

# A Review on Waste Water Treatment in Rural Areas Using Easily Accessible Plants

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## ABSTRACT

**Background-** River water quality and rising water treatment costs are caused by development of land and excessive discharge from storms during the rainy seasons the natural waterfalls on the mountain are blending with the waters. Humans have conserved this water, which eventually turns into sewage and completes the hydrological cycle. Natural streams become polluted as a result of industrialization, urbanization, population development, and other causes that lower their quality, such as sewage from homes, cities, institutions, hospitals, and businesses. The ecosystem and human health are at risk from contaminated streams. As much as possible, natural materials must be used in the process of coagulation-flocculation.

**Objective-** One of the most effective basic chemical treatments is coagulation. Techniques that could be applied to get rid of these pollutants. Natural coagulants have grown in popularity in the water and wastewater treatment industry due to their benefits over chemical coagulants. Sector Microbes, plants, and animals all contain natural coagulants. The only treatment available is natural coagulants, but this is insufficient due to the increased limitations on how they work. Actually under these constrained conditions, they are being grown just as successfully as chemical coagulants thanks to technological developments and thorough research.

**Finding-** This study examines a variety of coagulants, particularly those with a natural basis, that are employed in the process of coagulation-flocculation of wastewater treatment. This review study also discusses the possibilities of nature-based materials as aids and as coagulants.

## INTRODUCTION

One of nature's greatest gifts to humanity and the sustainability of ecological systems is water. From the summits of the mountains to the oceans and the tiniest rivers, the water cycle on Earth guarantees a steady supply for all living things. Despite making up 71% of the Earth's surface, only 2.5% of it is fresh water <sup>[7]</sup>. Wastewater from used fresh water is released back into the environment under different conditions than when it was removed. Unfortunately, humans put a lot of strain on natural water bodies by using and diverting freshwater in a variety of ways to support numerous subsistence activities, drive important economic activity, and support agriculture. The world's population is predicted to increase by nine billion people by 2050 due to massive urbanization, with 1.4 billion of those increases occurring in only ten years from slum dwellers alone <sup>[9]</sup> As the population grows, more water will be used, which will result in more wastewater being produced. More responsibility and pressure are placed on streams and river bodies to purify themselves as a result of the declining quality of water supplies.

The global market for coagulants and flocculants is expected to increase at a compound annual growth rate of 5.9% from 2017 to 2022, reaching USD 6.01 billion from USD 4.35 billion in 2016. An essential natural resource for human life is water. In addition to rising freshwater use, increased population, economic growth, and industrialization have led to serious mismanagement of this natural resource <sup>[1]</sup> According to the researchers, home waste has increased exponentially as a result of improvements in the population's production and consumption patterns <sup>[6]</sup>. a colloidal suspension or solution can be destabilized using the first technique, coagulation. The second sub-process, called flocculation, is the addition of destabilizing particles that come together, make contact, and then form large agglomerates that are usually easier to separate by settling gravity. Once the coagulant is applied to the water, the individual colloids must aggregate and enlarge in order for the pollutants to sink to the bottom of the beaker and be extracted from the water suspension <sup>[3]</sup>. Coagulants composed of iron and aluminum are commonly used in most industries. However, when used as a coagulant in waste water treatment, aluminum can have a number of detrimental effects on human health, such as learning difficulties, intestinal constipation, memory loss, seizures,

stomach colic, and low energy<sup>[6]</sup> As a result, there is currently a lot of interest in the creation and use of natural coagulants in wastewater treatment. Microbes, plants, and animals can all produce or derive these organic coagulants. Acceptance of the discharged effluents following appropriate wastewater treatment. Effluents can have negative health effects, including worm infections, skin conditions, and eye infections, when they get into an environment, such as a river. Nonetheless, these impacts can be considerably lessened by maintaining proper hygiene. This effect may be caused by the turbidity and suspended particles in the wastewater while using coagulation-flocculation. Common wastewater treatment techniques include chemical precipitation, lime coagulation, ion exchange, reverse osmosis, and solvent extraction<sup>[9]</sup>. Coagulants are added to the water to eliminate the forces that stabilize colloidal particles and cause them to suspend in it. The cost, usability, and environmental friendliness of natural coagulants make them advantageous for developing countries. The pH of the raw water, which is acceptable for human consumption, and the way antibiotics affect certain bacteria and fungi have no effect on the performance<sup>[4]</sup>. Wastewater can be significantly less alkaline than using chemical coagulants. It is cost-effective to employ natural coagulants. While bio-coagulants have intrinsic properties that make them detrimental to aquatic life, the widespread use of chemical coagulants made of aluminum causes a variety of neurological problem<sup>[2]</sup>. Natural coagulants such as chitosan, gelatin, cellulose-based polymers, microbial polysaccharides, *Moringa oleifera*, and *Moringa* oil have been the subject of numerous investigations. Because they are comparatively less expensive than chemical coagulants, natural coagulants are commonly used as point-of-use products in less developed populations<sup>[7]</sup>. The investigation of new coagulants with improved coagulation performance and efficiency has been accelerated by the high demand and interest in the coagulation process<sup>[9]</sup>

## 2. PURPOSE AND GOALS.

The aim of this study is to treat water and waste water by using the different components of easily accessible plant extract as a natural coagulant and clarifying agent after the physicochemical properties of public water, household waste water, and industrial waste water samples, as well as to assess and contrast the efficacy of the water and waste water samples in terms of turbidity reduction, odor elimination, pH reduction, microbial load reduction, and total coliform reduction. In addition to *Moringa oleifera* seeds, *Calotropis procera*, *Jatropha curcas*, and *Opuntia ficus indica* have not been used to purify water or waste water, which is a The main focus of this project research is that plant extract, a naturally occurring coagulant derived from plants, is one of the most efficient primary coagulants for water treatment and will be compared to widely used plant extract in the clarity of turbid surface waters. The creation of this will typically advance our understanding of water and wastewater treatment and provide an alternative to other treatment techniques that require a great deal of supervision and training. The project objectives include determining the potential of plant extracts from *Opuntia ficus indica*, *Jatropha curcas*, *Calotropis procera*, and *Moringa oleifera* for wastewater treatment, as well as conducting toxicological research and developing formulations.

Our study's primary goals are

1. To investigate how plant extract affects the sedimentation of total solids.
2. To investigate how plant extract affects water's color, turbidity, pH, and odor.
3. To investigate how plant extract affects the overall number of bacteria
4. To investigate how plant extract affects water hardness

## 3. METHODOLOGY.

The scope of water treatment according to the mixing process was carried out, and the Characteristics of coagulants with natural and chemical bases were investigated, all based on a survey of the literature. The treatment process assessed temperature before and after dose implementation, the quantity of pollutants, particle

concentration, zeta potential, dosage setting, molecular weight-based coagulant type, pH value to decide if the coagulant is basic or acidic, etc. When describing the mixing process, the coagulation and flocculation processes are combined in either slow or rapid mixing. Finally using the data to form a conclusion.

### 3.1 The Effects of Waste Water.

Wastewater is any liquid waste or sewage generated by residences, hospitals, factories, and other structures that use water for their activities. It is an undesirable effect of water use. Consequently, water used to flush toilets or run faucets will eventually find its way into the ocean and other large bodies of water<sup>[9]</sup>. Underdeveloped countries bear the brunt of sanitary problems and health risks associated with consuming tainted water<sup>[6]</sup>. With the help of contemporary, developing technologies and effective management, wastewater can be reframed as a valuable resource. Farmers gain from reusing wastewater in agriculture in a number of ways, such as maintaining freshwater supplies and achieving economic efficiency. Improper wastewater management can have serious repercussions. Future water extraction requirements may be impacted by the current global issue unless wastewater management is redesigned with cutting-edge goals. In terms of mortality, humans have to deal with threats to their survival. Water-borne infections continue to be the primary obstacle to the global synergy between people and water. Waterborne diseases that spread parasitic and disease-causing germs into water are caused by a lack of resources and expertise to establish and maintain an efficient sanitation system<sup>3</sup>. One illustration of how wastewater is still having a detrimental effect is the rise in malarial incidences. According to WHO projections from 2017, malaria kills 429,000 people worldwide<sup>[2]</sup>. Africa has been identified as having the largest portion of it. It was estimated that children under the age of five were responsible for 70% of deaths in 2015<sup>4</sup>.

### 3.2 The Method of Coagulation and Flocculation.

Coagulation has been used in wastewater treatment since ancient times, and its primary goal is to eliminate colloidal contaminants, which also eliminates turbidity from the water. A substance called a coagulant is added to water to remove the forces holding colloidal particles in place and causing them to float<sup>[1]</sup>. Coagulation reduces the forces holding colloids together by neutralizing the negative electrical charge on the particles. When introduced to water and mixed, coagulants—which are composed of positively charged molecules—achieve this charge neutralization. Coagulant kinds that are either organic, inorganic, or a combination are commonly employed to remove suspended particles from water. When applied to water containing a colloidal suspension, the cationic metal ion of an inorganic coagulant neutralizes the negatively charged electric double layer of the suspension<sup>[9]</sup>. In effluent wastewater water treatment processes, flocculation and coagulation chemicals are utilized for solids removal, water clarifying, lime softening, sludge thickening, and solids dewatering<sup>[6]</sup>. Coagulation reduces the forces holding colloids together by neutralizing the negative electrical charge on the particles. When introduced to water and mixed, coagulants—which are composed of positively charged molecules—achieve this charge neutralization. Coagulant kinds that are either organic, inorganic, or a combination are commonly employed to remove suspended particles from water. When applied to water containing a colloidal suspension, the cationic metal ion of an inorganic coagulant neutralizes the negatively charged electric double layer of the suspension<sup>9</sup>. Similar situations occur with an organic coagulant, with the exception that the amine (NH) group that is often connected to the molecule provides the positive charge. Chemical Treat offers coagulation products that are both GRAS-applicable and NSF-approved<sup>8</sup>. Polyelectrolytes, iron salts, and aluminum salts are a few examples of Chemical Treat coagulation products.

### 3.3 Natural coagulant types.

Because of certain characteristics, natural coagulants are safe for aquatic life. It contains chitosan, bio-alginate, microbial polysaccharides, gelatin, and cellulose-based materials. They are sometimes referred to as polymeric coagulants because most natural coagulants are composed of polysaccharides

Based On Plants	Based On Animal	Based On Microorganism
Moringa Oleifera, Cactus, Nirmali, seeds, Tannin, Potato, starch, Bananapeel, Commonbeans, Tamarind seeds	Chitosan, Alginate Chitin	Xanthan gum, Aspergillus, Enterobacter, Streptomonas sp.

**Table -1 Classification of natural coagulants with example.**

### 3.4 The process by which natural coagulants coagulate.

Because natural polymers contain many charged functional groups, such as -OH, -COOH, and -NH, in their polysaccharide chains, the mechanism of coagulation led to the development of the concept that interaction between the polymer and the dissolved particles in a solution is possible. Bridging mechanisms, charge neutralization, double layer compression, and the sweep-floc mechanism are the four general processes that go into processing coagulant<sup>[6]</sup>. Lipids, proteins, and carbohydrates are among the many macromolecules that commonly make up natural coagulants. Often, the primary components are polymers of polysaccharides and amino acids. The bridging process has been identified by numerous studies using various coagulants, including sago starch, cassia seed gum, and moringa oleifera extract<sup>[1]</sup>. long chain polymers that are absorbed by particles may have heads and tails that enter the solution in various ways. In order to attach and wrap polymer chain divisions around other particles, a bridging mechanism requires a large region<sup>[7]</sup>. As a result, the bridging mechanism's most beneficial sum is appropriately significant. According to earlier studies, the lipids, alkaloids with -COOH and -OH groups, and carbohydrates in the Nirmali microbe extract boost its coagulating action. Extracts of polysaccharide particles from Nirmali seeds contained galactan and galactomannan, which can eliminate up to 80% of the turbidity in kaolin solution. The presence of -OH adsorption sites adjacent to the galactomannan and galactan chains found in nirmali seed extracts causes inter-particle bridging<sup>[7]</sup>

## CONCLUSION

Many nature based sources of coagulants have found a home in the water and wastewater sector, where they are frequently employed as primary coagulants or coagulant aids. Natural coagulants are good substitutes for chemical coagulants because they are less harmful to humans, cheaper, and better for the environment. By addressing its drawbacks and developing them as aids or composites, the use of natural coagulants can be further marketed. The creation of coagulants from both sources may be the next big-key answer, despite the drawbacks of using only chemical coagulants and the restricted capacity of natural materials to function at their best. Furthermore, the need for natural coagulants is only going to grow from a sustainability standpoint.

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