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DETAILS OF THE INAUGURATION SESSION

Time	Speaker	Position and Affiliation
16:00-16:05	Dr. Hirok Chaudhuri Introduction to the theme of the conference	SPoC BRICS, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India; Member of NCC (BRICS-India); Member of ITG (BRICS NUs); Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Center for Research on Environment and Water National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India
16:05-16:10	Prof. Y. M. Joshi	Dean of International Relations, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India
16:10-16:20	Prof. Anupam Basu	Director National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India
16:20-16:30	Prof. Abhay Karandikar	Director Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India
16:30-16:40	Prof. Faizal Bux BRICS ITG: Water Resources and Pollution Treatment	BRICS NUs ITG Chair Professor Director Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology, Durban University of Technology, South Africa
16:40-17:00	Prof. Vinod Tare Title of the Talk: “Arth Ganga” – River Conservation Synchronised Development: A Key Concept in Managing River Basins and Water Resources	Former BRICS NUs ITG Chair Professor, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India
17:00-17:05	Dr. Supriya Pal Vote of thanks	Member of ITG (BRICS NUs); Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India

BREAK – 17:05-17:15 (10 minutes)

PROGRAMME : DETAILS OF THE ACADEMIC SESSION

Time	Abstract Id	Title of the Talk	Speaker	Country	Page No.
DAY-1 (July 6, 2021)					
16:40-17:00		Prof. Vinod Tare, Former BRICS NUs ITG Chair Professor, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India			
Title of the Talk: “Arth Ganga” – River Conservation Synchronised Development: A Key Concept in Managing River Basins and Water Resources					
Session –I Chairperson : Dr. Supriya Pal, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India,					
17:15-17:35	IT 1	Application of wastewater based epidemiology for monitoring of covid19 infections : A South African context	Prof. Faizal Bux	South Africa	28-29
17:35-17:55	IT 2	Photocatalysis for wastewater treatment: engineering consideration and perspectives	Prof. Dawei Wang	China	30
17:55-18:15	IT 3	Adapting green and blue infrastructure to the built environment: benefits, perspectives and challenges	Prof. Nilo Nascimento	Brazil	31-32
Session –II Chairperson : Prof. Faizal Bux, Director, Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology, Durban University of Technology, South Africa,					
18:20-18:40	IT 4	Study on distribution and treatment of typical antibiotics in Poyang Lake Basin, China	Dr. Jiale Li	China	34-35
18:40-18:50	CT 1	Assessing spatial distribution of COVID-19 prevalence in Brazil using decentralised sewage monitoring	Dr. Cesar Rossas Mota Filho	Brazil	36-37
18:50-19:00	CT-2	Microbial interaction with microplastic in water and wastewater environments	Dr. Sheena Kumari	South Africa	38-39
19:00-19:10	CT-3	Highly porous silicotitaniumphosphate material and its application for toxic ion adsorption from wastewater	Dr. Nabanita Pal	India	40-41
Session –III Chairperson : Prof. Nilo Nascimento, Professor, Department of Hydraulic and Water Resources Engineering Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil,					
19:15-19:35	IT 5	Environmental Geotechnics: Some Case Studies	Dr. Supriya Pal	India	43-44
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19:45-19:55	CT-5	Mapping of Groundwater Quality and Consumption Pattern of a Community Development Block of Jharkhand State in India	Dr. Abhik Chatterjee	India	48-49
19:55-20:05	CT-6	Identification of geosystem services to attenuate water pollution as a counter to water scarcity aftermaths	Mr. Aakash Mohan Rawat	India	50-51
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DAY-2 (July 7, 2021)					
Session –IV Chairperson : Prof. Kalyan Adhikari, HOD,					

Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, NIT, Durgapur,					
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16:20-16:30	CT-8	Modelling of Jojari river in semi-arid western Rajasthan, India using the geospatial techniques and 1D flow model analysis	Mr. Himanchal Bhardwaj	India	56-57
16:30-16:40	CT-9	Spatiotemporal distribution and sources of inorganic nitrogen in shallow groundwater of Poyang Lake Basin, China	Dr. Yihui Dong	China	58-59
16:40-16:50	CT-10	Wastewater beneficiation using algal biomass	Dr. Ismail Rawat	South Africa	60-61
16:50-17:00	CT-11	Threatened water supply reservoirs: monitoring and modelling tools to support sustainable management".	Dr. Talita Silva	Brazil	62-63
17:00-17:10	CT-12	Radioactive survey on waterbodies of Durgapur industrial city, India	Ms. Suvashree Mukherjee	India	64-65
BREAK – 17:10-17:20 (10 minutes)					
Session –V Chairperson : Prof. Pathik Kumbhakar, Dean Academic Research, NIT, Durgapur, Professor, Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India,					
17:20-17:40	IT 7	Impact of climate change on water resources in s semi-arid river basin: Management options and adaptation strategies	Prof. Yali Woyessa	South Africa	67-68
17:40-18:00	IT 8	Simulation of secondary mineral formation from water of Obskoye fen affected by municipal sewage	Dr. Evgeniya Soldatova	Russia	69-70
18:00-18:20	IT 9	Hydrological perspectives on rainfall-runoff models and remote sensing applications driven by environmentally integrated basin experiments in Brazil	Prof. Otto Corrêa Rotunno Filho	Brazil	71-72
Session –VI Chairperson : Prof. Kashyap Dubey Associate Professor, School of Biotechnology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India,					
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18:45-18:55	CT-13	Application of Biofilm reactor in the treatment of swine wastewater	Dr. Zebing Li	China	76-77
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Session –VII Chairperson : Prof. R. N. Saha, Professor, HOD, Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India,					
19:30-19:50	IT 11	Synthesis of triphase mesoporous TiO ₂ photocatalyst for degradation of organic pollutants in wastewater	Dr. Hirok Chaudhuri	India	85-86
19:50-20:00	CT-17	Towards groundwater monitoring using satellite and ground-based observations in Brazil	Mr. Clyvikh Renna Camacho	Brazil	87-88
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16:00-17:15	BRICS ITG Meeting (only for the members of the ITG) Chairperson: Prof. Faizal Bux, BRICS ITG Chair, Director, Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology, Durban University of Technology, South Africa				
BREAK – 17:15-17:30 (15 minutes)					
Session –VIII Chairperson : Dr. Evgeniya Soldatova, Senior Researcher, Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry and Analytical Chemistry of RAS, Moscow,					
17:30-17:50	IT 12	Photo-catalytic membrane separator-reactor for cleaning persistent contaminants in wastewater	Dr. Mrinal Kanti Mandal	India	93-94
17:50-18:00	CT-19	Atmospheric profile evaluation using radiosondes and MODIS satellite products over the city of Rio de Janeiro - RJ - Brazil	Ms. Louise Caroline Carvalho dos Santos	Brazil	95-96
18:00-18:10	CT-20	COVID 19: Blessings or hazard to the water quality	Dr. Trina Dutta	India	97-98
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18:15-18:35	IT-13	Strategies for treatment of hospital wastewater using integrated technology	Prof. Kashyap Dubey	India	100-101
18:35-18:45	CT-21	Removal of Chromium (VI) from Aqueous Solution Using Low Cost Bio-Adsorbents : A comparison on performances, Isotherms and Kinetics	Prof. Radha Das	India	102-103
18:45-18:55	CT-22	Comparative study of water analysis kits for evaluating fluoride removal using Potash Alum modified salty clay ceramic filters in Pali district, Rajasthan, India	Mr. Sunil Duhan	India	104-105
Session –X Chairperson : Dr. Mrinal Kanti Mandal, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, India,					
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19:10-19:20	CT-24	Defluoridation of Water using Ion-Exchange Resin	Mr. Debdas Chowdhury	India	109-110
19:20-19:30	CT-25	Water scarcity challenges & alternative	Ms. Sritama Chatterjee	India	111-112
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In recent time BRICS nations are facing a crisis on freshwater resources and also dealing with water pollution. Water must be treated and supplied according to usage with a focus on economic efficiency and environmental sustainability. Against this backdrop, an International Conference has been organized. The conference will see a convergence of renowned experts and research students from BRICS countries. Researchers will deliberate and discuss various water-related issues. The conference will provide an interactive platform for enormous brainstorming and sharing path breaking ideas for sustainable water resources management and pollution treatment. This is a continuation of the series of conferences related to BRICS ITG held at (i) Ural Federal University in Yekaterinburg, Russia in 2016 (ii) National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia in 2016, (iii) Hohai University, China in 2018, (iv) Stellenbosch University, South Africa in 2018.

MAJOR THEME

- **Water Scarcity Challenges Ahead**
- **Surface and Ground Water Management**
- **Extreme Climate Event-Drought and Flood**
- **River basin management**
- **IoT enabled water resource management system**
- **Water Supply and Treatment**
- **Clean Water**
- **Wastewater Treatment Technology**
- **New materials for wastewater treatment**
- **Mathematical modelling related to water resource management**
- **Waste Containment Structures for water resource management**
- **Wastewater based epidemiology and Covid-19**



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ABOUT THE ORGANIZING INSTITUTE

National Institute of Technology Durgapur:

NIT Durgapur is an academic institute of national importance under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. It was established in 1960 as Regional Engineering College at Durgapur, West Bengal state and converted to NIT in 2002 under an act of the Parliament of India. It hosts several engineering, science, management and humanities disciplines for UG, PG and Ph D students from India and abroad. NIT Durgapur is a partner institute of BRICS Network University under the thematic area “Water Resources and Pollution Treatment”.

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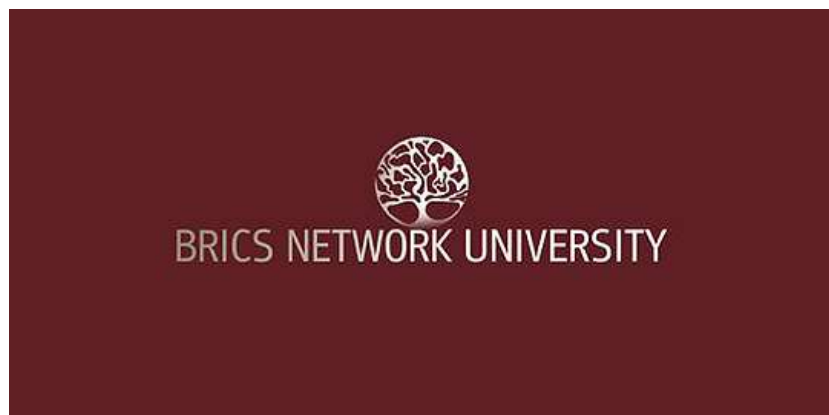
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur:

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, established in 1959, is one of the premier institutions established by the Government of India. The aim of the Institute is to provide meaningful education, conduct original research of the highest standard and to provide leadership in technological innovation. The globally acclaimed education at IIT Kanpur prepares the Indian students and international students for exciting careers all over the world. The education develops a critical thinking led approach and imparts knowledge in science, engineering, management and humanities fields to solve problems that challenge humanity. Researchers at IIT Kanpur do cutting edge research in their area. There is great synergy between the fundamental research and applied research done at IITK. Its alumni and faculty have won many international awards.

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HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BRICS NETWORK UNIVERSITY



For historical, economic, and political reasons, the universities of BRICS countries have not yet developed strong collaboration. Trying to cover this gap, the Ministries of Education of BRICS countries implemented in 2015 the BRICS Network University (BRICS NU).

Involving some of the top universities in the five BRICS countries, the objectives of this network are:

- in the short term, enhance the academic collaboration between universities of the five countries through joint-researches and mobility of students and scholars;
- in the middle-term, create joint Graduate programs issuing diplomas that will be valid for the five countries, and prepare high-qualified staff for the BRICS multilateral institutions;
- in the long-term, enhance scientific development according to the necessities of non-central countries; in this sense, it may contribute to “reshaping the world knowledge”. BRICS NU is organized in six strategic axes (<https://nu-brics.ru>):

- **BRICS studies**
- **Computer science and informational security**
- **Ecology and climate change**
- **Economics**
- **Energy**
- **Water resources and pollution treatment**



- Promote educational cooperation among all BRICS universities and education institutions.
- Promoting the BRICS Network University research collaborations to foster productivity, innovation, economic growth and well-being.

ABOUT THE BRICS ITG : WATER RESOURCES AND POLLUTION TREATMENT

International Thematic Group



WATER RESOURCES AND POLLUTION TREATMENT

BRICS Network Universities was developed in the BRICS 7th summit in Russia in July 2015, under a Russian proposal of the establishment of BRICS NU, which was written into Ufa Declaration. The International Thematic Group (ITG) purpose is to develop theoretical and practical knowledge about water resources and the methods of pollution treatment.

In particular, the ITG is aimed at:

- developing joint educational and professional training programs on protection of water resources and pollution treatment tailored to the BRICS countries;
- conducting research on the formation of water resources and the origin of groundwater and surface water composition in the BRICS countries;
- developing rational methods of natural and wastewater treatment and water conservation.

Member Universities of BRICS NUs

- Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil)
- Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- Tomsk Polytechnic University (Russia)
- Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- National Institute of Technology Durgapur (India)
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (India)
- Hohai University (China)
- North China University of Water Resources and Electric Power (China)
- Durban University of Technology (South Africa)
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SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF NIT DURGAPUR UNDER BRICS STI FRAMEWORK

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East China University of Technology, China



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Maithon Dam, India



DPL Canal



Nunia river, Raniganj



ECUT, China and TPU, Russia Team at India with NIT Durgapur



Ajoy river, Joydey



Durgapur barrage
(Damodar river)



Mukutmanipur dam
(Kangsabati river)



Mukutmanipur dam
(Kangsabati river)



NIT Durgapur Team at China with
ECUT, China and TPU, Russia

NIT Durgapur Team at Russia with TPU, Russia



DAY – 1 (JULY 6, 2021)



Inauguration session

Dr. Hirok Chaudhuri

Dr. Hirok Chaudhuri is presently working as an Associate Professor at Physics Department, NIT Durgapur (NITD). He is also acting as an adjunct faculty and joint coordinator of Center for Research on Environment and Water at NITD. He is the founder coordinator of the Science Museum at NITD. He performed Post-Doctoral research activity at VECC (a unit of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India) Kolkata, India. He completed his Ph D Thesis work from Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, India. Dr. Chaudhuri received several awards as a young scientist. He was selected as a Fellow of Earth Science Society of India in 2015. He is also working as an invited member of the International Thematic Group of the BRICS Network University Programme on Water Resources and Pollution Treatment. Dr. Chaudhuri received Visiting Scientist Fellowship from Govt. of India, Department of Atomic Energy at VECC, Kolkata. He was also awarded by ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation), India in 2009 for his major contribution in R & D Activity on the country's first Pressure Swing Adsorption based Prototype Helium Purification Plant at ONGC's Kuthalam GCS, Tamilnadu. He received National Scholarship from the Government of West Bengal, Education Department, India in the year 1996.



Dr. Chaudhuri has a long-term working experience in the research areas:

Geochemical Precursors for Earthquakes, Geothermal Exploration, Helium Exploration, Environmental Radioactivity, Nonlinear Dynamics. Recently he started research activities in the field of **Wastewater Treatment using nano-technology**. Presently he is working as investigators of three research projects (both national and international status) and two academic and societal development projects. Dr. Chaudhuri successfully completed three research projects funded by Govt. of India MHRD, SERB, DST. He has several research publications (more than 40 publications) in Peer Reviewed International and National SCI, Scopus and Web of Science indexed Journals and monographs as book chapters. He is also working as a mentor for Research Student for Ph D Thesis work and M. Tech (Advanced Material Science and Technology) and M. Sc. (Physics) Project Thesis work. Dr. Chaudhuri delivers lectures in B. Tech., M. Tech (Advanced Material Science and Technology) and M. Sc. (Physics) levels and also for Ph D course work. He delivered more than 45 invited talk at different parts of the globe. He is also working as Reviewer in reputed international journals.

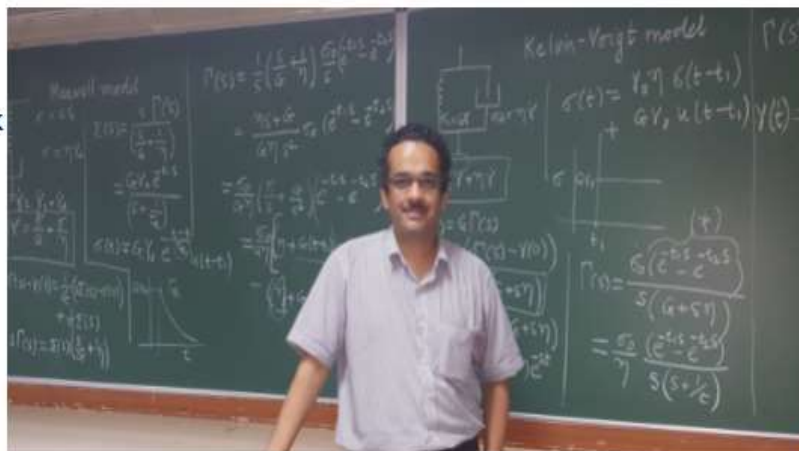
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**Breif Overview**

Our group is interested in understanding physical behavior and dynamics of structured fluids. We combine expertise from Chemical Engineering, Physics, Chemistry and Materials Science to understand molecular phenomena that is responsible for the flow behavior. Major thrust area of our group is to understand ageing and effect of deformation on the variety of soft glassy materials such as concentrated suspensions, glassy polymers and polymer nanocomposites. Common theme in all these systems is their jammed state wherein primary entity (particle or molecular segment) is physically arrested due to overall crowding of constituents. In such state, system explores only a small part of the phase space thereby leading to a glassy behavior. Recently we showed that how rheological characterization can give profound insight into the ageing of colloidal glasses compared to that of colloidal gels. We also investigated effect of deformation on the ageing suspensions and how influence of the same on relaxation dynamics can be used to predict long time rheological behavior of these materials. We are also involved in understanding rheological behavior of discotic nematic suspensions, particularly their intriguing flow behaviors that are industrially very important.

Main research area

- Structure and dynamics of Colloidal Glasses and Gels
- Soft Matter
- Rheology of Complex Fluids
- Polymer Science and Engineering, Polymer Nanocomposites

Prof. Anupam Basu

Prof. Anupam Basu, is the Director of National Institute of Technology, Durgapur and is Professor-on-lien, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Kharagpur. He is an active researcher in the areas of Cognitive and Intelligent Systems, Embedded Systems and Language Processing, He has led a number of projects for Technology Enabled Education, including School Education and education for those with Physical Disabilities. He has also taught at the University of California at Irvine and at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

He has acted as the Chairperson of the AICTE Curriculum revision committee for Computer Science & Engineering. He has served in several committees of the Govt. of India and those in the State of West Bengal.



Education:

- **Ph.D.** in Expert System for Control System Design, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, India 1988.
- **M.Eng.** in Computer Engineering with **1st class Honours (First Class 2nd)**, Jadavpur University, India, 1982.
- **B.Eng.** in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering, **1st class Honours** Jadavpur University, India, 1980.
- **HSC** from St. Lawrence High School, Kolkata, India, 1975 (22nd in the combined merit list of West Bengal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, India).

Honours:

- **State Award for Best Innovator for Improving Life of Physically Challenged Community**, Ministry of Social Welfare, West Bengal Government, 2014
- **NCPEDP-Mphasis Universal Design Award 2011** for contributions in design for disabled, National Council for Promotion of Employment of disabled Persons, India and HP, USA
- **National Award for Technology Development for Empowering Persons with Disability 2007**, Ministry of Social Justice and Youth Empowerment, Government of India.
- **Da Vinci Award 2004** for Best Technology and Communication by Speech Impaired and People with Cerebral Palsy 2004, Engineering Society of Detroit & Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan, USA.
- **Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering**, 2000, Indian National Academy of Engineering
- **Humboldt Fellowship 1997**, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung.
- **Jaycee Award** for Outstanding Persons for Research in Assistive System 1996, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce
- **Young Scientist Research Award 1992**, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

Prof. Abhay Karandikar

Prof. Abhay Karandikar is currently serving as the Director of IIT Kanpur. Earlier, he was the Dean (Faculty Affairs) and the Institute Chair Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at IIT Bombay. He has been instrumental in developing many pathbreaking technologies and has been at the forefront of several large initiatives both at the institute and the national level. He is the founding member and chairman of the Telecom Standards Development Society of India (TSDSI), India's standards body for telecom. He has also served as the coordinator of Tata Teleservices IIT Bombay Center of Excellence in Telecommunications (TICET) and the National Center of Excellence in Technology for Internal Security.



Prof. Abhay Karandikar received his M. Tech. and then a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from IIT Kanpur in 1988 and 1994, respectively. Prof. Karandikar's current research interests include frugal 5G and rural broadband, device to device communication, software defined networking, network function virtualization and 5G core network, and quality of service and resource allocation in wired/wireless networks. His large research group comprises research scientists, engineers, scholars and senior managers. They have together developed several pathbreaking technologies. These include Linux based MPLS router, Emergency Communication System for Force 1, Low Cost Cellular Backhaul for Rural Access (CeBRA), Mobile Social Networking Platform (MSNP) and several others. In 2002, he co-founded and incubated Eisodus Networks in IIT Bombay's business incubator. The aim was to develop metro Ethernet switch for broadband access network. Later, the company secured investors' funding and in 2007, became a part of Tejas Networks.

Achievements and Honors

- Mozilla Open Innovations Challenge for the Gram Marg solution for Rural Broadband, 2017.
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“Arth Ganga” – River Conservation Synchronised Development: A Key Concept in Managing River Basins and Water Resources

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India's rapid development and integration with the world in recent decades had brought to fore some of her social and environmental weaknesses. Three key initiatives of the Indian government in the water sector – Namami Gange, Swachh Bharat, and Jal Jeevan programmes – have attempted to address these issues through a powerful concept of “Arth Ganga” – River Conservation Synchronised Development. The Namami Gange programme focuses on restoring and conserving the Ganga River (and other Indian rivers) through an inclusive, comprehensive, basin-wide approach involving the revival and conservation of large and small tributaries and waterbodies in the river basin and with people's participation. The Swachh Bharat programme focuses on universal sanitation, emphasizing open-defecation-free practice through the provision of universal household and community toilets. The Jal Jeevan Mission targets providing piped water supply to all households, rural and urban. Though the goals of each mission are technically different, taken together the three flagship programmes of the Jalshakti Ministry can complement each other in ensuring a holistic approach in national water management through balanced emphasis on ecological integrity, socio-cultural strengthening, environmental safety, human health, and water security. Such integration depends on the overarching consideration of long-term water and environmental security in deciding the nitty-gritty of each programme and developing them accordingly. Some key factors, bottlenecks and options are discussed in order to enable an integrated and holistic outcome from the three programmes.

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Session – I

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Wastewater based epidemiology for monitoring COVID-19 infections in KwaZulu-Natal Province of South Africa

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Abstract:

Wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE) has gained traction as a cost-effective approach, complimentary to the expensive, conventional clinical-based surveillance and screening. The WBE approach captures every category of infected individual, whereas with clinical testing and contact tracing many infected people may be overlooked, and their contacts not traced. WBE has been successfully used for COVID-19 surveillance in several countries, including U.S., Europe, Asia, and Australia, Brazil (Medema et al., 2020; Randazzo et al., 2020; Ahmed et al., 2020; Serchan et al., 2020). Four wastewater treatment plants in the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg were selected for the study. Untreated wastewater samples were taken weekly from June to December 2020. In 2021, only one plant in Durban was sampled. Using advanced droplet digital PCR platform, the SARS-CoV-2 viral load was determined and correlated with the clinical cases to ascertain the applicability of this approach. An increase in viral load from over 41 000 copies/mL on the 22nd of September to 240 000 copies/mL on the 29th of September was observed. This increase in SARS-CoV-2 viral load was observed to precede the corresponding increase in COVID-19 clinical cases by almost two weeks. It was also observed that easing of lockdown regulations resulted in increase in viral loads within the wastewater samples. In similar fashion, SARS-CoV-2 viral concentrations began to increase from 11th May 2021. These findings were three weeks before official acknowledgement of the third wave and were widely reported in the media from the 1st of June 2021. The findings from this study, which is still ongoing, indicates that WBE is a useful tool for monitoring COVID-19 infections. It (WBE) could significantly improve health authorities' preparedness by serving as an early warning, as observed in this study prior to the second and third infection waves in the province.

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Photocatalysis for wastewater treatment: engineering consideration and perspectives

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Abstract:

The debate on whether photocatalysis can reach full maturity at commercial level as an effective and economical process for treatment and purification of water and wastewater has recently intensified. Despite a bloom of scientific investigations in the last 30 years, particularly with regards to innovative photocatalytic materials, photocatalysis has so far seen a few industrial applications. Regardless of the points of view, it has been realized that research on reactor design and modeling are now equally urgent to match the extensive research carried out on innovative photocatalytic materials. In reality, the development of photocatalytic reactors has advanced steadily in terms of modeling and reactor design over the last two decades, though this topic has captured a smaller specialized audience. In this critical review, we introduce the latest developments on photocatalytic reactors for water treatment from an engineering perspective. The focus is on the modeling and design of photocatalytic reactors for water treatment at pilot- or at greater scale. Photocatalytic reactors utilizing both natural sunlight and UV irradiation sources are comprehensively discussed. The most promising photoreactor designs and models are examined giving key design guidelines. Other engineering considerations, such as operation, cost analysis, patents, and several industrial applications of photocatalytic reactors for water treatment are also presented. The dissemination of key photocatalytic reactor design principles among the scientific community and the water industry is currently one of the greatest obstacles in translating PWT research into widespread real-world application.

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IT 3

Adapting green and blue infrastructure to the built environment: benefits, perspectives and challenges

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Abstract:

Green and blue infrastructure (GBI) usually refers to the association of urban water management concepts such as water sensitive urban design (WSUD) and low impact development (LID) with concepts of green-blue corridors and urban forests providing connectivity between protected areas and promoting biodiversity, among other functions. GBI, frequently reported as an approach able to decisively contribute to the sustainability of urban water management (Maes et al., 2014, Rosa et al, 2020), aims to protect the environment, both the “green” (e.g. forests, parks, urban vegetation, grass, bushes, etc....) and the “blue” (e.g. ponds, creeks, lakes, reservoirs, rivers, etc.), with several associated benefits such as: (i) reducing natural risks as flooding and land sliding; (ii) mitigating environmental impacts of urbanisation, agricultural, industrial and mining activities; (iii) mitigating impacts of urbanization on the local climate, as it is the case of heat islands, through a considerable increase on the presence of trees and green spaces in urban areas; (iv) promoting connectivity, integrating urban and protect areas within metropolitan regions; (v) restoring and protecting riparian areas, water sources and recharge areas and steep hilltops; (vi) promoting biodiversity by improving the ecological state of urban and metropolitan areas and recovering ecological continuity; (vii) making cities more resilient to climate change.

Nevertheless, one of the main challenges of adopting GBI approaches relates to the fact that the core of big cities is frequently composed by already built and densely occupied urban areas (e.g.: Romnée et al, 2015; Baek et al, 2015, Rosa et al, 2020). Particularly in the developing world, existing stormwater infrastructure has frequently been built according to conventional approaches. This leads to low adaptability in a changing world where pressures due to climate change and population growth require more flexible and adaptable approaches on urban development and sustainable resources management (Juntti et al, 2021). In the present paper, we describe results of on-going research projects on adapting GBI to built areas, using as case studies urban catchments in the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

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Study on distribution and treatment of typical antibiotics in Poyang Lake Basin, China

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Abstract:

Antibiotic plays an important role not only in animal husbandry and aquaculture but also in the treatment and prevention of human diseases. Due to the mass production and use of antibiotics, there is much antibiotic wastewater in Poyang Lake Basin which is located in the Southeast of China. This research shows that, Sulfonamides and quinolones were frequently detected in the water around Poyang Lake, and the concentration of sulfonamides could reach $\mu\text{g/L}$ level, while the concentration of quinolones and tetracyclines macrolides was low or not detected. The highest concentration in wastewater could reach 47460.68 ng/L, and the highest concentration of river water was 1861.53 ng/L. In the groundwater samples, the highest concentration was 2589.07 ng/L^[1].

$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}$ composites with activated carbor as carrier and Fe_3O_4 as catalyst were prepared by hydrothermal synthesis. The decomposition efficiency of Sulfamethoxazole (SMX) is stronger in an alkaline environment of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{persulfate}$ system ($\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{PS}$). Periodic experiments show that $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}$ has excellent catalytic stability and can be reused. NO_3^- , HCO_3^- , Cl^- , and humic acid (HA) have been shown to interfere with the removal of SMX by the $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{PS}$. The inhibitory intensity did not clearly increase with increasing NO_3^- concentration, HCO_3^- can significantly reduce SMX degradation, Cl^- has no apparent inhibitory effect on SMX removal in the $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{PS}$. With the addition of HA, the efficiency of SMX removal by the $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{PS}$ system has also dropped. $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{PAC}/\text{PS}$ may accelerate the removal of SMX in the presence of heavy metal pollutants (Zn, Cu, Ni) in the water. It was found that the removal rate of SMX increased with increasing metal concentration by adding different concentrations of heavy metals^[2].

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CT 1

Assessing spatial distribution of COVID-19 prevalence in Brazil using decentralised sewage monitoring

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Brazil has become one of the epicentres of the COVID-19 pandemic, with cases heavily concentrated in large cities. Testing data is extremely limited and unreliable, which restricts health authorities' ability to deal with the pandemic. Given the stark demographic, social and economic heterogeneities within Brazilian cities, it is important to identify hotspots so that the limited resources available can have the greatest impact. This study shows that decentralised monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in sewage can be used to assess the distribution of COVID-19 prevalence in the city. The methodology developed in this study allowed the identification of hotspots by comprehensively monitoring sewers distributed through Belo Horizonte, Brazil's third largest city. Our results show that the most vulnerable neighbourhoods in the city were the hardest hit by the pandemic, indicating that, for many Brazilians, the situation is much worse than reported by official figures.

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Microplastics (MPs) are contaminants of emerging concern, due to the widely reported threat of these contaminants to aquatic biota. Several sources could account for the presence of these contaminants in the environment. One significant source of MPs is municipal wastewater sludge and effluents with a direct potential to impact recipient water bodies and land through reuse of treated wastewater, a practice increasingly suggested worldwide and gaining prominence in South Africa. When MNPs are released into the aquatic environment, a coating of both organic and inorganic substances is formed. Subsequently there is the formation of biofilms on its surface within minutes to hours. These biofilms can be made up of phylogenetically and functionally diverse communities of bacteria, algae, protozoans, and fungi. These biofilms provide numerous advantages for competition and survival strategies, including possibilities for forming stable consortia, horizontal gene exchange, accumulation of nutrients, and protection against toxic substances and desiccation. This study therefore focused on the following areas: the identification and characterisation of MPs in wastewater in Durban, South Africa. To evaluate the removal of these MPs during wastewater treatment. To determine the conditions that may facilitate the formation of biofilms on these MPs and to profile the microbial community attached to MPs both in a laboratory scale experiments and in full-scale wastewater treatment plants.

Two wastewater treatment plants in Durban were selected for this project. Selection was based on the type of wastewater treated (treating domestic wastewater and the other industrial wastewater) and treatment configuration. A modified methodology was used to identify and quantify the MPs in the wastewater samples. To determine the ideal conditions for bacterial/biofilm attachment, different types of MPs were exposed to wastewater under varying conditions of temperature, time, oxygen content and surface structure. Untreated wastewater within the city of Durban was found to contain over 43 000 particles of MPs per liter of wastewater. These MPs were determined through Pyro-GC/MS analysis to polyvinyl chloride (5.6 µg/mg), polyethylene (1.3 µg/mg), polypropylene (1.3 µg/mg), polystyrene (0.12 µg/mg) and polyamide (4.3 µg/mg), with the predominant shapes of fragments, fibers, beads and films. The treatment plants were determined to achieve a removal of approximately 74% resulting in the release of more than 11000 particles of MPs per liter of treated wastewater. The results also indicate that biofilms formation on the MPs isolated from wastewater was not significant due to the insufficient retention time treatment process, which was backed by the data obtained in the laboratory experiments. The laboratory experiments showed that biofilm formation starts after a week of exposure with maximum biofilms formed after 3 weeks of exposure. No significant difference in biofilm formation was observed for the type of MP, the aerobic or anaerobic conditions and light or dark conditions. The result from this study indicates that wastewater treatment plants could be a major contributor to surface water pollution with MPs and associated biofilm forming pathogens.

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NQF (Level 5) Basics of Project Management (2015)

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Total supervision to date includes 16 Doctoral and 18 Masters students. I have provided guidance and mentoring to 3 NRF interns, 3 international students, 1 Young Expert Programme candidate 7 Post-Doctoral fellows who served their tenure under my mentorship.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE/PARTICIPATION

I have been serving as Principal researcher and Co-project leader for more than 10 National (WRC and NRF) projects and 5 International projects within the water and wastewater field since 2010. Currently, serving as South African co-ordinator for a multi institutional level project funded through the orange knowledge programme by Nuffic, Netherlands. I have been a member of the steering committee for 11 Water Research Committee projects, Panel member for National Research Foundation (2013-2023), Reviewer for more than 20 ISI journals articles as well as reviewer for a number of national and international funding agencies.

Awards/Recognitions

2020	DUT Faculty Research Excellence Award
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PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

I have published over 65 ISI articles (Google scholar H index 22, citations 2217) and contributed to 8 book chapters, 5 technical reports and more than 60 conference presentations.

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Highly porous silicotitaniumphosphate material and its application for toxic ion adsorption from wastewater

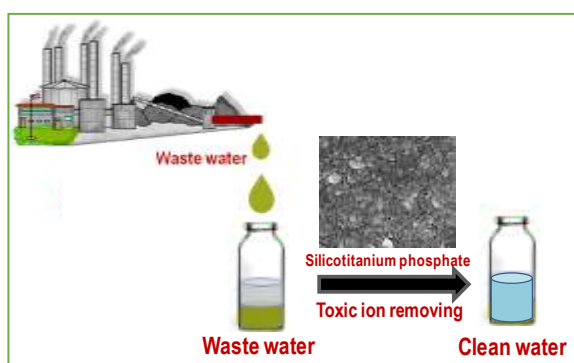
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In the last few decades, with increasing urbanisation and industrial development, water pollution and scarcity of pure drinking water has become a major problem for many developing countries like India. Various industries, like textile, paper, pharmaceutical, smelting even domestic and agricultural discharge are contaminating water by releasing toxic heavy metal ions, organic chemicals etc. As a result, people from tender to old age are suffering from poor health conditions. Scientists all over the world have devoted themselves in search of a new material which will act as powerful adsorbent for removing toxic ions from wastewater. My presentation will discuss about a carefully designed mesoporous silicotitaniumphosphate material which was synthesized by evaporation induced self-assembly method (EISA) in a non-aqueous sol-gel route. The material has been thoroughly characterized by different analytical techniques. Potential application of this solid has been investigated for removal of toxic metal ions like As(III/V), Cd(II) and Hg(II) from the contaminated water. The future possibility of this porous material is also mentioned briefly. Hope, the work presented here can be helpful for any researchers working in other emerging fields of research also.



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Field of Research Interest: Materials (Inorganic) Chemistry. Specific Fields Include:

- ♦ Synthesis of porous materials, nanoparticles via templated and non-templated routes.
- ♦ Liquid phase heterogeneous and homogeneous industrially important catalytic transformations.
- ♦ Adsorption of gases, toxic metal ions, biomolecules, photoconductivity, photocatalysis, drug delivery, biosensing and other energy application.

Achievements

Sponsored R&D projects = **TEQIP-III, JNTUH**

Total publication in international journal = **36**, Total citation = **972**, h-index = **17** (Google scholar)

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Session - III

IT 5

Environmental Geotechnics: Some Case Studies

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Abstract: This paper deals with four research case studies in the thematic areas of environmental geotechnics such as (i) Assessment of heavy metal contamination in soils around Durgapur Industrial Area, West Bengal, India; (ii) Solidification/stabilization of heavy metals in a contaminated site by using pozzolanic-based materials; (iii) Electro-restoration of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid, (2,4-D) Contaminated Soil-An Experimental Approach; and (iv) Efficacy assessment of clayey soil as liner material in phenolic laden waste containment structures. The elevated levels of heavy metal contamination in surface soil of the industrial city Durgapur, West Bengal, India, are an environmental concern due to their possible migration to the groundwater through leaching. In the first research study, the contamination assessment and source identification were carried out based on soil pollution indices and statistical analyses. The aim of the second case study was to assess the efficacy of solidification/stabilization technique to immobilize the various heavy metal contaminants viz. Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr), Cadmium (Cd), Lead (Pb), Zinc (Zn), Mercury (Hg), Copper (Cu), Nickel (Ni) present in a multimetal-contaminated landfill site using Fly Ash (FA), quick lime (QL) and Blast furnace slag (BFS). In this study, the emphasis was given on containment of the contaminants and simultaneously improvement of geotechnical properties of the multimetal-contaminated soil. The efficacy of electro-kinetic (EK)

technology was examined in the third research investigation to assess in-situ decontamination of soil polluted with 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) herbicides. The removal of 2,4D was observed around 80% from the contaminated soil. The efficacy of clayey soil as liner material in phenolic laden waste containment structures was examined through laboratory scale batch adsorption studies and migratory behavior of the same through the soil was assessed through physical and numerical modelling using HYDRUS 1D solute transport software to design the thickness of barrier material to protect precious groundwater from contamination. The outcome of the aforesaid research studies will help the geo-environmental engineers and consultants to decide proper remediation measures to protect the lithosphere from contamination.

Keywords: Soil and water contamination; Assessment; Remediation; Solidification/ stabilization; Electro-remediation; Waste containment structures.

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Dr. Supriya Pal is presently working as Associate Professor in the Dept. of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, West Bengal, India. He is having a total teaching, research and industrial experience of more than 19 years in the field of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental engineering. He has a Ph.D in Civil Engineering from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India and obtained Master of Civil Engineering from the same institution in the specialization of Geotechnical Engineering. Dr. Pal has a long-term working experience in the research areas: Geotechnical Engineering, Geo-environmental Engineering, Solute transport through porous media, Industrial wastewater treatment, Electro-kinetic treatment of contaminated land. Recently he started research activities in the field of stability analysis of ash dykes, scientific study on open cast mine slope stability, metal extraction from fly ash. Dr. Pal has several national and international collaborations. He has research collaboration with Far Eastern Federal University, Russia (in metal extraction technology from fly ash); Tomsk Polytechnic University; Russia, Hohai University, East China University and Technology, China; Federal university of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology, Durban University of Technology, South Africa (through BRICS NU Programme of Water Resources and Pollution Treatment). Presently, Dr. Pal is working as investigators of three research projects on “land subsidence study of CBM gas producing block” funded by M/s Essar Oil, India, “Environmental geochemistry and treatment of organic pollutants in aquatic systems in the selected areas of China, India and Russia” under BRICS BRICS STI Framework Programme, “Potential use of fine grained clay soil as landfill liner for containment of pollutants in waste disposal site” under RIG, MHRD. These projects are funded by Govt. of India MHRD, DST, and M/s Essar Oil, India. Dr. Pal has more than 25 publications in Peer Reviewed International and National SCI, Scopus and Web of Science indexed Journals. Moreover, he published 5 research articles as book chapters. Dr. Pal is the editor of the book “Advances in Water Resources Management for Sustainable Use” published by Springer. Dr. Pal has numerous publications in the Proceedings of International / National Conferences, He delivered more than 25 invited talks in various conferences, seminars, workshop and technical meetings held in India and abroad. Presently Dr. Pal is serving as the Coordinator and ITG (International Thematic Group) member of the BRICS Network University (NU) programme of NIT Durgapur in the thematic area of “Water Resources and Pollution Treatment”. He is also acting as Member of National Coordination Committee (NCC) of BRICS Network University Programme under Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India. He is also acting as coordinator of State Technical Agency (STA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), under the authority of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India.



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CT 4

Geochemical patterns of migration of trace elements in soil waters of the Valday Upland

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Abstract:

The aim of the study was to study the migration of trace elements in soil waters and to assess the influence of geochemical, biological and anthropogenic factors on the formation of the chemical composition of the waters of the aeration zone in a seasonal section (on the example of the Valday upland). The method of leaf lysimeters was used to study soil waters. Lysimeters were installed in the soil substrate. Based on the hierarchy of the world abstract base of soil resources IUS WRB (2015), it was determined that the study area consists of podzolic soils (PZ) [1]. The studies were carried out during the period of stable preservation of positive air temperatures and liquid precipitation, starting from mid-April and ending in mid-November, which is due to limitations in the operation of lysimetric installations.

According to investigation results the formation of the chemical composition of soil waters depends on the type of soil and the season of the year. Geochemical and biological processes influence the formation of aeration zone waters. The change in the main indicators of soil waters and the behavior of each element considered depends on the complex impact of biogenic and geochemical components. Fe, Zn, Cu, Co, Mn are actively consumed by organisms and plants during the growing season. The statistical processing of the obtained data showed significant differences in the formation of the chemical composition of soil waters depending on the season for a number of indicators-pH, N, Ni, Rb. Regardless of the time of year and the depth of sampling.

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The current works are devoted to the study of the main patterns of migration of elements in the surface waters of the Valday Upland. Special attention is paid to the migration forms of biophilic elements in soil waters.

CT 5

Mapping of Groundwater Quality and Consumption Pattern of a Community Development Block of Jharkhand State in India

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Water resources are being reduced qualitatively and quantitatively day by day at a much faster rate due to anthropogenic interferences. Groundwater quality in the Chandwara block in Jharkhand is crucial to the livelihood. There is no comprehensive information on groundwater quality of this region, leading to lack of understanding on groundwater sustainability and socio-economic development of this region. Water samples were collected from 143 water sampling points during the post monsoon season (October 2018 to March 2019) and analysed for a few cardinal potable water quality parameters apart from iron, copper, arsenic, and fluoride. Mean water usage per family and per capita ranged from about 200 to 517 litres per day and 19.7 to 47 litres per day, respectively, which included potable and domestic uses. Per capita potable water consumption was 1.2-4.37 litres per day. In a total of 143 groundwater samples, most had iron beyond permissible limits of BIS and WHO (0.3 ppm or 300 ppb, respectively) (68% of samples), TDS (36% of samples), total hardness (39% of samples) and Ca (58% of samples), turbidity (15.4%). A few other samples exceeded safe limits for EC, alkalinity, magnesium, chloride etc. Fluoride never breached the safe limit for drinking. Factor analysis indicated that water quality was controlled by 2 principal factors to the extent of 43.3 and 13.5%, respectively. Factor 1 strongly indicated geochemically incorporated salts while Factor 2 was dominated by strongly correlating geochemical Fe and turbidity.

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2. National merit scholarship (On the basis of B.Sc marks)
3. Junior Research Fellow (DRDO project) at Jadavpur University

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Research Interest:**1. Surface and Ground Water quality mapping and their treatment:**

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- i. *Evaluation of Hydrochemical Facies and Suitability of Water in Tilaiya Dam Reservoir of the Jharkhand State in India*, **Analytical Chemistry Letters**, 10:5, 684-702(2020). <https://doi.org/10.1080/22297928.2020.1853604>.
- ii. *Factors Affecting Lean, Wet-Season Water Quality of Tilaiya Reservoir in the Koderma District of India during 2013–2017*. **Water Science**, 34:1, 85-97(2020). <https://doi.org/10.1080/11104929.2020.1765451>.
- iii. *A Study on Groundwater Quality Based on Major Ion Chemistry of Jharkhand State in India: A Review*. Accepted in **Oriental Journal of Chemistry** (2021).

2. Synthesis of organic molecules and Insilico study (Docking,dynamics,DFT etc).**3. Catalyst development for Fuel cell & Lithium ion Battery applications.**

Publications in *Journal of Power sources*, *Electrochemica acta*, *Internation journal of current research and review*, *Research and reviews in electrochemistry*, *International journal of Integrative Biology*, *Commun.Comput. Chem*, *Gene Reports* etc.

Administrative Experience:

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CT 6

Identification of geosystem services to attenuate water pollution as a counter to water scarcity aftermaths

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Urbanization and increasing volume of untreated wastewater from households and municipal townships culminates to water quality deterioration, particularly in the developing and geographically vast countries like India. This puts colossal pressure in the water resources in terms of quality and quantity of the water leading to unexpected water scarcity problems in coming decades. Also the randomly fragmented small townships in the vicinity of rivers poses much harm to these water bodies as their individual inputs as a point and nonpoint are often domino leaving them unmanaged. In the present study we identified geosystem services as a possible solution to the aforementioned problem in the Alaknanda valley (a pristine water component of the Ganga), Garhwal Himalaya. These geosystem services in the form of riparian strip as a solution needs to be replicated within the pollution source itself. Among the selected townships within the Alaknanda valley we identified a riparian strip present between Joshimath and Alaknanda River as an old land slide zone. The strip is absent in other townships namely Karanprayag, Rudraprayag and Srinagar. It was found that the towns along Alaknanda River with riparian strip has low E-Coli count of (~4) compared to the ones which are in the immediate vicinity of the river with higher E-Coli counts (~55.5). The riparian strip acts as a buffer to the E-Coli and traps them within it. We thus conclude that the geosystem services provided by riparian strip can help to restrict the pollutants at their source and prevent the water sources from integrated deterioration by urbanisation and its aftermaths (water scarcity). Integrating the use of these geosystem services in developing countries like India will also assist sewage treatments plants, as installing these sophisticated technologies everywhere is economically not plausible. It is advised that the integration of government policies with the knowledge and working of such geosystem services can protect the quality and quantity of water bodies.

Keywords: *Water quality, Attenuation, Geosystem Services, Sustainability, Riparian buffer, Water resources.*

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Proactive and creative researcher seeking entry level assignment in hydrology, water quality assessment, water resource allocations in rural and urban areas. I would like to be a part of an organization where I could use and enhance my knowledge and talent for the development of both the organization and myself.

A brief overview

- A budding professional with conceptual knowledge in hydrology, hydrological modeling, landuse in relation to water quality and anthropogenic influences effecting water resources.
- Effective communicator with excellent relationship building and interpersonal skills. Possesses a flexible and detailed oriented attitude with strong analytical, problem solving and organizational building abilities.
- Resourceful in understanding of fundamental concepts pertaining to water management issues.
- Interested to work in water quality assessment with special emphasis on anthropogenic drivers influencing water bodies and its effective management.

Academics

- **High School** with first division from St. Theresa's Convent School Srinagar Garhwal in 2007, Uttarakhand with 74 %.
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Research and Teaching experience

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CT 7

A case study on the Transboundary River Bank Management of Asia

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Abstract:

The **Ganges** is a transboundary river of Asia, which flows through India and Bangladesh.

It is the third largest river on earth surface discharge. It travels 2,525 km from western Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India and flows south and east through the Gangetic Plain of North India into Bangladesh. Every year, huge population turned to ecological refugee due to meandering of river, river bank erosion, shifting of river and flood. It causes economic loss, social distress. This study is an attempt to understand the pattern of riverbank management and to quantify its societal impact specifically of the river Ganga at upstream and downstream from 1940 to 2020. The study has been carried out by using various historical maps, satellite imagery and statistical analysis. The merit of the study remains to locate faults and to search possible measures to protect the Ganga riverbank to sketch a better riverbank management plan for betterment of two Asian countries.

Key Word: River bank management, India, Bangladesh, Asia.

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Session – IV

IT 6

The effects of velocity-dependent dispersion on groundwater contamination

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Abstract:

Groundwater remains the primary source of potable, household water supply. With the large number of industries globally and their resultant waste production, contamination of groundwater due to the leakages from the waste piles is a major concern. The mixing of contaminants with the groundwater primarily occurs in the form of mechanical dispersion, which is a velocity-dependent phenomenon. Majority of the previous theoretical and computational studies, however, are based on constant-velocity-dispersion models, which is in contrast with the heterogeneities in the aquifers. We are investigating the effects of velocity-dependant dispersion on groundwater contamination with and without the background flow, theoretically and experimentally.

Dr. Chunendra K Sahu

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Modelling of Jojari river in semi-arid western Rajasthan, India using the geospatial techniques and 1D flow model analysis

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A geospatial on-site survey of the length of the Jojari River in western Rajasthan, India is performed. Temporal variation of the presence of water in the river is elaborated. During March 2021, onsite data was gathered from 40 locations along the river. The data obtained is utilised to perform a 1-D modelling model of the fluvial process within the river. MIKE- SHE is used to enumerate water balance in the river during this process. This modelling is supported by satellite-based digital elevation models using ArcGIS 10.8 platform. A river channel with shallow depressions pooling water lined with light brown soils was observed during the survey. The bed is dotted with bars indicative of previous flows over a mixture of Mudh soils and fine Thar sands. With precipitation just below 150mm during the rainy season, Jojari water was found to be diverted for irrigation at different locations. The implication of the study is the identification of similar fluvial processes in arid streams across western Rajasthan, India.

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Spatiotemporal distribution and sources of inorganic nitrogen in shallow groundwater of Poyang Lake Basin, China

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Abstract:

Nitrogen contamination in groundwater, mainly nitrate, is a safe-drinking water problem globally in over 110 countries and regions. The largest fresh water natural reservoir in China, the Poyang Lake in the basin of the same name located in Jiangxi province, is exposed to nitrate pollution caused by intense and large-scale irrigation practices ^[1]. Agricultural activities in this area also lead to nitrate enrichment of the surface water and groundwater. Nitrate concentration in shallow groundwater reaches up to 206 mg/L ^[2], exceeding the WHO recommended value of 11.29 mg/L for drinking water. This study took the Poyang Lake Basin, China, as the research area and the shallow groundwater was selected as the research object. The distribution characteristics and temporal and spatial variation of nitrate in shallow groundwater in the Poyang Lake Region were studied and source of nitrate in groundwater was analysed. Nitrate concentration in shallow groundwater was between 0.5-21.6 mg/L with an average of 7.0 mg/L. In the wet and dry seasons, nitrate concentration was 0.7-21.6 mg/L and 0.5-15.7 mg/L, respectively. Groundwater with high concentration of nitrate was mainly found in the typical agricultural irrigation area. The hydrogen and oxygen isotopic characteristics of water samples showed that surface water was mainly from meteoric precipitation, and influenced by other recharge sources and evaporation. Shallow groundwater was mainly recharged by local meteoric precipitation and was mixed with surface water, less affected by evaporation. The results of nitrogen and oxygen isotopic composition of nitrate showed rainfall, irrigation activities, land use type and fertilizer application were major factors affecting the concentration and distribution of nitrate in shallow groundwater in the study area. The calculation results using Bayesian model showed that soil nitrogen had the maximum contribution rate to nitrate in groundwater, with an average contribution rate of 44.6%. Atmospheric precipitation had a secondary contribution rate to nitrate in groundwater with an average contribution rate of 28.2%. The contribution rates of nitrogen fertilizer, sewage and faeces were 19.4% and 7.8%, respectively.

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Wastewater Beneficiation using Algal Biomass

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Abstract:

Microalgae provide a sustainable, renewable solution to produce a number of commodity products however the cost of production is a major hurdle to commercial-scale development. Major factors influencing the production of algae are the cost of nutrients, availability of water and contamination of cultivation systems. Wastewater is a freely available resource which could alleviate some of the nutrient and water requirements for cultivation of algal biomass at large scale. This study focused on the cultivation of algal biomass from pilot (10 m²) to large scale (1146 m²) raceway ponds located at a full scale WWTP. It demonstrates biomass productivity under different climatic conditions and that supplemented post-chlorinated wastewater was a viable medium for cultivation. Growth performance was reduced with increase in pond size from pilot scale raceways pond under controlled conditions to circular ponds under uncontrolled conditions and finally the large-scale raceway pond. Biomass productivities for the raceway pond ranged from 2.7 to 7.34 g/m²/d, mainly due to the long periods of cultivation but in keeping with similar research studies. Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) modelling of the system showed that maximum biomass productivity was achieved at depths between 20 and 22 cm at light intensities between 200 and 400 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ and pH in the range of 9 to 9.5. As the system was carbon limited, addition of CO₂, preferably a waste stream, and shorter cultivation periods could significantly enhance the overall biomass productivity.

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Threatened water supply reservoirs: monitoring and modelling tools to support sustainable management

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Abstract:

Anthropic pressures and extreme climate events have been impacting reservoirs worldwide, threatening water supply and other ecosystem services they provide. In Belo Horizonte (Brazil), Pampulha reservoir (9.9 hm³, 16 m maximum depth) constructed on 1938 provided water to the city until 1980 when frequent cyanobacteria blooms led to the suspension of water withdrawn. In the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte (MRBH), Serra Azul reservoir (81.6 hm³, 47 m maximum depth) reached the dead storage capacity on November 2014 due to extreme drought conditions which impacted water supply in the MRBH. This study presents the assessment of monitoring and modelling tools, applied to these study sites, that may contribute to the sustainable management of the water bodies and their catchments. In Pampulha reservoir, *in vivo* and *in situ* fluorometry was assessed in order to identify and quantify phytoplankton biomass [1]. In Serra Azul reservoir, surface water temperature monitoring through remote sensing was assessed using Landsat images [2]. In both reservoirs, hydrodynamic and ecological modelling is under development to help understand the major drivers of water quality and to simulate prospective scenarios considering different management strategies [3,4]. So far, results are promising but also show the challenges involved in the monitoring and modelling of such complex ecosystems.

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Radioactive survey on waterbodies of Durgapur industrial city, India

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Abstract:

Nowadays, Water pollution has become a significant concern to the global scientific community. Water quality monitoring is an important field of research to protect the ecosystem. Radioactivity in water in any densely populated area is an essential survey to evaluate possible health hazards to the dwellers. Durgapur in West Bengal province, situated on the bank of the Damodar river, is the major industrialized city in eastern India which includes more than 30 industries (both large and small scales) with a population of around 0.7 million people. The radioactive status has yet not been reported for this Durgapur industrial city. The present study has investigated the radiological impact on the health of the dwellers of Durgapur city due to radioactive element radon-222 for the first time. It is observed that the radioactive substance radon-222 concentration varies from 0.05 ± 0.07 Bq/L to 9.37 ± 0.96 Bq/L for various water samples in that city, depending on the location and depth of the water sources.

Keywords: Water pollution, Radiation in water, Radon-222, Radioactive hazard, Durgapur industrial zone.

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IT 7

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WATER RESOURCES IN A SEMI-ARID RIVER BASIN: MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

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Abstract

Recent climate projections suggest a drop of up to 10% in precipitation in most of Southern Africa by 2050. It is estimated that by the year 2025 almost one-half of the world population will be living in water stressed regions. Furthermore, rapid population increase, industrialization and pollution are putting a strain on the available and diminishing freshwater resources. The main aim of this paper is to model the impact of regional climate change scenarios on the availability of water resources in a semi-arid river basin in South Africa. In this paper, a dynamically downscaled data was derived from the GCM simulations of the Coupled Model Inter-comparison Project Phase-5 (CMIP5) and across two greenhouse gas emission scenarios known as Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) 4.5 and 8.5. The spatial resolution of the dataset is 50 km × 50 km. Eight GCM (climate models) were used for this set of data. SWAT model was run using these data for a period of up to end of the century (2020 – 2100) and the results were then compared with long-term historical data. Comparison of measured data with simulated historical data showed strong correlation ($R^2 \geq 0.9$), which is indicative of the reliability of projected future climate. Varied results were obtained depending on the type of climate model used, but generally the trends were similar in most cases. However, the multimodel average showed a possible decrease in precipitation (up to -3%), a decrease in water yield (up to -13%) and an increase in potential evapotranspiration (up to +22%). The latter is indicative of possible drought spells between rainy events. It is expected that the results of this research will assist in formulation of adaptation strategies that will minimize the negative impact of climate change in the region.

Keywords: climate, modelling, water, river basin, adaptation

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Simulation of secondary mineral formation from water of Obskoye fen affected by municipal sewage

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The study aims to create a numerical model of mineral precipitation from fen water under the influence of municipal sewage discharge. For this purpose, the mixing model of fen water and sewage was created to assess the changes in the geochemical conditions of the Obskoye fen. The Obskoye fen near the Nashchekovo village was taken as a geochemical background to study the fen water chemical composition. It is located approximately 2 km from the sewage discharge of the communal services of Melnikovo settlement up the slope. The simulation was performed in the HCh software package [1]. The thermodynamic model considers the metal complexation with organic ligands since they significantly affect the speciation of chemical elements in the fen environment.

According to simulation results, calcite and goethite are potentially precipitated from the fen water of the background area. The proportion of kaolinite and apatite among the potential secondary minerals of the fen water does not exceed 0.5%. The mixing of sewage with fen water has a significant effect on the precipitation of secondary minerals, particularly apatite. The apatite content significantly increases when the wastewater is added to the natural fen water. The mass of apatite increases by almost 19 times compared to the fen water of the background area at the first simulation step. This step corresponds to the ratio of “fen water/sewage” equal to 10/1. The mass of other precipitated secondary minerals (calcite, goethite, kaolinite) also increases.

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Current works are devoted to modeling the speciation and immobilization of chemical elements in the water of flooded mines and wetland waters affected by agricultural activity and sewage discharge. Special attention is paid to complexation with organic ligands and sorption on secondary minerals.

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HYDROLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RAINFALL-RUNOFF MODELS AND REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS DRIVEN BY ENVIRONMENTALLY INTEGRATED BASIN EXPERIMENTS IN BRAZIL

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Abstract. Hydrological simulation models have become an integral part of almost all aspects of hydrology. Models are used in planning studies to evaluate the benefits and impacts of alternative land use plans or flood control measures. In design studies, models are used to assist in developing specifications for engineering structures to solve specific flood control, navigation, or water supply problems. In hydrology, remote sensing is being recognized as a viable approach to handle spatial variability of watershed properties, because the basic data are spatial in nature. The state of the art in the research about the use of remote sensing data as input to lumped and distributed hydrological models can be summarized as follows: (i) visible and infrared part of the electromagnetic spectrum applied to determination of land use and land cover in a watershed; (ii) the use of the thermal part of the electromagnetic spectrum for determination of brightness temperature and land surface temperature; (iii) microwave energy applied to the identification of water, land use and land cover and digital elevation models, and (iv) the measurement of the total continental water storage including surface water, soil moisture and groundwater using gravimetric remotely sensed data. Under this framework, this talk provides an overview of some research works developed in Brazil aligned to the following scientific issues, namely: (i) global climate change and its regional effects, (ii) hydrology and meteorology at the mesoscale, (iii) surface-atmosphere interactions, micrometeorology and hydrology of the vadoze zone, (iv) the quality of water, air and soil and (v) management of water resources.

Keywords: Hydrological Modeling, Remote Sensing, Water security, Water quantity, Water quality, Climate change

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Assessment of various coastal hazards and their management plan in the lower Gangetic delta, Sagar Island, West Bengal, India

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Abstract

Delta is the most important depositional structure that forms at the confluence of fluvial and marine conditions. It is made up of a large amount of sediments that come from both rivers and the ocean and are deposited near the river's mouth due to the interplay of both fluvial and marine processes. Sagar Island, on India's east coast and one of the largest deltas in the Sundarban group, is threatened by coastal erosion, coastal vegetation deterioration, and a variety of natural disasters. Clay mining, wave activity, and the influence of the river and tidal currents of the Muri Ganga and Hooghly Rivers are the primary causes of erosion. Natural and human activities are causing morphological changes on Sagar Island at an alarming rate. Rapid erosion has been observed in the eastern part of the island due to the destabilization and growth of tidal flats and the gradual shifting of water current towards the island. Furthermore, Tropical cyclones, flood events, saline water intrusion, land degradation, tidal ingress, and dune encroachment are important natural environmental hazards (NEH) that harm the island. The majority of the people in the region have a low quality of living and are dissatisfied with government efforts to preserve land from the effects of climate change. This study focuses on the identification of various coastal hazards and their effects on Sagar Island, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India. In an attempt to alleviate these problems, suggestions are also made for the sustainable development of the coastal environment using an integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) plan.

Keywords: Coastal erosion, Coastal vegetation deterioration, tropical cyclones, flood events, seawater intrusion, land degradation, tidal ingress, and dune encroachment.

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Application of Biofilm reactor in the treatment of swine wastewater.

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A combined process including anaerobic biofilm and multi-stage AO biofilm is applied to the treatment of swine wastewater. The research results show that the amount and quality of wastewater discharged by pig farm are closely related to the environmental temperature. The higher the temperature, the greater the wastewater volume, but the concentration of pollutants such as COD and nitrogen decreases; during the process operation period, the removal rate of COD from the swine wastewater exceeds 80%, the removal rate of ammonia nitrogen exceeds 85%, and the removal rate of total nitrogen exceeds 70%.



Fig.1. Photograph of reactor and wastewater samples

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Health risk assessment of toxic heavy metals in waterbodies of Durgapur Steel city, India

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Abstract:

Health risk assessment of human, plants, aquatic living creatures and other animals becomes an important and urgent task to understand the negative impact of polluted water in the environment. Health index assessment plays a vital role in the policy making and scientific management system of polluted water and its remediation. Long term exposure of contaminated water causes a significant health hazard on the human body. Present work attempts to find probable health risks due to the high pollution level of few identified heavy metals at Durgapur industrial city and its adjacent Raniganj-Asansol region, one of the eastern India's most enriched industrial hubs. Continuous discharges of industrial waste degrade the water quality of both surface water and groundwater resources of Durgapur city and nearby areas. It seems to be the first of its kind to evaluate the spatial distribution of concentration of toxic heavy metals and their detrimental influence on human bodies, which has not been reported earlier in Durgapur province. High concentrations of heavy metals like Fe, Mn, Ni, Pb, Cd, Cr, As, Hg and Co are contributing a potential health risk to the inhabitants of Durgapur city and its adjacent areas. In this study, almost 32 groundwater samples and 20 surface water samples were evaluated to estimate the non-carcinogenic health risk of adults and children. In addition, two parameters like hazard quotient (HQ) and hazard index (HI), were calculated for individual heavy metals to map the zonal distribution of high health risks over this region. The alarming health risks were found at extreme level near to thermal power plants, steel and chemical industries of mainly Durgapur city. Apart from the health risk evaluation, the spatial distribution analysis confirmed high groundwater contamination. In addition, water streams of canals and rivers passing through industrial zones are found to be more toxic than the rest of the surface water sources (ponds and lakes). The conclusion of this work also denotes a probable solution to deal with heavy metal contamination to protect the environment.

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Fate and Removal of Antibiotics and Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Constructed Wetland: A numerical modeling approach

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In developing countries like India, Antibiotics, and Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) use are rampant. Hence, industrial wastewater is laden with humongous amounts of them. Wastewater treatment plants are also neglected due to a lack of infrastructure, terrible design, poor maintenance, high operating costs, and a technical workforce shortage. Constructed Wetlands (CWs) are a low-cost, natural, eco-technological biological wastewater treatment technique that imitates processes seen in natural wetland ecosystems and are currently being considered as a potential alternative or additional wastewater treatment method.

Two of the most commonly used organic compounds, Erythromycin(ERY) and Naphthalene(NAPH), were taken into consideration with initial concentrations of 25mg/L and 12mg/L, respectively, and studied to assess their removal efficacy through a laboratory scale vertical one-dimensional column study, horizontal tank study and through vertical surface flow constructed wetland, with the usage of locally available silty-sandy soil as adsorbent.

The migratory behavior of ERY and NAPH through vertical soil column and horizontal tank test set up was simulated using a three-dimensional HYDRUS Standard Solute Transport module. The same through laboratory-scale CW was modeled using a two-dimensional HYDRUS CW2D module. The modules use the Galerkin-type linear finite element technique to solve Richard's equation for saturated-unsaturated water flow and the Fickian advection-dispersion equation for heat and solute transport.

The 90% saturation of the 40 mm thick, 60 mm wide soil column was achieved around 1.3 days for ERY, while for NAPH, it was around 1.5 days. Similarly, in the case of the numerical model of Tank having a length of 400 mm, width 200 mm, and height 300 mm, it was found that 90% saturation occurred around 100 days and 105 days, respectively. In the case of CW, four different observation nodes were considered, with the top one just below the soil surface and the subsequent nodes 10 cm apart from each other in the vertical direction. The model time for CW was kept for 24 hours, with the input being at every 4 hours. The maximum exit concentrations obtained from the bottom-most node were 1.9mg/L for ERY at the 8th hour

and 0.85 mg/L for NAPH at the 12th hour of elapsed time. So, the maximum removal efficiency obtained was 92.4 % for ERY and 92.9% for NAPH.

Keywords: Erythromycin; Naphthalene; Constructed Wetland; HYDRUS;

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Derivation of Flow Duration Curves for prediction of Hydropower Generation Potential: A case study from Southern Africa

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Abstract:

Derivation of flow duration curves in data scarce regions for design of hydro power generation presents a challenge that needs solutions. Further more flow duration curves for many river basins in Southern Africa are still based on historical flow records without taking into account the future climate change scenarios. Flow duration curves are a function of many factors which include; biophysical data such as topography, land use land cover, soils, precipitation, temperature and discharge measurements. Change in climate corresponds to changes in flow duration curves which directly influence the existing hydropower generation capacity and identified potential in selected sites. The study was undertaken with five GCM projections based on baseline, RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 climate scenarios for derivation of flow duration curves in order to determine the future of the existing small scale hydropower generation capacity and the identified potential. The calibrated SWAT model was applied for simulation of streamflows from GCM projections which were then used for derivation of flow duration curves for the three climate scenarios. The results under RCP 4.5 compared with baseline show that there will be insignificant changes in flow duration curves. Whilst results under RCP 8.5 compared with baseline show considerable changes in flow duration curves which is likely to affect the future hydropower generation capacity and identified potential. The results predict increased hydropower generation potential for existing stations and identified sites. Furthermore the results also demonstrate the application of the derived flow duration curves in data scarce regions and ungauged catchments for estimation of hydropower generation potential in Southern Africa.

Key words: *climate change; flow duration curves; hydro power generation potential; simulations; streamflow*

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Synthesis of triphase mesoporous TiO₂ photocatalyst for degradation of organic pollutants in wastewater

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ABSTRACT:

Mesoporous TiO₂ nanoparticles were synthesized by varying solvothermal temperature and synthesis pH. This work is focused on the morphology evolution of triphase mesoporous TiO₂ in terms of lattice defects of crystallographic planes. Structural anisotropy of the prepared titania was observed to be enhanced with an increment of synthesis pH. The prepared material was proven to be a better photocatalyst (efficiency > 99.5% in 80 minutes) than single-phase anatase titania. The prepared photocatalyst will be very useful for the degradation of organic pollutants in wastewater to protect the environment.

KEYWORDS: Triphase TiO₂, solvothermal reaction, synthesis pH, morphological evolution, photocatalysis, degradation of organic pollutant, wastewater

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TOWARDS GROUNDWATER MONITORING USING SATELLITE AND GROUND-BASED OBSERVATIONS IN BRAZIL

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Abstract. Estimates indicate that between 97-98% of available fresh water is groundwater and about 43% of the total use of water for irrigation is of underground origin. Brazil is one of the largest agricultural producers in the world. In addition, the country has large aquifers with high storage and production capacity. Furthermore, about 56.8% of Brazilian municipalities have underground water supply, which includes industrial production. Accordingly to the national demands and given the importance to expand hydrogeological knowledge, as of 2009, the Geological Service of Brazil - CPRM, started the installation and operation of the Integrated Groundwater Monitoring Network (RIMAS), with continuous monitoring, so that in the medium and long term, it can identify impacts to groundwater as a result of exploitation, building estimates of groundwater resource availability, among other information. Currently, RIMAS has 409 dedicated monitoring wells, spread across the largest and most important aquifers in Brazil. The monitoring of such extensive country requires great efforts from the Geological Survey of Brazil. In this sense, the application of new aquifer monitoring technologies is a way to reduce research costs. Currently, different monitoring methods are being tested. One of the most promising approaches is the application of remotely sensed products, such as gravitational data provided by the GRACE mission (Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment), which, jointly with *in situ* measurements, can be associated with artificial intelligence models. Such alternative will foster the development of new tools for a greater coverage of the Brazilian territory and corresponding study of regional aquifers.

Keywords: Groundwater, Aquifers Monitoring, Remote Sensing, Artificial Intelligence

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A Runoff Simulation Model for Lower Gangetic Plain of India.

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ABSTRACT:

River Ganges traversing a distance of about 2525 km from Gangotri in the Lower Himalayas to Hubli at the mouth of Bay of Bengal is life line of about **40%** (check) of populace living in Indian sub-continent. Discharge in the river Ganges varies along longitudinal distance along the course of the river due to change in climate and hydrological input in different reaches and changing topographical characteristics converting the hydrological input (forcing) to hydrological output for satiating the needs of the living beings dependent on this holy river. Due to varied output available all along the course of River Ganges, the quality of life along different reaches of the River Ganges varies to a great extent. There has been constant attempt to predict accurately the hydrological output from different sub-basins of River Ganges at spatial-temporal scale. Reaches along the River Ganges have broadly been categorised in Upper Gangetic Region, Middle Gangetic Region and Lower Gangetic Region. Extensive work has been done to model the climate variability on hydrological output of upper and middle reaches of River Ganges but not for lower reaches of River Ganges, particularly the plateau region draining into the river. Wide spread change in water availability in this plateau region have been observed and this change in water availability is getting more sporadic with climate change. The existing methods for simulation of runoff from the plateau region of Lower Ganges covering district of Purulia on Lower Gangetic Plain (Zone no-III, Eastern slope of Chhota Nagpur Plateau) lying in the State of West Bengal do not give satisfactory results as compared to the observed runoff. Therefore, in the present study, a runoff simulation model for the plateau region of Lower Ganges covering district of Purulia has been developed by employing concepts of Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) by which relative impact of different climatic variables such as rainfall, temperature, cloud cover, evaporation, potential evapotranspiration, and relative humidity for the district of Purulia on the surface runoff from the district area could be assessed. Real-time data series of 116 years (1901-2016) for the ten meteorological stations of district Purulia from India Meteorological Department, Pune have been used for developing the ANNs model for predicting surface runoff. The available data were separated as 70% for training, 15% for testing, and 15% for validation. Back propagation algorithm has been

developed to compute surface runoff. Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency criteria has been employed to estimate efficiency of the developed model which has 97% efficiency in accurately predicting the surface runoff.

KEYWORDS: Runoff, Simulation, Artificial Neural Networks, Climate Change, District Purulia.



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Photo-catalytic membrane separator-reactor for cleaning persistent contaminants in waste water

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Abstract

Water scarcity is a worldwide problem affecting many countries. Moreover water sources are increasingly contaminated by industrial and domestic discharges. The demand for safe and clean water is increasing due to an exponential rise in population in a country which actually leads to enhance pollution of the water. Industrial wastewater is a global environmental issue and a real technological challenge due to the diverse chemical composition of persistent compounds and its broad range of concentrations. Complex dedicated wastewater treatment facilities need to be devised to accommodate such amounts presenting an unprecedented challenge. This work focuses on waste water purification and treatment of emerging and existing pollutants as pesticides/antibiotics with the target to contribute to a fully recyclable and reusable water quality and zero pollution. The generation of a safe resource will reduce the pressure on natural resources and contribute to sustainable water governance.

Our approach offers a new and powerful solar photocatalytic membrane separator-reactor perspective of how advanced water treatment technologies can be implemented, combining filtration and photocatalytic processes under normal solar light conditions, a key factor for the reduction of energy requirements for low cost and efficient water treatment. The technology consists of visible light active (VLA) novel smart heterostructure photocatalytic system supported on ceramic membrane and that can be integrated with existing processes. This will allow to merge both units as separator-reactor for purification of multiple contaminants. This flexible wastewater management solution will contribute to better environmental and human health conditions as well as an increase in available water resources for agriculture, industrial and domestic use. This work could positively impact on science, industry, environment, economy, and society through the development of an integrated approach that will enable an effective treatment of pathogen/organic waste from contaminated waters.

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ATMOSPHERIC PROFILE EVALUATION USING RADIOSONDES AND MODIS SATELLITE PRODUCTS OVER THE CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO - RJ - BRAZIL

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Abstract. Dynamic and thermodynamic patterns of the atmosphere are well known to be essential information to mesoscale and local hydrometeorological modeling. Further efforts are being developed to generate improvements on weather forecasting and nowcasting increasingly dependent on the association of ground and remotely sensed datasets. The extraction of datasets from the vertical profile of the local atmosphere and surrounding areas can indeed indicate proper conditions for the occurrence of rainfall. Atmospheric profile information can be obtained by launching radiosondes and by on-board sensors installed on a variety of satellite platforms. Given the posed framework, it is proposed to investigate the use of vertical atmospheric profile products from satellites in comparison to radiosondes at the daily scale. Such information reflects atmospheric behavior regarding potential scenarios of rainfall. In the present work, we studied atmospheric profiles over the city of Rio de Janeiro, which depicts a long history of severe rainfalls. MODIS products acquired by sensors on board the AQUA and TERRA satellites and radiosondes launched along the years 2016 - 2018 were used. More specifically, seven days were selected along the referred time span to establish the proposed comparison. It is noteworthy to say that a case of heavy rainfall took place in Rio de Janeiro in one of the days analyzed. The results indicate a strong positive correlation between the variables estimated by MODIS and the data from the soundings, highlighting the feasibility of using satellite product over the region.

Keywords: Atmospheric Profile, MODIS Products, Radiosondes, Rainfall

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COVID 19: Blessings or hazard to the water quality

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Abstract:

Since 2020, different countries worldwide are forced to opt lockdown as one of the measures to retard COVID 19 contamination. In the immediate effect of lockdown, the surface water quality of rivers and lakes improved as the industrial and human activities decreased. Also, the reduction of vehicle movement improved the ambient of water quality which is directly connected with the air quality.

But the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in the feces of infected patients has drawn attention to the potential risk of faecal-oral transmission of COVID-19 through intake of river water. Also, the use of wastewater may be an epidemiological tool.

This paper analyses the benefit and hazard potential of COVID 19 on water quality. It also suggests the urgent need for domestic sewage management which is directly discharged into the river.

Keywords: COVID-19, Reduced activities, Water quality parameters, Faecal-oral transmission, Risk potential

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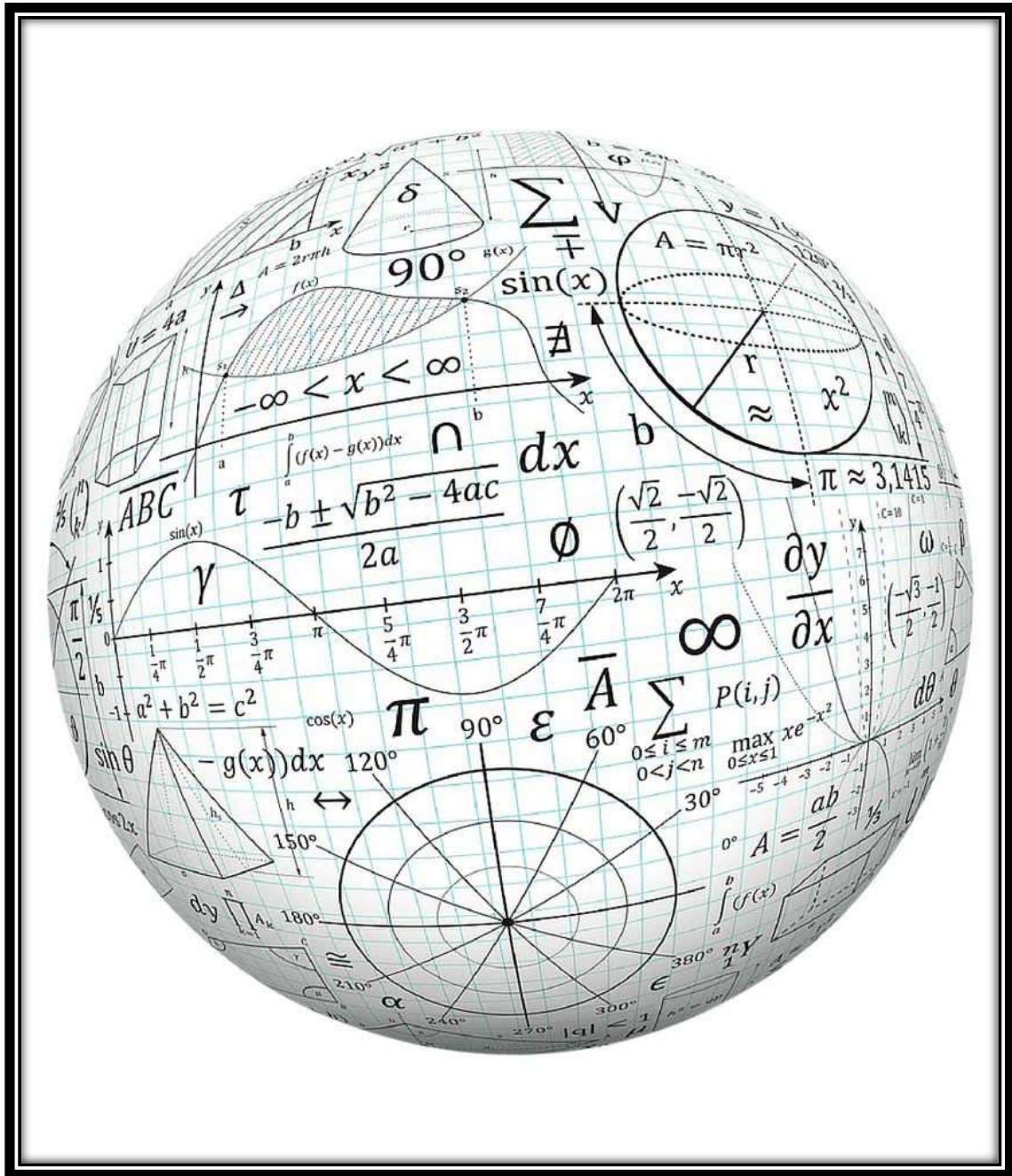
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Strategies for treatment of hospital wastewater using integrated technology

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India is lacking of hospital wastewater treatment process to remove antineoplastic agents from wastewater in hospitals (mainly in metro city). European Union countries like Portugal and Belgium are sharing the same situation in which antineoplastic agents are not removed specifically, reaching conventional wastewater treatment plants that are not able to destroy these persistent components, reaching the aquatic environment. In addition, the increasing rate of cancer patients all over the world has become a global fact during the last two decades. Keeping in the view, the necessity of specific treatment methods for removal of antineoplastic agents (Cyclophosphamide, 5-fluorouracil, Etoposide) developed with the integration of biological and membrane technology.

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Removal of Chromium (VI) from Aqueous Solution Using Low Cost Bio-Adsorbents : A comparison on performances, Isotherms and Kinetics

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Abstract :

Effluents from various industries like leather tanning , electroplating, dye, cement, petrochemicals etc where chromium salts are widely used, contains toxic hexavalent chromium ,Cr(VI) with concentration of 10th to 100th ppm level. In order to get rid of health hazard due to long term exposure of Cr(VI), feasible cost effective technologies for its removal are in high demand which would eventually save aquatic & human lives.

In this work adsorption of chromium (VI) compound from aqueous solution were investigated using Indian Neem leaf powder (NLP), Rice Husk and Sugarcane bagasse using adsorption process at various pH and temperature . It was found that the removal of Cr(VI) increases with the increase of time of contact and adsorbent amount but decreases with increase of solute concentration . The concentration of free Cr(VI) ions in the effluent is determined Spectro-Photometrically at 540 nm. The results show that about 95-99 % reduction of Cr(VI) may be achieved successfully depending on nature of adsorbents. An attempt has been made to find out the rate constants of this sorption process using first order reversible, pseudo first order and pseudo second order kinetic model. Applicability of Freundlich Isotherm and rearranged Langmuir model has been investigated. The maximum adsorption of Cr(VI) was obtained as 102.04 mg/gm using NLP comparing to other adsorbents. A comparison of Cr(VI) adsorption performance of some adsorbents have been observed and presented here. .

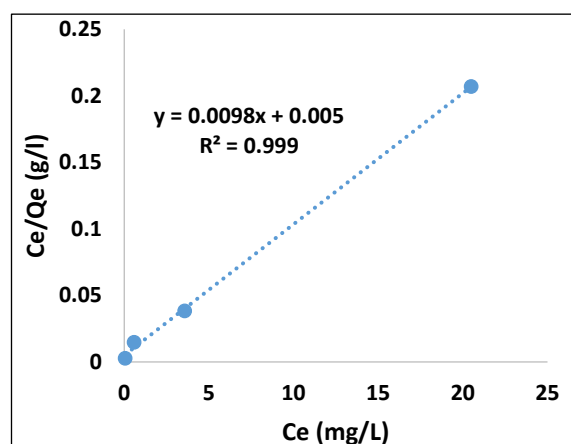


Fig.1 : Langmuir Isotherm, NLP : 0.5 g/l, pH: 1.29, at 302 K

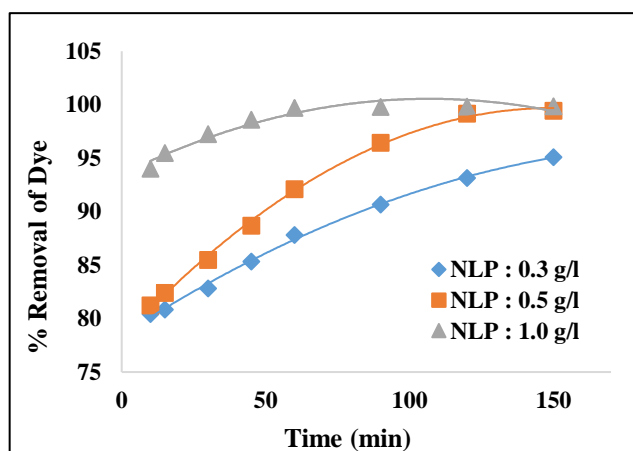


Fig. 2: Effect of adsorbent (NLP) amount on Cr (IV)

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Comparative study of water analysis kits for evaluating fluoride removal using Potash Alum modified salty clay ceramic filters in Pali district, Rajasthan, India

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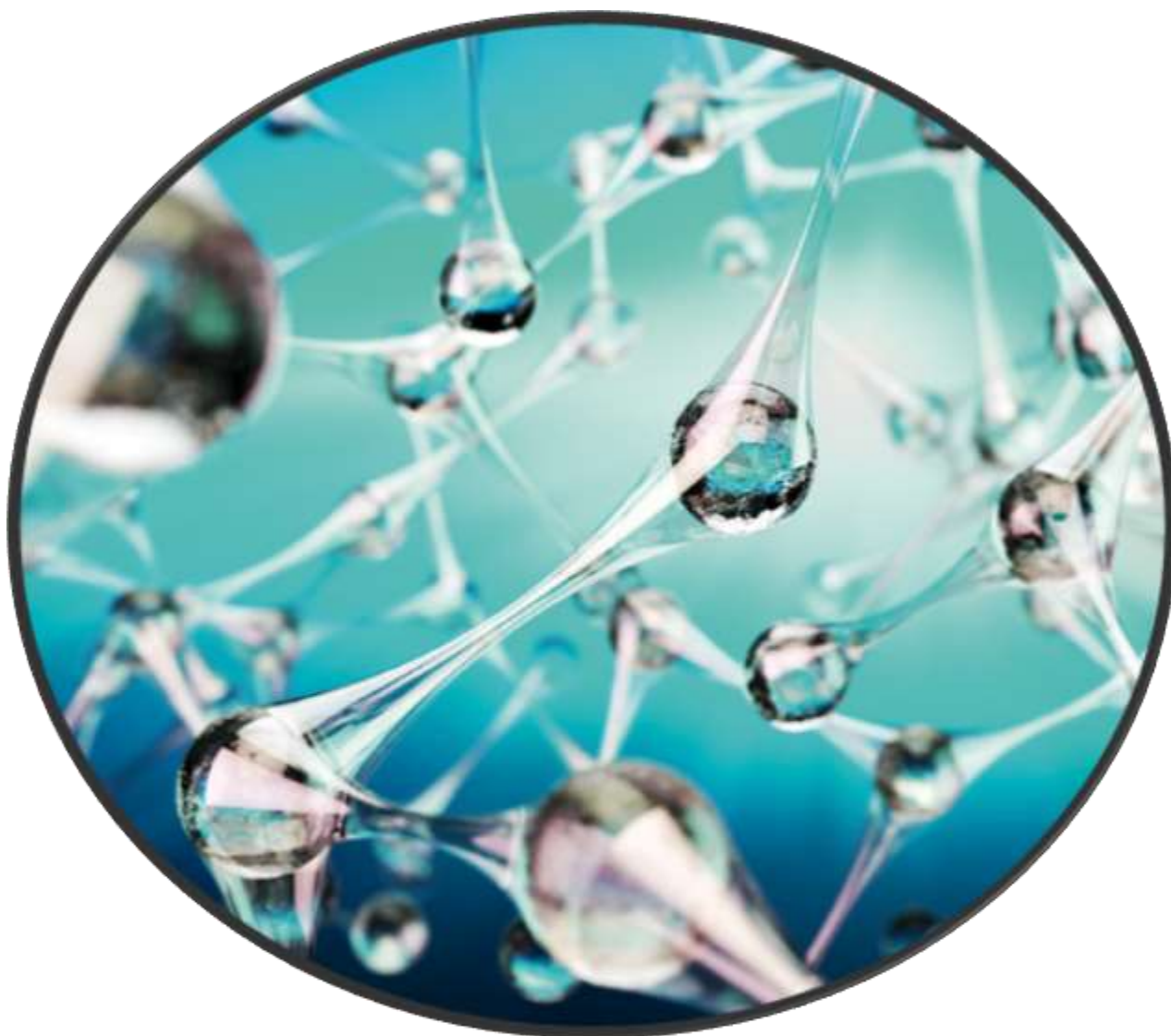
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Abstract: A field survey conducted in 2019-20 revealed that many villagers at Hingola Kalan Village, Pali district, Rajasthan, India, were suffering from fluorosis. The drinking water was found to have fluoride beyond WHO limits. Survey forms with questionnaires related to socio-economic parameters and water filter used in the area were distributed to 26 volunteering individuals. A pilot intervention based on salty clay ceramic water filters with raw material modification was performed to solve the fluoride contamination of drinking water. These filters were manufactured with an addition of 5% by volume of Potash Alum. Participants were encouraged to use these modified filters and water samples (both filtered and non-filtered) were collected for the duration of the experiment. Questions regarding the maintainability of these filters, medical assistance availability, education status of users, and their socio-economic status were recorded during the 3-month experiment. The samples were tested in labs using three testing kits, namely, LTEK Fluoride testing kit, Aqua-XL water analysis kit, and ProaKtive kit. Statistical analysis showed that there is a significant reduction in fluoride concentrations after using these filters. Out of 3 kits, LTEK and Aqua-XL kits were found to be more accessible, handy, and easy to use. The implication leads to the need of risk assessment of kits commercially available to rural populations of India to testify the presence of fluoride in drinking water.

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Abstract

Climate change is the most important global problem of this hour. Global warming is increasing day by day and the climate changes to extreme weather events. The anthropogenic activities are the direct cause of such extreme weather events and climate change. The catastrophic changes of the atmosphere results in unprecedented heat waves, severe drought, sharp sea level rises, crop damage, flood, spreading of infectious disease and extinction of biodiversity etc. It is a climate emergency because we don't have planet B we need to transfer this beautiful habitat to the upcoming generations with sustainable development. The climate emergency is a modern curse of present global scenario which is harmful to human right to life and development.

Water is life and 71% of the earth surface is covered by water though only 1% can be consumed as drinking water. Access to safe drinking water is now human fundamental right. Water security preservation of water is the main threat due to exposure of floods and droughts, global warming. The Southeast Asia including India is at economic risk of flooding. India is the country of 130 crore people, is striving for water preservation and conservation as it is an agriculture based country. Flood and drought are rampant due to extreme climate event and cyclones and tsunamis. India is facing the problem of delayed monsoon due to climatic change and melting of Himalayan glaciers which causes flood situations worsen. In this paper the author try to throw some light on the impact of climatic change in occurrences of flood and drought which become a threat to water conservation and right to life in India with legal mechanism and judicial notion references.

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ABSTRACT:

The ionic form of fluoride is distributed unevenly throughout the environment. Fluorides can be found in minerals, rock, soil, clay, and anthropogenic activities as sedimentary deposits. Due to fluoride's significant toxicity to humans, it is essential to treat fluoride-contaminated drinking water to make it safe to consume. According to WHO recommendations, the maximum amount of fluoride allowed in drinking water is 1.5 mg/l. Fluorosis affects both teeth and bone at levels higher than this, resulting in dental, skeletal, and non-skeletal fluorosis. This study shows that fluoride can be removed from drinking water using an Ion Exchange method including cationic and anionic resin. The sorptive removal capability of fluoride from water is studied using cationic and anionic resin. The fluoride removal capacity is high when cation-anion exchange resin bed is combined with sand and gravel beds as the filter media, but the pH of the treated water decreases rapidly. When only anionic resin bed is utilized with sand and gravel beds as a filter media, however, the fluoride removal capacity remains high, and the pH, TDS (Total Dissolved Solids), EC (Electrical Conductivity), Total Alkalinity and Total Hardness of the treated water meet drinking water standards. The Maximal sorption of cationic-anionic resins and anionic resins is found to be around 521.25mg/kg and 509.5mg/kg respectively. Freundlich model is found to show better means to describe fluoride adsorption at equilibrium.

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Abstract

Global water scenario is evident that freshwater resources are discreetly spread and limited from view point of direct utility. Their utility is high in different sectors such as agriculture, domestic, industrial and environment. In view of global population growth rate and increasing water demand it can be envisioned fresh water scarcity is global phenomenon 21st century is confronting. This raises several challenges before future generation regarding sustainability of existing fresh water resources, an alternative option and no compromise in water quality of resources to be used. India with second largest population in the world is no exception in water scarcity scenario. 54% of Indian water resources are reported to be scarce. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) as per Falkenman water scarcity index classifies India into critical, semi-critical and safe regions in addition to their findings of over-exploited, saline regions and unassessed hilly regions. This has accounted for physical water scarcity but economic water scarcity has not been accounted for. This study considers United Nation Commission on Sustainable Development on water scarcity index based on Annual Water Resource of India. This study put forward the water scarcity index blind to diversion of used water for various water utility sectors. However, consumptive use of water should be taken into account. Present study envisages to depend on alternative solution to water utility in present context of water scarcity in India as well as in global scenario to meet the future demand. The major problem in alternative source is quality issue which can be encountered through application of various available technologies and arrive at a solution.

Keywords: Fresh water scarcity, Water quality, Consumptive use, Alternative source

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The conflict over water between India and Pakistan has been and is again making headlines. The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) has survived diplomatic disputes for nearly sixty years, but current upstream water infrastructure projects have reignited difficulties. Climate change's deteriorating effects on Himalayan glaciers may increase the incidence of disasters and jeopardize populations' long-term water security. Under present usage and storage patterns, many communities in the Indus Basin confront water shortages. This paper evaluates the water, energy, and food nexus (WEFN) in the Indus River of India and Pakistan. Fears of future water shortages as a result of dam construction have strained relations between India and Pakistan. Furthermore, the IWT does not examine the impact of the water-energy-agriculture nexus on the overall water crisis and management. The potential of different alternative water allocation mechanisms and water infrastructure developments to address growing water, energy, and food security concerns in the country will be assessed. While more flexible surface water allocation policies can mitigate negative climate change impacts on agricultural water and energy use allowing for larger crop and hydro-power production, such policies might also increase the inter-annual variability of resource use. Moreover, a more flexible surface water allocation policy would increase surface water use in the basin, while groundwater and energy use would be lower.

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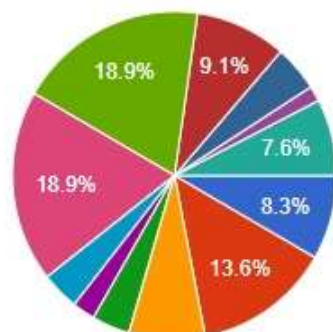
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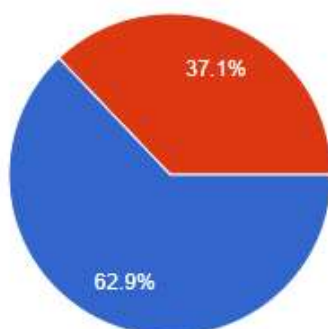


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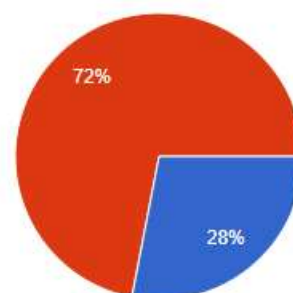
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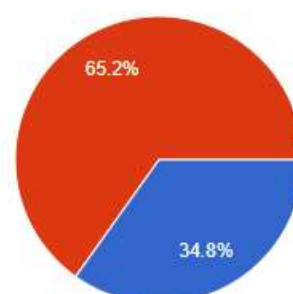
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