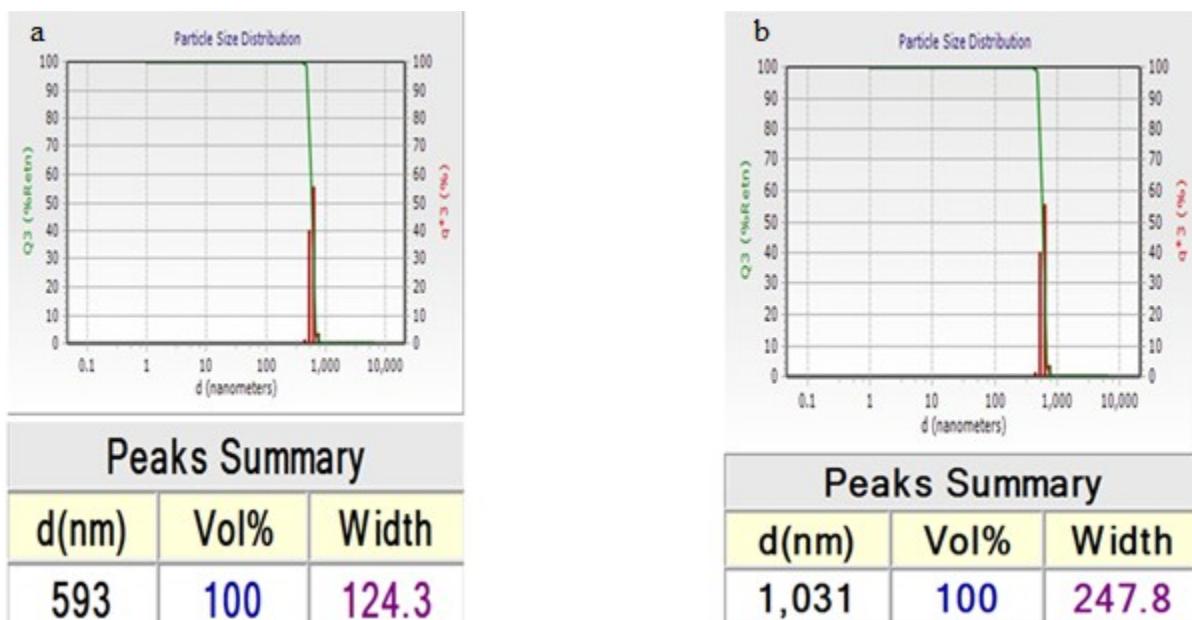


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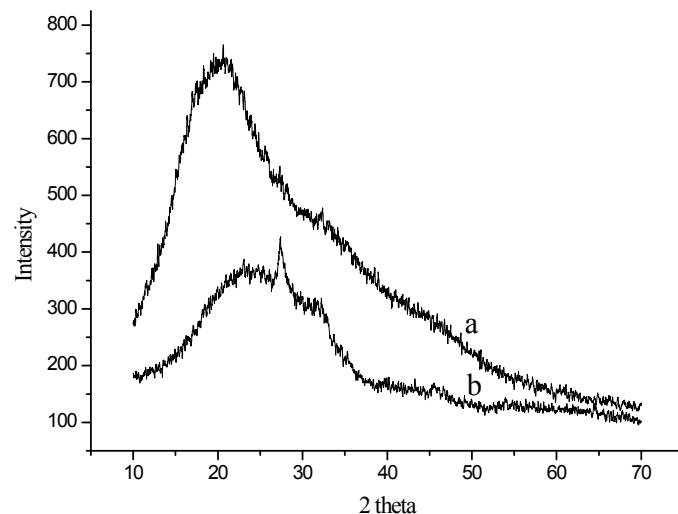


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Fig. S1: Particle size of pristine cellulase (a) and CCAs (b)

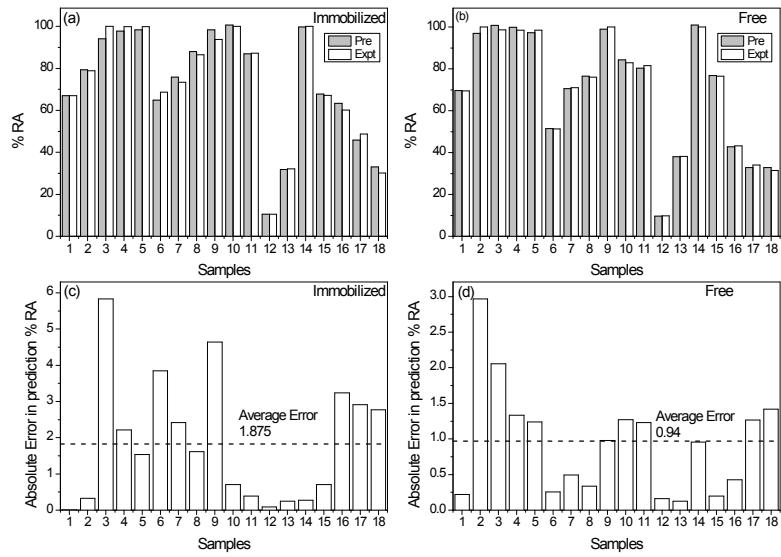
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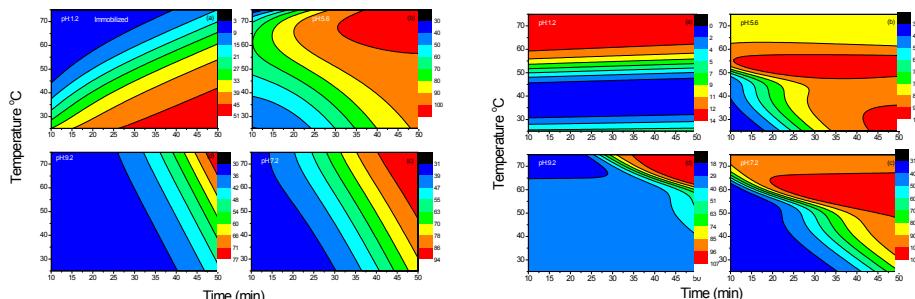
Fig. S2: XRD spectra of pristine cellulase (a) and CCAs (b)



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452 **Fig. S3:** Statistical estimation of %relative activity as a function of time, temperature
 453 and pH using the experimental parametric framework by artificial neural network
 454 (ANN) model (total available experimental data sets were 18. The average %error was
 455 found to be 1.875 and 0.94 for the CCAs and the pristine cellulase respectively).

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458 **Fig. S4:** Processing window for optimum % relative activity with the variation of
 459 time and temperature at different pH (at pH 5.6, the highest %relative activity can
 460 be obtained over a wide range of time and temperature).