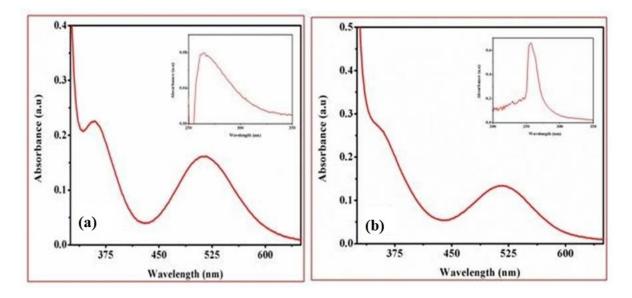


Figure S1 FTIR spectra of (a) complex (2) and (b) complex (4) measured with KBr at 298 K. where R = (a) 4-Bt, (b) 4-Bt.



**Figure S2** UV-vis spectra of (a) complex **(2)** and (b) complex **(4)** measured in water at 298 K.

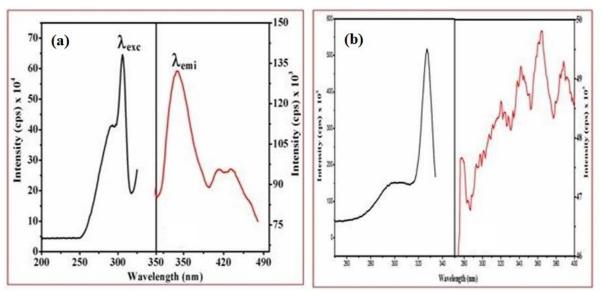
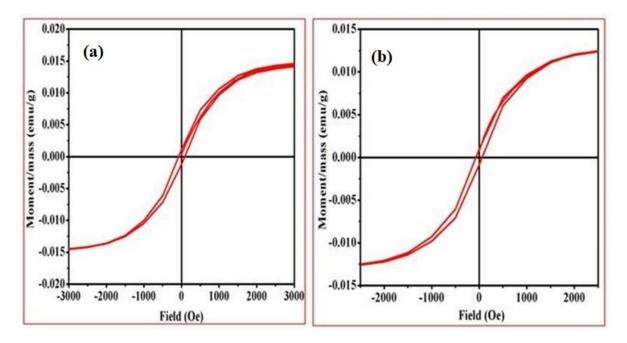


Figure S3 Steady state excitation and emission spectra of (a) complex (2) and (b) complex (4) measured at  $\lambda_{max} = 256$  nm in water ( $\sim 2 \mu M$ ) at 298 K.



**Figure S4** Magnetic hysteresis loop of (a) complex **(2)** and (b) complex **(4)** measured at 298 K.