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## Assessment of Present Heavy Metals in Industrial Affected Soil Area of Mandideep, Madhya Pradesh, India

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### ABSTRACT

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The Mandideep city is rapid growing city in Madhya Pradesh state, India. In recent days industrialization is growing in very faster rate than any other activities. Due to industrialization, the heavy metals pollution load for soil, water and air has increasing day by day. To find out the heavy metals pollution from the industries which they have adopted for their production purposes we carried out the research work by dissolving the extracted soil sample were ground and subsequently digested with 10 ml di-acid mixture in the ratio (9:4), 9ml HNO<sub>3</sub> and 4ml HClO<sub>4</sub> was added into the sample and heated on a hot plate in a fume hood. In the present study it reveals that the heavy metals concentration is at the nearby maximum level. The results shows that Copper (Cu) level ranges from 3.8mg/kg to 15.6mg/kg, Chromium(Cr) occur in range of 6.6mg/kg to 256.0mg/kg, Cadmium (Cd) found in range of 2.3 mg/kg to 13.4 mg/kg, Lead (Pb) in range of 3.6 mg/kg to 29.99 mg/kg, Iron(Fe) varies from 85mg/kg to 470mg/kg whereas Nickel (Ni) was found in a range of 4.8mg/kg to 26.31mg/kg, and Zinc (Zn) found in range of 44mg/kg to 139 mg/kg.

### Introduction

Heavy metals are often used as a group name for metals and semimetals (metalloids) that have been associated with contamination and potential toxicity or ecotoxicity.

Heavy metal pollution of the soil is caused by various metals especially copper, Nickel, Cadmium, Zinc, Chromium, and lead (Mass *et al.*, 2010). During the last few decades, the Mandideep, Madhya Pradesh India, has undergone rapid industrial and economic development. It could face public health and ecological problems if heavy metal loads

exceed a critical value. Little information is available on heavy metal concentrations on soils of Mandideep.

A large number of industrial activities produce wastes and contaminants that reach the soil through direct disposal, spills, leaks, atmospheric deposition from air, and other pathways. Hence, enhanced metal levels (e.g., Cu, Zn, Pb, Co, Ni, Cd, As, and others) in soil media have been reported from in and around several industrial sites. Health risk caused by heavy metals to the inhabitants of a gold mining area, soil samples were collected and analyzed for Asernic (As), Lead (Pb),

Mercury (Hg), Cadmium (Cd), Chromium (Cr), Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni), Copper (Cu) and Zinc (Zn) using ICP-MS. Measured concentrations of these heavy metals were then used to calculate the health risk for adults and children (Kamunda *et al.*, 2016). As one of the dominant transportation routes of heavy elements, atmospheric emissions have commonly been designated as the main route of metallic accumulation in surface soils via their subsequent deposition, along with other transport routes like waste water discharge. Most of the ground water sources are still supposed to be safe but once, source is contaminated, then practically it would be very difficult to clean that up. Heavy metal toxicity concentration found was 1.22, 0.96 and 922 ppm for Fe, Pb and Na metal respectively in ground water of Khajuwala area in Bikaner division of western Rajasthan (Pandey *et al.*, 2006).

Heavy metal pollution of soil and wastewater is a significant environmental problem (Cheng, 2003). Wastewaters from the industries and sewage sludge applications have permanent toxic effects to human and the environment (Rehman *et al.*, 2008) Cadmium is one of the most toxic pollutants of the surface soil layer, released into the environment by mining and smelting activities, atmospheric deposition from metallurgical industries, incineration of plastics and batteries, land application of sewage sludge, and burning of fossil fuels (Tang *et al.*, 2006). Nickel (Ni) is the 24th most abundant element in the earth crust and has been detected indifferent media in all parts of the biosphere. Activated carbons prepared from rice husk, tamarind nut and peanut hulls have been successfully employed for the removal of Cr (VI), Hg (II) Cd (II) and Ni (II) from aqueous solution. Coconut oilcake residue is an effective adsorbent for the removal and recovery of Ni (II) from aqueous solution. Its adsorption capacity is moderately high to commercial activated

carbon (Srinivasan and Saravanan, 2006). Hexavalent chromium and trivalent chromium are the most prevalent species of chromium in the natural environment (Chung *et al.*, 2006). Major sources of chromium pollution include effluents from leather tanning, chromium electroplating, wood preservation, alloy preparation and nuclear wastes due to its use as a corrosion inhibitor in nuclear power plants (Thacker *et al.*, 2006).

Unlike organic contaminants, metals are not degradable and thus remain in the environment for long periods of time; when present at high concentrations, metals can negatively affect plant metabolism (Dahbi *et al.*, 2002). Industrial wastes are major source of heavy metals pollution in India due to inadequate wastewater treatment system. Heavy metals are harmful to humans and animals, tending to accumulate in the food chain. Tanneries and distilleries are important source of chromium (Cr), copper (Cu), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), nickel (Ni), cadmium (Cd), lead (Pb), and zinc (Zn) pollution in the environment (Babel and Kurniawan 2003, Farabegoli *et al.*, 2004, Chandra *et al.*, 2004a and 2004b). In addition, mining metallurgical activities, smelting of metal ores and fertilizers have contributed to high level of heavy metal concentrations in the environment (Alloway 1998, Ramana *et al.*, 2012 and 2013). Chromium is one of the most toxic heavy metals which deteriorate the environment. Some bacteria producing plant growth activity like production of indole acetic acid, phosphate solubilization, siderophores etc are capable of stimulating plant growth and phytoremediation of heavy metal contaminated soil (Gupta *et al.*, 2015).

Enhanced concentrations ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) of Mn (652), Pb (85), Zn (92), and Cu (47) were also found in soils surrounding the mining and smelting areas in Tharsis, Spain (Chopin and Alloway, 2007). These authors reported the maximum concentrations ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) of

metals in soil dry matter (DM): Cd (14), Cr (3,865), Cu (1,107), Ni (3,579), Pb (172), and Zn (2,495). Borgna *et al.*, (2009) measured 12 trace elements (As, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Sb, Th, Tl, U, and Zn) in top soils from the smelter site in the K. Mitrovica area, Kosovo. They reported considerably elevated median values ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) for Pb, Zn, and Cu of 294, 196, and 37.7, respectively. 2-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde modified chelating resin coupled with FAAS offers an excellent method that facilitates the determination of trace analytes and the efficient separation of heavy metals from various matrices found in natural samples (including water resources with high salinity)

The selective removal of toxic metal ions and recovery of precious metal ions in terms of environmental protection and economic consideration are of great significance.

Various type of solid support, such as Amberlite XAD resins, activated carbon, polyurethane foam, Ambersorb, and silica gel, have been used to preconcentrate trace metal ions from various media (Ahmed *et al.*, 2013). All metals except Ni were detected in 18 soil samples collected near textile industrial facilities with their mean values being ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) of (Pb)191, (Mn) 668, (Cu) 109, (Cr) 586, (Fe) 380, and (Cd) 83.6 (Deepali and Gangwar, 2010).

The mean concentrations ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) of trace metals were determined to be Cr (744), Zn (0.97), Cu (0.04), Fe (37.7), and As (0.04) in soil samples in the vicinity of leather industries in India (Ahirwar *et al.*, 2015).

Ni and Zn in excess of tolerable levels, set as  $50\text{mg kg}^{-1}$  and  $290\text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ , respectively, in the soil samples of ceramic industry sites in Bangladesh. High levels ( $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) of Pb (268) and Zn (169) were also found near battery manufacturing facilities, which are

suspected to pollute the soil in the industrial area of Baoji city, China (Li and Huang, 2007).

## **Materials and Methods**

### **Soil collection**

In the present study the samples were collected during dry season and wet season of 2014. Soil samples were first collected randomly from industrial contaminated soil areas nearby Pharmaceutical industry, Tractor manufacturing industry, Food industry, and Leather industry of Mandideep, District - Raisen of Madhya Pradesh, India.

### **Pre-treatment and digestion of the collected soil**

Soil samples were collected in sterilized polythene bags and immediately brought to the laboratory. Soil samples were air - dried in a circulating air in the oven at  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to a constant weight and then passed through a 2 mm sieve and stored in dry labelled plastic and taken to the laboratory for pretreatment and analyses. Soil samples for heavy metals determination were digested according to the procedure described by Sharidah (1999). The dried soil samples were digested with 10 ml di-acid mixture (9ml  $\text{HNO}_3$ : 4ml  $\text{HClO}_4$ ) and the concentration of Cr, Cd, Cu, Fe, Pb, Zn, and Ni, was determined with Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (Perkin Elmer). Standard solutions prepared by appropriate dilution of the stock solution  $1000\text{ }\mu\text{g/mL}$  were used to calibrate the device by means of the standard curve method. The detection limit for all analyzed heavy metals was  $0.015\text{ mg./kg}$ . The accuracy of the results obtained in this study was assessed by preparing blank solutions the same manner as employed for the digested soil samples. The blank solutions were checked and found to be uncontaminated. The data was analyzed

statistically and the treatment means were compared using LSD technique at 5 % probability appropriate for CRBD (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

## Results and Discussion

### Present Heavy metals concentration in soil

The result of chemical analysis carried out on soils of the industrial environment where heavy metals pollution was observed is shown in Table 1 and 2. Generally, higher concentration of heavy metals was observed in all soils sample was found in dry season followed by wet season. Among all the heavy metals detected in the soil, highest concentration of Cr was observed in polluted soil (256 ppm) while the lowest concentration of Lead (Pb) was observed in soil (19.99 ppm).

### Cadmium

Cadmium is one of the most toxic pollutants of the surface soil layer, released into the environment by mining and smelting activities, atmospheric deposition from metallurgical industries, incineration of plastics and batteries, land application of sewage sludge, and burning of fossil fuels (Tang *et al.*, 2006).

Average levels of As, Cd, Cr, Ni, Hg and Pb were 0.013, 0.017, 0.057, 0.002, 0.094 and 0.034 mg/kg (fresh weight), respectively. The samples with 0.25% for Cd and 1.56% for Pb were exceeding the maximum allowable concentrations (MACs) set by the Chinese Health Ministry (Pan *et al.*, 2016). Cadmium (Cd) in one of the heavy metals which is most mobile and bioavailable and is of high concern for its ecotoxicity. This has been demonstrated in various studies showing impact of Cd contamination on soil, groundwater, ecosystems and agriculture (Moradi *et al.*, 2005, Keller *et al.*, 2002,

Vander and Griffioen, 2008). In the present study cadmium was found with the concentration of 2.3mg/kg to 11.6 mg/kg in wet season and 3.5 mg/kg to 13.4 mg/kg in dry season.

The average value of chromium was found to be 7.11 mg/kg in wet season and 8.20 mg/kg in dry season (Figure.1).

### Chromium

Chromium is used on a large scale in many different industries, including metallurgical, electroplating, production of paints and pigments, tanning, wood preservation, Cr chemicals production, and pulp and paper production.

The leather industry is the major cause for the high influx of Cr to the biosphere, accounting for 40% of the total industrial use (Brown *et al.*, 2011). (Chandra *et al.*, 1997), estimated that in India alone about 2600 to 4200 tonnes of elemental Cr escape into the environment annually from the tanning industries, with a Cr concentration ranging between 2000 and 5000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> in the effluent compared to the recommended permissible limit of 2 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. Typical concentrations in natural soils are 1–1000 mg /kg soil (Cappuyns *et al.*, 2002). In the present study chromium was found with the concentration of 6.6mg/kg to 246.0 mg/kg in wet season and 6.9 mg/kg to 256.0 mg/kg in dry season. The average value of chromium was found to be 45.52/kg in wet season and 53.34/kg in dry season (Figure 2).

### Copper

Copper is naturally present in soils with the range of 0 to 250 mg/g (Alloway 1994). According to the literature the heavy metal concentration in urban and roadside soils is reported to be 5–10 times higher than the normal concentrations (Baker and Senft 1995). Copper is usually used in all the

industries as a electrical purposes and it would be change over from time to time and finally it would be discarded as one of the waste material.

The copper content in the industrial affected soils area during wet season ranged from 3.8 mg/kg to 9.0mg/kg and varied up to 6.2 mg/kg to 15.6 mg/kg for dry season. The average value of copper was found to 6.85 mg /kg in wet season and 12.55 mg /kg in dry season (Figure.3).

**Lead**

Lead (Pb) a major pollutant that is found in soil, water and air is a hazardous waste and is

highly toxic to human, animals, plants and microbes (Low *et al.*, 2000). Lead (Pb) is one of the ubiquitously distributed most abundant toxic elements in the soil.

Inhibition of germination may result from the interference of lead with important enzymes.

The lead content in the industrial affected soils area during wet season ranged from 3.6 mg/kg to 24.6 mg/kg and varied up to 3.9 mg/kg to 29.9 mg/kg for dry season.

The average value of lead was found to be 9.92 mg/kg in wet season and 13.10 mg/kg in dry season (Figure.4).

**Table.1** Total heavy metal concentration in industrial affected soil area during wet season- 2014

Sample No.	All results are expressed in mg/kg						
	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Fe	Zn	Ni
NKS-1	6.5	88.3	9.0	8.9	448.0	83.1	16.2
NKS-2	5.7	33.7	6.7	6.9	155.6	71.6	15.0
NKS-3	2.3	6.6	8.2	24.6	246.3	44.0	17.9
NKS-4	9.1	11.4	6.8	22.3	387.4	57.5	11.2
NKS-5	11.7	13.5	3.8	7.6	185.5	132.5	16.6
NKS-6	5.9	12.9	5.3	8.4	237.5	81.4	14.8
NKS-7	4.4	246	6.6	5.7	153.2	69.5	4.8
NKS-8	7.5	16.8	6.0	3.6	312.5	58.6	22.6
NKS-9	6.8	16.3	7.2	13.5	410.9	95.4	10.8
NKS-10	8.3	53.5	7.8	5.4	164.2	60.0	11.8
NKS-11	7.1	37.1	8.7	5.8	279.6	59.8	10.2
NKS-12	10.1	10.2	6.2	6.4	335.3	127.9	23.5

**Table.2** Total heavy metal concentration in industrial affected soil area during dry season- 2014

Sample No.	All results are expressed in mg/kg						
	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Fe	Zn	Ni
NKS-1	7.3	105.0	12.3	17.3	470.0	89.1	20.8
NKS-2	6.9	39.8	9.1	9.4	167.2	77.9	19.7
NKS-3	3.5	6.9	12.6	29.9	255.9	51.2	23.1
NKS-4	11.5	17.8	12.8	26.1	401.0	64.7	14.6
NKS-5	13.4	19.2	6.2	12.8	197.8	139	20.4
NKS-6	6.7	19.0	11.9	13.3	246.5	86.6	18.2
NKS-7	4.9	256.0	15.3	7.5	160.3	74.8	5.5
NKS-8	8.2	24.6	13.7	3.9	325.4	66.5	26.3
NKS-9	7.8	23.7	15.1	16.4	423.7	101.3	13.6
NKS-10	9.7	65.0	12.7	7.2	178.6	64	14.3
NKS-11	8.0	45.0	13.2	6.3	287.2	64.5	13.9
NKS-12	10.5	18.1	15.6	7.2	347.8	135.7	25.6

**Fig.1** Seasonal variation of cadmium in industrial affected soil

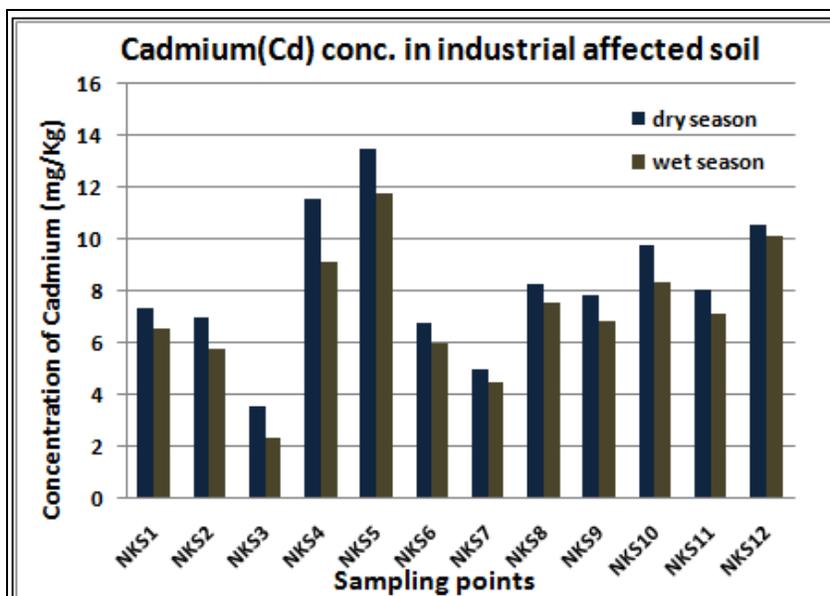


Fig.2 Seasonal variation of chromium in industrial affected soil

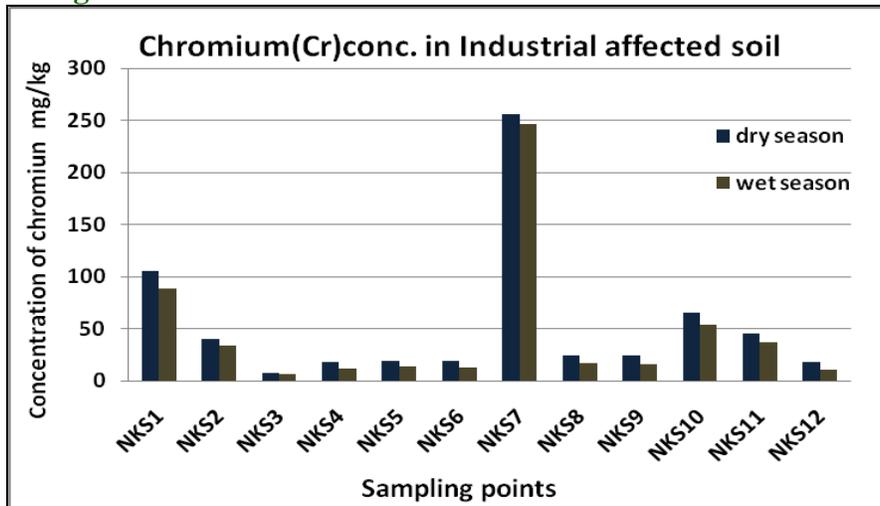


Fig.3 Seasonal variation of copper in industrial affected soil

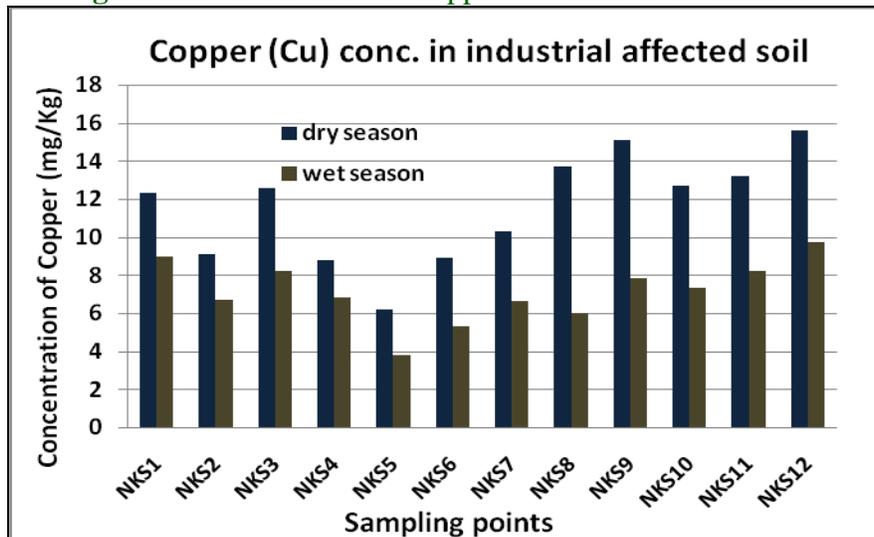
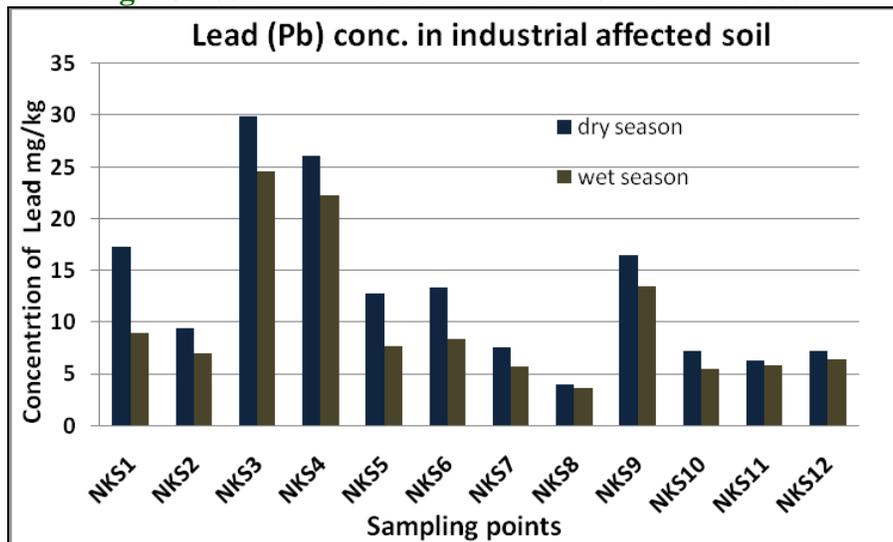
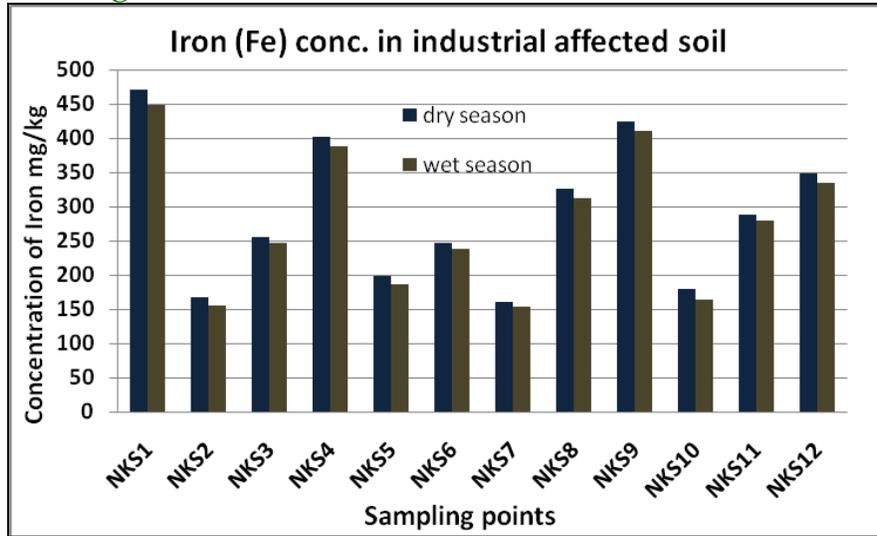


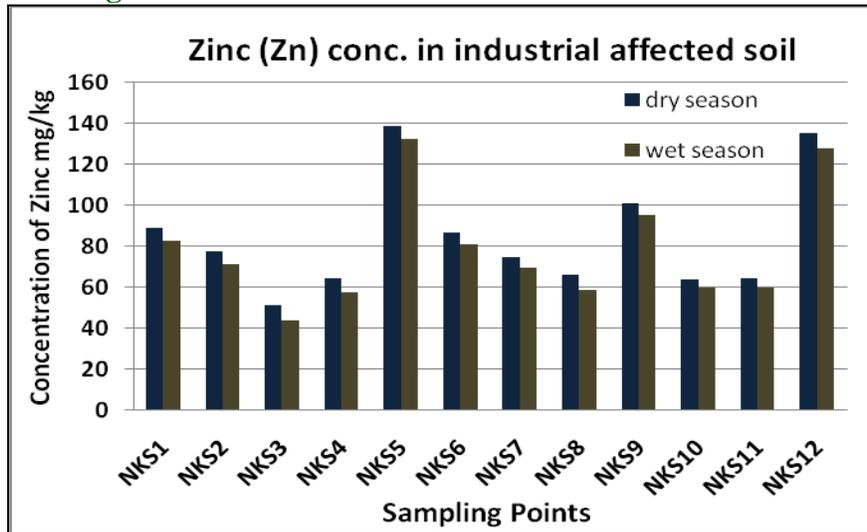
Fig.4 Seasonal variation of lead in industrial affected soil



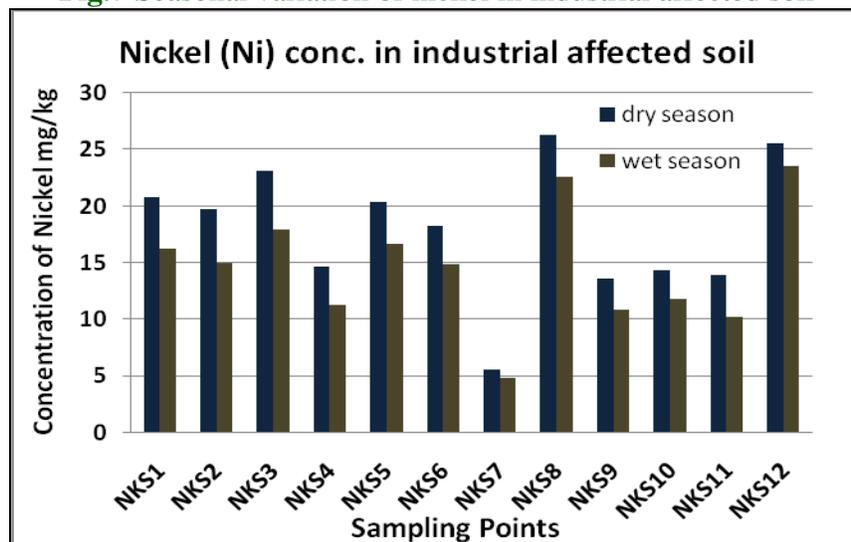
**Fig.5** Seasonal variation of iron in industrial affected soil



**Fig.6** Seasonal variation of zinc in industrial affected soil



**Fig.7** Seasonal variation of nickel in industrial affected soil



## **Iron**

The present study reveals that the heavy metal concentration in the study area. Iron is an most essential mineral that is required for human and plants life for their growth. In the industrial fields, iron is major elemental component for all the purposes made by industries. In the present study iron was found with the range of 153.2 mg/kg to 448 mg/kg in the wet season with average value of 256.3 mg/kg and 160.3 mg/kg to 470 mg/kg in wet season with average value of 288.4 mg/kg (Figure.5).

## **Zinc**

The normal concentration of zinc in soil is 1 to 900 mg/g<sup>16</sup>. In the present study, the concentration of zinc little exceeds above the range. This may be due to the higher input of zinc in the roadside environments by heavy motor transport vehicles and from the industrial production and other activities in the study area. In the present study zinc was found with the range from 44.0 mg/kg to 132.5 mg/kg for wet season and 51.2 mg/kg to 139 mg/kg for dry season respectively. The average value of zinc was found to be 78.44 mg/kg in wet season and 84.60 mg/kg in dry season (Figure.6).

## **Nickel**

At room temperature the oxidation process of nickels is very slow compare to other metals. So it is considered as corrosion resistant metal. Historically this has led to its use for plating metals such as iron and brass, and it will use in certain alloys that will retain a high silvery polish, such as German silver. About 6% of world nickel production is still used for corrosion-resistant pure-nickel plating. Nickel was used as a common component of coins, but in later days it has largely replaced by cheaper iron for this purpose. In the present

study, nickel was found with the range of 4.8 mg/kg to 23.5 mg/kg for wet season and 5.5 mg/kg to 26.3 mg/kg for dry season respectively. The average value of nickel was found to be 14.61 mg/kg in wet season and 18.0 mg/kg in wet season (Figure.7).

This study reported adverse effects of industrial pollution on the soil. It can be concluded that industrial pollution generally increases the heavy metal content of the soil. An assessment of the environmental risk due to soil pollution especially heavy metals is of particular importance for agricultural and non-agricultural areas. Because heavy metals, which are potentially harmful to plants, soil microorganisms and human health, persist in soils for a very long time. When the heavy metals present in the natural condition they do not act as toxic up to certain extent. When the concentration reaches the maximum level or up to the final permissible level heavy metals will be converted in to toxic in nature and it will lead to the dangerous effects on the surrounding system. Heavy metal contamination in the industrial areas of Mandideep city showed that the heavy metal concentration is slightly higher in dry season compared with wet season. The reason behind the low concentration of heavy metals is metal ion will dilute with the water content in the rainy season. From that the ionic movement will be more. Where as in the non rainy season the movement of the metal ion is less and accumulates somewhere else. Finally it may percolate in to the ground water and cause water pollution also, but precautionary measurement should be taken for futures safe and healthy environment.

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