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Effect of Coal mining  
on  
Vegetation

# Introduction

**Mining** : Effects of mining continue years even after shut down of mine. Green House gases, death of flora and fauna, erosion of land and habitat are common ill effects of mining.

**Burning of coal** : Dangerous to environment and human health.

**Acid rain drainage** : Hazardous as  $H_2SO_4$  and dissolved Fe washes into nearby rivers and streams, commonly used by human beings.

**Air pollution** :  $SO_2$  and  $NO_2$  produced by coal fired power plants causes respiratory and cardio-vascular diseases.

**Heavy metal content** : Lead, mercury, nickel, tin, cadmium, antimony and arsenic metals are some of the toxic metals which are released in mining and burning of coals.

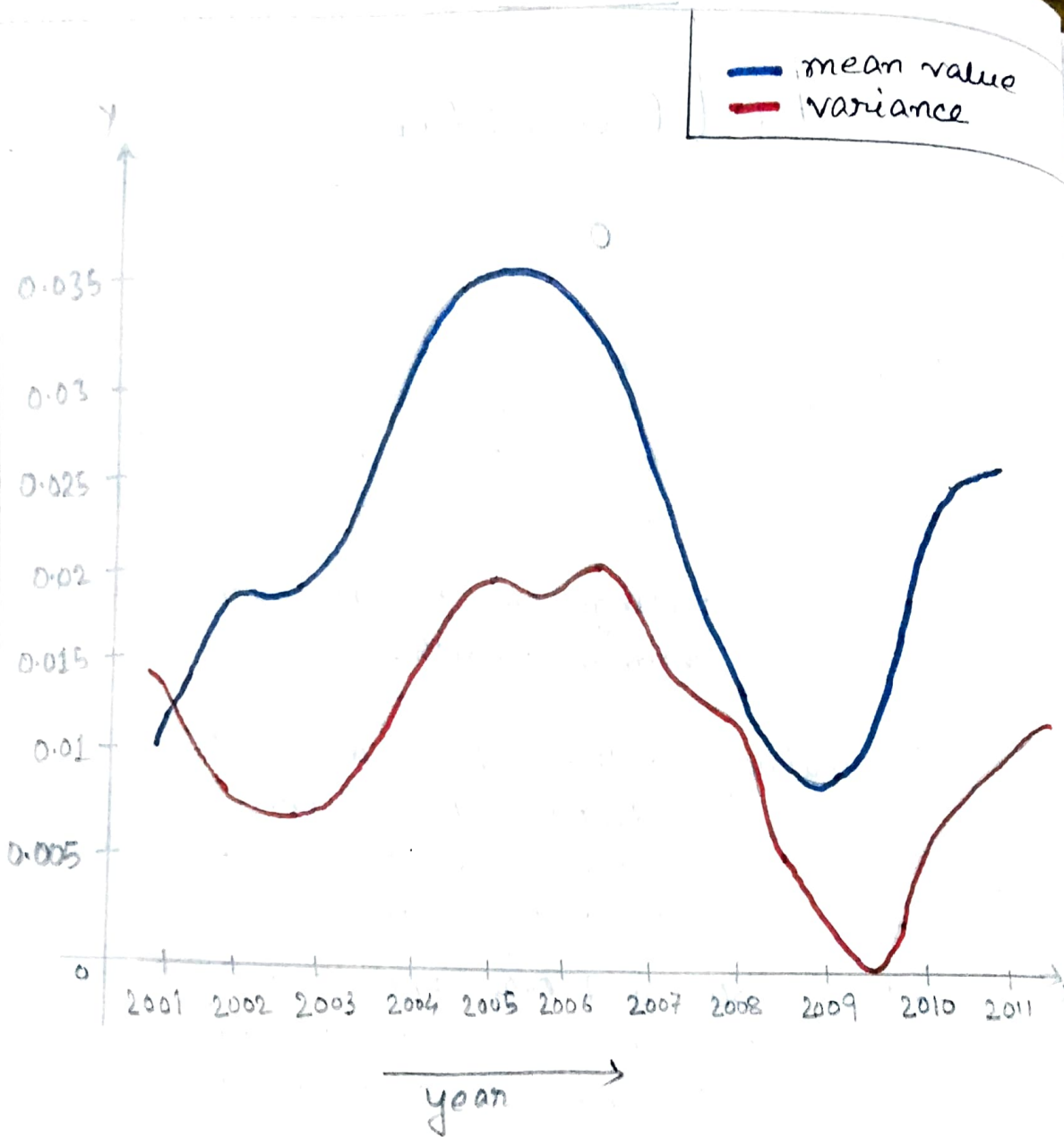


Fig.- From 2001 to 2010 loss of vegetation  
cause to coal mining.

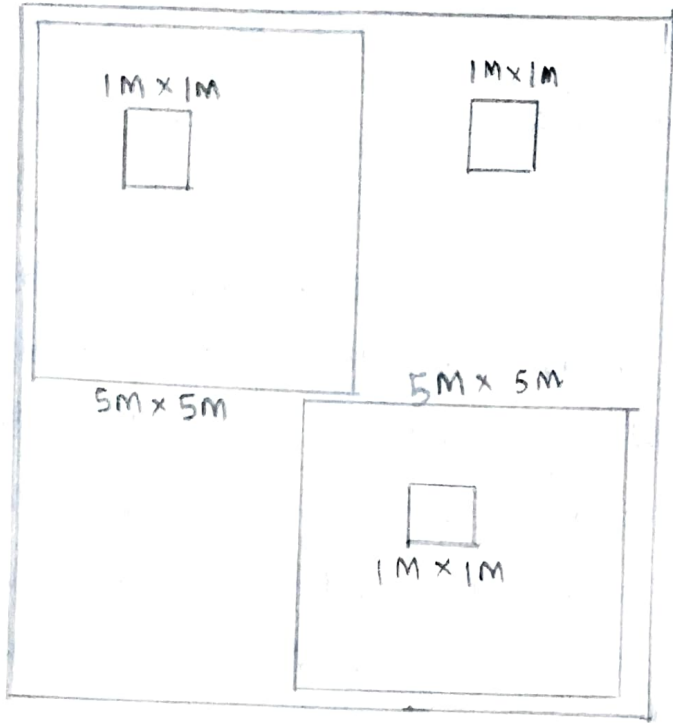
## Mining affect the vegetation

Coal mining leads to loss of biomass and decreases the ability of vegetation to absorb atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$ . From 2001 to 2010, loss of vegetation biomass owing to coal mining was 2,60.48t with annual rates of biomass loss of 83.48  $\text{gC/m}^2$  year.

Phosphate-bearing rocks are mined to produce phosphorous, an essential element used in industry and agriculture. The process of extraction includes removal of surface vegetation, thereby exposing phosphorous rocks to the terrestrial ecosystem, damaging the land area with exposed phosphorus, resulting in ground erosion.

Acids can lower the pH of the soil, preventing plants ~~can lower~~ and soil microorganisms from thriving, and can also react with various minerals in the soil that are required by plants, such as calcium and magnesium.

10M x 10M

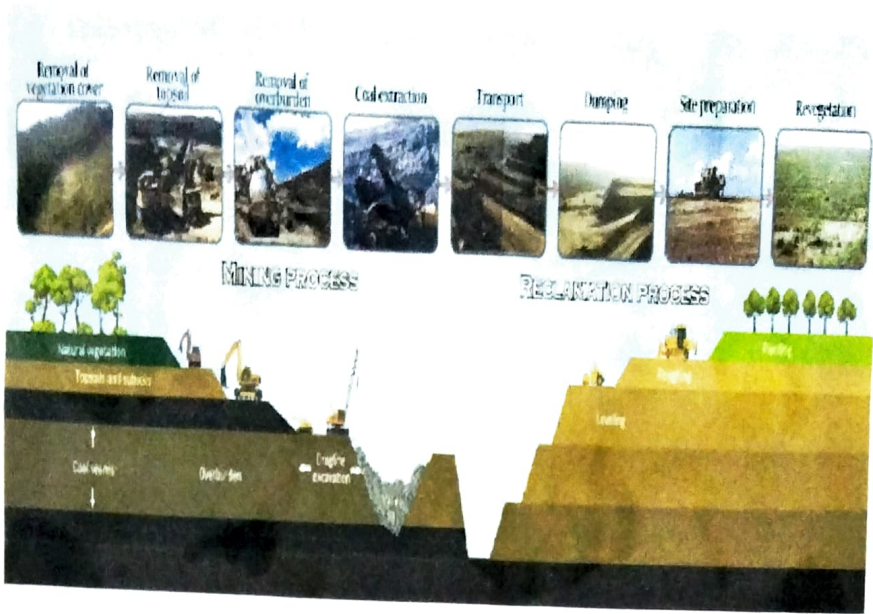


Quadrant diagram



## Methodology

- Two areas were selected
- vegetation growing on over burden coal dumping area
- vegetation within the adjacent site 5 km away.
- Five plot of  $10\text{m} \times 10\text{m}$  were demarcated.
- Sub Plots of size  $5\text{m} \times 5\text{m}$  were further demarcated within each of these plots.
- Smaller quadrant of  $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$  was demarcated both in  $5\text{m} \times 5\text{m}$  plot and one outside it.
- Such demarcation of quadrant was done in both over burden dump area and the adjacent site 5 km away.



Mining Process



Acid mine drainage

## Environmental impact of disposal of coal mining wastes on soils and plants in Rostov oblast, Russia —

### □ Highlights :-

- A soil cover has not yet finally self-formed on the spoil tips that are aged more than 50-70 years and burnt-out decades ago.
- The aerial and water migration of material from the spoil tips alters the properties of steppe soils within a 1 km radius.
- The contents of Mn, Cu, V, Cr, Zn, Pb, Mo and Ba in the impacted topsoils are raised as compared with the background soils.
- The fraction 0.07 - 1.00 mm of the impacted soils contains oxidized minerals not typical of the areas beyond the mining sites.

□ Acid mine drainage (AMD) refers to outflow of acidic water from coal mines or metal mines, often abandoned mines where ore- or coal mining activities have exposed rocks containing the sulphur-bearing mineral pyrite. Pyrite reacts with air and water to form sulphuric acid and dissolved iron, and as water washes through mines, this compound



forms a dilute acid, which can wash into nearby rivers and streams.

- Air pollution from coal-fired power plants include  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , Particulate matter and heavy metals, leading to smog, acid rain, toxins in the environment, and numerous respiratory, cardiovascular, and cerebrovascular effects.
- Air pollution from coal mines is mainly due to emissions of particulate matter and gases including  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}$ , as well as  $\text{CO}$ .
- Coal dust stirred up during the mining process as well as released during coal transport, which can cause severe and potentially deadly respiratory problems.
- Floods such as the Buffalo creek flood caused by mountaintop removal mining and failures of coal mine impoundments.
- Forest destruction caused by mountaintop removal mining - According to a 2010 study, mountaintop removal mining has destroyed 6.8% of Appalachia's forests.



Trees community

# Trees Community

SHANNON WINNER DIVERSITY INDEX

$$H = -\sum [(n/N) \times \ln(n/N)]$$

Mined	1.860087
Unmined	2.872724
Total	2.83957

SIMPSON DIVERSITY INDEX  $\div$

$$S = 1 - \sum [(n/N)^2]$$

Mined	0.541009
Unmined	0.576864
Total	0.541501

Margleaf Index (Species Richness)

$$D = (S-1) / \ln N$$

	Mined	unmined
Tree	1.985616	4.66775

Peilou (Species Evenness)

$$J = H' / H' \text{ Max}$$

Mined	0.577868
Unmined	0.892462



Shrub community



# Shrub Community

- SHANNON WIENER (FINAL)

$$H = -\sum \left[ \left( \frac{n}{N} \right) \times \ln \left( \frac{n}{N} \right) \right]$$

Mined	2.135587
unmined	2.44936
Total	2.44519

## SIMPSON DIVERSITY INDEX

$$S = 1 - \sum \left[ \left( \frac{n}{N} \right)^2 \right]$$

Mined	0.496523
unmined	0.509405
Total	0.505506

Species Evenness

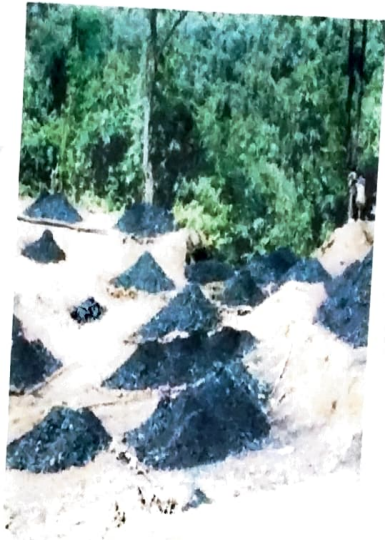
$$\text{Pielou } J = H' / H'_{\max}$$

Mined	0.738862
Unmined	0.84742

Species Richness

$$\text{Margalef Index } D = (s-1) / \ln N$$

	Mined	unmined
Shrub	2.446346	2.778642



Herbs community

## Herbs Community

SHANNON WIENER (FINAL)

$$H = - \sum [(n/N) \times \ln(n/N)]$$

Mined	3.220983
unmined	3.385482
Total	3.3633

SIMPSON DIVERSITY INDEX

$$S = 1 - \sum [(n/N)^2]$$

mined	0.58394
unmined	0.609793
Total	0.60144

Pielou (Species Evenness)

$$J = H' / H' \text{ Max}$$

mined	0.861762
unmined	0.905773

Margleaf (Species Richness)

$$D(S - 1 / \ln N)$$

Herb	Mined	Unmined
	4.093698	4.55373

# Conclusion



- Margalef species richness was found to be more in unmined area than in mined area.
- Shannon Wiener Diversity Index and Simpson Diversity Index was also found to be more than unmined area.
- Pielou Evenness Index also found to be more at the unmined area than mined area.
- The study proves that there is a disturbance in the vegetation composition in the over burden dump area because of the mining activities.
- Fabaceae family is the most abundant family found in the coal over burden area as they have Rhizobium bacteria in their root nodules which help them to thrive in the adverse condition.