**STUDIES ON PHYSICOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS AND USE OF NATURAL COAGULANTS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN INDUSTRIAL AREA OF MAHASAMUND DISTRICT, CHHATTISGARH (INDIA)**

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**ABSTRACT**

Turbidity is a great problem in water treatment. Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab were used as locally available natural coagulants in this study to reduce the turbidity of synthetic water. After dosing, water-answerable excerpts of Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab reduced turbidity to 6.1 and 11.8 NTU, independently, from 100 NTU and 5.2 and 9.3 NTU, after dosing and filtration. Among the natural coagulants used in this study for turbidity reduction, Moringa oleifera was set up most effective. It reduced up to94.8 turbidity of the raw, cloudy water. Natural coagulants worked better with high, cloudy, water compared to medium cloudy, water. Using locally available natural coagulants, suitable, easier, and terrain-friendly options for water treatment were observed.

***Keywords:*** *water quality, turbidity, natural coagulants, Moringa oleifera, Dolichos lablab.*

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Although groundwater is a reliable source of fresh water, policymakers' most significant challenge is how to use it sustainably. Groundwater has been purified by soil and sand to remove any organic contaminants. Evaporation and irrigation return flow both have an impact on the major ion chemistry of groundwater. Due to human activity, the quality and quantity of groundwater are rapidly declining. The flow of groundwater and its storage in hard rock locations, as well as any resulting changes to its quality and quantity, are a major source of concern for the general public, researchers, and water management. The sustainability of groundwater resources over a long period is a significant problem. (Tamrakar et al., 2022) Water contamination is regarded as an important problem for humankind because it has contributed to numerous deaths and illnesses around the planet. Rapid industrialization, urbanization, and population increase in some Indian regions have made the issue harsher by increasing the amount of pollutants released into the environment. The physical, chemical, and natural parcels of the dissolved or suspended ingredients must fall below specific thresholds, which are regarded as the allowed limits, for water to be useful for a specific purpose. The water coffers in multitudinous countries are in critical condition due to changes in their physicochemical nature. These changes cause damage to mortal beings, plants, and creatures. Upon consumption, the poor quality of water may cause conditions or poisonous health goods to mortal beings and beast. To meet the country's municipal, agricultural, and industrial water needs, groundwater is essential. India is the country that uses the most groundwater globally, which is also a reality. Groundwater is frequently used directly for drinking purposes, particularly in developing nations, as it is typically assumed to be free of toxins due to its relatively lower exposure than surface water sources. However, several anthropogenic and natural factors have put the quality and quantity of groundwater in danger of declining. ​(Kumar Sahu & Jain, 2023) Surface water is more accessible in India than groundwater. However, due to groundwater's distributed availability, it is readily available and makes up the majority of India's agricultural and drinking water supplies. About 50% of the water is needed for residential purposes in cities and 85% of the water needed for domestic purposes in rural areas is supplied by groundwater. However, in recent years, groundwater contamination and harm have quickly become an issue in India. Groundwater contamination has been increased by the quick rise of industry, the use of agricultural pesticides, the disposal of urban and industrial waste, and the rapid increase in human population. The water quality index (WQI) approach is a technique for grading water quality and an effective tool to express water quality that provides a simple, accurate unit of measurement and delivers information on water quality to concerned people and policy-makers. (Kumar​​ Dewangan et al., 2022)​ The living ecology is severely harmed by the contaminated water, which results in genetic and functional alterations that affect the physical and chemical properties of living things. The general state of the water and whether it is fit for consumption is determined by water quality parameters. The dissolved oxygen, pH, alkalinity, salinity, electrolytes, total hardness, biological oxygen demand (BOD), chemical oxygen demand (COD), and other variables are combined to create the water quality index or WQI. (Yadav et al., 2012) Groundwater pollution has occurred in many geological terrains with rapid industrialization, urbanization, population growth, agricultural development, excessive fertilizer use, significant evaporation, and little rainfall.(Hayek et al., 2020) Groundwater in shallow aquifers is generally suitable for use for different purposes and is substantially of Calcium bicarbonate and mixed type. Still, other types of water are also available including Sodium Chloride water. Groundwater quality deterioration can be caused in astronomically two ways ;(i) anthropogenic- those caused by manmade conditioning like industries, civic sewage and waste tips, mining,etc.( ii) geogenic. ​(Zafar et al., 2022) Organic matter, sediments, minerals, nutrients, disease-causing organisms, and other contaminants are reduced or removed from wastewater during the multi-stage process of wastewater treatment, which is used to restore the quality of the water. One stage of this treatment is coagulation-flocculation, which combines the suspended particles into a bigger mass (floc) that can be separated by filtration and sedimentation procedures. ​​(Villabona-Ortíz et al., 2023) Two independent steps that must be completed one after the other make up the coagulation-flocculation therapy. The first phase in this procedure, called coagulation, destabilizes colloidal suspensions and solutions with the main objective of removing stability-promoting elements. This procedure, which makes use of an appropriate chemical, uses the so-called coagulant. In the second subprocess, flocculation is the process of getting destabilized particles to group up, make contact, and eventually form enormous agglomerates.(Sinsinwar & Verma, 2023) It is not an original idea to utilize organic substances with a plant origin to clarify cloudy raw waterways. In tropical rural areas, natural coagulants have been employed for domestic usage in traditional water treatment for centuries. The natural coagulants found in Nirmali seed, maize mesquite bean, Cactus latifaria Cassia angustifolia seed, and other leguminous plants are described in some recent papers. However, the substance that has recently drawn the most attention is the seed of the Sudanese native Moringa oleifera. M. oleifera seed water extract beats aluminum salt in comparison.​(Vijayaraghavan et al., 2011)​

**2. STUDY AREA**

Mahasamund is Located in the central- east part of the Chhattisgarh State. It's positioned between the Latitude 20º49' 30" 21º33' 07" N and Longitude 81º59' 56" 83º16' 10" E. The quarter forms a part of the Mahanadi receptacle. The feeders of the Mahanadi River drain the quarter. The Mahasamund quarter forms a part of the Chhattisgarh central plains. A major part of the quarter exhibits pediment/ pediplain terrenes. The other terrenes are structural plains, structural hills, and denes, scaled pitches, scaled hills and denes, floodplains etc. The total population of the study area as per the 2011 Census is, 10, 32,754, out of which the pastoral population is 9, 12,602 and the civic population is only 1, 20,152. Mahasamund quarter is a backward aspirational quarter. It's an important quarter for minor minerals. These minerals are Quartz, Quartzite, Granite, Limestone, Flagstone, Sand, Soil, and Laterite. There are 1178 points in aggregate. These municipalities are divided into 5 different community development blocks for executive convenience. The quarter's overall geographic area is nearly 43 percent covered by timber. The Mahanadi receptacle includes the quarter. The general pitch on the eastern half of the region has been towards the southeast, the center portion of the home is towards the north, and the western section is towards a northwestern direction. Along the Mahanadi River is the quarter's western border. The Jonk River passes through the center section of the quarter and runs in the northern direction.

**3. METHODOLOGY**

**3.1 Sample Collection Area**

The samples were collected from the industrial area Birkoni (stone cutting industries) Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh (India).

**3.2 Coagulation**

The best immediate solution is to start using point-of-use (POU) technologies like coagulation because these rural or poor populations have sufficient water treatment infrastructure. Surface water and industrial wastewater treatment both need the use of coagulation. Utilizing alum (AlCl3), ferric chloride (FeCl3), and poly aluminum chloride (PAC) as conventional chemical-based coagulants, it is used to remove dissolved chemical species and turbidity from water. Indeed though the effectiveness of these chemicals as coagulants is extensively conceded, there are downsides associated with their use, similar as their inefficiency in low- temperature water, their fairly high cost of purchase, their negative goods on mortal health, the product of large volumes of sludge, and the fact that they've a significant impact on the pH of treated water. Also, there's compelling substantiation connecting aluminum- grounded coagulants to the emergence of Alzheimer's complaint in people. To address the problems mentioned over, it’s preferable to switch out these artificial coagulants for factory- grounded bones. (Vijayaraghavan et al., 2011)​

**3.3 Natural Plant-Based Coagulants**

The primary benefits of using naturally being factory- grounded coagulants as POU water treatment accoutrements are apparent; they're provident, doubtful to produce treated water with an extreme pH, and largely biodegradable. These benefits are particularly enhanced if the factory from which the coagulant is deduced is native to a pastoral area. Environmental scientists have so far been suitable to identify several factory kinds for this use. Factory- grounded coagulants have been used for treating cloudy water for further than a many centuries. (Vijayaraghavan et al., 2011) They could be produced using the seeds, leaves, and roots of plants. These naturally being organic polymers are interesting because they pose no threat to mortal health in comparison to synthetic organic polymers made with acrylamide monomers, and they're also less precious than traditional chemicals because they're readily available in the maturity of pastoral Mahasammund communities. There are several effective coagulants with botanical origins Nirmali, Okra, red bean, sugar and red sludge, Moringa oleifera, Cactus latifera, and seed greasepaint of Prosopis juliflora. Natural coagulants have a bright future and are considered by numerous experimenters because of their abundant source, low price, terrain-friendly, multifunction, and biodegradable nature in water sanctification.​ ​(Asrafuzzaman et al., 2011).

**Moringa oleifera**

M. oleifera( horseradish or forelimb tree) is a tropical factory that's nontoxic( at low attention) and can be set up in India, Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. Its seeds contain a comestible oil painting and a water-answerable substance, and it’s really the most delved natural coagulant in the field of environmental wisdom. It's well known for having a variety of uses, and virtually every element of its factory system can be put to good use. In lower developed societies, moringa is most generally used as a food and drug source. The phenomenon tree, Moringa oleifera, is a tropical multi-use tree that's also known as the phenomenon seed. Among its numerous other rates, M. oleifera seeds contain a coagulant protein that can be used in either wastewater treatment or drinking water explanation. It's said to be one of the most effective natural coagulants, and exploration into these kinds of water treatment agents is expanding at the moment.

**Dolichos lablab**

Dolichos lablab commonly known as lablab bean, hyacinth bean, or dolichos bean, is a leguminous plant that has been traditionally used for various medicinal purposes in different parts of the world. The plant contains certain compounds, such as phenolic compounds and flavonoids, which have antioxidant potential. Antioxidants help neutralize free radicals in the body and may play a role in protecting cells from oxidative stress. Some research suggests that dolichos lablab extracts may possess antimicrobial properties, which could potentially help combat certain types of bacteria and fungi.



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**Fig. 1 Moringa oleifera Fig. 2 Dolichos lablab**

**3.4 Jar Test**

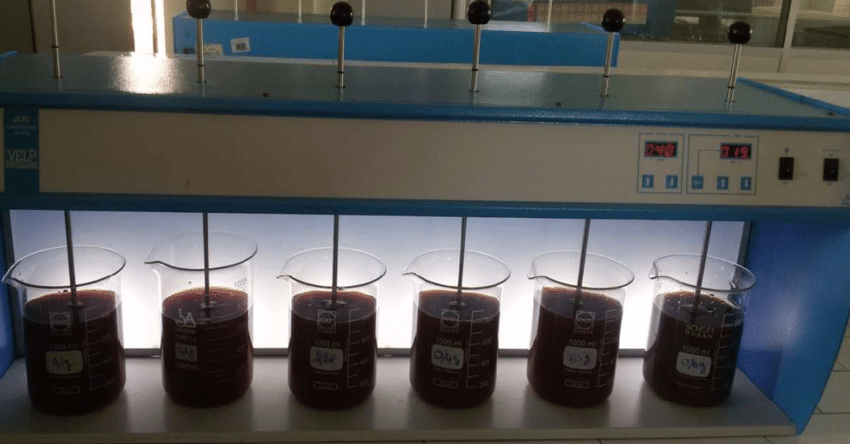
By dissolving 0.30 g of clay in deionized water and mixing this solution for an hour at 200 rpm, synthetic turbid water was created. The solution was then allowed to hydrate for 21 hours. Each solution was then diluted in 1.90 dm3 and combined, producing water that was 32.30 NTU turbid. A jar test apparatus was utilized for the coagulation-flocculation tests, in which the prepared turbid water solution was brought into contact with the natural coagulant. ​​(Villabona-Ortíz et al., 2023) ​(Www et al., 2012)

**3.5 Stock Solution of Natural Coagulants**

Moringa oleifera seed capsules are allowed to develop and dry naturally to a brown color on the tree. The seeds were removed from the capsules, and kept for sundry, and external shells were removed. Mature seeds showing no signs of abrasion, softening, or extreme desiccation were used. The seed kernels were base to a fine greasepaint using a kitchen blender to make it of the approximate size of 600 µm to achieve solubilization of active constituents in the seed. Mature seeds of Dolichos lablab were used in the study. After sun- drying, external shells were removed and seed kernels were attained. Using a grinder, fine greasepaint is achieved from the seed kernel. To make a 1 % suspense of the greasepaint, distilled water was added. To encourage water birth of the coagulant proteins, the suspense was fleetly shaken for 45 twinkles using a glamorous stirrer. This result was also run through sludge paper (What man no. 42, 125 mm dia.). The filtrate fragments were employed to administer the necessary cure of coagulants from nature. To offset the goods of aging, fresh results were produced each day and stored in the refrigerator. Before operation, results were roundly shaken.

**3.6 Jar Test Operation**

The most popular experimental fashion for coagulation- flocculation is the jar test. The studies involved employing certain coagulants to congeal a sample of synthetic cloudy water in a typical jar test outfit. It was conducted as a batch test using several six- teacups and six- spindle sword paddles. The sample was unevenly mixed before running the jar test. The samples should also have their turbidity assessed to represent an original attention. In the teacups, coagulants in a range of attention were applied. The entire jar test system was carried out at colorful pets of gyration. The dormancies were allowed to settle for 20 – 60 twinkles after the agitation was stopped. Eventually, a sample from the middle of the precipitate was taken using a pipette for physicochemical analyses that indicate the final attention. All tests were conducted for three different turbidity ranges advanced (90- 120 NTU), medium (40- 50 NTU), and lower (25- 35 NTU) NTU, at an ambient temperature of between 26 and 32C. ​(Asrafuzzaman et al., 2011).

**Figure 3: A conventional jar test apparatus for the treatment of turbid water by natural coagulants.**

**4. Results and Discussion**

**4.1 Reduction of Turbidity Using Natural Coagulants**

The jar test operations using different coagulants were carried out in different turbidity ranges videlicet advanced-(90 – 120) NTU, medium-(40 – 50) NTU, and lower-(25 – 35) NTU of synthetic cloudy water. The effectiveness of the excerpts of Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab made them used as natural coagulants for the explanation of water. Boluses started from 50 mg/ L to 100 mg/ L for corresponding six teacups. Turbidity was measured ahead and after treatment. Fig. 3 – 5 show the results of different boluses of coagulant treatment in jar test. From Figure 3, it's set up that the raw water turbidity was 100 NTU. Turbidity reduced to12.3, 11.6, 10.5, 9.2, 7.6 and 6.1 NTU corresponding to 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 mg/ L Moringa oleifera boluses independently. After filtration, turbidity reduced to10.4, 9.5, 8.2, 7.6, 6.8, and5.2 NTU, independently. For medium- turbidity water (turbidity 48 NTU), the same boluses reduce turbidity to14.5, 13.9, 12.5, 12.1, 11.8, and 11 NTU, independently, after dosing. And, after filtration, it was12.3, 11.8, 11.3, 10.4, 9.7, and 9.1 NTU, independently. Moringa oleifera works well in higher-turbidity water than in medium-turbidity water. Turbidity reduction increases with increasing doses.Results for the removal of turbidity using various doses of Dolichos lablab are shown in Figure 5. Different Boluses were used for different turbidity ranges, and turbidity was measured after dosing. From Figure 5, it’s set up that the raw water turbidity was 100 NTU. Turbidity reduced to16.3,15.9,14.8,13.2,12.3, and11.8 NTU corresponding to 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 mg/ L Dolichos lablab boluses. After filtration, turbidity reduced to14.4, 13.8, 12.7, 11.6, 10.2, and 9.3 NTU, independently. For medium- turbidity water (turbidity 49 NTU), the same boluses reduce turbidity to18.2, 17.7, 17.3, 16.4, 15.8, and 15.3 NTU, independently after, dosing. After filtration, it was15.5, 14.9, 14.1, 13.9, 13.2, and 13 NTU, independently. Dolichos lablab works well in advanced- turbidity water than in medium- turbidity water. Turbidity reduction increases with adding boluses. So the use of locally available accoutrements like sap provides a better option for clean, safe water accessible to pastoral people.

**Table 1**: Reduction efficiency of turbidity using different coagulants in different turbidity ranges.

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| Coagulants | Dose used (mg/L) | % of turbidity reduction (High-∗turbidity water) | % of turbidity reduction(Medium-∗turbidity water) |
| Moringa oleifera | 50  60  70  80  90  100 | 87.7  88.4  89.5  90.8  92.4  93.9 | 69.7  71  73.9  74.7  75.4  77 |
| Dolichos  lablab | 50  60  70  80  90  100 | 83.7  84.1  85.2  86.8  87.7  88.2 | 62.8  63.8  64.6  66.5  67.7  68.7 |

∗For Moringa oleifera (high turbidity = 100 NTU, medium turbidity = 48 NTU); Dolichos lablab (high turbidity = 100 NTU, medium turbidity = 49 NTU).

* Raw water turbidity (NTU)
* Turbidity after filtration (NTU)
* Turbidity after dosing (NTU)

**Fig.3:** **Removal of turbidity using various doses of Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab (for highly turbid water).**

**Table 2:** Reduction efficiency of turbidity using different coagulants in different turbidity ranges. (After filtration)

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| Coagulants | Dose used (mg/L) | % of turbidity reduction (High-∗turbidity water) | % of turbidity reduction(Medium-∗turbidity water) |
| Moringa oleifera | 50  60  70  80  90  100 | 89.6  90.5  91.8  92.4  93.2  94.8 | 74.3  75.4  76.4  78.3  79.7  81 |
| Dolichos  lablab | 50  60  70  80  90  100 | 85.6  86.2  87.3  88.4  89.8  90.7 | 68.3  69.5  71.2  71.6  73  73.4 |

∗For Moringa oleifera (high turbidity = 100 NTU, medium turbidity = 48 NTU); Dolichos lablab (high turbidity = 100 NTU, medium turbidity = 49 NTU).

* Raw water turbidity (NTU)
* Turbidity after filtration (NTU)
* Turbidity after dosing (NTU)

**Fig.4:** **Removal of turbidity using various doses of Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab (for medium turbid water).**

**4.2 Turbidity reduction efficiency of different coagulants in different turbidity ranges:** A relative study of turbidity reduction effectiveness of different coagulants in different turbidity ranges is presented in Table 1. And Table 2. In every case 50 to 100 mg/ L boluses were used. It was set up that Moringa oleifera reduced maximum turbidity among all coagulants used. It reduced up to93.9 for largely cloudy water and94.8 after filtration so, it was set up most effective among the studied natural coagulants. In medium turbidity water, it was reduced up to 77 and 81 after filtration. In the case of Dolichos lablab, it was set up that88.2 and after filtration set up that90.7 reduced for high turbidity water. For medium turbidity water, it reduced up to68.7, and after filtration73.4 reduced. All of the studied natural coagulants were effective in advanced- turbidity ranges than in medium- turbidity waters.

**5. Conclusion**

Using some locally available natural coagulants, for illustration, Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab, significant enhancement in removing turbidity from synthetic raw water was set up. Maximum turbidity reduction was set up for largely cloudy waters. After dosing, water-answerable excerpt of Moringa oleifera and Dolichos lablab reduced turbidity to6.1 and11.8 NTU, independently, from 100 NTU and5.2 and9.3 NTU, independently after dosing and filtration. Among the natural coagulants used in this study for turbidity reduction, Moringa oleifera was set up most effective. It reduced up to94.8 turbidity from the raw cloudy water. Natural coagulants have a promising future and are of importance to many researchers due to their wide availability, low cost, ecologically friendly flexibility, and biodegradability in the purification of water. Their efficiency in treating wastewater, aquatic plants, and seed materials is gaining attention. The technologies involved are affordable, conventional, simple to use, and excellent for rural locations. Due to the biological nature of the process, no untreatable wastes are produced. These procedures require little to no maintenance and are simple to use.

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