

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MINING: WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADIVASIS  
IN SUNDARGARH DISTRICT, ODISHA**

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**ABSTRACT**

Industries have been a major contributor of development and growth of an economy. To support the functioning of these industries, mining activities were undertaken. There has been extensive extraction of minerals that are abundantly present in India. Some of these resources are found in the Scheduled Areas of Sundargarh District and therefore is a hotspot for mining sites and industrial establishments. Sundargarh, Odisha is also a melting pot of different Adivasi communities who live in and around the mineral rich lands. Mining activities impact both the environment and the Adivasi communities. The study throws light on the negative externalities of mining activities resulting in degradation of land, water, air, large-scale deforestation. It also analyses the effect of mining activities on the socio- economic conditions of the Adivasi communities living in and around the mining and industrial areas.