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**Amorphous Tetrazine-Triazine-Functionalized Covalent Organic Framework for Adsorption and Removal of Dyes**

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## S1. Materials

4-hydroxybenzaldehyde, triethylamine, 1,4-Dioxane, cyanuric chloride, ethyl acetate, 4-aminobenzonitrile, hydrazine hydrate, DMSO and hydrogen peroxide were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Sulphur powder, ethanol, acetone were received from Spectrochem. All the reagents and solvents were of analytical grade, hence were used without any further purification.

## S2. Characterization

**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy.** NMR spectra were recorded using an ECS 400MHz (JEOL) NMR spectrometer, using DMSO- $d_6$  and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the external standard. Chemical shifts are provided in parts per million (ppm).

**Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy.** FT-IR spectra were recorded using a SHIMADZU IR Affinity-1 Instrument; 45 scans were collected at a resolution of  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**$^{13}\text{C}$  Solid-State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy.** Solid-State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrum was recorded at IISC Bangalore using JEOL 400MHz (ECX400) spectrometer solid state NMR spectrometer and a Bruker magic-angle-spinning (MAS) probe, running 32,000 scans.

**Powder X-ray diffraction.** Powder XRDs were carried out using a X-Ray Diffractometer (Panalytical X Pert Pro) instruments. The data analysis was performed using the Reflex module of the Materials Studio V6.0.

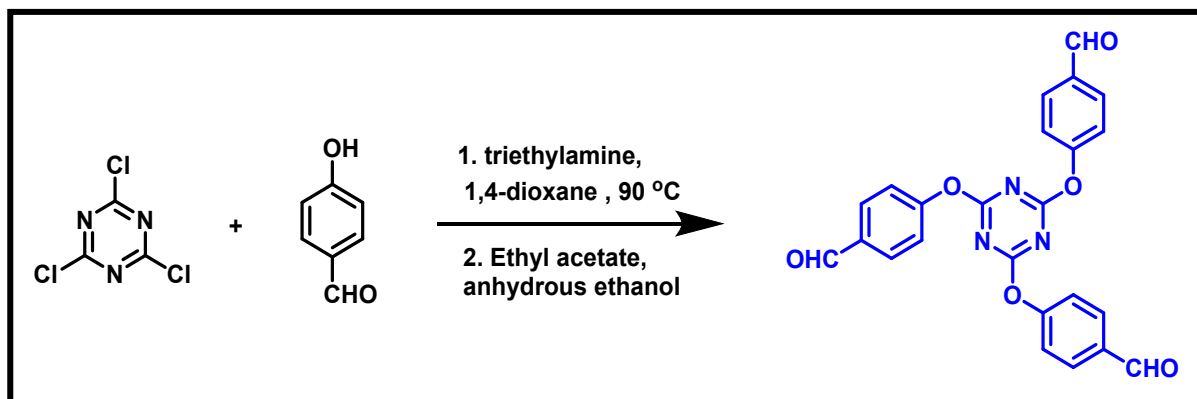
**Thermo-gravimetric analysis.** Thermo-gravimetric analysis was carried out on Thermogravimetric Differential thermal analyzer (TGA-DTA) TA Module Q 600 system. The TGAs were done under  $\text{N}_2$  gas flow (20ml/min) (purge + protective) and samples were heated from RT to  $800\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  at  $10\text{K/min}$ .

**Surface area and porosimetry (ASAP/BET).** The BET surface areas and porosimetry measurements of the prepared samples (ca. 20-100 mg) were performed using a Nova Touch LX2 gas sorption analyzer from Quantachrome surface area and porosity analyzer. Nitrogen isotherms were generated through incremental exposure to ultrahigh-purity  $\text{N}_2$  (up to ca. 1 atm) in a liquid  $\text{N}_2$  (77 K) bath.

**Field Emission-Scanning Electron Microscopy (FE-SEM):** FE-SEM was conducted using a Nova Nano FE-SEM 450 (FEI) scanning electron microscope. Samples were subjected to Pt sputtering for 100 s prior to observation.

**High resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HR-TEM):** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was performed using Tecnai G2 20 S-TWIN [FEI] TEM microscope operating at an accelerating voltage of (200 kV). The diffractograms were recorded at a scanning rate of  $1^\circ\text{ min}^{-1}$  between  $20^\circ$  and  $80^\circ$ .

### S3. Synthetic Procedures



**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of 4,4',4''-((1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tris(oxy))tribenzaldehyde (TPT-CHO).

**4,4',4''-((1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tris(oxy))tribenzaldehyde (TPT-CHO):** 4,4',4''-((1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyl)tris(oxy))tribenzaldehyde (TPT-CHO) was synthesized using a reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> A 150 mL three-necked flask was charged with 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (6.1 g, 0.05 mol) and triethylamine (6.325 g, 0.0625 mol), dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (60 mL) as a solvent with stirring. Cyanuric chloride (2.3 g, 0.125 mol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (30 mL), and the solution was slowly added dropwise to the flask and continuously stirred for 12 hours. The mixture was then heated to 90°C for 6 hours, cooled to room temperature, and the resulting white solid was filtered from the reaction mixture. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and recrystallized from a mixture of ethyl acetate and anhydrous ethanol. This resulted in a white precipitate, which was filtered, dried, and obtained as 4.8 g of the final product with a yield of 85%. The product was characterised by IR (Figure S1) and <sup>1</sup>H (Figure S2) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Figure S3) studies. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): δ= 9.93 (s, 3H), 7.92 (d, 6H), 7.42 (d, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): 192.45, 173.21, 156.12, 134.58, 131.67, 122.86 ppm.

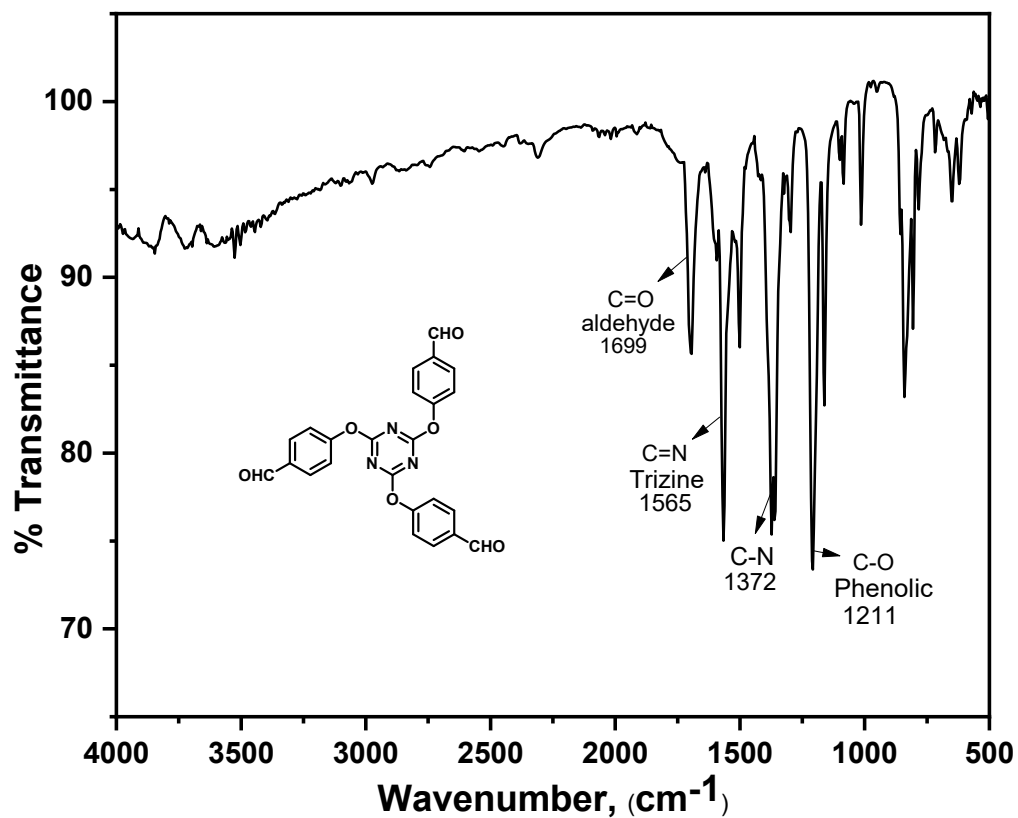


Figure S1. Fourier transform infrared spectrum of TPT-CHO.

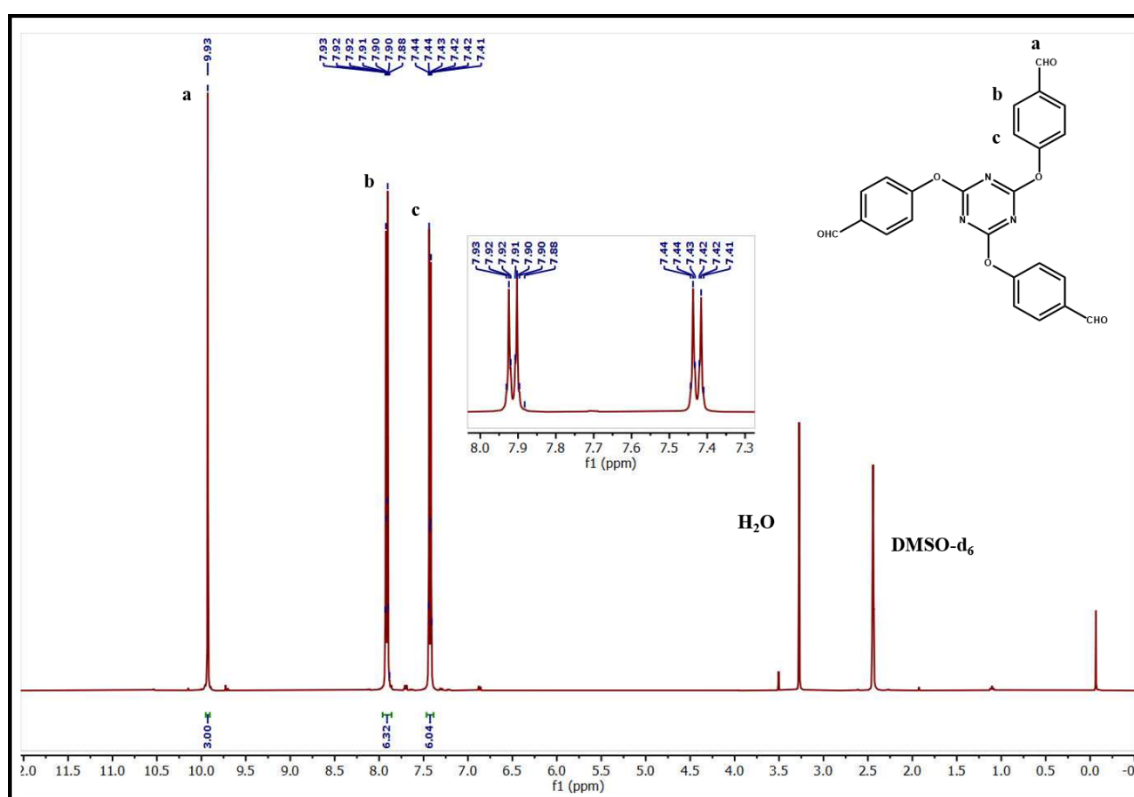


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of TPT-CHO in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (400 MHz).

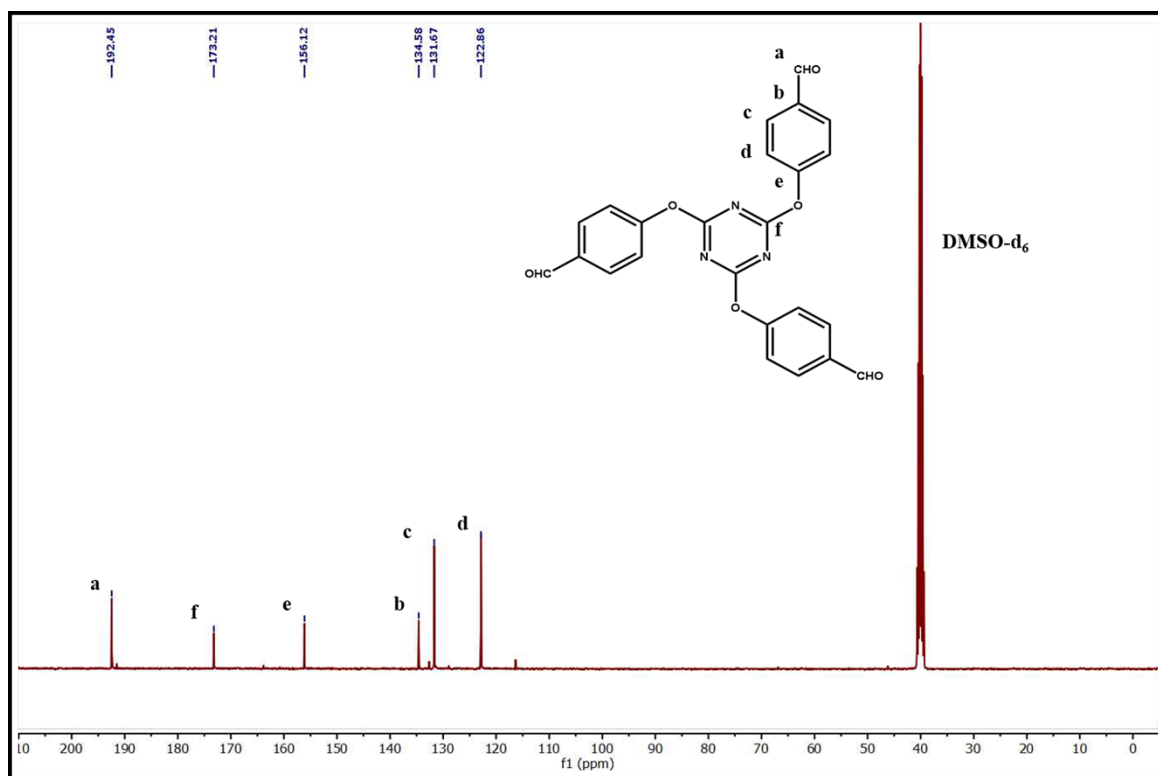
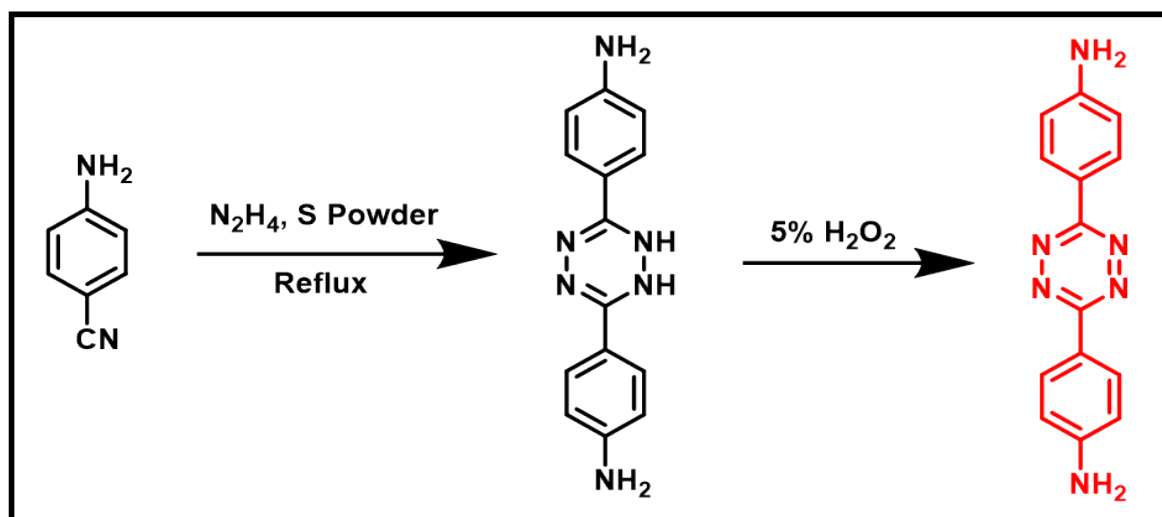


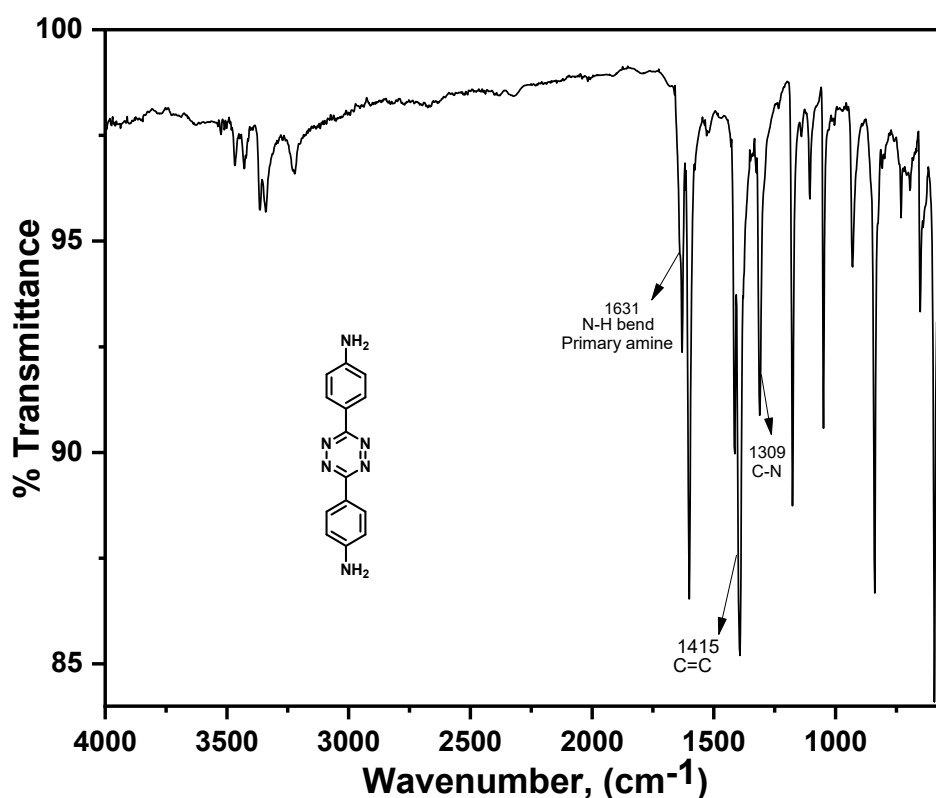
Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of TPT-CHO in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (400 MHz).



Scheme S2. Synthesis of s-tetrazine diamine (Tz).

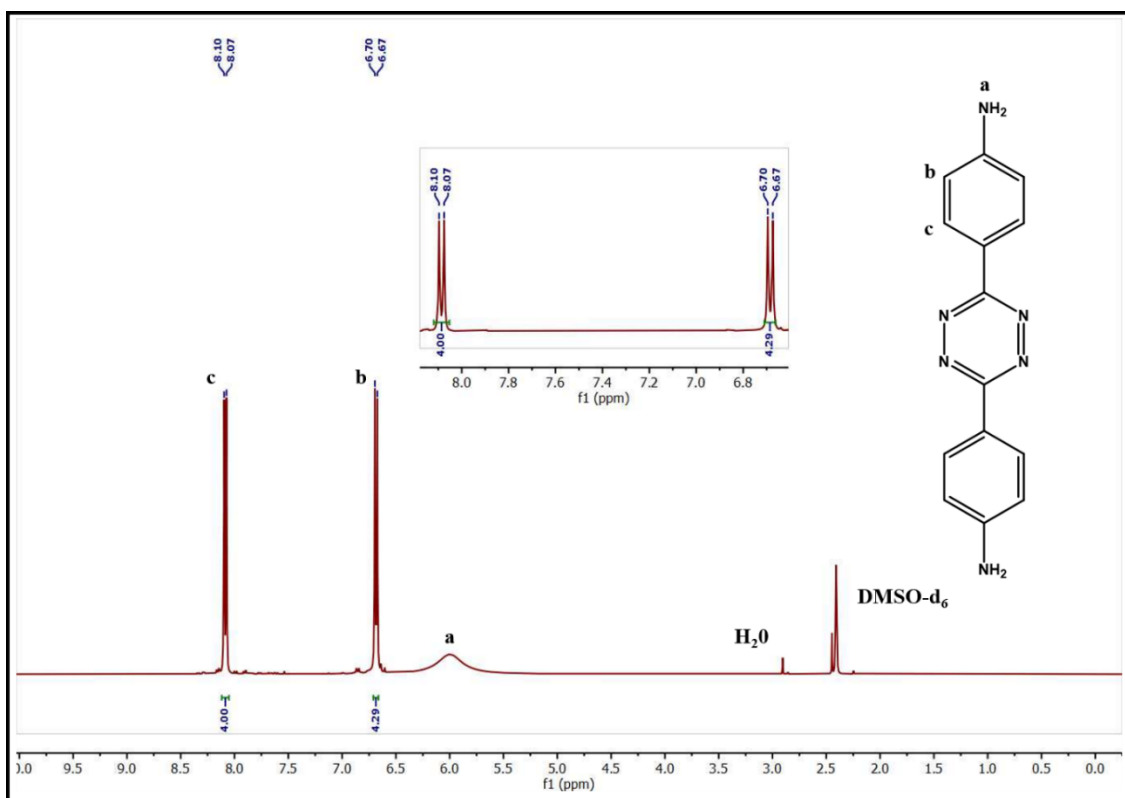
**Synthesis of s-tetrazine diamine (Tz):** s-tetrazine diamine (Tz) was synthesized by the modification in the reported literature. In a typical synthesis, 4 g of 4-aminobenzonitrile was dissolved in 20 mL of methanol.<sup>2</sup> 15 mL of hydrazine hydrate (conc. 99%) and 4 g of sulphur powder were added to the solution, which was then refluxed at 90°C for 8 hours, leading to the formation of a bright golden yellow colored thick suspension. The suspension was filtered, washed repeatedly with methanol and acetone, and subjected to vacuum drying overnight. The resulting bright yellow powder was dispersed in dry dimethyl sulfoxide

(DMSO) by stirring and underwent an overnight oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) purging process. A bright-red product was precipitated out of this oxidized compound when 150 ml of distilled water was added. The product was filtered, dried, and fully oxidized by dispersing it in a 5% hydrogen peroxide solution. Centrifugation was used to separate the bright red product, which was then vacuum-dried for 12 hours. The synthesis reaction resulted in the formation of 1.5 grams of a bright red product, with a yield of 37.5 percent. The product was washed with acetone and characterised by IR (Figure S4) and <sup>1</sup>H (Figure S5) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Figure S6) studies. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): δ= 8.08 (d, 4H), 6.68 (d, 4H), 5.91 (s, 4H), <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz):162.83, 152.61, 129.09, 119.36, 114.77.

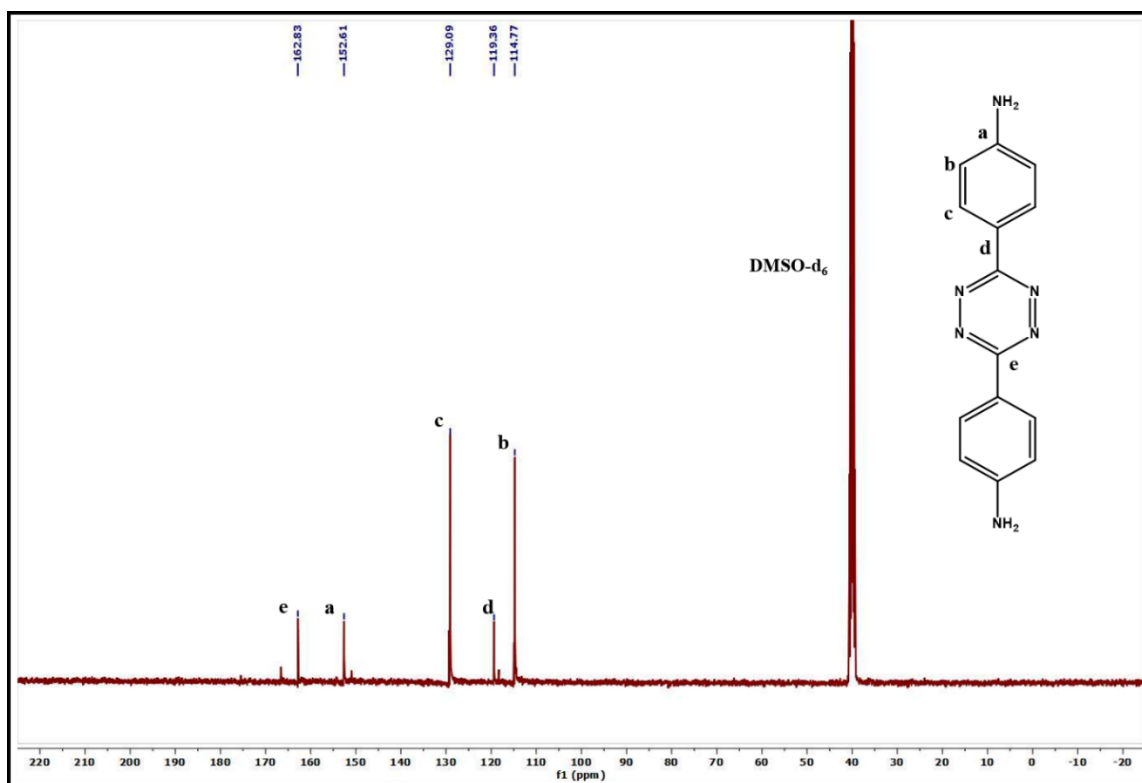


**Figure S4.** Fourier transform infrared spectrum of s-tetrazine diamine (Tz).

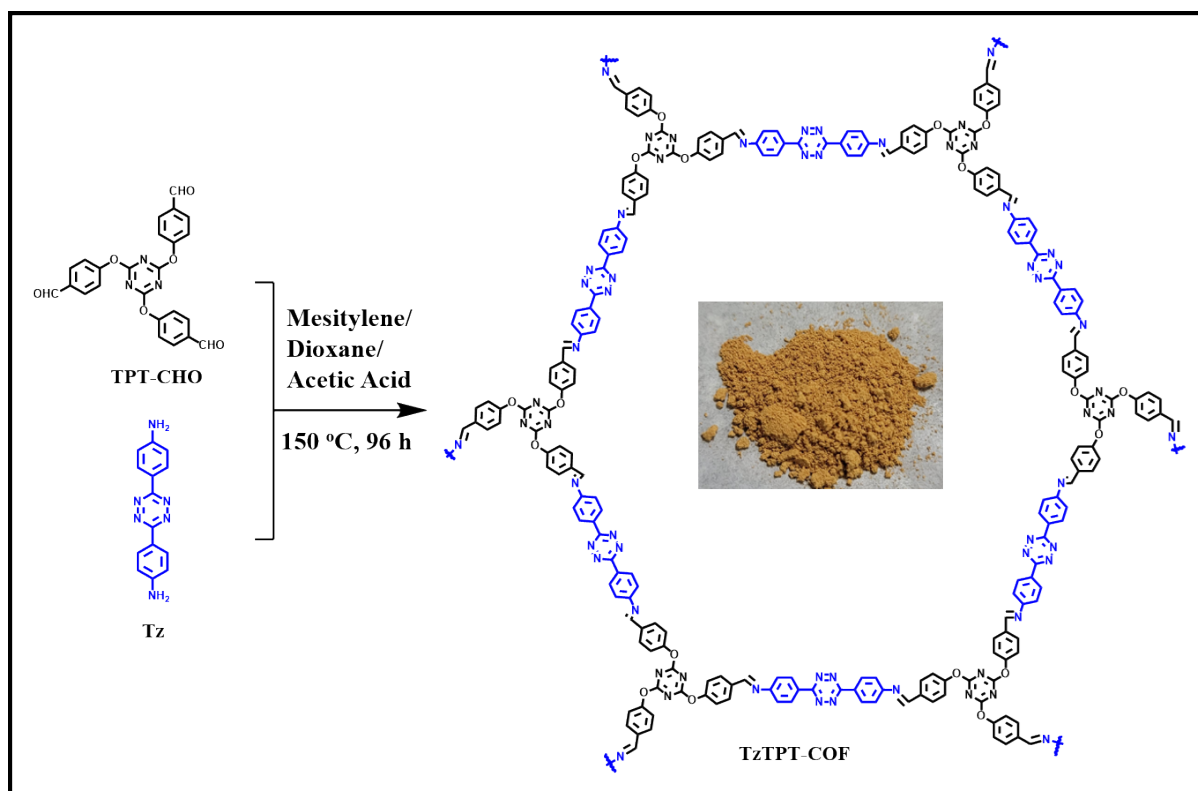




**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of s-tetrazine diamine (Tz) in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (400 MHz).



**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of s-tetrazine diamine (Tz) in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (400 MHz).



**Scheme S3.** Synthesis of TzTPT-COF from corresponding monomer Tz and TPT-CHO.

**Synthesis of TzTPT-COF:** TPT-CHO (132 mg, 0.3 mmol) and s-tetrazine-diamine (118 mg, 0.45 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of 6.0 mL of dioxane and 6.0 mL of mesitylene and stirred until homogenization was achieved, resulting in a red solution. Subsequently, 1.0 mL of a 0.6 M acetic acid was added to the mixture. The Pyrex tube containing the reaction mixture was flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and sealed before being subjected to thermal treatment at 150 °C for 4 days, followed by a slow cooling to room temperature over a period of 12 hours. This process yielded approximately 170 mg of a bright yellow coloured solid, which was subsequently washed with hot DMF, dioxane, MeOH, acetone, and THF (68%, isolated yield).

#### S4. CHN analysis of TzTPT-COF

**Table S1.** CHN analysis of TzTPT-COF:

Mol. Weight (g/mol)	Formula		C	H	N
4096.13	$C_{234}H_{156}N_{60}O_{18}$	Calculated	68.61%	3.84%	20.52%
		Obtained	66.171%	3.455%	18.815%

## S5. FTIR spectrum of TzTPT-COF

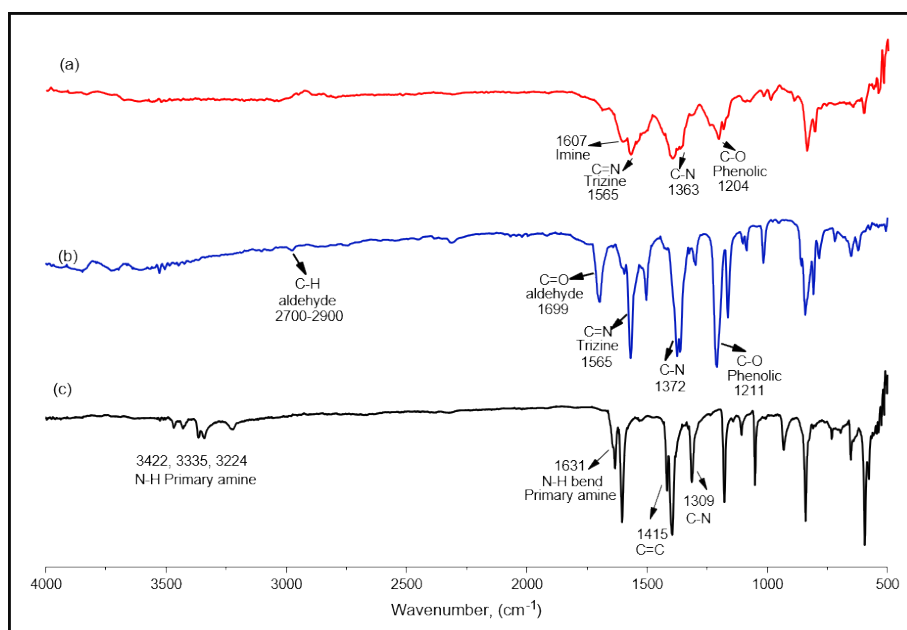


Figure S7. FTIR spectra of (a) TzTPT-COF, (b) TPT-CHO and (c) s-tetrazine-diamine (Tz).

## S6. TGA of TzTPT-COF

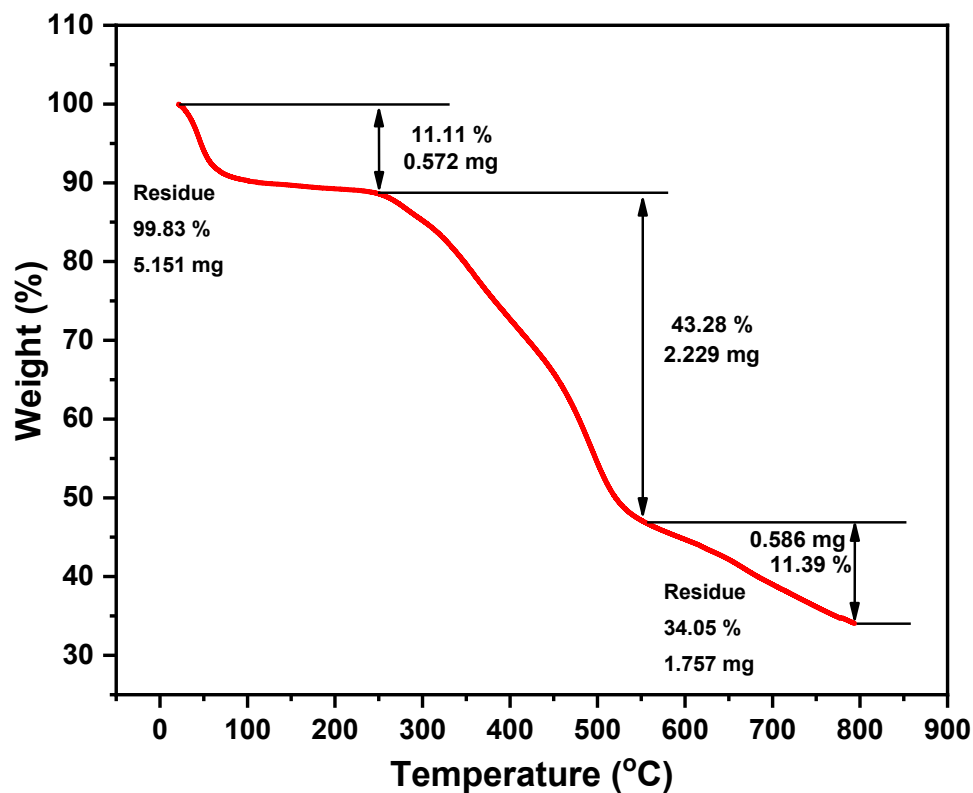
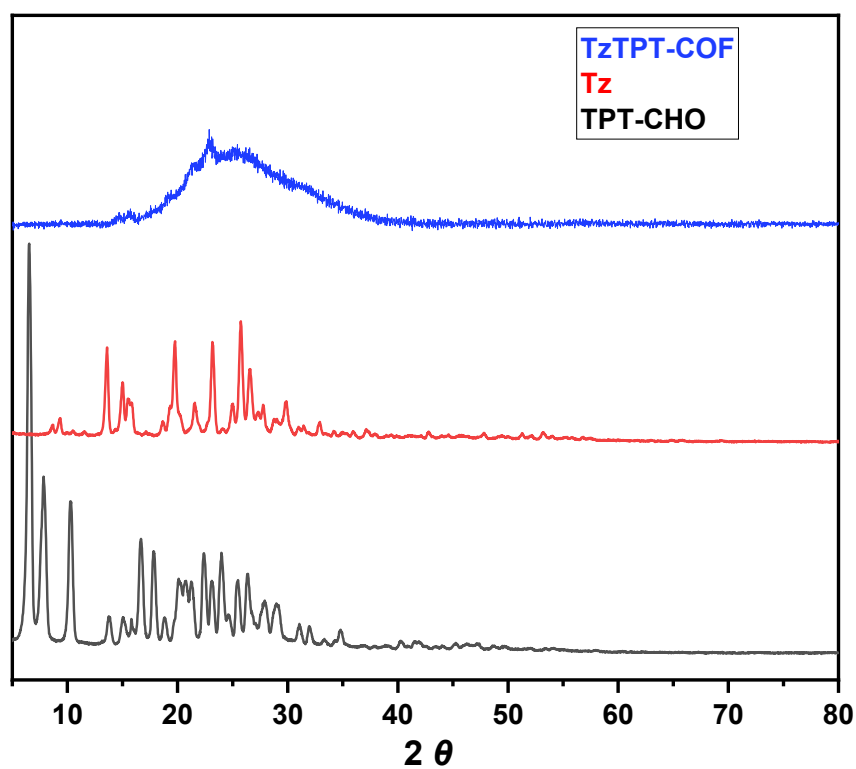
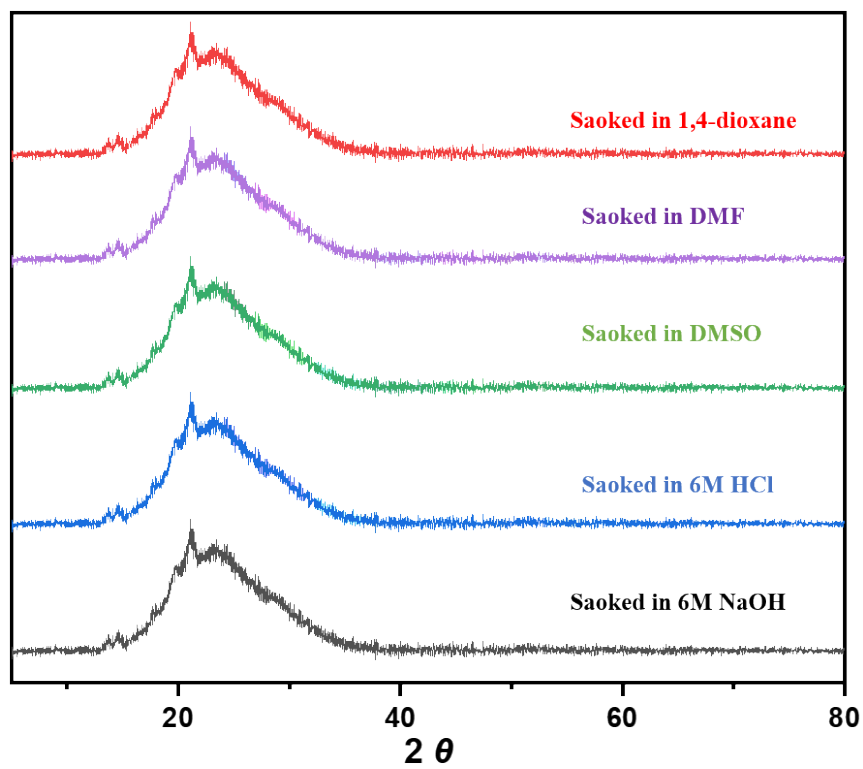


Figure S8. TGA of TzTPT-COF under  $\text{N}_2$  flow with a heating rate of  $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ .

## S7. PXRD of the COF

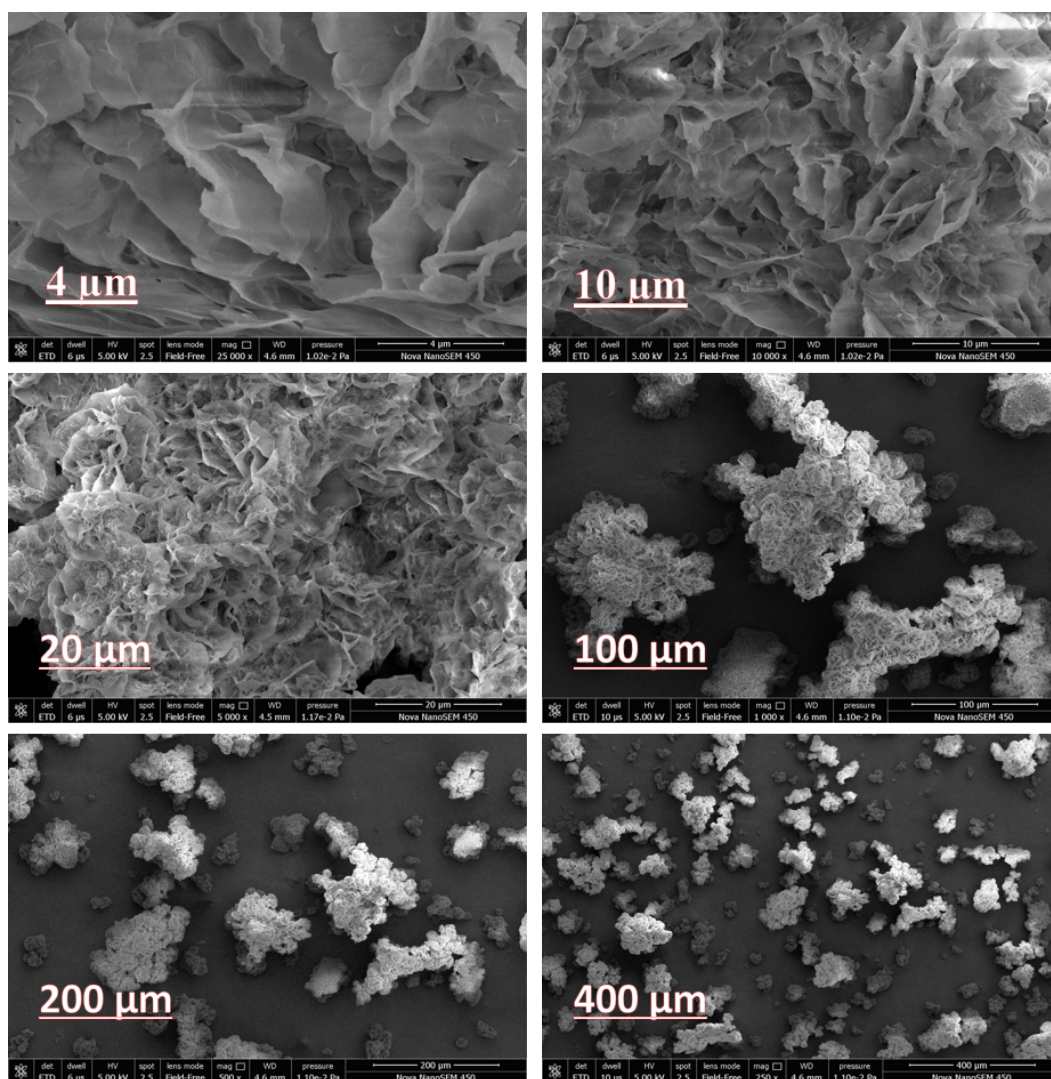


**Figure S9.** Comparative PXRD patterns of the TPT-CHO, Tz Precursors and TzTPT-COF.



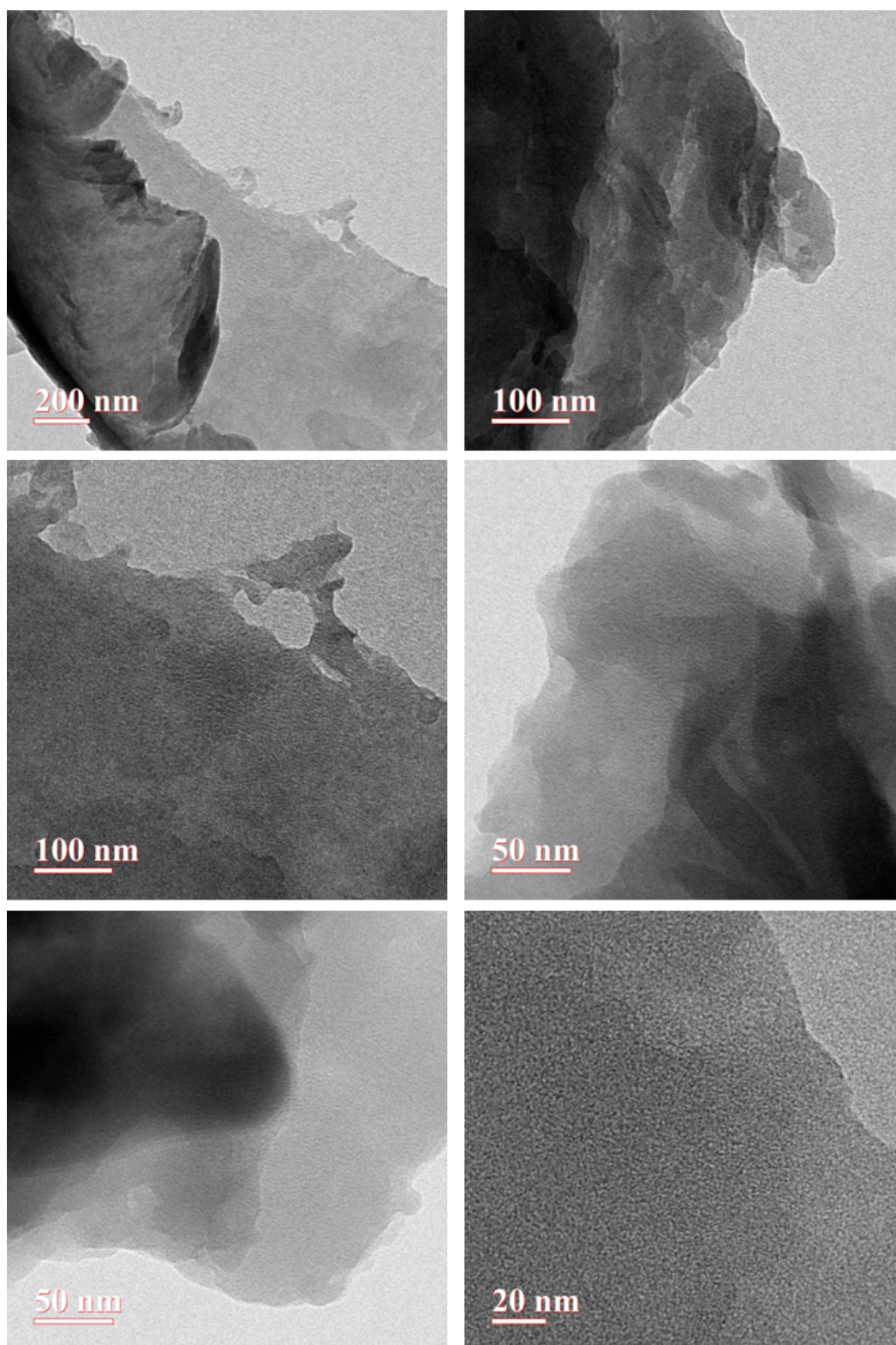
**Figure S10.** PXRD patterns of TzTPT-COF after soaking in different solvents.

## S8. Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FE-SEM)



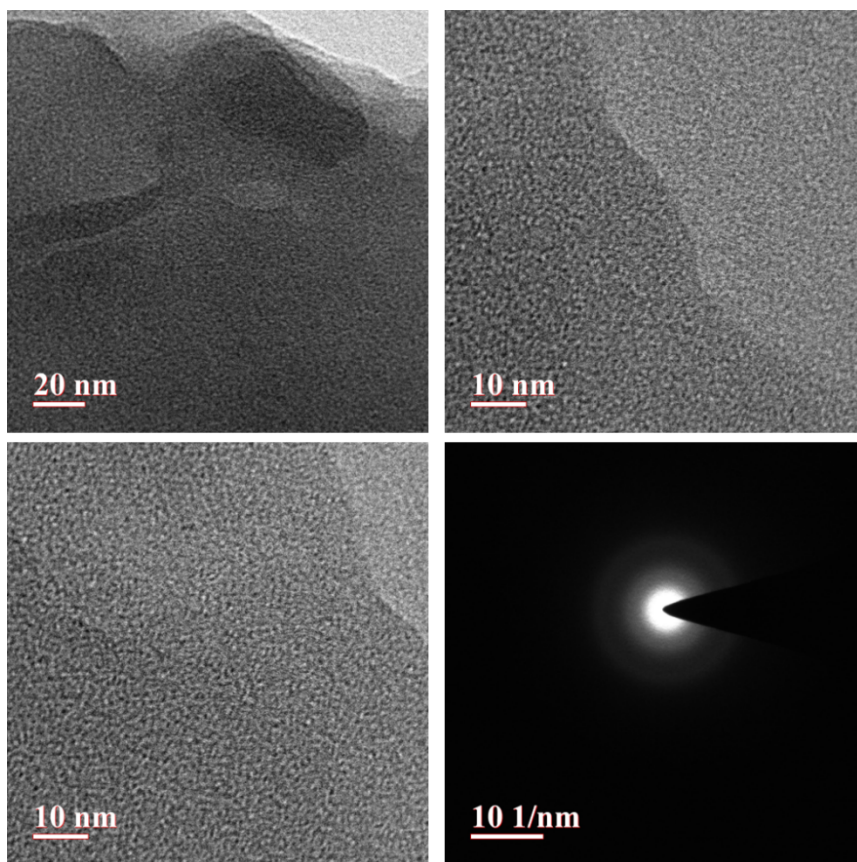
**Figure S11.** FE-SEM images of TzTPT-COF at different resolutions. Shows flaky morphology. At lower resolution, a fluffy cotton-like morphology can be seen. Whereas at higher resolution, the presence of aggregated-flakes can be seen.

## S9. High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HR-TEM)



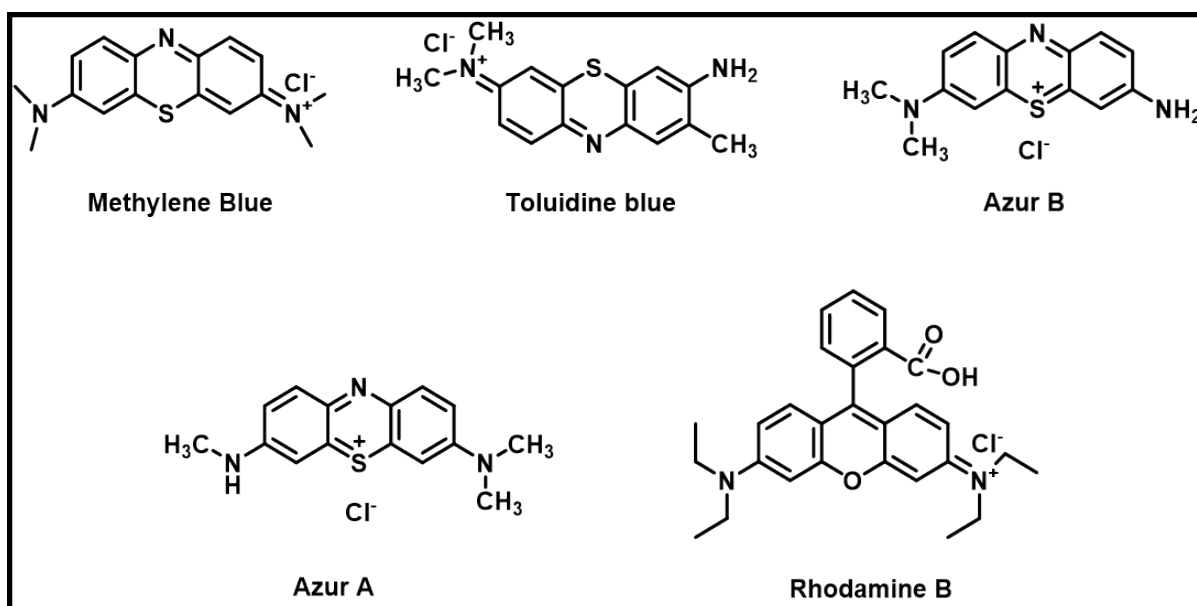
**Figure S12.** HR-TEM images of the TzTPT-COF under different magnifications showing the aggregates formed by stacking of many sheets. Darker regions are from such multi-flake

stacking. While at 20 nm resolution the uniform micropores all along the surface of the COF can be seen.



**Figure S13.** HR-TEM images of the TzTPT-COF under higher magnifications and SAED pattern of TzTPT-COF.

### S10. Dye Adsorption Study with TzTPT-COF



**Figure S14.** Chemical structures of the different dyes tested for adsorption with the TzTPT-COF.

Various organic dyes including Methylene Blue (MB), Azure A (AZA), Azure B (AZB), Toluidine blue O (TOLO), and Rhodamine B (RHB) were selected to study the adsorption ability of TzTPT-COF. In a typical experiment, an aqueous solution of MB, TOLO, RhB, AZA, and AZB (10 mL) was mixed with 5 mg of TzTPT-COF, and the mixture was then agitated at 500 rpm for 0-60 minutes. The UV-visible spectroscopy was used to measure the absorbance of dyes at the maximum absorbance wavelength for both before and after adsorption processes. Methylene blue (MB) aqueous dye concentrations (ranging from 10 to 600 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) were employed to create adsorption isothermal curves. In each experiment, (5 mg) of TzTPT-COF was added to a (10 ml) aqueous solution of MB in a glass vial. The mixture was then subjected to stirring at a rotational speed of (500 rpm) for a duration of 120 minutes. The isothermal curve was created by centrifuging the supernatant and recording its UV-Vis spectrum. The kinetic experiments of TzTPT-COF with MB were conducted to learn more about the adsorption characteristics of the substance. In this study, MB (300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) at various time intervals from 5 to 150 minutes has been used. The reusability of TzTPT-COF for adsorption was evaluated by adding 5 mg of the material to a 10 mL aqueous solution containing 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup> of dye. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour and the supernatant was collected and analyzed using UV-Vis spectroscopy to determine the efficiency of adsorption. To remove the adsorbed dye, the exhausted TzTPT-COF was washed repeatedly with water, methanol, and acetone. The regenerated TzTPT-COF was utilised in the subsequent dye removal test after being dried overnight at 100 °C. For calculating the removal efficiency (%RE), adsorption amount  $Q_t$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>), and equilibrium adsorption capacity  $Q_{eq}$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) of dyes, below given equations were used:<sup>3</sup>

$$Removal (\%) = \frac{C_0 - C_t}{C_0} \times V$$

$$Q_t = \frac{C_0 - C_t}{m} \times V$$

$$Q_{eq} = \frac{C_0 - C_{eq}}{m} \times V$$



Where  $C_0$ ,  $C_t$ , and  $C_e$  ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) are dye concentrations at the initial time, a given time  $t$ , and equilibrium in the solution, respectively.  $V$  (L) represents the volume of the solution, and  $m$  (g) is the mass of the adsorbent (g).

The empirical Freundlich model, which is recognised as being suitable for low concentrations, is stated by following equation:<sup>4</sup>

$$Q_{eq} = K_F C_e^{1/n}$$

where  $K_F$  ( $(\text{mg g}^{-1})/(\text{mg L}^{-1})^{1/n}$ ) is the Freundlich constant relating to adsorption capacity and  $n$  is the intensity. In order to determine the Freundlich constant, above Equation can be linearized to its logarithmic version as shown below.

$$\ln Q_{eq} = \ln K_F + \frac{1}{n} \ln C_{eq}$$

The following equation describes the Langmuir isotherms model:<sup>5</sup>

$$Q_{eq} = \frac{Q_m K_L C_{eq}}{1 + b C_{eq}}$$

where  $Q_m$  ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) is the maximum adsorption capacity, and  $K_L$  ( $\text{L mg}^{-1}$ ) is the Langmuir constant.

The following is an expression for the Langmuir equation's linear form:

$$\frac{C_{eq}}{Q_{eq}} = \frac{1}{K_L Q_m} + \frac{C_{eq}}{Q_m}$$

Regression coefficients ( $R^2$ ) and constants for the Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm models are compiled in Table S2.

The adsorption kinetic behaviour of TzTPT-COF over MB was estimated using two well-known adsorption models, the pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetic models.<sup>6</sup>

The pseudo-first-order kinetics equation is given below:

$$\ln(Q_{eq} - Q_t) = \ln Q_{eq} - k_1 t$$

where  $Q_{eq}$  and  $Q_t$  are the adsorption capacity ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) at equilibrium and at a given time  $t$  (min), respectively, and  $k_1$  is the rate constant for the pseudo-first-order adsorption ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ).

The pseudo-second-order kinetics equation is given below:

$$\frac{dQ_t}{dt} = k_2(Q_{eq} - Q_t)^2$$

$$\frac{t}{Q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 Q_{eq}^2} + \frac{t}{Q_{eq}}$$

where  $k_2$  is the rate constant of pseudo-second-order adsorption ( $\text{g mg}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$ ).

The adsorption isotherm were studied for MB on TzTPT-COF at room temperature (RT), 40 °C, and 50 °C in the initial concentration range 10 to 600  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  (Fig. S15). The adsorption capacity of methylene blue (MB) exhibited an upward trend as the initial concentration of MB increased, suggesting a favorable adsorption behavior of MB on the TzTPT-COF material, particularly at higher concentrations. In order to determine the maximum adsorption capacity of MB, the adsorption isotherms were analyzed and fitted using the Langmuir model. The plots of  $C_{eq}/Q_{eq}$  against  $C_{eq}$  gave good linear plots at all of the test initial concentrations, indicating the adsorption of MB follows the Langmuir model. With increasing temperature, the maximum adsorption capacity of MB on TzTPT-COF exhibited a notable enhancement from 398.434  $\text{mg g}^{-1}$  to 572.478  $\text{mg g}^{-1}$  (Table S4). This observation indicates the favorable nature of MB adsorption on TzTPT-COF, particularly at higher temperatures. Hence, this novel amorphous TzTPT-COF adsorbent can be strongly recommended as an efficient alternative for the removal of dyes. The adsorbed amount  $Q_t$  on TzTPT-COF vs. time for various initial dye concentrations (50, 100, and 300  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) are shown in Fig. S16. The adsorption kinetics of the dye demonstrate a rapid initial uptake at varying concentrations, which progressively diminishes over time until reaching a state of equilibrium. The initial stage of adsorption exhibited a higher rate attributed to the greater abundance of active sites on the TzTPT-CHO surface. Nevertheless, as the process advanced, these active sites became progressively occupied by the dye molecules, leading to a reduction in available adsorptive sites for the remaining dye molecules in the solution. The findings further demonstrated a direct correlation between the initial dye concentration and the amount of dye adsorbed onto TzTPT-COF. Specifically, the equilibrium adsorbed quantity of dye onto TzTPT-COF increased from 106.0796  $\text{mg g}^{-1}$  to 385.9453  $\text{mg g}^{-1}$  as the initial concentrations of MB increased from 50  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  to 300  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ . The plots of  $t/Q_t$  versus time for various initial dye concentrations exhibit a remarkable linear relationship, as depicted in Fig. S16. The outcomes reveal that the pseudo second-order kinetic model provides a superior fit to the experimental data, as evidenced by the linear regression coefficients of 0.999 ( $R^2 > 0.999$ ) observed across all initial dye concentrations (Table S5). UV-Vis spectra of an aqueous MB solution (initial concentration: 10  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) after 30 minutes after the addition of the (a) Tz, (b) TPT-CHO and (c) Mixture of Tz and TPT-CHO as illustrated in Fig. S17. MB adsorption capability of TZ, TPT-CHO and their physical mixture is very less or almost negligible. In case of TPT-CHO the adsorption capability is 7.24%, in case of Tz the adsorption capability is 13.58% and in case of mixture the adsorption capability is 10.78 %. In comparison to other reported adsorbent polymers such as OMC, MOFs, CMPs, as well as various natural adsorbents listed in Table S9, the adsorption capacity of amorphous

TzTPT-COF for MB demonstrates its remarkable potential as one of the most promising adsorbent. Several comparison plots between adsorption capacity of TzTPT-COF with other reported adsorbents polymers such as OMC, MOFs, CMPs as well as various natural adsorbent exhibited in Fig. S26, S27, S28 and S29. These plots serve as a scientific basis for assessing the effectiveness of TzTPT-COF in comparison to other materials for adsorption purposes. As shown in Fig.3, both MB and RhB are of cations dyes, while MB has been removed very quickly and RhB was there almost with no variation after 1 hour. To understand the reason kinetic study of RhB was conducted at different initial concentration mentioned in Fig. S18 and Table S6 and computational simulations were employed to complement the experimental findings. To get a better insight of the adsorption behaviour of the two cationic dyes MB and RhB, the Energy decomposition Analysis has been done which gives the total interaction between the fragments (Dye and COF) in terms of interaction energy.

The interaction energy is further decomposed into various contributions,

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \Delta E_{\text{elst}} + \Delta E_{\text{Pauli}} + \Delta E_{\text{orb}} + \Delta E_{\text{disp}}$$

where, the term  $\Delta E_{\text{elst}}$  corresponds to the electrostatic interaction (attractive in nature),  $\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$  refers to the Pauli repulsion energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{orbital}}$  accounts for orbital interactions resulting from electron pair bonding, charge transfer and polarization terms, and  $\Delta E_{\text{disp}}$  represents the dispersion interaction terms.

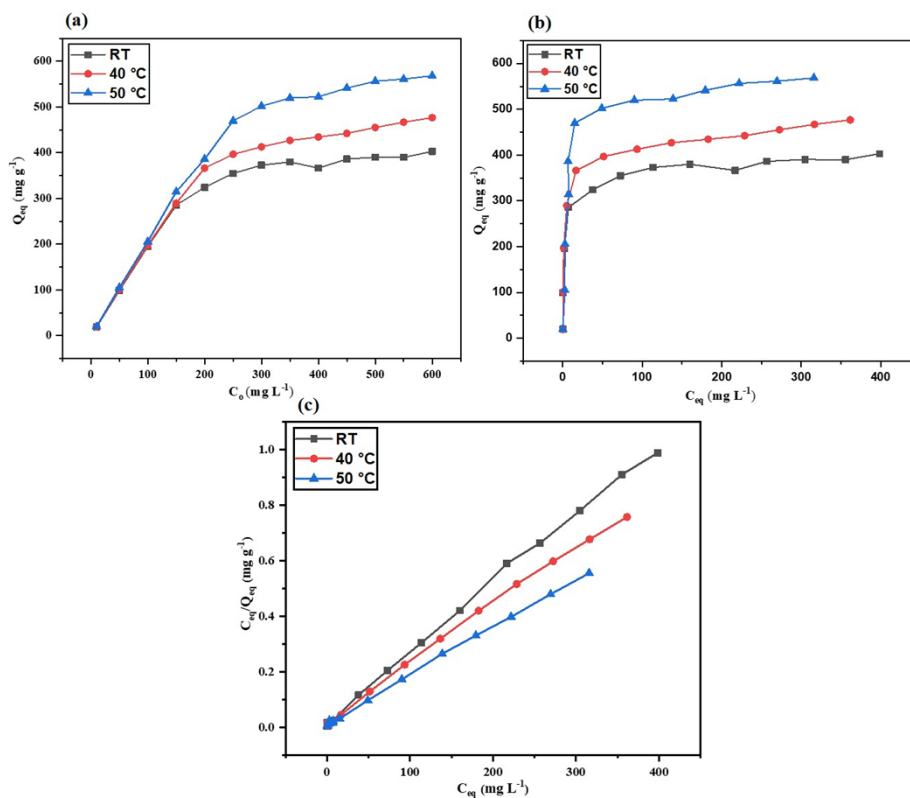
From the EDA analysis values mentioned in Table S7, it can be concluded that between the two dyes MB and RhB, the  $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$  value is higher (~2.27 times) for MB@ TzTPT-COF as compared to the RhB@ TzTPT-COF. The  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}(1)}$  value for MB@ TzTPT-COF is also comparatively larger than RhB@ TzTPT-COF which can be clearly seen in Fig. S19. Moreover, the two bulky ethyl (-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) groups on N and extra benzene ring with -COOH group of RhB might cause some steric hindrance for the RhB dye to come in direct contact with the TzTPT-COF, whereas MB has comparatively smaller methyl groups on N as evidenced via the NOCV difference density plots shown in Fig. S19.

**Table S2.** Isotherm parameters for the adsorption of MB on TzTPT-COF.

Adsorbent	Langmuir (linear)			Freundlich (linear)		
	$Q_{\text{max}}$	$K_L$	$R_L^2$	$K_F$	$n$	$R_F^2$
TzTPT-COF	398.434	0.15829	0.9986	90.85753	3.5504556	0.7206
	mg g <sup>-1</sup>					

**Table S3.** Kinetic parameters for the adsorption of MB on TzTPT-COF.

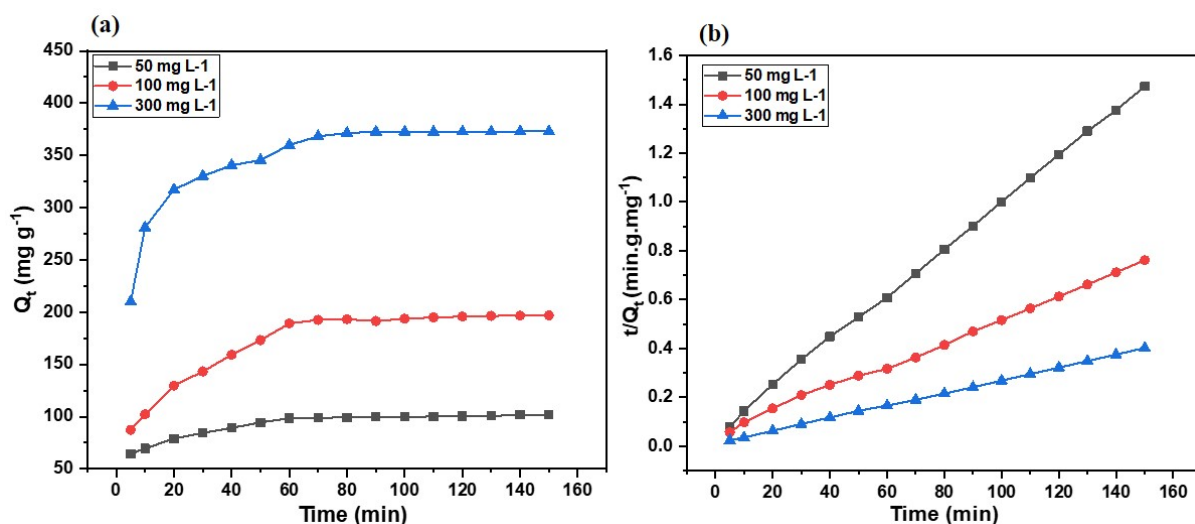
Initial concentration	Pseudo-first-order kinetic model			Pseudo-second-order kinetic model		
	$k_1$ (1/h)	$Q_e$ , (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$	$k_2$ (g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	$Q_e$ , (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
300 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.001008667	3.7831E-158	0.8846	0.000599	385.9453	0.9997



**Figure S15.** The adsorption isotherm for MB on TzTPT-COF (a)  $Q_{eq}$  vs  $C_o$ , (b)  $Q_{eq}$  vs  $C_{eq}$  at room temperature (RT), 40 °C, and 50 °C, and the corresponding Langmuir plot for MB (c).

**Table S4.** Isotherm parameters for the adsorption of MB on TzTPT-COF at different temperatures.

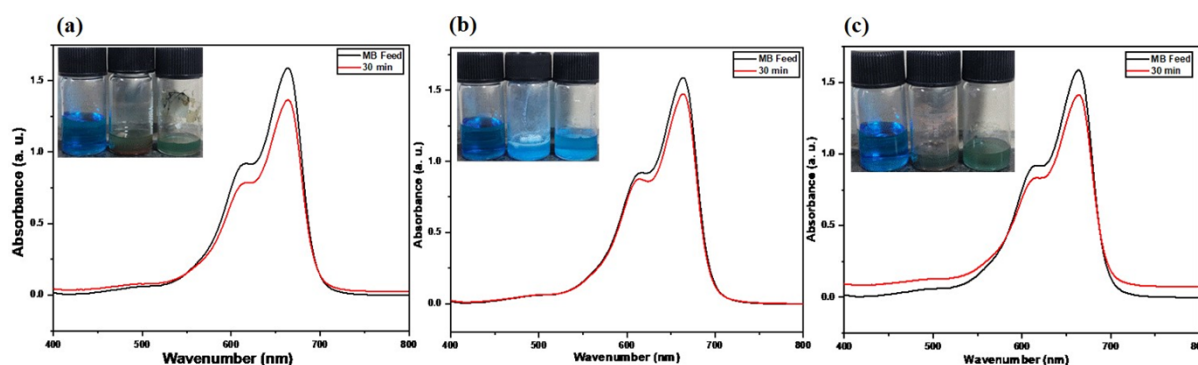
Adsorbent	Temperature	Langmuir (linear)		
		$Q_{max}$	$K_L$	$R_L^2$
TzTPT-COF	RT	398.434 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	0.15829	0.9986
	40 °C	471.634 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	0.13542	0.9978
	50 °C	572.478 mg g <sup>-1</sup>	0.15121	0.999



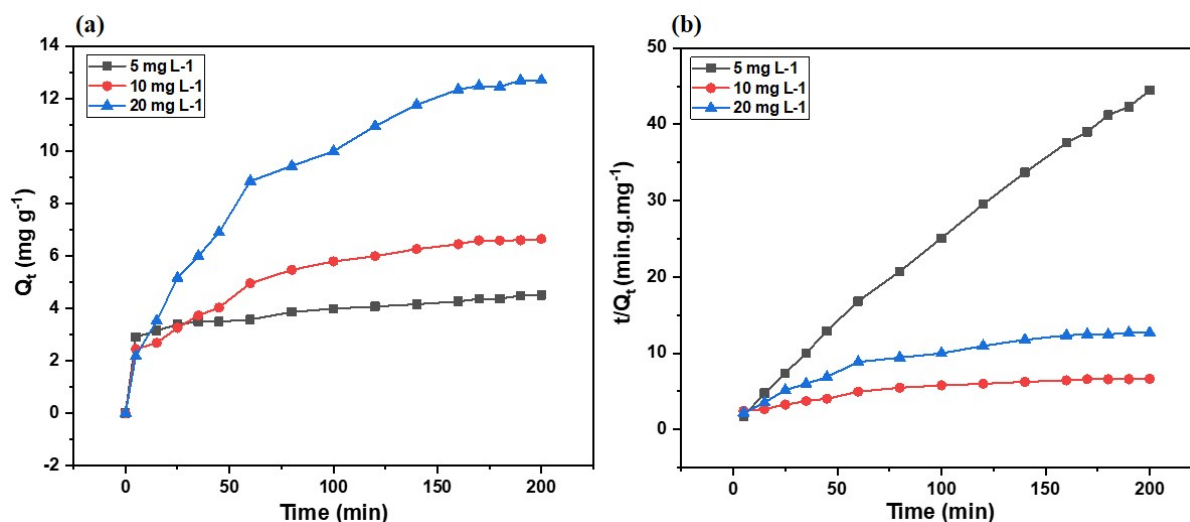
**Figure S16.** (a) Pseudo-second-order kinetic model plots for the adsorption of MB on TzTPT-COF at different initial concentrations, (b) Fitting curve of adsorption on MB through Pseudo-second-order kinetic model.

**Table S5.** Kinetic parameters for the adsorption of MB on TzTPT-COF at different initial concentrations.

Initial concentration	Pseudo-second-order kinetic model		
	$k_2$ (g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	$Q_e$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
50 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.001524	106.0796	0.9996
100 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.000402	214.8177	0.9979
300 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.000599	385.9453	0.9997



**Figure S17.** UV-Vis spectra of an aqueous MB solution (initial concentration: 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) after 30 minutes after the addition of the (a) Tz, (b) TPT-CHO and (c) Mixture of Tz and TPT-CHO.



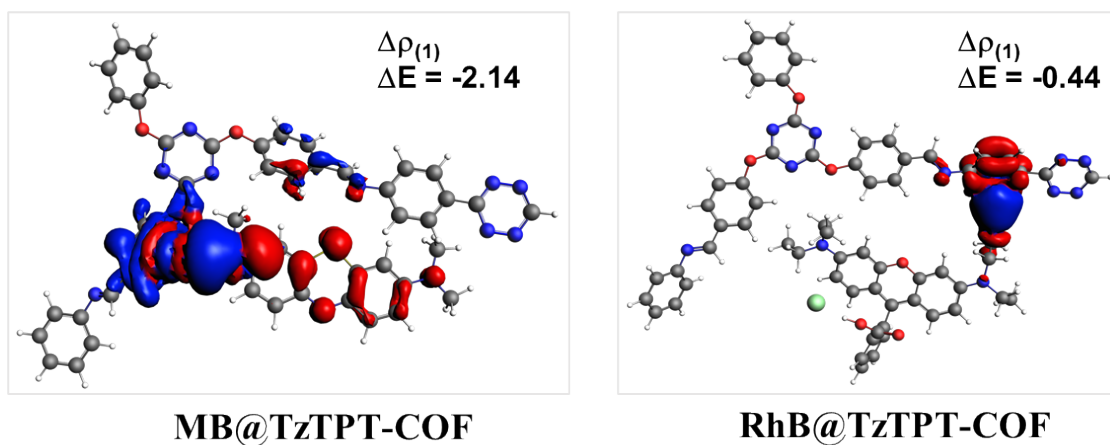
**Figure S18.** (a) Pseudo-second-order kinetic model plots for the adsorption of RhB on TzTPT-COF at different initial concentrations, (b) Fitting curve of adsorption on RhB through Pseudo-second-order kinetic model.

**Table S6.** Kinetic parameters for the adsorption of RhB on TzTPT-COF at different initial concentrations.

Initial concentration	Pseudo-second-order kinetic model		
	$k_2$ (g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	$Q_e$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
5 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.018767	4.62361	0.9954
10 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.00448	7.59681	0.9914
20 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.001227	15.9487	0.9902

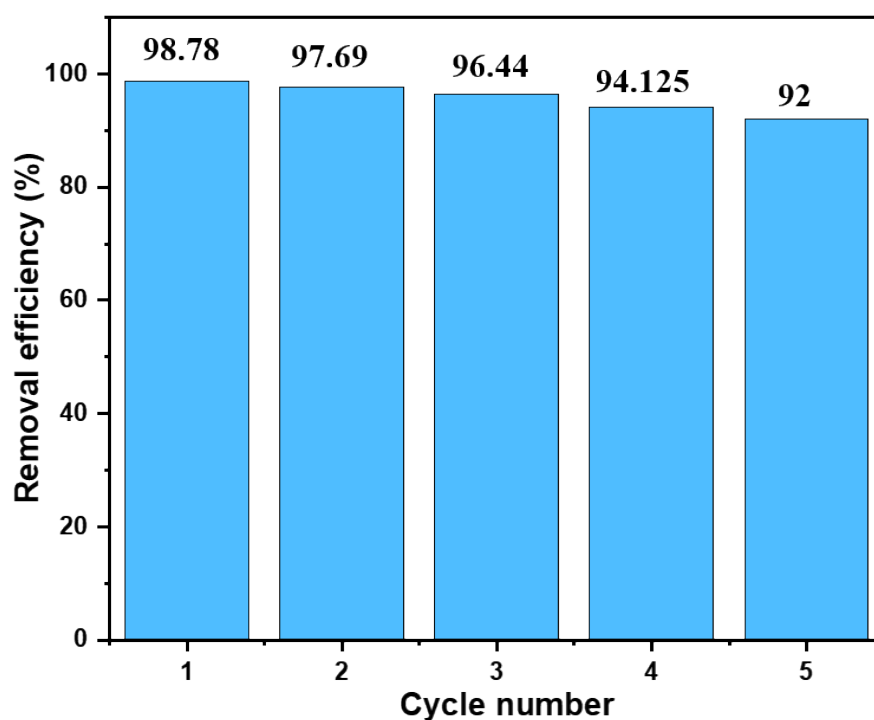
**Table S7.** EDA-NOCV energies computed at PBE-D3BJ/TZP level of the theory for MB and RhB dyes adsorbed on TzTPT-COF. All the values are in kcal/mol.

Energy	MB	RhB
$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	-19.72	-8.68
$\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$	12.93	5.11
$\Delta E_{\text{disp}}$	-12.55	-7.18
$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$	-11.37	-3.63
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$	-8.73	-2.98



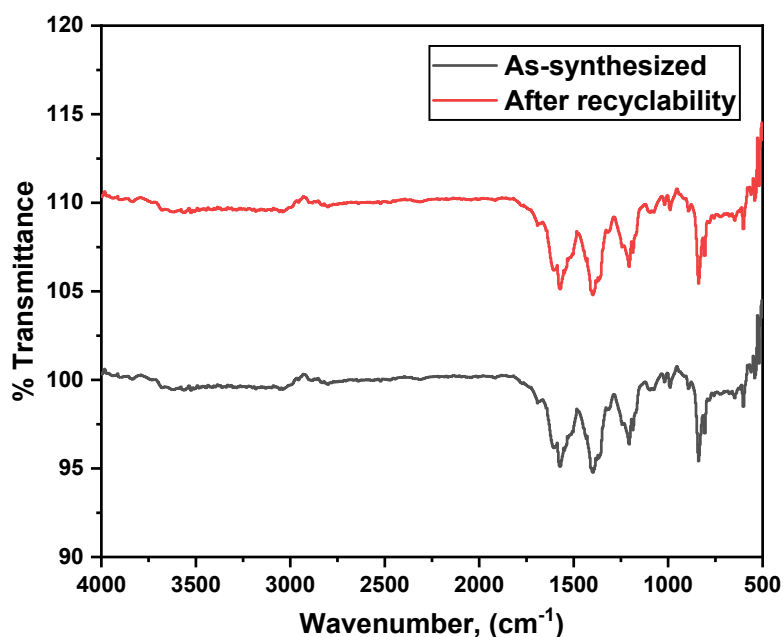
**Figure S19.** Plot of electron deformation densities (EDD) corresponding to the highest interaction  $\Delta E_{orb(1)}$  for MB@ TzTPT-COF and RhB@TzTPT-COF.

### S11. Reusability test

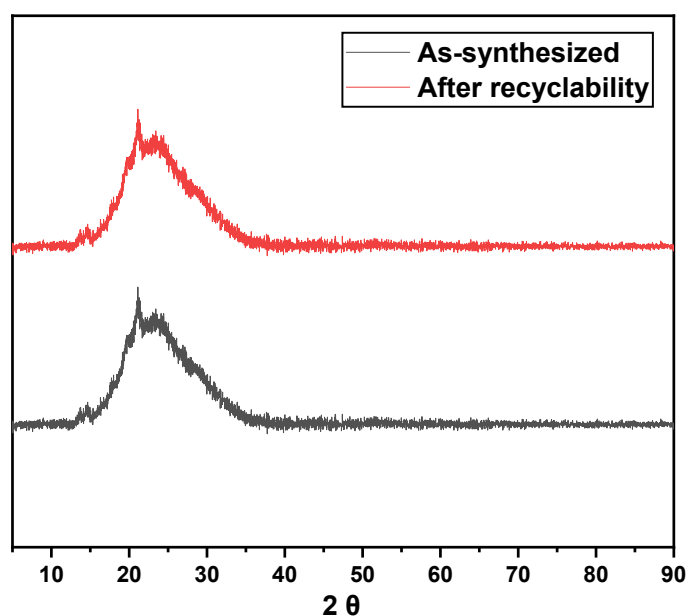


**Figure S20.** Reusability of the TzTPT-COF for the removal of MB within 20 min.

## S12. Chemical stability of TzTPT-COF



**Figure S21.** FT-IR spectra of TzTPT-COF as-synthesized, after recyclability from dye experiments.



**Figure S22.** PXRD spectra of TzTPT-COF as-synthesized, after recyclability from dye experiments.

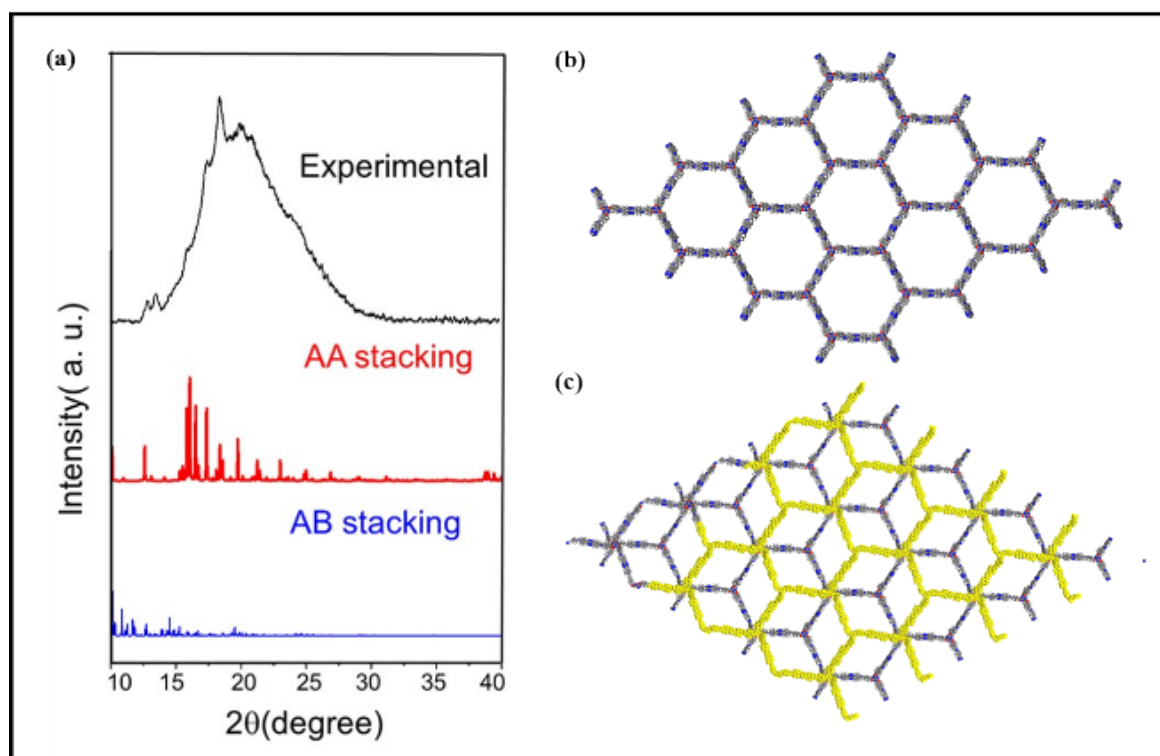
## S13. Modeling and Theoretical Simulations

All calculations have been performed using the density functional theory (DFT) in a periodic framework, as implemented in VASP 5.4.4. The projector augmented wave (PAW) method was used to describe the frozen core electrons and their interaction with the valence electrons.

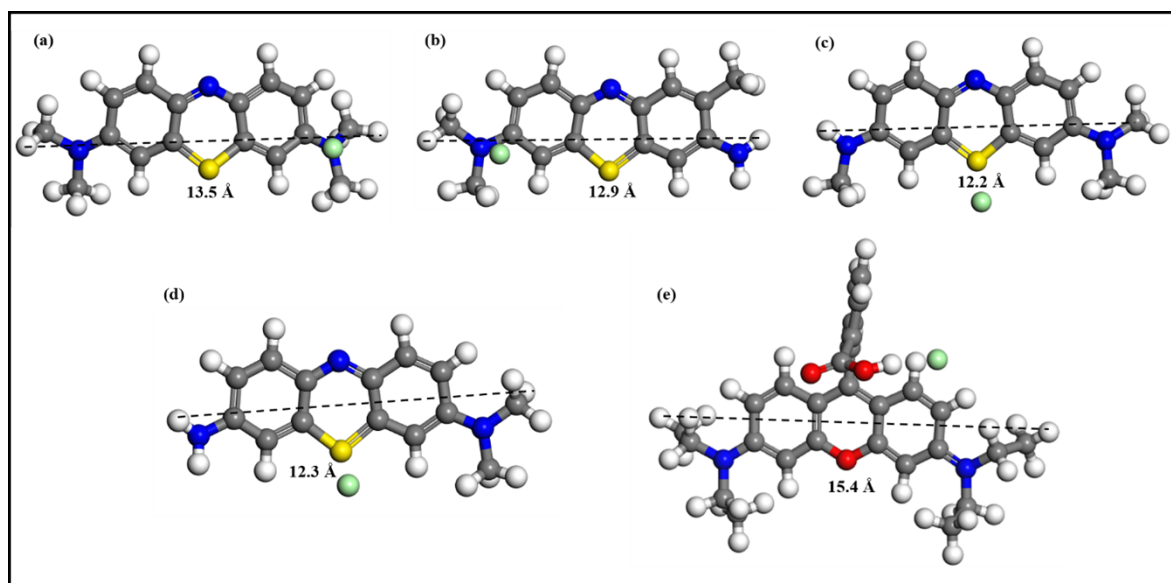


The electronic wave function was expanded in plane waves up to a cutoff energy of 520 eV. Gamma-centred  $2 \times 2 \times 1$  k-points were used in the Brillouin zone corresponding to the primitive cell. The Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof functional (PBE) has been used along with the dispersion interactions (DFT-D3) proposed by Grimme et al.<sup>7</sup>

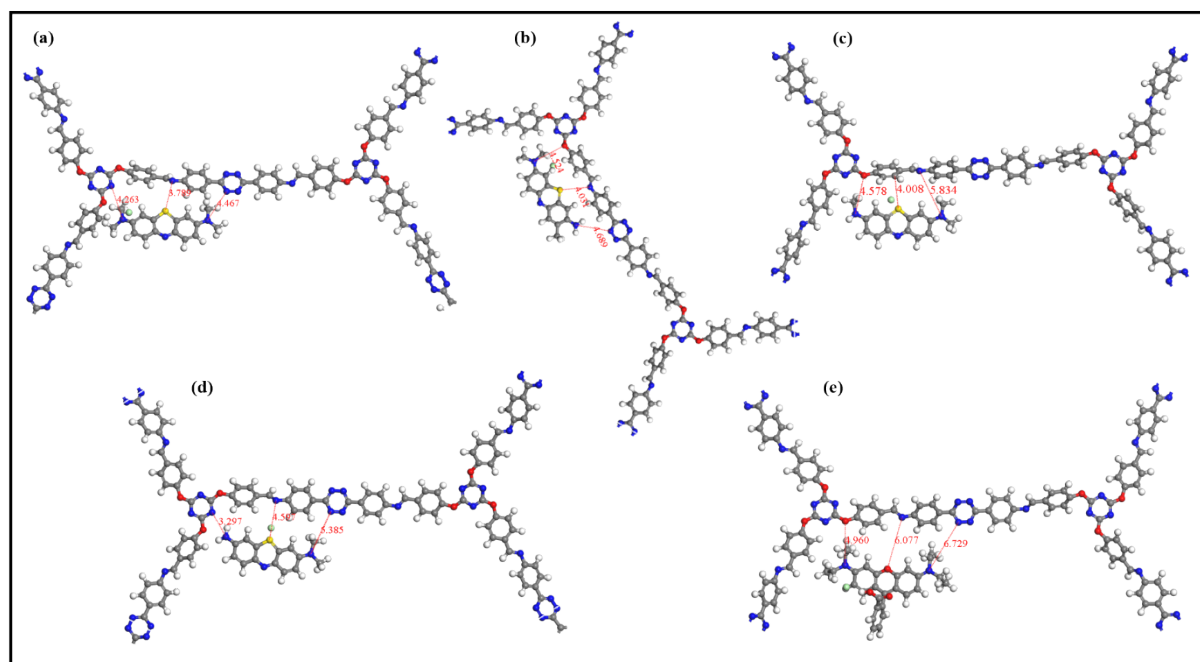
Presence of a lot of aromatic rings and typically cationic nature of dyes with planar structure, they bound together  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. COF acts as electron-donating Lewis base, whereas the cationic dye is viewed as a Lewis acid due to the fact that COF contains a significant quantity of electron-rich atoms like N and O (carrying a lone pair of electrons). Hence, these N and O atoms can draw cationic dye molecules during the adsorption process, in accordance with the Lewis acid-base reaction theory which is evident from the charge difference density plot. The adsorption process also results in changes in the structure of MB molecule from a curved geometry to a somewhat linear form, showing a stronger electrostatic interaction (Fig. 7).



**Figure S23.** (a) Powder X-ray diffraction study of TzTPT-COF. Experimental (black line), simulated AA-stacking model (red line) and AB-stacking model (blue line). (b) eclipsed AA-stacking model. (c) Staggered AB-stacking model.



**Figure S24.** DFT-optimized structures of dyes (a) MB, (b) TOLO, (c) AZA, (d) AZB, (e) RhB. Color codes: C (grey); H (white); N (blue); O (red); Cl (green); S (yellow).



**Figure S25.** DFT-optimized structures of respective dyes absorbed on TzTPT-COF (a) MB (b) TOLO (c) AZA (d) AZB (e) RhB. Color codes: C (grey); H (white); N (blue); O (red); Cl (green); S (yellow).

**Table S8:** Cartesian atomic coordinates for the smallest unit cell of TzTPT-COF.

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#### S14. Comparison study of MB adsorption on different adsorbents

**Table S9:** Comparison of the maximum equilibrium adsorption capacity of the MB dye on different adsorbents at room temperature.

Porous adsorbents	SBET (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Nature	Adsorption capacity (mg/g)	Ref.
			MB	
TzTPT-COF	131	Amorphous	398.434	This work
Raw zeolite	24.59	Semi-crystalline	6.1	8
Raw kaolin	9.65	nm	13.99	9
Graphene oxide	24.92	nm	193.902	10
Magnetic multi-wall carbon nanotube	61.74	Crystalline	15.87	11
MOF-235	nm	Crystalline	187	3
1:1 Cu-Z-GO-M	46.696	Crystalline	94.481	12
Fe-BDC MOF	46.02	Crystalline	8.65	13
Pine leaves	nm	nm	126.58	14

Citric Acid Modified Sawdust	nm	Semi-crystalline	111.46	15
Turmeric powder	106.12	nm	157.33	16
Montmorillonite	22	Crystalline	556	17
Natural zeolite	nm	nm	19.94	18
Fly ash	6.52	nm	5.72	19
Modified Ball clay	92	nm	100	20
Activated carbon	1688	nm	270.3	21
Natural clay	128	Crystalline	62.5	22
carbon/montmorillonite nanocomposites	41.8	Crystalline	138.1	23
Kaolin	61.13	nm	45.0	24
Carbon nanotubes	160	nm	64.7	25
Rice husk	nm	nm	40.58	26
Rhassoul-clay	nm	nm	166	27
NaOH-treated raw kaolin	nm	nm	16.34	9
MIL-101(Cr)	1144	Crystalline	22	28
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @MIL-100(Fe)	366.14	Crystalline	49	29

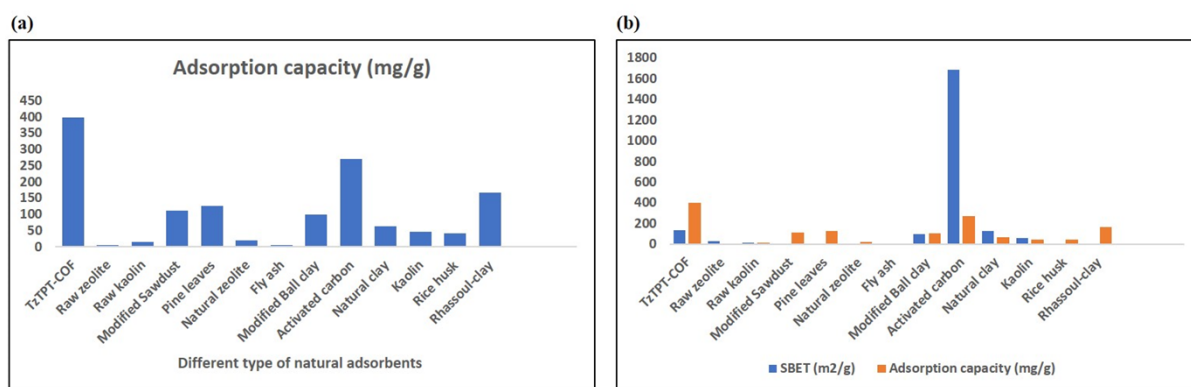


Zn-MOF	nm	Crystalline	.75	30
MWCNT	217	nm	45.2	31
MWCNTs/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	114	Crystalline	42.3	32
H <sub>6</sub> P <sub>2</sub> W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>62</sub> /MOF-5	395	Crystalline	33.3	33
UiO-66-2.7Ti	929	Crystalline	33.3	34
UiO-66	1358	Crystalline	283	34
MIL101-Cr/PANI/Ag	2861	Crystalline	43.29	35
Co <sub>0.3</sub> Ni <sub>0.7</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> membrane	32.4	Crystalline	107.5	36
Graphene nanosheet	nm	Amorphous	111.6	37
Ultrathin-shell BN hollow sphere	215	Crystalline	191.7	38
Hollow octahedral carbon cage	1711	Crystalline	198.9	39
Hierarchical WO <sub>3</sub> hydrate	78.4	Crystalline	247.3	40
Well-defined microporous carbon	2264	microcrystalline	292	41
Polymer organic framework	3270	nm	351	42
Graphene oxide-chitosan hydrogel	nm	Crystalline	390	43
Activated carbon nanotube	729.3	Crystalline	399	44

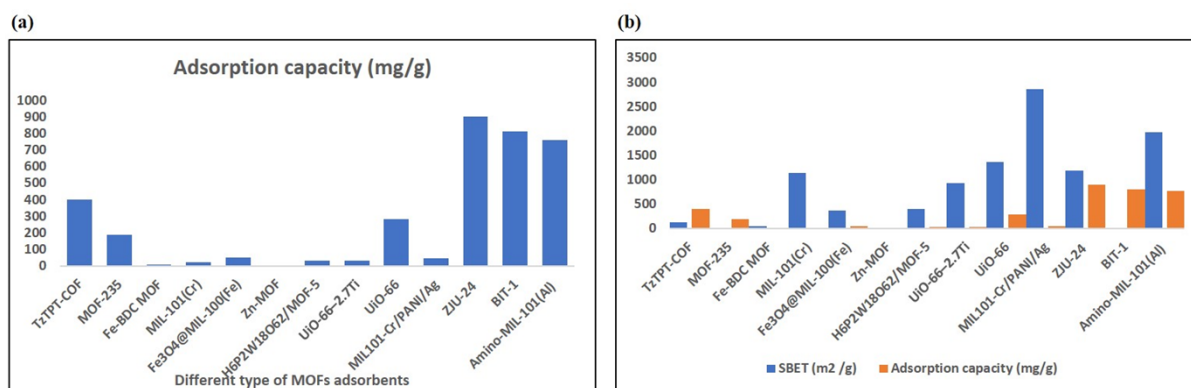
TpPa-COOH covalent triazine framework	183	Crystalline	410	45
PUS-MOP-A porous polymer composite	306	Amorphous	240	46
CMP-YA conjugated microporous polymer	1410	Amorphous	1016	47
TPP-NH <sub>2</sub> porous organic polymer	863	Amorphous	205	48
CalP covalent calix[4]arene polymer	596	Amorphous	625	49
THPP silsesquioxane porous polymer	915	Amorphous	862	50
TTMP microporous organic polymer	822	Amorphous	198	51
Fe-BC inorganic mesoporous biochar	217	Crystalline	156	52
HMONs-COOH microporous organic polymer	484	nm	198	53
Holey graphene nanosheets (Carbonaceous adsorbents)	1053	nm	269	54
NPCNS-10 (Carbonaceous adsorbents)	1120	Amorphous	962	55
Ordered mesoporous carbon (Carbonaceous adsorbents)	2580	Amorphous	758	56
Porous Carbon sheets (Carbonaceous adsorbents)	2315	Amorphous	769	57
ZJU-24 (Metal-organic-framework-based adsorbents)	1189	nm	902	58
BIT-1 (Metal-organic-framework-based adsorbents)	nm	nm	810	59
Amino-MIL-101(Al) (Metal-organic-framework-based adsorbents)	1980	Crystalline	762	60

THPS (Porous-organic-polymer-based adsorbents)	1426	Amorphous	330	61
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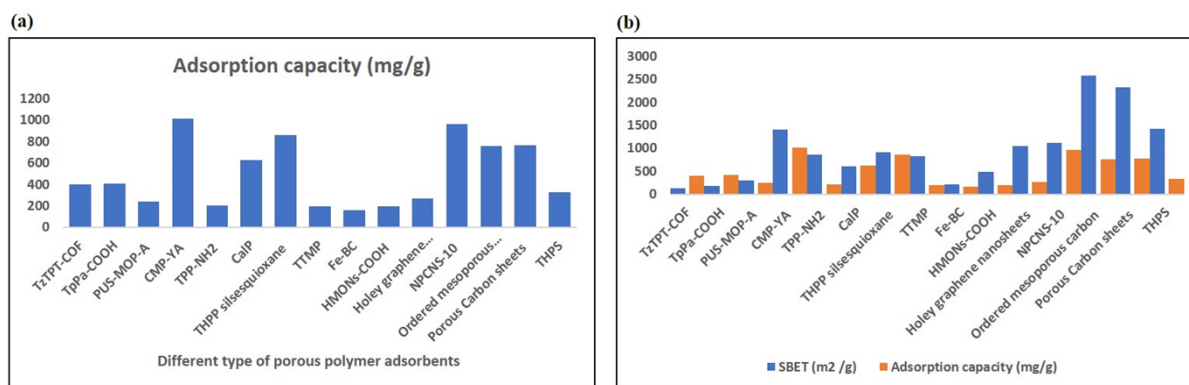
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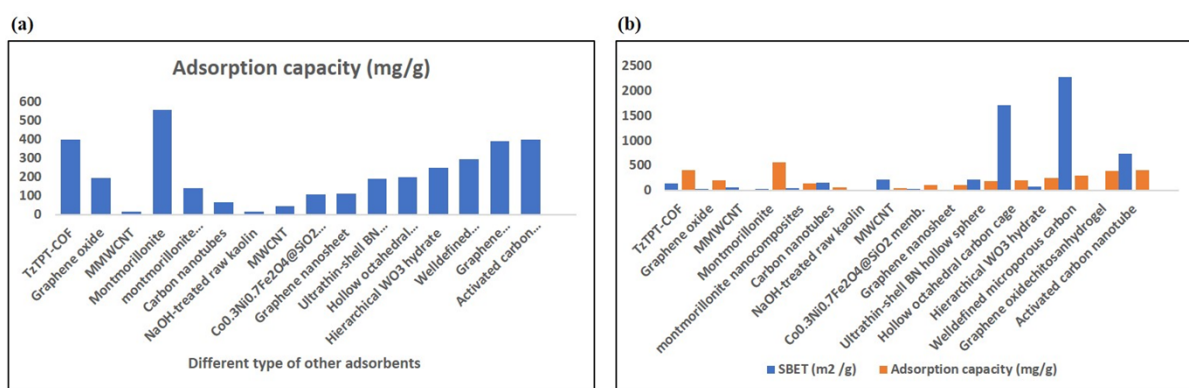
**Figure S26.** (a) Comparison of the adsorption capacity of TzTPT-COF with different type of natural adsorbents, (b) Comparison of the adsorption capacity and Bet Surface area of TzTPT-COF with different type of natural adsorbents.



**Figure S27.** (a) Comparison of the adsorption capacity of TzTPT-COF with different type of MOFs adsorbents, (b) Comparison of the adsorption capacity and Bet Surface area of TzTPT-COF with different type of MOFs adsorbents.



**Figure S28.** (a) Comparison of the adsorption capacity of TzTPT-COF with different type of porous polymer adsorbents, (b) Comparison of the adsorption capacity and Bet Surface area of TzTPT-COF with different type of porous polymer adsorbents.



**Figure S29.** (a) Comparison of the adsorption capacity of TzTPT-COF with different type of other adsorbents, (b) Comparison of the adsorption capacity and Bet Surface area of TzTPT-COF with different type of other adsorbents.

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