

# Phytoremediation of Potentially Toxic Element via Absorbtion and Translocation by Naturally Grown Plants Calotropis Procera and Solanum Nigrum from Polluted Agricultural Field Near by Industrial Area, Chinhath Lucknow U.P.(India)

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**Abstract:** *Phytoremediation is an eco-friendly and has been defined as the in situ use of plants to stabilise, remediate, and reduce or restore contaminated soil. Current research was conducted to know the best accumulator plants Forcontaminated agricultural land, of potentially trace elements in soil and plants. Total Fe, Cu, Zn and Pb, have been estimated in soil and plant species of contaminated and control site. Two plants species calotropis procera and solanum nigrum from contaminated and non-contaminated area has been taken. It is revealed that Solanum Nigrum and CalotropisProcera growing in contaminated area can accumulate some of the PTE (Potentially Toxic Elements) like Fe, Cu, Zn and Pb. Surprisingly, naturally grown plants show highly accumulated metals and which can be used as a best accumulator plant species in the heavily contaminated area. We suggest the cultivation of these plants species because it can be used as a best accumulator plant species. This research will show in selection of best plant species for growing in contaminated area.*

**Keywords:** *Accumulation, Translocation, Toxic Elements Fe, Cu, Zn and Pb.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Plants which are grown on industrial polluted area accumulate potentially toxic elements (PTE) from the soil and to some extent from air. PTE like iron (Fe), zinc (Zn), copper (Cu), and manganese (Mn) are important metals to plants development while lead (Pb), chromium (Cr), nickel (Ni), and cadmium (Cd) are harmful and toxic even at a very low concentration. However, all these metals are harmful and toxic beyond a certain threshold value that may vary with natures and species of trace element and plant. The accumulation of PTE may vary from soil and plant to plant. Epstein and Jefferies (1964) concluded that many varieties of species exhibited different uptake of nutrients in plants. Variation absorption of nutrients in varieties of crops was most likely not caused by a single biological mechanism

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(Chang et al., 1982). Metal variation in plants is due to the availability of metals to plants that depend on total concentration in the soil and by the forms in which they occur (Roberts and Johnson, 1978). The availability of metals in soils to plants is also a function of soil properties like pH, organic carbon, cation exchange capacity (Chaney, 1973; Chambers and Sliddle, 1994; Yassoglouet al., 1987), stage of growth of plants (Xian, 1989) and microorganisms around the root zone. Many metals are retained at surface soil and their concentration will increase at depth (Olaniya et al., 1991). Fulvic acid and humic acid also play a major role in the migration of metals.

This research shows the behaviour of Solanum Nigrum and Calotropis Procera naturally growing plant species and to understand their capacity of accumulation that we can grow on contaminated soil for prospective utilization of agricultural land.

## II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Plant and soil samples were collected during March, 2018 from effluent-contaminated area chinchhat Industrial Belt, containing industrial effluents of automobile industry, located in Lucknow U.P. For each plant sample, 2-5 plant of same species were collected at random. During sampling, morphological status of the plant species and it was taken into consideration based on numbers of leaves, shoot length, root length, color of the leaves, stage of growth, which response to environmental stress condition. This short classification was also adopted by Ray (1990), Barman and Lal (1994). The morphological index different from plant to plant and was classified as normal, healthy, and luxurious.

Soil samples from the surface soil to a depth of 15 cm around each plant root zone were collected. Soil samples were air dried, ground and passed through a sieve (2 mm). Plant samples were washed with running tap water to clean soil particles adhered to the roots followed by distilled water and then air dried. Background soil and plant samples were similarly obtained from the



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uncontaminated site,Chinhat area Lucknow(aerial distance of ~20 km). It was chosen as a control site to compare the difference with the contaminated area, its a highway area, were there is air pollution also which may cause a significant increase of Pb, Cd, and Zn etc.Plant parts were cut into 2cm pieces and dried at 65±1°C for 48 hr. Dried samples were powdered and passed through a 2 mm sieve. Sieved soil and pulverized plant samples were further kept in oven 65±1°C for 24 hr. to obtain a accurate weight.

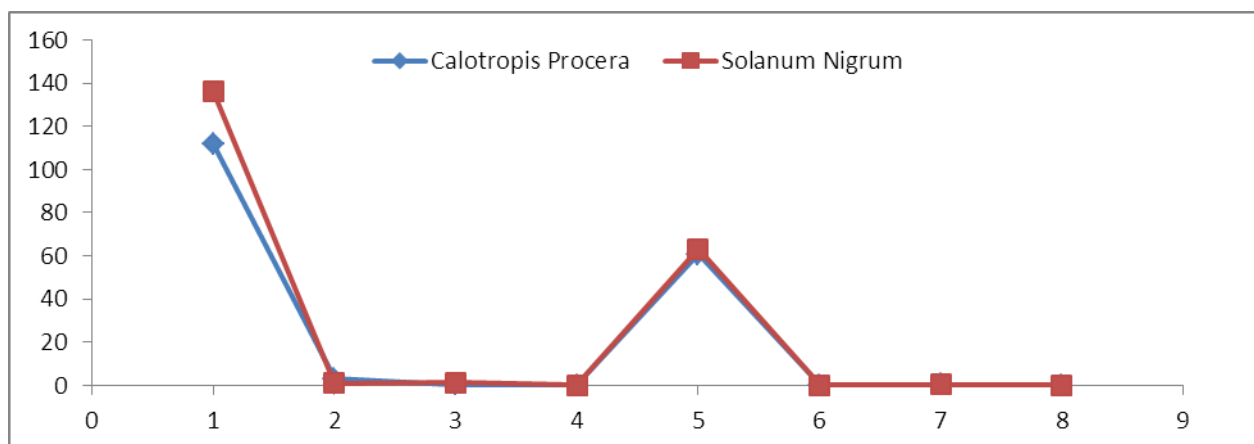
One gram of each plant sample was digested with a mixture (4: 1 V/V) HNO<sub>3</sub> and HClO<sub>4</sub> (Buchaure, 1973) overnight. Samples were digested on the hot plate until a clear solution was obtained. It was then filtered and assayed by AAS (Atomic Absorbition Spectroscopy, LABINDIA AA 7000plus). All analyses were conducted in triplicate.

**III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

To study the accumulation of potentially toxic elements (PTE) in different plant species growing on a mixed industrial effluent –contaminated area at chinhatlucknow; metal levels of Fe, Zn, Cu, Pb, Cr, and Cd. plants and as well as the soils of contaminated and uncontaminated area were estimated. We have compared the difference in both contaminated site and control site in the metal levels of naturally grown plants. The levels of PTE in the naturally grown plants of the contaminated area were significantly higher than the plants of the control site. Where in plants Fe and Cu levels exceeds, and were found higher in the naturally grown plants.

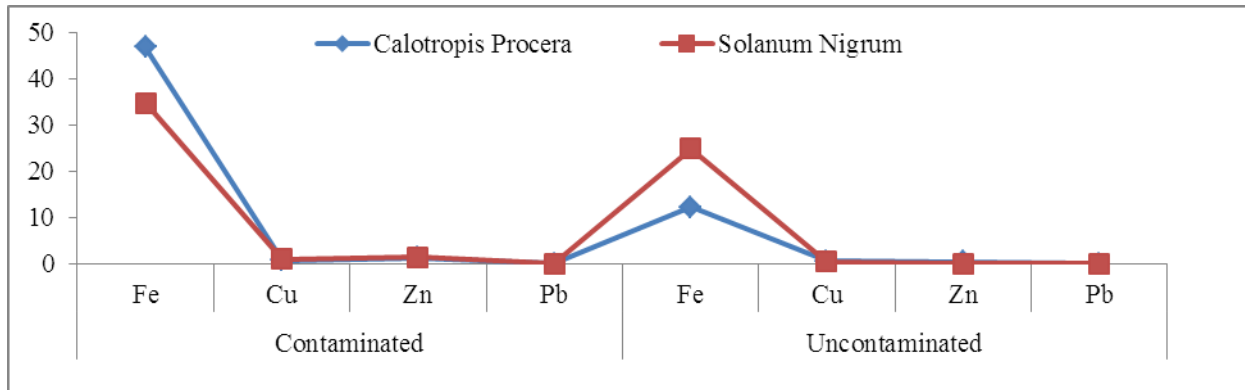
**PLANT PART ANALYZED (ROOT)**

Plants	Contaminated (ppm)				Control Site (ppm)			
	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb
<b>CalotropisProcera</b>	112.04	3.05	0.45	BDL	60.68	BDL	0.42	BDL
<b>SolanumNigrum</b>	136.47	0.98	1.43	BDL	63.08	0.20	0.56	BDL



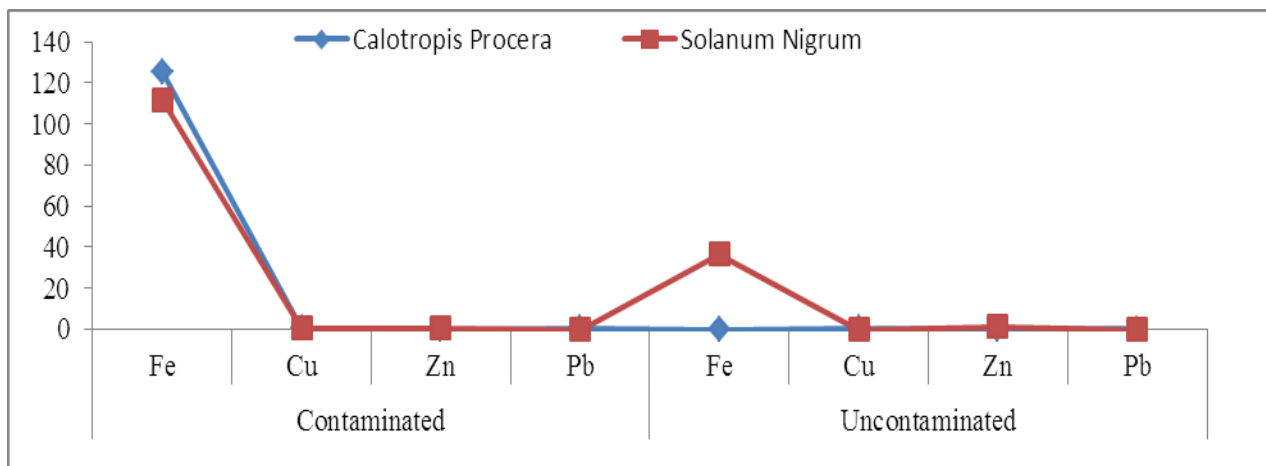
**PLANT PART ANALYZED (STEM)**

Plants	Contaminated (ppm)				Control Site (ppm)			
	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb
<b>CalotropisProcera</b>	46.78	0.67	1.23	BDL	12.19	0.47	0.39	BDL
<b>SolanumNigrum</b>	34.79	0.97	1.32	BDL	24.80	0.43	0.01	BDL



**PLANT PART ANALYZED (ROOT)**

Plants	Contaminated (ppm)				Control Site (ppm)			
	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb
<b>CalotropisProcera</b>	125.48	0.52	0.02	0.57	BDL	0.46	BDL	0.25
<b>SolanumNigrum</b>	111.79	0.48	0.71	BDL	36.62	BDL	1.42	BDL



**Metals level in Plants were found in the following order:**

**Leaves:** Fe > Cu > Zn > Pb

**Stem:** Fe > Zn > Cu > Pb

**Root:** Fe > Zn > Cu > Pb

**Distribution of Metal And Its Impact on Plants**

We found that there was higher accumulation of Fe in plants of chinhat area, Gestring and Jarnell (1982), who studied insignificant differences in Fe concentration in plant tissue and soil. There is no uniform distribution of PTE in the root adjacent soils as well as in the different plant species. Soil and plant bioaccumulation relationships are variable from metal to metal and plant to plant. The highest accumulation of Fe, Cu, and Zn were found in Calotropis Procera and Solanum Nigrum at chinhat area.

The research shows Calotropis Procera and Solanum Nigrum are best accumulator plant species for contaminated area and can be grown for phytoremediation. These plants show higher accumulation to Fe, Cu and Zn.

Some plant species may also differ in their ability to absorb, accumulate, and tolerate PTE.

**Visible Phytotoxic Symptoms of Plants**

Many laboratory have studied and have demonstrated that many heavy metals, particularly Cu, Ni, and Cd can create a series of disorders which can be supplied, and when supplied at concentrations at higher than those normally encountered in the natural conditions. More often than not, these impacts are parallel to reduce the growth rate of the plants which is affected with contaminant effects on an average concentrations. PTE of Chinhat Contaminated Area. Plants don't show always impactable symptoms



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morphologically but sometimes may have injury which is not visible because of pollutants or because of change in metabolic pathways. These toxic heavy metals have harmful impact on plants life and there is also reduction in the yield capacity..

(Clijsters and Van Assche, 1985) studied that heavy metals generally cause a decrease in total chlorophyll content. Therefore, alter metabolic pathways of the plant, unhealthy, unluxurious growth, development of vegetables and crops were observed at the contaminated area of chinhat Lucknow. The plants get unhealthy and starts to get deaf and gets damaged due to pollution whether its air, soil or industrial effluent, were they are not able to survive. So, these plants can be grown in industrial contaminated area to accumulate which can be used for phytoremediation.

The higher metal absorption in this soil act as powerful agents of natural selection which may act as higher metal-tolerant plant species in contaminated area. In today's changed environment, plants get adopted through continuous evolution. Thus, some plants species are able to persist in this stressed environment, whereas non-tolerant plant species are quickly eliminated.

In this research, we suggest the cultivation of plants *Calotropis Procera* and *Solanum Nigrum* in land irrigated with such mixed industrial effluent. Because these plants will be helpful in accumulating the metals from the contaminated area.

Naturally grown plants grown in the Chinhat location Lucknow shows that the accumulation of the metals when compared to control area, values may likely to constitute a significant chronic health hazard problem to human and cattle when consumed and taken in the long run. Therefore, when its taken daily and intake of such plants which accumulate more toxic elements should be avoided from consumption. Especially. This is very important in the case of species which is edible particularly leafy vegetables. And, in some cases, naturally grown plants species may also increase dietary intake of PTE by grazing animals and thereby subsequent trophic levels.

## Recommendations to Reduce Pte Load In the Environment

Some of the techniques can be used and can be adopted for phytoremediation by planting the accumulator plant species:

Metal tolerant species (i.e. hyper accumulator plants species) can be selected and can be alternatively grown with crops and vegetables to eliminate or to reduce some extent of the metal concentration. Organic matter (humus) can also be added to the soil which will restrict heavy metal transport to the plants by providing binding sites (ligands). Instead of cultivating in the heavily contaminated land, social forestry may be taken up as remedial measure to avoid

soil erosion and health hazard in the future. There has been recent interest in the concept of cropping and removing the above ground biomass for decontamination of contaminated surface soils. Cultivators should also be encouraged to cultivate the accumulator plant species

## CONCLUSION

The information collected is that we can grow these plant species with in the heavily contaminated area for accumulating the metals that would be appropriate for cultivating in land/field irrigated with industrial effluent. Some species of plants which can efficiently restrict the migration of PTE from the contaminated soil. This restriction could be due to the cumulative effect of genetically controlled features, morphological and anatomical differences, or due to the physiology of the ion transport mechanism (Cataldo and Wildung 1978).

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