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A STUDY ON EXTRACTION AND APPLICATION OF ECO-FRIENDLY NATURAL DYE FROM
BARKS OF *ODINA WODIER* ON SILK FABRIC

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out to revive the old art of dyeing with natural dye from barks of *Odina wodier*. *L. Odina wodier* belongs to family Anacardiaceae, commonly known as votiyar tree. The dye has good scope in the commercial dyeing of SILK in garments industry. In the present study, bleached silk fabrics were dyed with chemical and natural mordants. Dyeing was carried out by pre-mordanting, post mordanting and simultaneous mordanting. The dyed samples have shown good washing, light, rubbing fastness and perspiration fastness properties. The various colour changes were measured by computer colour matching software. ICPMS studies have proved that, heavy metals such as antimony, arsenic, cadmium and lead were not present in the dye extract. Anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activities of the dye were also studied.

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INTRODUCTION

Natural dyes have become a part of human life since time of immemorial. The Alchemy of colours started its use from an early time. Use of natural dyes in colouration of textile materials and other purposes is just one of the consequences of increased environmental awareness [1]. Natural dyes are known for their use in colouring of food substrate, leather, wood as well as natural fibers like wool, silk, silk and flax as major areas of application since ancient times. Natural dyes may have a wide range of shades, and can be obtained from various parts of plants including roots, bark, leaves, flowers, and fruit. Since the advent of widely available and cheaper synthetic dyes in 1856 having moderate to excellent colour fastness properties, the use of natural dyes having poor to moderate wash and light fastness has declined to a great extent. However, recently there has been revival of the growing interest on the application of natural dyes on natural fibers due to worldwide environmental consciousness [2]. In many of the world's developing countries, natural dyes can offer not only rich and varied source of dye stuff, but also the possibility of an income through sustainable harvest and sale of these plants [3]. The use of natural dyes for textile dyeing purposes, decreased to a large extent after the discovery of synthetic dyes in 1856. As a result, with a distinct lowering in synthetic dye stuff costs, the natural dyes were virtually unused at the beginning of twentieth century [4]. Presently there is an excessive use of synthetic dyes, estimated at around 10,000,000 tons per annum, the production and application of which release vast amount of waste and unfixed colorants causing serious health hazards and disturbing the eco-balance of nature [5]. Nowadays, fortunately, there is increasing awareness among people towards natural dyes. Natural dyes are preferred in developed countries, because they are non-allergic, non-carcinogenic and have lower toxicity and better biodegradability than the synthetic dyes.

Odina wodier is a large tall tree (Fig.1) found in deciduous forest in India, Myanmar, Srilanka, China, Malaysia, Cambodia and Philippine Islands. It is popularly known as Kashmala, Odiaram and in English it is called Rhusodina. Various parts of this plant have been found to be used as medicines in Ayurveda. The leaves have been reported to be used in Elephantiastis of the legs. Juice of green branches is used as an emetic in case of coma or insensibility produced by narcotic. The dried and powdered bark is found to be used as tooth powder by poor villagers [6]. The bark extract has been reported to be useful in vaginal trouble, curing ulcer, heart diseases etc. [7].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Source

The barks of *Odina wodier* were collected from saliamangalam village, thanjavur district (Fig.2).



Figure 1. *Odina wodier* tree



Figure 2. Barks of *Odina wodier*

Substrates: Degummed silk fabric was used for dyeing

Chemicals used: AR grade metallic salts such as copper sulphate, ferrous sulphate, alum [(K₂SO₄.Al₂(SO₄).24H₂O)], potassium dichromate, nickel sulphate and stannous chloride were used as

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chemical mordants. Myrobolan and cow dung were used as natural mordants.

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Dye extraction

Barks of plant were cut into small pieces and soaked in distilled water and heated in a beaker kept over a water bath for 2 hours to facilitate quick extraction. Then it was filtered and the filtrate was collected in a separate beaker.

Dyeing procedure

The silk samples were dyed with dye extract keeping M : L ratio as 1:30. Dyeing was carried out at 80°C and continued for 1 hour.

Mordanting: The silk samples were treated with different metallic salts and natural mordants by following three methods [8].

- (i) **Pre-mordanting:** In this method, samples were pretreated with the solution of different chemical and natural mordants and then dyed with dye extract.
- (ii) **Post mordanting:** In this method, dyed silk samples were treated with solution of different chemical and natural mordants.
- (iii) **Simultaneous mordanting:** In this method, the silk samples were dyed with dye extract as well as different chemical and natural mordants.

Colour fastness

The dyed samples were tested according to IS standards. Colour fastness to washing, light and rubbing were determined from standard test methods IS-687-79, IS-2454-85 and IS-766-88 respectively.

Measurement of colour strength

The spectral reflectances of the dyed samples were measured using a Text flash spectrophotometer (Data colour corp.). The K/S values were calculated by Kubelka-Munk equation.

$$K / S = (1 - R)^2 / 2R$$

Where R is the decimal fraction of the reflectance of the dyed samples at λ_{max} . K is the absorption coefficient and S is scattering coefficient [9].

ICPMS studies

The presence of heavy metals like antimony, arsenic, cadmium and lead in dyed fabric causes dermatological problems to the wearer and also eco-friendly dye should not contain these heavy metals [10]. The presence / absence of these heavy metals were tested by Inductive Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICPMS).

Anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activity Studies

Antibacterial activity

For the purpose of antibacterial evaluation, five bacterial pathogens were used [11]. Staphylococcus sp., Salmonella typhi, Klebsiella sp., Staphylococcus aureus and Enterobactorsp were employed for determination of antibacterial activity of the dye.

Antifungal activity

For the purpose of antifungal evaluation, five fungal pathogens were used [11]. Fusarium sp., Cryptococcus sp., A. niger, Candida sp. and A.flavus were employed for determination of antifungal activity of the dye.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Preparation and optimization of aqueous extract of *Odina wodier*

The barks of *Odina wodier* were found to discharge colour in hot water very easily. Increasing the quantity of barks 5 g to 20 g per 100 mL water boiled for 1 hour is accompanied with the increase in colour strength and depth in colour [12]. It was observed that, colour of the dye extract was dark red colour.



Figure 3. Aqueous extract from barks of *Odina wodier*

Dyeing behavior of the dye extract

The dye extract was found to be suitable for silk. The silk fabrics were dyed with chemical and natural mordants. It was observed that, the dye uptake was found to be good in post mordanting method than the other two methods are shown in Figure 4.

Table 1. Colour produced on SILK by different mordants in post mordanting

Mordants	Colour obtained	Mordants	Colour obtained
Potassium dichromate		Alum	
Ferrous sulphate		Stannous chloride	
Copper sulphate		Myrobolan	
Nickel sulphate		Cow dung	

Optimization of mordants with K/S value and colourhue changes

Various hues of colour were obtained from simultaneous mordanted silk with copper sulphate, ferrous sulphate, alum $[(K_2SO_4 \cdot Al_2(SO_4) \cdot 12H_2O)]$, potassium dichromate, nickel sulphate, stannous chloride, myrobolan and cow dung. As shown in Table I. The different mordants not only cause difference in hues of colour and significant changes in K/S values but also changes in L^* values and brightness index value. The effect of mordants on colour values of silk dyed with barks of *Odina wodier* is shown in Figure 5.

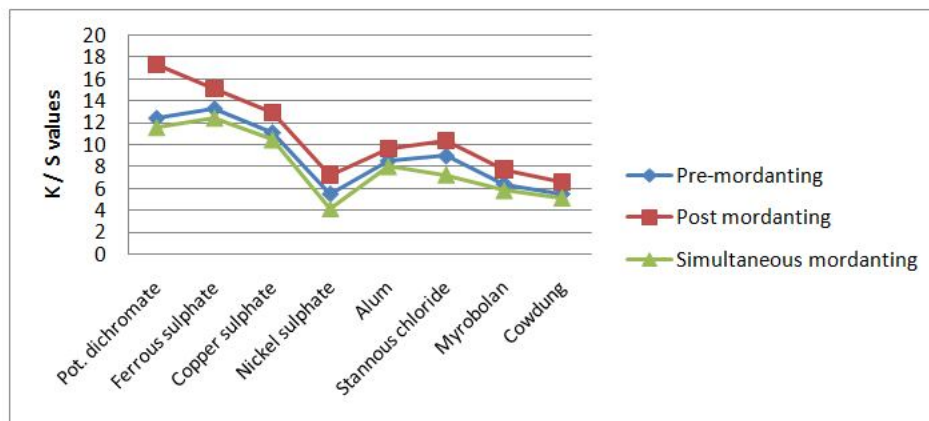


Figure 4. Surface colour strength (K/S values) of dyes SILK fabrics after pre, post and simultaneous mordanting methods

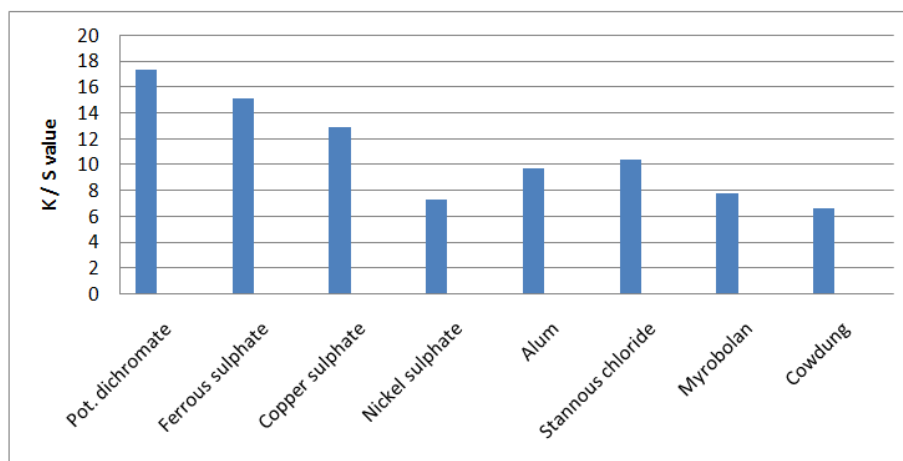


Figure 5. Effect of mordants on colour values of dyed SILK fabrics

Table II shows L^* , a^* , b^* and K/S values and it can be seen that, mordants which show higher value of L^* show lighter shades while lower L^* value show darker shades for silk. Similarly, negative values of a^* and b^* represent green and blue respectively. Among the chemical mordants used, the highest colour value ($K/S = 7.34$) was obtained with potassium dichromate and lowest colour value ($K/S = 7.25$) with nickel sulphate. Natural mordant like myrobolan showed the higher colourvalue ($K/S = 7.74$) than the cow dung ($K/S = 6.58$)[9].

Table 2. Different post mordants, L^* , a^* , b^* and K/S values for dyed SILK *Odina wodier*

S.No	Mordants	L^*	a^*	b^*	K/S value
1	Potassium dichromate	71.36	5.34	34.54	17.34
2	Ferrous sulphate	63.78	5.62	34.34	15.12
3	Copper sulphate	48.62	3.18	28.34	12.91
4	Nickel sulphate	26.43	4.25	17.57	7.25
5	Alum	38.26	2.62	22.43	9.68
6	Stannous chloride	45.23	9.76	15.76	10.34
7	Myrobolan	40.26	4.76	18.80	7.74
8	Cow dung	32.43	4.12	16.81	6.58

Fastness properties

It was observed that, dyeing with *Odina wodier* gave good fastness properties. The fastness properties of dyed silk fabrics are shown in Table III. Overall, it could be used for commercial purposes and attain acceptable range.

ICP-MS studies

Inductive Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICPMS) studies have proved that, heavy metals such as antimony, arsenic, cadmium and

lead were not present in the dye extract. Hence, dye obtained from barks of *Odina wodier* will not cause any skin problems to the wearer.

Table 3. Fastness properties for SILK fabric dyed with *Odina wodier*

S.No	Mordants	Washing (IS-687-79)	Light (IS-2454-85)	Rubbing (IS-971-83)	
				Dry	Wet
1	Potassium dichromate	5	V	4-5	4
2	Ferrous sulphate	4-5	IV	4	3-4
3	Copper sulphate	4-4/5	IV	4-5	4
4	Nickel sulphate	4	IV	4	3-4
5	Alum	4-4/5	III	4-5	3-4
6	Stannous chloride	4-4/5	IV	4	3-4
7	Myrobolan	4-5	IV	4	4
8	Cow dung	3-4	III	3-4	3-4

Anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activity studies

In this study, five different bacterial and fungal pathogens were used to screen the possible antimicrobial activity of dye extract. Dye extract exhibited antibacterial and antifungal activity against all tested microorganisms.

Antibacterial activity

The dye showed good antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus* sp., *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Enterobacter* sp. bacterial pathogens. As it is shown in Table IV.

Table 4. Antibacterial activities of dye extract from barks of *Odina wodier*

S.No	Name of bacterial pathogens	Zone of Inhibition (mm)	
		Control	Dye sample
1.	<i>Staphylococcus</i> sp.	-	8
2.	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	-	-
3.	<i>Klebsiellasp.</i>	-	-
4.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	-	11
5.	<i>Enterobactorsp.</i>	-	13

Anti-fungal activity

The dye showed good antifungal activity against *A. niger*, *Candida* sp. and *A. flavus* fungal pathogens. As it is shown in Table V.

Table 5. Antifungal activities of dye extract from barks of *Odina wodier*

S.No	Name of fungal pathogens	Zone of Inhibition (mm)	
		Control	Dye sample
1.	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	-	-
2.	<i>Cryptococcus</i> sp.	-	-
3.	<i>A. niger</i>	-	15
4.	<i>Candida</i> sp.	-	10
5.	<i>A. flavus</i>	-	14

Conclusion

The present work shows that, barks of *Odina wodier* can be used as dye for colouring textiles. These are grown throughout India and it is easily available plant. Different shades of colour can be obtained using different chemical and natural mordants. The washing, light and rubbing fastness of all dyeing with mordants were quite good and also dye extract has shown good antibacterial antifungal activity. The dye has good scope in the commercial dyeing of silk.

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