

# Bioremediation of Textile Wastewater

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## Abstract

*Textile wastewater contaminated with dye and soil samples were collected from a small scale industry located at Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, India. Study was conducted for screening and isolation of bacteria capable for decolorizing textile dyes. Reactive Black 5 and Reactive Blue 4 dyes were used in the study. Decolorization abilities of isolates were studied and optimizations of various physiochemical parameters (effect of pH, contaminant concentration, inoculum concentration) were examined. Products after dye degradation were analyzed by UV-VIS techniques. Bacterial identification tests (Gram Staining Test, Indole Test, Methyl Red Test, Voges-Proskauer Test, Citrate Utilization Test) were conducted in order to find the family of bacteria. Results show that the optimum pH for dye decolorization was 7.0 for 10, 15 and 20 ppm concentration, Reactive Blue 4 at 10 ppm concentration was showing maximum decolorization after 36 hours, 14 ml inoculum was showing maximum decolorization for Reactive Black 5 and Reactive Blue 4 dyes after 48hours.*

**Keywords:** - Bioremediation, Textile wastewater, Gram Staining Test, Indole Test, Methyl Red Test, Voges-Proskauer Test, Citrate Utilization Test.

## INTRODUCTION

Industrialization and modernization produces large amount of effluent from industries to the environment, which in turn creates more pollution. Mostly synthetic dyes are used in textile dyeing industries, food industries, cosmetics, paper printing and pharmaceutical industries. 2/3rd of the textile industries were covering gross dye stuff market. During production, approximately 10-15% of the dye stuff is lost directly to wastewater that finally harm the environment [3]. Among synthetic dyes, azo dyes causes environmental concern

because of their color and toxic nature to animal and human also producing carcinogenic substances [2,3]. Toxic effluents released directly to the water bodies by the industries and causes a great threat to the marine life as they undergo chemical and biological changes. In order to treat the effluents from textile and dyeing industries, broadly classified methods are categorized as physical, chemical and biological. Physical and chemical methods which include adsorption, flocculation, coagulation, ion- exchange, chemical oxidation, irradiation, and ultra-filtration are not sufficient

mainly due to high BOD, COD, heat, color pH, presence of metals and these methods require high capital costs. Decolorization of dyes by biological means is a cost-effective tool for extracting dye from the nature. The aim of the present study deals with isolation and identification of bacteria (from naturally dye contaminated wastewater and soil samples) which have the ability to decolorize and degrade some azo dyes used in textile industry.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Collection of samples Textile dye wastewater

The textile dye wastewater and contaminated soil sample was collected from a private small-scale industry Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, India. The wastewater was stored in refrigerator at  $4 \pm 1$  °C in airtight plastic containers.

### Dyes and media

Two different dyes were used for studying bioremediation process including Reactive Black 5, Reactive Blue 4. Nutrient broth and nutrient agar media were used for culture and isolation of bacterial isolates. Dyes were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and Alfa Aesar respectively. All chemicals and minimal salt media (MSM) used in this study were purchased from SRL Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, India.

### Isolation and identification of bacteria from the textile dye effluent

Isolation for bacterial culture was performed by using MSM having glucose and yeast extract containing two azo dyes namely Reactive blue 4 and Reactive black 5 with the initial dye concentration of 10 ppm. The enrichment was carried out in 100 ml MSM medium by adding 30 ml and 20 ml of textile wastewater sample and soil sample respectively. After every 3rd day of

incubation a sample of medium was streaked onto sterile nutrient agar plates and incubation was performed at 37°C for 24 to 48 h, and 1 ml of the enriched culture was also transferred to fresh medium. At the end of incubation 1 ml sample was diluted from each flask and plated on the agar medium. The pure cultures of bacterial strains were maintained on nutrient agar plate by keeping it at 4°C.

**Screening of dye decolorizing bacteria** Grown culture of 2 isolates were used to inoculate in 500 ml flask containing 100 ml Nutrient Broth supplemented with Reactive Blue 4 and Reactive Black 5 (10 ppm) dye. Under static conditions inoculated flasks were incubated. 1.5 ml sample was taken out from the flask and centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 15 min.

## COLONY CHARACTERIZATION

### 1. Biochemical test

These tests were performed to identify the bacterial species and its family. Reagents required for different biochemical tests were prepared and stored at 4°C in refrigerator.

### 2. Gram staining test

This test helps in differentiating the bacteria into Gram Positive and Gram Negative Bacteria, which contributes in the classification of microorganisms.

### 3. IMViC Test

The term "IMViC" states "I" stands for indole test; "M" stands for methyl red test; "V" stands for Voges-Proskauer test, and "C" stands for citrate test.

### 4. Assay of decolorization

In terms of percentage decolorization, dye decolorization by bacterial activity was calculated. Removal of biomass was carried out by the

centrifugation at 8,000 rpm for 15 min. With the help of UV-visible spectrophotometer, degree of decolorization of the dye was measured at its maximum absorbance wavelength using. Formula used for the decolorization assay was calculated accordingly-

$$\% \text{ Decolorization}$$

$$\frac{\text{initial absorbance} - \text{final absorbance}}{\text{initial absorbance}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{initial absorbance}}{\text{initial absorbance}}$$

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Screening and identification of bacteria This paper compiled many results like various bacterial identification tests were performed on the basis of which bacterial families have to be decided, kinetic study was performed in order to know the rate and order of equation, equilibrium study of different bacterial colonies with different dyes were performed so that we can check the ability of bacterial strains, different parameter study like pH, temperature, incubation time, contaminant concentration, and inoculum concentration were performed in order to know the best fit conditions for a particular bacteria. Results are summarized as below:

### (A) Bacterial identification test

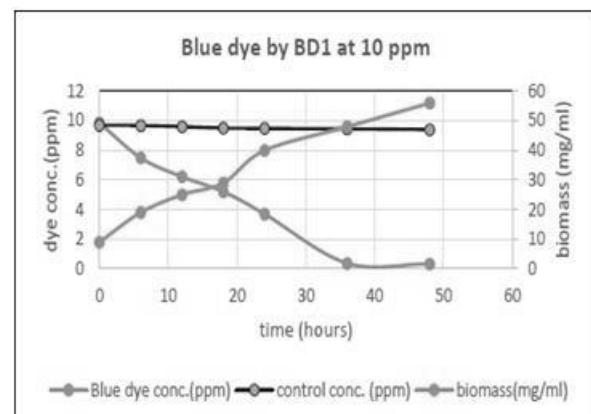
Test Name	Indicator	Result
Gram staining test	Pink color bacteria appears	Negative
Indole test	Red color ring appears	Negative
Methyl red test	Yellow color media formation	Positive
Voges-Proskauer Test	Red-brown color appears	Negative
Citrate utilization test	Blue color appears	Negative

### (A) Equilibrium study by BD1 and BD2

**Table 2: Summary of identification tests for black dye**

Test Name	Indicator	Results
Gram staining test	Pink color appears	Negative
Indole test	Red color ring formation	Positive
Methyl red test	Yellow color media appears	Negative
Voges-Proskauer Test	Red brown color appears	Positive
Citrate utilization test	Blue color appears	Positive

### Equilibrium study for blue dye BLUE DYE BY BD1 AT 10 PPM



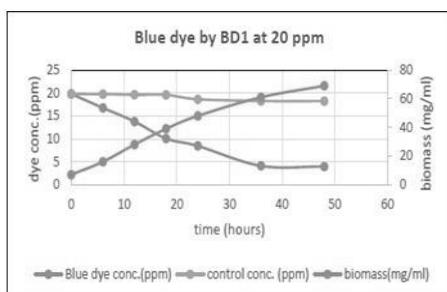
**Fig 1: Plot of dye conc. with time, biomass and control conc.**



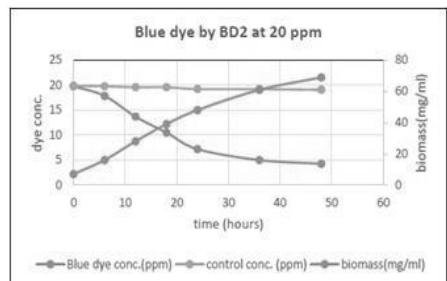
**Bluedye before Decolourization**



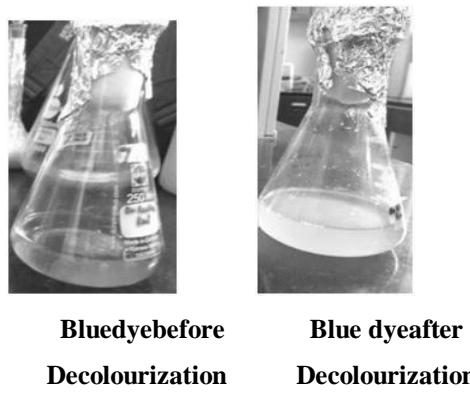
**Bluedye after Decolourization**

**BLUE DYE BY BD1 AT 20 PPM**

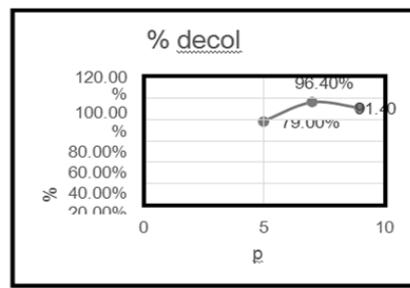
**Fig 2: Plot of blue dye with time, biomass and control conc.**

**BLUE DYE BY BD2 AT 20 PPM**

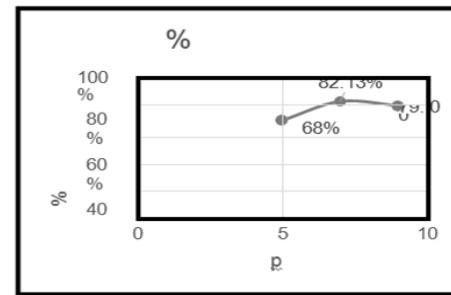
**Fig 3: Plot of blue dye with time, biomass and control conc.**

**(C) Optimization parametersstudy**

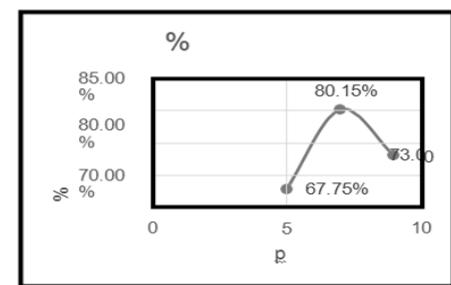
Effect of pH on blue dye at 10, 15 and 20 ppm.



**Fig 4: %decolorization vs time at 10 ppm**

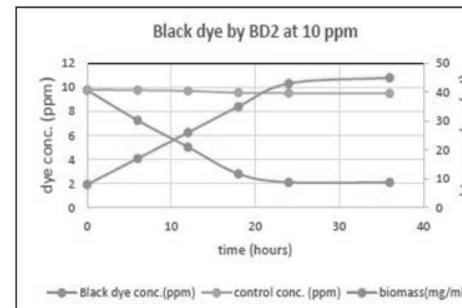


**Fig 5: %decolorization vs time at 15 ppm**

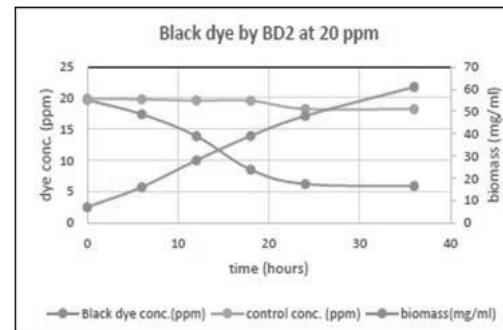


**Fig 6: %decolorization vs time at 20 ppm**

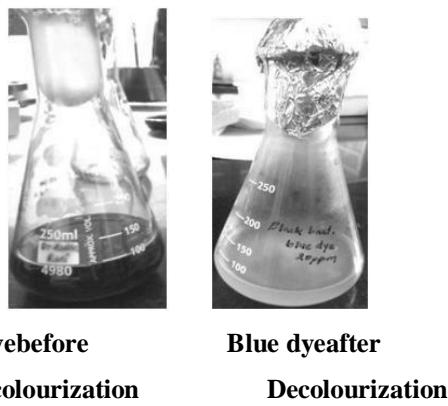
Equilibrium study for black dye

**BLACK DYE BY BD2 AT 10 PPM**

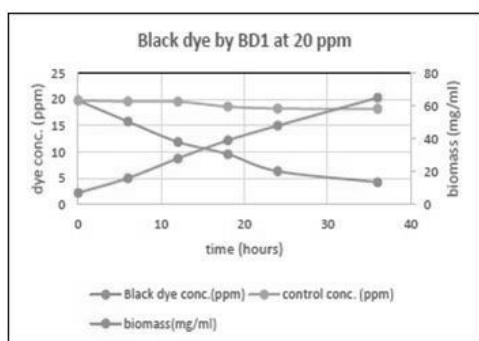
**Fig 7: Plot of dye conc. with time, biomass and control conc.**

**BLACK DYE BY BD2 AT 20 PPM**

**Fig 8: Plot of dye conc. with time, biomass and control conc.**



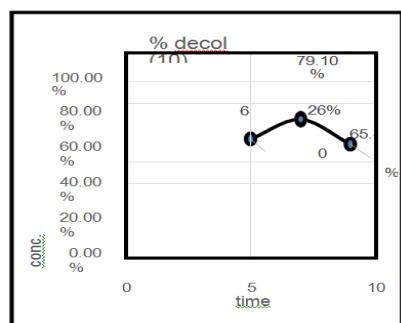
### BLACK DYE BY BD1 AT 20 PPM



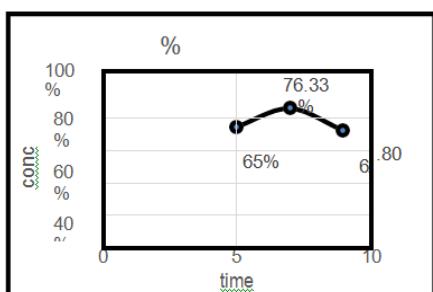
**Fig 9: Plot of dye conc. with time, biomass and control conc.**

### OPTIMIZATION PARAMETERS STUDY

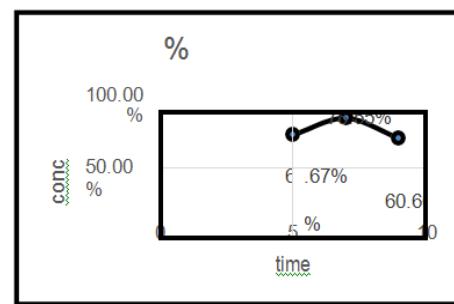
Effect of pH on black dye at 10, 15 and 20 ppm.



**Fig 10: %decolorizationvs time at 10 ppm**



**Fig 11: %decolorizationvs time at 15ppm**



**Fig 12: %decolorizationvs time at 20ppm**

### CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

In this study, isolation of bacteria, and characterization of a bacteria capable of degrading harmful dyes were performed. Factors effecting degradation of dyes was found to be dyeconcentration, pH, incubation time and temperature. The advantages of this biological treatment are low cost, rapid degradation, and simple handling. Future work should be the toxicity test for the wastewater that is under treatment, design of efficient bioreactors for the treatment of dye wastewater. The technique of removing dyes bybioremediation has proved to be very effective method in an eco-friendly way. Future work to isolate new microorganisms having potential to degrade wide range of textile dye stuff and simultaneously creating an environment free from textile dye pollution is needed.

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