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## 1.1. ICE CREAM

Ice cream is a frozen dairy product which is prepared by suitable blending and processing of cream and other milk products, along with sugar and flavor, stabilizer or color, and with the incorporation of air during the freezing process (*Sukumar De 1991*). Ice-cream is originated from Europe and later introduced in the united states in Baltimore (*Deosarkar S.S et al., 2016*). Frozen desserts are among the most popular dessert eaten in or out of the home. These include ice cream, frozen cream, ices, sherbets and mousses (Peckham, 1974). Ice cream is considered a food of high nutritional value, providing lipids, carbohydrates, protein, calcium, phosphorous, minerals and vitamin A, B1, B2,B6, C, D, E & K.(M.C.A. Maia). It is the most important and of great interest to the dairy industry due to high demand by the population.

According to the PFA Rules(1976), ice cream is the frozen product which is obtained from cow or buffalo milk or combination of therefore or from cream, and of other dairy products with or without the addition of colors, flavours, eggs, sugarcane, nuts and fruits in it. Ice cream is having a wonderful source of energy, having twice to three times the fat content of milk in it.

### 1.1.1. History

Ice cream manufacturing is not a new process. Ice cream was prepared from ancient time and was known in England in the early 1700s, but was still a rare item. The history of ice cream, starts from ancient greeks and roman, who prepare the ice cream by beating the cream in a pewter pot which was shaken in a large pot of salt and ice (*Mariani, J. F. 1994*). Ice cream was first manufactured by NANCY JOHNSON, who invented the hand cranked Freezer in 1846. This freezer is still used by many of home ice cream maker (*Davidson,1999*).

### 1.1.2. Composition

In the manufacturing of ice cream various dairy ingredients and related products and some non-dairy products are used. These include whole milk, skim milk, cream, butter, sugar, stabilizer, total solids, etc. Ice cream mainly composed of milk fat and milk solids- non-fat (MSNF). Typical composition of ice cream is given below (*Sukumar De 1991*).

**Table 1. Proximate composition of Ice cream (as a percentage)-(H. Douglas Goff 1997)**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Values (%)</b>
Milk fat	10-16
Milk solid not fat	9-12
Sucrose	9-12
Stabilizer & Emulsifier	0-0.5
Total solids	36-45
Water	55-64

**1.2. ROLE OF THE CONSTITUENTS IN ICE CREAM- (Sukumar De 1991).**

<b>CONSTITUTE</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
Milk fat	Give rich, full & creamy flavor. Contributes to body and melting resistance of ice cream.
Milk –solids-not fat(MSNF)	Consists of milk proteins, milk sugar & mineral matter. Helps to make ice cream compact & smooth.
Sugar	Increases the acceptability of ice cream+
Stabilizers	Prevents the formation of large ice crystals, especially during storage.
Emulsifiers	Provide uniform whipping quality, smoother body & texture
Flavour	Increases the acceptability
Color	Improves appearance

### 1.3. Basil (*Ocimum*)

**B**asil is a medicinal plant which known for thousand years and found in various of the world. In Indian subcontinent his medicinal herb is considered as a sacred plant (V. Sharma, A. Joshiet *al.*, 2011).During the microscopic studies of leaves, it showed the presence of vascular bundles, trichomes, spongy parenchyma cells etc. There are three types of tulsi which are mentioned in ayurvedic texts-

1. Rama or green leaf tulsi (*O. gratissimum*).
2. Shyama or Krishna or purple leaf tulsi (*O. sanctum*).
3. Vana or wild leaf tulsi (*O.canum*).

#### 1.3.1. SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION (*USDA- Natural resources conservation service*)

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Clade</b>	Angiosperms
<b>Clade</b>	Eudicots
<b>Clade</b>	Asterids
<b>Order</b>	Lamiales
<b>Family</b>	Lamiaceae
<b>Genus</b>	<i>Ocimum</i>
<b>Species</b>	<i>O. basilicum</i>

Sweet Basil (*Ocimum basilicum L.*) is used as a spice, perfume, cosmetics, fly repellent, medicine and also grown as an ornamental (*Olof Ryding., 1994*).They are also traditionally used in so many different formulations for the treatment of cough, cold, flu, headache etc. But now days it is also incorporated in the medicines for the treatment of wide disorders including mouth, throat, lungs, heart, blood, liver, kidney digestive system, and reproductive system.

**B**asil is sensitive to cold, thus it grows best in hot and dry areas. For the growth, it need less amount of water but if its leaves get wilted from lack of water, it will recover. If

yellow leaves are present towards the bottom of the plant then it means plant has been stressed and it needs less water, or less or more fertilizer.

### **1.3.2. Disease in Basil plant (Heather rhoades – article)**

**Basil plant** suffers from various types of diseases caused by plant pathogens.

**Fusarium wilt disease-** It is a soil borne fungal diseases that can kill the younger basil plants.

**Pythium-** This microbe is responsible for the killing of seedlings.

**Gray mold-** This type of disease is caused by *Botrytis cinerea*. It can cause infectin even after the harvesting of plant and is capable of killing of entire plant.

**Black spot-** It can be seen on basil foliage which is caused by a fungi genus *Collectotrichum*.

### **1.4. ALOE VERA**

**Aloe vera** extract is widely used in medicine and cosmetic industries. It provides smoothening, moisturizing, to the skin and also contains healing properties which can helps to heal the wound fastly and also helps in preventing from infection.

There are over 250 species of *Aloe* grown in the world but only two species are grown commercially

1. *Aloe barbadensis*.

2. *Aloe aborescens*.

**Common names of *A. vera*:-**

- Chinese Aloe.
- Indian Aloe.
- True Aloe.
- Barbados Aloe.
- Burn aloe.



### 1.4.3. SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION (*USDA- Natural resources conservation service*)

Kingdom	Plantae
Class	Liliopsida
Sub class	Lilidae
Order	Asparagales
Family	Asphodelaceae
Subfamily	Asphodeloideae
Genus	<i>Aloe</i>
Species	<i>A. vera</i>

It is a perennial herb which contains 30-50 cm long and 3-10 cm broad at the base. It is pea-green in colour and contain bright yellow tubular flower of 25-35 cm in length in as lender loose spike; stamens frequently projected beyond the perianth tube. *A. vera* plant is intolerant to heavy frost and snow climate. This plant is easily grow in low water area, rocky surfaces and dry places. Due to the presence of succulence this species is able to survive in low natural rain fall areas.

*Aloe vera* is a widely grown ornamental plant throughout the world. The *A. vera* is also considered as a medicinal plant. *A. vera* is widely cultivated throughout the world. Basically *A. Vera* is considered to be native only to the Southeast Africa. But now is has been naturalized in north Africa, China, India Southern Spain. This species were introduced in China and various parts of southern Europe in 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**Table No.2: Nutritional composition of Aloe vera gel (*Ahmed et al., 2013*)**

Constituents	In g/100g
Crude fiber	0.12 ± 1.20
Protein	0.12 ± 0.01
Fat	0.01 ± 0.02
Carbohydrates	0.66
Ascorbic acid	0.004 ± 0.05

### **1.5. Mint (*Mentha viris, Linn.*)**

**I**t is a herbal plant which is closely related to the variety of oil yielding plants. It falls under the family of *Labiatae* and genus *Mentha* spp. Mint is specially cultivated in temperate zones of Australia, Eurasia and South Africa.

**T**he names of most common mint varieties are: -

1. Peppermint.
2. Spearmint.
3. Wild mint.
4. Curled mint.
5. American mint.

**S**ince ancient times mint is used by the human beings for improving their health. It provides relief from common cold, fever, flu, indigestion, motion sickness. In industries it is also used in cuisines, medicaments and cosmetics, toothpaste, chewing gum industry.

According to the study of present scenario people are moving towards herbal products because of its nutritional components and health benefits. Present study is to utilise the nutritional benefits of basil, mint and aloe vera and incorporating to make herbal ice-cream for better acceptability along with health benefits.

## **OBJECTIVE**

## **CHAPTER 3**

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1. To standardize the formulation for preparation of ice cream using different types of herbs.
2. To study the physiochemical, microbiological, sensory and nutritional properties of ice cream.
3. To study the shelf life of formulated product.

**Characterization of Aloe Vera**

*Miranda et al.(2009)* investigated influence of temperature on physicochemical and nutritional properties and antioxidant capacity of *Aloe vera* (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller) gel and reported drying temperature of 80 and 90 °C resulted in significant variation in and/or loss of the physicochemical and nutritional properties and antioxidant capacity of the gel. They also reported that these effects were also observed as a result of a lengthy drying period (i.e., 810 min at 50 °C).

*Castillo et al.(2011)* added *Aloe vera* gel at several concentrations on potato dextrose agar (PDA) to test its efficacy on inhibiting mycelium growth of two common fungi responsible for fruit decay (*Penicillium digitatum* and *Botrytis cinerea*) and reported for both fungi, the inhibition of mycelium growth rate increased with *Aloe* concentration.

*Srisukh et al.(2006)* incorporated aloe in the form of gel, at 25% by weight; other ingredients included sweetening, coloring, and flavoring agents. Sensory evaluations were carried out, using 9-point Hedonic Scale method. Pandan-flavored aloe ice cream obtained the score of 7.43 (“like moderately” to “like very much”). Coated table grapes(*Vitis vinifera* L. cv. Crimson Seedless) with Aloe vera gel according and the stored for 35 days at 1 °C, and the subsequent shelf life (SL) was monitored at 20 °C.

*Serrano et al. (2006)* They reported uncoated clusters showed a rapid loss of functional compounds, such as total phenolics and ascorbic acid and on the contrary, table grapes coated with aloe vera gel significantly delayed the above changes, such as the retention of ascorbic acid during cold storage or SL. Consequently, Aloe vera gel coating, a simple and non contaminating treatment, maintained the functional properties during post storage of grapes.

*Boudrew et al. (2006)* reported aloe vera products contain multiple constituents with potential biological and toxicological activities, yet the active components elude definition. Ingestion of Aloe Vera is associated with diarrhoea, electrolyte imbalance, kidney dysfunction, and conventional drug interactions; episodes of contact dermatitis, erythema, and phototoxicity have been reported from topical applications.

*Soltanizadeh et al. (2015)* investigated the effects of different concentrations of Aloe vera on the quality of this food product and reported that Aloe vera contributed to some extent to decreased cooking loss and diameter reduction in the burgers. Increased concentrations of Aloe Vera led to improvements in the water absorption and texture of the burgers as well as their lipid stability. However, a concentration level of 3% led to the most acceptability of the product to the panellists.

*Elbandy et al. (2014)* studied effect of different addition levels of Aloe Vera gel (5, 10, 15, 20 and 25%) on the physical, microbial and chemical properties such as total soluble solids, total acidity, pH, ascorbic acid content, total sugars, reducing sugars, viscosity, total bacterial counts and sensory properties and reported high concentrations of Aloe vera gel (20 and 25%) resulted in a dramatic fall in the levels of total bacterial counts. They further reported the mango nectar supported with Aloe vera gel showed good quality attributes and good stability during storage for six months and recommend the supplementation with 20-25% Aloe vera gel to produce high quality functional mango nectar containing natural preservative ingredients.

*Xianqun et al. (2001)* developed aloe-beancurd and reported the optimum rate between soybean milk and Aloe juice is 6:2 and the product developed was having excellent colour and flavor with health and skin caring functions and product may have a very optimistic market perspective.

### **Characterization of basil leaves (*Ocimum*)**

*Javanmerdi et al. (2002)* studied characteristics, including quantitative and qualitative traits along with the chemical variation of phenolic acids, of 23 accessions of basil (*Ocimum basilicum L.*) from Iran and reported that coumarinic acid is the predominant phenolic acid present in both flower and leaf tissues.

*Lee et al. (2004)* identified aroma constituents of basil which were linalool, estragole methyl cinnamate, eugenol and 1,8-cineole. The major aroma constituents of thyme were thymol, 4-isopropyl-2-methylphenol (carvacrol; 0.681 mg/g), linalool (0.471 mg/g), α-terpineol (0.291 mg/g), and 1,8-cineole (0.245 mg/g). They examined twelve aroma constituents of basil and thyme for their antioxidant activities using the aldehyde/carboxylic acid assay and reported Eugenol, thymol, carvacrol, and 4-allylphenol showed stronger antioxidant activities than did the other components tested in the assay.

*Kwee et al. (2011)* studied 15 different basil varieties for phenolic and antioxidant composition and reported Rosmarinic, chicoric and caffeic acid concentrations were affected by cultivar, although caftaric acid levels were not. They also reported nine of the cultivars in this study contained chicoric acid in higher concentrations than rosmarinic acid and individual phenolic acid composition was found to be an important factor influencing the measured antioxidant capacity.

*Hakum et al. (2007)* found osmarinic acid as the predominant phenolic acid in all callus extracts in comparison with field grown plant parts or holy basil (*Ocimum sanctum* Linn.) and at the same concentration, the callus extracts exhibited higher antioxidant activity in all of the testing system than the extract obtained from field-grown plant parts.

### **Study on development of ice cream**

*H. Douglas Goff (1997)*. stated that ice cream is consists of fat globules, ice crystals and an unfrozen scum phase along with the incorporation of air. The size of ice crystals usually ranges from 20-50  $\mu\text{m}$ . The serum phase consists of sugars and high molecular weight polysaccharides in a freeze- concentrates solution.

*C. Pandiyan et al., (2014)*.showed that herbal ice cream was prepared by incorporating phyllanthus niruri dried powder at different percent constituent. The difference between the treatments and coliform count was found to be not significant and were with in the limits by standard plate count method. It was also found that there is no significant difference between control and treatment in the total sensory scores. Hence it was concluded that phyllanthus niruri incorporated up to 1.5% level and can be incorporated into ice creams to increase its medicinal benefits.

*Jaya Gade et al., (2015)*.studied that Extract of Fenugreek seeds was obtained by using methanol as a solvent and the extract of fenugreek seeds, was entrapped in the inner aqueous phase of W/O emulsion. The formulation was made in the aqueous phase containing the extract of fenugreek seeds. The herbal formulation showed good spreadibility, good consistency, and homogeneity.

### **Study on medicinal properties of ice cream**

*Durga Singh et.al (2017).*It was conducted that the Stevia contains many medicinal properties like it prevents diabetes, helps in loses weight, increases digestion and also helps in preventing tooth decay. The Kulfi is one of the famous desserts in India. By adding Stevia in proper amount, herbal ice cream is prepared.

*Ayyavoo Preamnath Manoharan et al., (2013).* investigated that diabetics is increasing year by year and people are looking for alternative of sugar, herbal ice cream is prepared with artificial sweetners and natural color beetroot juice for strawberry flavour to assess its acceptability. Other constituents such as aloe vera pulp nand natural color beetroot were added at different levels to analyse its sensory attributes. It was concluded that the product can be stored at -29°C and sensory score were studied.

### **Study on designing and application of ice cream**

*Christos Soukoulins et al., (2014).* studied that, many applications related to the design and development of functional ice cream have been documented, including products containing probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics, dietary fibers, natural antioxidants such as polyphenols, essential and polyunsaturated fatty acids, and low glycemic index blends and blends fortified with mineral or trace elements.

*Gerla C.B.Chinelate et al., (2003).*It was studied that in order to associate a functional ice cream formulation based on buffalo milk supplemented with flaxseed and chitosan, in order to obtain products with an alternative source of fiber, analyzing the physical and chemical interactions, chemical and microbiological.

### **Study on physiochemical property of ice cream**

*M. R. Muse et al., (2014).* It was studied that, ice cream mixes were analyzed for viscosity and finished ice cream were analyzed for air cell and ice crystal size, to check the overrun and fat destabilization. These aspects along with the consistency coefficient of the mix affected the melting rate of ice cream.



**5.1. Procurement of raw material:**

All the raw materials were procured from the local markets and nursery of Phagwara, Punjab, India and were stored at refrigerated temperature. Good quality of raw materials were selected, cleaned and graded accordingly which were introduced in preparation of herbal ice-cream. The extract and juice of mint, basil and aloe vera is used in the preparation of ice cream.

**5.2 Formulation and preparation of ice cream**

The preparation of ice cream was done by using the method given by *Offia olua et al.*, in "Incorporation of Papain into ice cream: the impact on pawpaw" in (2016). The method was slightly modified. The ice cream was prepared by incorporating at various rates of Aloe Vera, Basil and Mint.

**Flow chart of preparation of ice cream**

Mixing of ingredients (egg, milk, sugar, fat)



Homogenization (to produce uniform texture)



Resting or ageing (to blend flavors)



Addition of Aloe Vera, Mint and Basil (5g)



Store at low temperature (-20 °C)



Ice cream is prepared

### 5.3. Determination of fat content:

Fat content is observed by using Gerber method given by Bradley *et al.* (1992). 10 ml of sulphuric acid (density 1.815 gm/ ml at 20°C) were poured into clean dry Gerber tubes which already contains 5 gm ice cream. To this mixture 1 ml amyl alcohol and 5 ml distilled water was added at 20°C and the contents of the tube were mixed till no white particles were seen. The tubes were then centrifuged at 1100 revolutions per minutes (rpm) for 5 minutes. The tubes were transferred to a water bath at 65°C for 3 minutes, after which the fat content was immediately read.

### 5.4. Determination of protein content:

The protein content was adopted from AOAC (1990), Using Kjeldahl method. In a Kjeldahl flask, 10 gm ice cream sample were placed followed by addition of Kjeldahl tablets (each tablet contained 1gm Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the equivalent of 0.1mg Hg). Twenty five milliliters of concentrated sulphuric acid (density 1.86gm/ ml at 20°C) were added to the flask and the mixture was then digested on a digestion heater until a clear solution was obtained (3 hours), the flasks were then removed and left to cool. The digested samples were poured in volumetric flasks (100 ml) and diluted to 100 with distilled water. Five milliliters were taken and neutralized using 10 ml of 40% NaOH. The distillate was received in a conical flask containing 25 ml of 2% boric acid and 3 drops of indicator (bromocresol green + methyl red). The distillation was continued until the volume in the flask was 75 ml. The flasks were then removed from the distillator and the distillates were titrated against 0.1N HCl until the end point was obtained (red colour).

Protein content was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Nitrogen (\%)} = \frac{T \times 0.1 \times 20 \times 0.014 \times 100}{\text{Weight of sample}}$$

$$\text{Protein (\%)} = \text{Nitrogen (\%)} \times 6.38$$

Where:

T: Titration figure.

0.1: Normality of HCl.

0.014: Atomic weight of nitrogen/ 1000.

20: Dilution factor.

### **5.5. Determination of total solids content:**

Total solids content of ice cream sample were determined according to the modified method of AOAC (1990).

Take two grams of ice cream sample in a clean dried flat bottomed aluminium dish. The dishes were heated on a steam bath for 10-15 minutes and then the dishes were transferred to an air oven for 12 hours at 50°C. The dishes were placed into desiccator to cool and then weighed. Heating, cooling and weighting were repeated several times until the difference between two successive weightings was less than 0.5 mg. the total solids content was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Total solids (\%)} = \frac{W_1 \times 100}{W_0}$$

Where:

W1: Weight of sample after drying.

W0: Weight of sample before drying.

### **5.6. Determination of ash content:**

The ash content was determined according to AOAC (1990). Take two grams of ice cream into a clean dry crucible. Evaporated until it gets dry on a steam bath. The crucibles were placed in a muffle furnace at 550°C for 1.5-2 hours, cooled in a desiccator and weighted. The ash content was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Ash \%} = \frac{W_1 \times 100}{W_0}$$

Where:

W1 = Weight of ash.

W0 = Weight of sample.

### **5.7 Determination of total sugars content:**

Total sugars were assessed according to Lane and Eynon micrometric method AOAC (1984). Ten grams of ice cream sample were transferred to a 250 ml volumetric flask. A 100 ml of distilled water were carefully added and then neutralized with 1.0N NaOH to a pH 7.5-8.0. About 2 ml of lead acetate were added and the flask was then shaken and left to stand for 10 minutes. Then 2 grams of sodium oxalate were added to remove the excess lead. Distilled water was again added to make the volume to mark (250 ml). The solution was then filtrated and 50 ml of its filtrated were pipetted into a 250 ml volumetric flask. To the new mixture, 50

g citric acid and 50 ml distilled water were slowly added. The contents of the flasks were boiled gently for 10 minutes to invert to sucrose and when cooled a few drops of phenolphthalein were added. In order to neutralize the mixture, a 20% NaOH solution was continuously added until color turned pink. Immediately 1.0N HCl was added until the color of the mixture disappeared and the volume was made to mark before titration. Standard method of titration: Ten ml of mixed solution of Fehling (A) and (B) were pipetted into a conical flask. A burette was filled with the clarified sugar solution and running the whole volume required to reduce the Fehling's solution so that 0.5-1.0 ml was still required to complete the titration. The contents of the flasks were mixed and then heated to boiling for 2 minutes. Three drops of methylene blue indicator were added. Then the titration was completed until the color has completely disappeared.

Calculation:

$$\text{Mg total sugar in 100 ml (\%)} = \frac{\text{Factor} \times 100}{\text{Titer}}$$

$$\text{Total sugar (\%)} = \frac{\frac{\text{mg}}{100\text{g}} \times \text{dilution} \times 100}{1000 \times \text{wt. taken}}$$

Factor = mg of invert sugar corresponding to 10 ml of Fehling's solution. (The factor is obtained from the table of invert sugar).

### **5.8. Determination of reducing sugars content:**

In case of juices, the reducing sugars is very low, so that filtrate can be used directly for titration according to AOAC (1984) using the following equation for calculation:

$$\text{Reducing sugar (\%)} = \frac{\frac{\text{mg}}{100\text{g}} \times \text{dilution} \times 100}{1000 \times \text{wt. taken}}$$

(The factor is obtained from the table of glucose).

### **5.9. Estimation of total phenolic content in peel extract:**

Total phenolic content of the methanolic extracts was determined according to Gat *et al.*, 2015 using colorimetric method. 0.5 ml sample was taken and mixed with Folin–Ciocalteu reagent (0.5 ml). Mix the mixture by shaking for 15–20 s and after 3 min, add 0.50 ml of saturated sodium carbonate solution and dilute the solution to 5 ml with water. Incubate the mixture in dark at room temperature for 2 hours and absorbance was measured at wavelength 765 nm. calibration curve was prepared with gallic acid standard (2–10 mM).

#### **5.10. Estimation of total flavonoid content in peel extract.** (*Gat et al., 2015*)

Total flavonoids were measured using a colorimetric method. Properly diluted peel extract (2-10 mg) were mixed with 4ml of distilled water followed by addition of 0.3ml of (5%w/v) NaNO<sub>2</sub> and after 5 min, 0.3ml of (10%w/v) AlCl<sub>3</sub> was added. At 6 min, 2ml of 1 M sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture. Dilute the mixture by adding 2.4 ml of distilled water. Take O.D at 510 nm.

#### **5.11. Antioxidant activity (DPPH Assay):** (*Wang et al., 2016*)

Different methanolic extracts concentrations were prepared to which 1mL of a 0.2 mmol/L DPPH methanolic solution was added. Shake the mixture properly and keep at ambient temperature for 30 min. Take O.D at 517nm.

#### **5.12. Reducing power ability:** (*Jayanti et al., 2011*)

The 0.5 ml extract was diluted to 1.0 ml with distilled water and then mixed with 2.5 ml phosphate buffer (0.2 M, pH 6.6) and 2.5 mL, 1% potassium ferricyanide [K<sub>3</sub>Fe (CN)<sub>6</sub>] followed by addition of 2.5 ml of 10% trichloroacetic acid and the mixture was incubated at 50 °C for 20 min and centrifuged at 5000×g. After centrifugation 2.5 ml of clear aliquot was taken and mixed with 0.5 ml, 0.1% FeCl<sub>3</sub>. The OD of mixture was measured at 700 nm.

#### **5.13. $\beta$ -Carotene Bleaching Test** (*Koleva et al., 2002*)

The 2 mg of  $\beta$ -carotene was dissolved in 20 mL chloroform from this solution 4 ml was taken to which 40 mg of linoleic acid and 400 mg of Tween 40 were added. The mixture was kept under vacuum at 40°C for the evaporation of chloroform. After evaporation 100 mL of water was added and vigorously shaken. This methanolic solutions of the samples (10  $\mu$ L) was mixed to an aliquot (150  $\mu$ L) of the  $\beta$ -carotene/linoleic acid emulsion. Emulsion was incubated at 50°C for 120 min and the OD was taken at 470 nm. BHT was used as standard. The antioxidant activity (%) of the peel extract is measured in terms of per cent inhibition using the following formula:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{A_T - C_T}{C_0 - C_T} \times 100$$

Where  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  are the absorbance values measured for the sample and control, respectively, after incubation of 120 min, and  $C_0$  is the absorbance value for the control measured at zero time during the incubation.

Preparation of an ice cream using herbal ingredients is a kind of newness added to the product which is going to increase the nutritional value as it is a kind of dessert liked by all group of people. The addition of herbal ingredients enhance the overall quality of an ice cream.

## 7.1 Proximate analysis of raw materials

## 7.1.1 Proximate analysis of Full Cream Milk

The estimated chemical composition of full cream milk (containing 6% fat) was found to be  $0.63 \pm 0.06$  ash,  $5.9 \pm 0.06$  total fat,  $84.83 \pm 0.6$  moisture,  $0.15 \pm 0.04$  titrable acidity. Similar results were reported by *Melfesan et al. (2010)*.

S.No.	Name of Experiment	Sample	Result (N=3)
1.	Moisture content	Milk (6% fat)	$84.83 \pm 0.6$
		Coconut milk	$73.86 \pm 0.29$
		Soya Milk	$86.56 \pm 0.15$
2.	Ash content	Milk (6% fat) (Verka)	$0.63 \pm 0.06$
3.	Titrable Acidity	Milk (6% fat) (Verka)	$0.15 \pm 0.04$
		Milk (6% fat) (Super)	$0.11 \pm 0.02$
4.	Gerber test (Fat)	Milk(6% fat)	$5.9 \pm 0.06$
5.	Rosalic Test	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
6.	Hydrogen Peroxide Test	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
7.	Sugar test	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
8.	Detection of starch	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
9.	Detection of Formalin	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
10.	Detection of glucose	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
11.	Detection of urea	Milk(6% fat)	Negative
12.	Detection of salt	Milk(6% fat)	Negative

**Table 7.1: Proximate nutrient composition of full cream milk**



### 7.1.2 Proximate analysis of Aloe Vera

The estimated chemical composition of Aloe vera juice was found to be  $0.89 \pm 0.65$  crude fibre content,  $3.25 \pm 0.15$  protein content and  $0.68 \pm 0.02$  ash content. Similar results were reported by *Jorge M. Vieira et al., (2016)*.

S.No.	Name of Experiment	Results (%)
1.	Crude fibre	$0.89 \pm 0.65$
2.	Protein	$3.25 \pm 0.15$
3.	Ash	$0.68 \pm 0.02$

**Table 7.2: Proximate nutrient composition of Aloe vera:-**

### 7.1.3 Proximate analysis of Mint Leaves

The estimated chemical composition of mint leaves was estimated to be  $41.76 \pm 0$  Antioxidant activity,  $50.4 \pm 1.2$  Ascorbic acid,  $31.4 \pm 0.5$  Crude fibre,  $6.8 \pm 0.4$  protein and  $0.9 \pm 0.2$  fat content. Similar results were reported by *Anju et al., (2012)*.

S.No.	Name of Experiment	Results (%)
1.	Antioxidant Activity	$41.76 \pm 0$
2.	Ascorbic acid	$50.4 \pm 1.2$
3.	Crude fibre	$31.4 \pm 0.5$
4.	Protein	$6.8 \pm 0.4$
5.	Fat	$0.9 \pm 0.2$

**Table 7.3: Proximate nutrient composition of Mint.**

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