

## “Impact of Pollution on Water and Soil Due To Vindhyanchal Thermal Power Plant”

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### ABSTRACT

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As the observation studies of heavy metal content in water samples in 2018 outcomes advised correlation relationship among individual metals with other metals. From the total examinations, 23 positives and 22 were negatively correlated. The most positive correlation was observed between Cu and Ni and least positive correlation between Cd and As. Overall the finding suggested Pb, Fe, As, and Zn was more positively correlated with other metal like Co, Cd, Mn. In 2018, results suggested about total observations, 23 positives and 22 were negatively correlated. The most positive correlation was observed between Fe and As and the least between Cd and Cu. The maximum and minimum negative correlation find out between Cu and Ni, and Cu and Zn. the finding suggested that Pb, Cu, As, and Zn were more positively correlated with other metals like Fe, Cd, and Mn.

The examined site having the high pollution load increase alkalinity of the surrounding soil owing to evidence of the fly ash produced from VTPPs. VTPPs also have emissions of the larger and heavy solid particles which consequences in the increases of bulk density and as a result reduces the soil porosity. It has been establish that concentration of the  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and total  $\text{N}_2$  extractable  $\text{PO}_4^-$  of the soil were low down at the contaminated sites. Due to contamination of the soil, trace constituents like Fe, Cd, Ni Cu, and

Pb noteworthy decrease in status.  $\text{SO}_4^-$ , accumulation in the soil was maximum at the investigating points.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Environmental pollution is a foremost issue of globe; diverse kind of pollutants enters into the atmosphere disturbing it undesirable. Water, soil and air pollution are severe issues of India and state of Madhya Pradesh also. Today's rapid industrialization affects the environment in various ways by discharging the large amount of effluents in surrounding water bodies and soil, causing serious threat to the environment. Environmental pollution due to increase of industrial activities are one of the most significant problems of the century. Pollution in soil and water is strictly related to human activities such as industry, agriculture, burning of fossil fuels, mining and metallurgical processes and their waste disposal [1, 2]. All types of effluents and most of by products from any kind of industry create a most serious pollution to the water and soil bodies, water, air, plants, human and creature species, just as strong side-effects, all add to the climate. Nature's adjusting power is the advantageous interaction of human species with climate including indigenous habitat and artificial climate [3].

Thermal power plants (TPPs) are one of the main sources of electricity in both industrialized and developing countries. The variation in the thermal power stations based on different fuel sources. In TPPs, coal, oil or natural gas is used to heat the boiler to convert the water into steam. In fact, more than half of the electricity generated in the world is by via coal as the primary fuel [4]. The function of the coal fired TPPs are to convert the energy available in the coal to electricity.

The contamination of the groundwater happens frequently owing to percolation of pluvial water as well as the penetration of pollutants through

the soil beneath waste disposal position. It is evident that groundwater is able to contain hazardous constituents to human health which is received from an assortment of naturally occurring foundations, and it is required to appraise the eminence of the groundwater below unspoiled conditions previous to assessing the infectivity of the soil and water [5].

Substantial volumes of heat added from year to year attempt to smooth out the ups and downs on surface temperature, confounding biological urges and complicating prey species interactions. Furthermore, most aquatic animals are mainly nocturnal, that suggests individuals cannot hold their breath temperature with their own. Whenever heat waves rise because for some cause (power station emissions, global climate change, etc.), those who can continue to move to cooler regions. Organisms capable of surviving in surface areas begin to flourish. The effect of urbanization on the groundwater inside a precise urban region depends both on its geographical position and the economic position of the country [6]. Maybe there are algal bursts, which are typically hazardous. Therefore, population alternation and large community change are possible. When this is translated into marine availability and its influence on aquaculture, environmental consequences can quickly become disastrous [7].

TPPs troubles do not stop at the water's edge. In reality, the issues begin and that was before the charcoal is delivered to the ports. Despite the fact that India generates a considerable amount of coal, it has become one of the largest exporters of fossil fuels. To put it bluntly, coal transport in ports is deplorable. The incorporation and growth of air pollutants appear that affect the local atmosphere. Obviously air contaminants cause danger to human health at the side of damaging agriculture in addition to horticulture. Similarly in separate case study physicochemical characteristics inform the status of ground water under different climate situations at Churu, Rajasthan that correlated the findings of heavy metal contents and chemical parameters [8].

Fine coal dust is also released into the air while offloading. Throughout years, several localities have just been yearning for air as a result of the thermal power station and thus the port within which coals being supplied. Reports of the aquifer hydraulic

constraints from surface geophysical extents intimated regarding the hydrogeology under their standard with correlation of TPPs [9]. The medical professional is required at TPP sites to inform us that inhaling of that kind of high amounts of particles is not healthy for human airways. As if that weren't sufficient, every additional TPPs would have a designated charcoal terminal enough so coal hauled in by sea may be transported straight into the TPP, which will be constructed outside the CRZ [10].

Many follow metals are discovered to be advanced in the remains. Since follow metals are specially focused on the littlest fly debris particles, they fill in as the chief method of transport for minor components entering the climate because of burning [11]. In created nations like Germany, 80 level of the fly debris produced is being used, though in India just 3% is being burned-through and the excess debris released into land and blended in with water bodies like waterway, seas, lakes, lakes, and streams and some modest quantity of debris blended with air when coal is terminated because of old evaporator [12].

## II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

**Study Area :** The VSTPP is to be found at Rindhyanagar, on either the northwestern side of the Rihand Storage tank, close to NTPC's present STPS. The force station is around 50kms from Renukoot and 220Kms past Varanasi. The Vindhyaachal super TPP is a 4,760MWs coal-terminated force plant in the Singrauli locale of Madhya Pradesh, India. The state-run NTPC claims and works the VSTPS, which is currently India's biggest nuclear energy plant.

To ensure the climate, all areas of the VSTPS have been fitted with FGD gear. In 2018, the manufacturing plant's last 500MWs unit was equipped with a limestone-based wet pipe gas desulphurization (WFGD) unit. The NDPS of NCL, a region of state-claimed Coal India, give coal to the Vindhyaachal STPS. The VTPS gets its water from either the STPP's surge sink [13].

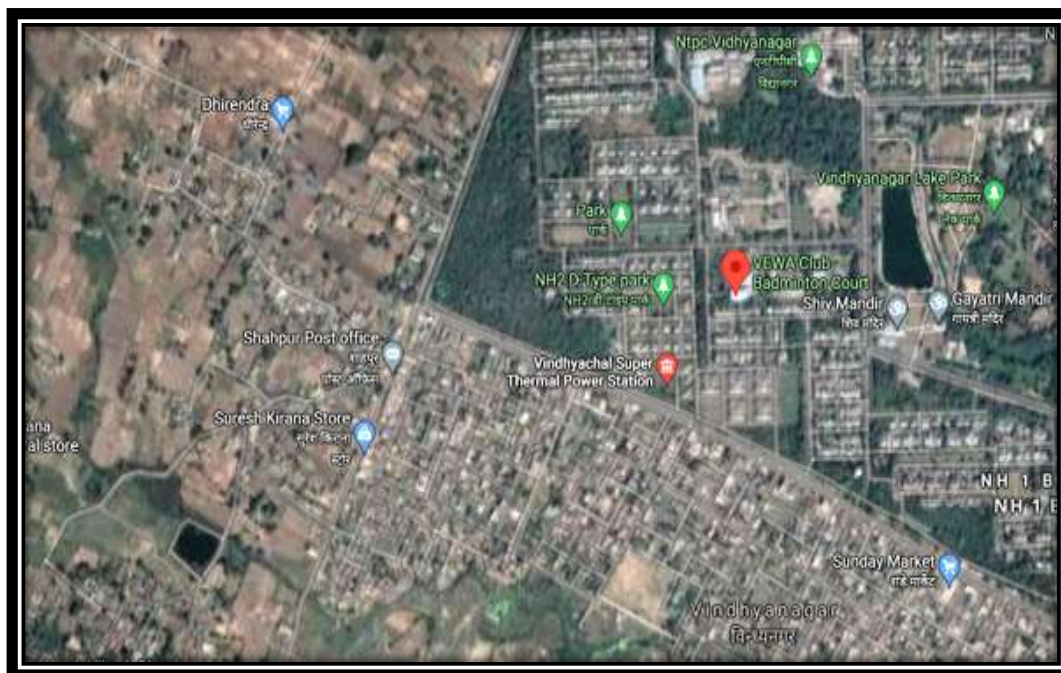
### 3.2 Sampling Stations

**Station 1/I:** Bina

**Station 2/II:** Badura

**Station 3/III:** Kachani

**Station 4/IV:** Koharaul



**Fig.-1 : Satellite and Geographical Location of Vindhyachal TPP.**

Analysis of Cd, Cr, Pb, Fe, Cu and Zn was made directly on each final solution. The dry ash method was used followed by AAS.

Calibration curves for heavy metals were obtained by using standard solutions prepared from stock solutions. The quality of results obtained for heavy metal analysis using AAS are seriously affected by the calibration and standard solution preparation. Calibration standards for heavy metals analyzed were prepared in concentration range expected regarding analytes in samples analyzed. The calibration standards were prepared by taking into consideration the optimum working ranges of heavy metals. Correlation coefficient values which are closer to absolute value of 1 indicated that there was

a strong relationship between the variables being correlated whereas values closer to 0 indicate that there is no linear relationship. The correlation coefficients of elements were determined using prepared standards versus their absorbance values. The prepared standard concentration and corresponding correlation coefficients of calibration curve for each metal in soil, vegetable and irrigated water were expressed. Also the calibration graph of each of the heavy metal of related to water and soil were shown (Fig.2 & 3).

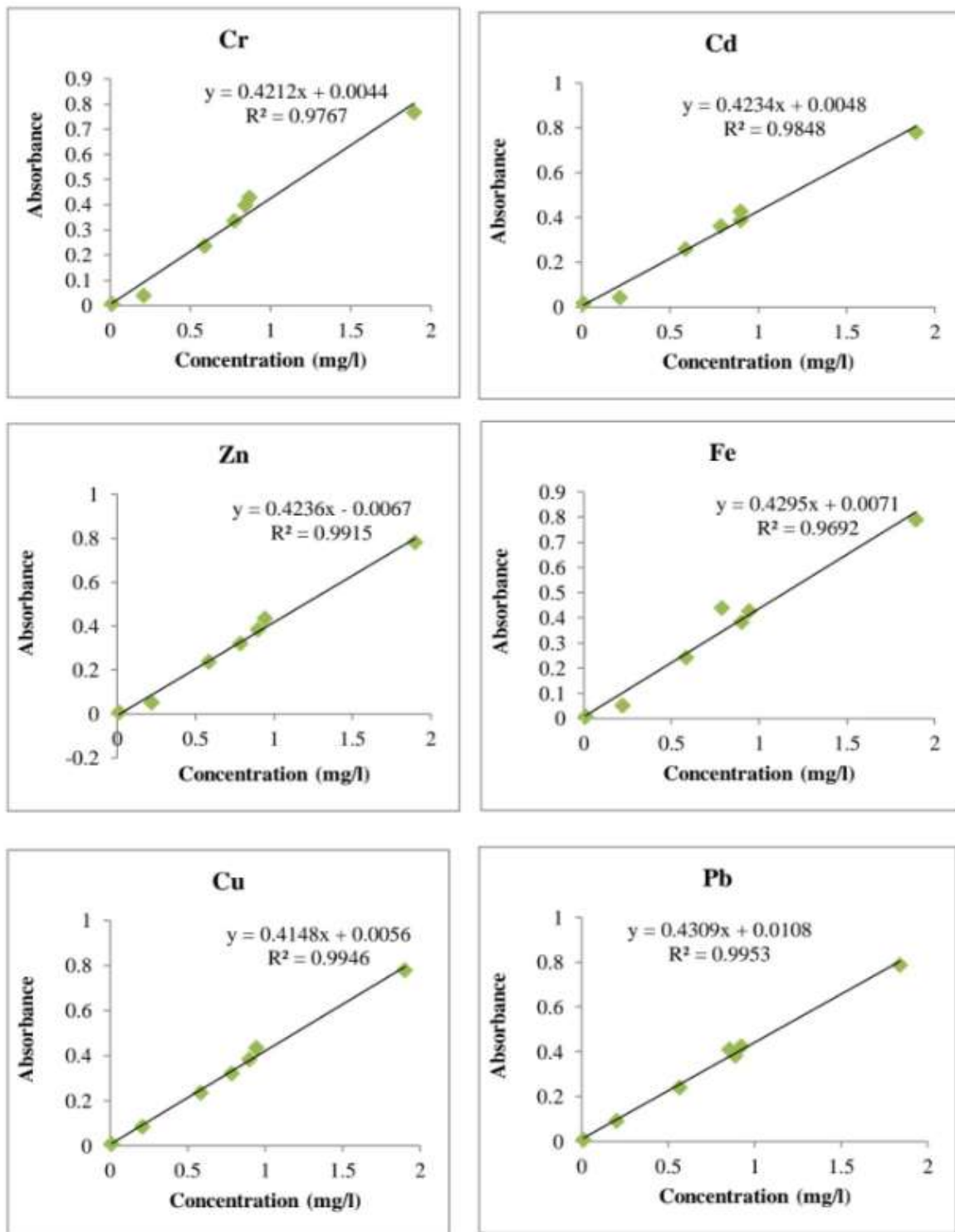


Fig. 2. Calibration Curves of heavy metals for water samples.



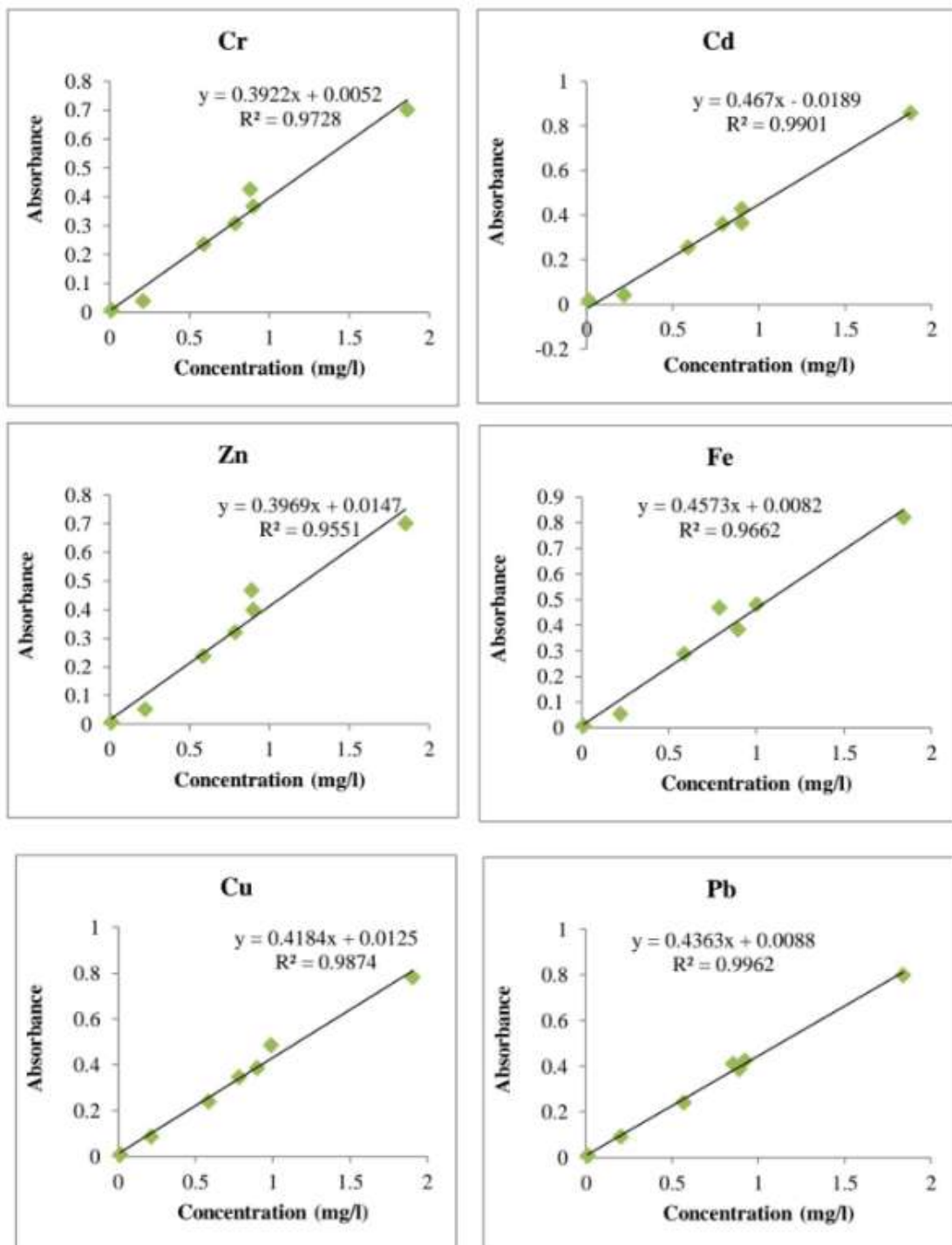


Fig 3. Calibration Curves of heavy metals for soil samples.

**Table-1 Elements and their values as per standard (WHO and UNESCO) reference [14, 15, and 16].**

S. No.	Elements	Concentration(mg/kg)
1.	Cd	0.5
2.	Pb	10
3.	Zn	2.0
4.	Cr	100
5.	Ni	40
6.	Fe	5.0
7.	Cu	30
8.	Co	8

### III. RESULTS

Groundwater creatures as a solvent that is in make contact with various earth metals encloses soluble ions in addition to some non ionic inorganic matter. Chemical analysis comprises cations, anions, and trace constituents. The physiochemical limits of groundwater samples were evaluated and assessed in order to recognize the dissimilarity of a variety of parameters and their interrelationship. Data obtained throughout the rout of both investigation field and laboratory examination of groundwater and soil illustration for the duration of all climates in 2018 are given in the table and fig. the least and most ranges of parameters, with stations, are discussed here.

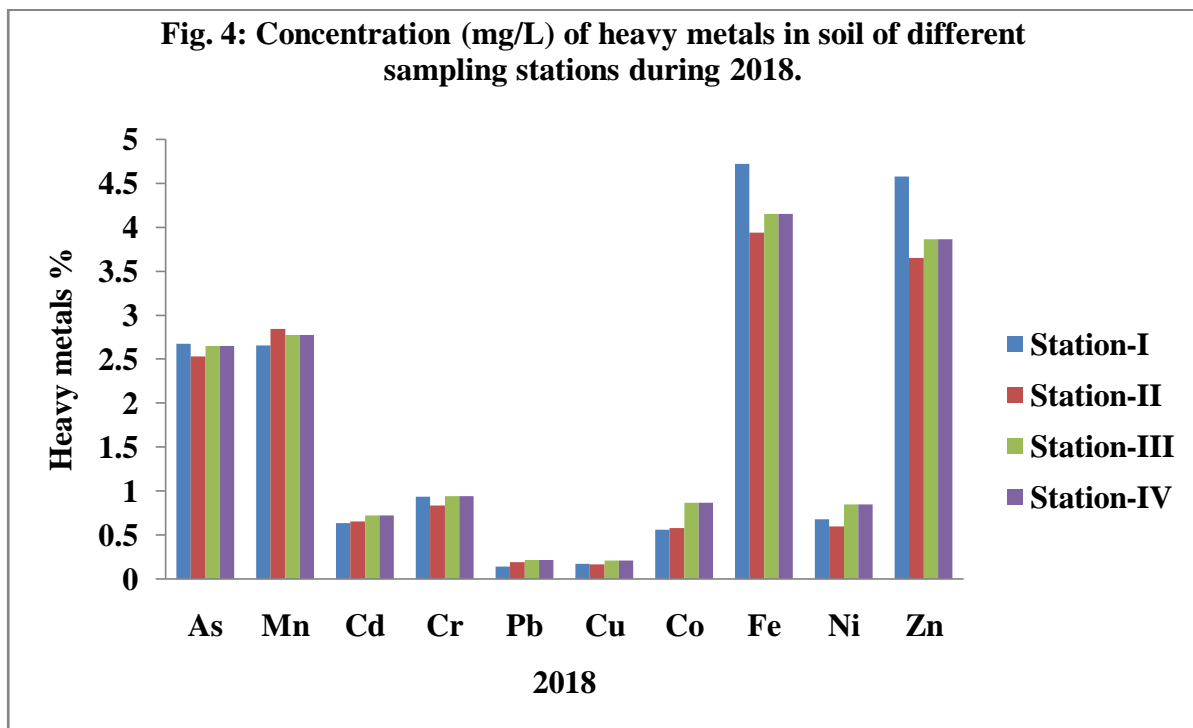
#### **Concentration (mg/L) of heavy metals in soil samples of different sampling stations during 2018.**

The mean concentration of heavy metals in soil was shown with variation in comparison to individual stations. The As average concentration was recorded in 2017 as Station I ( $2.6\pm 0.05$ ), Station II ( $2.5\pm 0.04$ ), Station III ( $2.6\pm 0.03$ ), and Station IV ( $2.4\pm 0.07$ ). The maximum concentration of As evaluated ( $2.6\pm 0.05$ ) in Station III in 2018. Similarly, the Ni minimum and maximum status were recorded ( $0.60\pm 0.03$ ) in Station II and ( $0.85\pm 0.03$ ) in Station III. Least and most Pb status was recorded as ( $0.14\pm 0.002$ ) mg/L in Station I and ( $0.21\pm 0.005$ ) in Station III. The ascending Fe average concentration ( $3.90\pm 0.04$ ) proved for Station IV as compared to Station II ( $3.93\pm 0.02$ ), Station III ( $4.15\pm 0.02$ ) and in Station I ( $4.72\pm 0.04$ ) respectively. Most and least Cu status was recorded as ( $0.21\pm 0.004$ ) in Station III and minimum ( $0.15\pm 0.005$ ) in Station I. The average maximum Zn status was recorded maximum ( $4.54\pm 0.05$ ) in Station I whereas it was less estimated

( $3.65\pm 0.05$ ) in Station II, the other two Stations have expressed the values of Zn ( $3.86\pm 0.05$ ) in Station IV and ( $3.86\pm 0.05$ ) in Station III. The maximum Cd status was evidenced ( $0.72\pm 0.04$ ) in Station III whereas it was less estimated ( $0.63\pm 0.02$ ) in Station I, similarly, the other stations have conveyed the assessments of Cd ( $0.65\pm 0.03$ ) in Station II and ( $0.66\pm 0.02$ ) in Station IV during the investigation of 2018. In the case of Cr status maximum value was found in ( $0.94\pm 0.03$ ) in Station III and minimum ( $0.83\pm 0.04$ ) find out in Station I, whereas in other both Station IV ( $0.88\pm 0.04$ ) and II was expressed ( $0.94\pm 0.03$ ) mg/L concentration. Similarly, the Co maximum ( $0.86\pm 0.05$ ) and less concentration ( $0.56\pm 0.05$ ) was accounted in Station III and Station I, other Station III and Station IV was represented ( $0.58\pm 0.04$ ) and ( $0.66\pm 0.05$ ) mg/L attention respectively. Mn concentration variate lightly, it was most in Station II ( $2.8\pm 0.04$ ) and least in Station IV ( $2.5\pm 0.04$ ) whereas in other studies two Station was show less variation in concentration ( $2.7\pm 0.05$ ) and ( $2.6\pm 0.02$ ) in Station III and I respectively. Overall findings indicated that all the four Stations around the VTPP, situated in separated individual directions, their collected soil samples were affected through the heavy metal deposition and solubility in soil particles.

**Table-2: Concentration (mg/L) of heavy metals in soil samples of different sampling stations during 2018.**

Sample Station	Sample Code (Soil)	Heavy metals in Soil Samples during 2018									
		As	Mn	Cd	Cr	Pb	Cu	Co	Fe	Ni	Zn
Station-I	1S-I	2.69	2.66	0.67	0.94	0.148	0.17	0.63	4.78	0.63	4.50
	1S-II	2.67	2.62	0.60	0.92	0.142	0.169	0.59	4.68	0.67	4.60
	1S-III	2.60	2.68	0.64	0.97	0.146	0.173	0.53	4.72	0.69	4.64
	1S-IV	2.74	2.67	0.63	0.93	0.144	0.177	0.51	4.70	0.73	4.56
	Mean±SD	2.68±0.05	2.6±0.02	0.63±0.02	0.94±0.02	0.14±0.002	0.17±0.003	0.56±0.05	4.72±0.04	0.68±0.04	4.54±0.05
Station-II	2S-I	2.47	2.87	0.69	0.86	0.191	0.163	0.52	3.91	0.56	3.69
	2S-II	2.52	2.82	0.67	0.82	0.194	0.159	0.59	3.97	0.59	3.63
	2S-III	2.59	2.89	0.62	0.78	0.187	0.173	0.58	3.92	0.63	3.67
	2S-IV	2.54	2.80	0.64	0.89	0.192	0.169	0.63	3.94	0.62	3.61
	Mean±SD	2.52±0.04	2.8±0.04	0.65±0.03	0.83±0.04	0.19±0.002	0.16±0.006	0.58±0.04	3.93±0.02	0.60±0.03	3.65±0.05
Station-III	3S-I	2.61	2.76	0.73	0.93	0.209	0.207	0.81	4.12	0.87	3.93
	3S-II	2.68	2.78	0.68	0.99	0.214	0.216	0.83	4.19	0.83	3.87
	3S-III	2.69	2.84	0.79	0.91	0.219	0.206	0.89	4.14	0.81	3.81
	3S-IV	2.63	2.72	0.69	0.94	0.221	0.214	0.94	4.16	0.89	3.83
	Mean±SD	2.65±0.03	2.7±0.05	0.72±0.04	0.94±0.03	0.21±0.005	0.21±0.004	0.86±0.05	4.15±0.02	0.85±0.03	3.86±0.05
Station-IV	4S-I	2.61	2.76	0.73	0.93	0.209	0.207	0.81	4.12	0.87	3.93
	4S-II	2.68	2.78	0.68	0.99	0.214	0.216	0.83	4.19	0.83	3.87
	4S-III	2.69	2.84	0.79	0.91	0.219	0.206	0.89	4.14	0.81	3.81
	4S-IV	2.63	2.72	0.69	0.94	0.221	0.214	0.94	4.16	0.89	3.83
	Mean±SD	2.69±0.07	2.5±0.04	0.66±0.02	0.88±0.04	0.18±0.003	0.15±0.005	0.66±0.05	3.90±0.04	0.74±0.03	3.86±0.05



**Table 3 : Correlation matrix of heavy metal content in soil during 2018.**

	As	Mn	Cd	Cr	Pb	Cu	Co	Fe	Ni	Zn
As	1									
Mn	-0.826	1								
Cd	0.076	0.062	1							
Cr	0.746	-0.248	0.315	1						
Pb	-0.360	0.235	0.847	-0.234	1					
Cu	0.104	0.340	0.801	0.649	0.473	1				
Co	0.238	-0.064	0.986	0.441	0.760	0.809	1			
Fe	0.424	0.049	-0.352	0.718	-0.749	0.225	-0.257	1		
Ni	0.606	-0.374	0.837	0.689	0.462	0.725	0.916	-0.007	1	
Zn	0.599	-0.218	-0.458	0.696	-0.855	0.030	-0.335	0.957	-0.006	1



As the observation studies in 2018, a correlation was established between individual metals with other metals in which 30 positive and 15 negatively correlated. The most positive correlation was observed between Co and Cd (0.986) and the least positive correlation between Zn and Cu (0.030) (Table 55). The other less positive correlation was

established between Fe and Mn (0.049), Cd and Mn (0.062), and Cd and As (0.076). The maximum and minimum negative correlation find out between Ni and Pb (-0.942), and Zn and Ni (-0.006). The other less negative correlation was established between Fe and Ni (-0.007), Co and Mn (-0.064)

**Table 4: Heavy metals concentration (mg/L) in fly ash during 2018.**

Sample Station	Sample Code (Soil)	Heavy metals in fly ash Samples during 2018							
		Ni	Pb	Fe	Cu	Zn	Cd	Cr	Mn
Station -I	1S-I	0.92	0.83	3.71	0.86	3.62	0.84	0.9	1.44
	1S-II	0.96	0.81	3.76	0.89	3.63	0.82	0.92	1.47
	1S-III	0.94	0.84	3.73	0.88	3.66	0.86	0.94	1.50
	1S-IV	0.93	0.86	3.78	0.93	3.65	0.89	0.98	1.46
	Mean±SD	<b>0.93+0.01</b>	<b>0.83+0.02</b>	<b>3.74+0.03</b>	<b>0.89+0.02</b>	<b>3.64+0.01</b>	<b>0.85+0.02</b>	<b>0.93+0.03</b>	<b>1.46+0.02</b>
Station -II	2S-I	0.94	0.96	3.83	0.91	3.66	0.73	0.73	1.50
	2S-II	0.96	0.92	3.89	0.96	3.69	0.73	0.76	1.49
	2S-III	0.92	0.94	3.92	0.94	3.72	0.76	0.79	1.53
	2S-IV	0.91	0.93	3.89	0.89	3.67	0.71	0.76	1.56
	Mean±SD	<b>0.93+0.02</b>	<b>0.93+0.01</b>	<b>3.89+0.03</b>	<b>0.92+0.03</b>	<b>3.68+0.02</b>	<b>0.73+0.02</b>	<b>0.76+0.02</b>	<b>1.52+0.03</b>
Station -III	3S-I	0.88	0.82	3.77	0.88	3.74	0.85	0.81	1.60
	3S-II	0.92	0.86	3.74	0.87	3.73	0.79	0.79	1.58
	3S-III	0.89	0.88	3.76	0.82	3.76	0.82	0.83	1.57
	3S-IV	0.87	0.78	3.75	0.92	3.72	0.76	0.76	1.63
	Mean±SD	<b>0.89+0.02</b>	<b>0.83+0.04</b>	<b>3.77+0.01</b>	<b>0.85+0.04</b>	<b>3.73+0.01</b>	<b>0.8+0.03</b>	<b>0.79+0.02</b>	<b>1.59+0.02</b>
Station -IV	4S-I	0.84	0.94	3.92	0.92	3.82	0.89	0.96	1.59
	4S-II	0.83	0.94	3.96	0.95	3.87	0.87	0.93	1.63
	4S-III	0.86	0.86	3.88	0.91	3.8	0.86	0.98	1.62
	4S-IV	0.85	0.92	3.9	0.89	3.84	0.93	0.95	1.60
	Mean±SD	<b>0.84+0.01</b>	<b>0.90+0.03</b>	<b>3.91+0.03</b>	<b>0.91+0.02</b>	<b>3.83+0.03</b>	<b>0.88+0.03</b>	<b>0.87+0.02</b>	<b>1.61+0.01</b>

**Table 5: Correlation matrix for Heavy metals concentration (mg/L) in fly ash during 2018.**

	Ni	Pb	Fe	Cu	Zn	Cd	Cr	Mn
Ni	1							
Pb	-0.119	1						
Fe	-0.470	0.932	1					
Cu	0.031	0.846	0.737	1				
Zn	-0.979	0.297	0.621	0.078	1			
Cd	-0.650	-0.488	-0.199	-0.249	0.488	1		
Cr	-0.103	-0.467	-0.382	0.031	-0.063	0.779	1	
Mn	-0.870	0.197	0.494	-0.196	0.912	0.270	-0.374	1

As the observation studies of fly ash in 2018, suggested a correlation set up between individual metals with other metals. From the total observations, 14 positives and 14 were negatively correlated. The most positive correlation was observed between Mn and Zn (0.912) and the least positive correlation between Cr and Cu (0.031). The other less positive correlation was established between Cu and Ni (0.031), Cu and Zn (0.078) (Table 59). The maximum and minimum negative correlation find out between Zn and Ni (-0.979), and Cr and Zn (-0.063), other less negative correlations were established between Cr and Ni (-0.103) and Pb and Ni (-0.119). Pb was correlated with Fe (0.932), Cu (0.846), Zn (0.297). Similarly, Fe correlated with Cu (0.737), Fe and Zn (0.621), Fe and Mn (0.494). Overall the finding suggested Fe and Pb were more correlated with other metals like Cu, Zn, Mn respectively.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Fly debris from nuclear energy stations differ in synthetic synthesis from one plant to another as well as inside a similar plant [17-20]. Synthetically fly debris comprises of Si, Al, Mg, Ca, K, and Fe in more prominent extent with many minor components as V, Mn, Cr, Cu, Ni, As, Pb, Cd and more modest amount of different conceivably harmful components. Synthetic organization study shows generally the presence of four significant components viz. aluminum, silicon, iron and calcium in the fly debris. However in the follows, contrasted with the first coal, the vast majority of the components are advanced in the fly debris, bringing forth the becoming ecological

worries in the removal and use climate because of arrival of follow/substantial components metals. The coal fly debris filtrate instigated perceivable oxidative pressure in organism tissues as evaluated through estimation of per oxidation value of lipid.

Statistical examination of the data is presented to find out the association among determined variables. Resulting coefficient of correlation among heavy metals in addition to additional soil properties such as organic matter, pH etc created a nonlinear association among the constraints.

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