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AAS	Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
AC/ACTG	Activated carbon derived from *Tectona grandis*
ANN	Artificial Neural Network
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATA	Azadirachta indica Twig Ash
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
BET	Brunauer–Emmett–Teller
BIS	Bureau of Indian Standards
CPCB	Central pollution Control Board
Cu	Copper
D-R	Dubinin–Radushkevich
DTG	Derivative Thermogravimetry
ECEF	Electrocoagulation-Electroflotation
EDX	Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy
F	Feldspar
FTIR	Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy

FWHM	Full Width at Half Maxima
I	Illite
IARC	International Agency for Cancer Research
ICMR	Indian Council of Medical Research
L-M	Levenberg-Marquardt
M	Montmorillonite
MSE	Mean Square Error
MT	Metallothionein
Ni	Nickel
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OFI	Opuntia Ficus-indica
PIO	Pseudo First Order
PSO	Pseudo Second Order
Q	Quartz
Q	Reactive Oxygen Species
RSM	Response Surface Methodology
SEM	Scanning Electron microscopy
SRT	Statistical Rate Theory
TG	*Tectona grandis* Sawdust
TGA	Thermogravimetric analysis
USA	The United States of America
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WHO	World Health Organization

XRD X-ray Diffraction

ZiP Zinc Importer

Zn Zinc

ZnT Zinc Transporter