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Unit - IV

Chemical toxicology

Toxic chemicals in the environment.

- ① Toxicity of lead, mercury, Arsenic and cadmium.
- ② Cyanide and its toxic effects. } 10m @ 5m
- ③ Pesticides and its biochemical effects. — 10M
- ④ Solid waste management. — 5m

Introduction

Toxic chemical substances discharged into air, water and soil produce harmful effects on the life of plants, animals and human beings. The study of damaging effect of toxic chemicals in the environment is called environmental toxicology.

Urbanisation, Industrialisation and modern agricultural practices are mainly responsible for the pollution of air, water and land, water, air and food. When these elements of the nature get polluted or degraded the human life will soon get into trouble. These pollutants may be classified into three types.

- ① toxic metal pollutants,
- ② toxic gaseous pollutants,
- ③ toxic organic pollutants.

① toxicity of Lead.

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Lead is used as a ~~padding~~ in parts. It also enhances ~~that~~ their consistence and durability. There are two important source of Lead.

① primary sources - Ores (Lead oxide)

② secondary sources - Recycled Lead, scrap, basically from Lead acid batteries

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Toxic effect of

Arsenic is not found in a nature a free element but exists in the combination of other elements.

Three ~~different~~ important ores of arsenic

Arsenic sulphid
orpiment.

Arseno pyrite. (or) Ferrus Arsenic sulphide

Inorganic Arsenic is more toxic than organic Arsenic. Trivalent ($As + 3$) state is about 60 times toxic than the $As + 5$. and ^{it} is more soluble in water.

21 countries which effected by a high amount of As in water, Bangladesh, West Bengal are worst effect by the As.

Toxic effects

Acute As poisoning. It is characterized by, Gastro intestinal, diarrhoea, circulatory collapses, and renal failure in serious poisoning death may occur within a short period.

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chronic AS

It is also called Arsiniasis in
emerging epidemic in Asia.

conditions

weight loss anorexia

fatigues.

necrosis

degeneration of renal tubules.

liver and ^{spleen} skin enlargement (cystosis)

myocardial degradation.

goitre

skin cancer

* Hyper keratosis of palms and soles may
under go malignant change in the
form of basal cell of carcinoma.

Removal of As from water.

Adsorption.

In this method activated Alumina,
iron coated sand ~~iron~~^{ion} exchange resins
are used to absorb As from water.
It is high efficient method.

Co-precipitation

It is low cost, easily used at household level as well as community level. In this method as Fe^{3+} is precipitated with addition of ferric salts after settling ~~ing~~^{ing} of precipitate it can be removed.

Membrane technology, reverse osmosis, are the ~~ex~~ examples of membrane a filter is sulphur filter.

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Toxicity of Cadmium

Cd is the waste product from industrial process. many people are exposed to Cd. via. cigarette smoke, contaminated food and water, workers exposed while manufacturing, recycling nickel-cd batteries.

Cd is toxic to living organisms even in low concentration. It is ~~ex~~ hampered cumulative poision and

remain in the body from more than a ~~decade~~
decade. (~~ITAI-ITAI~~) (ITAI-ITAI disease)
- Japan

Toxic effects of cadmium.

It disturbs the human DNA repair system. that is important to prevent cancer. It effects MMR, (mismatch repair) which can lead to cancer and reproductive problems. Cd is a neuro toxin. It cause serious liver and kidney problem.

Acute Cd poisoning

Cough, sore throat, cyanosis, bronchopneumonia, ~~and~~ circulatory collapse, ~~and~~

Chronic Cd poisoning.

Yellow pigmentation of teeth, ~~and~~ ^{anosymia} ~~and~~ enphysema, and protein urea.

Treatment for Cd poisoning

Cd poisoning is usually treated with chelating agents, EDTA, dimethylthiol,