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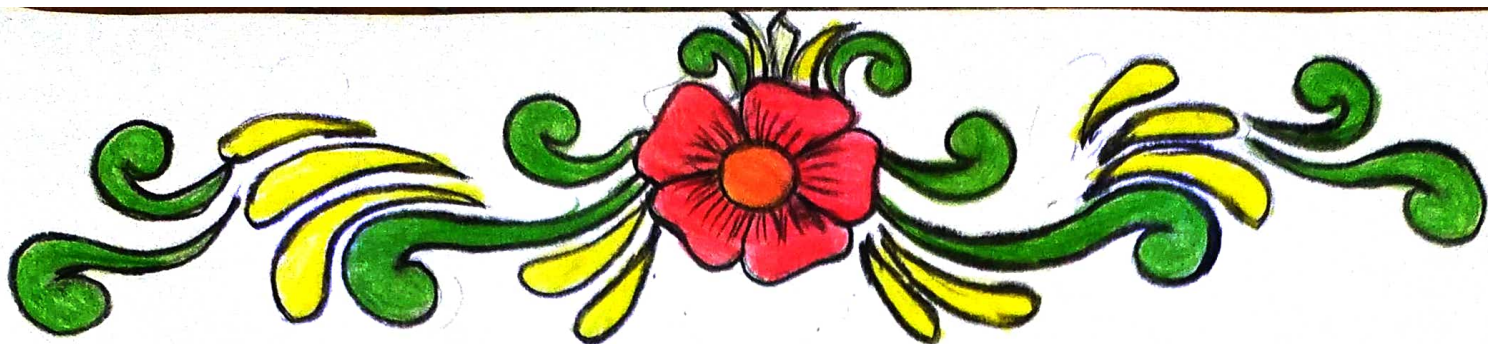
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## ABSTRACT

Aim :- The aim of the study was to monitor the water quality of ten pitlakes which were located in Raniganj coal field area, West Bengal for three successive seasons January 2020 to February 2021.

Methodology :- In this study physicochemical parameters of water sample were analyzed following standard method. Statistical analyses were used to indicate the role of each parameter.

Result :- Significant positive correlation was noted within hardness and chloride. The nature of the pitlakes is generally alkaline. A mean value of pH 7.65 was recorded which ranged between 6.70 and 9.10 during the study period. Significant variation was found among other parameters of pitlakes. PCA reveals three most important and key influential parameters: hardness, chloride, and Nitrate Nitrogen content of pitlake water.

Conclusion :- This observation indicates that mine water differs in its composition with seasonal changes and has the capability to change its nature with time.



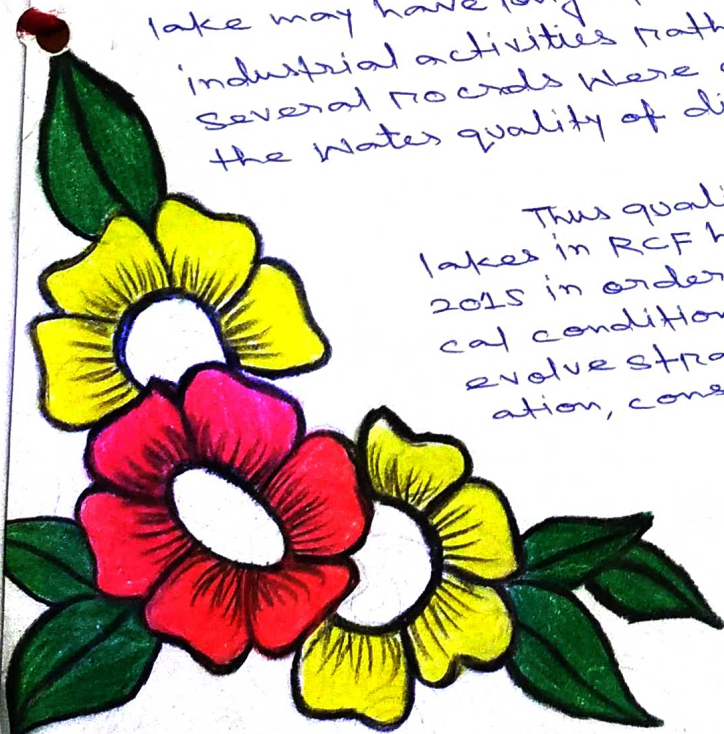
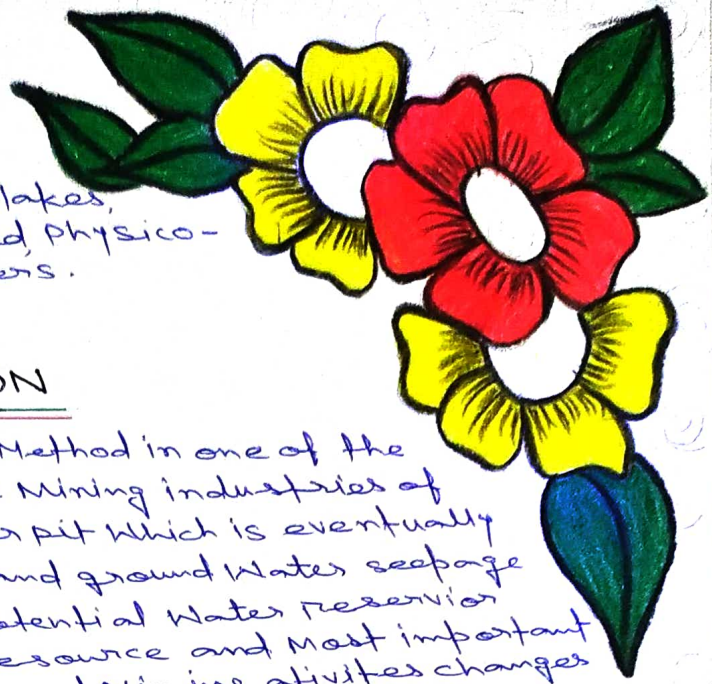
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chemical characters.

## INTRODUCTION

The opencast coal extraction Method is one of the best and appropriate in the Mining industries of India resulting into a void or pit which is eventually filled up by surface runoff and ground water seepage becoming a pit-lake, the potential water reservoir in India, coal is a major resource and most important primary source of energy. Coal mining activities changes drastically different sectors of our environment. The major environmental impacts on the surrounding areas and on human health are well documented by several authors in different times (Dhar, 1993; Ripley et al, 1996; Peltow and Edmonds, 2002, Younger 2004, Pal et al. 2003)

Pit lakes have unique physical property than other water body. Nevertheless, pit lake waters often constitute a vast resource but of limited beneficial use (due to water quality issues); with a potential to contaminate regional surface and ground water resources. Their value as resources for recreation, fisheries, water supply, and wild life habitat depends mostly on their topography, their safety pit lake may have long-term benefits as a water source for industrial activities rather than relying on natural systems. Several records were available on the assessment of the water quality of different pitlakes in India.

This quality assessments of selected pit lakes in RCF has been carried out during 2014-2015 in order to assess the present hydrological conditions, bio-profile and efficacy to evolve strategies for an ecological restoration, conservation and management.



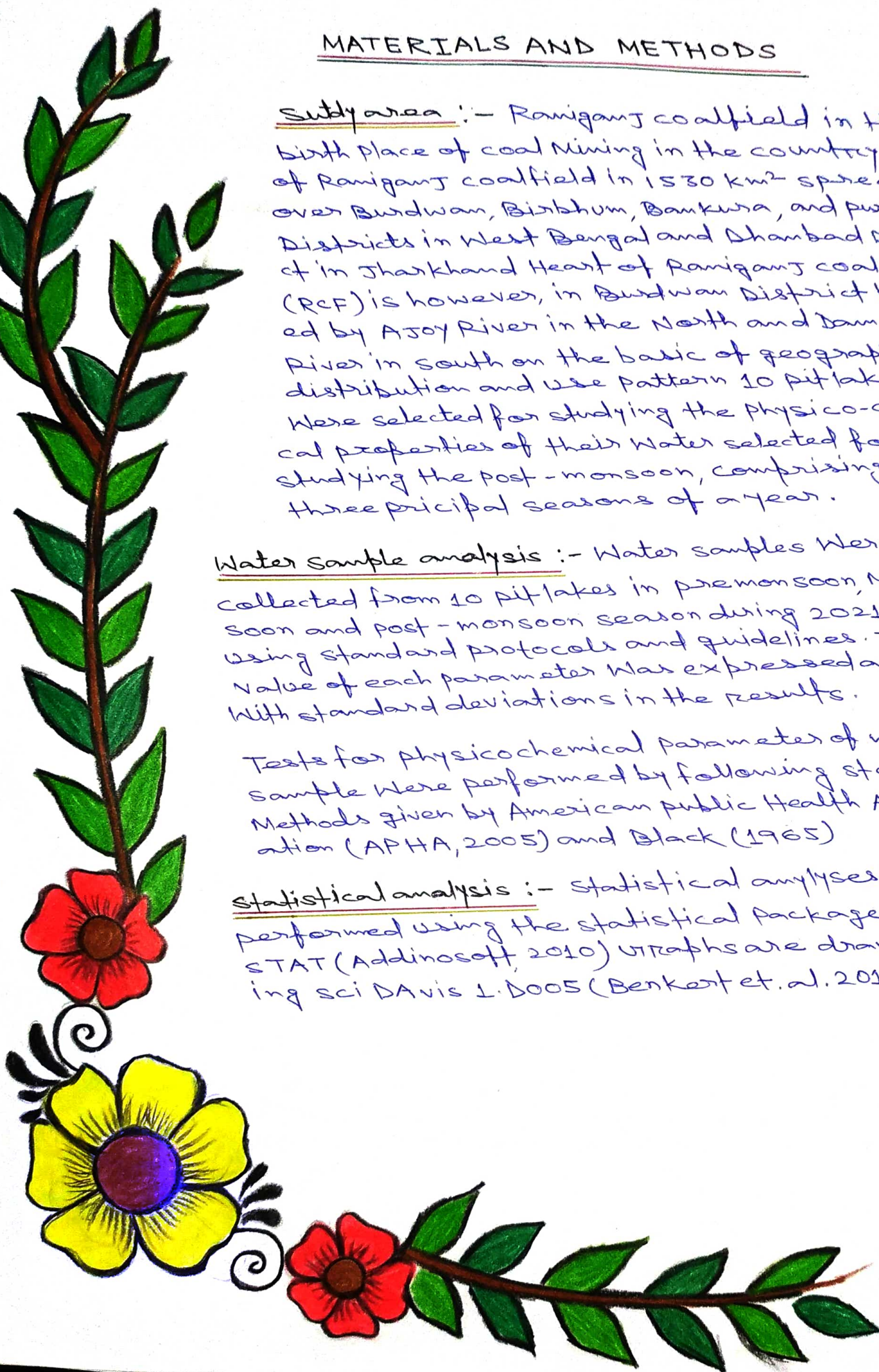
## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area :- Raniganj coalfield in the sixth place of coal mining in the country. Area of Raniganj coalfield is 1530 km<sup>2</sup> spreading over Burdwan, Birbhum, Bankura, and Purulia Districts in West Bengal and Dhanbad District in Jharkhand. Heart of Raniganj coalfield (RCF) is however, in Burdwan District bounded by Ajoy River in the North and Damodar River in South on the basis of geographic distribution and use pattern 10 pit lakes were selected for studying the physico-chemical properties of their water selected for studying the post-monsoon, comprising the three principal seasons of a year.

Water sample analysis :- Water samples were collected from 10 pit lakes in pre-monsoon, Monsoon and post-monsoon season during 2021-2022 using standard protocols and guidelines. The value of each parameter was expressed as mean with standard deviations in the results.

Tests for physicochemical parameters of water sample were performed by following standard methods given by American Public Health Association (APHA, 2005) and Black (1965).

Statistical analysis :- Statistical analyses were performed using the statistical package XLSTAT (Addinsoft, 2010) graphs are drawn using Sci Davis L. Doos (Benkert et al. 2014).






Types and sources of Water pollutants :- Water bodies can be polluted by a wide variety of substances, including pathogenic microorganisms, putrescible organic waste, fertilizers and plants nutrients, toxic chemicals, sediments, heat, petroleum (oil), and radioactive substances. Several types of water pollutants are considered below. (For a discussion of the handling of sewage and other forms of waste produced by human activities see waste disposal and solid-waste management.)

Water pollutants come from either point sources or dispersed sources. A point source is a pipe or channel, such as those used for discharge from an industrial facility or a city sewerage system. A dispersed (or nonpoint) source is a very broad unconfined area from which a variety of pollutants enter the water body, such as the runoff from an agricultural area. Point sources of water pollution are easier to control than dispersed sources, because the contaminated water has been collected and conveyed to one single point where it can be treated. Pollution from dispersed sources is difficult to control and continues to cause a large fraction of water pollution problems.

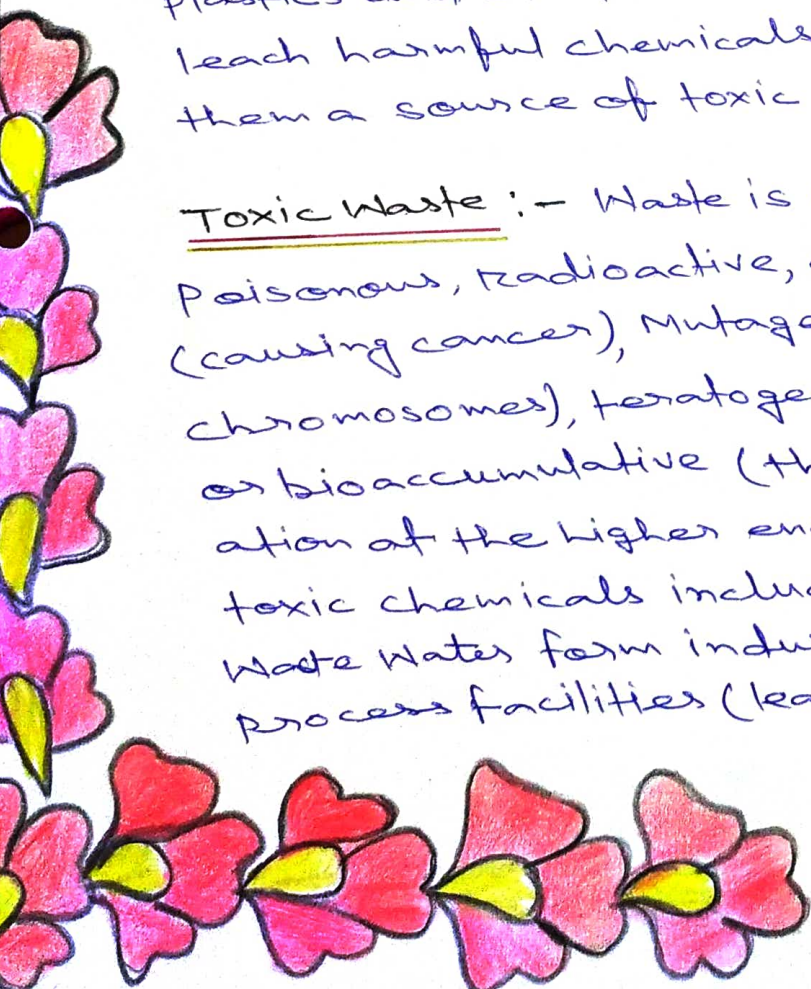
Domestic Sewage :- Domestic sewage is the primary source of pathogens and putrescible organic substances. Because pathogens are excreted in feces, all sewage from cities and towns is likely to contain pathogens of some type, potentially presenting a direct threat to public health. Putrescible organic matter presents a different natural problem in the sewage by bacteria and other microorganisms, the dissolved oxygen content of the water is depleted. This endangers the quality of lakes and streams, where high levels of oxygen are required for fish and other aquatic organisms to survive. Sewage-treatment processes reduce the levels

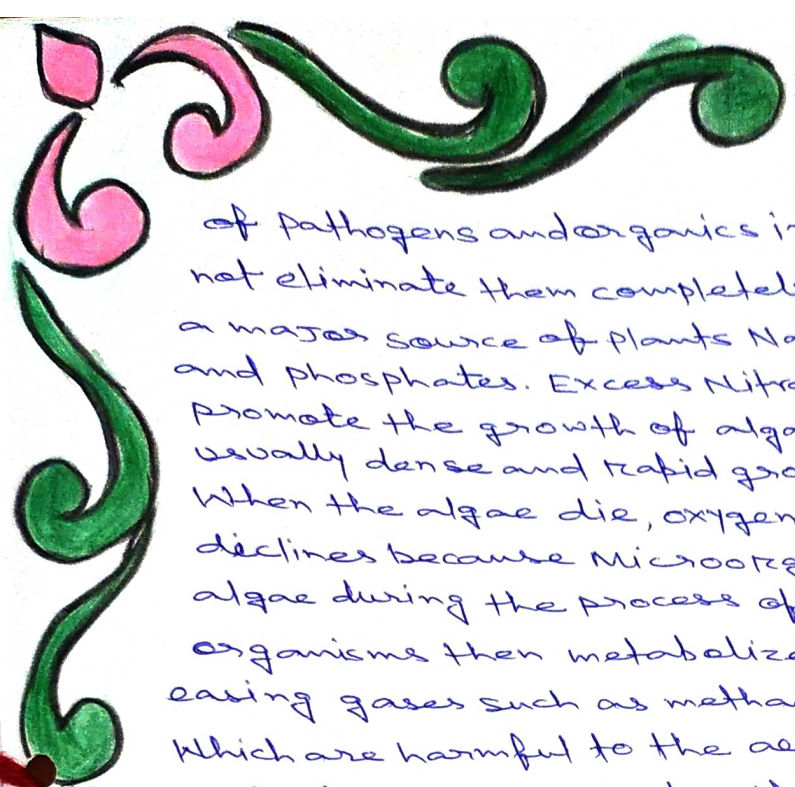




toxic Waste, trash, and construction and demolition Waste, all of which are generated by individual, residential, commercial, institutional and industrial activities. The problem is especially acute in developing countries that may lack infrastructure to resources or regulation to limit improper disposal. In some places solid Waste is intentionally dumped into bodies of Water. Land pollution can also become Water pollution if the trash or other debris is carried by animals, Wind, or rainfall to bodies of Water. Significant amounts of solid Waste pollution in inland bodies of Water can also eventually make their way to the ocean. Solid Waste pollution is unsightly and damaging to the health of aquatic ecosystems and can harm wildlife directly. Many solid Wastes, such as plastics and electronic Waste, break down and leach harmful chemicals into the Water, making them a source of toxic or hazardous Waste.

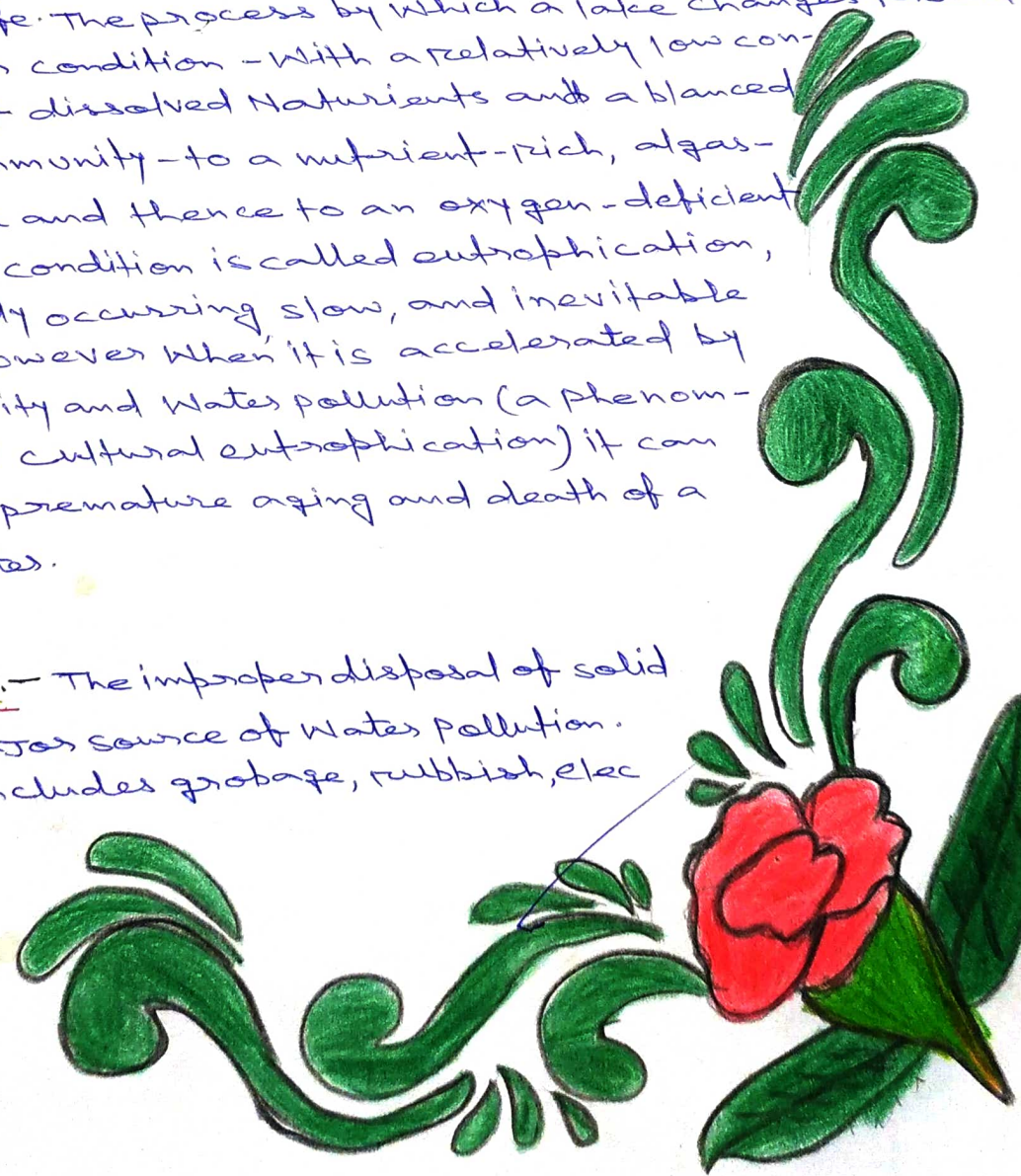
Toxic Waste :- Waste is considered toxic if it is poisonous, radioactive, explosive, carcinogenic (causing cancer), mutagenic (causing damage to chromosomes), teratogenic (causing birth defects), or bioaccumulative (that is, increasing in concentration at the higher ends of food chains) source of toxic chemicals include improperly disposed Waste Water from industrial plants and chemical process facilities (lead, Mercury, chromium) as well





of pathogens and organics in waste water, but they do not eliminate them completely. Domestic sewage is also a major source of plant nutrients, mainly nitrates and phosphates. Excess nitrates and phosphates in water promote the growth of algae, sometimes causing unusually dense and rapid growths known as algal blooms. When the algae die, oxygen dissolved in the water declines because microorganisms use oxygen to digest algae during the process of decomposition. Anaerobic organisms then metabolize the organic wastes, releasing gases such as methane and hydrogen sulfide, which are harmful to the aerobic (oxygen-requiring) forms of life. The process by which a lake changes from a clean clear condition - with a relatively low concentration of dissolved nutrients and a balanced aquatic community - to a nutrient-rich, algae-filled state and thence to an oxygen-deficient waste-filled condition is called eutrophication, is a naturally occurring slow, and inevitable process. However when it is accelerated by human activity and water pollution (a phenomenon called cultural eutrophication) it can lead to the premature aging and death of a body of water.

Solid Waste :- The improper disposal of solid waste is a major source of water pollution. Solid waste includes garbage, rubbish, etc



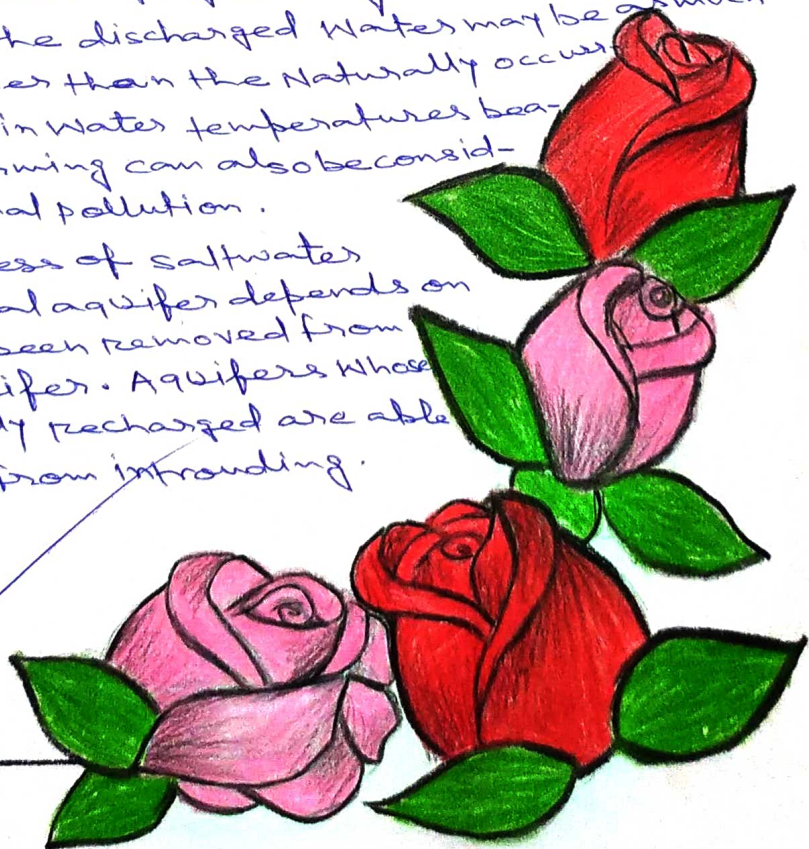


as surface runoff containing pesticides used on agricultural areas and suburban lawns (Chlordane, dieldrin, heptachlor) (for a more-detailed treatment of toxic chemicals see poison and toxic waste.)

Sediment :- sediment resulting from soil erosion or construction activity can be carried into water bodies by surface runoff. Suspended sediment interferes with the penetration of sunlight and upsets the ecological balance of a body of water. Also, it can disrupt the reproductive cycle of fish and other forms of life, and when it settles out of suspension it can smother bottom-dwelling organisms.

Thermal Pollution :- Heat is considered to be a water pollutant because it decreases the capacity of water to hold dissolved oxygen in solution, and it increases the rate of metabolism of fish. Valuable species of game fish cannot survive in water with very low levels of dissolved oxygen. A major source of heat is the practice of discharging cooling water from power plants into rivers; the discharged water may be as much as  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $27^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) warmer than the naturally occurring water. The rise in water temperatures because of global warming can also be considered a form of thermal pollution.

aquifer :- The process of saltwater intrusion into a coastal aquifer depends on how much water has been removed from the fresh water aquifer. Aquifers whose water are periodically recharged are able to keep salt water from intruding.



DISCUSSION :- Variation of physicochemical parameters of lakes of Ranigang found with their Mean value. Similar findings were also reported by PCA reveals three most important and key influential parameters - Hardness, chloride and Nitrate Nitrogen content of lake water. Parameters are positively correlated that indicate their effect on water quality Hierarchical cluster respect to their physicochemical parameters. These may be due to the site specific complex hydrological and biological interactions which naturally occur in these ecosystems

CONCLUSION :- Based on the result of present studies of the lake of Ranigang area it can be concluded that water quality show a prominent change in their quality. It revealed that all pit lakes changes with seasonal variation. Such changes were found in pH, Conductivity, Alkalinity, Hardness, chloride, Nitrate Nitrogen and phosphate phosphorus also. Major factors indicate that lake water quality have the potentiality to improve and restore its self with due course of time.

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