

# EQUILIBRIUM STUDY OF THERMODYNAMIC AND KINETIC OF ACTIVATED CARBON ENSUING FROM *Azadirachta indica* BARK L ACTIVATED CARBON ACIDIC DISPERSION FOR THE REMOVAL OF METHYLENE BLUE DYE

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## ABSTRACT

The investigations on the removal of Methylene Blue dye from aqueous solutions by adsorbent utilising *Azadirachta indica* Bark L Activated Carbon charcoal were conducted under a broad range of experimental designs and optimisation settings. The adsorption equilibrium approach has been used to investigate each of the factors. The Langmuir, Freundlich, and Tempkin adsorption isotherms were employed to assess the adsorption isotherm. Calculations were made for thermodynamic parameters such as  $\Delta H^\circ$ ,  $\Delta S^\circ$  and  $\Delta G^\circ$ . It illustrated how the adsorption was endothermic and spontaneous. The fake second-order kinetics made much more sense than the pseudo-first-order kinetic model. FT-IR, SEM, AFM, BET, and powder XRD were used to measure it both before and after the adsorption of a substance that resembled the colour Congo red in water.

**Keywords:** Adsorption, Isotherm, Powder XRD, Activated Charcoal, BET, AFM, and Methylene Blue Dye.

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## INTRODUCTION

Wastewater generated from the food, beverage, paint, textile, wool, carpet, tannery, printing, electroplating, paper, and pulp industries, among others, contains colours, surfactants, heavy metals, and salts, among other things.<sup>1,2</sup> In the textile processing industry, colour is often added using pigments and colourants. When colouring, excess water escapes as effluents, and because of their toxicity, they are considered pollutants. Inhalation, swallowing, skin sensitivity, eye irritation, cancer, and respiratory problems are all brought on by this dust-carcinogenic substance.<sup>2,3</sup> It is so challenging to forecast the behaviour of hazardous dyes in effluents to stop pollution of the environment at its source. To assess the toxicity of the effluent, one can use fundamental dyeing features such as cloth weight, shade depth, and colour production from dye sulphur, such as fixing. The industry can cut waste because the predictions reflect positive outcomes.<sup>4</sup> these techniques consist of chemical oxidation, photo-oxidation, ozonation, coagulation, and photo-catalysis. Adsorption onto inorganic or organic matrices, followed by microbial degradation.<sup>5</sup>

In the nation, removing dyestuff from municipal wastewater or effluents can be accomplished with great success using adsorption<sup>6,7</sup> Partheniumhysterophorus<sup>8</sup> rice flour<sup>9</sup> pine sawdust<sup>10</sup> wood sawdust and rubber<sup>11</sup> de-oiled soya and bottom-up ash<sup>12</sup> a palm kernel<sup>13</sup> crow feathers<sup>14</sup> and so on. The previously mentioned literature study led to the decision to employ *Azadirachta indica* Bark L Activated Carbon (AIBAC), a cheap and readily available adsorbent material that effectively adsorbs the most famous natural blue dye source (indigo). Widely used for centuries in textiles.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Materials

Carbon activated from *Azadirachta indica* Bark L was employed as an adsorbent to bind the aqueous solution of Congo red dye. Each and every reagent (E-Merck and SD-fine, India) needed for this experiment is readily accessible. Analar level.

### The Process of Making Activated Carbon

The *Azadirachta indica* Bark L.-based activated carbon was sourced locally for essential components. After being cut into tiny pieces and dried, the material was rinsed with hot distilled water to get rid of any last bits of dirt. It was then impregnated with a strong sulfuric acid solution. A weight-to-acid volume ratio of 0.5:1 is applied to the material during impregnation. It was rinsed on a regular basis after the roasted material was cleaned with simple water until the pH reached a neutral level. The material was carbonised in a muffle furnace following 500 °C drying. In the end, activated carbon was produced by grinding and sieving it.

### Adsorption Studies

The dye solution consisted of 1000 mg/L of dye dissolved in the prescribed amount of water. This solution was used as the stock solution for all of the experimental investigations, using two different distilled waters and Methylene Blue colourant. For every investigation, double-distilled water was utilised. The training set methodology was employed in the adsorption testing. The iodine flask was once more filled with 100 mg of adsorbent and 100 ml of MBD at a predetermined concentration. Subsequently, the blend was repeatedly homogenised in a water bath that was temperature-controlled (Techno). Methylene Blue colourant concentration was measured using a spectrophotometer calibrated at 668 nm. The filtrate was consistently present, and the solutions were shook periodically. The examination is done once more.

$$\text{Adsorption capacity } q_e = \frac{(C_o - C_e)}{W} V \quad (1)$$

Where V represents the volume (mL) in the MBD solution, W is the weight (g) of the AIBAC (g),  $C_o$  is the starting point (mg/L) amount in the MBD solution, and  $C_e$  represents the final (mg/L) solution concentrations.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### The Effects of Adsorbent Quantity, pH, Time, and Contact

In the previously stated research, adsorbents with sizes ranging from 50 to 300 mg were employed. A 10 mg/L solution of Methylene Blue dye was added to 100 ml of a shaken well mixture in randomly selected volumes. Based on the results, it was found that a dosage of 100 mg, an agitation period of 100 min, and a pH of 10.0 were the perfect values to extract the maximum quantity of MBD solution.<sup>15</sup>

### Separation of the Initial Concentration and Temperature

The time at equilibrium was determined independently of the initial MBD ( $C_o$ ) concentration. The results are shown in Table-1 and indicate that an increase in the driving force of mass transfer causes an increase in the amount of MBD adsorbed ( $q_e$ ) when the starting concentration of MBD rises. Dissolving the initial concentration in an aqueous solution can successfully overcome mass transfer resistances in a solid medium.<sup>16</sup> Between 30 and 50 °C saw an increase in the proportion of MBD removal. The adsorption process's endothermic characteristic has been shown.

Table-1: Optimal Conditions and the Removal of MBD from AIBAC

| Primary conc. of MBD ( $C_o$ )mg/L | Equilibrium Conc. of MBD ( $C_e$ ), mg/L |        |        | Amount of MBD adsorbed at equilibrium ( $q_e$ ), mg/g |        |        | MBD Removal (%) by AIBAC |       |       |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                    | 30°C                                     | 40°C   | 50°C   | 30°C                                                  | 40°C   | 50°C   | 30°C                     | 40°C  | 50°C  |
| 10                                 | 2.227                                    | 1.318  | 0.864  | 7.773                                                 | 8.682  | 9.316  | 77.73                    | 86.82 | 91.36 |
| 20                                 | 7.182                                    | 5.818  | 5.364  | 12.818                                                | 14.182 | 14.636 | 64.09                    | 70.91 | 73.18 |
| 30                                 | 14.409                                   | 13.591 | 12.227 | 15.591                                                | 16.409 | 17.773 | 51.97                    | 54.70 | 59.24 |
| 40                                 | 22.227                                   | 20.182 | 17.682 | 17.773                                                | 19.818 | 22.318 | 44.43                    | 49.55 | 55.80 |
| 50                                 | 29.818                                   | 27.591 | 24.864 | 20.182                                                | 22.409 | 25.136 | 40.36                    | 44.82 | 50.27 |

### Adsorption Isotherms

The colourant is applied and examined using the Tempkin, Freundlich, and Langmuir isotherm systems. A 2017 study found the optimal link between the adsorption capacity ( $q_e$ ) in the rock-solid and fluid

phases and the adsorbate concentrations ( $C_e$ ) in the bulk fluid phase.<sup>17</sup> the linear version of the rearranged Langmuir model is shown below with reference to.<sup>18</sup>

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{1}{Q_0 b_L} + \frac{C_e}{Q_0} \quad (2)$$

Based on the plot's slope and intercept ( $C_e$ ) / ( $q_e$ ), the constants  $Q_0$  and  $b_L$  can be computed. The Freundlich equation's linear version is shown in the following.<sup>18</sup>

$$\log q_e = \log k_f + \frac{1}{n} \log C_e \quad (3)$$

The Langmuir constants  $Q_0$  and  $b_L$  are related to the monolayer adsorption energy (L/mg) and capability (mg/g) of the Freundlich isotherm, whereas the empirical constants of the isotherm have been attempted to be changed. The measurements indicate the adsorption force and capacity ( $\text{mg}^{-1} \text{1/n L 1/m g}^{-1}$ ) in accordance. The sort of final MBD concentration in solution is denoted by the abbreviation  $C_e$ . Figure-2 depicts the Freundlich adsorption isotherm,  $\log q_e$  vs.  $\log C_e$ , while Fig.-1 illustrates the Langmuir adsorption isotherm for MBD adsorption on AIBAC,  $C_e/q_e$  Vs.  $C_e$ . Lower temperatures may be preferable for adsorption, according to the monolayer adsorption capacity measurements ( $Q_0$ ), which increase with temperature. Because colours diffuse into AIBAC more quickly at lower temperatures, this finding makes sense. The adsorption energy indicates that. According to this study, high temperatures promote adsorption. At increasing temperature, there are actually only minor variations in the adsorption intensity ( $n$ ) values. The heat of adsorption is thought to be linear, as opposed to logarithmic, based on the Tempkin isotherm. This is a description of the linear Tempkin Isotherm model.<sup>19</sup>

$$q_e = \frac{RT}{b_r} \ln a_T + \frac{RT}{b_r} \ln \quad (4)$$

The universal gas constant ( $\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$ ) is denoted by  $R$ , while the adsorption heat is represented by  $b_r$ . Temperature (K), symmetry binding constant (L/mg) ( $a_T$ ), and ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) are all given by  $T$ . Together with  $q_e$  and  $\ln C_e$ , the Tempkin isotherm is displayed in Fig.-3. The MBD adsorption has been given to the binding free energy and adsorption heat, and the Tempkin constants  $a_T$  and  $b_T$  during binding constant values at equilibrium are obtained using the heat of adsorption, the intercepts, and the slope of the  $C_e$  plot. Table-2 displays the adsorption equilibrium data.

Table-2: Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC: The Outcomes from the Isotherm Model

| Temp. | Langmuir Isotherm |                 |                 | Freundlich Isotherm |       |       | Tempkin Isotherm |                                   |                 |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|       | $r^2$             | $Q_0$<br>(mg/g) | $b_L$<br>(L/mg) | $r^2$               | $k_f$ | $n$   | $r^2$            | $b_T$<br>( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) | $a_T$<br>(L/mg) |
| 30    | 0.994             | 23.009          | 0.181           | 0.996               | 5.991 | 2.789 | 0.994            | 10.586                            | 3.852           |
| 40    | 0.996             | 24.331          | 0.249           | 0.993               | 8.032 | 3.333 | 0.997            | 9.774                             | 6.988           |
| 50    | 0.979             | 27.473          | 0.257           | 0.989               | 9.253 | 3.339 | 0.958            | 10.382                            | 8.672           |

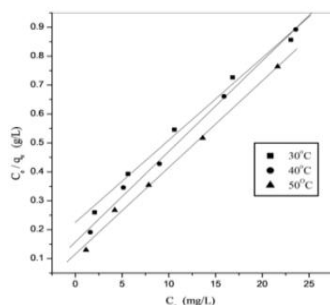


Fig.-1: Langmuir isotherm for the Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

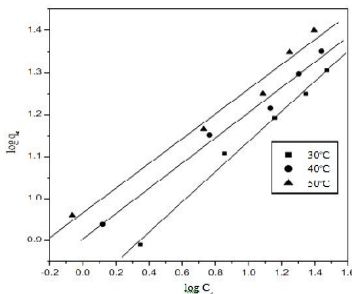


Fig.-2: Freundlich isotherm for the Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

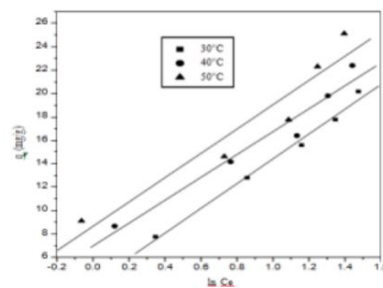


Fig.-3: Tempkin isotherm for the adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

### Thermodynamic Aspects

The modifications in entropy ( $G^\circ$ ), free energy ( $G^\circ$ ), and enthalpy ( $H^\circ$ ) have all been determined by utilising the thermodynamic equilibrium constant ( $K_o$ ) and ( $S^\circ$ ). According to the article's method<sup>20</sup> consistent values show the adsorption mechanism's equilibrium. Equations one and two above alter the fundamental concepts of thermodynamics.

$$\ln K_o = \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} - \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_o \quad (6)$$

The standard entropy change ( $J K^{-1} mol^{-1}$ ) is represented by  $\Delta S^\circ$ , the maximum change in infinite energy ( $k J mol^{-1}$ ) is represented by  $\Delta G^\circ$ , and the normal adsorption enthalpy is  $H^\circ$  ( $k J mol^{-1}$ ). The values  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  are obtained by plotting  $\ln K_o$  Vs  $1/T$  and examining the graph's slope and intercept. Table-3 displays the enthalpy, standard free energy, and equilibrium constants. These findings imply that a spike in temperature led to an endothermic adsorption, which in turn produced a jump in  $K_o$ . It is evident that the initial concentration of MBD increases with the standard free energy values. In support of the observation of spontaneous adsorption, standard free energy values were found to be negative. Enthalpy change values between 15 and 45 have been noted. These data demonstrated the endothermic nature of the physical contacts and adsorption process between the AIBAC and the MBD. The traditional entropy values for the adsorption of MBD on AIBAC were positive and varied from 50 to  $159 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}$ . It was found that the MBD adsorption on AIBAC significantly impacted the solid-solution interface.<sup>21</sup>

Table-3: Thermodynamic Parameters for the Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

| $C_o$<br>(mg/L) | $K_o$ |       |        | $\Delta G^\circ (kJ mol^{-1})$ |        |        | $\Delta H^\circ$<br>( $kJ mol^{-1}$ ) | $\Delta S^\circ$<br>( $JK^{-1} mol^{-1}$ ) |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                 | 30°C  | 40°C  | 50°C   | 30°C                           | 40°C   | 50°C   |                                       |                                            |
| 10              | 3.490 | 6.586 | 10.579 | -3.148                         | -4.905 | -6.335 | 45.170                                | 159.659                                    |
| 20              | 1.785 | 2.437 | 2.729  | -1.459                         | -2.319 | -2.696 | 17.351                                | 64.997                                     |
| 30              | 1.082 | 1.207 | 1.454  | -0.199                         | -0.490 | -1.004 | 11.972                                | 62.341                                     |
| 40              | 0.800 | 0.982 | 1.262  | -0.563                         | -0.047 | -0.625 | 18.549                                | 59.281                                     |
| 50              | 0.677 | 0.812 | 1.011  | -0.983                         | -0.547 | -0.029 | 15.963                                | 50.488                                     |

### Adsorption Equilibrium Investigate

A variety of kinetic models, such as the models of misleading first and second categories developed by Lagergren, are used to examine the data gathered from batch studies. Representing the characteristics of the integrated pseudo-first order kinetic form, the amounts of MBD adsorbed on AIBAC at equilibrium and time  $t$ , respectively, are represented by  $q_e$  and  $q_t$ , while the pseudo-first order rate constant ( $min^{-1}$ ) is shown by  $k_1$ . Since the adsorption is dominated by first-order kinetics, a regular approach between the two parameters,  $\log (q_e - q_t)$  and  $t$ , is thus expected. With the values of  $k_1$  and  $q_e$ , it is possible to evaluate the slope and intercept of the first-order plot. If first-order kinetics is unable to sufficiently explain the adsorption, a pseudo-second order kinetic model may be employed.

$$\log (q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - k_1 / 2.303 t \quad (7)$$

### The Representation of the Linear System for the Pseudo-Second Order Model is-

$$t/q_t = [(1/k_2 q_e^2) + (1/q_e)t] \quad (8)$$

$K_2$ , or  $g mg^{-1} min^{-1}$ , is the fictional second-order rate. A second-order plot's slope and intercept can be used to determine  $q_e$  and  $k_2$ , and a  $t / q_t$  graph and  $t$  should exhibit a linear connection if the adsorption follows second order. The kinetic data are shown in the first, and parameters of the second order in kinetics are thoughtfully shown in Tables-4 and 5. Between the calculated and experimental results, the pseudo-first order rate equation of adsorption capacity and the bogus second order paradigm agreed well. A strong correlation coefficient ( $r^2 = 0.999$ ) and modest relative variance in percentage terms characterise the experimental results for the adsorption of MBD in a pseudo-second order model. Based on the aforementioned results, a pseudo-second order model that matched a pseudo-first order model was used to obtain the correlation for dye adsorption.<sup>22,23</sup>

Table-4 and 5: Pseudo-first and Second Orders used to Account for the Absorption of MBD on AIBAC

| $C_o$<br>(mg/L) | $q_e$<br>(exp)<br>(mg/g) | Kinetic model        |                               |       |       |                      |                                                  |       |       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                 |                          | pseudo-first order   |                               |       |       | pseudo-second order  |                                                  |       |       |
|                 |                          | $q_e$<br>(cal)(mg/g) | $k_1$<br>(min <sup>-1</sup> ) | $r^2$ | P     | $q_e$<br>(cal)(mg/g) | $k_2$<br>(g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> ) | $r^2$ | P     |
| 10              | 7.727                    | 6.904                | 0.035                         | 0.926 | 10.65 | 9.585                | 0.004                                            | 0.976 | 19.41 |
| 20              | 12.818                   | 7.707                | 0.013                         | 0.947 | 39.87 | 15.291               | 0.002                                            | 0.919 | 16.17 |
| 30              | 15.591                   | 10.479               | 0.036                         | 0.876 | 32.79 | 17.513               | 0.004                                            | 0.991 | 10.98 |
| 40              | 17.773                   | 8.076                | 0.037                         | 0.993 | 54.56 | 19.121               | 0.007                                            | 0.999 | 7.05  |
| 50              | 20.182                   | 8.013                | 0.015                         | 0.928 | 60.29 | 21.786               | 0.004                                            | 0.982 | 7.37  |

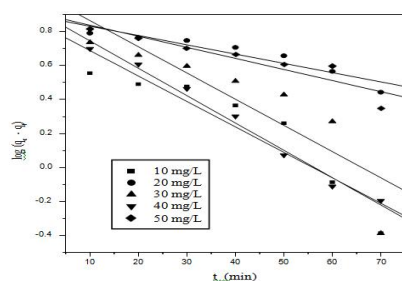


Fig.-4: Pseudo-first order kinetics for the adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

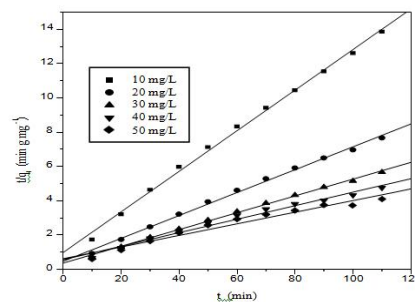


Fig.-5: Pseudo-second order kinetics for the adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

### Infrared Spectroscopic Fourier Transform Studies

The surface's functional groups and related chemical reactivity control the nano-sorbent's porosity and absorbable quantity. Molecules are attracted together when a related entity force is applied because of the imbalance between surface forces and internal pressure caused by this reactivity. Figure-6 displays the FT-IR spectra of AIBAC obtained before adsorption, which are used to assess the type and pattern of adsorption. There was a  $-OH$  group present, according to the AIBAC spectrum at  $3783\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . A peak at  $3409\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2922\text{ cm}^{-1}$  revealed the presence of the  $-CH$  of the alkane stretching group, while the  $N-H$  stretching of amines was detected at  $3409\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The region at  $1591\text{ cm}^{-1}$  showed the  $N-H$  bending of the carbonyl stretching group, and at  $1704\text{ cm}^{-1}$  the  $C=O$  stretching group. The region at  $1364\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicated the alkane group  $-CH$  stretching. The  $C-N$  stretching of aliphatic amines is demonstrated by the areas at  $1229\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1160\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $1116\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Indicated  $C-N$  Stretching of aliphatic amines. Therefore, the Presence of these active groups shows that the participation in the adsorption of dyes on AIBAC.

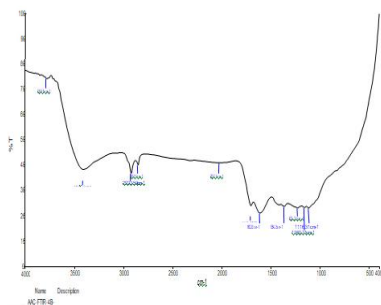


Fig.-6: FT-IR Spectrum before for Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

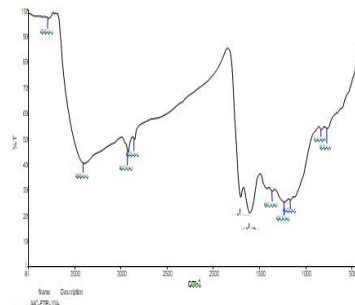


Fig.-7: FT-IR Spectrum after MBD has been adsorbed on AIBAC, Observed

### Studies that used the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

Figures-8 and 9 display scanning electron microscopy pictures of the Methylene Blue dye adsorption process on AIBAC before and after. This clearly showed that before adsorption, AIBAC had a porous structure. There are cave-like pores and openings on its adsorbent surface, which may increase the surface

area that is favourable for adsorption. SEM photos obtained after MBD adsorption clearly demonstrate that MBD has attached itself to the surfaces, pores, and caverns of AIBAC. The structure of AIBAC is changed with the adsorption of MBD, as has been abundantly shown.<sup>20, 21</sup>

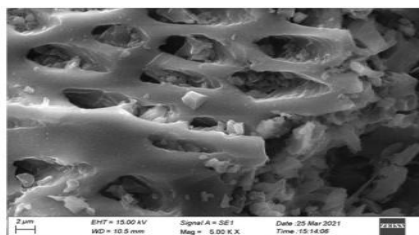


Fig.-8: SEM photograph before the adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

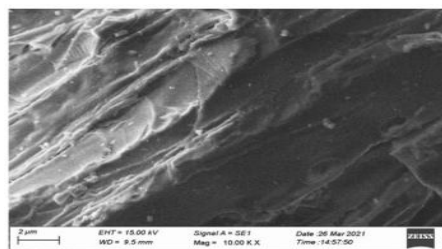


Fig.-9: SEM photograph after adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

### Instrumental Analysis

#### Brunauer Emmett Teller (BET) Analysis

BET theory is used to measure the surface area of solid or porous materials. Generally, it gives evidence on their physical structure, as the area of a material's surface affects how that solid material will interact with its environment. Bark L Activated Carbon (AIBAC) was subjected to BET analysis. The results are mentioned in Table-6 and Fig.-10 is given below.

Table-6: BET Analysis

| S. No. | Sample | Surface Area(m <sup>2</sup> /g) | Pore Volume(cc/g) | Pore Diameter(nm) |
|--------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1      | AIBAC  | 27.789                          | 0.031             | 2.190             |

The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm clearly showed a type - IV isotherms for both the activated carbon samples, which indicates the presence of the typical meso-porous nature of the carbon Materials as depicted in Fig.-10

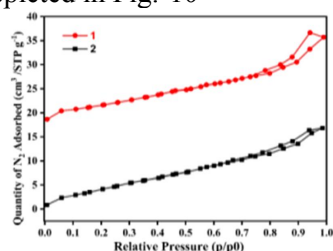


Fig.-10: BET Analysis

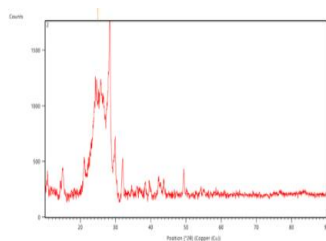


Fig.-11: Powder-XRD Pattern before the Adsorption of AIBAC

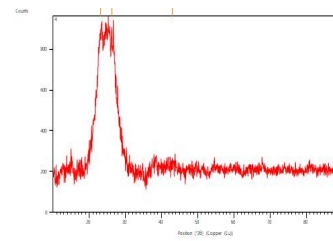


Fig.-12: Powder- XRD Pattern after a Desorption of MBD onto VUSSAC

#### Powder X-ray Diffraction (P-XRD) Study

The P - XRD (XPRT-3) studies of all the activated carbons before and after adsorption have been conducted. It also provides useful information about structure, shape, size, and crystallinity. The Powder XRD studies are given below.<sup>22</sup>

Table-7: Powder XRD Pattern before Adsorption of AIBAC

| Pos. [°2θ] | Height [cts] | FWHM Left [°2θ] | d-spacing [Å] | Rel. Int. [%] |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 25.5629    | 1785.00      | 7.8336          | 3.48185       | 100.00        |

The P-XRD results are tabulated and Fig.-11 Based on the results, the following observations are obtained. The P-XRD data showed that the peak at 25.5629 confirmed the activated carbon peak, and the distorted peaks were observed, showing an amorphous nature of the adsorbent. Therefore, it concludes that the peak position of AIBAC is defined by the temperature at 500 °C. The small intensity peaks were showing the some active functional groups are present in the AIBAC, which are responsible for adsorption. The P-XRD results are tabulated and Fig.-12. Based on the results, the following observations are obtained. The

P-XRD data showed that the peak at 23.1162 confirmed the activated carbon peak, and 26.2752 and 42.9347 confirmed the absorption of MBD and also distorted peaks were observed, which showed has an amorphous nature of the adsorbent. The small intensity peaks were not much shown, which indicated the adsorption of MBD onto AIBAC.

Table-8: Powder XRD Pattern after Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

| Pos.[°2θ] | Height[cts] | FWHMLeft[°2θ] | d-spacing[Å] | Rel. Int. [%] |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 23.1162   | 1672.93     | 2.6765        | 3.84773      | 100.00        |
| 26.2752   | 1651.12     | 2.6765        | 3.39186      | 98.70         |
| 42.9347   | 143.11      | 5.3530        | 2.10655      | 8.55          |

### Atomic Force Microscopic (AFM) Study

AFM studies were done before and after the adsorption of dyes onto activated carbons. The AFM technique enables the imaging of almost any type of surface of the materials. The AFM topographical Fig.-13 and Fig.-14 is given below. The surface area (Sa) of the activated carbon VUSSAC before adsorption is 10.273 nm.<sup>23,24</sup>

Table-9: Powder XRD Pattern after Adsorption of MBD on AIBAC

| S. No. | Topography | Sa (nm) |
|--------|------------|---------|
| 1.     | AIBAC      | 52.216  |
| 2.     | AIBAC+MBD  | 20.185  |

The tabulated Sa values concluded that, after adsorption of MBD onto AIBAC were considerably reduced. This is evident from the AFM topographical From AFM studies, it is concluded that the surface of the activated carbons is covered by the dye molecules.

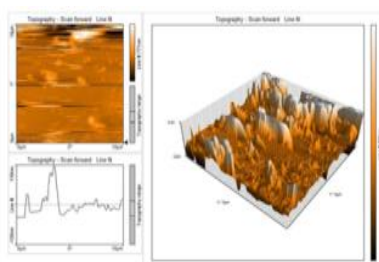


Fig.-13: AFM Study of before Adsorption of AIBAC

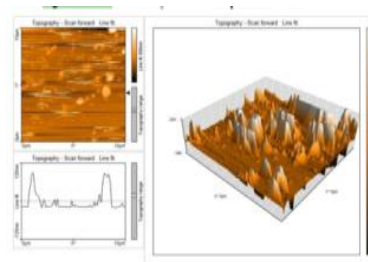


Fig.-14: AFM Study of the after Adsorption of MBD onto AIBAC

### CONCLUSION

*Azadirachta indica* L Bark Activated Carbon (AIBAC) is one readily available, cheap to run and environmentally benign material that can be employed exclusively as an adsorbent to remove MBD from aqueous solutions. The solution's ideal pH is 10.0, its ideal contact time is 120 minutes, and its recommended adsorbent dosage is 100 mg in order to remove MBD. The adsorption capabilities of AIBAC-MBD were illustrated by the adsorption isotherm models that were supplied. FT-IR and SEM data are used to explain the MBD adsorption process. Compared to the pseudo-first order kinetic model, the pseudo-second order kinetic system shows better agreement. The amount of MBD that was eliminated increased from 30 to 50°C.

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