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Hybrid nanofibers of TiO_2 -silicone and TiO_2 -Ag-silicone for high water flux photocatalytic degradation of dairy effluent

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S pecial importance is given to highlight new techniques and recent progress in enhancing photo catalytic efficiency and flux of TiO_2 -based materials, which drives the design of key strategies and potential new directions of TiO_2 photo-catalysts. The TiO_2 and TiO_2 -Ag nanofibers were produced by electro-spinning technique. Silicone elastomer discs (diameter: 10.0 mm; thickness: 2.0 mm) are surface coated with the TiO_2 and TiO_2 -Ag nanofibers. The surface functionalization of these nanofibers on silicone elastomer surface by dip-coating method, results in the formation of (TiO_2-) and (TiO_2-Ag) silicone discs. The coated discs were characterized by various techniques like SEM, TEM, XRD, FTIR, EDS, UV, etc. These characterizations reveal that surface morphology of electrospun nanofibers has not been lost by the dip-coating technique. The produced material TiO_2 - and TiO_2 -Ag silicone discs, when utilized as photo-catalysts to degrade water (dairy waste in this study) exhibited good results, and very good material for high water flux and water photo-splitting.

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