

Efficiency of Betel nut powder, Corn waste, and sand filter in reducing pollutants from wastewater

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Abstract:

In this work, I tried to improve the efficiency and performance of the sand filter with a simple low cost method, to facilitate good environmental and health conditions in developing countries. This work successfully reported an alternative for the traditional biological sand filter which was considered as a time consuming filter. Betel nut powder, Corn waste added to the filter and their effects were observed. The filter was designed and then UV treatment is given to the water to reduce further pathogens removal. The results of this work indicated that chemical oxygen demand (COD) was reduced by 53%. Moreover, the total suspended solids (TSS) removal % reached to 86%. Also, the total organic carbon (TOC), surfactants (SUR), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and total bacterial count were reduced when used.

Keyword: *Betel nut powder, Corn waste, Sand filters, Pollutant, Wastewater*

1. INTRODUCTION

Recycling and reusing of wastewater has become one of the most important parts of water management demands. One of the economical and effective process for the waste water treatment is sand filtration. Soil treatment has emerged as one of the promising technologies for wastewater renovation. In addition, the removal of pathogens, nutrients, suspended solids and other organic pollutants is necessary for safe and healthy environment. Wastewater treatment by filtration is considered to be one of the most used processes to produce high quality water and effluent which can be reused for various purposes. The efficiency of the filtration process depended on the chemical and physical properties of the filter and the nature of the materials needed to be removed. In recent years, people returned to use sand filters (SFs) in water treatment due to their simplicity, low cost, and efficiency. In this study, Betel nut powder, Corn waste were added to the sand filter to increase its efficiency and performance. Betel nut powder is used in wastewater treatment as it is considered as a cheap natural enzyme inhibitor, detergent, and astringent like activities, moreover it has ability for high adsorption capacity

One of the economical and effective process for the wastewater treatment is sand filtration. Soil treatment has emerged as one of the promising technologies for wastewater renovation. In sand filtration treatment, wastewater is first treated by conventional physicochemical and/or biological treatment and then allowed to infiltrate through aerated unsaturated zone wherein it gets purified through unit operations and processes such as filtration, adsorption, chemical processes and biodegradation. Operation cost, operating requirements with local skills and space constraint particularly in the urban sector of the developing world have limited their application to a great extent. Recycling and reuse of maximum quantity of treated wastewater on-site will help in reducing the use of potable water. Improvement in environmental conditions and reduction of the water pollution. Improvement in environmental conditions and reduction of the water pollution.

2. Materials and methods

The Betel nut powder, Corn waste were bought from the local market in Ahmedabad. Also, commercial white sand is used. Preparation of Betel nut powder, Corn waste: The raw Betel nut powder is washed with distilled water to remove impurities and then dried in oven. Corn waste is converted in powdered form and then blended in a food processing blender. The Betel nut powder and corn waste was sieved to obtain homogeneous particle size. And then filled in the column as shown in the fig-1.

3. Experimental Setup

Constructed lab scale sand filter packed column. With soil and other prepared media. With UV lights to improve the pathogen removal.

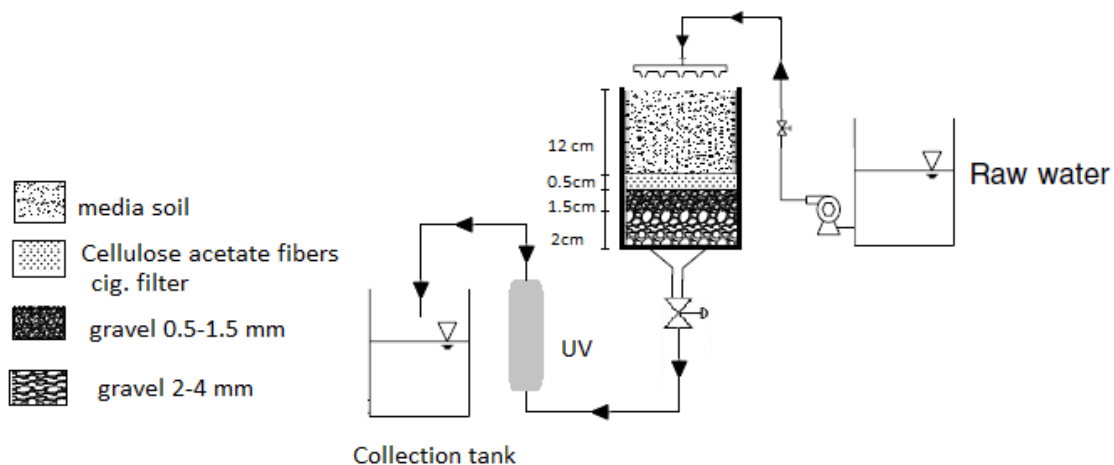


Fig. 1 Process flow design for Experimental setup

Specification of system

Centrifugal pump with head 5ft.
 Philips Uv Lamp, Chamber, 8'uv 11 WT
 UV light has different wavelength between 100- 400 nm.
 100-200 vacuumUV, 200-280 UV-C, 280-315 UV-B, 315-400 UV-A
 UV-C radiation used for treatment is most effective at a wavelength of 264
 And prepared soil media with fine sand, corn waste, betel nut powder
 Column dia. 20.5 cm
 Height 16 cm

4. Results and discussion

<i>Sr.no.</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Inlet</i>	<i>Outlet from soil bad</i>	<i>Outlet from uv</i>
1	pH	7.13	7.4	7.4
2	COD	380	210	178
3	BOD	126	80	57
4	TDS	1260	1253	1253
5	TSS	250	34	34
6	DO	0.6	0.8	

Table 1- Parameter results from inlet and outlet

- COD is decreed by 53%
- BOD is decreed by 40%
- TSS is decreed by 86%
- There is no significant change in the pH, TDS and DO.
- DO level may increase if we increase the residence time.
- These parameters can further be reduced by increasing the height of the column and may increase if we increase the residence time.

4. CONCLUSION

Hence the media used in this analysis is very effective in reducing parameters COD is decreed by 53%BOD is decreed by 40%TSS is decreed by 86%. Further research in this area for different composition of media can be done.

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