

# Water Pollution Due to Industrial Waste Effluents and Their Management

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## **Abstract**

Before the industrial wastes, this river was unpolluted. Our globe is more than half water, and as a result of various factors, include people activity, among the most prominent of which is industrial wastes and chemicals, it is becoming more and more contaminated every day. Water exists in all three states of matter—liquid, solid, and gas., which is an essential component. But the fundamental problem is that many anthropogenic and natural activities carried out by humans have an impact on this natural source. These are releasing dangerous chemicals and other organic and inorganic materials into the water, modifying it, and either causing harm, either directly or indirectly, to this natural water source. The current research analyses the potential repercussions of industrial effluents' influence on India's aquatic ecosystem through the biological system.

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## **1.Introduction:**

According to the primary reason of the expansion of industrialisation and vice versa is the collinearity between population growth and industrialization, or the population disaster. Various processes expose the water to hazardous chemicals, heavy metals, inorganic wastes, and even organic muck. These are either thrown away or dumped into bodies of water, which causes a significant build-up of industrial waste. This has an impact on the health of people, plants, and animals as well as the state of our eco-system. Numerous incidents that resulted in severe harm to the ecosystem have happened all around the world as a result of poor management or simple accidents. The deadliest industrial/chemical dangers that resulted in violent death as well as negative effects that are still present are the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, the Halifax Explosion, the Chernobyl Disaster, the Benxihu Colliery Explosion, and the Oppau Explosion in Germany (India). Industrial waste effluents, both treated and untreated, contain hazardous metals and their chelates, which damage the local aquatic resources. The most important criteria for successful industry development are labour force and natural resources. Due to the state's substantial coal, dolomite, gems, diaspore, sulphur, magnesite pyrophallite, silica, sand, and limestone resources, several companies have thrived in Uttar Pradesh.

As long as it is properly managed, freshwater is a crucial natural resource that will always be replenishable. For the development of the area to be sustainable, pollution from home, industrial, and agro-industrial activities must be avoided. Without a question, the initiatives to reduce water contamination that have been under progress in many countries have seen some results. However, the difficulties encountered become more difficult and intense. According to estimates, 785 million people in emerging Asian nations

lack access to reliable, safe water (Sawhney, 2003). Freshwater body pollution and the resulting decline in water quality will only make the problem worse. Industrial wastewater discharges can occasionally have disastrous effects on both the environment and the human population. Around 50 years ago, the spread of the Minamata disease among residents of the Yatsushiro Sea and the Agano River basin in Japan was attributed to methyl mercury discovered in industrial wastewater (Matsuo, 1999). However, spectacular tragedies like the Minamata event have not frequently occurred. Product rejection from washing, cooking, chilling, heating, extraction, reaction byproducts, separation, transportation, and quality control is caused by these effluent streams. When the amount of potential pollutants in these streams reaches a specific level and results in unwanted changes to a receiving waterbody, water pollution occurs. Domestic sewage may be a small component of the industrial wastewaters from these processing or manufacturing facilities, but it is not the main one. Because workers are housed in dormitories and washrooms at the processing or manufacturing facility, domestic sewage may be present. Chemical, pharmaceutical, electrochemical, electronics, petrochemical, and food processing sectors, for instance, produce a variety of industrial wastewaters.

**1.1-Pollution of River due to Industrialization-**

The main force behind human civilisation is rivers. In terms of ecology, it aids in ground water recharge, flood management, the maintenance of wildlife, and climate change adaption. Numerous tanneries, chemical factories, textile mills, distilleries, slaughterhouses, and hospitals are located in industrial settlements beside rivers, where they thrive and prosper while polluting the rivers with their discharge of untreated waste. The Ganges meets the daily needs of the millions of Indians who reside along its course, but it is currently extremely polluted as a result of urbanisation, leading to numerous hormonal and other physiological problems. A coal-based power plant's flies ash, which contains hazardous metallic heavy including copper and lead, was deposited in Kanpur's Pandu River, a tributary of the Ganges. Industrial effluents make up to 12% of the total effluents deposited into the Ganges. Due to their poisonous and non-biodegradable character, even though they make up a small percentage of the total, they are quite concerning.

**Table 1: BIS 2009's guidelines for several physico-chemical parameters and heavy metals in water include upper and lower permitted limits (16)**

S No.	Parameter	Unit	Minimum permissible limit	Maximum permissible limit
1	pH		6.3	8.2
2	Conductivity	µS cm-1	200	1000
3	Turbidity	NTU	1	4
4	Colour	TCU	5	15
5	Total dissolve solid	mg L-1	200	400
6	Dissolved oxygen	mg L-1	2.5	5
7	Hardness	mg L-1	200	500
8	Nitrate	mg L-1	-	40
9	Sulphate	mg L-1	150	350
10	Phosphate	mg L-1	-	5

11	Chloride	mg L-1	200	1000
12	Alkalinity	mg L-1	200	500
13	Total ammonia	mg L-1	-	0.5
14	Mercury	mg L-1	-	0.001
15	Arsenic	mg L-1	-	0.01
16	Cadmium	mg L-1	-	0.003
17	Lead	mg L-1	-	0.001
18	Iron	mg L-1	-	0.01
19	copper	mg L-1	-	1.0
20	chromium	mg L-1	-	0.05

**Table-2 List of some industries and their major discharge responsible for water pollution**

SNo.	Industries	Major components	Distribution
1	Godrej Hershey Foods and Beverages Ltd,	Molasses, alcohol and heavy metals	Bhopal
2	Permalli Wallace Ltd	Polymers, polyolefins, PET	Bhopal
3	Central Railways Coach Repairs	CO <sub>2</sub> , chlorinated water, heavy metal residue	Bhopal
4	Som Distilleries Ltd	Alcohols, heavy metals	Raisen
5	Adani Walmer Ltd	Oils, refined, heavy metals	Bhatkheda,
6	Orient paper Mill Ltd,	Dibenzo-p-dioxin, benzofuran, and chlorinated complex products	Amlai
7	Cement Division, Satna, MP	Coal dust, fly ash, Chlorinated water, heavy metal	satna
8	Beer Product Pvt Ltd,	Alcohols, heavy metals	Satna
9	L&T, Pithampur and Lupin Laboratories Limited.	Heavy metals, chemicals, acids	Pithampur and Indore

**1.2-Industrial effluents' effects on human health:**

Industrial discharges are the primary causes of water contamination. Various pollutants are emitted into the environment depending on the company, either directly (via industrial outlets) or indirectly (through home sewage systems), which poses a major hazard to human health. Wastewater generated by a range of enterprises contains significant amounts of organic pollutants and dangerous elements such heavy metals, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), petrochemicals, and phenolic components. These are harmful to adjacent water bodies, human health, and aquatic life if discharged directly into the aquatic environment. When industrial effluent containing heavy metals (Cr, Pb, Hg, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, etc.) enters the aquatic ecosystem, heavy metal biomagnification occurs through the food chain. Our knowledge of the detrimental consequences of excessive heavy metal accumulation on human health, Because to advancements in toxicology, conditions including

developmental retardation, cancer, renal damage, endocrine disruption, immunological illnesses (autoimmunity), and even death have improved.

### **1.3-Effluents from the sugar sector as sources of water pollution:**

Among the 380 plants dispersed across India, with around 105 sugar businesses generating more or less 1.1 million tonnes of sugar annually, Uttar Pradesh, the traditional producer of sugar, comes in second. There are 380 plants generating 4.1 million tonnes of sugar yearly throughout all of India. In addition to its primary output, sugar, the mill also produces a number of by products that have a big environmental impact. Molasses, alcohol, numerous by products, and other liquid wastes are released into the effluent of sugar mills at various stages, they are a significant source of contamination for the local rivers and lakes. When sugar cane juice is clarified in India, the usage of phosphoric acid and sulphur dioxide is a major contributor to algal bloom, This makes the juice darker, increases BOD, COD, suspended solids (SS), unpleasant odours, and heavy metals (Fe, Cu, Zn, Mn, Pb), and increases suspended solids (SS). A high COD value indicates a high organic load brought on by chemicals' biodegradation resistance. The heavy metals present in aquatic habitats may also bioaccumulate in fish, which then enter human metabolism through food consumption.

### **1.4-Industrial waste from the paper and pulp industry as a source of water pollution:**

Because it requires a lot of lignocellulosic resources and water during manufacturing operations, paper and kraft mill effluent is the most polluting. Bhatnagar discovered that the treated effluent had high levels of physico-chemical parameters like colour, pH, suspended material, BOD, and COD by Indian Standards. As a result, chlorinated complexed by products like trichlorophenol, trichloroguaiacol, dichlorophenol, dichloroguaiacol, pentachlorophenol, dibenzo-p-dioxin, and benzofuran became the main components of the effects. These outcomes are supported by the findings of other researchers who determined that paper and kraft mill effluents are the root cause of aquatic body pollution.

### **1.5-Industrial discharge from chemical fertilisers as a source of water pollution:**

India is the world's second-largest user of fertiliser after China. The domestic fertiliser market provides 80% of India's needs for urea fertiliser. The wastewater from fertiliser plants contains extremely dangerous substances that might affect the aquatic habitat. The effluents from nitrogen fertiliser have been labelled as important pollutants because they include heavy metals, ammonia, urea, a high pH, and a low DO. Nitrate poisoning of ground water is a problem that is becoming more widespread due to the growing use of fertilisers in agriculture. It is associated with a range of health problems, including methaemoglobinemia, stomach cancer, goitre, birth abnormalities, and hypertension.

### **1.6-Treatment for coloured wastewater**

The article evaluation reveals the strategies and procedures for removing dye from water. Physically, chemically, and physiologically, these actions. A few examples of physical methods are adsorption, filtration, and coagulation. Usually, coloured wastes apply using the division approach. Reverse osmosis, nanofiltration, and ultrafiltration are methods used to recycle water. Depending on the size of the pollutants, sieves are utilised. Using a chemical process and oxidising chemicals, dye can be removed from contaminated water. These chemicals are permanganate, hydrogen peroxide, and ozone. The biological technique known as anaerobic procedure uses bacteria that are specifically adapted to remove colours. This approach needs time and space and is sensitive to some chemicals. Not all stains are entirely

removed by this method. Fungal performs its substantial part in degrading in the effluent of tanneries, paper, textile production, etc. Fungal degradation is more efficient than bacterial degradation in either severely polluted water or water that has been inadequately contaminated. It demonstrates that dyes with fragrance compounds in them do not cooperate with aerobic degradation. Azo reductase is the enzyme that breaks down the azo compound to produce aromatic amines.

## 2. Conclusion and recommendations

Life on Earth depends heavily on water. Any country's progress leads to increased water pollution. Surface and groundwater pollution in aquatic bodies is being brought on by growing industrialization. There are a number of negative impacts, including numerous diseases, that come along with the growth in this pollution. Water bodies' aesthetic value is deteriorating as well. A simultaneous expansion of industry has occurred to meet the demands of the expanding human population, but this has also created a significant issue. Accidental releases and/or insufficient management of untreated wastewater are among the world's worst issues since the aquatic creatures exposed to these discharges are set to face terrible repercussions. The majority of the factories in Madhya Pradesh are located alongside rivers, and the release of untreated garbage into these waters is one of the main factors contributing to pollution. Because of this, the Indian government has made treating effluents before release a requirement, with heavy penalties for noncompliance.

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