

Report on the 10th South Asian Dragonfly Meeting and Symposium 2018

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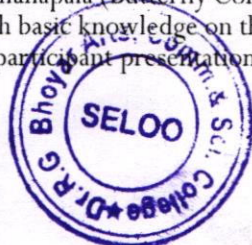
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The 10th South Asian Dragonfly Meet and Symposium 2018 was organized by Hislop College, in association with South Asian Council of Odonatology, DragonflySouthAsia, and Maharashtra State Forest Department (Melghat Tiger Conservation Foundation) from 3 to 6 October 2018 at Hislop College, Nagpur, India, including a three-day workshop at Melghat Tiger Reserve (Semadoh), Amravati, India. Mr Nitin Kakodkar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Maharashtra State), was the chief guest of the inaugural function which was presided over by Prof. D. B. Tembhare, past President, South Asian Council of Odonatology and ex-head, PGD Zoology, RTM Nagpur University. The dais was shared by the Principal of Hislop College, Dr Dipti Christian and Conveners of the Symposium, Dr K. A. Subramanian (Zoological Survey of India, Chennai) and Dr R. J. Andrew. The welcome address was followed by the release of the souvenir (in CD format). Dr R. J. Andrew, President, South Asian Council of Odonatology, and Convener of the Symposium spoke about various symposia and conferences of Odonatology organized by the South Asian Council of Odonatology held at different places in India, including the fifth, seventh and eighth at Nagpur under his leadership and also the 18th International Symposium of Odonatology which was organized by Hislop College in 2008. Dr Dipti Christian, Principal of Hislop College, lauded the efforts taken by the Department of Zoology in organizing such academic activities. She focused on the need for conservation of biodiversity and habitats. The chief guest Mr Nitin Kakodkar spoke about the similarity between tiger and dragonfly in its own biotope. He further added that the potential of the odonates is yet to be understood as they have a definite role to play in maintaining ecology in a given ecosystem, and the biodiversity to be protected. Prof. D. B. Tembhare was felicitated for his forty years of research in odonatology and being the perfect role-model teacher for his students. He informed delegates about the work undertaken by the South Asian Council of Odonatology, and the role undertaken by Hislop College in organizing various programs for the council. During the vote of thanks, Dr Andrew felicitated the persons who have helped him in organizing various odonatology symposia for the last 25 years. The list included Dr Manu Thomas (Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai), Dr Gurinder Kaur Walia (Punjabi University, Patiala), Dr D.D. Barsagade, Dr S.S. Bakare, Dr S.S. Shrikhande, Dr Avinash Upadhyay, Dr Ashish Tiple, Dr Deepa Jamwal and Dr Anjali Andrew. The whole-hearted cooperation rendered by Mr M. Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Project, Amravati in the organization of the workshop at Semadoh, was appreciated and acknowledged.

After the address of the guests, the first session started with the Keynote address by Dr K. A. Subramanian (Odonata of the Himalayan region), followed by a plenary talk on dragonflies of Kerala by Mr Balachandran V. (General Secretary, Indian Dragonfly Society). In the second session, Mr David Raju (naturalist and author) presented a talk on the Biodiversity of Central India followed by an academic presentation by Dr Anulin Christudhas on *in silico* analysis of dragonfly defensin for its antibacterial activity. Post-lunch the participants departed for Melghat for the workshop session which was arranged at the Semadoh area of Melghat forest (21.4458 N, 77.1972 E, 564 m asl). The idea of the workshop was to provide a platform for researchers and amateurs working on odonates across India, to conduct field surveys, and to meet, interact and discuss their work. As soon as the participants reached Semadoh, Dr Ashish Tiple (Head, Dept. of Zoology, Vidyabharati College, Selu) briefed them on the workshop schedule, activities to be undertaken and the general agenda of the workshop.

On 4th October morning, a field trip was arranged to Sipana River and Jawahar Kund waterfall in Melghat Tiger Reserve. The trip was led by Dr Ashish Tiple, Dr Gaurav Sharma (Zoological Survey of India, Solan) and Mr Shantanu Joshi (National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore). Nineteen species of odonates were sighted during the trip. The field trip was followed by talks on understanding Odonata and Odonata behavioral biology by Neha Majumdar (Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai), followed by a presentation on the taxonomy of Odonata by Mr Amila Sumanapala (Butterfly Conservation Society of Sri Lanka). Both these audio-visual lectures provided participants with basic knowledge on the identification of common odonates of the region. This session was followed by student participant presentations.



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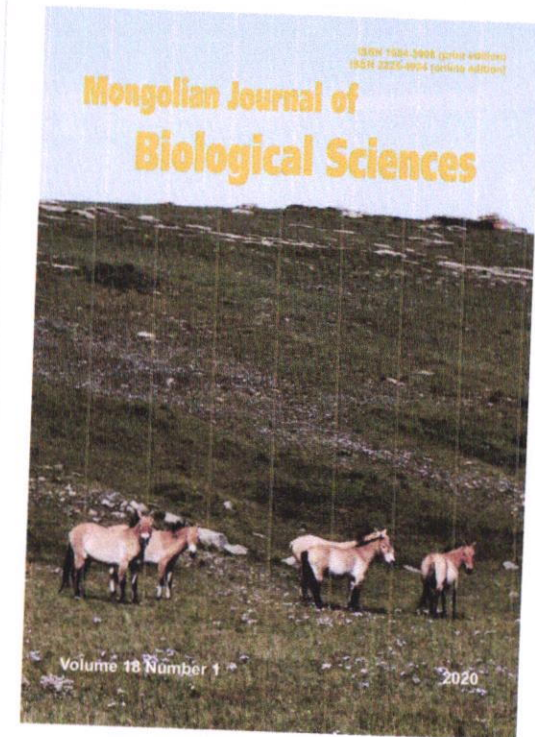
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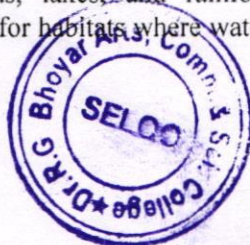
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Introduction

The Odonata (damselflies and dragonflies) is one of the oldest insect orders with origin spanning back to the Carboniferous era, about 250 million years ago. They probably mark the first time that evolution experimented with the ability to hover in the air over an object of interest (Subramanian, 2005; Andrew *et al.*, 2008). They are beautifully coloured insects; spend their major part of their life cycle in freshwater ecosystems, such as rivers, streams, lakes, marshes, rice fields and known as the quintessence of freshwater health. They are not only important for water-rich habitats such as wetlands, lakes, and rainforests, but also significant for habitats where water is scarce, and

therefore order Odonata regarded as a flagship group of insects (Dijkstra, 2007).

Worldwide, 6256 species in 686 genera of odonates have been reported, of which India known to represent 488 species, 27 subspecies in 152 genera under 18 families (Subramanian & Babu, 2017). Some of the noticeable works on Odonata fauna of Odisha were carried out by Laidlaw (1915), Fraser and Dover (1922), Srivastava and Das (1987), Prasad and Ghosh (1988), Mitra (2000, 2002), Sethy and Siddiqui (2007), Das *et al.* (2010, 2012), Nair (2011), Debata *et al.* (2013), Sajan and Mohapatra (2013), Kalita *et al.* (2014), Nair and Subramanian (2014), Payra *et al.* (2014, 2019),





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Abstract

Epopthalmia frontalis, a new Macromiidae dragonfly for Central India, is recorded from Seoni of Madhya Pradesh based on a collection of a single male. In India, earlier, this species was only known from a few places of Western Ghats and Eastern India. Diagnostic characters with closely resemble species and field photographs are given.

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In the Indian fauna, family Macromiidae Needham, 1903 has 17 species represented by only two genera i.e. *Epopthalmia* Burmeister, 1839 and *Macromia* Rambur, 1842. Genus *Epopthalmia* was first proposed by Burmeister in his well know volume "Handbuch der Entomologie" in 1839 (Lieftinck 1931), with the type species *Epopthalmia vittata*. At present, genus *Epopthalmia* consists of six described species and confined only in the Asian countries (Schorr and Paulson 2020). In India, genus *Epopthalmia* is represented by three species (Subramanian and Babu 2017). *Epopthalmia vittata* Burmeister, 1839 is a frequently reported species in India and recorded from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Tripura,





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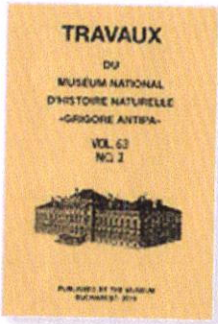
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Abstract

Dragonfly and damselfly (Odonata) species diversity was studied in the Bor wildlife sanctuary from 2011 to 2018. A total of 72 species of odonates belonging to 8 families were recorded. The study adds three new species for the Vidarbha region. The highest number of odonates belonged to the family Libellulidae (31 species) followed by Coenagrionidae (15 species), and Aeshnidae (six species). Of the total, 30 species were very common, 18 were common, seven were frequent common, 11 rare and six very rare. Among all, six species were Data Deficient, *Indothemis carnatica* (Fabricius, 1798) is listed as Near Threatened and 64 were Least Concern, in IUCN red-list of threatened species. The observations support the value of the wildlife sanctuary area in providing valuable resources for Odonata.

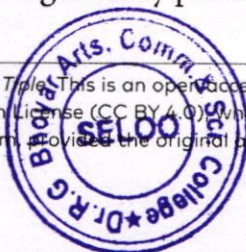
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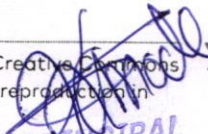
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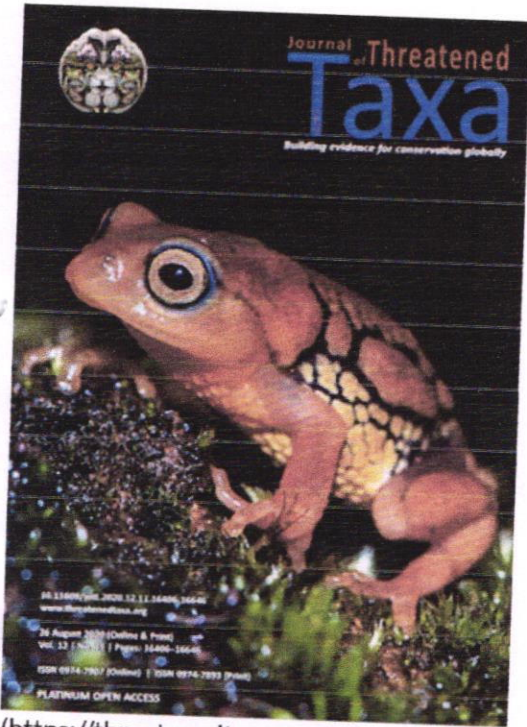
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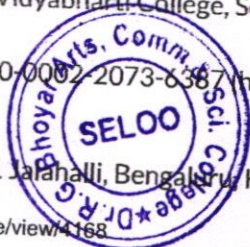
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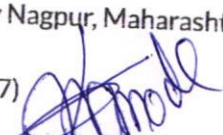
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Abstract: The present study was carried out to reveal the butterfly species diversity in the Jabalpur City, Madhya Pradesh, India. Study was carried out from January 2008 to 2018. A total of 117 species were recorded, with an addition of 41 new species for Jabalpur district and one species for the state of Madhya Pradesh. Of the total, 42 species were very common, five were frequent common, 18 were rare, and four were very rare. Nymphalidae was dominant with 39 species, followed by Lycaenidae with 38, Pieridae with 15 species, Hesperidae with 14, Papilionidae with eight and Riodinidae with one species. About six species of the recorded ones come under the protection category of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The study illustrated the value of Jabalpur City area in hosting valuable resources for butterflies.

Keywords: Butterflies, central India, diversity, new records.

Among insects, butterflies are sensitive biota severely affected by the environmental variations and changes in the forest structure as they are closely dependent on plants (Pollard 1991). Butterflies are generally regarded as one of the best taxonomically studied groups of insects; they have been studied systematically since the early 18th century and about 18,000 species are documented worldwide (Martinez et al. 2003). This figure is not constant because of the continuous addition of new butterflies and also due to

ongoing disagreements between taxonomists over the status of many species.

The Indian subcontinent with a diverse terrain, climate, and vegetation hosts about 1,504 species of butterflies (Tiple 2011) of which peninsular India hosts 351, and the Western Ghats 336. Butterflies enable sustenance of ecosystem services through their role in pollination and serving as important food chain components. Being potential pollinating agents of their nectar plants as well as indicators of the health and quality of their host plants (Tiple et al. 2006) and the ecosystem as a whole, exploration of butterfly fauna thus becomes important in identifying and preserving potential habitats under threat.

In central India the butterfly species diversity was reported earlier by Forsayeth (1884), Swinhoe (1886), Betham (1890, 1891), Witt (1909), and D'Abreu (1931) who documented a total 177 species occurring in the erstwhile Central Provinces (now Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha). Subsequent monumental works and fauna volumes include several species from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh (Evans 1932; Talbot 1939, 1947; Wynter-Blyth 1957). In the recent past, several

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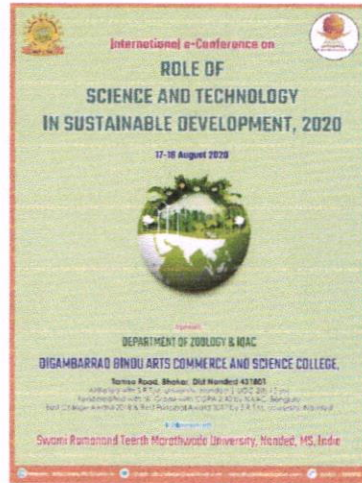
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Abstract

Nodal explants were inoculated with basal cut surface down on MS medium with Kinetin. The different concentrations of Kinetin ranging from 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1mg/lit were used for obtaining multiple shoots. After 40 days, maximum number of multiple shoots were obtained on medium containing 0.5mg/lit of Kinetin which was approximately 34.28±0.1 per culture. In the present study, 0.5mg/lit of Kinetin concentration was found to be an ideal concentration for high frequency of multiple shoots induction. This is the first report of such high frequency of multiple shoot induction in *D. gangeticum*. Maximum daidzein 7.991±0.02µg/g D.W. content was found at 0.25mg/lit kinetin. Minimum daidzein content was found at 1mg/lit Kinetin (5.504±0.02µg/g D.W.). We found that, the difference in the content of daidzein was also affected by concentration of Kinetin i.e. increased the concentration of Kinetin up to 0.5mg/lit, increased number of multiple shoots but decreasing concentration of daidzein.

Keywords: Kinetin, daidzein, multiple shoot, *Desmodium gangeticum*.

Introduction

Desmodium gangeticum (L.) DC belongs to family Fabaceae (Leguminosae). It is known as Salparni in Sanskrit. It is a sub-erect, under-shrub 0.6-1.2m high with irregular angled, branched woody stem. Leaves are unifoliate or trifoliate. Flowers are small, pink to purple in color [1]. It is found in India, China, Africa, Australia, Ceylon, Burma, Malay Peninsula, Islands, Philippines and Tropical Africa [2, 3, 4].



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ABSTRACT

Regional disparities all along with food security have remained an issue of debate in Maharashtra yet while its commencement as a State in 1960. Some studies have examined economic development as well as food security issues at the regional level, although there has been no efficient effort made to analyze food security systematically pleasing into account its four elements viz. accessibility, convenience, sustainability, and consumption. The circular argument that disparities in investment lead to underdevelopment and accordingly food uncertainty is a part of our well-built dispute. Therefore, an effort is made in this paper to comprehend food security across regions of Maharashtra. The results make known three major groups of regions in terms of food insecurity. Whereas certain regions practice food arrears and lower poverty alongside a higher level of nutritional status, the other regions reveal higher levels of under-nutrition and poverty along with comparatively higher and medium food competence.

Key Words: Food Security, Nutrition Security, Region, Maharashtra in India.

INTRODUCTION

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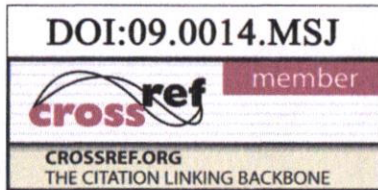
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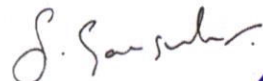
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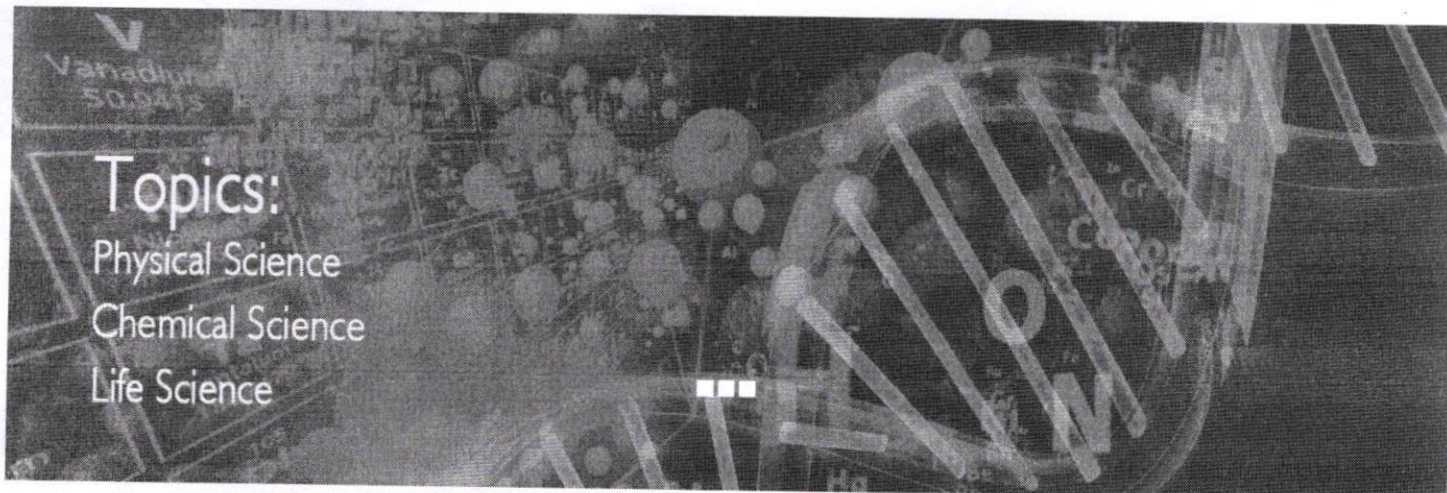
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Removal of Arsenic using *Cyanobacterial species* by Continuous Flow Fixed Bed Bioreactor System

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Abstract- Arsenic is one of the significant environmental pollutants and its toxicity directly or indirectly affects the ecology. A continuous flow fixed bed bioreactor is an efficient system for the growth of *Cyanobacteria* and it improves the removal efficiency of many metallic ions. Many times the removal efficiency of the system gets affected when the culture system is not axenic in nature. Continuous flow fixed bed bioreactor which was operated at the steady state was found to be useful in the removal of arsenic from the system. The results show all the three organisms namely, *Anabaena*, *Nostoc* and *Leptolyngbya* were able to remove more than 95% of arsenic from the system individually. It can be confirmed that arsenic removal efficiency may possible by *Cyanobacteria*.

Keywords –Heavy metal, Arsenic removal, *Cyanobacterial spp.*, Bioreactor system, Continuous flow fixed bed bioreactor.

I. INTRODUCTION

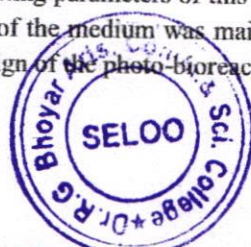
Arsenic is toxic element, highly ubiquitous in nature, found naturally in water, soil and rocks and at times the certain quantity of arsenic is also found in living organism like plants, animals and microbes. The environment gets enriched by arsenic due to various natural activities as well as anthropogenic activities. The problem of arsenic pollutions became prominent in the early 20th century. In the last 40 years the menace of arsenic became more prominent in some parts of the world as they were hampering human health because of their capability to enter food chains in large amounts [1], [2]. So it is necessary to development of advanced technologies or arsenic management and treatment.

Various technologies have been used in the arsenic remediation. Some of the common among them are coagulation [3], adsorption[4], ion- exchange [5], electrocoagulation[6], biological processes [7]-[9]and phytoremediation[10]-[12]. Apart from this immobilization technology over biosorbing materials have also been reported[13]. Report of arsenic tolerance and removal by *Cyanobacteria* species require a justification for the use of *Cyanobacteria* in the management of arsenic. A continuous flow fixed bed bioreactor is an efficient system for the growth of *Cyanobacteria* as these cells adhere to the matrix system employed in the reactor and improves the removal efficiency of many metallic ions. So for removal of arsenic by such a system has not been reported. Hence the basic intent of employing such a reactor was to evaluate its ability in the removal of arsenic.

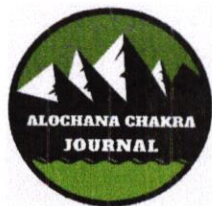
II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

A. The design of continuous flow fixed bed bioreactor

A cylindrical glass column having the dimensions of height 66 cm, diameter 3.4 cm. was constructed a reservoir of 2 liter volume was kept at the top and connected to the column via peristaltic pump. The column was filled with stones and pebbles of approximate radius of 0.5-0.6 cm to such a height so that the working volume ranges 400 cm³ along with the head space of 200 cm³. The outlet of the column was joined to a discharge bottle which was finally connected to the effluent reservoir. The geometric and the operating parameters of this reactor were calculated after filling the columns up to a desire height with stone pebbles. The flow rate of the medium was maintained at around 20 ml/hour. A continuous fed fixed bed photo-bioreactor was constructed and the design of the photo-bioreactor and its accessories are shown in Fig. 1.



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Comparative Study of Estimation of Gibberellic acid (GA₃) by Analytical Methods

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Abstract— Gibberellins are plant hormones which act as chemical messengers to control plant growth and development. They are synthesized via the terpenes route from the geranylgeranyl diphosphate and feature a basic structure formed by an ent-gibberellane tetracyclic skeleton and are involved in a number of developmental and physiological processes in plants. Plants and some microorganisms such as fungi and bacteria produce it. Out of many gibberellins GA₃ is extensively used as plant growth regulator in agriculture, horticulture and plantation crop.

In the present paper gibberellic acid (GA₃) has been produced by solid state fermentation (SSF) process using a fungal strain *Gibberella fujikuroi* NCIM 1099 and solid substrates banana waste, tomato waste, spinach waste, potato waste, pea waste, maize cob waste, sorghum straw waste and pigeon pea pod waste. SSF carried out for 8 days under pre-standardized conditions isolated using ethyl acetate and crystallized by diethyl ether. The estimation of GA₃ has been carried out by UV/VIS spectrophotometry and reverse phase High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

PERKIN-ELMER lambda 900, UV/VIS/NIR spectrophotometer has been used for estimation of gibberellic acid (GA₃). An absorption maximum of gibberellic acid complex (formed with 60 % of concentrated sulphuric acid) was found to be at 277.83 nm.

HPLC instrument with Shimadzu LC-10 system using μ Bondapak C-18 column (3.9 mm x 300 mm) with particle size 10 μ m and photodiode array detector has been used for estimation of GA₃. Standards of GA₃ and unknown samples prepared in HPLC grade methanol injected in HPLC instrument using the mobile phase methanol. The flow rate of samples has been set at 1ml/minutes. The maximum absorbance for standard and unknown GA₃ was obtained at 212 nm.

From the straight line equation of standard gibberellic acid (GA₃) solutions unknown GA₃ samples has been estimated and calculated in gm/kg of solid wastes used. The calculated yield of GA₃ obtained from SSF of pigeon pea pod waste was superior in both UV/VIS/NIR spectrophotometry (18.99 ± 2.87 gm/kg) and HPLC (15.01 ± 2.35 gm/kg) to the other wastes used for production of gibberellic acid.

Key words— Gibberellic acid (GA₃), *Gibberella fujikuroi* NCIM 1099, Solid state fermentation, UV/VIS/NIR spectrophotometry, High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

I. INTRODUCTION

Gibberellins are important plant growth regulators. They are synthesized via the terpenes route from geranylgeranyl diphosphate. The basic structure of gibberellins formed by an ent-gibberellane tetracyclic skeleton. Among 136 isolated GAs, gibberellic acid (GA₃) has received the most attention.

Gibberellic acid (GA₃) is the main product of gibberellins in fungi and bacteria [2] and involved in number of developmental and physiological processes in plants. They are endogenous hormone functioning as plant growth regulator such as development of plant such as germination, stem elongation, dormancy, sex expression and fruit senescence, expansion of leaves and flowers [2-4]. They stimulate the activity of transference, generating higher development of xylem and phloem in ligneous plant [5-7]. These properties make gibberellins a valuable tool in agriculture to increase yield [1][8].

GAs is found in plant, algae, fungi, and bacteria. However, due to high concentrations in fungus industrial production of GAs are performed by submerged fermentation of the ascomycetes fungus *G. fujikuroi*. Production by plant extraction is not viable because of low concentrations of GAs, which contributes to waste generation [9]. GA₃ is one of the best-selling and most important plant growth regulators (PGR). Because of the high investment and involved production costs, only few are still engaged in developing PGRs, reducing its large utilization [10].

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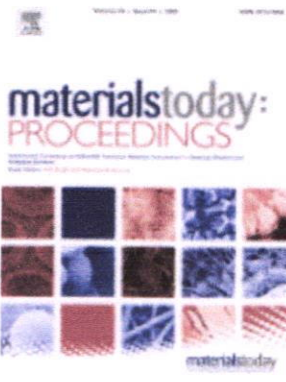
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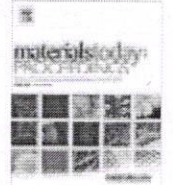


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A review on Nanotoxicology: Aquatic environment and biological system

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Nanotoxicology is a field of new and emerging research area in toxicology. This stream is related with the toxic effects of nanomaterials (NMs) on health and environment. They pose dangerous health effect, societal threat and environmental hazards due to their nanoscale diamensio. Physical, chemical properties of NPs and environmental factors collectively influence NPs behaviour and toxicity. The mechanism of NMs influencing the toxicity has been studied. Reactive oxygen species (ROS), oxidative stress, ecotoxicity, genotoxicity represents some mechanism. Here, this review will focus on topics including to chemical and physical properties of NMs and characterization for proper toxicological evaluation, exposure, environmental fate and transport, ecotoxic and genotoxic effects. This article discusses about possible sources and routes of NMs in the aquatic environment.

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1. Introduction

Nanotoxicology deals with the special problems caused by nanoparticles. The toxicity of nanomaterials/nanoparticles on life and environment is determined by nanotoxicology. Nanotoxicological studies are intended to know and understand environmental and health issues [1]. Nanoparticles may cause toxicity in various ways. It may interact with blood, tissue fluid and also can enter the central nervous system and affect cardiac and cerebral functions. During the transfer through various site of organism, nanoparticles may bind with mediators which can activate inflammatory responses [2]. Nanotoxicology was proposed as a new branch of toxicology to address the gaps in knowledge and to specifically address the adverse health effects likely to be caused by nanomaterials. Complexity of toxicity of nanoparticles is given in Fig. 1 [3].

Engineered nanomaterials (ENMs), form the hub for growing industry and manufactured products. The use of engineered nanomaterials increases nowadays. There is also an uncertainty,

how it effects on biological system. The unawareness about biological effects of NMs creates concern regarding their potential for causing unexpected adverse health effects. During past decade research on environmental impacts of NMs has been flourished but studies on environmental fate, transport, and toxicity of a variety of nanomaterials are still lacking. In this review role of NMs in the aquatic environment and biological systems has been reviewed.

2. Physical and chemical properties of NPs influencing their toxicity

Physical and chemical properties of NMs make them suitable in several applications for humans such as medicine, energy production and also adversely affect the humans and the environment like penetrance in biological barriers causing cell damage. The physicochemical characteristics of nanomaterials, including their chemical composition, shape, size, stability, functionalization, charge, porosity and hydrophobicity/hydrophilicity, agglomeration or aggregation, mainly affect their interactions with biological molecules. In Fig. 2 the most important parameters of nanoparticles are summarized [4]. The impact of nanoparticle characteristics in their toxicity is represented in Fig. 3 [4].

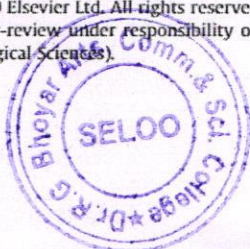
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Preface: -

The era of current century changing rapidly. Every area is undergoing rapid changes over time. One thing that has not changed in the country's landscape is the suicide of farmer under the burden of debt. It is still continuing, but statistics say that, since 1995, farmer's suicides have been steadily increasing. The courts of the country took cognizance of farmer suicides cases and asked the government to promote the rural friendly policy for farmers. More than half of the country's people get employment from agriculture, yet why is the agriculture sector in so bad condition? Why does the farmer get a little bit profit in return against the mountain profit of industries? Today, the scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs and the government of the country need to make efforts to meet the challenges of the agriculture sector and to find employment opportunities in the agriculture sector.

With the advent of robotics, 3D printing and digitally controlled lasers, the manufacturing sector has become so automated that it is not possible for an unskilled agricultural labourer to have the option to work in a factory. The best way to deal with the problem is to develop skill in 'E-agriculture entrepreneurship'. For which government and non- governmental organisations are playing an important role. Information technology and universality have given rise to diverse possibilities for a bright future in e-commerce. Today every big e-commerce businessman is looking for trained employees. Discussion of e-commerce is now happening in big cities as well as small towns. The number of people doing business through the internet is increasing. E-commerce is the new way of doing business. There is new way of better use of new technology and concrete means of establishing a company. If farmers and youth have to establish their supremacy in the era of modern competition, then they will have to be constantly connected to the world of new technological knowledge and modern mechanization. Being self-reliant, young generation should accept agricultural entrepreneurship as a better employment opportunity.



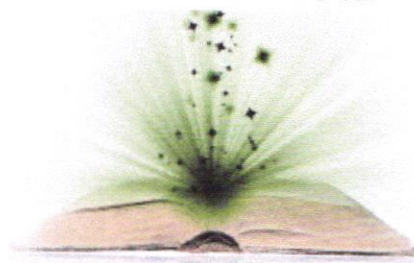
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Green Synthesis of Novel Substituted 4, 4'-Biphenothiazine Derivatives

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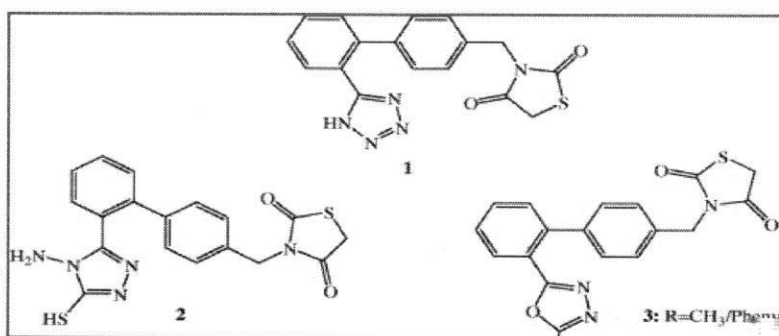
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ABSTRACT

In this paper, common heterocyclic system contains nitrogen or oxygen or both plays an important role in the evolution of life. Comparison of conventional and microwave assisted synthesis of 4, 4'-Biphenyl and 4, 4'-Biphenothiazines is an intermediate use in the manufacture of thermoplastics such as liquid crystalline polymers, polyesters, polycarbonates and polysulfones. A new class of 4, 4'-Biphenyl and 4, 4'-Biphenothiazines derivatives condensed with different aldehydes under micro synthesized compounds has been characterized by IR, ¹H, NMR and mass spectral data. The compounds were then evaluated for antimicrobial activities.

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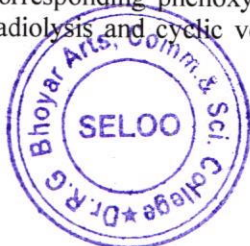


Tetrazole derivatives.

Keywords: Biphenyl, Phenothiazine, Substituted aldehydes, Biological activities.

INTRODUCTION

The 4,4'-Biphenol is an organic compound which is phenolic derivative of biphenyl are estrogenic and cytotoxic. The biological activities of 4,4'-biphenol, 2,2'-biphenol and phenol are discussed in the light physicochemical parameters such as stoichiometric factor (n), BDE. Phenol is one amongst oldest antibacterial agent. The redox and acidity properties of 2, 2' and 4, 4' biphenol and the corresponding phenoxyl radicals have been determined using UV-Visible spectrophotometer pulse radiolysis and cyclic voltammeter. 4, 4' biphenol it is prepared by dealkylation of the tetra-t-butyl



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derivative generated by the oxidative coupling of 2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol. Aromatic compound, are class of unsaturated chemical compounds which characterized by one or more planar rings of atoms joined by covalent bonds of two different kinds and unique stability of these compounds is referred to as aromaticity. The term aromatic originally concerned odour, but today its use in chemistry which is restricted to compounds that have particular electronic, structural, or chemical properties. There are different derivative of biphenyl name is tetrazole derivative [1], 1,3,4-triazole derivative [2] and 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivative [3].

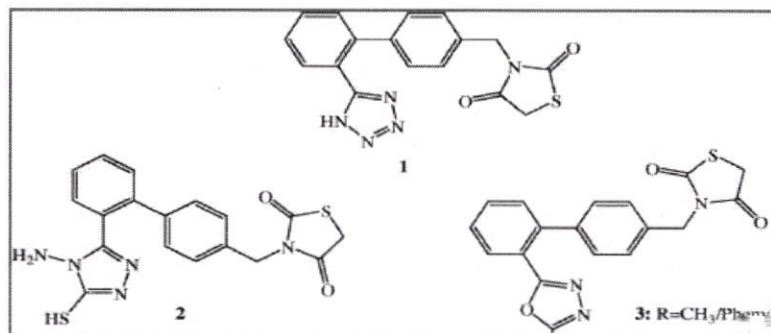


Figure 1. Tetrazole derivatives.

Polybrominated biphenyls are chemicals that were added to plastics which is used in a variety of consumer products, such as computer monitors, televisions, textiles, and plastic foams, to make them difficult to burn. Because PBBs were mixed into plastics rather than bound to them, they leave the plastic and find their way into the environment.

The intense research work in the field of medicinal chemistry has enhanced. The significance of Biphenyl moiety is as pharmacologically important compound. Some of the compounds which bearing biphenyl moiety and it possess important medicinal properties like antihypertensive and calcium channel blocker, anti-inflammatory, diuretic [4], anti-diabetic activity [5], antipsychotic [6] and anxiolytic activity [7-11]. Some of the Biphenyl hydrazide-hydrazone is also known which exhibit very good antimicrobial activity [12-20] Fluorinated biphenyl derivatives are essential building blocks in fluorinated liquid crystals. The fluoro-substitution of benzene rings in mesomorphic molecules may produce some changes in the melting point, viscosity, birefringence, dielectric anisotropy and other physical properties. Phenothiazine derivatives showed a wide range of different types of biological activity such as Antiemetic activity [21], Bactericidal activity [22], Antiseptic activity[23], Antitumor activity[24], Ant cholinergic activity [25-27], Anticonvulsant activity, Antihistamine activity, Narcobiotic activity, Analgesic activity, Antiemetic activity, Anti-inflammatory activity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Melting points were taken in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. IR spectra were run in KBr pellets on a Perkin-Elmer 157 spectrometer. ¹HNMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Bruker-Variah 300MHz FT NMR spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. Purity of the compounds was checked by TLC on silica gel G plates and the spots were located by exposure to iodine vapors. The characterization data of the compounds is given in table 1.

Synthetic method of 4, 4-dihydroxy biphenyl: 50 g of Benzedrine are dissolved in a liter of water and 60 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solution is diluted to 5 L, 200 g of concentrated sulphuric acid added, and the whole diazotized in the usual way with a solution of 37 g of sodium nitrite in 200 mL of water. The clear solution is then heated to boiling by blowing in steam,



and maintained at this temperature about twenty minutes. The solution is filtered hot, and the biphenylcrystallizes out on cooling. It forms colorless needles melting at 272°C, yield 80%.

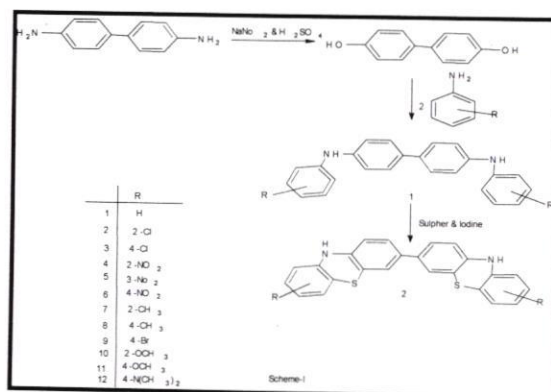
Synthesis of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines: A mixture of biphenyl-4-Benzylidene and sulphur were condensed in the presence of iodine as a catalyst about 5hrs. The product is cooled and poured ice, filtered, dried and crystallized from ethanol. Yield 64%, M.P.168°C.

Table 1. Physical characterization data and Elemental analysis of newly synthesized 4, 4-Biphenothiazines 2(a-l).

Compound	R	Molecular Formula	Relative Molecular Mass (RMM)	Melting Point (°C)	Yield (%)	C H N		
						Calculated Found (%)		
2a	H	C ₂₄ H ₁₆ N ₂ S ₂	396	122	50	70.42	4.01	8.80
						70.22	3.99	8.54
2b	2-Cl	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₂ S ₂ Cl	430	128	56	65.69	3.54	8.21
						65.53	3.44	8.10
2c	4-Cl	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₂ S ₂ Cl	430	138	45	65.69	3.54	8.21
						65.53	3.45	8.09
2d	2-NO ₂	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ S ₂ O ₂	441	149	65	64.36	3.47	10.72
						64.23	3.29	10.56
2e	3-NO ₂	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ S ₂ O ₂	441	121	45	64.36	3.47	10.72
						64.22	3.29	10.55
2f	4-NO ₂	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ S ₂ O ₂	441	101	54	64.36	3.47	10.72
						64.23	3.24	10.51
2g	2-CH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ S ₂	410	169	53	70.86	4.31	8.55
						69.00	4.25	8.30
2h	4-CH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ S ₂	410	162	43	70.86	4.31	8.55
						70.09	4.25	8.30
2i	4-Br	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₂ S ₂ Br	465	172	44	60.44	3.26	7.55
						60.01	3.25	7.31
2j	2-OCH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ S ₂ O	426	121	47	68.62	4.17	8.28
						68.32	4.01	8.02
2k	4-OCH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ S ₂ O	426	126	47	68.62	4.17	8.28
						68.31	4.01	8.02
2l	4-N(CH ₃) ₂	C ₂₆ H ₂₁ N ₃ S ₂	409	124	48	69.21	4.65	10.76
						69.10	4.10	10.69

Microwave method

Synthesis of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines: A mixture of biphenyl-4-Benzylidene and sulphur were condensed in the presence of Iodine as a catalyst in minimum quantity of anhydrous ethanol were taken in RB flask, which was placed in microwave oven and a reflux condenser was attached. The contents were subjected to microwave irradiation. The reaction was completed in 4-5 min (monitored with T.L.C at 300W. The solid obtained washed with distill water, dried and recrystallized from dioxane. Yield 80%, M.P.160°C (Table 2).



Scheme 1. Heterocyclic compounds.

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Biological Activities: A slight change in the substitution pattern of Phenothiazine nucleus brings a marked difference in their biological activities. So it has been considered worthwhile to synthesize Phenothiazine incorporated heterocyclic compounds as antimicrobial agents. Antibacterial activity data of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines are presented in the table 3.

Table 2. Comparison of conventional and microwave assisted synthesis of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines 2(a-l)

Compound	Yield (%)		Reaction Time		Energy	
	Conventional	Microwave	Conventional (h)	Microwave (min)	Conventional (Temp.°C)	Microwave (Power. Watt)
2a	55	78	5	4-5	50-60	300
2b	58	83	5	4-5	50-60	300
2c	64	80	5	4-5	50-60	300
2d	50	78	5	4-5	50-60	300
2e	55	82	5	4-5	50-60	300
2f	49	85	5	4-5	50-60	300
2g	60	80	5	4-5	50-60	300
2h	53	79	5	4-5	50-60	300
2i	47	83	5	4-5	50-60	300
2j	50	67	5	4-5	50-60	300
2k	55	87	5	4-5	50-60	300
2l	62	81	5	4-5	50-60	300

Table 3. Antibacterial activity data of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines 2(a-l)

Compound	Bacteria along with zone of inhibition					
	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>B.subtilis</i>	<i>B.cereus</i>	<i>E.Coli</i>	<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	<i>P. vulgaris</i>
2a	10	09	08	09	10	05
2b	11	16	15	12	10	12
2c	12	14	14	13	10	15
2d	12	08	09	19	09	09
2e	13	15	10	15	15	10
2f	17	19	15	19	11	11
2g	10	07	05	-	-	-
2h	15	09	15	10	17	14
2i	12	11	09	15	16	12
2j	11	15	08	11	10	10
2k	09	11	18	12	09	09
2l	-	-	-	10	15	11
Streptomycin	23	20	24	26	20	22

Table 4. FT-IR and ¹H-NMR spectral Data of newly synthesized 4, 4-Biphenothiazines 2(a-l)

FT-IR	¹ H-NMR
1642 N=CH-, 1545(C=C str), and 3178 (Ar-H),2810 (C-H str), 729 (C-Cl), 1382 NO ₂ sharp IR bands and broad IR bands at 3425-3442 cm ⁻¹ for (N-H str.).	2.5 (d, 1H, C-CH-Cl), 6.9-8.3(m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.88 (s, 1H,N=CH), 8.00-8.3 (m,4H,Ar-H), 3.4(s,1H,NH), 6.57(1H, s, -CO-CH), 7.05-7.33(m, Aromatic-CH), 7.65 (1H, d, =CH-Ar). MS ¹⁴⁺¹⁶ : [M ⁺]:[C ₂₈ H ₂₀ ClN ₃ O ₃], 482.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In view of these observations, it was thought worthwhile to synthesize several compounds in which 4,4-Biphenyl derivatives have been linked with moiety. The reaction sequence leading to the formation of desired heterocyclic compounds are outlined in scheme 1. The starting material of Benzedrine is dissolved in water and concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solution is concentrated sulphuric acid added, and the whole diazotized in the usual way with a solution of sodium nitrite.

Antimicrobial activity of Biphenyl: In recent years, derivatives of biphenyl are an extensively investigated class of compounds, which exhibits various important biological activities, such as anti-tuberculosis, antibacterial, antifungal and anticancer. These observations place new emphasis on the synthesis of azo derivatives a view to incorporation of a biphenyl fragment, for the evaluation of associated important antibacterial activity.

Antimicrobial activity of biphenyl hydrazine–hydrazine: Development of new chemotherapeutic agents is challenging task for the medicinal chemists and different new research programs are directed towards the design and synthesis of new drugs for their chemotherapeutic usage. Hydrazones are the compounds which consist of an important class for new drug development in order to discover an effective compound against multidrug resistant microbial infection.

Antiviral activity of biphenyl: A new co-drug, a-DDB-FNCG was synthesized via coupling of a-biphenyl dimethyl dicarboxylate and also the nucleoside analogue FNCG, through an ester bond. The anti-HBV activity and also their hepatoprotective effects of this compound were investigated both in vitro and in vivo.

Anticancer activity of biphenyl: The biphenyl compound shows the anti-tumor activity both in vitro and in vivo, which can produce apoptosis and which prevent proliferation of a cell line for colorectal cancer, lung cancer, liver cancer, breast cancer or pancreatic cancer in vitro, and inhibit tumor for the liver cancer and the colorectal cancer in vivo, so that the it can be applied in the preparation of anti-tumor drugs.

APPLICATION

These compounds has the various advantages of easy obtainment of different sources of raw materials and mild reaction conditions, simple operation of the reaction process, cheap and easy obtainment of used reagents.

CONCLUSION

It is the efficient method for the synthesis of 4, 4-Biphenothiazines **2(a-l)**. These compounds showing good result tested at 100 mg mL⁻¹ concentration against *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, *Ps. acruginosa*, *P. vulgaris*, *A. niger* and *C. albicans* as compare to simple di-amine.

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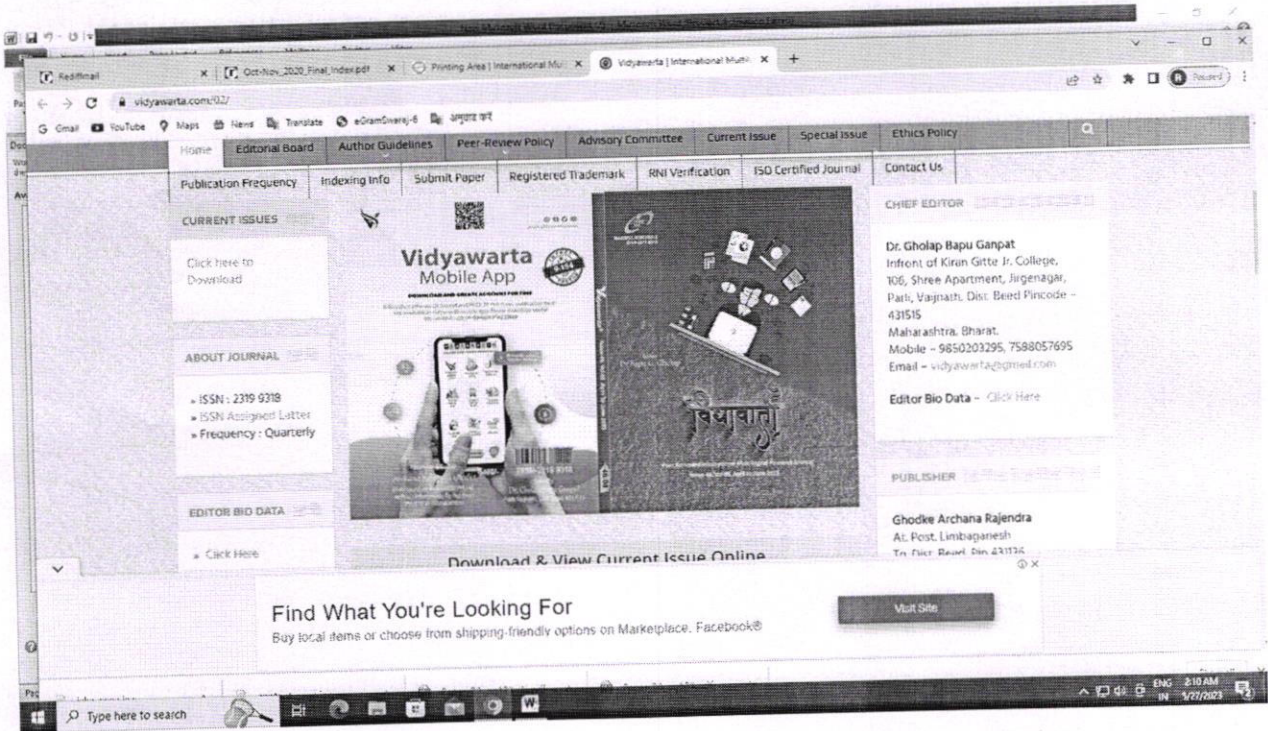
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Conclusion:

There are three layers of moral identity that develop across the lifespan. Future theory and research on moral identity need to consider these three layers and that it is important and possible to nurture the development of each layer of moral identity beginning in middle childhood in order to better predict moral behavior. In our current political global climate, it is increasingly important to cultivate moral citizens who are accepting and understanding of others and thus are more likely to disengage from immoral acts.

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Bibliometrics And Bibliometrics Law

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Abstract :

Bibliometrics have these days won a spot and is thought to pact with quantification of written verbal exchange-books and other media. This suggests tallying or estimating the recurrence of the writing is the fundamental two different ways. Via an extension or the period time, we're nonetheless with Ranganathan's coined period time, librametry, on the grounds that bibliometric considers incorporating measurable ways to deal with the investigation of library and its administration. In this paper presenting the bibliometrics and its law.

Keyword : bibliometrics, Bradford law, Zips Law ,Lotka's Law

1. Introduction

Historically the beginnings of the use of statistical technique were in vogue 1917 by Cole and Eales who conducted a study by counting and categorizing publications by country of origin and by field. The study analyzed the data by counting the number of titles, both books and journals, articles and grouping them by country. In 1922, Hume introduced the term "Statistical Bibliography". The term was unspecific and scarcely used. The technique was explained as 'to shed light on the process of written communication and of nature and course development of discipline through counting and analyzing the various fact of written communication'.



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ABSTRACT

Newly environmental issues are playing a vital role in the marketing scenario of India. Different studies by environmentalists indicate that Indian people are more anxious about the environment and are changing their behavior patterns to be less unfriendly towards it. Currently, Indian customers are appropriate more afraid of environment-friendly products which are useful for reducing the deprivation of the environment. Most of them believe that environment-friendly products are harmless to use. At present is the era of recyclable, non-toxic, and environment-friendly goods. This has happened to the new mantra for marketers to satisfy the requirements of consumers and earn better profits. This object introduces the phrase and concepts of green marketing, briefly discuss why going green is necessary to observe several of the reason that organizations are adopting a green marketing belief. It also focuses on some of the problems with green Marketing from an Indian outlook.

Keywords: Green Marketing, Concept, Execution, Environment, India.

INTRODUCTION

It is regularly thought that green marketing refers to the endorsement or publicity of products with environmental uniqueness only. In common green marketing is a much wide conception, one that can be useful to consumer goods, industrial goods, and yet services. For example, in India, various resorts are inauguration to encourage themselves as "ecotourism" amenities, i.e., facilities that concentrate on experiencing nature or working in a fashion that minimizes their environmental impact. Hence green marketing incorporates a large assortment of performance, as well as product variation, changes to the manufacturing procedure, wrapping changes, as well as modifying promotion. The expressions used in this area has different, it includes Green Marketing, Environmental Marketing, and Ecological Marketing.

India is growing at 7% annually and is predictable to double its energy consumption between 2012 and 2030, is under pressure to take action for providing a clean environment for all future generations to come. (Sarunya, 2011) Many Indian companies have come ahead for the reason of environmental concerns and issues requiring instant consideration like global warming, Water and Air pollution, E-waste.

Ø OBJECTIVES :

The objective of this paper is to observe the concept of Green Marketing and to appraise the reasons behind, initiatives empty, problems faced by the Indian companies for green marketing.

Ø MARKETING MIX OF GREEN MARKETING :

When companies approach up and doing with innovations like eco-friendly products, they can right to use new markets, improve their market shares, and increase profits. Now as we have 4Ps product prices, place, and promotion in marketing, we have 4ps in green marketing else, but they are a speck different.

· Products

The products have to be developed depending on the requirements of the consumers who rather environment-friendly products. Competent products not only save water, energy, and money but also diminish damaging effects on



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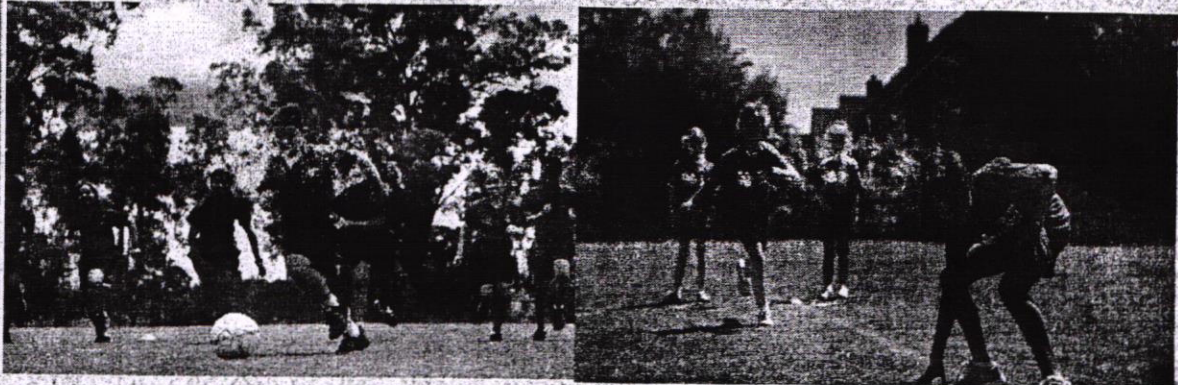
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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare the diurnal variation of agility of kabaddi players. For this purpose, the researcher has selected fifteen male (15) kabaddi players from various mandals and clubs of Seloo, Wardha with the help of simple random sampling method. The age of the kabaddi players ranged between 18 to 25 years. Players did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data. The necessary data was collected at different times of a day. The following timing is as follows: 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM – 01:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The performance of agility was measured with the help of shuttle run. Statistical analysis was done on the basis of One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) in order to determine the difference if any in diurnal variation of Agility (Shuttle run) of kabaddi players. When the difference was found to be significant, the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the groups. It shows that there is a significant difference between shuttle run at different times of a day because the calculated value F is 14.84, which is greater than $\text{tab } F_{0.05}(2,42) = 3.219$. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post-hoc test shows that the mean difference values 1.12 and 1.47 are greater than the critical difference value 0.907. Hence, the mean difference of morning and afternoon as well as afternoon and evening was found to be significant, whereas the mean difference value 0.35 is lesser than the critical difference value 0.907. Hence, the mean difference of morning and evening is found to be insignificant. It is concluded that the diurnal variation of agility of kabaddi players was found to be significant. The mean performance of agility of kabaddi players at evening time is better than morning time followed by afternoon time. The reason for this difference may be attributed to the nature of the kabaddi players. As the kabaddi players were most probably practicing at various clubs and mandals. The practice time of various clubs and mandals are seen at morning and evening. Hence the performance during the evening time is better as compared to morning and afternoon time.

Keywords: Diurnal Variation, Agility, Kabaddi Players, etc.**Introduction**

Thermoregulation (temperature control) is part of a homeostatic mechanism that keeps an individual at optimum operating temperature, as the temperature affects the rate of chemical reactions. The average internal temperature of human being is about 37.0°C (98.6°F), though it fluctuates around this point by 0.5 to 1°C . However, not a single person has exactly the same temperature at every moment of the day. The temperature of human body is not fixed; it fluctuates up and down through the day, as it is controlled by the person's circadian rhythm. Diurnal variation in biological functions are known to occur in almost all living beings; they are controlled by what is called the limbic system, one of the oldest brain sections in phylogenetic history. The duration of such diurnal variation cycles ranges from a few hours to much longer periods. The 24-hour rhythm is one of the most prominent cycles, which controls variations in body temperature, the pulse rate, the respiratory rate, the hormonal secretion and the amount of urine excreted by a person. Body temperature is usually at its lowest (about 36°C) in the early morning hours and at its highest (about 37.4°C) in the late afternoon or in the early evening. These variations can be reversed by merely changing one's daily living habits such as eating and sleeping. According to experts, this variation is credited to the circadian rhythm seen in other areas of physiology and is affected by daily routines such as





as sleeping, eating, light and time; it also appears that long periods of travel will cause cycle changes. For instance, evidence is available to indicate that when a person travel in an aero plane for 8 to 10 hours it may take the cycle 3 or 4 days to actually read just workers to reduce the amount of these variations.

Agility is the capacity to change trajectory, controlling the direction and position of your body while one's body is in momentum. Changing the direction of kho-kho players while chasing and running is an example of agility. Agility is the capability of an individual to change the direction rapidly with control. Some viewed that, agility is dependent on strength, reaction time, speed of movement and muscular co-ordination. Agility is the ability of an individual to change the body position quickly with speed and consistency. It can give the outburst ability to a performer which will help to gain an advantage over his/her opponent.

Materials and Methods

The purpose of the study was to compare the diurnal variation of agility of kabaddi players. For this purposes researcher has selected fifteen male (15) kabaddi players from various mandals and clubs of Seloo, Wardha with the help of simple random sampling method. The age of the kabaddi players were ranged between 18 to 25 years. Players did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data.

Timing of the day

The necessary data was collected at different time of a day the following timing is as follows

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- The performance of agility was measured with the help of shuttle run.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the basis of One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) in order to determine the difference if any in diurnal variation of Agility (Shuttle run) of kabaddi players. When the difference was found to be significant the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the group.

Mean of shuttle run at 6:00am-7:00am is 10.15, mean at 12:00pm-01:00pm is 11.27 and mean at 6:00pm-7:00pm is 9.8 on the basis of mean there is a difference between their agility, to see these difference is significant or not researcher has calculated ANOVA.

Table no – 1

Comparison of diurnal variation of shuttle run

SV	SS	df	MS	F
between	17.7	2	8.85	14.84*
error	25.04	42	0.596	

*significance at 0.05 level

tabulated $F_{0.05(2,42)} = 3.219$

Above table shows that there is significant difference between shuttle run at different time of a day because calculated value F is 14.84 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,42)} = 3.219$. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the group means which is shown on table no-2

Table no – 2

Paired mean difference of different time

06:00 - 07:00 AM	12:00 - 01:00 PM	06:00 - 07:00 PM	MD	CD

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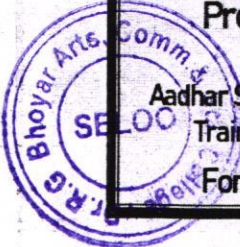
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E-learning Resources in Rural Development: Current Scenario

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ABSTRACT

The field of education emerge now information and communication technology and techniques that shows now terms of teaching and E-learning. Educational institutes had developed learning management system to facilitate e-learning. There are outstanding digital separate among urban and rural areas. In this paper, we present a model for providing e-learning services in rural areas in order to promote and facilitate most recent education. An enthusiastic resource center, hosting the learning management system, facilitates e-learning centers through Internet. The generally goal of this model is to include a cost-effective learning environment set by latest technologies to provide learners an opportunity to get coming into new information and communication technologies and e-learning environment. The model offers new teaching methodology with improve operation of learning management system in teaching and learning. Essential characteristics and technical aspects will be considered as well. The study will also encourage development and usage of open-source technologies.

Keywords

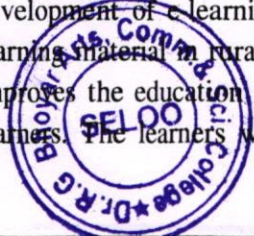
E-learning, ICTs, Educational Technology, Learning Management System, Open-source Software/Technology.

INTRODUCTION

The incredible development in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) has covered the way for e-learning. Uses of computers in education sector know how to be traced back to the early 1980s when simple word processors are in use. The Internet has revolutionized the computer and transportation world like no one facing. This brings us great learning opportunities by having entrance to large amount of information with benefits in expressions of time and cost savings. The modern educational technology facilitates design, captivity and management of educational activities for learners. This can be face-to-face in a lecture hall, online, or combination of both. Imparting education in this way be termed as e-learning (electronic learning) i.e. learning through information and communication technologies. E-learning facilitates reserve learning and provides means to learners to right to use learning material any time and at any place.

A learning management system (LMS) be alive the software application that facilitates e-learning. Multiplicities of commercial as well as open-source LMSs are available today which are being used in educational institutions.

Predictable learning involves setting up infrastructure of school/college and hiring of faculty and staff. Students contain to attend school/college in order to learn. In the rural areas, development of such institute and hiring of full-time faculty requires a lot of resources. Professionally trained educators generally prefer to work and inhabit in urban areas. Accordingly, the population of rural areas is privileged of quality educators and thus quality education. The current work proposes development of e-learning centers based on ICT to provide high-quality education with modern learning material in rural areas. The models employ latest educational technologies that motivation improves the education standard and will be providing means to initiate educational technology to learners. The learners will cover a chance to get familiar through latest technologies, which self-



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control give them deep understanding and effectiveness in using it. The study will encourage e-learning platforms and moreover the development and usage of open-source technologies.

E-LEARNING

E-Learning is to modernize the learning process by usage of ICT resources. E-learning is generally used in distance learning, but it can also be used in combination with face-to-face learning. Learning models are described below.

Learning Models

There are three main learning models. A short-lived description of each is given below.

1. Traditional learning :

Students have to be present at lectures in a classroom. Present is a head to head interaction between teachers and students. Use of multimedia presentations can develop the learning knowledge of students.

2. Distance learning :

Teachers and students are at unusual places for all or the mass of the time. Students are provided with pre-recorded, packaged learning materials and communication between students and teachers take place through some form of communication technology. This model also requires special secretarial and organizational arrangements in order to provide an effective learning environment.

3. Blended learning :

It is the combination of conventional learning model with e-learning solutions. For example, learners attend a face-to-face session at the commencement and at the end of a program, with learning activities going on online in the middle.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

LMS is the software used for managing e-learning with a deliverance mechanism, providing access to resources, tracking and assessing the academic activities. LMS provides surroundings in which learning filling are developed and organized by instructors. Interactions between instructors and students take place throughout communication tools. For the most part of LMSs are web-based in order to give support to online access to learning content. Features available by LMS include user management, content management, activity tracking, file storage, storing of grades, reports generation, and communication tools. A distinctive LMS with some features is shown in

Instructors use authoring and publishing tools to create and issue learning filling. Courses are prepared more exciting and easy to understand with the help of enriched multimedia examples. The environment offer shared learning by assigning tasks to students, making assessments, assignment of grades, active contribution with synchronous or asynchronous communication tools, such as chatting, discussion groups, forums, email, video conferencing, and so on. Contact to learning resources is confidential to enrolled students. LMS is the interior of anticipated e-learning model as it will serve as platform for all learning activities.

LMS Resource Center

The central hub of the anticipated model is LMS resource center. The resource center is acknowledged in city/town where ICT resources are available. This center is outfitted with required resources to develop and distribute learning contents throughout Internet. The representation of resource interior is shown in Fig. 2. The main mechanisms of resource center are LMS server, LMS application, content development team and administrator. A brief description of each is given below



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Software	Requirements
Operating System	Linux/Windows/Mac
LMS	eFront Open-source version 3.6
Web Server	Apache 2+ recommended, although eFront can work with Apache 1.x, IIS, nginx or lighttpd
Language	PHP version 5.1+ (PHP 5.2+ recommended)
Database	MySQL Server 4+ (MySQL 5 is strongly recommended)

The hardware and software necessities that system must meet in order to install eFront LMS are presented in Table 1 and Table 2 correspondingly. It is complex to install and configure (Apache/MySQL/PHP) AMP manually. The solution is XAMP that is an incorporated server package of Apache, MySQL, PHP and Perl. XAMPP is freeware and configures the AMP environment in a computerized way. Storage space requirements rise with the increase in number of users as each user requires storage space for files/data storage. The server is competent to support rather a large numbers of registered users and potentially 400–500 corresponding users. Storage space and memory can be enlarged to add sustain for more users.

➤ **eFront LMS**

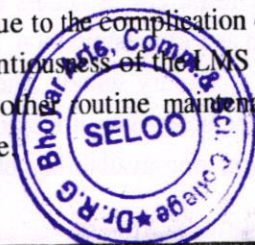
Selection of eFront LMS is based upon the proportional study of open-source learning management systems. Beginning the study, it is experimental that eFront has more visually attractive icon-based user interface that gives a nice look-and-feel and is easy to use. Most of the options are self-explanatory. eFront is accomplished of fulfill a wide range of learning requirements by offering many tools for content management, assignments, projects, reports, chat, forums, file sharing etc. Some of the facial emergences of eFront are shown in Fig. 4. E-Front is user-friendly, extensible and appropriate for both academic and organization use. E-Front offers three user roles in its environment, specifically Administrator, Professor and Student. User roles can be interchanged in different courses. EFront has multilingual support and can support more than forty Five languages.

➤ **Content development team**

This team consists of Subject Leader, Instructor and Teaching Assistant (TA). The subject leader plans and prepare the course summarize. After conversation with the instructor, guidelines are provided to TA for development of learning substance. TA's role is to support the focus leader and instructor in all academic activities. Once learning contents are arranged, the same are reviewed by subject leader and instructor. If there are some revisions required, assigned to TA otherwise forwarded to most important for analysis and final approval. After finalization of course contained by, the same are distorted into content package files which can be read and imported by LMS.

➤ **Administrator**

The administrator can control any portion of the system all the way during an easy to use edge. The LMS Administrator works in association with instructor and reports to Principal. The LMS Administrator oversees operation and preservation of LMS server, resolves user issues and assists with other help-desk duties. Due to the complication of hardware and software that make up the LMS infrastructure, it is the conscientiousness of the LMS Administrator to perform any patches, upgrades, service packs, hot-fixes, and other routine maintenance to ensure the highest possible uptime and consistency of the LMS service.



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It is also conditional that in rural areas children often leave study to become skilled workers so that they can contribute to their domestic income. They start doing low paying jobs, mostly laborers, helpers or entourage. The goal is to develop their interest in latest educational technology and equip them with suitable skills. This could enlarge their capacity to learn, experience and master latest technology and technological applications. By utilizing their basic education and education skills they can find better jobs or start their own small business like computer sales, network design and maintenance, website development, software development etc. By doing so, they can put in well in their income and move up their living standards and accordingly contributing in the largely economy.

CONCLUSIONS

It is sustain of the day that new educational technologies should be adopted in order to present a modern education with new teaching methodologies and shared learning. ICTs can play essential role by introducing new teaching and learning practices thus revolutionizing the educational system. The use of LMSs from higher education to schools is growing day-by-day, and LMSs are future of educational technologies with a great amount of new potential. We present a model for development of e-learning centers in rural areas based upon open-source LMSs with technical outline and features. The study may contribute in promoting education in rural areas by giving latest educational technologies and upward students' interest in e-learning. This will create efficiency and have a say to economy thus improving trade of rural population. The study may also encourage ICTs, e-learning and usage of LMSs. Use of open-source software in anticipated model may notify learners with potential benefits and motivate learning communities for use of open-source technologies. It may also help in encouragement and development of open-source software.

Considering the increasing popularity of e-learning, it is somewhat valuable to offer such facilities in rural areas in order to decrease the digital divide and to maintain in the process of rural development by causative in the socio-economic factors.

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