



## ENVC 24 : Energy and Environment

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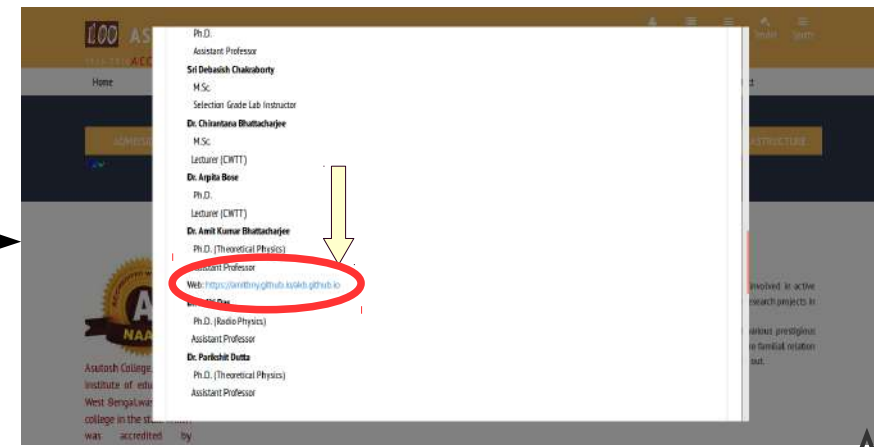
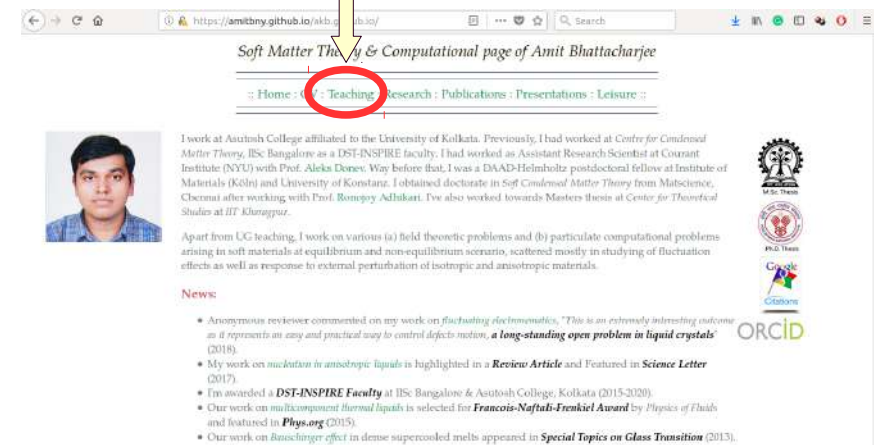
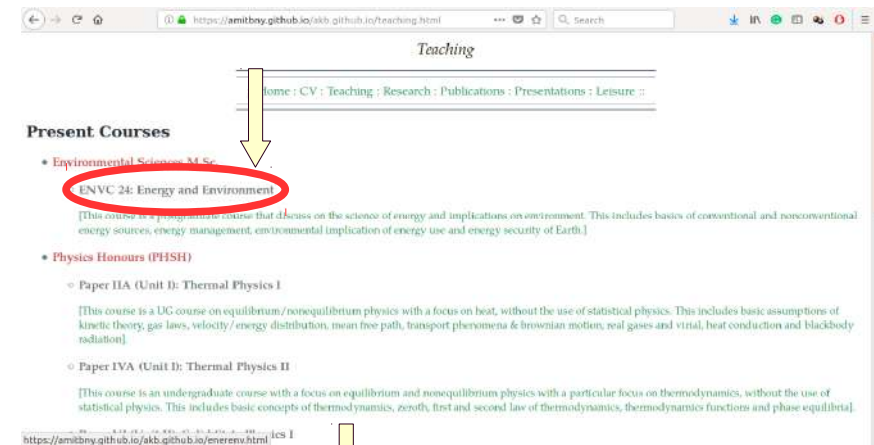
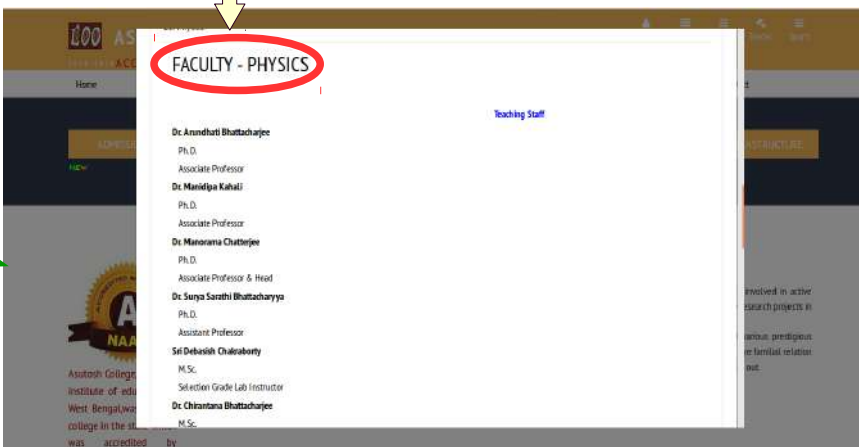
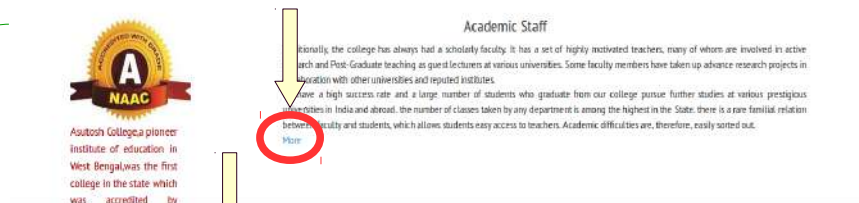
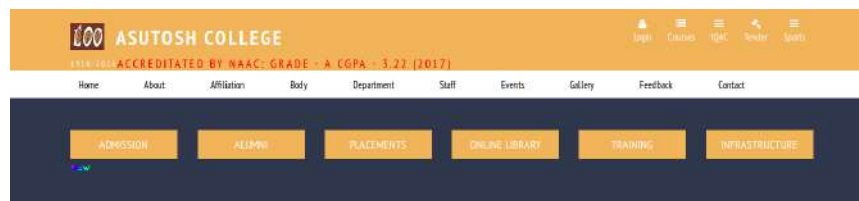
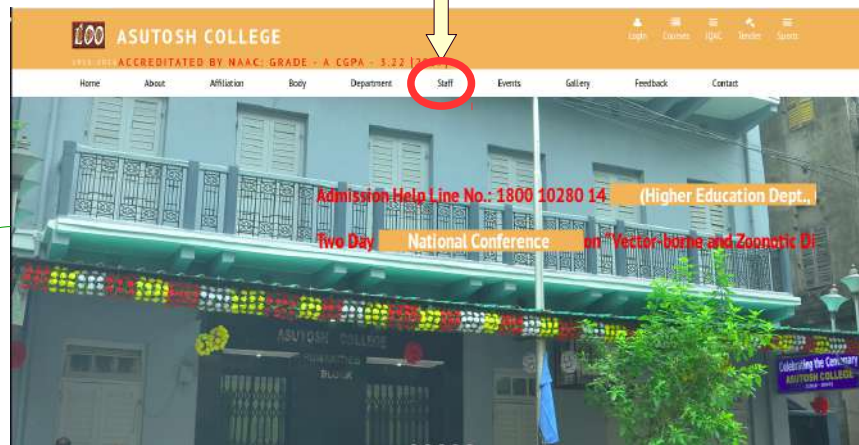
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## Course: Marks - 25; Credit - 2

- General overview ➡ Sun as a source of Energy, Solar Radiation & its Spectral Characteristics, Conventional & Nonconventional Energy Sources, Fossil Fuels – Classification, Composition, Physico-Chemical Characteristics & Energy Content of Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Nuclear Energy ➡ Fission & Fusion, Bioenergy – Energy from Biomass and Biogas, Anaerobic Digestion.
- Non-Conventional Energy ➡ Principles of Generation of Solar, Hydropower, Wind, Geothermal & Ocean Energy, Solar Collectors, Solar Pond, Photo-voltaic, Energy Use Pattern in Different Parts of World and in India.
- Energy Measurement ➡ Energy Consumption, Energy Conservation, Increased Efficiency & Cogeneration, Energy Policy, Management of Nuclear Energy Wastes, Research & Development on Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Policy.
- Environmental Implication of Energy Use ➡ Green-house Gas Emission, Global Warming.
- Energy Security & Energy Budget of the Earth.



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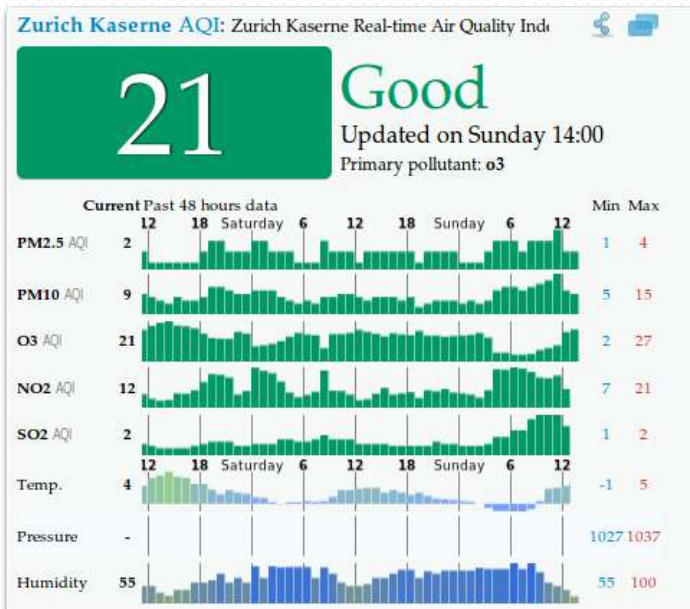


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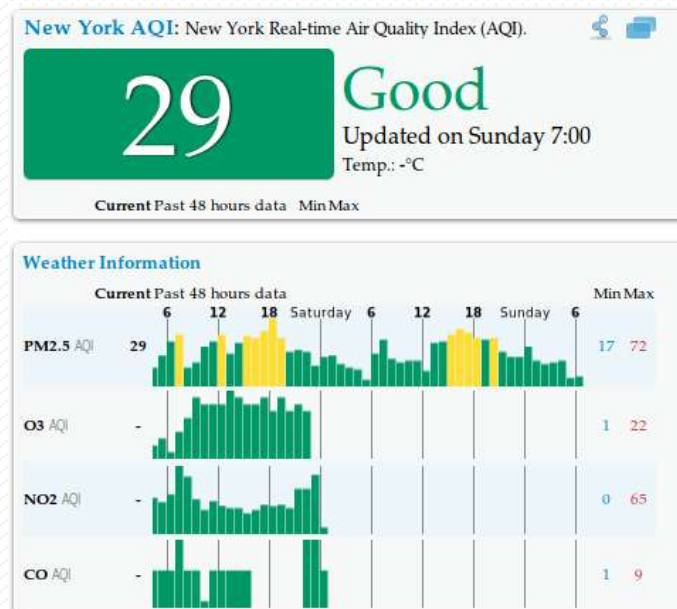
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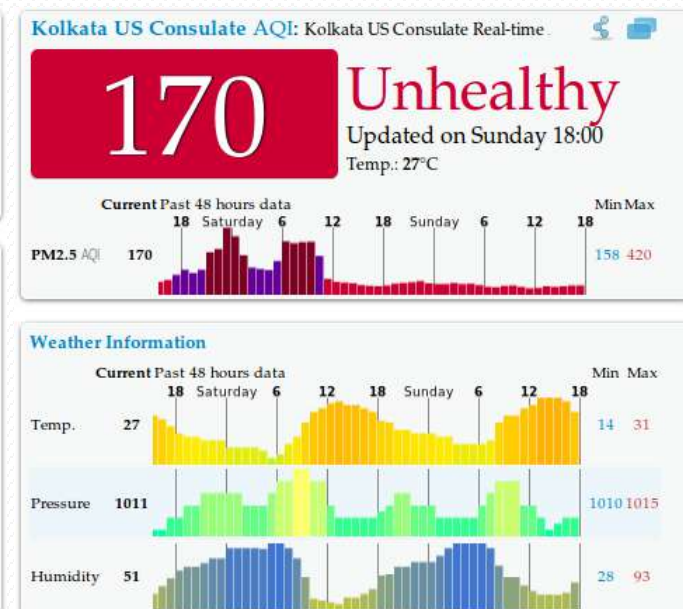
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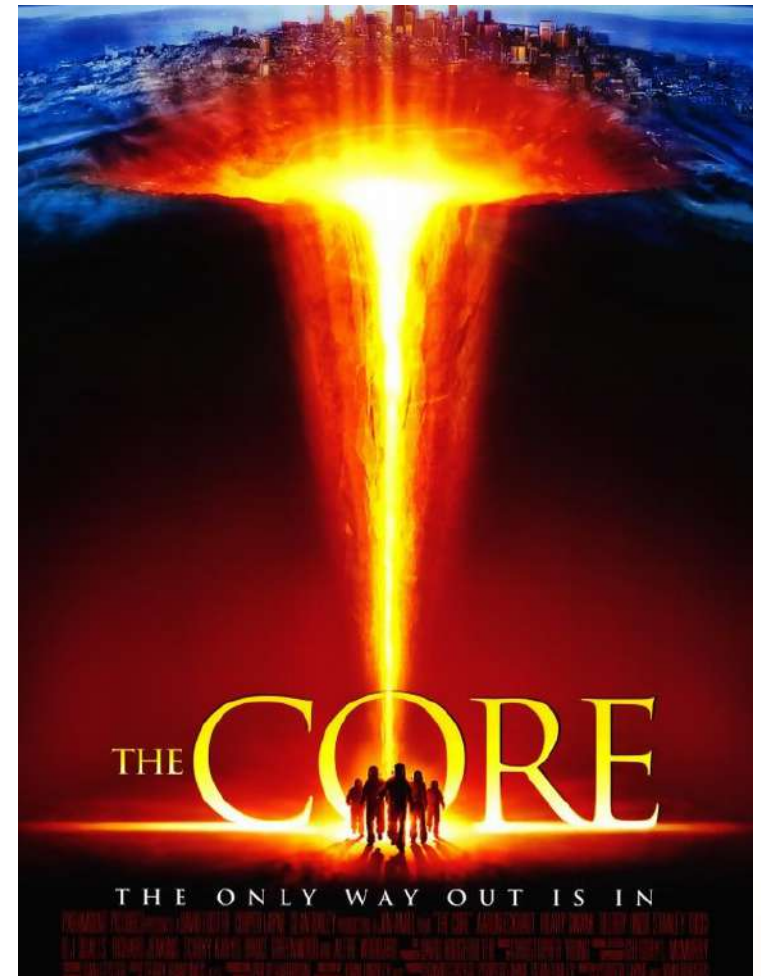
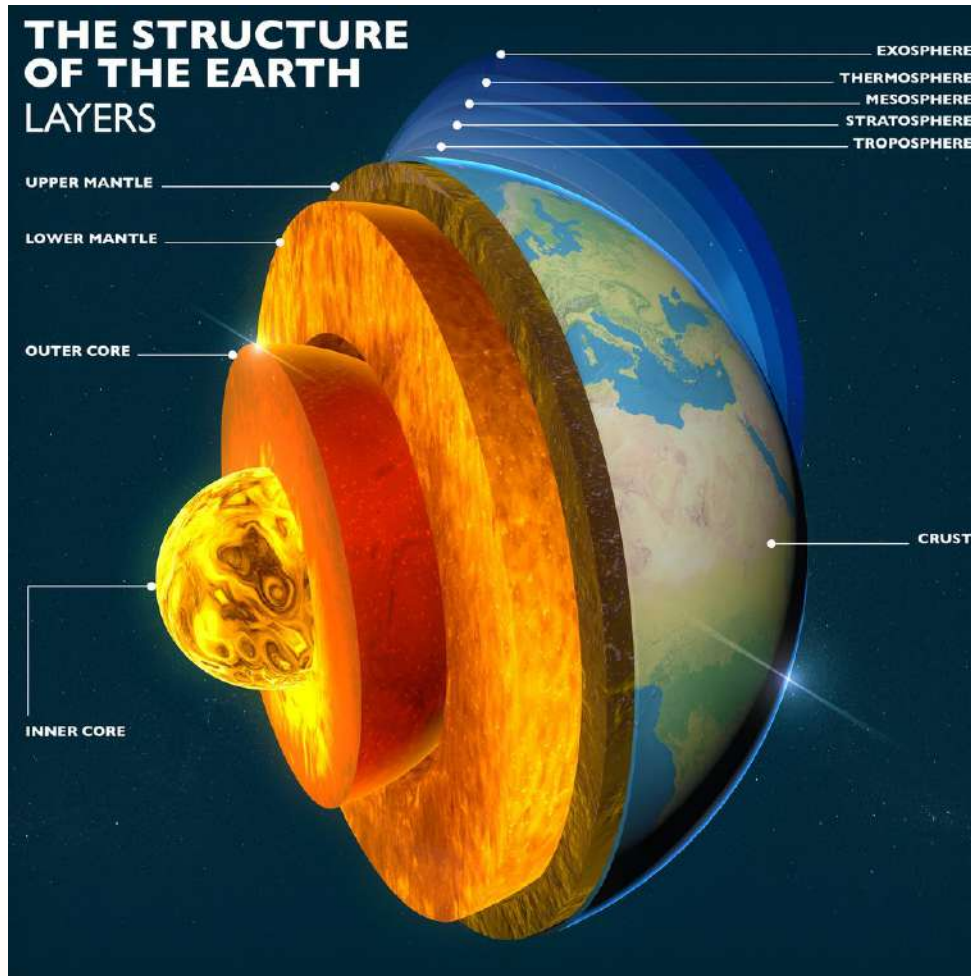
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# General Overview

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- **Energy** is a prime mover of economic growth and is vital to sustain the economy. Energy consumption is an indicator of economic growth of a nation. Future economic growth depends upon the long term availability of the energy resources which are **affordable**, **accessible** and **environment friendly**. Industrialization contributes to the growth of the economy and requires energy. Consumption of energy and industrialization go together. If the economy has to grow then energy consumption also has to grow. The growth of economy depends upon the growth of infrastructure, and the infrastructure demands the consumption of energy.





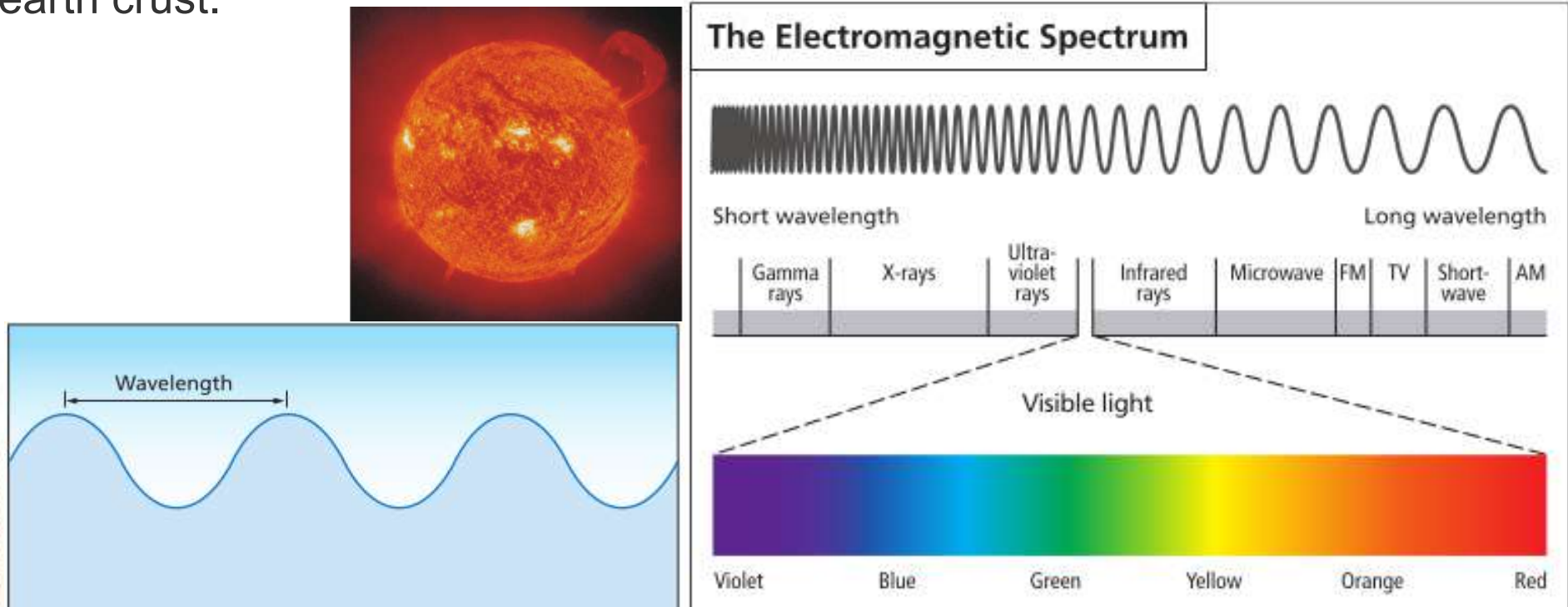
# General Overview

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- Major energy intensive industries in 2005 required energy ~ **68%** of the total energy consumption, e.g., sectors that produced chemicals (Cement & others) took ~ **29%** of the total energy, Iron/Steel sector consumed ~ **20%** of the total energy. Steel and Cement are two main infrastructure materials. Non-metallic minerals have consumed ~ **10%** of the total energy, Paper/Pulp ~ **6%** of the total energy and Nonferrous metal ~ **3%** energy. Though this data corresponds to 2005, but similar energy consumption is present in the subsequent years. India has setup ~ **7.6%** economic growth for **2019-20**. With this high economic rate of growth, the demands on infrastructure materials like Cement, Steel, non-ferrous material is bound to grow. In an estimate, India would be needing ~ **600 billion tons** of Cement and ~ **300 billion tons** of Steel by the end of the year 2030. This suggests that **industrialization, growth of economy**, and **energy consumption** are highly interrelated.

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  - (i) **Non-renewable** energy resources.
  - (ii) **Renewable** energy resources.



# General Overview

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- **Non-renewable** means it takes several millions of years to form such resource. “Radiometric dating” shows that Earth formed over 4 billion years ago. In this perspective, we have non-renewable and renewable – the renewable resources are available to us all the time. Non-renewable energy resources example are *fossil fuels* and renewable energy resources are generated from natural resources.
- **Renewable** means they are constantly recyclable, they never exhaust as long as the solar power is. But non-renewable resources takes several millions of years to form below the earth-crust, that is in this time scale the fossil fuels are termed as non-renewable energy vis-a-vis renewable energy resources.





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- The second stage is called **Metamorphism** or *dynamochemical stage*. In this stage, there is an effect of pressure because of the depth. Because of the movement of the earth crust, the deposit which has been occurred earlier gets buried further and as a result of this the effect of pressure begins as one go down the depth. Also, there is a **tectonic pressure** which is caused by the movement of the Earth and as a result, the deposit gets buried into some type of rocks below the Earth crust. Then there comes the **effect of temperature** because there is a rise of 3-5°C for every 100 meter increase in depth. This is the most important stage in the formation of the coal deposit. And there is an effect of temperature and very high pressure and on account of it, several physico-chemical reactions take place during the life of the formation of the coal. So certain chemical reaction occur at dynamochemical stage.





- They are, for example, **dehydration** (removal of water), **decarboxylation** and **dehydrogenation**, and, on account of these three chemical reactions which are occurring because of the very large increase in pressure and temperature, and these results in removal of  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $H_2S$ . So on account of these physico-chemical reactions or dynamochemical reactions, the formation of coal occurs and the coal consists of **organic mass** (because it is from plant origin), and, this organic mass is a complex mixture of organic compounds of C, H, N, S and O. Then also coal contains inorganic substances like water and mineral. So as a result of these physico-chemical reactions which are a function of the pressure and temperature, the coal formation occurs at several stages.







- **Stages of coal formation** → *Wood* followed by *Peat*. This is in the increasing order of the life of formation – meaning, if one stops at Wood, Peat is obtained. Then with further depth, one obtain *Lignite* followed by *Bituminous*, which is followed by *Anthracite* and then ultimately goes to *Graphite*. So as a result of the physico-chemical changes physical change is reflected in colour, strength, density and structure. To a user the chemical changes are important, for example,  $O_2$  content on *DryAshFreeBasis* (**DAF**) decreases from **40%** for Wood to **30%** for Peat and **20%** for Lignite, **5%** for Bituminous coal and **2%** for Anthracite. So the progressive action of the pressure and temperature brings the  $O_2$  down the value to **2%**. As a result of this the **volatile matter** (**VM**) decreases from ~ 70% for Wood to < 5% for Anthracite. So decrease in VM and  $O_2$  content increases the available carbon from about **30%** for Wood/Peat to almost **100%** for Anthracite. Based on the extent of Coalification, **Lignite is higher in rank than Peat and Anthracite is higher in rank than Bituminous coal.**



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- **Petroleum** is formed under the Earth crust by special type of plants which are gelatinous in nature. Near sea coast, such type of plants are present and with the same process as coal buried under the earth crust and over the time period of millions of years the deposits of petroleum are formed below the earth crust. Liquid fuel oil, is derived from Crude petroleum and, is not a natural resource - it is obtained from Petroleum. Petroleum is a natural resource and it comes from – in greek *Petra* means rock and *oleum* means oil, so when one drills the rock beneath, then petroleum is available for the mankind. Petroleum also contain elements e.g. C, H, N, O, S. From Crude Petroleum several types of byproducts are obtained, e.g. Gasolin, Lubricating oil, Fuel Oil and so on.
- These are the non-renewable energy resources along with natural gas.

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- Among renewable energy resources, one is *Geothermal* that is, energy obtained by trapping the heat of Earth below its surface - *hot underground water* or *steam* is used to produce electricity because solar power is partly absorbed by the Earth to produce hot water.
- Another important source is the *Biomass* energy and it consists of *Biogas*, that is produced from current waste streams like paper and sugar production, animal waste and so on, and  $CH_4$  is the main product. Also there are biofuel like biodiesel, ethanol which are derived from plants. We also have solid Biomass - woodfuel, biogenic portion of municipal waste and certain plants.



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- *Hydrothermal* is water in the form of kinetic energy, temperature difference and as such we have say hydrothermal powerstations for the conversion of kinetic energy of the water into the electrical energy.
- *Solar* energy or energy collected from sunlight. It can be used in many ways - for example - generation of electricity, photovoltaic cells (but with very low efficiency factor), generation of electricity using concentric solar power.
- Another source of energy is *windpower*. Whenever windpower is available, it can be used for production of electricity.



# Indian Context

- Lets try to realize in India, as our nation is 6<sup>th</sup> in World in terms of total energy consumption and needs to accelerate the development of its energy sectors in order to sustain 8-9% of growth in the country – as *energy*, *infrastructure*, and *growth* are interrelated. India, though rich in coal and abundantly endowed with the renewable energy, it has a very small hydrocarbon resource (fossil fuel) of the order of 4% of the total World resource. India is a net importer of energy, more than 25% of the primary energy needs been met through the import of the *Crude Oil* and *Natural Gas*. This is important when we relate our economic growth with the energy, as we are also based on the import of the energy resources. This brings us to the *energy production sector* - coal and oil account for 54% and 34% respectively, and natural gas around 6%.

# Indian Context

- India's total energy production is contributed by *fossil fuel*, to the extent of **90%**, now rest say *hydrothermal* is around **6%**, *nuclear* is around **1%** & rest being *geothermal, windpower* and so on ...
- India is a large consumer of the fossil fuel energy resources - not only India but the World, around **80-90%** of the energy is being produced by primary energy resources such as coal, oil and natural gas. Industrial sector in India consumes around **5.2%** of energy. When we relate energy with the economy, then it is also has a relation with the standard of living. And standard of living can be measured in terms of energy consumption per person.

## Indian Context

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- Consumption of primary energy in India is **530kg** of oil equivalent per person as in 2004 compared to **1240kg** oil equivalent per person in China and World average of **1770kg** of oil equivalent per person. So growth in economy is highly related with the energy consumption and so in terms of energy consumption, *we are at least 3-4 times lower than the World average.* If the primary energy consumption per person is an indicator of the economic growth, then it has to grow, because economy is a Country's index of prosperity. When this is the scenario, that **90%** of the derived energy is from the *fossil fuels*, we are also convinced that the economy has to grow as the country has to prosper, and then, energy consumption must increase. The question is how that can be met?



# Indian Context

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- Are there certain issues related to the fossil fuels? Why in the World there is a hue-and-cry that the **80-90%** of the Fossil fuel for the production of energy, India having more than **90%**? What are the issues related with the Fossil fuel as the energy resource? The contribution from renewable energy sources is very very less because of the economical considerations. In the years to come, the fossil fuel will remain to be a dominant source of energy not only in India, but the whole World.
- **Issue No.1** ➡ Fossil fuel contain *potential energy*. It means taken 1 Kg of coal, put that before someone - it has energy but someone can't use it. So the potential energy of the fuel is to be obtained by combustion in terms of sensible heat in *products of combustion* (**POC**).

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- Heat transfer occurs between the *source*, which is the product from the combustion and the *sink* which yields the required amount of energy. The source exits the system after imparting its energy. This means, the P.E. of fossil fuel is available by combustion and the products of the combustion (POC) is discharged in the atmosphere. So depending on the temperature of the sink, the product is discharged in the atmosphere. Higher is the temperature of the sink, higher amount of energy will be carried away by the products of the combustion. Here it calls for *recovery*, *recirculation* and *reuse* of the heat, which is being discharged with the product of the combustion -> **WASTE**.

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- **Issue No.2** ➡ Fossil fuel are *carbon* fuels. If one combust 10Kgs of Coal, then 10Kg of Carbon will be output. Emissions can be categorized as Carbon emission  $CO$ ,  $CO_2$  and/or emissions in general ( $NO_x$ ,  $SO_2$ , and  $SO_3$ ). What is the issue here? To give an example, nature has its own Carbon cycle. If for a moment we are not using any of the Fossil fuel from the earth crust, then the Carbon which is emitted by the biological activity of the human beings in the Earth is absorbed by the plant, the  $CO_2$  - net Carbon recycling is zero. So we are bringing extra Carbon from the Earth crust and thus disturbing the Carbon cycle → *environmental sustainability*.



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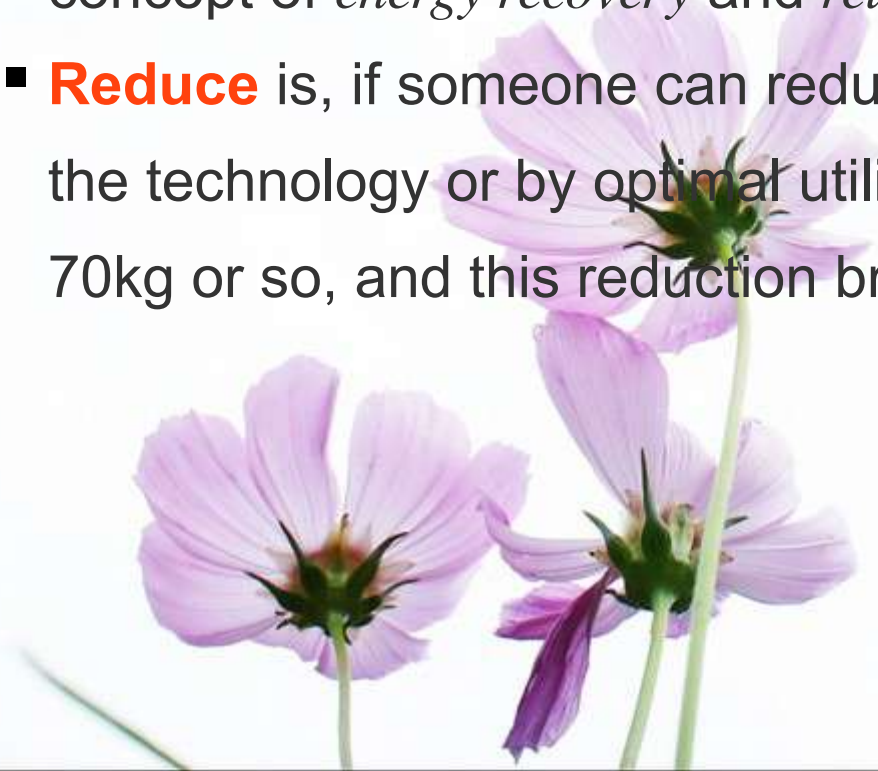
- **Issue No.3** ➡ Fossil fuel resources are limited and because we import a lot of oil, so energy security. So energy security and environment sustainability are the important issues and they can be achieved by applying the concept of “**switch, capture and reduce**”.
- **Switch** means wherever someone is using Fossil fuel as the energy source, either for direct energy source, for example, generation of Carbon energy or using for reduction purposes because its Carbon and Hydrogen, so it can do the reduction part of the source. If it is possible to replace a portion or the entire part of it with the fuel which is renewable that is called **switching**. This means one has to identify the portion of the energy that doesn't contain Carbon.



# Indian Context

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- **Capture** means it is in the inherent way of deriving thermal energy from the fossil fuel by the way of combustion, and the combustion products exits the furnace or wherever the thermal energy is derived at the temperature of the sink, the large amount of heat is going to waste. So, invoke the possibility to capture the heat and recycle into whatever it demands. Capture brings the concept of *energy recovery and reuse*.
- **Reduce** is, if someone can reduce it using 100Kg of Carbon by developing the technology or by optimal utilization, can someone reduce to 80kg or 70kg or so, and this reduction brings the concept of *energy efficiency*.



## Example

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- Indian Iron and Steel industry has produced **50 million tons** of steel in 2006-2007. **40%** of steel is produced by basic blast furnace and basic  $O_2$  furnace → **20 million tons**. **1 ton** (1000Kg) of hot metal yield ~ **750kg** of steel because loss of iron in slag. **20 million tons** of steel would require **27 million ton** of hot metal. 1 ton of hot metal require **600 kg** of coal and so, **1 ton** of coal will produce **1.25 ton** of hot metals. So if **27 million ton** of hot metal is needed, then we will be consuming ~ **20-21 million tons** of coal. So we require technological innovation to cut down the consumption and it'll be beneficial not only from the *energy security* point of view but also from the *environment sustainability* point of view.
- Similarly, another carbon emission industry is cement. So here switching, for example as in cement industries, do by the use of tyres, as they contain a very large amount of energy.

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“ We posed importance of energy and the contribution of fossil fuels for the energy production, energy consumption and energy utilization. In this context, we can also term that fuel is energy. ”



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Switch

Capture

Reduce





## Characterization of Fuel

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- Fuel characterization ➡ (a) *Analysis* : As we want to do calculations – say how much amount of fuel is required for a particular objective, then one must know the analysis of the fuel, (b) **Calorific value** of the fuel.
- Analysis ➡ By fuel I mean solid fuel, e.g. coal, liquid fuel (fuel oil which is derived from petroleum and natural gas). Two types of analysis are done for solid fuel - (i) **Proximate analysis (PA)**, (ii) **Ultimate analysis (UA)**.
- In the proximate analysis, the following are determined: **Moisture** (M) in the fuel is determined by taking 1gm of sample and heated on a furnace for 1 hour at  $105 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ , then the weight loss is expressed in terms of percentage moisture. Another important constituent is **Ash** (A) which is the residue after complete combustion in the furnace. Third constituent determine **Volatile Matter** (V.M.) which is loss in weight of 1gm of sample heated for 7 minutes at 950 degree celsius in the absence of air. V.M. does not include Moisture.

$$\text{Fixed Carbon (F.C.)} = 100 - (\%M + \%A + \%VM).$$

# Characterization of Fuel

- Proximate Analysis (PA) of the fuel can be reported in several ways. The Basis of report ➡ (a) As received : %M + %A + %VM + %FC.

(b) Dry Basis (Moist free basis) : %A + %VM + %FC.

$$\%A \text{ (dry basis)} = \frac{100 * \%A}{100 - \%M} \cdot \quad \%VM \text{ (dry basis)} = \frac{100 * \%VM}{100 - \%M} \cdot$$

$$\%FC \text{ (dry basis)} = \frac{100 * \%FC}{100 - \%M} \cdot$$

(c) Dry Ash Free (DAF) Basis : consist of %VM & %FC.

$$\%VM \text{ (DAF basis)} = \frac{100 * \%VM}{100 - (\%M + \%A)} \cdot$$

$$\%FC \text{ (DAF basis)} = \frac{100 * \%FC}{100 - (\%M + \%A)} \cdot$$

- The whole idea of reporting the proximate analysis on different basis depends upon what is the ultimate use of the goal/objective.



# Illustrative Example

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- The Proximate Analysis(PA) of sub-Bituminous coal.

	As Received	Dry Basis	DAF Basis
%M	6.8	-	-
%A	12.3	13.2	-
%VM	36.7	39.4	45.4
%FC	44.2	47.4	54.6
Total	100	100	100



## Illustrative Example

- Note on Ash and VM ➡ Coal contains Mineral Matter (MM) and ash is residue after complete incineration of coal, Mineral matter is greater than Ash. Mineral Matter in coal are two types -
  - (i) Inherent inorganic material of original vegetable substances (*as coal is of plant origin and plant contains organic as well as inorganic matter*),
  - (ii) Extraneous in nature - (a) Rock & Dirt, (b) Associated with decaying vegetables. Extraneous matter can be removed by coal washing.

$$\text{MM} = 1.1 * \%A + 0.55 * \%S.$$

- Ash is a very important constituent of coal as whatever ash is present in the coal will be available in the furnace when coal is combusted for deriving thermal energy. Ash contains  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , Ferric Oxide,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ .

## Illustrative Example

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- For example, coal is used to convert coke and coke is used in the blast furnace for iron making, so Ash content of coal is transferred to Ash content of coke. In blast furnace, Ash is removed in the form of slag, so higher amount of ash in the coke due to higher amount of ash in the coal demands larger volume of blast furnace. Melting point of Ash greater than blast furnace temperature so that it remains solid. If its low then highly viscous molten Ash will choke the passage of air.
- VM does not contain Moisture, VM contains volatiles of the Mineral Matter. MM can be  $CaCO_3$ ,  $MgCO_3$  or Hydroxides. So as such when a coal is subjected to VM determination, then the volatile constituents of these Mineral Matter  $CO_2$  or  $H_2O$  will also be counted. So actual VM can be obtained by subtracting VM with the volatile of Mineral Matter. So accordingly, the actual VM can be obtained by calculating the proximate analysis on Dry Mineral Matter Free Basis (DMMF).

# Illustrative Example

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$$\%VM \text{ (DMMF basis)} = \frac{100 * (\%VM - 0.1 * \%A)}{100 - (1.1 * \%A + 0.55 * \%S + \%M)}$$

[0.1%A is estimated to be contribution of volatiles from MM]

$$\%FC \text{ (DMMF basis)} = \frac{100 * \%FC}{100 - (1.1 * \%A + 0.55 * \%S + \%M)}$$

- In that previous example, %S=0, so

$$\%VM \text{ (DMMF basis)} = \frac{100 * (36.7 - 0.1 * 12.3)}{100 - (1.1 * 12.3 + 6.8)} = 44.52 \%$$

$$\%FC \text{ (DMMF basis)} = \frac{100 * 44.2}{100 - (1.1 * 12.3 + 6.8)} = 55.48 \%$$

- %VM on DAF basis > %VM on DMMF basis. In DAF basis, the contribution of volatile from Mineral Matter is also present, also because in DMMF basis we are reducing the amount of volatiles which are coming from Mineral Matter.

# Illustrative Example

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- Similarly, %FC on DMMF basis > %FC on DAF basis, because FC does not include the Ash content. This is all about the proximate analysis.
- Ultimate analysis (UA) ➡ Is required for all combustion calculation. Based on the proximate analysis, if required to calculate the quantity of air for a given composition of coal, you cannot calculate. In order to calculate the amount of air or the amount of energy that the coal has you've to know what is the elemental analysis of the coal & this is termed as ultimate analysis. C, H, N, S are determined & reported in dry basis, %A, %M are determined from the proximate analysis.

$$\%O = 100 - [\%C + \%H + \%N + \%S + \%A].$$

*[Carbon(C), Hydrogen(H), Nitrogen(N), Sulphur(S), Oxygen(O), Ash(A), Moisture(M)].*



- Carbon is determined by completely combusting the coal, collecting the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and it is absorbed in KOH solution. Hydrogen is determined together with Carbon by completely combustion and whatever amount of water is produced from that the calculation of hydrogen in Carbon is determined. Of course, one has to subtract the correction for moisture of coal and water of dehydration of mineral.
- Carbon content determines the rank of the coal. Pitt to Anthracite, carbon content increases means rank increases. Hydrogen content is not dependent on the rank, as you saw, beyond Bituminous stage, hydrogen content drastically decreases from 5% to as low as 1.2% in the Anthracite. As regard Sulphur in the coal, is present is (i) Pyritic FeS<sub>2</sub>, (ii) Sulphates, (iii) Organic. Ultimate Analysis (UA) reports organic Sulphur. In Bomb method, total Sulphur is converted in the Sulphate form, then Pyritic and Sulphate are determined by analytical method and  
$$\text{Organic sulphur} = \text{Total Sulphur} - \text{Inorganic Sulphur}.$$

# Illustrative Example

- Sulphur content in coal is very important because it will also determine on complete combustion the amount of SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub> production. Sulphur content has no relation with the rank of the coal.

	Moist Basis(%)	Moist Basis(A)	Dry Basis
C	69.8	69.8	73.1
H	4.6	$4.6 + (4.5 \cdot 2/18) = 5.1$	4.8
O	8.5	$8.5 + (4.5 \cdot 16/18) = 12.5$	8.9
N	1.4	1.4	1.5
S	2.5	2.5	2.6
A	8.7	8.7	9.1
M	4.5	---	---
Total	100	100	100

- Procedure to calculate → Moisture contains H<sub>2</sub>O.

So, %H in H<sub>2</sub>O =  $\%M \cdot 2/18$ , %O in H<sub>2</sub>O =  $\%M \cdot 16/18$ ,

%element on Dry Basis =  $100 \cdot \% \text{element on Moist Basis} / (100 - \%M)$

# Calorific Value Of coal

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- It is the amount of heat liberated on complete combustion at the reference state of products of combustion. In coal, there are combustible and incombustible components. Combustible are C,H,S, whereas non-combustible are O,N,A,M. For a hydrocarbon fuel containing C, H, S, combustible determines the calorific value.
- Products of complete combustion (POC), C=CO<sub>2</sub>, H=H<sub>2</sub>O, S=SO<sub>2</sub>. Reference State of POC at 25 degreeC, CO<sub>2</sub>(gas), SO<sub>2</sub>(gas), H<sub>2</sub>O(liquid) state => Gross Calorific Value (GCV) or Higher Heating Value (HHV).
- Reference state chosen, CO<sub>2</sub>(g), SO<sub>2</sub>(g),H<sub>2</sub>O(v) => Net Calorific Value (NCV) or Lower Heating Value (LHV). While using calorific value of coal, one has to be clear, about what is the state of combustion. Accordingly, the calorific value will differ by an amount = latent heat of condensation.

$$\text{GCV/HHV} > \text{NCV/LHV}$$

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- Calorific Value (CV) can be expressed as Cal/gm, kCal/kg, kJ/kg, B.Th.U./Lb, Cal/gm-mole, kCal/kg-mole, kJ/kg-mole, Btu/Lb-mole and can be calculated both theoretically and experimentally.
- Conversion factors: 1 Cubic ft =  $0.02832 \text{ m}^3$ , 1kCal = 3.968 Btu = 4186 Joules = 0.0016 kWatt-hour, 1 kWh = 1.34 horsepower hour =  $3.6 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$  = 860 kCal = 3412.14 Btu. Also, 1 horsepower hour = 0.746 kWh.
- Atomic weights of H = 1, O = 16, S=32, N=14.
- Composition of dry air = 79% N<sub>2</sub> + 21% O<sub>2</sub> (Volume Basis),  
77% N<sub>2</sub> + 23% O<sub>2</sub> (Weight Basis).
- Experimentally in a Bomb Calorimeter, a unit mass of Coal is completely combusted at "constant volume" and the rise in temperature is noted and from that Calorific value of coal is calculated.



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## ■ POC

$CO_2(g) \Rightarrow -\delta H_f^o = 97.20 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal/kg-mol at } 25^\circ\text{C, 1atm, C in amorphous state.}$

$H_2O(l) \Rightarrow -\delta H_f^o = 68.32 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal/kg-mol at } 25^\circ\text{C, 1atm, C in amorphous state.}$

$H_2O(v) \Rightarrow -\delta H_f^o = 57.80 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal/kg-mol at } 25^\circ\text{C, 1atm, C in amorphous state.}$

$SO_2(g) \Rightarrow -\delta H_f^o = 70.96 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal/kg-mol at } 25^\circ\text{C, 1atm, C in amorphous state.}$

■ 1kg of C on complete combustion will yield  $8.10 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal.}$

1kg of H on complete combustion will yield  $34.16 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal.}$

1kg of S on complete combustion will yield  $2.24 \times 10^3 \text{ kCal.}$

■ If we want to express these values as %element and we say that Caloric value of the coal is a sum of combastible component of the coal, then Dulong formula gives,

$$\text{GCV} = 81\%C + 341[\%H - \%O/8] + 22\%S \text{ kCal/kg}$$

$$\text{NCV} = \text{GCV} - 5.84(9\%H + \%M) \text{ kCal/kg}$$

$$\text{GCV} = 339\%C + 1427 [\%H - \%O/8] + 92\%S \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\text{NCV} = \text{GCV} - 24.44(9\%H + \%M) \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Similarly,



## Assumptions made in formula

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- Heat of formation of Coal is zero, meaning calorific value to break the bonds and the required amount of heat is neglected, and they are in free state.
- Coal contains H & O. Calorific value determines what part of H has reacted with gaseous O. Accordingly, there will be reaction between H and O of the coal internally &  $H_2O$  will form. So one has to subtract the O equivalent of H, i.e. available gaseous H for reacting with gaseous  $O_2$  of air (combustion) =  $\%H - \%O/8$ .
- CV of coal is sum total of combustible elements.
- Heat of vaporization of water at  $100^\circ\text{C} = 542 \text{ kCal/Kg} = 975 \text{ Btu/Lb}$ .  
At  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $584 \text{ kCal/kg}$  or  $1050 \text{ Btu/Lb}$ .

