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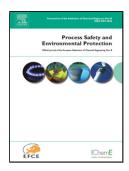
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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Performance of macrophyte assisted vermifilter (MAVF) was found to be superior to vermifilter (VF) with high longevity.
- MAVF was working steadily without the sign of clogging, but VF was clogged within the first few weeks of its operation.
- Canna indica was growing vigorously and population of Eisenia fetida also increased during the experimental period.
- Due to plant and earthworm activity various physical and biochemical changes in soil bed occurred.

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