

Shetkari Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's

Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk

IQAC 2019-2020

ACTIVITY REPORT
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

IQAC ACTIVITY No:

NAME OF THE ACTIVITY: "Lead college Activity-Research Project: "Synthesis and characterization of WO ₃ thin film by sol gel method for smart window application."			
DATE	FACULTY	DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE	COORDINATOR NAME
Throughout the academic year	Science	Physics	Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi
TIME	VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NATURE: Outdoor/Indoor
	Physics laboratory	04 students+01 teacher	Indoor
SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE:	Nil		

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY (CRITERION NO. -)::

TOPIC/SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY	"Lead college Activity-Research Project: "Synthesis and characterization of WO ₃ thin film by sol-gel method for smart window application."
OBJECTIVES	to analyze a scientific occurrence with an investigation or to solve a problem with an invention.
METHODOLOGY	Experimental work
OUTCOMES	students become active, engaged learners. It also helped students to develop independent critical thinking skills.

PROOFS & DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (Tick mark the proofs attached):

1. Notice & Letters	2. Student list of	3. Activity report	4. Photos	5. Feedback form
6. Feedback analysis	7. News clip with details	8. Certificate	9. Any other	10.

IQAC CELL ACTIVITY NUMBER:

NAME OF TEACHER & SIGNATURE	NAME OF HEAD/ COMMITTEE INCHARGE & SIGNATURE	PRINCIPALS SIGNATURE	IQAC COORDINATOR (SEAL & SIGNATURE)
Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi <i>(Signature)</i>	Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi <i>(Signature)</i>	<i>(Signature)</i> Principal	<i>(Signature)</i> IQAC, Coordinator, KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA, Rethare Bk; Shivnagar - 415108 Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara
HEAD DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA, Rethare Bk; Shivnagar - 415108	Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk, Tal. Karad: 415 108 (MS)		

VIDYANAGAR, Pin - 415 124, Dist. Satara (M.S.) INDIA P.O. Box No.3

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ARTS, SCIENCE, COMMERCE & VOCATIONAL (Junior & Senior)

■ Jr. College No. j.21.02.003 ■ (Affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur) ■

Accredited **A⁺** with CGPA 3.63 by NAAC • ISO 9001 : 2015 Certified College

● Principal : **Dr. Mohan Rajmane** M.Sc., Ph.D.



Ref. No. 1689/19-20

Date : 01/11/2019

To

The Principal,
Krishna Mahavidyalaya Rethare (Bk.)
Tal.Karad, Dist. Satara.

Sub. : Submission of Research Project under Research Promotion
Activity ofr College Students.

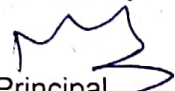
I am pleased to inform you that the Research Project under the Research
Promotion Activity of the Shivaji University, Kolhapur is received with following details.


Name of Project Advisor	Name of Students	Title of Project	Amount Estimate Rs.
Dr. D. S. Dalavi	1) Lad Divya Dilip	Synthesis, Characterization of WO ₃ thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application. .	10,000/-
	2) Mohini Rajendra Harale		
	3) Ashlesha Arun Patil		
	4) Aniket Anil Dmame		

Financial assistance under this scheme is subject to final approval and
directions of the university.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,


Principal,
Lead College,
Sadguru Gadage Maharaj College,
KARAD

Dr. Dalavi D.S.

07/11/19

Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Shivnagar
Inward No. 946
Date 7/11/2019.

सद्गुरु गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज, कराड

स्वायत्त महाविद्यालय - शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर संलग्नित

विद्यानगर, कराड पिन - ४१५ १२४ जि. सातारा (महाराष्ट्र) पो. ऑ. बॉ. नं. ३

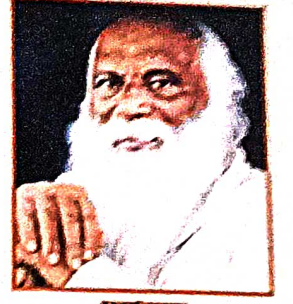
फोन : कार्यालय : (०२१६४) २७१३४६ फॅक्स : (०२१६४) २७१३४६

Website : www.sgm.edu.in E-mail : sgmkarad@yahoo.com

कला, विज्ञान, वाणिज्य व व्यवसाय शिक्षण (कनिष्ठ व तृतीय)

नॅक मानांकन : **A⁺ CGPA 3.63** • आयएसओ प्रमाणित कॉलेज : 9001:2015

Jr. College No. j.21.02.003



पद्मभूषण

डॉ. कर्मवीर भाऊराव पाटील
क. वि.

प्राचार्य :

डॉ. मोहन राजमाने

एम.एस्सी., पीएच्.डी.

संदर्भ क्र. : 2269/19-20

REGISTERED AD

दिनांक : १७/०२/२०२०

प्रति,

मा.प्राचार्य,
कृष्णा महाविद्यालय, रेंठरे बु गा
जि.सातारा

विषय : अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी द्यावयाच्या
अॅडव्हान्सबाबत.

महोदय,

शिवाजी विद्यापीठाच्या Research Promotion Activity for students of the affiliated Colleges या योजनेअंतर्गत आपल्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या "Synthesis Characterization of WO₃ thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application" या रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी विद्यापीठाने रु. १००००/- मंजूर केले असून सदर अॅडव्हान्स रकमेचा चेक नं. १०६३१३ दि. १८/०२/२०२० ने सोबत पाठविला आहे. कृपया सदर रकमेची पोहोच पावती त्वरीत पाठवून द्यावी.

वरील रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी मंजूर रक्कम रु. १०,०००/- खर्च करून त्याचा हिशोब व प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट या अग्रणी महाविद्यालयाकडे त्वरीत सादर करावा.

कळावे, ही विनंती.

आपला विश्वासू,

प्राचार्य,

अग्रणी महाविद्यालय
सद्गुरु गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज, कराड



सोबत : वरीलप्रमाणे.

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24/2/2020
1099 Jm
Lead college
Res project.
Dr. Dalavi
phys

Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Shivajinagar
Inward No.- 1357
Date- 25/02/20.



संहती कार्यसाधिका । शिलं परं भूषणम्
Shetkari Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's
KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA, RETHARE BK.

Shivnagar, Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara, 415108 (M.S.)
Email : kmr_sspm@yahoo.co.in Website : www.krishnamahavidyalaya.com

NAAC 'B+' Grade (CGPA 2.65)

Principal (I/C) : Dr. Salunkhe C. B., M.Sc., Ph. D.

Founder : Hon. Jaywantrao Bhosale



Ref. No. : KMR/313/2019-2020

Date : 03-03-2020 .

प्रति.

मा . समन्वयक

अग्रणी महाविद्यालय

सदगुरू गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज

कराड जि . सातारा .

विषय :- अग्रणी महाविद्यालया अंतर्गत राबवलेल्या रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टच्या खर्चाचा अहवाल.

महोदय.

शिवाजी विद्यापीठाच्या Research Promotion activity for students of the affiliated colleges योजने अंतर्गत यं महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या "Synthesis, Characterization of WO₃ thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application" यं रिसर्च प्रोपोसल साठी विद्यापीठाने रु. १०,०००/- मजूरू कमेहेहेसदर रिसर्च प्रोपोसल साठी आपणकडून रु. १०,०००/- चॅडव्हान्स रकमेचे घेणे नं० 10/313 दि. 18/02/2020 रोजी मिळाला असून त्यानुसार वरील रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी मजूरू रकमेच्या खर्चाचा तपशील व अहवाल आपणकडे प्रेषित व्हावे आहे खर्चाचा तपशील खालीलप्रमाणे .

अ.नं	तपशील	साहित्य	खर्च
१.	Shri. Samarth Trading Company	Chemicals	7500.00
२.	Bhadi and Company	Stationary	154.00
३.	Chingale Surgicals	Stationary	1030.00
४.	Dhiraj Stationers	Stationary	684.00
५.	Anushka Stationers	Stationary	654.00
६.	Uma Xerox	Xerox	25.00
		Total	10,047=00

समन्वयक

Received
Bshay
12/3/20

Principal
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk.
Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara (M.S.)

FORMAT FOR STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

1. SUK file No: SGM/1689/2019-2020 dated 01/11/2019
2. Title of the Lead college Project: "Synthesis, Characterization of WO₃ thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application".
3. Name of the Project Advisor: Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi, Physics.
4. Number of students participated in the project: 04
5. Duration of the Activity: July 2019 to March 2020.

Sanction No. and date	Grant sanctioned	Details of expenditure incurred item wise		Amount
SGM/1689/2019-2020 dated 01/11/2019 & SGM/2289/2019-2020 dated 17/02/2020 Advance cheque No. 107313.	10,000/-	Shri. Samarth Trading Company	Chemicals	7500.00
		Bhadi and Company	Glass cutter	154.00
		Chingale Surgicals	Stationary	1030.00
		Dhiraj Stationers	Stationary	684.00
		Anushka Stationers	Stationary	654.00
		Uma Xerox	Xerox	25.00
		Total Expenditure		
Grant Received			10,000.00	

It is certified that the sanctioned amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) out of the total grant of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) has been received for the project work to the Department of Physics, Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare (Bk) by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur. its Letter No. SGM/2289/2019-2020, **cheque No. 107313. dated 17/02/2020** has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Project Advisor

Dalavi

Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi
Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi

Project Advisor (Physics),
Krishna Mahavidyalaya,
Rethare (Bk), Tal. Karve

Patil
27/2/2020
Principal
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk
Tal. Karve, Dist. Kolhapur
Principal

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that the Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) has been sanctioned by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur to conduct the lead college Project entitled "**Synthesis, Characterization of WO₃ thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application**". on 2019-2020 has been incurred by the observing scrupulously all the rules and as per rates prescribed by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

The unspent balance of Rs. Nil is refunded to the Shivaji University, Kolhapur wide challan dated----- in the bank ----- in A/C No----- receipt No.-----dated-----

The excess expenditure of Rs. Nil over the advance is receivable from Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

The expenditure incurred of Rs. 10, 047 out of which Rs. 10,000/- has been received wide cheque No. 107313. dated 17/02/2020 and remaining Rs.Nil is receivable from Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

The penal interest of Rs. Nil is credited to the University, vide receipt No.-----dated----- under the budget head A.4.R.2.

Certified that the original vouchers, bills and stamped receipt for the above mentioned of A/C are retained in this office and will be made available as and when required.

Place: Shivnagar

Date:

Project Advisor

Dalavi

Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi

Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi

Project Advisor (Physics)

Krishna Mahavidyalaya,

Kolhapur (K), Tal. Kolhapur

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Tal. Kolhapur
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Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi,
Assistant Professor
Department of Physics,
Krishna Mahavidyalaya,
Rethare (Bk).
Date: 27/02/2020

To,
The Principal,
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare (Bk)
Shivnagar-415108

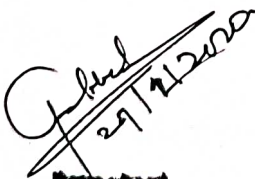
Subject: Submission of Bills toward purchase of chemicals and Glassware under lead college Activity research project.

Respected Sir,

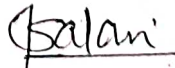
With reference to above mentioned subject, we have purchased chemicals and glassware through Research Promotion activity for students of the affiliated college initiated by Shivaji University, Kolhapur for the research project entitled **"Synthesis, Characterization of WO_3 thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application"**.

Herewith I kindly request you to issue check of Rs. 7,500/- in favour of **Shri. Samarth Trading Company, Islampur** toward the purchase of chemicals and glassware's.

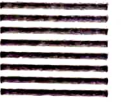
Thanking You


Principal
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk
Shivnagar-415108 (MS)

Yours Faithfully


Project Advisor
Research Promotion Activity
Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi
Assistant Professor (Physics)
Krishna Mahavidyalaya,
Rethare (Bk.), Tal. Karad

Shri Samarth Trading Company



Peth Sangli Road, Opp. Ganesh Servicing Center, Shripadnagar, ISLAMPUR - 415 409
 Tal. Walwa, Dist. Sangli. Tel. (02342) 225394, 225773 Mob. 9822256373
 E-mail : samarth.trading@yahoo.com samarth4092@gmail.com

Invoice No.:- CO/411/2019-20

Original Buyer's Copy

Invoice date:-19/01/2020

Transport Mode:-

Reverse Charge (Y/N):

Vehicle number:-

State: Maharashtra

PO No.:-

Date of Supply :-

Date :-15/01/2020

Code 27

Challan No.:-

Bill to Party

Ship to Party

Name: The Principal, Krishna Mahavidyalaya

Name:-

Address :-Rethare BK

Address:-

City:- Satara

State:-

GSTIN:-

State:- Maharashtra

Code 27

State:-

Code

Product Description	Make	GST	Qty	Rate	Amount	Discount	Taxable Value	CGST		SGST		Total
								Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount	
Cobalt Nitrate Hexahydrate AR 250gm	Loba	18%	1	2300.00	2300.00	1035.00	1265.00	9	113.85	9	113.85	1492.70
Cobalt Acetate AR 250gm	Loba	18%	1	2850.00	2850.00	1282.50	1567.50	9	141.08	9	141.08	1849.65
Hydrochloric Acid 2.5 Lit	Loba	18%	1	780.00	780.00	351.00	429.00	9	38.61	9	38.61	506.22
Acetone AR 2.5 Lit	Loba	18%	1	1100.00	1100.00	495.00	605.00	9	54.45	9	54.45	713.90
Ammonia Solution 28-30% AR 2.5Lit	Loba	18%	1	620.00	620.00	279.00	341.00	9	30.69	9	30.69	402.38
Hydrogen Peroxide 35% AR	Loba	18%	2	450.00	900.00	405.00	495.00	9	44.55	9	44.55	584.10
Absolute Ethanol 99.9 % AR 500ml	China	18%	2	347.00	694.00	312.30	381.70	9	34.35	9	34.35	450.41
TO Conducting Glass Substrate (10x10)		18%	1	2313.00	2313.00	1040.85	1272.15	9	114.49	9	114.49	1501.14
Total			10		11557.00	5200.65	6356.35		572.07		572.07	7500.49

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Total Invoice amount in words

Total Amount before Tax	6356.35
Add: CGST	572.07
Add: SGST	572.07
Total Tax Amount	1144.14
Total Amount after Tax:	7500.49
Round Off Total Amount	7500.00

Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only.

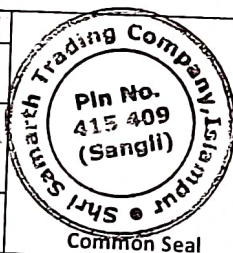
Bank Details

C: 579505040000105 Bank Name : Union Bank of India
 A/C: UBIN0557951 Branch : Islampur

Declaration :
 I declare that this invoice shows the actual price of the goods
 sold and that all particulars are true and correct.

My GSTIN/UIN : 27AMVPP2791E1ZG

My PAN : AMVPP2791E



Common Seal

Certified that the particulars given above are true and correct
 For SHRI SAMARTH TRADING COMPANY
Handwritten signature
 Authorised signatory

Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi,
Assistant Professor
Department of Physics,
Krishna Mahavidyalaya,
Rethare (Bk).
Date: 27/02/2020.

To,
The Principal,
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare (Bk)
Shivnagar-415108

Subject: Submission of Bills toward purchase of contingency under lead college
Activity research project.


Respected Sir,


With reference to above mentioned subject, we have purchased contingent items of Rs.2,547/- through Research Promotion activity for students of the affiliated college initiated by Shivaji University, Kolhapur for the research project entitled "**Synthesis, Characterization of WO_3 thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application**". For the purchase of said items I have paid Rs. 2,547/-

Herewith I kindly request you to issue check of Rs. 2,547/- in favour of **Dr. Dhanaji Suresh Dalavi** toward the purchase of contingent items.

Thanking You

Yours Faithfully


Principal
Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare Bk
Tal. Karad 415108 (MS)


Project Advisor
Research Promotion Activity
Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi
Assistant Professor (Physics)
Krishna Mahavidyalaya,
Rethare (Bk.), Tal. Karad

BILL OF SUPPLY
Cash Sale

CHINGALE SURGICALS
Opp. Popatbhai Petrol Pump, Shaniwar
PIN : 27AWSPC0007D1Z1
Contact : 7385406433

Invoice No.	Dated
CS9	27/01/2020

Principal krushna mahavidyalay rethre bk
PIN :

Delivery No.	Dated

Description of Goods	HSN	Qty	Rate	Per	Amount
PLANE FORCEP	9018	5.00	80.00	NO	400.00
EXAM GLOVES L	40149	1.00	250.00	NO	250.00
COTTON 100 GM	0	6.00	45.00	NO	270.00
Gross Amount					920.00
Round Off @ Sale					0.40
SGST(OUTPUT) 6%					55.20
CGST(OUTPUT) 6%					55.20
TOTAL =		12.00			1,030.00

[Handwritten Signature]

Bank Details
Bank Name :- UCO BANK
Branch :- 21710210001073
Branch/IFSC Code :- KARAD / UCBA0002171
Goods Once Sold Will Not Be Taken Back Or Exchanged.

Subject to KARAD Jurisdiction.

For CHINGALE SURGICALS
Chingale Surgicals
[Handwritten Signature]
Authorised Signatory
Proprietor

"Composition taxable person not eligible to collect tax on supplies"

दि. 27/02/2020

7 कॅश-मेमो

रिज स्टेशनर्स

सोमवार पेठ, कराड, जि. सातारा

कृष्णा महाविद्यालय

वर्णन	नंग	दर	रुपये	पैसे
	2	180	360	00
माईटा	2	72	144	00
पर चासीट	1	-	180	
एकूण -			684	00

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Order No. _____ Date _____
 Bill No. 2747 Date 27.2.20
 Amount of bill Rs. 684/-
 Deduction if any Rs. _____
 Bill passed for Rs. 684/-

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HEAD
 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
 KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA
 SHIVNAGAR 415108

No. **182** CASH MEMO Mob. 8600505861

UMA STORES & XEROX

Near Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Julewadi. Tal.- Karad, Dist. - Satara.

Shree Principle Krishna mahavidyalaya

Relhome B.K Date 05/11/2019

Description	Total	Rate	Amount Rs. Ps
Xerox part	25	1	25/-
Total-			25/-

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Order No. _____ Date _____
 Bill No. 182 Date 5/11/19
 Amount of bill Rs. 25/-
 Deduction if any Rs. _____
 Bill passed for Rs. 25/-

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HEAD
 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
 KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA
 SHIVNAGAR 415108

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अनुष्का स्टेशनरी अॅन्ड जनरल स्टोअर्स

कार्वेनाका, कराड. मो. ९७६७२७१७२

श्री. कृष्णा महाविद्यालय वेठरे

दिनांक ०३/०२/२०१० रा.

तपशील	नग	किंमत	रुपये
प्लास्टिक डबा	2	40	80/-
व्हाइटनर	4	20	80/-
टिबू पेपर	2	25	50/-
कटर	2	20	40/-
क्लीप	1	35	35/-
फेब्रिकॉल	1	45	45/-
फाइल	6	10	60/-
फेब्रिकॉल	2	30	60/-
मार्किंग CD	8	8	64/-
फोम ट्रेप	3	20	60/-
फाईल पेपर	1	80	80/-

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6541

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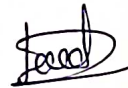
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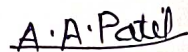
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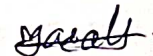
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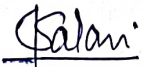
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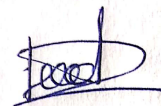
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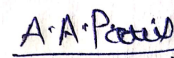
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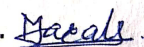
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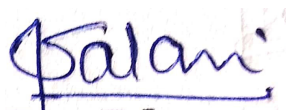
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1. Introduction:

The term chromogenic is referred to as the change in optical properties of the compound when it is subjected to change in their environment. So, depending upon the chosen environment chromogenic devices are divided into thermochromic device, photochromic device, electrochromic device, phase dispersed liquid crystal device, gasochromic device and suspended particle liquid crystal device. The history of electrochromism started in 1704, when Diesbach discovered the Prussian blue, an excellent dye which had also electrochromic properties. This material changes its color from dark blue to transparent when a voltage is applied across it. In 1815 the electrochromism of WO_3 was discovered, by Berzelius [1]. In fact, it was showed that pure WO_3 changed color on reduction when warmed under a flow of dry hydrogen gas. Later in 1824 Wohler effected a similar chemical reduction with sodium metal. Kobosew and Nekrasso in 1830, recorded that WO_3 powders could acquire the color blue by electrochemical reduction in an acidic solution. The first step towards an electrochromic device was taken in 1942 by Talmey, in studies on the coloration associated with electrolytic reduction of artificially produced particulate molybdenum and tungsten oxide layers. In 1953 Kraus made a very clear description of electrochromism in tungsten oxide films. As none of these studies attracted much attention, probably most current investigators attribute the first widely accepted suggestion of an electrochromic device to Deb, in 1969, with the tungsten oxide films, and after this point, there was a visible increase of the interest in electrochromism. In spite of the innovation on Deb's first electrochromic device it wasn't able to keep up with the fast development of liquid crystal devices [1, 2].

In 1971, Blanc and Staebler produced an electrochromic effect superior to most of the previously published. They applied electrodes to the opposing faces of doped, crystalline $SrTiO_3$ (Strontium Titanium Trioxide) and observed an electrochromic color move into the crystal from the two electrodes. In 1972, Beegle developed a display having identical counter and working electrodes as the one from Blanc and Staebler, but made of WO_3 [1, 2]. Nowadays, Deb's paper form 1973 is quoted as the work responsible for the true birth of electrochromic technology. Faughan et al. [3] in 1975 accomplished a significant progress in developing the electrochromic display device. This was followed by an increase in

electrochromic devices developed for display applications. Nevertheless, electrochromism has remained an active area for basic and applied research, with large possibilities for applications in emerging technologies.

The interest was boosted in the mid-1980s with the awareness that electrochromism was of much interest as a mean to achieve energy efficiency in buildings, using smart windows [4]. The smart windows and other electrochromic systems consist of two electrodes and an electrolyte. When applied voltage with appropriate polarity, charge in the cell drives in and out of the electrochromic material and an electrochemical redox reaction causes a corresponding color change. Therefore, electrochromic materials are currently attracting much interest in industry for their commercial applications [5]. In the recent year various attempts has been made to prepare nanostructured electrochromic devices with the help of various sophisticated physical and chemical techniques and tools. Physical techniques require sophisticated instruments which are of high cost which impact on the end product to be delivered in the market. Sol-gel route is the simple and inexpensive technique which is capable to produce highly transparent nanostructured WO₃ thin film.

Therefore, in the present project an emphasis has been given to synthesize WO₃ thin films by simple, low cost sol-gel dip coating technique.

2. Synthesis of Nanostructured WO₃ thin film:

The precursor solution used for the deposition of WO₃ thin films was prepared by dissolving 7.48 g of tungsten metal powder (99% pure, Sigma Aldrich) in 80 ml of H₂O₂ (30%) [6]. The reaction mixture that was kept for 48 h with constant stirring yielded a deep yellow-coloured PTA sol. As reaction being exothermic, it was conducted between 0 and 10°C in an ice bath. After completion of reaction the reaction mixture was filtered with whatman filter paper and heated at 55 °C in order to remove excess peroxide. As-prepared sol was used as a starting precursor for the deposition of WO₃ thin films and kept for to form gel. The WO₃ thin film of desired thickness was deposited by using sol-gel dip coating method.

3. Characterization:

The structural properties of the films were studied by X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns recorded using X-ray diffractometer (Bruker AXS Analytical Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Germany), D2 phaser model with Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$). The scanning rate of $10^\circ/\text{min}$ was applied to record the patterns in the range of $10^\circ - 80^\circ$. The infrared (IR) spectrum of powder collected from all NiO samples were recorded using Perkin-Elmer IR spectrophotometer (model-100) in the spectral range of $400-4,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The pellets were prepared by mixing KBr with WO_3 powder collected by scratching film from glass substrates, in the ratio 300:1 and then pressing the powder between two pieces of polished steel. The surface morphology of the films was examined by scanning electron microscopy (SEM; Model JEOL-JSM-6360, Japan, operated at 20 kV) with a thin layer of gold sputter coated prior to analyses. The optical transmittance spectra of fully colored and fully bleached states were measured over the range of 350–1,100 nm using an UV-vis spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, model: UV-1800, Japan). All the electrochromic measurements were performed in an electrolyte (1 M LiClO_4 +Propylene carbonate) in a conventional three-electrode arrangement comprising platinum wire as the counter electrode and SCE serving as the reference electrode using electrochemical quartz crystal measurements (model-CHI-400A) made by CH Instruments, USA. Colorimetric determinations were done with the help of Shimadzu color analysis software by analyzing the transmittance spectra of color/bleach state to evaluate the $L^*a^*b^*$ and Y_{xy} coordinate values. These obtained values were used as reference data in order to get the observed color in reduced and oxidized state for all samples from online color analysis software with 1931 2° observer and D-65 illuminant proposed by CIE Y_{xy} and $L^*a^*b^*$ coordinate.

4. Results and Discussion:

4.1 X-Ray Diffraction:

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of nanostructured WO_3 thin film deposited on ITO/glass substrate is shown in Fig.1. It was observed that, the XRD exhibits a broad hump in the low 2θ region for nanostructured WO_3 thin film typically of an amorphous in nature. Normally, amorphous WO_3 film is more suitable than crystalline WO_3 film for

electrochromic applications. A crystallized structure is less favorable for ions to diffuse through because of the densely packed atomic structure and due to this lithium ion movement through the film is obstructed by the dense structure leading to a lower response time. X-ray diffraction patterns realized on these film allowed to confirmed that WO_3 film is totally amorphous. Such characteristics, typical of amorphous materials combined with a nanostructured WO_3 , are favorable for a fast-electrochromic response.

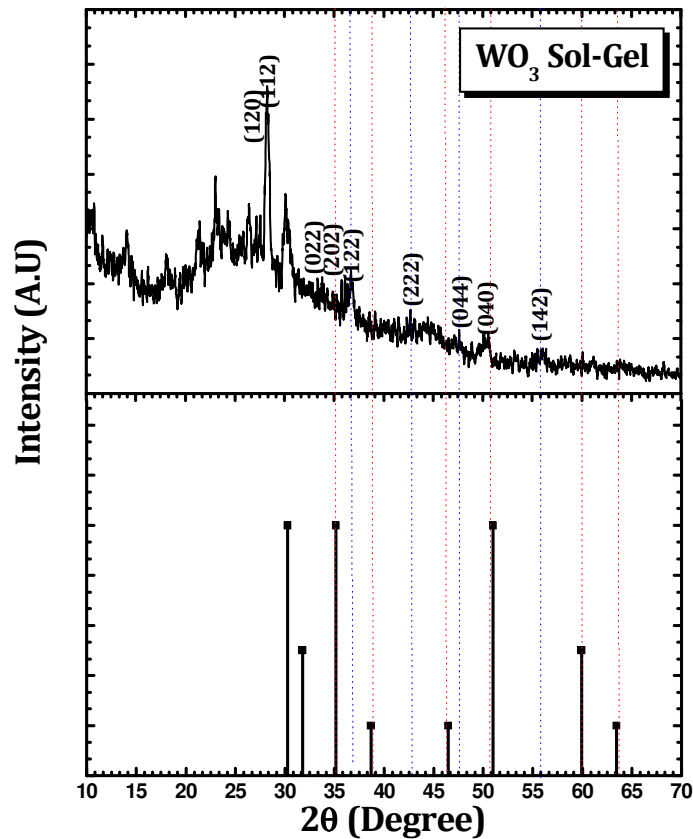


Figure.1 X-ray diffraction pattern of sol-gel deposited WO_3 thin film

4.2 FT-IR Analysis:

Fig 2. Shows FT-IR spectra of sol gel deposited nanostructured WO_3 thin film. A single absorption band observed at 950 cm^{-1} is characteristic for the terminal $\text{W}=\text{O}$ stretching vibration in tungsten trioxide [7].

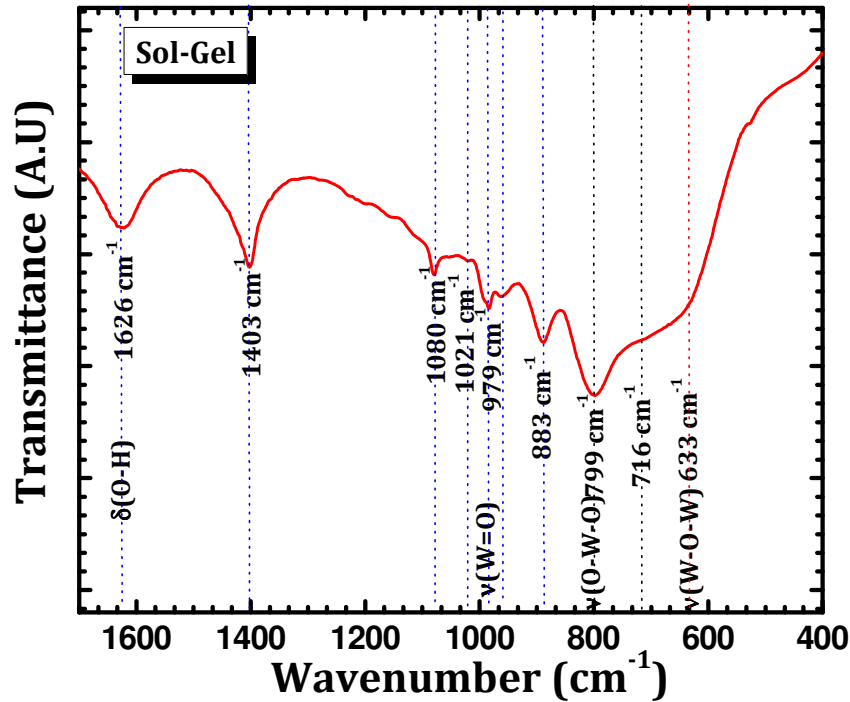


Figure.2 FT-IR spectrum of sol-gel deposited WO₃ thin film.

A well-defined bands seen at 799 and 883 cm⁻¹, in the spectra of nanostructured WO₃ thin film is due to the (O-W-O) inter bridging stretching mode in WO₃ [8]. However, the band at 633 cm⁻¹ is due to W-O-W stretching vibrations. A band centered at 1626 cm⁻¹ ascribable to the δ(H-O-H) deformation mode is also observed in spectrum of the NPs-WO₃ thin film and a band due to the W-OH...OH₂ stretching mode of hydroxyl groups linked to tungsten on one side and hydrogen bonded with water molecules, on the other, is produced at 1403 cm⁻¹[9].

4.3 Morphological Study:

Fig. 3 (a and b) shows low- and high-resolution SEM images of nanostructured WO₃ thin film. Fig. 3 (a and b) revealed agglomerated nanoclusters with average nanoparticles size of 30-40 nm. The film is uniform in nature with high surface area which is beneficial for good electrochromic performance. The thickness of the deposited film is observed to be ~950 nm as depicted in Fig. 3(c). The existence of tungsten and oxygen in the prepared film

was confirmed by the EDS results as shown in Fig 3 (d). It is noted that the high oxygen content in the results was due to the influence of the ITO glass substrate, which was also confirmed by the existence of In and Sn in the EDS analysis.

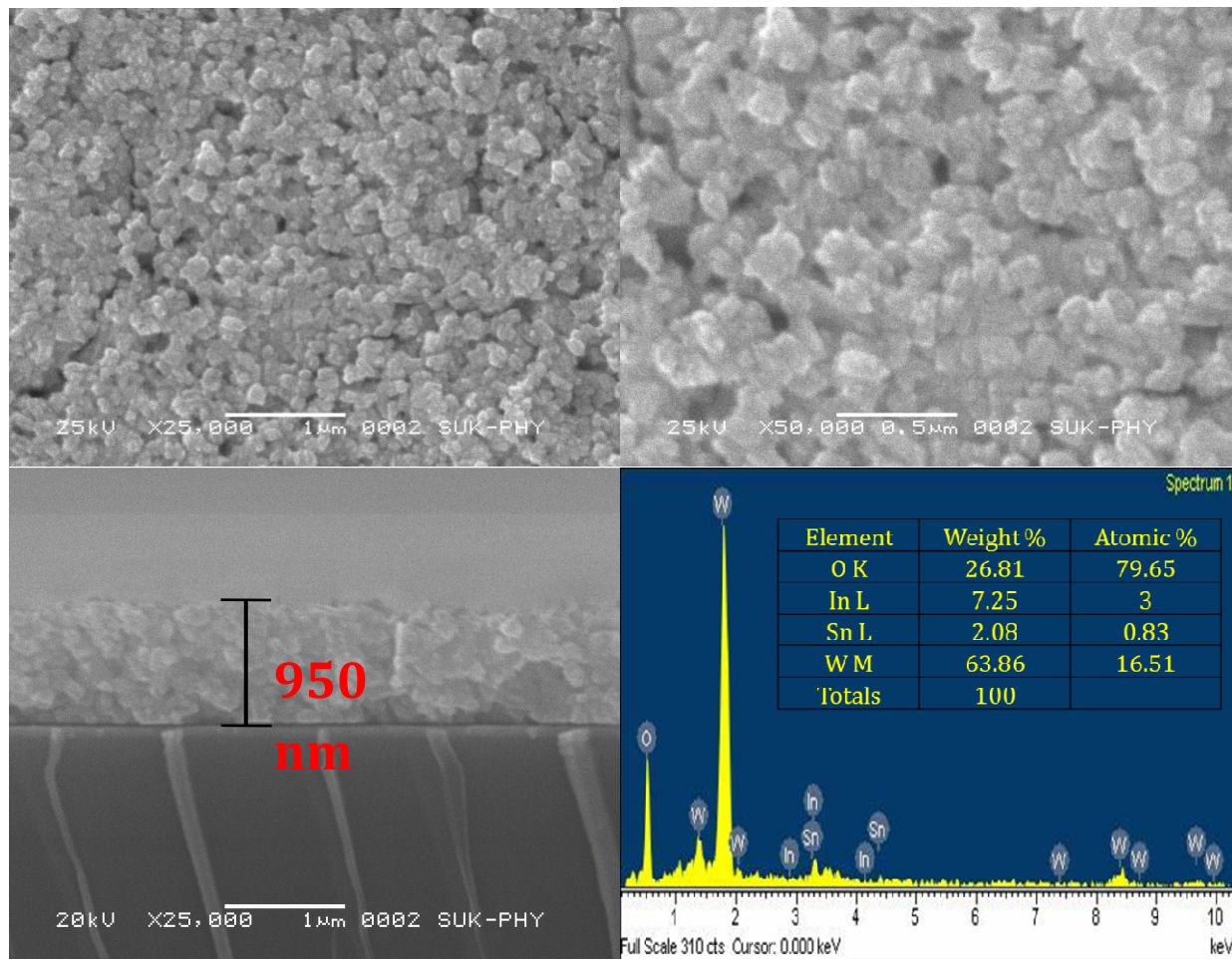


Figure.3 (a and) shows low- and high-resolution images (c) cross sectional image of and (d) EDS spectrum of nanostructured WO₃ thin film deposited on ITO coated conducting glass substrate.

4.4 Electrochromic Study:

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) technique is employed to investigate the cathodic/anodic behavior of WO₃ thin film. The CV was recorded at different scan rates carrying from 20 mV/Sec to 100 mV/sec in 1 M LiClO₄-PC electrolyte with a potential window of +1.4 to -1.4 V. The shape of the curves is typical of electrochromism in nanostructured WO₃ film. It is observed that the cathodic and anodic current densities for the nanostructured WO₃ film

was 4.5 mA/cm² (cathodic) and 2.5 mA/cm² (anodic) at the scan rate of 20 mV/Sec and achieved a value as high as 6 mA/cm² (cathodic) and 3.9 mA/cm² (anodic) at 100 mV/Sec. The progressive increase in the cathodic and anodic current densities with respect to scan rate indicates the reduction of the W⁶⁺ ionic state to the W⁵⁺ state due to intercalation of Li⁺ ions towards extreme cathodic potentials as a result of {WO₃ + Li⁺ + e⁻ → Li_xWO₃} reaction and eventually responsible for blue coloration. Upon anodic polarization (+1.4V), oxidation of WO₃ takes place with simultaneous deintercalation of Li⁺ ions and e⁻ from the film to acquire a transparent (bleached) state as a result of {Li_xWO₃ → WO₃ + Li⁺ + e⁻} reaction. When the potentials swept from -1.4 V to +1.4 V the reduced W (i.e: W⁵⁺) gets converted into W⁶⁺ state. It is well known that the area under the curve is directly related to the amount of charge intercalated in the film. This confirms that the nanostructured WO₃ thin film shows pronounced electrochromic properties.

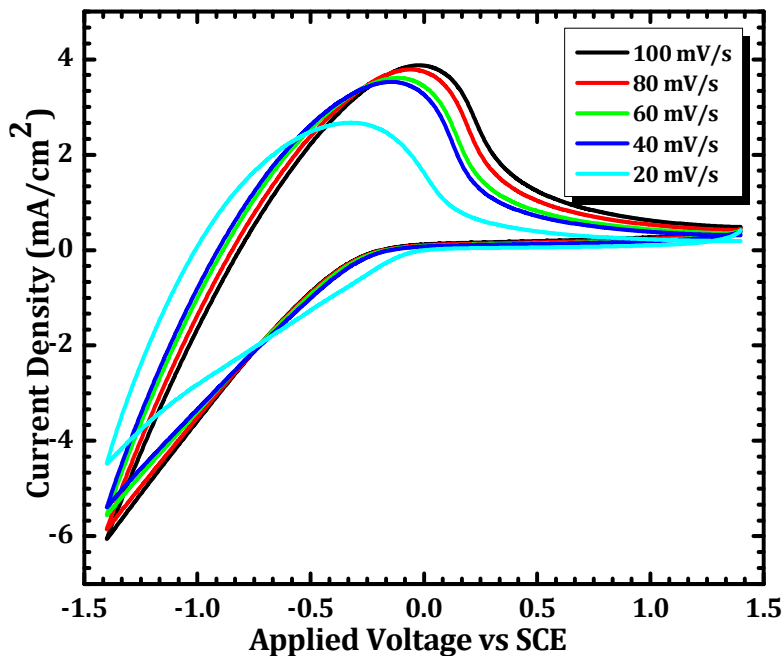


Figure.4 Cyclic voltammograms for the coloration and bleaching cycles of the nanostructured WO₃ thin film recorded in 1M LiClO₄-PC electrolyte at different scan rates with a potential window from +1.4 to -1.4V versus SCE.

4.5 X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy Analysis:

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopic (XPS) analysis was carried out on the nanostructured WO_3 thin film to investigate the generation of reduced and oxidized tungsten species under the influence of cathodic and anodic potentials. The binding energies of the samples were corrected using a value of 284.6 eV for the C 1s peak of carbon. There is no other contaminated element except C in the nanostructured WO_3 film. Fig. 5 (a) shows the XPS spectra of nanostructured WO_3 film under the action of anodic (+1.4 V) potential.

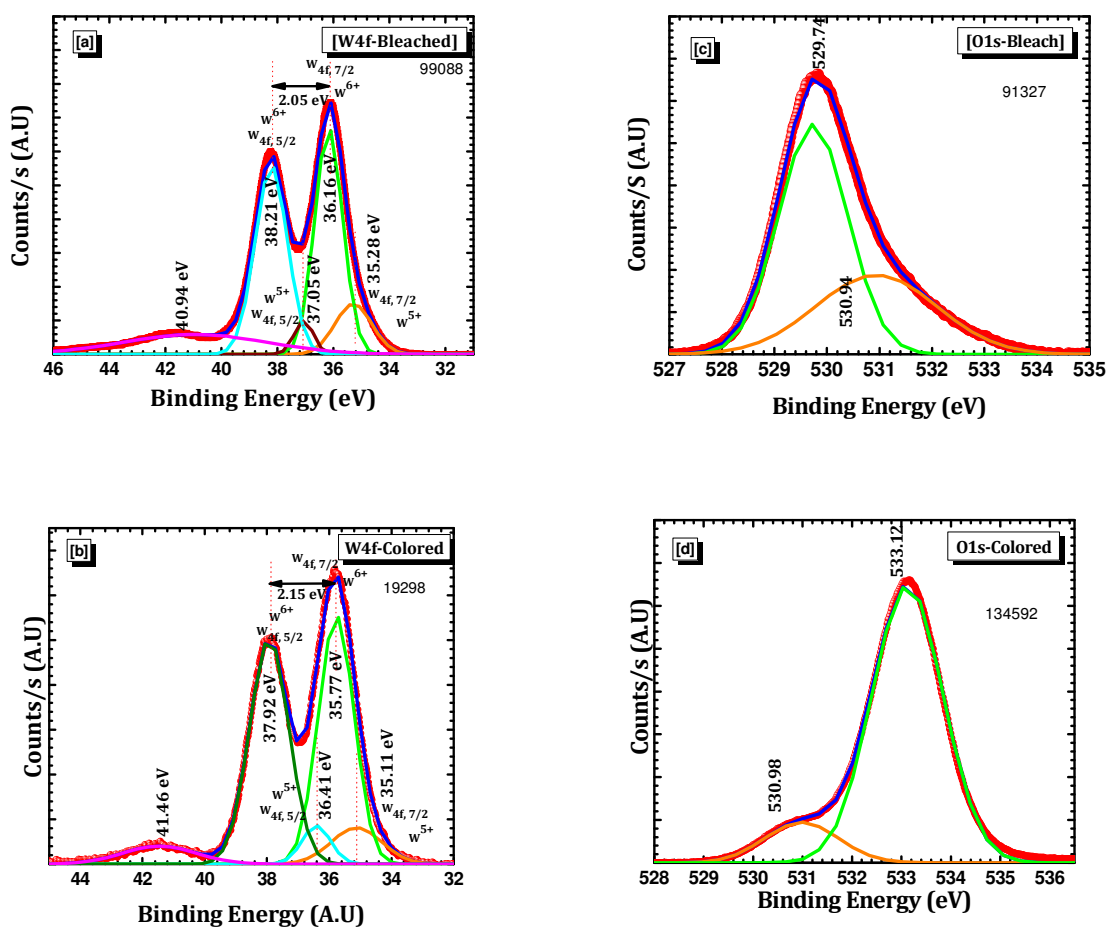


Figure 5. High resolution XPS spectra (a and b) of the W (4f) and (c and d) O (1s) core levels of the WO_3 thin film in bleached and colored state, respectively.

The analysis using XPS revealed a tungsten 4f spectrum in the bleached state composed of the $\text{W}4f_{5/2}$ and $\text{W}4f_{7/2}$ peaks, which may be deconvoluted into Gaussian peaks centered at

38.21 and 36.11 eV, with XPS W4f_{7/2}-W4f_{5/2} spin-orbit separation being 2.05 eV and the area ratio of the two peaks of each doublet being 0.96 corresponds to the tungsten in W⁶⁺ valence state, which suggests that the film have nominal stoichiometry [10]. On the other hand, the other doublet at 35.28 and 37.05 eV corresponds to a typical W⁵⁺ oxidation state of W. However, during cathodic (-1.4 V) potential (colored state) peaks corresponds to W4f_{7/2} and W4f_{5/2} shifts toward lower binding energies located at 35.77 eV, 35.11 eV and 37.92 eV, 36.41 eV respectively (Fig.5 (b)). This indicates that the redox reaction takes place between W⁶⁺ and W⁵⁺. The XPS O1s spectrum in both bleached and colored state has been deconvoluted into two components (Fig.5 (c, d)). The binding energy of the first component situated at 529.74 eV (before coloration) above the W 4f_{7/2} core level line, corresponds to the W=O bond in the oxide (Fig.5 (c)). However, there is increase in the intensity and shift in binding energy towards higher energy (533.12 eV) after coloration. The second component in both bleached and colored state observed at about 530.94 eV and 530.98 eV could be assigned to water bounded in the film structure or to water molecules adsorbed on the sample surface [11].

4.6 Reversibility:

Chronocoulometry gives quantitative information about the number of protons/ions intercalated or deintercalated on the application of a potential double step for a known amount of time. The reversibility is then given by the ratio of charges deintercalated to the charges intercalated, i.e.

$$\text{Reversibility} = \frac{Q_{di}}{Q_i}$$

From the chronocoulometry studies (Fig. 6), the electrochromic reversibility of nanostructured WO₃ film was found to be 75 %.

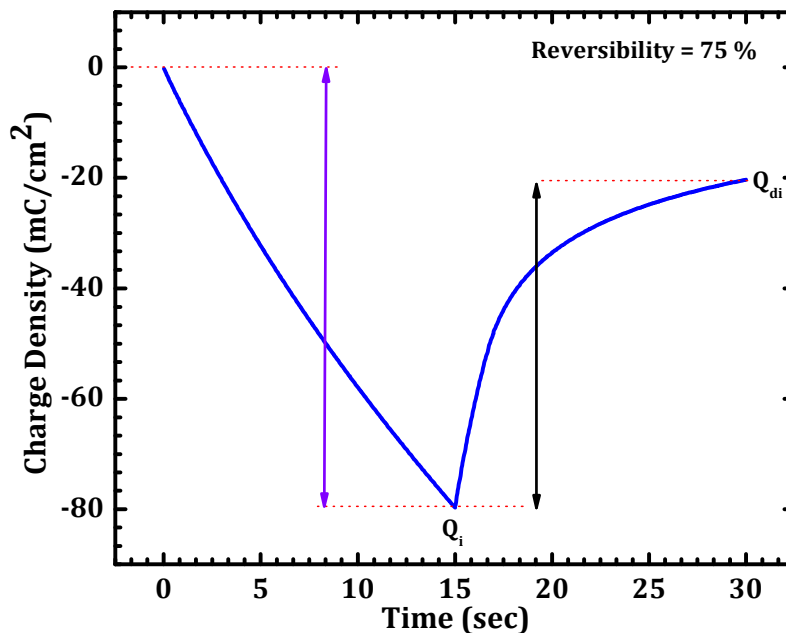


Figure. 6 Chronocoulometry curves of a nanostructured WO_3 thin films recorded in 1M LiClO_4 -PC electrolyte upon application of step potential of -1 to $+1.4$ V vs SCE.

4.7 Optical Transmittance Study:

Fig.7 (a) shows the optical transmission spectra of WO_3 thin film at different applied potentials of -0.2 , -0.6 , -1.0 and -1.4 V respectively, in the wavelength range from 300 to 1100 nm. The optical transmittance of nanostructured WO_3 thin film in the bleached state ($+1.4$ V) was found to be 67 % at 555 nm and it changes immensely to 3 % as the potential switched to -1.4 V. Therefore, the optical transmittance modulation of nanostructured WO_3 thin film was 64 %. The enhancement in the transmittance modulation of nanostructured WO_3 thin film because of large surface area and increased textural boundaries where actual coloration/bleaching processes take place. The coloration efficiency (η) describes the optical density change (ΔOD) at a specific wavelength as a function of the injected/ejected electronic charge (Q_i), i.e., the amount of charge required to change the optical density, as shown in Eq. 2 [12].

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\Delta OD}{Q_i} \right)_{\lambda=550 \text{ nm}} = \left(\frac{\ln(T_b/T_c)}{Q_i} \right), \quad (2)$$

where T_b is the bleached transmittance and T_c is the colored transmittance. The coloration efficiency of the nanostructured WO_3 thin films has been shown in the Table.1. The high coloration efficiency supports from the fact that nanostructured WO_3 with smaller dimensions prepared by sol-gel provide larger surface area for charge-transfer reactions. It makes the diffusion of ions easier among the materials.

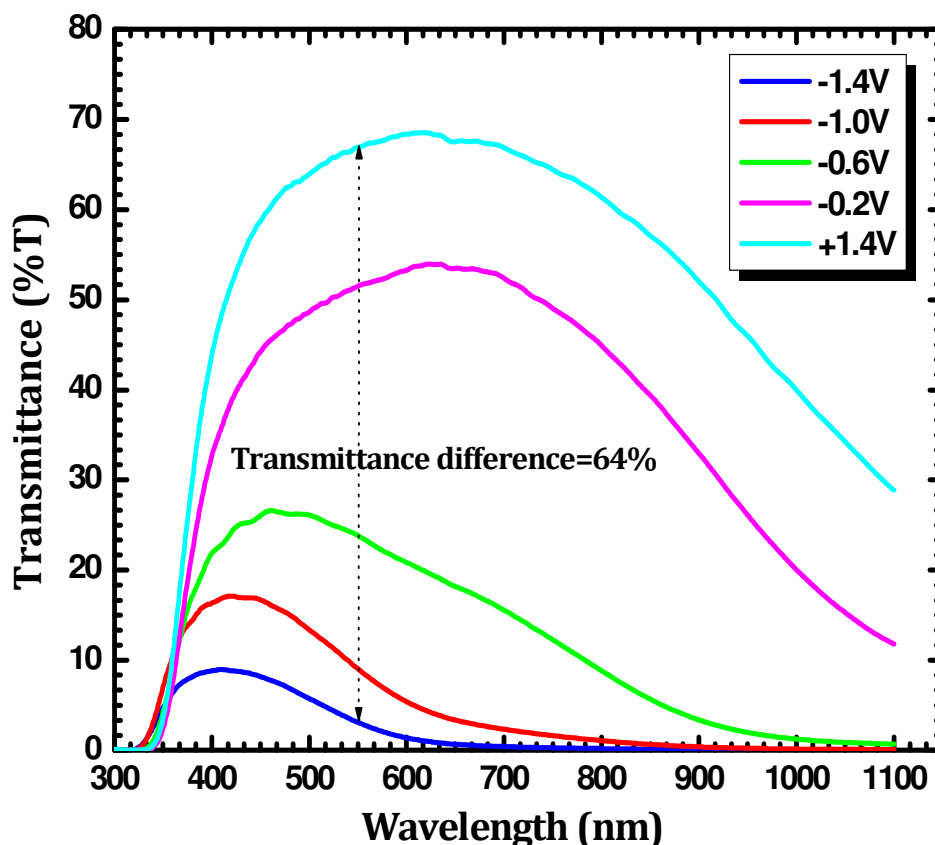


Figure 7. Optical transmission spectra showing colored and bleached states of WO_3 thin film with respect to applied potential.

Table.1 shows various preparative parameters evaluated from electrochromic and optical transmittance studies.

Applied Voltage	Photopic Transmittance T (%)		Photopic Transmittance difference $\Delta T_{\text{Photopic}}$ (%)	Optical Density $(\Delta OD)_{\lambda=555 \text{ nm}}$	Coloration efficiency $(\text{cm}^2/\text{C})_{\lambda=555 \text{ nm}}$
	(T _P) bleached	(T _P) colored			
	-0.2	67			
-0.6	67	24	43	1.02	116
-1.0	67	9	58	2.007	
-1.4	67	3	64	3.10	

4.8 Chromaticity Analysis:

A two-dimensional x-y representation known as the chromaticity diagram utilized to identify the colors of WO₃ thin film in its oxidized and reduced state as shown in Fig.8 (a-b). The shift in x-y co-ordinates occurs once the potential switched from oxidized to reduced state. Fig.4 (a) shows the CIE chromaticity curve of nanostructured WO₃ thin film at different applied potentials. Initially when nanostructured WO₃ thin film is in oxidized state, exhibits a transparent state and its position on the chromaticity curve is close to the white point. As cathodic potential increased from +1.4 to -1.4 V, color of the film immensely changes from transparent to dark blue state as seen by the shift in the position of the x-y coordinate on the chromaticity diagram. In the CIE 1931 Yxy color space, the tristimulus value Y is defined as a measure of the brightness or luminance of the color [13, 14]. Fig.8 (b) shows the relative luminous transmittance (% Y) with applied potential for nanostructured WO₃ thin film. As the potential is switched from +1.4 V to -1.4 V vs SCE, a large change in the xy coordinates occurs as the relative luminance changes from 67 % (bleached) to 3 % (colored) having luminous transmittance difference (ΔY) of 64 %.

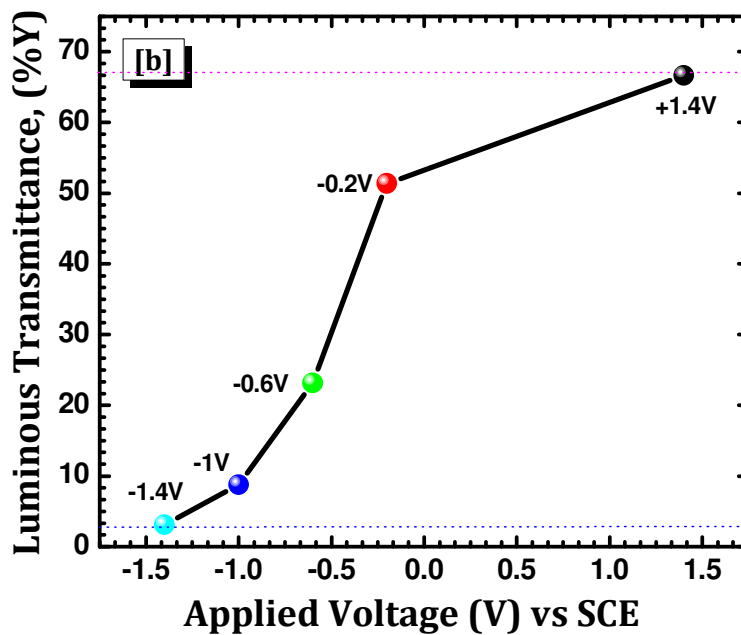
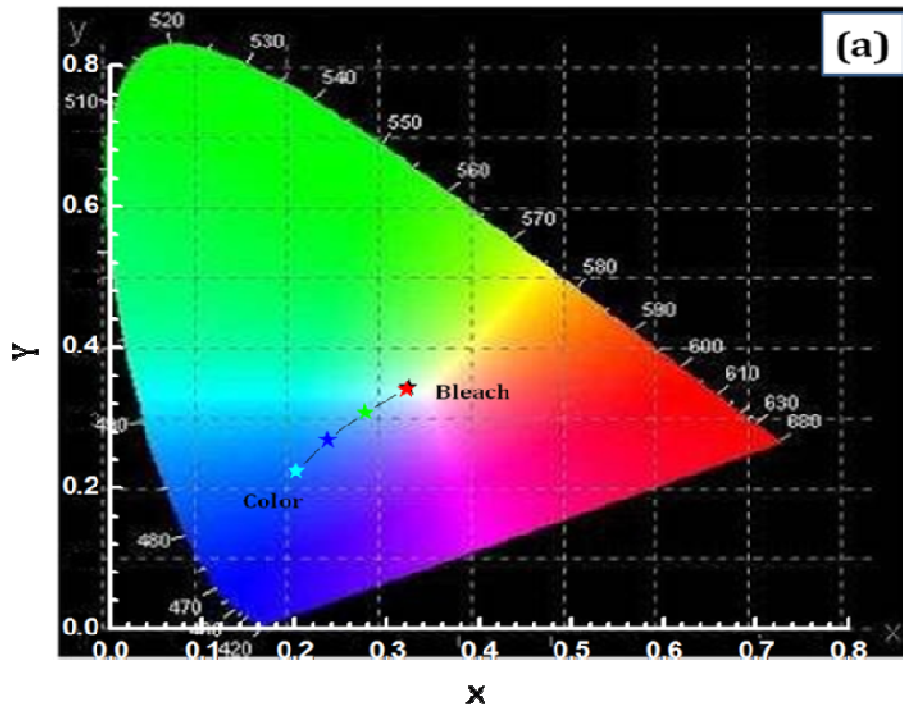


Figure 8. (a) CIE 1931Yxy chromaticity diagram and (a) Luminous transmittance for WO_3 thin film at different applied voltage. The dotted horizontal lines (Fig.8 (b)) indicate difference of luminous transmittance in its colored and bleached state.

Conclusions:

Nanostructured WO₃ thin film has been deposited by sol-gel dip coating method for energy efficient electrochromic smart window application. The XRD pattern confirms the formation of nanocrystalline WO₃ thin film with amorphous background which is suitable for electrochromic window application. A well-defined bands observed at 799 and 883 cm⁻¹, in the FT-IR spectra of nanostructured WO₃ thin film is due to the (O-W-O) inter bridging stretching mode in WO₃ confirms the formation of WO₃. From electrochromic study it has been concluded that the sol-gel deposited nanostructured WO₃ thin films exhibits transmittance modulation of 64 % at 555 nm, reversibility of 75 % and coloration efficiency of about 116 cm²/C. The good transmittance modulation and excellent coloration efficiency of the WO₃ thin films is due to large surface area provided by nanostructured WO₃ thin film. From CIE system of colorimetric analysis and Luminous transmittance modulation it has been evidenced that the color of the WO₃ thin immensely changes from transparent to deep blue which confirms that the film deposited by sol-gel route are well suited for energy efficient electrochromic smart window application.

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