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MANAGEMENT OF TENDU LEAF IN SOLAPUR

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ABSTRACT

Management of solid waste is vital difficulty in developing as well as under developing countries like India. The manufacturing industries are major source of solid waste. In the Solapur region the production of bides from the Tendu leaf is main source of income for the low and middle income group. The bidee production produces large quantity of its by products which directly dump into nearby the production yard and indirectly environment as whole without any pre-treatment. This paper tries to concentrate on the parametric study on the surroundings of dumping yards. During the experimental study in laboratory as well as on the study area, the primary observations place conclusion that the solids waste from beedi industry needs effective management to reduce and control the original quality of local environment.

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INTRODUCTION

Rationale and Significance

In India Bidee industry is one of the most important unorganized agro industry which occupies significant place in the national Economy. Bidee rolling is manual in all its stages, with use of only ordinary scissors, winnows and wire nets. The two principal raw materials are used for bidee making there are Bidee tobacco and Bidee leaves (Tendu or kendo leaf). They fit a Bidee in the Bidee industry where no foreign exchange, machinery electric power, skilled labour or any others infrastructures are required. It needs just two ingredients i.e. the right type of tobacco and tendu leaves to wrap the tobacco in the blended tobacco and leaves for wrapping are brought from indigenous sources. The instruments of production are only the unskilled female labours that roll out the bidees and supplement their family income. Since independence from the British in 1947, India has relied heavily on forest resources, including extraction of *tendu* leaves, to provide livelihood options for its marginalized tribal and forest-dependent communities. *Tendu* leaves are used to make *bidees*, an indigenous leaf-rolled cigarette made from coarse uncured tobacco, tied with a coloured string at one end.

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It is widely smoked in the Indian subcontinent and is gaining popularity globally, especially in USA, Germany, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Japan (Tobacco Board of India 2010).

As there is generation of 20T (Dilip Kadam and Girish Pathade 2005) waste tendu leaf per day in Solapur city it leads problem of disposal. This seminar is effort to manage the tendu leafs waste generated by making its use for vermicomposting or any other source to dispose it. Otherwise it will consume more land in future & may disturb the ecological cycle.

Concept of Bidee

A **Bidee** is a thin, Indian cigarette filled with tobacco flake and wrapped in a tendu or possibly even *Bauhinia racemosa* leaf tied with a string at one end. The name is derived from the Marwari word *beeda*—a leaf wrapped in betel nuts, herbs, and condiments. A traditional method of tobacco use throughout South Asia and parts of the Middle East, today bidees are popular and inexpensive in India. There, bidee consumption outpaces that of conventional cigarettes although these tobacco-filled leaves deliver more nicotine, carbon monoxide, and tar and carry a greater risk of oral cancer. Bidees accounted for 48% of Indian tobacco consumption in 2008. As with many other types of smoking, bidees increase the risk of certain kinds of cancers, heart disease, and lung disease. Its disposal is measure problem today. This home industry of bidee making produces cuttings of tendu leaf as refuse

which pollutes the dumping sites creating solid waste disposal problem of alarming scale. About 7200 tonnes of Tendu leaf waste is generated per annum in Solapur, India (Dilip Kadam and Girish Pathade, 2005)

Scientific Name of Tendu leaf

Coromandel Ebony or East Indian Ebony (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) is a species of flowering tree in the family *Ebenaceae* that is native to India and Sri Lanka and that has a hard, dry bark. Its common name derives from Coromandel, the coast of southeastern India. Locally it is known as *temburini* or by its Hindi name *tendu*. In Odisha and Jharkhand it is known as *kendu*. The leaves can be wrapped around tobacco to create the Indian *bidee*, (Mane *et al.*, 2010) which has outsold conventional cigarettes in India. Commonly in regional languages it is known as (Oriya): Kendu, (Bengali): kend, kendu, (Hindi): abnus, kendu, tendu, timburni, (Nepali): abnush, tendu, (Sanskrit): dirghapatraka, (Tamil): karai, karundumbi, tumbi, (Telugu): tuniki, bidee aaku, (Trade name) : ebony

Generation and collection of Tendu Leafs

Tendu leaves are obtained from tendu tree (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) and leaf of tendu is considered the most suitable covering on account of the simplicity with which it can be rolled and its wide availability. Leaves of many other plants like Plash, Sal are also find use as Bidee wrappers in different parts of the country but the texture, flavour and workability of tendu leaves are unique. The major use of tendu leaves in Bidee industry is due to their enormous production, agreeable flavour, flexibility, resistance to decay and capacity to retain fires. The broad morphological characters on which leaves, are selected and categorised for Bidee making are size, thickness of leaves, texture, and relative thickness of midrib and lateral veins. For collection and processing of tendu leaves standardized same procedure is used throughout India. Tendu leaves are collected from the trees in the month of April after 45 days cutting the upper branches. The leaves are collected in bundles of 100 leaves, which are dried in sunlight for about a week. The dried leaves are sprinkled with water to soften them and then filled tightly in jute bags and exposed to direct sunlight for 3 days. During collection of leaves, the collectors prefer fresh and disease free leaves.

Revenue Generation

Thousands of families are associated in making bidee. One person earns Rs 60-80/- per day by making bidee from tendu leaves. Bidee rolling is the primary job which looks very simple but need practice and consistency in work. It is a source of subsidiary occupation and supplementary income to lakhs of people. Bidee industry provides employment to the rural people during off season for collection of bidee leaves. Bidee industry has a vital role in rural welfare and in promoting rural economy.

Aim and Objectives

The main aim of this study is effort to manage Tendu leaf waste generation and by making its scientific use for its proper utilization and disposal.

OBJECTIVES

- To study and analyze the performance of Tendu Leaf under various test parameters.
- To reduce waste of Tendu leaf by management
- To understand composter mechanism Tendu leaf waste
- To study the uses & recovery aspects of Tendu leaf
- To understand the organic characteristics of leaf.

Scope and Limitations

In study following considerations are taken into account which is necessary for proper utilization and its disposal.

- Unplanned utilization
- Uncontrollable generation
- Indirect parameter affecting the quality.
- Socio economic effect through the industry.
- Land requirement

Literature Review

Tendu leaves refuse as a Biosorbent for COD removal from Molasses Fermentation based Bulk Drug Industry Effluent (Nagada *et al.*, 2006)

Physico-chemical properties of effluent from a molasses fermentation based bulk drug unit were analyzed and found to be typical of the effluent from molasses fermentation excepting for high amount of phenols. The Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) removal capacity of tendu (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) leaves refuse of bidee industry and its comparison with Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) has been presented. Batch kinetics and isotherm studies were studied under varying experimental conditions of contact time, COD concentration, adsorbent dose and pH. Maximum COD removal was observed at a narrow pH range between 7 and 8. The kinetic data were best fitted to the pseudo-second-order chemisorption model. The adsorption followed both Langmuir and Freundlich isotherms. As per Langmuir model, maximum adsorption capacity was found to be 48.54 mg and 154.8 mg COD per g for tendu leaves refuse and GAC, respectively. The results illustrate how tendu leaves refuse, a solid waste disposal menace from bidee industry, is effective biosorbent for the removal of COD; offering a cheap option for primary treatment of the effluent.

Potential of tendu leaf refuse for phenol removal in aqueous systems (Nagda, 2007)

The potential of tendu (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) leaf refuse from bidee industry waste to remove phenol from aqueous solution was studied. For this purpose, the tendu leaf refuse was carbonized by subjecting it to chemical treatments with sulfuric acid. Batch kinetics and isotherm studies were carried out under varying experimental conditions of contact time, phenol concentration, adsorbent dose and pH. Adsorption equilibrium of tendu leaf refuse and chemically carbonized tendu leaf refuse was reached within 2 hr for phenol concentration 10-25 mg/l and 1 hr for phenol concentration 20-200 mg/l, respectively. The adsorption of phenol decreases by

the increase of the pH value of the solution. The kinetic data followed more closely the pseudo-second-order chemisorption model. The adsorption data were modelled by using both Langmuir and Freundlich classical adsorption isotherms. The maximum adsorption capacity of chemically carbonized tendu leaf refuse as per Langmuir model was 4 times higher than that of raw tendu leaf refuse. The results illustrate how tendu leaf refuse, a solid waste disposal menace from bidee industry, can be used as an effective biosorbent for phenol in aqueous solution.

Chromium Adsorption onto Activated Carbon Derived from Tendu (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) Leaf Refuse

Influence of Metal/Carbon ratio, time and pH (Mane *et al.*, 2010)

The activated carbon produced from tendu (*Diospyros melanoxylon*) leaf refuse (TLR) was Chemically activated using sulfuric acid and utilized as an adsorbent for the removal of chromium ion (VI) from aqueous solution in the concentration range 50 – 250 mg/L. Adsorption experiments were carried out in a batch process and various experimental parameters such as effect of contact time, initial chromium ion concentration, carbon dosage and pH on percentage removal have been studied. Adsorption results obtained for activated carbon (CA-TLR) were compared with the commercial activated carbon (CA-CAC). Adsorption results obtained, shows that the Cr (VI) uptake being attained at pH 2. The equilibrium adsorption data was better fitted to the Langmuir's and Freundlich adsorption models. It was concluded that activated carbon produced from tendu leaf refuse (CA-TLR) has an efficient adsorption capacity compared to (CA-CAC) sample. The adsorption capacity as calculated from the Langmuir isotherm was 95.2 mg/g at initial pH 2.0 for a 50 mg/L Cr(VI) solution.

Physico-chemical analysis of tendu leaf litter vermicompost processed (Mushan and Rao, 2012)

Here the ash content was observed to be increasing with the increase in the vermicomposting time. There was a substantial increase in the ash content from the vermicompost, as the organic matter was destroyed and the residue of inorganic salts, the ash remained. The enhancement of ash content may be due to faster and consistent increased microbial activity at the time of vermicomposting. It can also be predicted that increasing ash indicates faster consumption of available ORM (tendu leaf litter) because of increased palatability of waste after initial decomposition (Edwards and Lofty, 1977). It is concluded that higher biomass content indicates larger quantity of ash which results in greater utilization of organic manure for greater production of vermicomposting. For maximum availability of vermicompost end product the moisture content also plays an important role as was observed in the present investigation. This indicates that higher decomposition and mineralization of substrate takes place in the ORM of tendu leaf litter.

The increased level of EC is more prominent from the tendu leaf litter produced vermicompost when compared with control i.e. decomposed tendu. In farm waste vermicompost also the

increasing trend was noticed in electrical conductivity. This enhanced electrical conductivity from vermicompost might have hastened the nutrient accumulations which in turn influence the plant growth by making available macro and micro nutrients. Maximum biodegradation of the tendu leaf garbage was obtained by using raised bed method processed by earthworm *Eudrilus eugeniae*. The parameters like pH, temperature and moisture of the bed proved to be an important factor for getting better results.

Effect of tendu (*Diospyros melanoxylon* RoxB.) leaf vermicompost on growth and yield of French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) (Dilip Kadam and Girish Pathade, 2005)

Here investigations were aimed to study effect of vermicompost prepared from tendu leaf residues as the tendu leaves on the growth and yield of *Phaseolus vulgaris* under greenhouse conditions. The seeds of French bean were sown in cement pots containing soil alone (control), soil with various concentrations of vermicompost alone, soil with various concentrations of urea only and different admixtures of vermicompost and urea.

Results: The study revealed that the seed germination, shoot and root length, shoot and root fresh weights, shoot and root dry weights, thousand grain weight and grain weight per plant increased significantly ($p < 0.05$) compared to control due to application of vermicompost when used at proper proportions. The combined application of tendu leaf vermicompost and urea increased the growth and yield of *Phaseolus vulgaris* significantly ($p < 0.05$).

The pot trial experiments suggest that the quantity of chemical fertilizers for French bean plants could be reduced by 25–50 % due to combined application of tendu leaf vermicompost with chemical fertilizer. Moreover, application of tendu leaf vermicompost alone at higher concentrations (100 % N through vermicompost) may reduce certain growth parameters and yield of *P. Vulgaris* plants.

Theoretical content

Effects of Bidee

Effect on Human Being

- a) The heavier the exposure, either to cigarettes or to bidees, the greater the prevalence of TB and deaths due to TB among smokers.
- b) Tobacco smoking in general is associated with several other lung disorders, such as respiratory infections, including pneumonias, interstitial lung diseases and pulmonary tuberculosis. B
- c) Cancer of the tongue (1989)
- d) Cancer of the gums (1989)
- e) Cancer of the floor of the mouth (1989)
- f) Other squamous cell oral cancers (1997)
- g) Cancer of the larynx (1990)
- h) Cancer of the esophagus (1991)
- h) Lung cancer (1982)

- i) High blood pressure (1995)
- j) Coronary heart disease (1989)
- k) Cancer of the stomach (2000)
- l) Exploitation to children by enforcing them for bidi rolling (www.tobacco.freecentre.org)
- m) Rollers do not wear protective clothing, gloves or masks & are exposed tobacco dust through their skin & by inhaling harmful particulates (www.tobacco.freecentre.org)
- n) Pain and cramps in shoulder, neck, back, leg, abdomen, headache, burning of eye, anemia (Prakash C. Gupta and Samira Asma 2008)
- o) Stomach related-Stomach pain, gas, cramps, spasmodic pains leads to diarrhoea (Prakash C. Gupta and Samira Asma 2008).
- p) Others-Piles, urinary burning, white discharge, palpitation wheezing, fevers, worry, joint pains, swelling (Prakash C. Gupta and Samira Asma 2008).
- q) Mental stress, Problem of nerves (Prakash C. Gupta and Samira Asma 2008)
- s) In a chilling experiment, smoke from regular cigarettes and bidis was given to Swiss albino mice. Bidi smoke reliably caused cancer in doses small enough that the regular cigarette smoke left the mice apparently healthy (1988).

Effect on Environment and Ecosystem

- a) For disposal of waste tendu leaves land requirement is more
- b) Smoking of bidis leads to air pollution, it is harmful for both active & passive smokers
- c) Due to large quantity dumping it disturbs the ecological cycle.
- d) Due to storage for more time it invites flies & mosquitoes which are responsible for spreading of pathogenic diseases.
- e) In rainy season due to moisture odour problems created.

Summary

The tendu leaves used for Bidee industry are responsible for large waste generation. This industry produces cutting of tendu leaves as refuse which pollutes the dumping sites creating solid waste disposal problem of alarming scale. It is necessary to find out effective method of disposal of waste tendu leaves or its proper utilization which minimize the waste quantity. As life of thousands families involves in activities from collecting of Tendu leaves to rolling it in to Bidee, it is necessary to pay proper attention to provide required health facilities to them.

Future Scope

1. To provide better disposal facility
2. Necessity for public awareness
3. Appropriate action to minimize the waste
4. Detailed study of Life cycle Analysis of Tendu leaves
5. To protect the mother earth with proper solution for disposal

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