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मा.प्राचार्य, कृष्णा महाविद्यालय, रेठरे बु ॥ ता.कराड, जि.सातारा.

> विषय : अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत २०१९-२०२० मध्ये राबवावयाच्या उपक्रमांबाबत.

महोदय,

गुरुवार दि.१०/१०/२०१९ रोजी अग्रणी महाविद्यालयाच्या कार्यकारी समितीची बैठक पार पडली. या बैठकीमध्ये आपण पाठविलेल्या विविध उपक्रमांच्या प्रस्तावावर विचार करून २०१९-२० या शैक्षणिक वर्षात आपणास काही उपक्रमांना यापूर्वीच मान्यता दिली आहे. तसेच कॉमन ॲक्टिव्हीटी अंतर्गत एक उपक्रम आयोजित करण्यास खालीलप्रमाणे मान्यता देण्यात येत आहे.

अ.नं.	उपक्रमाचे नांव	कार्यकारी मंडळाने मंजूर केलेली खकम ₹
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	एकूण	9000/-

कळावे,

अग्रणी महाविद्यालय स.गा.म.कॉलेज, कराड

Krishna Mahavidualaua. Shienanai Inward Na. 968 Dem. 1611112019 आपला विश्वासू,

प्राचार्य अग्रणी महाविद्यालय, संदगुरू गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज, कराड



म्रति, मा.प्राचार्य.

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विषय : अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजना २०१९-२०२० - हिशोब पूर्तता.

महोदय,

अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत २०१९-२० या शैक्षणिक वर्षासाठी यापूर्वीच उपक्रमांना मंजूरी दिलेली आहे. त्यापैकी खालील उपक्रमांचे हिशोब या महाविद्यालयास प्राप्त झाले आहेत. आपण सादर केलेल्या खर्चास खालीलप्रमाणे मंजूरी देणेत येत आहे.

अ.नं.	उपक्रमाचे नांव	मंजूर केलेली रक्कम ₹
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9	Food Processing and Preservation	2900
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ą	महापूर व्यवस्थापन	2800
Я	सांस्कृतिक उपक्रम	
y	Hindi Short Film Making workshop	2900
ξ	पारंपारीक खेळ (कॉमन ॲक्ट)	9000
	विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी प्रवास भत्ता	
٤	TA/DA for our students and teachers to attend programmes in other colleges.	690
	एकूण	21190

या अग्रणी महाविद्यालयाकडून आपणास रू.१६०००/- ॲडव्हान्स दिलेला आहे. आपण वरील सादर केलेल्या उपक्रमांचा एकूण मंजूर खर्च रू.२११९०/- आहे. सदर खर्चामधून आपणास दिलेला

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## KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA, RETHARE BK.

Shivnagar, Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara, 415 108 (M.S.). Phone : 02164-266346, Fax : 02164-266347 **Email :** kmr\_sspm@yahoo.co.in **Website :** www.krishnamahavidyalaya.com



Date: 03/03/2020

Principal : Dr. Salunkhe C. B. M.Sc., Ph. D.

NAAC 'B+' Grade (CGPA 2.65) Founder : Hon. Jaywantrao Bhosale

Ref. No. : KMR/ ST /314/ 2019-20

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मा . प्राचार्य अग्रणी महाविद्यालय सदगुरू गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज कराड .

विषय : अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत २०१९-२०२० या शैक्षणिक वर्षात रावविलेल्या उपकमाच्या खर्चास मंजूरी मिळणेबावत...

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उपरोकत विषयास अनुसरून २०१९-२०२० या शैक्षणिक वर्षात कृष्णा महाविद्यालय रठरे वु।। मध्ये अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत खालील उपकमांचा सविस्तर तपशिल सोवत जोडला आहे.

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### 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 o WO: thin film by sol gel method for smart window application."						
DATE	FACULTY DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE COORDINAT					
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 characterizat 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):

<ol> <li>Notice &amp; Letters</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Student list of</li> </ol>	3. Activity report	4. Photos	5. Feedback form
<ol> <li>Feedback analysis</li> </ol>	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	Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi		
DEPARTMENT KRISHNA MAT	(Jalan AD OF PHYSICS TAVIDYALAYA, Krishna Mah	Principal	IQAC, Coordinator, KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA, Rethare Bk; Shivnagar - 415108
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### ARTS, SCIENCE, COMMERCE & VOCATIONAL (Junior & Senior)

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Accredited A<sup>+</sup> 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.

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Name of Project Advisor	Name of Students	Title of Project	Amount Estimate Rs.
Dr. D. S. Dalavi	1) Lad Divya Dilip	Synthesis, Characterization of WO3	
	2) Mohini Rajendra Harale	thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart	10,000/-
Electro	3) Ashlesha Arun Patil	windows application	1 S
	4) Aniket Anil Dmame		

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

Thank you,

Dr. Dalavi D.S

Principal, Lead College, Sadguru Gadage Maharaj College, KARAD

Yours faithfully,

Krishna Mahavidualaua. Shivnaqar hward No. 946. 71112019

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मा.प्राचार्य, कृष्णा महाविद्यालय, रेठरे बु ाा जि.सातारा

> विषय : अग्रणी महाविद्यालय योजनेअंतर्गत रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी द्यावयाच्या ॲडव्हान्सबाबत.

महोदय,

शिवाजी विद्यापीठाच्या Research Promotion Activity for students of the affiliated Colleges या योजनेअंतर्गत आपल्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या "Synthesis Characterization of WO3 thin film by solgel route for electrochromic smart windows application" या रिसर्च प्रपोजलसाठी विद्यापीठाने रू. १००००/- मंजूर केले असून सदर ॲडव्हान्स रकमेचा चेक नं. १००३२३ दि. १ (१०२/२०२० ने सोबत पाठविला आहे. कृपया सदर रकमेची पोहोच पावती त्वरीत पाठवून द्यावी.

वरील रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी मंजूर रक्कम रू.१०,०००/– खर्च करून त्याचा हिशोव व प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट या अग्रणी महाविद्यालयाकडे त्वरीत साढर करावा.

कळावे, ही विनंती.



आपला विश्वासू,

अग्रणी महाविद्यालय सद्गुरू गाडगे महाराज कॉलेज, कराड

सोबत : वरीलप्रमाणे,

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

### महोदय,

शिवाजी विद्यापीठाच्या Research Promotion activity for students of the affiliated collages यः ग्रोजनेअंतर्गत यः महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या "Synthesis, Characterization of WO3 thin film by sol-gel route for electrochromic smart windows application" यःरिसर्च प्रोपोसलं साठी विद्यापीठाने रु. १०,०००/- मजंरू कल्ने हे ले सिदर रिसर्च प्रोपोसलं साठी आपण कड्लू रु. १०,०००/- चर्ॉंग्डव्हान्स रकमचेव्यके न**ं10७३1३ दि. 18/02/2020 र**खेर्ीमेळाला अससू त्यानुसार वरील रिसर्च प्रोजेक्टसाठी मलंगू रकमेच्या खर्चाचा तपशक्षी व अहवक्ष आपणक्रडक्षे छवदी आहे खर्चाचा तपशील खालीलप्रमाणे.

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### 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 WO<sub>3</sub> 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	Grant	Details of expenditure incu	Amount	
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Advance cheque No. 107313.		G	rant 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.

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**Project Advisor** 

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Salani Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi T. Dhanaji S. Dalavi

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### **UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE**

Certified that the Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) has been sanctioned by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur to couduct the lead college Project entitled "Synthesis, Characterization of WO<sub>3</sub> 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** 

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Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi Dr. Dhanaji S. Dalavi Ssor (Physics) Krite Dr. Vidyalaya Selast DK) Tal. Karaji

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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<sub>3</sub> 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

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Yours Faithfully

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Project Advisor Research Promotion Activity Dr. Dhanaji : Dalavi

Assistant Profer (Physics) Krishna Mah Idyalaya, Rethare (Bk.), Tal. Karad

Department F-1145155 Date- 19-1-2020

The Principal,

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KRISHNA MAHAVIDY. LYA, SHIVNAGAR

ubject- Request to pass the bills for payment,

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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<sub>3</sub> 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 SrTiO3 (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<sub>3</sub> [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 WO<sub>3</sub> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> thin film:

The precursor solution used for the deposition of WO<sub>3</sub> thin films was prepared by dissolving 7.48 g of tungsten metal powder (99% pure, Sigma Aldrich) in 80 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (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 WO<sub>3</sub> thin films and kept for to form gel. The WO<sub>3</sub> 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-Ka radiation ( $k = 1.5418 \text{ A}^\circ$ ). The scanning rate of 10°/min was applied to record the patterns in the range of 10° -80°. 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 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The pellets were prepared by mixing KBr with WO<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>4</sub>+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 Yxy 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 Yxy and L\*a\*b\* coordinate.

### 4. Results and Discussion:

### **4.1 X-Ray Diffraction:**

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> 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  $2\theta$  region for nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film typically of an amorphous in nature. Normally, amorphous WO<sub>3</sub> film is more suitable than crystalline WO<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> film is totally amorphous. Such characteristics, typical of amorphous materials combined with a nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub>, are favorable for a fast-electrochromic response.



Figure.1 X-ray diffraction pattern of sol-gel deposited WO<sub>3</sub> thin film

### 4.2 FT-IR Analysis:

Fig 2. Shows FT-IR spectra of sol gel deposited nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film. A single absorption band observed at 950 cm<sup>-1</sup> is characteristic for the terminal W=O stretching vibration in tungsten trioxide [7].



Figure.2 FT-IR spectrum of sol-gel deposited WO<sub>3</sub> thin film.

A well-defined bands seen at 799 and 883 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in the spectra of nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film is due to the (O–W–O) inter bridging stretching mode in WO<sub>3</sub> [8]. However, the band at 633 cm<sup>-1</sup> is due to W–O–W stretching vibrations. A band centered at 1626 cm<sup>-1</sup> ascribable to the  $\delta$ (H–O–H ) deformation mode is also observed in spectrum of the NPs-WO<sub>3</sub> thin film and a band due to the W–OH…OH<sub>2</sub> 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<sup>-1</sup>[9].

### 4.3 Morphological Study:

Fig. 3 (a and b) shows low- and high-resolution SEM images of nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> 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 are which is beneficial for good electrochromic performance. The thickness of the deposited film is observed to be  $\sim$ 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 WO<sub>3</sub> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> thin film. The CV was recorded at different scan rates carrying from 20 mV/Sec to 100 mV/sec in 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>-PC electrolyte with a potential window of +1.4 to -1.4 V. The shape of the curves is typical of electrochromism in nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> film. It is observed that the cathodic and anodic current densities for the nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> film was 4.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (cathodic) and 2.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (anodic) at the scan rate of 20 mV/Sec and achieved a value as high as 6 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (cathodic) and 3.9 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (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 W<sup>6+</sup> ionic state to the W<sup>5+</sup> state due to intercalation of Li<sup>+</sup> ions towards extreme cathodic potentials as a result of {WO<sub>3</sub> + Li<sup>+</sup>+ e<sup>-</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Li<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub>} reaction and eventually responsible for blue coloration. Upon anodic polarization (+1.4V), oxidation of WO<sub>3</sub> takes place with simultaneous deintercalation of Li<sup>+</sup> ions and e<sup>-</sup> from the film to acquire a transparent (bleached) state as a result of {Li<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$  WO<sub>3</sub> + Li<sup>+</sup>+ e<sup>-</sup>} reaction. When the potentials swept from -1.4 V to +1.4 V the reduced W (i.e: W<sup>5+</sup>) gets converted into W<sup>6+</sup> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> thin film shows pronounced electrochromic properties.



Figure.4 Cyclic voltammograms for the coloration and bleaching cycles of the nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film recorded in 1M LiClO<sub>4</sub>-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<sub>3</sub> 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 284.6eV for the C 1s peak of carbon. There is no other contaminated element except C in the nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> film. Fig. 5 (a) shows the XPS spectra of nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> thin film in bleached and colored state, respectively.

The analysis using XPS revealed a tungsten 4f spectrum in the bleached state composed of the  $W4f_{5/2}$  and  $W4f_{7/2}$  peaks, which may be deconvoluted into Gaussian peaks centered at

38.21 and 36.11 eV, with XPS W4f<sub>7/2</sub>–W4f<sub>5/2</sub> 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 W<sup>6+</sup> 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 W<sup>5+</sup> oxidation state of W. However, during cathodic (-1.4 V) potential (colored state) peaks corresponds to W4f<sub>7/2</sub> and W4f<sub>5/2</sub> 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 W<sup>6+</sup> and W<sup>5+</sup>. 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<sub>7/2</sub> 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.

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

From the chronocoulometry studies (Fig. 6), the electrochromic reversibility of nanostructured  $WO_3$  film was found to be 75 %.



Figure. 6 Chronocoulometry curves of a nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin films recorded in recorded in 1M LiClO₄-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<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> thin film because of large surface area and increased textural boundaries where actual coloration/bleaching processes take place. The coloration efficiency (g) describes the optical density change ( $\Delta$ OD) at a specific wavelength as a function of the injected/ejected electronic charge (Qi), i.e., the amount of charge required to change the optical density, as shown in Eq. 2 [12].

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\Delta \text{OD}}{Q_{\text{i}}}\right)_{\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}} = \left(\frac{\ln(T_{\text{b}}/T_{\text{c}})}{Q_{\text{i}}}\right), \quad (2)$$

where  $T_b$  is the bleached transmittance and  $T_c$  is the colored transmittance. The coloration efficiency of the nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin films has been shown in the Table.1. The high coloration efficiency supports from the fact that nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> thin film with respect to applied potential.

Applied	Photopic		Photopic	Optical	Coloration efficiency	
Voltage	Transmittance T (%)		Transmittance	Density	(cm <sup>2</sup> /C)	
	(TP)	(T <sub>P</sub> )	difference	<b>(</b> Δ <b>OD)</b> <sub>λ=555 nm</sub>	λ=555 nm	
	bleached	colored	$\Delta T_{Photopic}$ (%)			
-0.2	67	51.5	15.5	0.2631		
-0.6	67	24	43	1.02	116	
-1.0	67	9	58	2.007		
-1.4	67	3	64	3.10		

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

#### 4.8 Chromaticity Analysis:

A two-dimensional x-y representation known as the chromaticity diagram utilized to identify the colors of WO<sub>3</sub> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> thin film at different applied potentials. Initially when nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> 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 ( $\Delta$ Y) of 64 %.



Figure 8. (a) CIE 1931Yxy chromaticity diagram and (a) Luminous transmittance for WO<sub>3</sub> 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 WO<sub>3</sub> 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<sup>-1</sup>, in the FT-IR spectra of nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film is due to the (O–W–O) inter bridging stretching mode in WO<sub>3</sub> confirms the formation of WO<sub>3</sub>. From electrochromic study it has been concluded that the sol-gel deposited nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin films exhibits transmittance modulation of 64 % at 555 nm, reversibility of 75 % and coloration efficiency of about 116 cm<sup>2</sup>/C. The good transmittance modulation and excellent coloration efficiency of the WO<sub>3</sub> thin films is due to large surface area provided by nanostructured WO<sub>3</sub> thin film. From CIE system of colorimetric analysis and Luminous transmittance modulation it has been evidenced that the color of the WO<sub>3</sub> 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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