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 **ABSTRACT**

Guar Gum and its derivatives constitutes a large source of materials for applications in the diverse fields, taking advantage of their specific properties (in particular, renewability, biodegradability and biological activity for some of them), especially in the domain of packaging, edible films, tissue engineering, drug vehicles, visco-supplementation, controlled release of drugs, etc. In this work we are preparing blend biodegradable green films of Guar gum and its derivative, using polymers both from natural sources and synthetic ones and evaluate their properties, characteristics and their potential applications in areas of packaging, edible films, biomedical and pharmaceutical. Characterization of synthesized films is carried out using different characterization techniques like FTIR, SEM. Other studies such as swelling-solubility studies in various media and biodegradation studies and their physical properties like mechanical strength using UTM have also been evaluated. FT-IR studies indicate that there is the intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions, i.e. –OH. . .2OOC– in GG/NaAlg, GG/PVA and CMGG/PVA blends. The blend films also exhibited the improved mechanical properties compared to those of homopolymers. The Carboxymethylated Guar Gum/PVA blend films were also cross linked with calcium chloride. The effect of introduction of calcium chloride on the miscibility, morphology and physical properties of the blend films has also been investigated.

 **AIMS AND OBJECTIVE**

Keeping in view the low strength and water solubility behaviour of Guar Gum and its various applications, blend biodegradable films of Guar and its derivate i.e. Carboxymethylated Guar gum using natural polymer, sodium alginate, as well as synthetic polymer, polyvinylalcohol (PVA) have been tailored.

The main objectives of the present project are as follows:

1. To prepare blend films of Guar gum using natural polysaccharide i.e. sodium alginate by solution casting method.

2. To prepare blend films of Guar gum using synthetic polymer i.e. PVA by solution casting method.

3. To prepare blend films of Carboxymethylated Guar gum using synthetic polymer i.e. PVA by solution casting method and were then cross linked with calcium chloride too.

4. To characterize these blend biodegradable films by different physical techniques such as SEM and FTIR for evolution of structural aspects.

5. To study different physical properties like mechanical strength using UTM, swelling-solubility behaviour in different media and biodegradation studies using microbes.