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Formulation and Evaluation of Herbal Soap Paper

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Abstract: *Herbal soaps are a natural alternative to traditional soaps, offering benefits like gentle cleansing and the use of natural fragrances and ingredients. This paper explores the rising popularity of herbal soaps, their formulation, and their diverse advantages for skin and environmental health, including their use in addressing skin conditions and their eco-friendly nature*

Keywords: Herbal soaps

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's world, consumers are becoming increasingly aware of the environmental and health impacts of the products they use in their daily lives. This shift toward sustainability and natural products has led to the growing popularity of herbal personal care items. Herbal products, derived from plant-based ingredients, are perceived as safer and more eco-friendly compared to their synthetic counterparts. These products are particularly attractive to individuals who prioritize skin health, environmental consciousness, and overall wellness.

One such product that combines convenience, sustainability, and natural ingredients is herbal paper soap. Paper soap is a lightweight, compact, and portable form of soap that provides an easy-to-use option for personal hygiene, particularly when on the go. Traditionally, paper soaps are made by infusing a paper-like sheet with soap and allowing it to dry, enabling users to simply tear off a piece of paper when needed for washing. The integration of herbal extracts into paper soap not only enhances the product's benefits for skin health but also introduces an innovative way to make personal care more sustainable.

With an increasing global concern over plastic waste and the environmental impact of disposable packaging, herbal paper soap offers a promising alternative to traditional soap packaging, which often uses plastic bottles or other non-biodegradable materials. Additionally, as consumer demand for eco-friendly and natural products grows, there is a market opportunity to develop products that cater to these values while also serving practical purposes.

In addition to this, many consumers are looking for personal care products that align with their values, such as the desire for products that are free from harmful chemicals, cruelty-free, and biodegradable. Herbal paper soap, if formulated effectively, could address these concerns while providing the benefits of herbal ingredients.

This study will not only contribute to the existing literature on eco-friendly personal care products but also provide useful insights for businesses and manufacturers interested in creating innovative products that cater to environmentally conscious consumers. Furthermore, by utilizing herbal ingredients, this research highlights the ongoing importance of natural wellness and self-care trends, which continue to shape the beauty and personal care industry.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Herbal Paper Soap Advantages

1. Eco-friendly and Sustainable Packaging: One of the most significant advantages of herbal paper soap is its environmentally friendly nature. Traditional soap products often come in plastic packaging, which contributes to plastic pollution and has long- lasting negative effects on the environment. In contrast, herbal paper soap typically uses biodegradable paper or similar materials that have a lower environmental impact. This helps reduce plastic waste and is a step toward more sustainable personal care products.

2. Portability and Convenience: Herbal paper soap is compact, lightweight, and portable, making it a perfect solution for people on the go. Whether traveling, at the gym, or simply commuting, the paper soap can be carried in a wallet, purse, or bag without the need for bulky containers. This convenience adds to its appeal, particularly for people who need to carry soap but do not want the inconvenience or mess of liquid soap or soap bars.

3. Natural and Gentle Ingredients: Herbal paper soaps are made with natural plant- based extracts such as aloe vera, lavender, chamomile, tea tree oil, and neem. These ingredients are known for their skin benefits, including

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moisturizing, soothing, and anti-inflammatory properties. They tend to be gentler on the skin compared to synthetic chemicals found in many conventional soaps, making them a great choice for individuals with sensitive skin or allergies.

Disadvantages

1. Fragility and Durability: One of the main disadvantages of herbal paper soap is its fragility. Paper soap sheets are thin and may tear easily, especially if they are not stored properly or if exposed to moisture. This could lead to wastage, as the sheets might break before use. Proper storage and handling are necessary to ensure that the paper soap maintains its integrity until it is needed.
2. Limited Lathering Ability: Paper soap may not lather as effectively as traditional soap bars or liquid soap. Some users may find the lather to be less rich or foamy, which could affect the overall satisfaction with the product. This issue can be mitigated by refining the formulation to create a more foamy and effective paper soap, but it remains a challenge for some products.
3. Limited Availability and Market Penetration: Herbal paper soap is still a relatively niche product in the market, and its availability may be limited compared to more conventional soap options. For consumers looking for an easy-to-find product, herbal paper soap may not be as accessible. Additionally, the production of paper soap may require specialized equipment, making it more difficult for small manufacturers to produce at scale.

LITERATURE REVIEW :

1. Sonvane Komalarun,et.al (2023) All herbal substances can be found in the nearby herbal market with ease. The plant used to make paper soap has the ability to soften the skin's epidermis, Provide greater penetration, eradicate acne, and speed up healing and resolution.
2. Blessy Jacob, et.al, (2019) Many of these soap ingredients are also having healing power Such as aloe Vera, turmeric, and tulsi. They are rich in natural antioxidant, antiseptic and Antimicrobial properties. The prepared formulation was evaluated for various Physicochemical properties and satisfactory results were obtained.
3. Jagruti Pravinsing Rajput, et.al (2023) ,In this review herbal paper soap can be formulated using Cold process system,taking different parameters in consideration as that of skin condition and as that of herbal capabilities and its exertion.
4. Mahesh D. Shinde, et.al(2023) , The study takes a comprehensive approach, exploring the effects of various Neem leaf extracts. The herbal paper soap is meticulously crafted, incorporating Neem and Tulsi, demonstrating specific efficacy against dermatophytes, while Tulsi showcases remarkable antiviral properties.
5. Latif Ahmed, et.al, (2021) The ultimate aim of this study is to formulate and evaluate the Ayurvedic bath soap using methanolic extracts of three plants having ethnic and Dermatological importance in Ayurveda, namely, aloevera, neem and palm oil. The soap also exhibited good cleaning efficiency in removing microbes on hands. Hence, based on the antimicrobial effects and parameters, the formulated soap can further be standardized and an alternative to commercial medicinal and skin whitening soaps.
6,hlesha Ghanwat*, Sachin Wayzod and Vanjire Divya et al. (2022)

An herbal soap and hand sanitizer was formulated using the leaf and bark extract of Azadirachta indica, Ocimum tenuiflorum ,Sapindus mukorussi and Acacia concinna powder. Ayurvedic cosmetics are also known as the herbal cosmetics the natural content in the herbsdoes not have any side effect on the human body most herbal supplement are based on several botanical ingredients with long histories of traditional or folk medicine usage. Among the numerous botonical ingredients available in the market today.

7. Rutuja Prashant Nangare et al. (2022)

The use of natural ingredientsto fight against acne, wrinkle and also to control secretion of oil is known as natural or herbal cosmetics. Herbal cosmetics are the safest product to use routine with no side effects and
cosmeceuticals are the product which influences the biological function of skin. In this preparation fenugreek, coffee, coconut oil, rose water, turmeric, Aloe Vera gel, amla, honey, sodium lauryl sulfate, methyl parabens, glycerin is used as active ingredients and incorporated into the gel which is prepared with carbopol of different.

8. Gadge Rutuja et-al (2022)

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Creating gelled Polyherbal scrubs was the major goal of our study. Cosmetics have a part in modifying the look of the skin in both men and women's daily lives. When applied to the skin, the majority of cosmetics on the market dry quickly, lighten the skin after usage, and reduce the duration of skin issues like acne and redness. The active constituents in this mixture are green tea, aloe vera gel, rice flour, sandalwood flour, almond oil, mint, saffron carrot juice, orange peel powder, and coffee. Sodium lauryl sulphate was combined with other chemicals like methylparaben,triethanolamine, etc. in the gel. The produced gel was assessed for several factors, including appearance, pH, viscosity, Spreadability, detergency, and hypersensitivity, and it was discovered to be sufficient for all required characterization. Therefore, the developed formulation can be used as an effective exfoliating agent to maintain healthy and shiny skin.

9. Tabassiya Kowser R1,Muzafar Din Ahmad Bhat et-al(2022)

The improvement in subjective parameters was found significant in test group. Erythema, scaling, and desquamation was completely relieved by 70%, 80% and 25% patients respectively in test group while as none of the patients got complete relief in control group. There was statistically significant reduction in average TSS 8.65 ± 0.6708 to 3.05 ± 1.35 p <

0.001. KOH mount turned negative in 80% patients in test group while as only 20% turned negative in control group.

It is concluded that Unani drugs can be utilized in better way by modifying into a convenient dosage form. Anti-microbial soap was formulated by adding minimal additives to achieve effectiveness, with cost effective benefits and less or no side effects. Anti-microbial soap was effective in management of management of Tinea corporis. Moreover further studies on large sample size are required to finetune these observations.

10. Oludoyin Adigun1,Charles Manful 1, Natalia Prieto Vidal et al(2021)

Antioxidants are important bio-regulators and suppressors of oxidation and are useful in enhancing the shelf life of consumer products. Formulated natural herbal soaps contain ingredients with antioxidant activities, but it is unknown how this influences shelf life. Herein, we evaluated whether natural additives or wild berry extracts were effective in improving the quality of natural herbal soaps. Three natural soaps, base bar (BB), forest grove (FG), and hibiscus rosehip (HR), were formulated using several wild berry extracts or natural additives and evaluated against similar commercial brands.

AIM & OBJECTIVE :

Aim:

The aim of herbal paper soap is to create a natural, effective, and sustainable personal care product that combines the benefits of herbs with the convenience of paper soap.

Objective:

The main objective of this thesis is to develop and evaluate a herbal paper soap product that is effective, eco-friendly, and beneficial for skin health. Specifically, this study aims to:

1. Formulate a herbal paper soap by selecting the right combination of herbal extracts that provide skin care benefits (such as aloe vera for moisture, tea tree oil for its antiseptic properties, or lavender for calming effects).
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the herbal paper soap in terms of its cleansing ability, moisturizing properties, and skin compatibility.
3. Assess the environmental sustainability of herbal paper soap, focusing on the product's biodegradability and its packaging as an eco-friendly alternative to traditional soap products.
4. Analyze consumer perceptions of herbal paper soap, including user satisfaction, convenience, and preference for the product over other personal care options.

PLAN OF WORK

Plan of work

1. Literature review
2. selection & collection of herbal plants
3. Identification & confirmation of herbal plant

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a. Organoleptic characteristics
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5. Preperation of herbal paper soap 6.Evaluation of herbal paper soap
a. Appearance
b. PH test
c. Foam height & Foam retention
d. Skin irritation test
e. Odour
f. Cleansing ability
g. Moisturizing property 7.Environmental impact
8.Scope of study

PLANT PROFILE:
1. Pineapple Peel:
Botanical Name: Ananas Cosmosus Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Poales
Family: Bromeliaceae Genus: Ananas
Species: Ananas Cosmosus Synonyms: Ananas, Pineapple, Pina
Biological Source: Ananas comosus is a tropical plant native to South America, specifically in the Amazon region. It belongs to the family Bromeliaceae and is widely cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions around the world for its edible fruit.Chemical Constituents: Sugars (sucrose,glucose,fructose),Organic acids(like citric acid), Vitamins (A, C, B-group),Minerals(Cu,Mg,Mn,K),Fibre, and the enzyme Bromelain,along with phytochemicals like Polyphenols
Medicinal Uses: Pineapple has been utilized in traditional medicine for various purposes, with its medicinal uses supported by scientific research. One of the primary benefits of pineapple is its anti-inflammatory properties, attributed to the presence of bromelain, a mixture of proteolytic enzymes. Bromelain has been shown to reduce inflammation, pain, and swelling, making it an effective treatment for conditions such as arthritis. Additionally, bromelain aids digestion by breaking down proteins, relieving symptoms of indigestion, bloating, and gas.

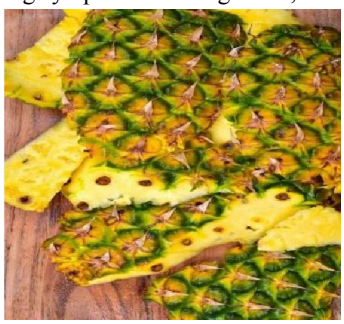

Fig. Pineapple

2. Ginger
Botanical Name: Zingiber officinale Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Zingiberales Family: Zingiberaceae Genus: Zingiber
Species: Zingiberaceae
Synonyms: Ginger root, fresh ginger, ground ginger Type: Herbaceous perennial
Biological Source: ginger is the rhizome, or underground stem, of the Zingiber officinale plant.
Chemical constituents: Ginger's chemical composition includes volatile and non-volatile compounds, with key constituents being phenolic compounds like gingerols and shogaols, as well as terpenes such as zingiberene and bisabolene.

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Medicinal Uses: Ginger has also been used to help treat arthritis, colic, diarrhea, and heart conditions. It has been used to help treat the common cold, flu-like symptoms, headaches, and painful menstrual periods.

Mode of Action: Ginger exhibits various pharmacological actions, including anti- inflammatory, anti-emetic, and antioxidant effects, primarily mediated by its bioactive compounds like gingerols and shogaols, which modulate signaling pathways and target specific receptors.

Fig. Ginger

3. Lemon Balm

Botanical Name: Melissa Officinalis Kingdom: Plantae

Order: Lamiales

Division: Magnoliophyta Family: Lamiaceae

Genus: Melissa

Species: M.Officinalis

Synonyms: Sweet balm, Melissa balm, English balm, Bush balm

Biological Source: lemon balm, scientifically known as Melissa officinalis, is the leaves of the perennial herb.

Chemical constituents: Lemon balm contains various chemical constituents, including volatile compounds like geranial and neral, as well as phenolic acids like rosmarinic acid, and flavonoids.

Medicinal Uses: Compounds in lemon balm may relieve gastrointestinal problems such as bloating and indigestion. Lemon balm ointments have been found to help heal cold sores caused by the herpes simplex virus (HSV). The compound rosmarinic acid in lemon balm may help minimize the severity of menstrual symptoms like cramps and fatigue.

Mode of Action: Lemon balm's mode of action primarily involves enhancing GABAergic activity, potentially increasing GABA levels in the brain, and modulating cholinergic activity through inhibition of acetylcholinesterase, leading to increased acetylcholine levels.

Fig. Lemon

4. TURMERIC :-

Botanical Name: Curcuma Longa Kingdom: Plantae

Order: Zingiberales Family: Zingiberaceae Genus: Curcuma

Species: C.Longa

Synonyms: Turmeric, Haldi, Indian Saffron

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Biological Source: Turmeric, a popular spice and medicinal herb, is the dried rhizome (underground stem) of the plant Curcuma longa, a member of the ginger family (Zingiberaceae) native to tropical South Asia.

Chemical constituents: Turmeric's chemical composition primarily includes curcuminoids(like curcumin, demethoxycurcumin, and bisdemethoxycurcumin), essential oils, and other phenolic compounds.

Medicinal Uses: Turmeric's chemical composition primarily includes curcuminoids (like curcumin, demethoxycurcumin, and bisdemethoxycurcumin), essential oils, and other phenolic compounds.

Mode of Action: Turmeric's mode of action primarily revolves around its active compound, curcumin, which exhibits potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties by influencing various cellular pathways and molecular targets.

Fig. Turmeric

5. NEEM :-

Botanical Name: Azadirachta Indica Kingdom: Plantae

Class: Dicotyledonae Phylum: Spermatophyta

Subphylum: Angiospermae Order: Rutales

Family: Meliaceae Genus: Azardica

Species: Azardica Indica

Synonyms: Margosa, Nimtree, Indian Lilac

Biological Source: The biological source of neem is the Azadirachta indica tree.

Chemical constituents: Neem (Azadirachta indica) contains various chemical constituents, including the prominent limonoid azadirachtin, along with other compounds like nimbin, nimbolide, and gedunin, known for their diverse biological activities.

Medicinal Uses: Neem, a plant with a long history of medicinal use, is known for its antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral properties, and is used in traditional medicine for various ailments, including skin conditions, diabetes, and digestive issues.Mode of Action: Neem, particularly its active compound azadirachtin, exerts its effects on insects through various mechanisms, including acting as an antifeedant, disrupting insect growth and reproduction, and repelling pests.

Fig.Neem

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6. ALOEVERA :
Botanical Name: Aloe barbadensis miller Kingdom: Plantae:
Order: Asparagales Family: Asphodelaceae
Subfamily: Asphodeloideae Genus: Aloe
Species: A.Vera
Synonyms: Aloe, Aloe vera, burn plant, and lily of the desert.
Biological Source: The biological source of aloe vera is the succulent plant Aloe barbadensis Miller, also known as Aloe vera, specifically the gel and latex derived from its fleshy leaves. Chemical constituents: Aloe vera contains a wide array of chemical constituents, including vitamins, enzymes, minerals, sugars, lignin, saponins, salicylic acids, and amino acids, along with products of the isoprenoid pathway like carotenoids, steroids, terpenes, and phytosterols.
Medicinal Uses: Aloe vera, known for its medicinal properties, has been traditionally used to soothe burns, wounds, and skin irritations, and may also aid in digestion, constipation, and even help manage blood sugar levels.
Mode of Action: Aloe vera's mechanism of action involves a combination of properties, including anti-inflammatory, wound-healing, and antioxidant effects, which are mediated by compounds like polysaccharides and glycoproteins that stimulate skin growth, collagen synthesis, and immune responses.

Fig.Aloe Vera

7. TULSI :-
Botanical Name: Ocimum Sanctum \ Ocimum Tenuiflorum Kingdom: Plantae:
Order: Lamiales Division: Angiosperm Family: Lamiaceae
Genus: Ocimum
Species: 160 species are available
Synonyms: Tulasi, Holy Basil, Ocimum Sanctum, Ocimum Tenuiflorum
Biological Source: The biological source of tulsi is the plant Ocimum sanctum, which is part of the Lamiaceae family. Tulsi is also known as holy basil.
Chemical constituents: Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum), or Holy Basil, contains a variety of chemical constituents, including volatile oils like eugenol (71%), methyl eugenol (20%), carvacrol, and caryophyllene, as well as flavonoids, terpenoids, and other phenolics.
Medicinal Uses: Tulsi, or holy basil, boasts a wide array of medicinal properties, including antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant effects, making it valuable for treating respiratory issues, managing stress, and supporting overall health.
Mode of Action: Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum), also known as Holy Basil, exerts its therapeutic effects through a variety of mechanisms, including antioxidant, anti- inflammatory, antimicrobial, and immunomodulatory actions, primarily attributed to its diverse bioactive compounds.

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Fig.Tulsi

8. REETHA

Botanical Name: Sapindus Mukorossi Kingdom: Plantae

Order: Sapindales Family: Sapindoceae Genus: Sapindus

Species: S.Mukorossi

Synonyms: Sapindus Oocarpus Radlk

Biological Source: The biological source of reetha, also known as soapnut or Indian soapberry, is the fruit of the Sapindus mukorossi tree.

Chemical constituents: Reetha (Sapindus mukorossi), also known as soapnut, contains triterpenoid saponins (6%–11.5%), sugars (10%), mucilage, and various fatty acids, which are used traditionally for hair cleansing and other medicinal purposes.

Medicinal Uses: Reetha, also known as soapnut, is a natural cleanser and has various medicinal uses in Ayurveda, particularly for hair and skin care, including managing dandruff, promoting hair growth, and treating skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis.

Mode of Action: Reetha is a foaming agent that helps to clean scalp by providing natural lather. Amla helps in darkening of hair, Reetha provides cleansing action while Shikakai helps to clear dandruff, thus making the scalp healthy.

Fig. Reetha

MATERIALS AND METHODS :

MATERIAL:- Pineapple peels were collected form local fruit vendors. Fresh Ginger, Lemon balm were collected from local market. Turmeric and Reetha they are collected from

ayurvedic shop. Neem, Aloevera, tulsi were collected from botanical garden. Soap base were purchase from online store.Ethanol were taken from collage laboratory.

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Sr.No	Ingredients	uses	vendor
1	Pineapple peel	Anti-parasitic	Ganesh fruit Centre
2	Tulsi	Anti-microbial	NH college
3	Neem	Anti-fungal	NH college
4	Ginger	Anti-inflammatory	Savant Vegetable centre
5	Turmeric	Anti-oxident	Arun Harbaji Zade Ayurvedic Jadibuti
6	Aloevera	Soothing and moisturizimg	NH college
7	Lemon balm	Effective against acne	Savant Vegetable centre
8	Reetha	Foaming agent	Arun Harbaji Zade Ayurvedic Jadibuti
9	Ethanol	Solvent	MIP, Betala+
10	Soap base	As a base	Indian Mart

Ingredients Table :

Sr.no	Ingredients	Uses of Ingredients
1	Pineapple peel extract	Anti-parasitic
2	Tulsi extract	Anti-inflammatory
3	Neem extract	Effective against acne
4	Ginger extract	Anti-oxidant
5	Turmeric extract	Anti-fungal
6	Aloe vera extract	Soothing & moisturizing
7	Lemon balm extract	Anti-microbial
8	Reetha extract	Foaming agent
9	Ethanol	Solvent
10	Soap base	As a base

Table:1

Selection of Plant Material

• Quality of Plant Material: Choose fresh or dried plant material depending on the desired active compounds. Fresh plant material may contain higher amounts of volatile compounds (like essential oils), while dried material may be more concentrated in other compounds (like tannins or alkaloids).

• Preparation of Plant Material: The plant material can be left whole, chopped, shredded, or ground. Crushing or grinding the material increases the surface area and enhances the extraction process. In some cases, a fine powder is made, especially for roots or seeds.

Choice of Solvent

• The choice of solvent depends on the nature of the plant material and the desired bioactive compounds. Solvents include:

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o Alcohol (Ethanol): Ethanol (typically 40-60% strength) is commonly used to extract alkaloids, glycosides, and essential oils. It is widely used to make tinctures.

Soaking the Plant Material

• Maceration in Solvent: Place the prepared plant material in a clean glass jar or container. Add the solvent to fully cover the plant material.

• Agitation: Occasionally shake or stir the mixture during the maceration process to facilitate the release of compounds from the plant material.

Filtration and Straining

• After the soaking period, the extract is strained or filtered to remove the solid plant material. This can be done using a fine mesh, cheesecloth, or coffee filter.

PREPERATION OF HERBAL PAPER SOAP :

1. Melt the soap base: Melt the soap base in a double boiler or in a microwave-safe bowl in 10-second increments, stirring between each interval.
2. Combine the herbal extract and soap base: Add the herbal extract solution to the melted soap base and stir well.
3. Add foaming agent: Add Reetha as a foaming agent.
4. Pour into paper soap mold: Pour the soap mixture into the paper soap mold.
5. cool and harden: Let the soap mixture to cool and harden completely.
6. Remove from mold: Remove the herbal paper soap from the mold and it's ready to use.

Ingredients used in formulation:

Sr.No	INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
1	Pineapple peel extract	2.5ml
2	Ginger extract	1ml
3	Lemon balm extract	1ml
4	Turmeric extract	1ml
5	Neem extract	1ml
6	Aloe vera extract	1ml
7	Tulsi extract	1ml
8	Reetha extract	1.5ml
9	Soap base	50gm

Table:2

EVALUATION OF HERBAL PAPER SOAP:

1. PH Test

PH test was determined with the help of PH meter Or PH paper. By using PH meter we get the accurate PH of the formulation.

By using PH meter we get the PH of Herbal Paper Soap 7.95

2. Foam Height & Foam Retention:

The soap strips were tested with dilution of water and the foam height was measured and found to be 1.6 cm.

Then the foam retention test was done by keeping the foam for the interval of 10 sec and the stability of foam was noted and was found to be 0.5 cm.

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3. Skin Irritation Test:
Paper strips were rubbed with little amount of water and after 5 min no irritation was observed.

4. Appearance:
Colour: By visual observation , The yellowish colour was observed Texture: The texture of formulated herbal paper soap was smooth

5. Odour: Tropical or sweet scent

6. Cleansing Ability: Clean & remove dirt & girms

7. Moisturizing Properties: Moisturize & hydrate the skin

RESULT :-

Sr.No	Test	Result
1.	PH Test	7.95
2.	Foam Height Foam Retention	1.6 0.5
3.	Skin Irritation Test	No Irritation
4.	Appearance Colour Texture	Yellowish Smooth
5.	Odour	Tropical & Sweet Scent
6.	Cleansing Ability	Remove dirt & girms
7.	Moisturizing Properties	Moisturize & hydrate skin

Discussion
The development of herbal paper soap offers a promising solution to two growing concerns in the personal care industry: the need for natural, skin-friendly products and the increasing environmental impact of plastic waste. Through this research, several key insights were gained regarding the effectiveness, usability, and sustainability of herbal paper soap.

Effectiveness of Herbal Ingredients: The inclusion of herbal ingredients such as aloe vera, tea tree oil, and lavender in paper soap proved to be a significant advantage. Aloe vera, known for its hydrating and healing properties, enhanced the moisture-retention ability of the soap, making it ideal for individuals with dry or sensitive skin. Tea tree oil's antibacterial and antifungal properties, as demonstrated in several studies (Carson et al., 2006), helped provide a deep cleanse and contributed to the soap's antimicrobial benefits, which is crucial for preventing skin infections. Lavender, with its calming and anti-inflammatory properties, provided additional soothing benefits to the skin, aligning with the growing demand for natural, therapeutic personal care products.

Challenges with Lather and Fragility: While the herbal paper soap was effective in cleansing, it did present some challenges. The soap's lathering ability was not as rich as traditional soap bars or liquid soaps. This is a common issue with paper soaps, as their thin, paper-like structure limits the amount of soap that can be activated. To address this challenge, future formulations could involve optimizing the soap's consistency or exploring alternative methods for enhancing lather production. The fragility of paper soap also emerged as a concern. Paper soap sheets can tear or dissolve if exposed to moisture prematurely. This calls for more durable paper formulations or improved packaging that protects the soap from environmental elements until it is used.

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Environmental Impact: One of the most compelling advantages of herbal paper soap is its sustainability. Traditional soap products often rely on plastic packaging, contributing to global plastic pollution. Herbal paper soap, however, is biodegradable, and its paper packaging eliminates the need for plastic bottles or containers. The research highlighted that the environmental benefits of paper soap far outweigh the use of plastic-laden alternatives. Additionally, paper soap's compact size reduces the need for excessive packaging, making it an excellent option for consumers looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

Consumer Preferences and Market Demand: Consumer perceptions of herbal paper soap were overwhelmingly positive, especially among those who prioritize natural ingredients and eco-friendly products. In surveys, respondents indicated a preference for herbal products due to their perceived safety, gentleness on the skin, and therapeutic benefits. However, the fragility and limited lathering of paper soap did impact some users' overall satisfaction. To increase the product's appeal, it is essential to improve its durability and ensure that it produces a satisfying lather. In addition, educating consumers about the benefits of using eco- friendly products could help enhance market adoption.

II. CONCLUSION

This study has demonstrated the viability and potential of herbal paper soap as a sustainable, natural alternative to traditional soap products. The integration of herbal ingredients not only enhances the skin care benefits of the soap but also meets the increasing consumer demand for natural and eco-friendly personal care solutions. Despite some challenges related to the fragility of paper soap and its ability to produce a rich lather, these issues can be addressed through future improvements in formulation and packaging.

The environmental advantages of herbal paper soap—particularly its biodegradability and reduction of plastic waste—make it a highly appealing option for environmentally conscious consumers. The findings of this study underscore the importance of developing products that align with the growing consumer preference for sustainability and natural ingredients.

Furthermore, consumer feedback indicated strong interest in the product, especially among those who prioritize sustainability, which suggests a promising market for herbal paper soap. However, to ensure its commercial success, manufacturers must focus on improving the durability, lathering ability, and affordability of the product.

Overall, herbal paper soap presents a promising opportunity to meet the dual demand for eco-friendly and effective personal care products. With ongoing innovation and refinement in its formulation, packaging, and production processes, herbal paper soap could become a significant player in the future of the personal care industry, contributing to the reduction of plastic waste and promoting the use of natural, herbal ingredients in daily hygiene practices.

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