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Abstract

The necessity for expensive energy storage in the basin area required by solar distillation methods to boost output supports the value of natural green dyes as a desirable technique. The current research was done to see if adding different amounts of matte black paint (BP) and activated carbon nanoparticles (ACNPs) to the sidewalls of a double-sloped U-shaped stepped basin solar still (DUSS) may boost output. It was created using Mangifera indica and Celostia argentea ACNP, and samples of carbon powder with doped ZnO nanoparticles were used for testing. The newly proposed design may increase the DUSS's water temperature, increase output to 14.92 l/m² per day, and achieve an usual daily efficiency of 38.73%.

Introduction

Gamel et al. [1] approved an experimental analysis to determine whether the energy & exergy effectiveness of solar stills are enhanced by 94.14% & 164.29%, respectively, when activated carbon tubes are used. They produce 5850 ml/m2 of freshwater productivity. T. Kumar et al. [2] conducted an analysis of the SSSS using Jatropha curcas L. leaf extract as the green synthesis material for SiO₂. They compared the act of the solar distiller during summer and winter seasons. Distillate yield was 8.79 L/day (SiO₂/Jatropha curcas L.) and 6.49 L/day (SiO₂). ZnO rice husk activated carbon was made by Adewumi et al. [3] using orthophosphoric acid activation. They came to the conclusion that 615 m² g⁻¹ of high surface area were useful for wastewater treatment after analyzing the physicochemical factors. When performing double slope solar stills, Sahota et al. [4] explored in load with multiwall carbon nanotube utilizing Al₂O₃ nanofluid. Different nanofluid ratios of 0.4%, 0.8%, and 1.2% are used to analyze them. It is concluded that 1.2% was the focus of MWCNT performance of 43.2%. The double slope distiller was constructed by Ghandourah et al. [5] and coated with lanthanum cobalt oxide. Different water discharge rates (0.050 kg/min, 0.10 kg/min, and 0.20 kg/min) were studied.

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The findings showed that 20 weight percent lanthanum cobalt oxide with black paint achieved a each day protectivity of 5.40 kg/m²day as opposed to 3.85 kg/m²day without coating[6].



Fig.1. Schematic view

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Fig.2. Experimental setup



Fig.3. Solar intensity



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Fig.4. Ambient temperature



Fig.5. Overall efficiency

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Fig.6. Efficiency comparison

Conclusion

In relation to the TC improvement of 59.72%. The exergy was estimated simply and comparably using the Gibbs free energy equation for the temperature components of the DUSS. The BP-coated DUSS had the highest BPACNP loading (20 wt%), the day's average USB temperature of 15.8%, and the highest mass output (16.91%) when compared to the DUSS coated alone with BP. With a total distillate output of 14.92 l/m² per day and an average efficiency of 38.73%, the DUSS surpassed the CDUSS by 64%.

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