## Synthesis and Photoluminescence Studies of an Orange Red Color Emitting novel $CaA_{l2}O_4$ : $Sm^{3+}$ nanophosphor for LED Applications

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## **Abstract**

A novel  $CaAl_2O_4$ :  $Sm^{3+}$  (1 – 9 mol%) was synthesized by solution combustion method by using ODH as a fuel. The final product was well characterized by PXRD, DRS, SEM, TEM and PL. The PXRD profile of  $CaAl_2O_4$ :  $Sm^{3+}$  well matched with JCPDS NO.172155. The average crystallite sizes are found to be in the range 20 - 40 nm. From Diffuse Reflectance Spectra, the energy gap of the samples were calculated and found to be  $\sim$  2.6 - 3.1 eV. The PL emission peaks centered at  $\sim$  564, 601 and 647

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