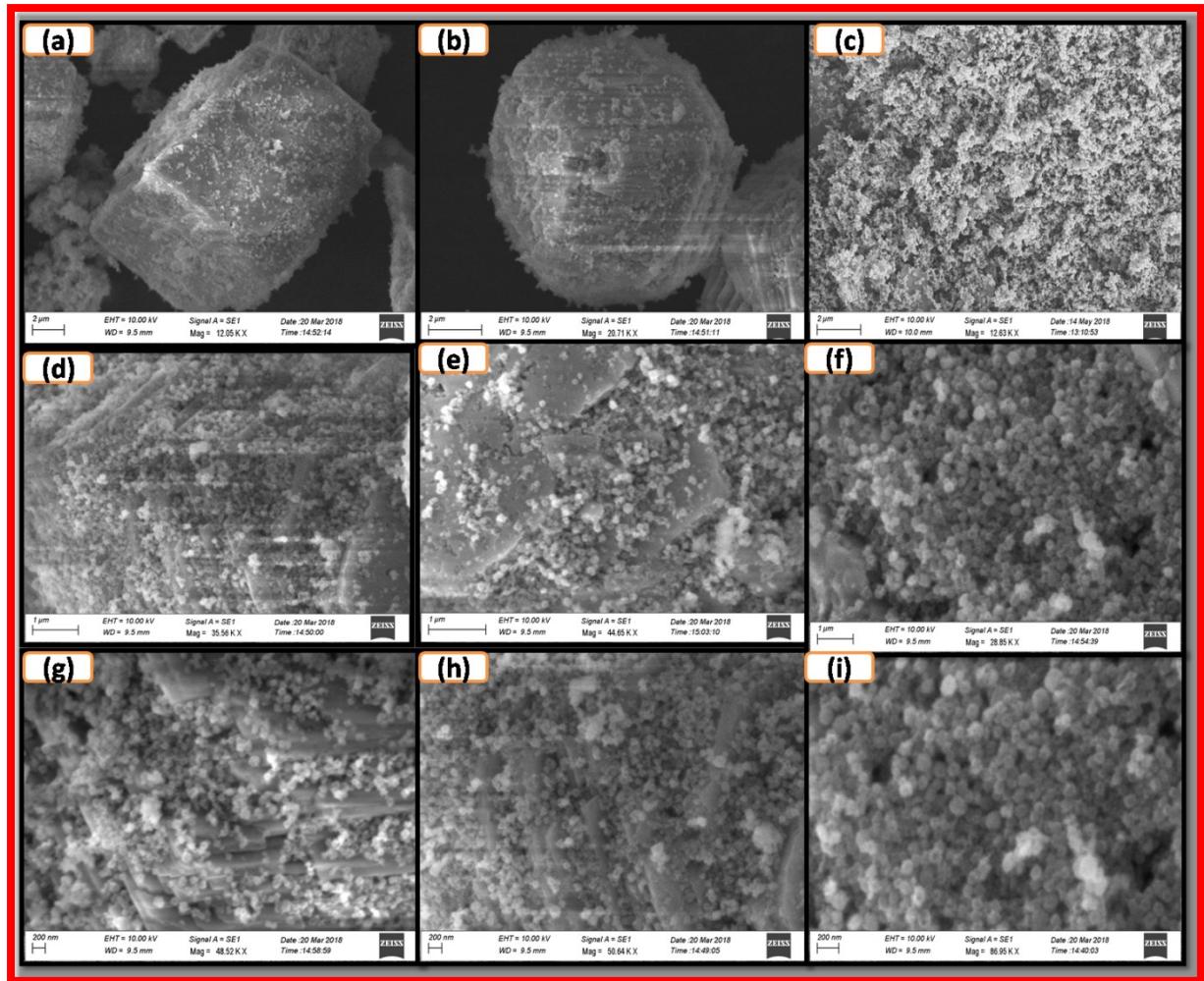


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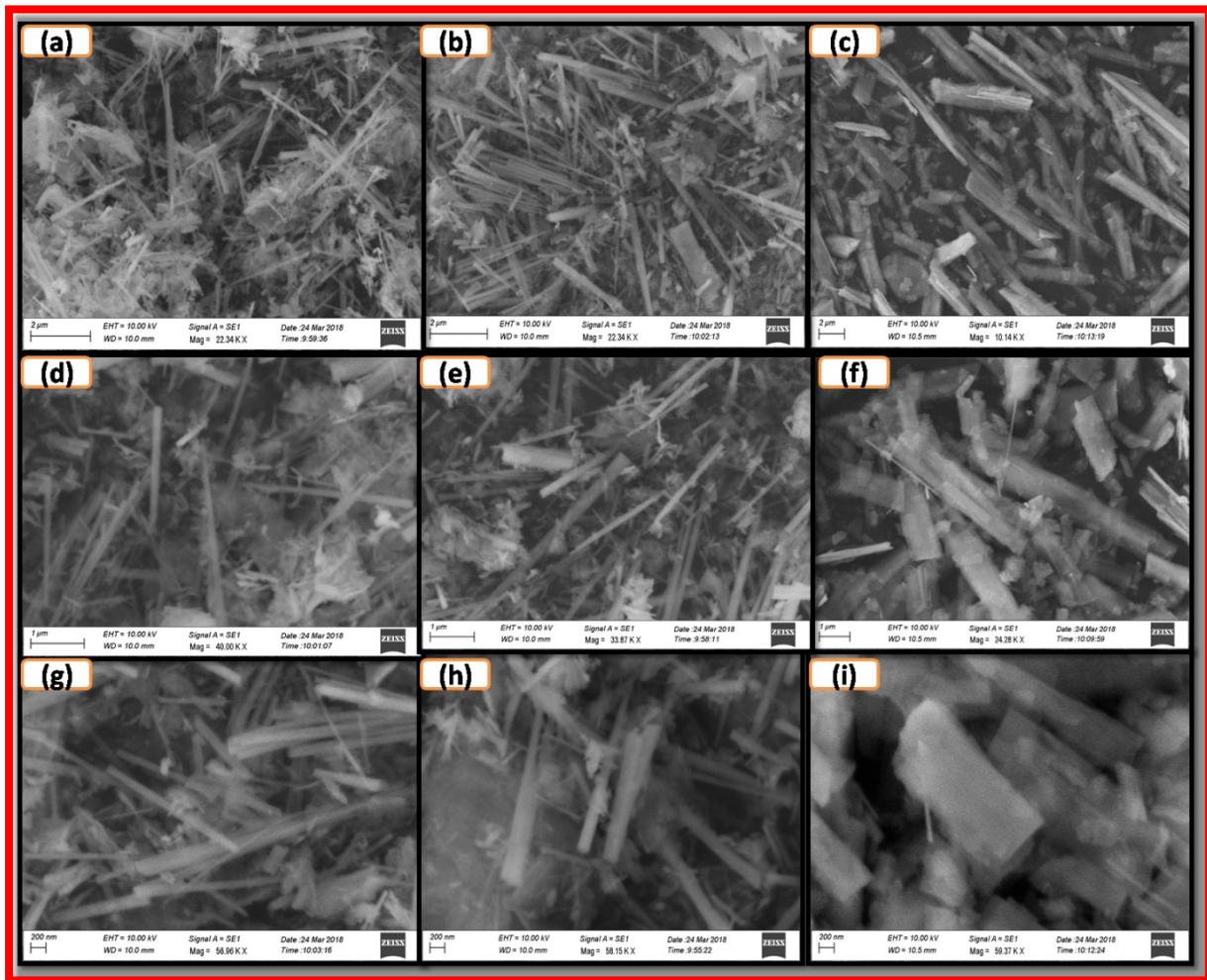
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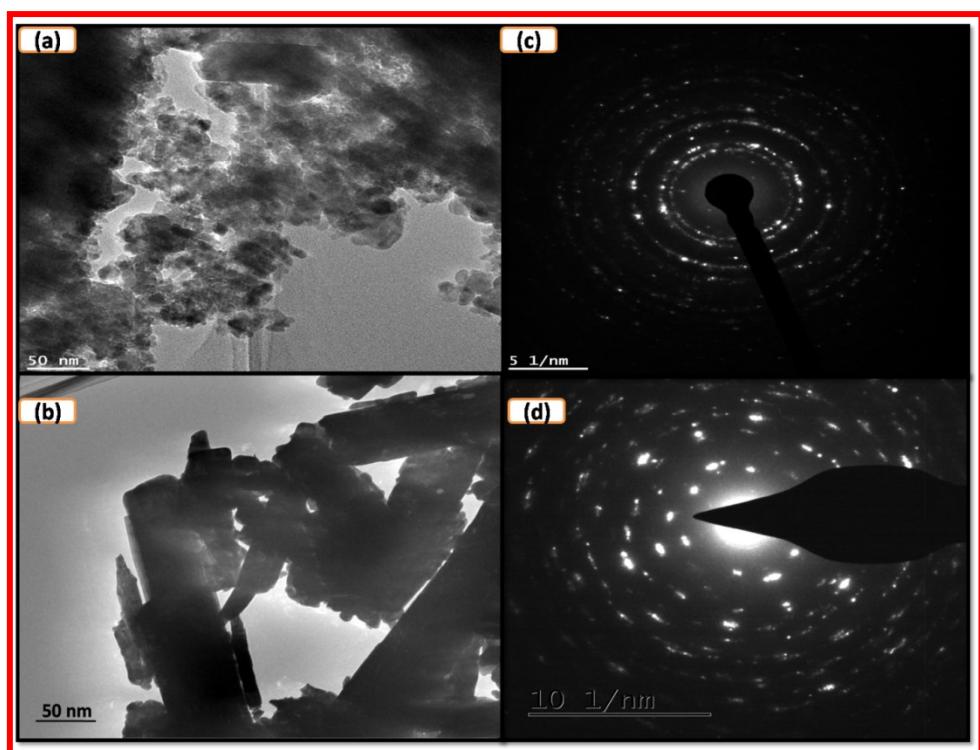
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**Fig. S1** SEM images of MnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles (a) pH-3 (b) pH-7 (c) pH-10 in 2 μm scale  
 (d) pH-3 (e) pH-7 (f) pH-10 in 1 μm scale (g) pH-3 (h) pH-7 (i) pH-10 in 200 nm scale

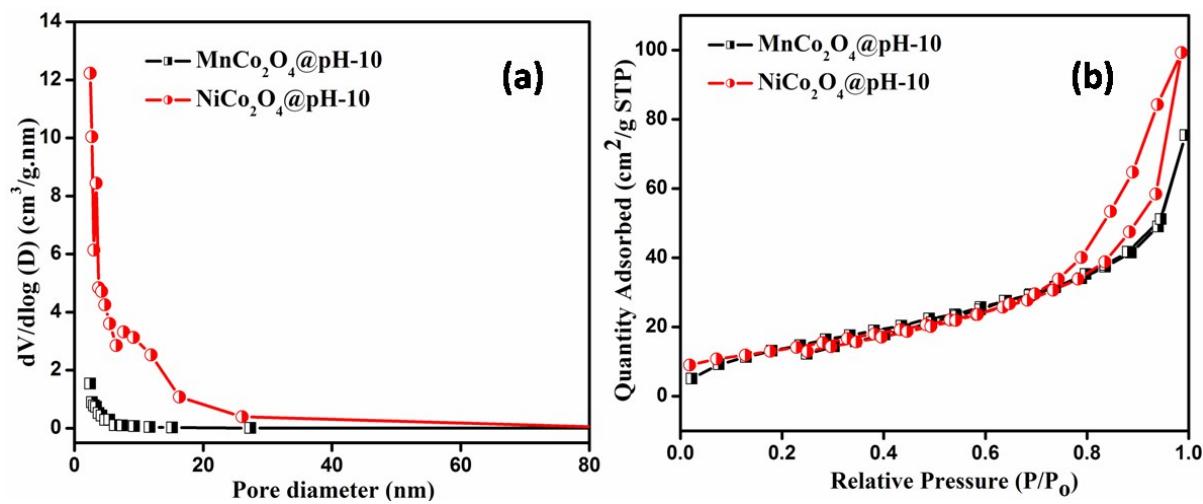


**Fig. S2** SEM images of  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanorods (a) pH-3 (b) pH-7 (c) pH-10 in 2  $\mu\text{m}$  scale and (d) pH-3 (e) pH-7 (f) pH-10 in 1  $\mu\text{m}$  scale (g) pH-3 (h) pH-7 (i) pH-10 in 200 nm scale



**Fig. S3** TEM images of  $\text{MnCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles and  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanorods at alkaline pH-10

(a,b) 50 nm scale range (c,d) SAED pattern



**Fig. S4** (a) BJH pore size distribution curve (b) Full nitrogen sorption isotherms of  $\text{MnCo}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanostructures synthesized from pH-10 condition respectively

**Table S1** Specific surface area and pore volume of  $\text{MnCo}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$  nanostructures synthesized from pH-10

Sample name and code	Surface area ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	Pore Volume ( $\text{cc/g}$ )	Pore size (nm)
$\text{MnCo}_2\text{O}_4$ (M3)	38.46	0.068	2.45
$\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4$ (N3)	55.72	0.158	11.90