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Findings

This thesis detailed the fabrication of various magnetic nanocomposites such as *Ocimum sanctum*-Fe₃O₄ magnetic nanocomposite (OSIO), *Ocimum sanctum*-CoFe₂O₄ magnetic nanocomposite (CoFe₂O₄/OS), *Peanut shell*-CuFe₂O₄ magnetic nanocomposite (CuFe₂O₄/PS), *Activated Teawaste*-ZnFe₂O₄ magnetic nanocomposite” ZnFe₂O₄/TW. These synthesized nanocomposites were exploited as adsorbents for Methylene blue, Crystal violet, Bismarck brown, Coomassie blue, Celestial blue contaminants from aquatic phase with corresponding adsorption capacities. The magnetic nanocomposites were characterized by different spectroscopic techniques like Fourier Transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX). The linear isotherm and kinetic modeling were employed to appraise the equilibrium data. The Reusability analysis demonstrated that these adsorbents can be used for practical purposes. The adsorption of these pollutants onto the synthesized magnetic nanocomposite occurs via different mechanisms that include, electrostatic, Hydrogen bonding, van der Walls, and π - π interactions.