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Nanocrystalline Al(III)-Fe(III)-La(III) trimetallic oxide was synthesized through chemical process. XRD revealed monoclinic phase when calcined at 800°C, 4h. IR study confirmed the formation of desired compound. A high surface area of 22.14 m<sup>2</sup>/g was observed with a pore volume  $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$  cc/g. The porosity and the microstructure were studied by SEM and TEM. F adsorption capacity was studied varying the adsorbent dose in 100 ml: 0.05 g, 0.1g, 0.2g and 0.3g and the contact time in minute: 15, 30, 45 and 60 taking 3 ppm, 5 ppm and 10 ppm fluoride solutions. Experimental observation revealed high fluoride adsorption capacity ~ 99%.

Keywords: Drinking water; Fluoride Removal; Nano-adsorbent; Chemical synthesis.

## **1. Introduction**

In recent years a variety of cost effective natural, modified and synthetic solid adsorbents were designed for the removal of fluoride from drinking water and waste water. Many different materials such as Fe-impregnated chitosan [1], alum impregnated activated alumina [2], MnO<sub>2</sub> modified eatherware [3], Alumina modified iron oxide [4], Mg doped ferrihydrite [5] etc.

Effective removal of fluoride can be made by using methods like Nalgonda process [6], Contact precipitation process [7], electrode deposition process [8], adsorption [9] etc. However, due to high cost, extreme pH and large dosage, it was not practicable for field application. Besides that most of the adsorbents exhibit the fluoride removal capacity not greater than 2 mg/L, therefore, they were not appropriate for the drinking water treatment purpose, especially as some of them could only

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