

# Utilization of Aluminum Oxide Nano Particles in Dairy Scum Methyl Ester Biodiesel Engine

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**Abstract:** In response to the pressing need for sustainable energy solutions and environmental concerns, this study investigated the utilization of Waste Dairy scum methyl ester biodiesel blended with diesel and enhanced with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles as an additive. Waste Dairy scum methyl ester biodiesel was prepared and blended with diesel and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (100ppm) nanoparticles as additive. The performance and emission parameters of a single cylinder diesel engine were experimentally tested with use of neat diesel, biodiesel blends of B30 with ( $\text{B30} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and without additive of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles. At peak load conditions  $\text{B30} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  resulted with lowest BSFC in comparison with neat Diesel and B30 biodiesel. The BTE with  $\text{B30} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  was 2.31% higher than that of diesel and 2.06 % higher than B30. CO emission was reduced by 16.66% with use of B30 and  $\text{B30} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  compared to diesel. The Carbon dioxide emission was found reduced with use of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  Nano particles in comparison with diesel and B30 by 4.27% and 2% respectively. The HC emission was reduced by 7.69% and 13.46% with use of B30 and  $\text{B30} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  respectively. The addition of Nano particles has contributed for the improved performance and reduced emissions when compared to B30 Bio Diesel blend and Neat Diesel. This research addressed both the energy and environmental challenges.

**Index Terms**— $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  Nano additive, Dairy scum Methyl ester biodiesel, Diesel Engine Emissions

## 1.Introduction

Emissions from engines in the transportation sector have a negative impact on air quality, the overall environment, and public health. A global study by Yaoxian Huang et al. Researchers found that the use of diesel engines in India increased premature deaths related to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases compared to other regions [2]. According to a report by APEDA, India's dairy exports reached a significant amount of 67,573.03 tonnes in 2022-2023 [24].

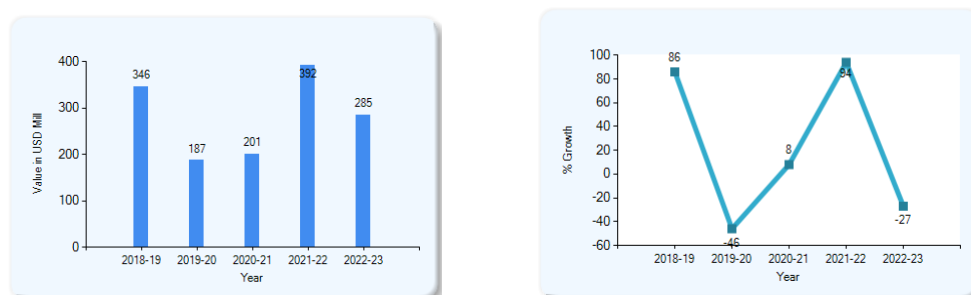


Fig.1:India's milk dairy product export trend in last 5 years[25]

The milk dairy product export trend from India in last 5 years is represented visually in Figure 1. This confirms the high export potential for dairy products.

A study by Raghunath B.V et al. It has been shown that dairy farms produce an average of 2.5 liters of wastewater for every litre of milk processed. This milk waste decomposes rapidly, leading to a decrease in the oxygen content of water, which can lead to the spread of diseases such as dengue and chikungunya, and air pollution [1]. Ashis Ranjan Behera et al. demonstrated that dairy wastewater can be successfully utilized as feedstock for biodiesel production, especially in combination with high fat accumulating bacteria [3]. Recent literature has investigated the use of milk waste to produce milk foam biodiesel and its incorporation into nanoparticles in compression ignition (CI) engines, providing solutions to address environmental and health.

Bashir Maleki et al. AC@ZnO/NiO nanocatalyst was used to achieve efficient biodiesel production from dairy waste in combination with optimized reaction conditions [13]. K.A. Satheesh et al. ready 1 litre of DSME biodiesel with 20 ppm MWCNT nanoparticles. Its properties meet ASTM standards. Using an ultrasound device for 1 hour at a test frequency of 40 kHz to obtain a homogeneous mixture is a suitable technique and is used. Oleic acid present in DSME biodiesel acts as a surfactant [14]. Telgan, Veerbhadrappa et al. have optimally blended B20 milk scum biodiesel with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles, which could be a suitable replacement for pure diesel fuel from an emissions perspective [15,16]. Manjunath Channappagoudra et al. prepared a DSOME+CuO blend that met ASTM standards [17]. Nanoparticles in DSME increased the viscosity, density, and heating value of the mixture [14]. The production of DSME biodiesel blends containing nanoparticles plays an important role in the study of CI engine performance and emissions.

Manjunath Channappagoudra et al. DSME B20 with 75 ppm CuO nanoparticles showed the highest BTE of 31.26% and maintained BSFC comparable to diesel, due to higher CuO nanoparticle dosage [12]. K.A. Sateesh et al. quantitatively optimized, 40 ppm multi-walled carbon nanotube nanoparticles added to DSME biodiesel increased BTE by 4.2% compared to 60 ppm, especially when operating on produced gas [14]. Veerbhadrappa Telgane et al. showed that DSME B20 mixture increased BTE and BSFC with increasing compression ratio of CI engine [19]. Telgane Veerbhadrappa et al. The presence of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles in DSME biodiesel blend led to a significant improvement in engine BTE [21]. Studies by Shaik Masthan Shareef et al. showed that BTE with DSME blends was less than with diesel [20]. Manzoore Elahi et al. DSME B20 with 40 ppm graphene oxide nanoparticle additive increased BTE by 11.56% compared to B20. They found increased BSFC compared to diesel [22].

20 ppm and 40 ppm MWCNT in DSME+Producer gas resulted in shorter combustion duration compared to higher concentrations [14]. The addition of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles, with a higher surface-to-volume ratio, stimulated the combustion process [15]. DSME mixture with CuO nanoparticles showed high cylinder pressure compared to DSME B20 and diesel [17]. DSME+Producer Gas +MWCNT nanoparticles exhibit reduced heat release rate (HRR) compared to Diesel+Producer Gas [14]. 40 ppm graphene oxide nanoparticles with DSME B20 increased the heat release rate (HRR) and peak pressure [18].

In a series of studies, researchers explored the impact of nanoparticle additives found in different biodiesel blends on emissions. K.A. Sateesh et al. demonstrated that adding 60 ppm multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) to DSME results in significant emission reductions. Specifically, they observed a 20.6% decrease in carbon monoxide (CO), a 21.6% decrease in hydrocarbons (HC), a 21.8% decrease in nitrogen oxides (NOx), and a decrease in smoke emissions compared to diesel combined with producer gas [14]. Similarly, Manzoore Elahi M et al. investigated the use of 40 ppm graphene oxide nanoparticles in DSME B20 and found a significant improvement in emissions. This nanoparticle mixture showed a significant reduction of 38.62% in CO, a 21.68% reduction in HC, and a significant 24.88% reduction in smoke emissions compared to DSME B20 [22]. Additionally, Manjunath Channappagoudra et al. explored the impact of 50 ppm CuO nanoparticles in DSME B20, showing that this blend produced lower CO, HC, and smoke emissions than conventional diesel [12]. Together, these studies highlight the potential of nanoparticle additives to significantly reduce toxic emissions, thereby contributing to cleaner and more environmentally friendly combustion in mixed different biodiesel combinations. The literature review paves the way for further exploration and development of aluminium oxide nanoparticle enhanced DSME biodiesel as a sustainable solution to enhance the CI engine performance and also to mitigate harmful emissions in the transportation sector. This research aims to study the performance of single cylinder diesel engine while reducing emissions through the use of DSME biodiesel blends with aluminium oxide nanoparticle additives. The research objectives include preparing a biodiesel mixture called Dairy Scum Biodiesel (DSME) at a

concentration of 30% (B30) and adding  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles to this mixture. The study aimed to evaluate and compare the properties of biodiesel mixtures Diesel, DSME, DSME B30 and B30+ $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . Additionally, research is investigating the impact of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles on the performance of compression ignition (CI) engine fuelled with these biodiesel blends. In addition, the study also examined the effect of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles on emissions produced by CI engines running on biodiesel blends.

## 2. Materials And Research Methodology.

The research methodology employed in this study is visually illustrated through Figure 1.

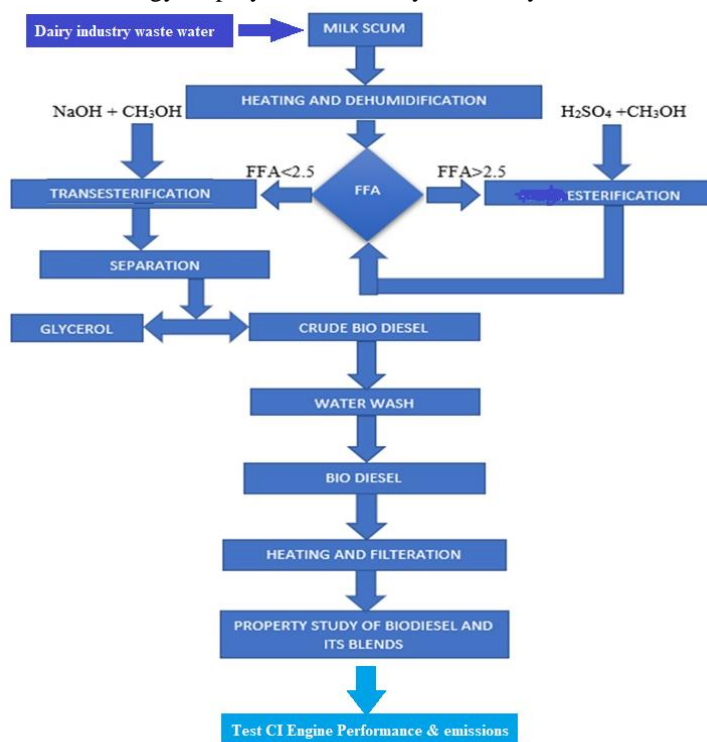


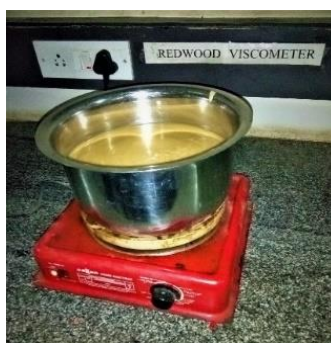
Fig.2: Flow chart of methodology

### 2.1: Dairy Scum Collection.

Samarth Dairy and Agro Products Private Limited, located in Chikodi, Karnataka, India, has a processing potential of 10,000 kilograms in line with day. Their number one merchandise consists of milk packets and ghee. During the processing of dairy merchandise, the dairy generates about 25,000 liters of wastewater daily, which incorporates scum because of the cleansing of process equipment. Additionally, they are capable to separate 60 to 70 kilograms of fat content material from this wastewater each day. This fat content material affords the capacity to supply about 45 to 50 liters of Dairy Scum oil in a day, imparting a possibility for sustainable biodiesel manufacturing from the dairy waste materials. A total of 6 kg of Dairy Scum was collected.

### 2.2 : Milk Scum Oil Extraction.

The amassed dairy scum underwent heating process at temperature of  $130^\circ\text{C}$ , efficiently disposing of all moisture content. Following this step, the milk scum oil become subjected to filtration to dispose of any coarse or floating impurities. As a end result of this procedure, about



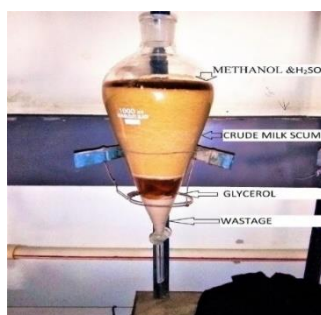
**Fig.3: Boiling of Waste Dairy Scum**

3.5litres of scum oil had been efficaciously obtained. The heating and dehumidification procedure is visually represented in Figure 3.

### 2.3: Free Fatty Acid Test.

The milkscum oil was subjected to a series of tests starting with a free fatty acid (FFA) evaluation using FFA test strips in a laboratory setting. The initial FFA content was determined to be 12.4%, which was significantly higher than the allowed FFA content of 2.5%. To address this issue, an acid-catalyzed esterification process was used to reduce the FFA content to a more acceptable 1.41%. In this process, the milkscum oil was heated to 50°C with stirring,

200ml of methanol and 10ml of  $H_2SO_4$  were added, and the mixture was stirred for 3 hours. The reaction solution was then allowed to stand for one day. During this time, excess reactants and impurities such as methanol and acid form another layer on top, making their removal easier. The Dairy scum oil and Dairy scum methyl ester mixture is shown in Figure 4.



**Fig 4: Dairy Scum Oil after Esterification.**

### 2.4: Transesterification Process.

In the transesterification process, 1000 ml of scum is heated to 65°C and then transferred to the round-bottom flask of the esterification setup. A mixture consisting of 300 ml of methanol and 5 grams of NaOH pellets is prepared in a beaker within the setup and slowly introduced into the flask containing the scum. This combination of milk scum, methanol, and NaOH is continuously stirred until the Free Fatty Acids (FFA) form a distinct upper layer. Following this, the mixture is further stirred until glycerin separates into its own distinct layer. Once .



**Fig.5: Crude biodiesel after transesterification process**

glycerin has formed this separate layer, the mixture is left to settle for approximately 12 hours. During this period, the FFA and any impurities floating on the top surface are removed from the mixture.

The obtained biodiesel is washed 12 times with water at 70°C to remove the catalyst. The heating process vaporates the water present in the biodiesel. The complete process is shown in Figure 6.



Fig 6: Biodiesel production process.

## 2.4: Biodiesel Blend Preparation

The diary scum biodiesel thus produced is named as DSME. The Blend B30 of biodiesel produced with of 30% DSME and 70% diesel was chosen to conduct the experiment. To produce B30 blend 30% DSME and 70% diesel were collected in a flask and continuously stirred with mechanical stirrer. The desirable properties of the diesel, DSME and the B30 blend were tested as per ASTM standards. The B30 blend thus produced is added with the 100ppm (0.10gm)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles. The Ultrasonicator maintained the uniform distribution of the nanoparticles.

## 2.2 Properties of diesel and DSME blends.

The desirable properties of the diesel, DSME and the B30 blend were tested as per ASTM standards. The flash point was determined using Pensky-Martens apparatus. Viscosity is determined using the Redwood Viscometer. The calorific value is determined using the bomb calorimeter. The properties obtained after the test are represented in the table 1.

Table 1: Thermo Physical Properties of fuels

Parameter	Diesel	DSME	B30	B30+ $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	ASTM Standard
Flash point (°C)	54	90	60	58	ASTM D93
Viscosity (cSt)	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.1	ASTM D445
Density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )	830	836	835	835.01	ASTMD1298
Calorific value ( $\text{kJ/kg}$ )	42000	30963	39721	39780	ASTM D240

## Effect Of Nanoparticles On Biodiesel Properties

### 2.1.1 KINEMATIC VISCOSITY:

The kinematic viscosity of DSMEB30+  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  the nano additive fuel blend is greater than DSMEB30, it is also greater than that of diesel [23].

It indicates that the addition of aluminium oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) nanoparticles, increased the fuel viscosity.

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , Nano particles have high surface area, which can interact with the fuel molecules, causing them to form clusters or agglomerates. These clusters contribute to increased viscosity by obstructing the flow of the fuel.



Additionally, the surface chemistry of nanoparticles can influence interactions with the surrounding molecules, further affecting the viscosity.

The kinematic viscosity of DSMEB30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is greater than that of diesel, indicating that the biodiesel blend with nanoparticles is more viscous than pure diesel fuel.

Several factors contribute to the higher kinematic viscosity of DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> compared to diesel:

- a. Biodiesel chemical composition: Biodiesel, DSMEB30, is derived from animal fats and contains ester molecules with polar functional groups, which can lead to higher viscosity compared to the predominantly hydrocarbon-based structure of diesel fuel.
- b. Nanoparticle effects: The addition of nanoparticles, such as Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, can increase the viscosity of the fuel by forming nanoscale structures within the liquid, impeding fluid flow. These structures can create a more viscous and non-Newtonian behaviour.
- c. Biodiesel-diesel blend effect: When blending biodiesel with diesel, as seen in DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, the biodiesel component can contribute to increased viscosity. Biodiesel tends to have higher viscosity than pure diesel, and blending can amplify this effect.

#### 2.1.2 DENSITY.

The density of DSMEB30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is higher than that of diesel after the addition of nanoparticles, suggesting that the DSME biodiesel blend with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles is denser than pure diesel.

There are several factors contributing to the higher density of DSMEB30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> compared to diesel after the addition of nanoparticles:

- a. Biodiesel's chemical composition: Biodiesel, such as DSMEB30, is typically derived from animal fats, which contain molecules with oxygenated functional groups, making them denser compared to the predominantly hydrocarbon-based composition of diesel fuel.
- b. Nanoparticle effects: The addition of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles, increases the overall mass and volume of the fuel, resulting in higher density. The nanoparticles occupy space within the fuel, increasing its overall mass without significantly affecting its volume. This contributes to the density increase.
- c. Biodiesel-diesel blend effect: Blending biodiesel with diesel, as in DSMEB30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, can also lead to a higher density. Biodiesel has a higher density compared to diesel, and blending biodiesel with diesel increases the overall density of the mixture.

#### 2.1.3 FLASH POINT

The flash point of DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is lower than that of DSMEB30, indicating that the addition of aluminum oxide (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) nanoparticles results in a lower flash point for the biodiesel blend.

The lower flash point in DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be attributed to several factors:

- a. Presence of nanoparticles: The addition of nanoparticles, such as Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, can introduce catalytic effects, promoting the initiation of combustion at lower temperatures. These nanoparticles may facilitate the formation of flammable mixtures, reducing the flash point.
- b. Enhanced surface area: Nanoparticles provide a high surface area for interactions with air and fuel, which can facilitate the release of volatile components and lower the flash point.
- c. Alteration of fuel properties: Nanoparticles can modify the chemical and physical properties of the biodiesel blend, making it more prone to ignition at lower temperatures.

Lower Flash Point of DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Compared to Diesel.

The flash point of DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is lower than that of diesel, suggesting that the biodiesel blend with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles has a lower flash point than pure diesel fuel.

This phenomenon can be explained by the following factors:

- a. Biodiesel's chemical composition: Biodiesel, including DSMEB30, typically contains ester molecules with polar functional groups that make it more susceptible to ignition at lower temperatures compared to the hydrocarbon-based structure of diesel.
- b. Nanoparticle effects: The presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O nanoparticles, can enhance the flammability of the fuel blend by catalyzing combustion reactions, thereby lowering the flash point.
- c. Biodiesel-diesel blend effect: Blending biodiesel with diesel, as in DSMEB30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, may contribute to a lower flash point due to the presence of biodiesel, which has a lower flash point than pure diesel.

### 2.1.4 CALORIFIC VALUE

The calorific value of DSMEB30+  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is higher than DSMEB30, suggesting that the addition of nanoparticles, specifically aluminum oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), enhances the energy content of the biodiesel blend.

The addition of nanoparticles, such as  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , can improve the combustion efficiency of biodiesel. Nanoparticles enhance the fuel-air mixing, promote better atomization, and increase the surface area available for combustion. This results in more complete combustion and a higher calorific value.

DSME and its blends exhibit lower calorific values than diesel, indicating that they have lower energy content per unit mass.

There are several reasons for this difference:

- Biodiesel's chemical composition:** Biodiesel, including DSME, is typically made from animal fats. These feedstocks contain oxygen in their molecular structure, reducing the energy content compared to hydrocarbon-based diesel, which contains no oxygen. The presence of oxygen leads to lower energy content in biodiesel.
- Lower energy density:** Biodiesel has a lower energy density compared to petroleum diesel, resulting in a lower calorific value. This is due to the lower hydrogen-to-carbon ratio in biodiesel molecules.
- Blending effect:** Blending biodiesel with petrodiesel, as seen in DSMEB30, dilutes the energy content of the fuel, as biodiesel typically has a lower energy content than petrodiesel. Blending is done for various reasons, such as emissions reduction and using renewable resources, but it results in a lower calorific value compared to pure diesel.

### 2.3: Experimental Setup.

A single cylinder, four stroke, water cooled CI engine with, variable compression ratio was used in the present experimentation work. The engine and gas analyzer specifications are represented in the table 2.



**Fig 7: Experimental set up**

Figure 7 shows the computerized experimental setup for testing the engine; The crankshaft speed of 1500rpm was maintained constant. The compression ratio was set to 17.5:1. The load was applied through the Eddy current dynamometer. The engine was tested for the performance and emission with normal diesel fuel initially, then successively with B30 fuel and B30  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  fuels.

**Table 2: Engine Specifications.**

Parameter	Specifications
Engine	TV1 (Make: Kirloskar Ltd)
Software	Engine Soft.
Nozzle pressure	200-250 bar
Governor type	Mechanical centrifugal type
Cylinders	One cylinder
Strokes	4 strokes
Operating fuel	Diesel / Bio Diesel
Rated power	5.2 KW @ 1500 rpm
Cylinder Diameter (bore)	87.5 mm

Stroke length	110 mm
Compression ratio (variable)	12 to 18:1
<b>Dynamometer Details</b>	
Model/Type	AG-10/ Eddy current
Maximum power	7.5 KW at 1500-3000 RPM
<b>Gas Analyzer</b>	
Make	AVL
No.of Gases Analysed	5
Gases Analysed	CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , HC, NO <sub>x</sub>

Performance parameters were measured in the software Enginesoft in computer. The accuracies of the different measurements are mentioned in table 3. The gas analyser was used to measure the emissions of DSME biodiesel engine.

**Table 3: The accuracies of measurements.**

Measured Variable	Accuracy
Load (Kg)	0.1
Engine speed (rpm)	1.98
Pressure transducer (bar)	0.1
Encoder reading, Crank angle (deg., CA)	0.1
Exhaust gas temperature (°C)	1.5

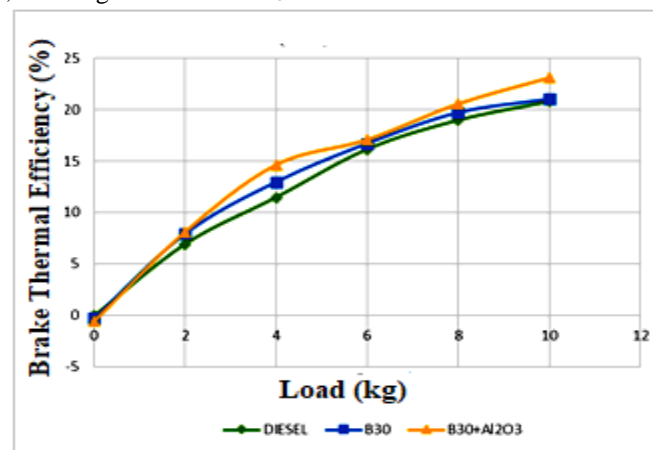
### 3.Results And Discussions

#### 3.1 Engine Performance.

The measured performance parameters are used to plot the graphs. The graphs are analysed to study the effect of aluminium oxide nanoparticles with dairy scum biodiesel on the CI engine performance parameters.

##### 3.1.1Effect of Aluminium oxide nanoparticles on Brake Thermal Efficiency

The load was applied on the engine gradually and corresponding variation in brake thermal efficiency is shown in Figure 8. The results indicate that as engine load increases, brake thermal performance improves for all three fuels tested. This shows that the engine operates more efficiently under heavier workloads. The highest brake thermal efficiency observed in the study was 23.07%. This efficiency is achieved when the engine is running at full power, meaning it is operating at its highest capacity. The observation that brake thermal efficiency increases with higher engine loads has important implications. This suggests that under heavier workloads, the engine can operate more efficiently, resulting in better fuel economy and reduced emissions. This discovery could influence engine design and operation, encouraging the use of higher loads to maximize efficiency. The obtained efficiency of the B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> fuel mixture is 2.31% higher than the diesel fuel mixture. This shows that B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is a more efficient fuel choice in terms of brake thermal performance compared to diesel. B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> also outperformed B30, another fuel used in the study, by 2.06% in brake thermal efficiency. This improvement is due to better combustion, showing that B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> has more efficient combustion than B30.



**Fig.8: Variation of Brake thermal efficiency with load**



The comparison between B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and B30, where B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> outperforms B30 by 2.06% in brake thermal efficiency, highlights the importance of combustion quality in engine performance. This finding has implications for fuel formulation and combustion optimization, highlighting the potential to improve performance by improving combustion. The fact that B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> has a 2.31% higher brake thermal efficiency than a diesel engine has important implications for the choice of fuel in the engine. This shows that B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is a good fuel choice, especially for applications where performance is important. This may lead to increased use of B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in engines seeking better performance and reduced fuel consumption. In summary, the study shows that increasing engine load improves brake thermal performance for all fuel types tested. Among the fuels, B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> stands out as the most efficient, with an efficiency 2.31% higher than diesel and 2.06% higher than B30 thanks to its superior combustion characteristics. These results highlight the potential benefits of using B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as an optional fuel for this specific type of engine, especially under high load conditions. In summary, the research results have broad implications for engine performance, load management, fuel selection and combustion optimization. They suggest opportunities to improve engine performance, reduce fuel consumption and minimize environmental impact, including considering B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as a more efficient fuel choice under load conditions. These impacts could influence future research and engineering decisions in the field of internal combustion engines.

### 3.1.2 Effect of Aluminium oxide nanoparticles on Brake Specific Fuel Consumption.

The variation in BSFC with gradual loading on the engine is represented in Figure 9. The results show that as engine load increases, BSFC decreases for diesel fuel and its mixture [25]. Furthermore, at full load, the B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> mixture has the lowest fuel consumption, with a specific value of 0.39 kg/kW-h. This mixture helps reduce BSFC by 4.9% compared to pure diesel and significantly more than 9.30% compared to B30 mixture. The B30 blend showed improved fuel efficiency compared to pure diesel, possibly due to its higher biofuel content. Biofuels can have a positive impact on combustion efficiency and emissions.

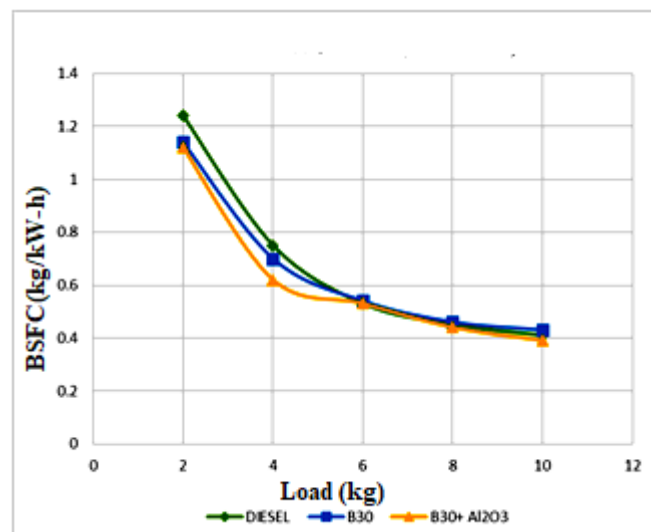


Fig.9.: Variation of BSFC with load.

The most significant reduction in BSFC was observed in the B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> mixture. The presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles in fuel can help improve combustion efficiency. Nanoparticles can improve combustion by promoting better fuel injection and mixing, leading to more complete and efficient combustion. In summary, the study shows that the addition of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles to the B30 diesel fuel mixture can significantly improve fuel efficiency, reduce BSFC, and improve combustion performance. These findings have important implications for the development of cleaner and more efficient combustion technologies.

## 3.2 : Emission Characteristics

The measured emissions from the gas analyser are used to plot the graphs. The graphs are analysed to study the effect of aluminium oxide nanoparticles with dairy scum biodiesel on the CI engine emission.

### 3.2.1 Effect of Aluminium oxide nanoparticles on CO emission.

The variation in Carbon Monoxide with gradual loading for all three fuel blends on the engine is represented in Figure 10. Comparative study of carbon monoxide (CO) emissions of Diesel fuel, B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at full load. Diesel fuel had the highest CO emissions, measuring 0.18%, while the B30 blend and the B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> blend had lower CO emissions, both at 0.15%. This means that the CO emissions of B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> are 16.66% lower than diesel. Choosing B30 or B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> blends instead of pure diesel can be an option to minimize the impact of carbon monoxide on the environment. The mixtures B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> have a higher oxygen concentration than diesel. Oxygen is essential for combustion, and higher oxygen levels promote more complete and efficient combustion. The presence of additional oxygen in the mixed fuel promotes better combustion kinetics and air-fuel mixing, resulting in a more thorough and cleaner combustion. This leads to a reduction in CO emissions. In summary, the study demonstrates that higher oxygen concentrations in B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> mixtures lead to improved combustion efficiency and paradoxically reduced CO emissions compared to diesel fuel.

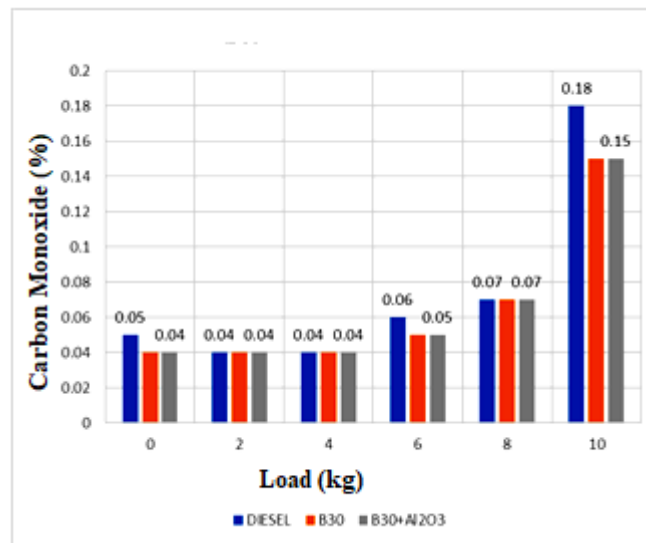


Fig.10: CO emission with load.

Implications of these findings include reduced environmental impact, the potential for emissions control strategies, and the importance of optimizing combustion technology to create cleaner energy and transportation systems.

### 3.2.3: Effect of Aluminium oxide nanoparticles on Hydro Carbon (HC) Emission

The variation in Hydrocarbon emissions with gradual loading for all three fuel blends on the CI engine is represented in Figure 11.

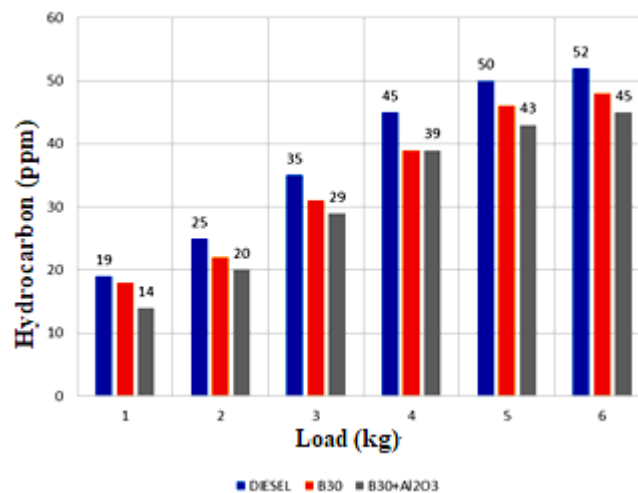
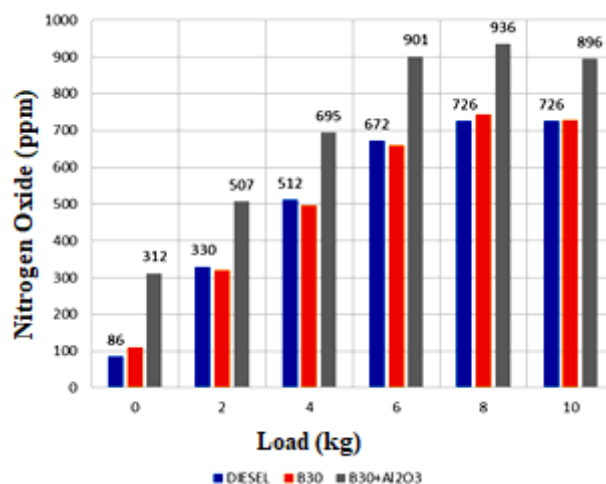


Fig.11.: HC emission with load.

The figure 11 compares the hydrocarbon (HC) emissions from all three fuels. It is observed that diesel fuel exhibited the highest HC emission at 52 parts per million (ppm), while the B30 blend and the B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> blend had lower HC emissions, reduced by 7.69% and 13.46%, respectively, compared to diesel. The reduction in HC emissions in B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> blends is likely due to better oxidation of hydrocarbons during combustion. The presence of additional oxygen in these blends can facilitate more complete combustion, leaving fewer unburned hydrocarbons in the exhaust. The reduction in HC emissions from B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> compared to diesel has significant implications for air quality, especially in areas with stringent emissions regulations. The implications of these findings include improved air quality, enhanced compliance with emissions regulations, and the importance of optimizing combustion efficiency for cleaner combustion in various applications.

#### 3.2.4: Effect of Aluminium oxide nanoparticles on Nitrogen Oxides Emissions

The variation in Nitrogen Oxide emissions with gradual loading for all three fuel blends on the CI engine is represented in Figure 12.



**Fig.12: Variation of NO<sub>x</sub> with load.**

The results in figure 12 comparing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) between all fuels. It is observed that the B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> blends showed higher NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, measuring 896 parts per million (ppm), compared to diesel fuel. Biodiesel blends like B30 and B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> typically contain higher levels of oxygen compared to diesel fuel. The presence of oxygen can lead to more complete combustion, which, in turn, raises the combustion temperature and results in increased NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The addition of nanoparticles (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) to the fuel can enhance combustion efficiency. Nanoparticles can promote better fuel atomization, mixing, and combustion kinetics, resulting in higher combustion temperatures, which can further contribute to increased NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The implications include the need for emission control technologies and strategies to address the increased NO<sub>x</sub> emissions associated with these fuels, particularly in compliance with emissions regulations and environmental standards.

Given the elevated NO<sub>x</sub> emissions associated with biodiesel blends and nanoparticle-enhanced combustion, the statement suggests the use of after-treatment devices such as catalytic converters and EGR to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. These technologies are effective in converting and mitigating NO<sub>x</sub> pollutants before they are released into the environment.

#### Conclusions

- The DSMEB30 with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles is a promotional fuel to enhance engine performance and emissions.
- The addition of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles to the fuel mixture (B30+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) significantly improves the engine's thermal efficiency.
- The improvement in BSFC is attributed to the presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles in B30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> which played a crucial role in achieving better combustion efficiency.

- B30+ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> showed significant improvements in HC emissions and brake thermal efficiency, it exhibited higher NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The addition of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles played a critical role in these changes, acting as a catalyst to enhance combustion and reduce CO and HC emissions.
- This research offers valuable insights for optimizing fuel compositions and combustion processes to achieve better environmental and efficiency outcomes.
- The dairy scum usage for DSME biodiesel production is a sustainable and environment friendly option.
- The addition of Nano particles has contributed the better performance and emission when compared to Bio Diesel blend and Neat Diesel.

#### Future scope:

Overall, the use of nanoparticles in biodiesel blends is a complex and multifaceted area of research, and their effects on fuel properties have important implications for combustion, emissions, and fuel consumption. Further studies are essential to fully understand and optimize the use of nanoparticles in biodiesel production.

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