioxide, Graphene, and Antimonene Grating: <u>Pseudomonas</u> bacteria Detection.
- The sensor design consists of two silvers (Ag), a Titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>), graphene, and an affinity layer with antimonene grating placed over a BK7 coupling prism based on the Kretschmann configuration.
- The principle of attenuated total reflection (ATR) is used to investigate the performance of our proposed SPR-based <u>biosensor</u>.
- A comparative analysis is made between the proposed and the existing structures. The sensitivity, <u>quality factor</u>, and detection accuracy parameters 370.8 RIU<sup>-1</sup>, 137.843 (1/RIU), and 0.371747<sup>-1</sup> are achieved.

#### Abstract

A surface plasmon resonance (SPR) based <u>biosensor</u> is proposed to detect <u>Pseudomonas</u> bacteria. The sensor design consists of two silvers (Ag), a Titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>), graphene, and an affinity layer with antimonene grating placed over a BK7 coupling prism based on the Kretschmann configuration. The principle of attenuated total reflection (ATR) is used to investigate the performance of our proposed <u>SPR</u> based biosensor. The sensor's performance parameters, such as sensitivity, detection accuracy, and <u>quality</u> <u>factor</u>, have been evaluated numerically and then analyzed. Inclusion of the TiO<sub>2</sub> and affinity layers improves the suggested structure's efficacy in detecting <u>Pseudomonas</u> bacteria. A comparative analysis is made between the proposed and the existing structures. The sensitivity, quality factor, and detection accuracy parameters **370.** 8° (*RIU*)<sup>-1</sup>, **137.843(1**/*RIU*), and 0.371747 *degree*<sup>-1</sup> are achieved.

#### Introduction

An optical sensor is a sensing device that translates the quantity to be measured into the output quantity that is often encoded into one of the characteristics of a light wave by optical means [1], [2]. These optical sensors from the last decade have shown massive development. Optical biosensors following the surface plasmon resonance (SPR) principle are rapidly gaining increased popularity in various applications like monitoring the environmental (physical factors), biological inspections and sensing, and food safety [3],

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In this study, creatinine in solutions at varied concentrations (non-enzymatic samples) is detected utilizing a surface plasmon resonance (SPR) sensor design. The presence of creatininase enzymes in the creatinine solutions (enzymatic samples) was used to evaluate the sensor's performance. An optical wavelength of 633 nm was used in the angular interrogation technique. The proposed SPR sensor detects the presence of creatinine in blood samples ranging from 10 to 200 mM. The goal of researching the enzymatic sample was to improve the sensor's sensitivity to creatinine in the samples. The non-enzymatic creatinine sample had a sensitivity of 18.42 Degree/RIU, and for creatinine-creatininase, the enhanced sensitivity of 250 Degree/RIU has been achieved when exposed to 633 nm optical wavelength. The increased sensitivity may be owing to an increase in the refractive index of the analyte sensing layer because of creatinine-creatininase coupling activity.

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### Abstract

Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) sensor devices accommodate immense capability for several applications in monitoring and detecting the progress of a disease. SPR sensors are a vital subset of chemical sensors that offer exceptional sensitivity and cost-effectiveness. Silver-barium titanate (BaTiO<sub>3</sub>)-cerium oxide (CeO<sub>2</sub>) multi-layered nanostructure integrated SPR sensor has been designed for the early diagnosis of dengue virus. The thickness of the multilayer structure has been optimized. The optimized structure consists of one layer of Ag, one layer of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, and 28 layers of CeO<sub>2</sub>. The numerical study conducted here monitors the resonance angle. The observation indicated that the functional molecule on the SPR led to a shift in the SPR angle towards a higher incident angle, which signifies the alteration in the refractive index proportionate to the number of attached molecules. The sensitivity, FWHM, DA, and FoM has been computed and obtained as 203.22 deg/RIU, 3.28 deg, 0.54 deg<sup>-1</sup>, and 73.13 RIU<sup>-1</sup> respectively. The output results demonstrated that the SPR could potentially be a useful tool for detecting dengue viruses with promising results.

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#### Spooking the Real and Patriarchal: Reading *Bulbbul* and *Qala* as Female Fantastic Cinema

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#### Abstract

The issue of representation of women in Hindi drama and its horror counterpart has attracted much debate. Confined to passive roles following the dictates of patriarchy, a transformation in women's representation has been slow to manifest, notwithstanding the arrival of the so-called 'New Woman' on the screen. The fantastical Hindi horror, like other popular genres, has faithfully reflected and naturalised dominant social norms. The present study aims to understand how some recent fantastic films, namely *Bulbbul* and *Qala*, subvert the patriarchal gaze and narrative domination prevalent in Fantastic. In doing so, the paper tries to look at the manner in which these films reshape the male-centred narratives of the fantasticas they forge an alternate space where a new female subjectivity can be foregrounded.

Keywords: Hindi cinema, horror, Bulbbul, Qala, fantastic, female

Women's representation in popular Hindi cinema, popularly known as Bollywood, has been gaining attention for some time, though in most readings, film criticism usually takes one of the two routes. The first is the good old feminist critique which unwraps the unconscious, hidden mother/whore binary in the typical construction of women in Hindi films. In such critiques, the film(s) in question is/are read to create the *sanskari* or rooted heroine by

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#### Abstract

The torsion sub-module of  $A \subseteq M$  is denoted by  $\sigma(A)$ . Since it was proved by Walker [18] that the class of I- pure (J- copure) sequences form a proper class whenever I(J) is closed under homomorphic images (sub-modules) of a R- module M and if I(J) is closed under factors (sub-modules) then for any I- pure (J- copure) sequence  $E: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  if  $E \in \pi^{(-1)}(I)$  ( $E \in i^{(-1)}(I)$ ) and hence in this case Walker's I- purity (J- copurity) coincides with the earlier notion of purity. We also study about class of R-modules dual to the modules of B. A sequence  $E: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is I- pure (J- copure) if and only if given  $C^{\prime} \le C \in I$ , there exists  $B' \le B$  such that  $B^{\prime} \cong C'$  and  $A \cap B^{\prime} = 0$ ; we consider another notion of purity stronger than the Cohn's purity [13]. If FG denotes the class of all finitely generated R-modules, since, this class is closed under factors. We shall try to give some characterizations of FG-purity and to determine its relationship with the FG-flat modules. We relativist this concept and also relate it with that of finite projectivity of Azumaya [10] with respect to a torsion theory and to study the inter-relationship between these concepts. We also try to consider finite  $\sigma$ -projectivity or (FG, $\sigma$ )- pure flatness, cyclically  $\sigma$ - pure projectivity and cyclically  $\sigma$ - pure flatness, the concept of locally  $\sigma$ - projectivity and locally  $\sigma$ - splitness and study its inter-relationship with (FG, $\sigma$ )- purity and semi-simple module.

**Keywords:** R- Modules; (FG, $\sigma$ )- Purity;  $\sigma$ - Pure Projective; R-Modules; I- Pure (J- copure; FG-flat Modules; Cyclically  $\sigma$ - Pure Projectivity;  $\sigma$ - Pure Infectivity; Locally  $\sigma$ - Splitness; Semi-Simple Module. Subject classification: 16D99

#### Introduction

The notion of purity plays an abecedarian part in the theory of abelian groups as well as in module categories. We say that an R-module M is absolutely pure, (respectively regular, flat) with reference to the purity if any short exact sequence with M as the first (respectively second, third) position is pure in the given sense. Now we take a free presentation of N where N is a right R-module and  $\bigoplus_{I} R \xrightarrow{\mu} \bigoplus_{I} R \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$ .

We take all the sub-matrices associated with  $\mu$  are of the column finite matrix. The class of all co-kernels of the right R- maps between  $\bigoplus J$  R and  $\bigoplus I$  R convinced by these sub-matrices is expressed by  $\mathscr{P}$  (N). Now we take allrow finite sub-matrices of the matrix and take co-kernels of all left R- maps between  $\bigoplus I$  R and  $\bigoplus J$  R induced by these sub-matrices and this class of left R – modules is denoted by f(N). An accurate sequence E:  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is called  $\tau$  – pure ( $\mathfrak{F}$ - copure) if any torsion (torsion free) module is projective (injective) relative to it. Since  $\tau(\mathfrak{F})$  is closed under factors (sub-modules). In this situation Walker's criterion of Co-purity is applicable. The notation of a R – module M is  $\tau$  –pure projective ( $\mathfrak{F}$ - copure injective) if and only if Pext<sub> $\tau$ </sub>(M, A) = 0 (Pext $\mathfrak{F}(A, M) =$ 0) for all A  $\subseteq$  M. Since, Pext<sub> $\tau$ </sub>(T, A) = 0 for all T  $\in \tau$ .

The torsion sub-module of  $A \subseteq M$  is denoted by  $\sigma$  (A). It's proved by Walker that the class of  $f - pure (\mathcal{J} - copure)$  sequence form a proper class when  $f(\mathcal{J})$  is closed under homomorphism images (sub-modules) of an R- module M and if  $f(\mathcal{J})$  is closed under factors (sub-modules) then for any  $f - pure (\mathcal{J} - copure)$  sequence

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#### **RESPONSE SURFACE METHODOLOGY AND SPF DETERMINED THE PHOTO-PROTECTIVE** CAPACITY OF TAGETES PATULA AGAINST UV-B RADIATIONS

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The present study investigates the solar radiation protective competency in *Tagetes patula* extract. The *Tagetes* extract can be used as therapeutic remedy against the harmful erythemal solar-rays and protect soft & sensitive skin from sun tanning and sun poisoning.

*Tagetes* extract have been treated combinedly with ultrasonication and ethanol followed by filtration. Filtered ethanol extract diluted in a significant quantity of ethanol and undergone for UV-spectrophotometer analysis, where ethanol was used as a reference. Finally, the Mansur equation evaluates the significant sun protection factor (SPF) value of *Tagetes patula* extract.

**ABSTRACT** This study demonstrated the *Tagetes patula* extract have a remarkable tendency to reflect the harmful solar UV-B rays. *Tagetes patula* flower and leaf extract had showed the significant sun protection factor value, reflected as (SPF-30) and (SPF-12), respectively. However, the Response surface methodology significantly establishes the correlation between the reflection and photon energy. The studied erythemal factor have been optimized and evaluated through the optimization plot and shows the significant positive correlation between the reflectance and erythemal response factors. In addition, *Tagetes patula* leaves (NRL) and (NRF) flower extract has application on UV-exposed skin, and help to prevent the skin tissues and cure the sensitive skin from harmful effect of the UV-B rays.

This study concluded that NRF extract of *Tagetes patula* had found greater competency and compatible than NRL extract, in terms of reflectivity and SPF property.

Keywords: Erythemal Response; Sun Protection Factor; *Tagetes patula*, response surface methodology; Photon energy

#### Introduction

Solar radiation has an adverse effect on the skin tissues, after a continuous exposure of intense sunlight (Modenese *et al.*, 2018). An ultimate consequence of harmful solar radiations can eventually provoked an unwanted oxidative stress reaction in mammalian skin tissues and arise numerous skin problems such as sunburn, skin ageing *etc.* (Dunaway *et al.*, 2018).

UV radiation emitted from sun has electromagnetic radiation spectrum of 200-400 nm. Ultraviolet (UV) electromagnetic spectra broadly distinguished into the three major spectral bands: UV-A (320-400 nm), UV-B (290 to 320 nm) and UV-C (100-290 nm). UV-A spectra cover entire wavelength ranges that were not completely filtered out by atmospheric ozone layer (Kushwaha *et al.*, 2021). In spite of this, it penetrates deeply into the skin epidermis and badly affects the dermal layer tissues, causing an inflammation and thus, leading to a premature skin ageing (Rai and Agrawal, 2017).

UV-B radiation provokes highly damaging effects to the human skin as a result of ozone-layer partial absorption

(Melendez-Martínez et al., 2019) and eventually had adverse effects on human life-style. At last, UV-C radiation is completely filtered out by earth atmosphere. Thereby, UV-B rays among them had more detrimental effects on skin tissues and is responsible to disturbed the integrity of lipids, proteins and nucleic acids which leads to sun burn, premature ageing even responsible for causing a skin cancer and (Ebrahimzadeh et al., 2014). Thus the, UV protective biocosmetic products development is a crucial step to prevent the sensitive skin from the detrimental effect of UV radiations, thereby, a dermatologist, prescribed to use regularly sunscreen products (Azarafshan et al., 2020; Kushwaha et al., 2021). However, many synthetically synthesized sunscreens are already present in a cosmetic market in order to, protect the dermal layer of skin from a detrimental effects of UV-radiations (Gamoudi and Srasra, 2018) but these sunscreen were actually formulated chemically by harnessing the property of nanoparticles like ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub> (Sargent, and Travers, 2016; Sharma et al., 2020). These unwanted side effects in skin arises on account of a continuous exposure of UV radiations (Rai et al., 2012), which trigger the activation of number of protein kinases



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#### COMPARATIVE STUDY OF IMMOBILIZED ENZYME AND FREE ENZYME OF PARTIALLY PURIFIED BETA AMYLASE ISOLATED FROM SWEET POTATO (*IPOMOEA BATATAS*)

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**ABSTRACT ABSTRACT ABSTRACT Exoamylase** /  $\beta$ -amylase hydrolyzes polyglucan chains' $\alpha$ -1,4glycosidic connections at the non-reducing end to create maltose (4-O- $\alpha$ -d-Glucopyranosyl- $\beta$ -d-Glc). Maltose's lowering Glc is present in the  $\beta$ -form. The primary function of  $\beta$ -amylase is involvement in starch breakdown in plants. Aim of the present study was to make immobilized beta amylase enzyme using natural matrix by entrapment method under optimum temperature and pH. Then compare the immobilization of beta-amylase which is extracted from *Ipomoea batatas* (sweet potato) with free enzyme (partial purification). Extraction was performed by ammonium sulfate precipitation method whereas partial purification was finished by dialysis bags. Then performed starch hydrolysis confirmatory test using iodine solution. The partially purified enzyme was immobilized through 4% of sodium alginate and agar dissolved in 0.1M phosphate buffer in addition of 0.4M CaCl<sub>2</sub> respectively. The molecular weight of enzyme was determined to be 8KDa through PAGE electrophoresis. After immobilization of enzyme, its stability was checked on weekly basis. Hence all comparatively study demonstrated that immobilization of beta amylase produced with sodium alginate show relatively great properties that can be applicable in various fields

Keywords: Beta amylase, Immobilization, Partial purification, electrophoresis, Sodium alginate.

#### Introduction

The hydrolase class of enzymes includes a sizable group called amylase, comprising 30 members. Within this group, the hydrolytic nature is exhibited by two enzymes known as  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -amylases.  $\alpha$ -amylases break down starch into maltose, glucose, and maltodextrin, while β-amylases hydrolyze the non-reducing chain end of starch, yielding specific enzymes such as maltose and dextrin (Souza and Magalhaes, 2010). β-amylase, also known as α-1,4-glucan maltohydrolase, is a highly prevalent and thermostable enzyme that is renowned for its ability to break the  $\alpha$ -1,4glycosidic bond at the non-reducing end of starch, ultimately yielding maltose and maltodextrins. The glucose unit in the reducing end of maltose is in the  $\beta$ -form, hence the name  $\beta$ amylase (Xuguo Duan et al., 2021; Kushwaha et al., 2021). As the industrial applications of  $\beta$ -amylase are being evaluated, its production is currently increasing (Kossmann and Lloyd, 2000). Sweet potatoes, soybeans and barley are extensively utilized as sources for producing β-amylase in industrial sectors (Das et al., 2018 Kushwaha et al., 2020). The role of sweet potatoes in the global effort to combat vitamin A deficiency (VAD) is significant (Schweigert et al.,

2003; Stephenson et al., 2000; Underwood and Arthur, 1996).

#### **Functions of β–amylase**

β-amylase plays a crucial role in breaking down starch, facilitating seed germination and fruit ripening, as well as contributing to their sweet taste. Starch, found in granules, is the primary form of energy storage in plants. It comprises two glucose polymers, amylose and amylopectin, which are linked by glycosidic bonds. These constituents of starch possess distinct structures and properties (Figure 1). Extensive research has been conducted on the involvement of  $\beta$ -amylase in hydrolyzing starch reserves in cereal endosperm, promoting germination under in vivo conditions. Additionally, various plant tissues, including leaves, have been found to possess high levels of  $\beta$ -amylase activity. For instance, in pea and Arabidopsis, β-amylase activity exceeds that of other glucan-metabolizing enzymes by multiple folds (Wu et al., 2011). β-amylases predominantly produce maltose as the primary product during starch degradation, while glucose is a minor product. Both glucose and maltose are transported out of the chloroplast through specific transporters (Zeeman et al., 2004).

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### Effect of Aprotic Ionic Liquids and Process Parameters on Coconut Shell Biomass: Increment of Cellulosic Sugar and Lignin Exclusion

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> Abstract: Introduction: Coconut shell residue is a potential renewable source of raw material for the biorefinery industries by extracting lignin and digesting cellulose, which in turn converts into total reducing sugar by using 1-Butyl-3-Methylimidazoluim chloride [BMIM][Cl] and acetate [BMIM][COO] ionic liquids (ILs). Effect of [Butyl-methyl imidazolium] acetate and chloride on lignin reduction and recovery reducing sugar yield from coconut shell residue for biofuel production.

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*Materials and Methods*: A series of aprotic ionic liquids (ILs):[BMIM][COO<sup>-</sup>] and [BMIM] [Cl<sup>-</sup>] were used for the pre-treatment purpose. For the pre-treatment purpose, aqueous-ionicliquid technology was used, where a mixture of deionized water, Ils, and shell residue was mixed in a fixed (1:10:0.1) load-size ratio under a vacuum state.

**Results:** The results indicate there was a significant improvement in the total reducing sugar (TRS)yield (46.6%) and residual lignin (36.3%) from shell biomass after being treated with [BMIM][CI<sup>-</sup>] and [BMIM][COO<sup>-</sup>] at 150°C for 2h under vacuum. Conversely, an increment in TRS yield to 4.6 and 3.1 fold times was observed as shell pre-treated with [BMIM][CI<sup>-</sup>] and [BMIM][COO<sup>-</sup>], respectively. However, the significant effect of water content compared to temperature and time duration on delignification yield was recorded during the processing of ILs pre-treatment by means of the Taguchi approach.

**Conclusion:** Using an aqueous ionic liquid treatment strategy, it could be possible to resolve the issue of shell rigidity and lignin dissolution and promote the expulsion of higher total reducing sugar yield to produce high-quality biofuels.

Keywords: Ionic-liquids, lignin, coconut shell, cellulose, cellulose digestibility, reducing sugar.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Lignocellulosic feedstock materials, derived from agricultural crops or woody waste like wood chips, bark, groundnut shells, corn cobs, and coconut shells, offer the potential for generating biorefinery products. Intense research focuses on utilizing lignocellulosic biomass as an attractive alternative to depleting fossil resources. It offers cost-effectiveness, high sugar content, and abundant supply, making it a promising and sustainable source of renewable precursor materials for value-added byproducts [1-3] and biofuel generation.

Several European countries previously relied on starchbased resources, known as first-generation fuels. However, the limited supply of starch-based resources led to energy scarcity issues and food versus fuel competition worldwide. To address this, many agricultural-based nations have suggested using lignocellulosic biomass as a primary material for chemical industries [4, 5]. However, the strong chemical bonding among these polymers makes lignocellulosic biomass highly recalcitrant, resistant to chemical and microbial degradation, and challenging to convert into simple mono-

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# **Philosophy of Love : Indian and Western Perspectives**

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#### I

The baffling issue amongst the philosophers is the nature and definition of man. Man is defined in different ways such as a biped rational or social or political animal, a laughing creature, a self-justifying or loving being etc. We are proposing here the thesis that man is essentially a loving being. Love is the intrinsic nature of man or it is the necessary precondition of human existence. The proposed thesis demands an appropriate justification for it. In the Judeo- Christian religion it is clearly stated that "God has created man in his own image" - Bible Genesis 1:2.7. This scriptural passage does not mean that God is in human form, but rather, that humans are in the image of God in their moral, spiritual and intellectual nature. Since the nature of God is all loving and man is created by him (God) in his own image, and we are in a position to infer logically that love is the essence of human beings. Jesus Christ advices us to 'Love thy neighbour as thyself' and everyone is your neighbour. The 'Tathāgatagarbha sutras', in the Buddhist tradition, are a group of Mahāyana s $\underline{\tilde{u}}$  tras that present the concept of the womb or embryo (garbha) of the tathagata, the Buddha. Every sentient being has the possibility to attain Buddhahood because of the Tathagatagarbha. Buddha is the embodiment of true love and great compassion, and so, by implication we can easily conceive the possibility of each one of us acquiring the traits of love and compassion in our life. The essential feature of Hinduism is the spiritual unity of mankind, and this is based upon our firm conviction that the same spiritual reality pervades in all of us. We can feel the element of divinity in all sentient creatures. It is quite relevant to refer Swami Vivekānanda at this juncture that man is potentially divine, and the need is to only realise it. It is needless to say that divinity includes supreme values or cardinal virtues of truth, love, sacrifice, benevolence etc. Rene Descartes has predilection for the rational account of man, and for that reason he maintains thinking to be the very condition of one's own existence in his celebrated statement - 'Cogito Ergo Sum.' Our proposed justified thesis offers the counter perspective to Cartesian one in the form of 'Amor Ergo Sum.'

Descartes has given the primacy of reason over faith, and this truly depicts the paradigm shift of modern Western philosophy from medieval Scholastic one. The clarity and distinctness are regarded by him as criteria of truth. He wanted to start his philosophical enquiry 'de novo' as it is to be free from all sorts of preconceived notions

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# Gold Nanorod-Induced Effects in a Mesogenic Compound 4-(*trans*-4-*n*-Hexylcyclohexyl) isothiocyanatobenzene

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and its composites with GNRs. Different calorimetric and dielectric parameters such as transition temperature, enthalpy, heat flow, permittivity, dielectric strength, dielectric anisotropy, and relaxation frequency have been determined, and the effect of GNRs has been explored. This article gives an insight into the influence of GNRs on the morphology and anisotropic physical properties of the nematic liquid crystalline material.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of new and advanced materials is carried on extensively to meet various technological, energy, and economic needs. One such material is a liquid crystal (LC). They are mesogenic molecules that show a counterintuitive combination of fluidity and long-range order. Due to this, they show various properties intermediate to that of crystalline solids and isotropic liquids. Although LCs are not new to this area of research but studies on them are going on broadly in the field of synthesis of new LC materials, their characterization, and preparation of composites by addition of different kinds of dopants to meet certain applicative needs. LCs find their application in the field of display technology, optics, electro-optics, bioscience, biophotonics, actuators, etc. These applications are due to their structural, orientational, transitional, thermal, dielectric, and optical properties.<sup>1,2</sup> LCs are majorly classified on the basis of the driving force for their existence as mesogenic molecules, namely thermotropic, lyotropic, and metallotropic. Thermotropic LCs are the most widely studied LC due to the existence of their mesogenic properties on temperature change. They are further classified into calamitic and discotic on the basis of the structure and orientation of molecules. In the case of calamitic LCs, the overall length of the molecule is significantly greater than its

width.<sup>3,4</sup> The most common phase used in various applications shown by the calamitic LCs is the nematic phase. The nematic phase is the least ordered where no translational but only orientational order is present.<sup>5,6</sup> As far as stereochemistry is concerned, nematic LC is symmetrical with the  $C_{\alpha}$  axis along the director with the  $D_{\alpha}h$  point group. Materials with a size range of 2–100 nm are known as nanomaterials. They vary in shape depending upon the material of which it is prepared and also on the type of method by which they are prepared. As the shape varies, their physical property will also vary. Nanorods come under 1D nanomaterials along with nanotubes and nanowires. Nanorods have no internal surface in comparison to nanotubes whereas in comparison to nanowires, the length of nanowires is considerably larger than in nanorods.<sup>7</sup>

Various research reveals that nanomaterials play an important role in altering and improving the properties of LC molecules. A large number of LC-nanomaterial composites

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Elemental concentration in renal stones by wavelength dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometry

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#### Abstract

Renal stone formation inside the kidney is one of the major causes of renal failure all over the world. To create preventative measures, it is crucial to examine renal stone's composition and identify the minerals that are responsible for their pathogenesis. Various concerns regarding the pathophysiology of renal stones remain unresolved and have been put forward. However, till date, the complete information is still unclear. In recent years, spectroscopic studies have gained much attention in identifying the chemical compositions that lead to the formation and growth of renal stones. This work employed wavelength-dispersive X-ray fluorescence (WDXRF) and Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy to study renal stones. WDXRF results of renal stone samples give the presence of numerous heavy and trace elements. Different elemental constituents like zinc (Zn), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), molybdenum (Mo), nickel (Ni), strontium (Sr), chromium (Cr), zirconium (Zr), palladium (Pd), bromine (Br), ruthenium (Ru), lead (Pb), and arsenic (As) were detected and quantified in the renal stones. Vibrational spectroscopic studies were carried out to know the chemical compositions of renal stones such as calcium oxalate monohydrate (COM), uric acid (UA), and carbonate apatite (CA). Quantitative results of WDXRF have been compared with the results from atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) of these stone samples. The available clinical details of the patients were correlated with the spectroscopic results obtained using WDXRF and FTIR spectroscopy.

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### $m_T$ scaling approach to study the identical spectral shape and similar suppression patterns of $\pi^0$ and $\eta$ mesons at RHIC and LHC energies

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#### Abstract

We present a systematic study of the transverse mass  $(m_T - m)$  spectra of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons in Cu + Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ , U + U collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 192 \text{ GeV}$ , Pb + Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2$ . 76 TeV and p + Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV. The published data of invariant yields of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons as a function of  $p_T$  are taken from PHENIX and from ALICE collaborations in the mid-rapidity region for different centrality cases. The primary object is to check the similar suppression patterns and identical spectral shapes of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons at different center-of-mass energies in different collision systems. We employ  $m_T$  scaling approach to study the spectral shapes of  $\eta$  meson from the given pion ( $\pi^0$ ) spectra. For this purpose, we use the modified Hagedorn function as a fit function. We obtain  $m_T$  scaled  $\frac{\eta}{\pi^0}$  ratio to study the spectral shape and suppression pattern of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons. This ratio is useful to obtain the decay contribution of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons in photonic and leptonic channels but also points to the quantitative changes in the dynamics of the heavy ion collisions.

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#### FECUNDITY AND GONADOSOMATIC INDEX OF CIRRHINUS MRIGALA (HAMILTON, 1822) FROM UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

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**ABSTRACT:** One of the most important measures of fish breeding biology is fecundity. The gonadosomatic index (GSI) is used to assess the reproductive capacity and breeding time of fish species. The current research examined at *Cirrhinus mrigala*, a type of carp, which was taken from several ponds and tanks in the Uttar Pradesh districts of Allahabad and Pratapgarh between April 2018 and March 2019. Both sexes had similar average body weights of 1270.9 610.96g. The male GSI (%) ranged from 0.23 to 7.93 with a peak value in July (7.93), and the female GSI varied between 0.83 to 16.9 with a peak level in July (16.09). In the months of July and November, respectively, the gonads grow to their maximum weights of 472.5 and 124.41g for males and females. The maxima of GSI show that the fish has a single spawning season that lasts from April-May to August. The relative and absolute fecundity varied from 69,244 - 2, 15,680; 74,783 - 4, 14, 416 respectively. The sampled fish's total length (0.749), gonad weight (0.747), and body weight (0.807) all revealed a substantial positive connection (r) with fecundity. According to the present results, the *C. mrigala* has higher fecundity and reproductive potential in July than it does in June and August.

Key words: Gonadosomatic index, fecundity, Cirrhinus mrigala, reproductive potential.

#### INTRODUCTION

*Cirrhinus mrigala* is referred to as "Nain" locally in Uttar Pradesh. In South Asia, it is a common food fish and a significant freshwater species for aquaculture. (GRAFF and LATIF, 2002). It is a natural inhabitant of South East Asian rivers and streams. Polyculture with other main carp species is essential. This fish grows rapidly in natural waters throughout its first four years of life (JHINGRAN and PULLIN, 1985). Under cultured conditions, *C. mrigala* grows more slowly than two other major carps and reaches a weight of 600–700g in its first year (JENA *et al.*, 1998). Fish reach maturity in one to two years after being reared in captivity, which is typically proven to last no more than two years (HORA and PILLAY, 1962; FAO, 2005; IQBAL and KAUSAR, 2009). Fecundity and gonadosomatic index (GSI) are

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# INCIDENCE OF MULTI DRUG RESISTANT *ENTEROCOCCUS* SPP. AT SANGAM GHAT AT PRAYAGRAJ, INDIA

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ABSTRACT : Study was conducted to detect the presence of Multi Drug resistant *Enterococcus* species in rural-urban landscape along river Ganga in northern India at Prayagraj District, Uttar Pradesh, India. The study revealed that the water was found to be contaminated with *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Enterococcus faecium* species. The obtained isolates were found to be resistant for 10 antibiotics *viz*. Rifampicin, Gentamycin, Vancomycin, Streptomycin, Oxacillin etc. Resistance in *Enterococcci* against these antibiotics may cause serious health hazards to the human beings. Constant monitoring of the antibiotic resistant profiles of *Enterococcci* in ground and recreational water sources could provide a comprehensive data of the resistant patterns of these pathogens in the area. This would improve information on treatment options for Enterococcal infections in humans.

Key words : Enterococcus species, MDR strains, river water, Prayagraj.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The quality of surface water has declined in developing countries due to rapid population growth and industrialization. The microbiological quality of a lifesustaining surface water resource *i.e.* river Ganga, for large population of northern India, is adversely affected by several types of pollution. Further, unprocessed surface waters are used for drinking and various household purposes in India making the people vulnerable to various water-borne diseases. Enterococci, the 'indicator' of water quality, correlates best with the incidence of gastrointestinal diseases as well as prevalence of other pathogenic microorganisms (Lata et al, 2009). Enterococci are gram positive cocci, which are generally regarded as commensal organism in the alimentary canal and act as opportunistic pathogens in humans. Enterococci are capable of developing strategies to enhance their survival in adverse situations (Giraffa et al, 1997 and Flahaut et al, 1996) such as conditions of high salinity, temperature difference, heavy metals or antimicrobial agents, and hence continue to be important nosocomial pathogens. Enterococci are found to be more disinfectant resistant than E. coli (Havelaar et al, 1985). Arora et al (2013) reported SPC (log 6.79

cfu ml<sup>-1</sup>) and most probable number (210 and 150 MPN 100 ml<sup>-1</sup> for total and faecal coliform, respectively) in river Ganga. It is previously reported that the water was found to be extremely contaminated and not suitable for drinking on some religious festivals such as Somvati Amavasya, Maghi Poornima, Maha Shivratri and Baisakhi. The root of the problem lies in the fact that there is a conflict between the belief systems of people and the strategies applied to de-pollute the river (Singh, 2013). Further, other non-point sources include wastes from agriculture, health sector, practices of holy-dip and crematory processes along the river banks. Therefore keeping in view the above mentioned facts following study was conducted to detect the presence of multi drug resistant Enterococcus species in fresh water rivers and to find out most possible solution for this problem.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### Place of work

The present study entitled "Incidence of Multi Drug Resistant *Enterococci* at Sangam Ghat in Allahabad city" was conducted at Department of Zoology, Ewing Christian College (An Autonomous Constituent Post Graduate College of Allahabad University), Allahabad during 2016