

PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ AND NO₂ concentrations at different locations in East-Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT

Air pollution is one of the most persistent environmental issues in local and global scale and its increasing day by day due to population growth, urbanization and industrialization. Present study, aim to determine the air quality of particularly four parameters like PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) at three different locations in Visakhapatnam city and analysis done during three monsoon period in covering two calendar years of 2018 and 2019. In the present study, maximum concentrations were recorded during winter seasons when compared to rainy and winter while the minimum concentrations were recorded at during winter seasons and decreasing in the rainy season and gradually increasing during winter to summer when compared to 2019 and 2020. Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) concentration below the permissible limits in all the sampling locations as well as during all the seasons except PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀. Present study reveals that in terms particulate matter, the air quality is very poor when compared gaseous pollutants.

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1. Introduction

Air pollution is a serious concern across the globe, fueled by rapid population growth, continuous urbanization, increases in industrialization, continuous rises in energy demand, deforestation, and increases in vehicle density, especially in major cities (Du et al., 2014; Cheng et al., 2014) has triggered the deterioration of environmental quality throughout the world (Sateesh and Desai, 2013). Urban and sub-urban area in India air pollution is rapidly increasing in recently developing cities (Nagendra et al., 2013; Ren and Tong, 2008). The ambient air quality is a well-known problem for big cities with dense population and high traffic volume (Samad and Vogt, 2020; Sun and Zhu, 2019). Many studies have shown association between exposure of the population to air pollutants and its adverse health impact (William et al., 2013; American Thoracic Society, 2000; WHO, 2017; Herman Autrup, 2010; Andrew et al., 2019; Manisalidis et al., 2020). To provide the public, information for air pollution dangers, several governmental and municipal agencies developed air quality indices, as a timely information about the potential changes in air quality. Public interest in the health effects of PM_{2.5} exposure is increasing worldwide; each country is focusing on the management of PM_{2.5} sources and exposure (Apte et al., 2018). Exposure assessment is important for providing accurate information on PM_{2.5} to the public (Randall et al., 2019). The traditional way for monitoring air quality is using stationary measurement stations. Present study focused on the air quality of three different locations in East-Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

2. Methodology

Followed by the Central Pollution Control Board air monitoring procedure, manual procedure was used analyze four parameters like PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, SO₂ and NO₂ were analyzed. PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ parameters were analyzed by using gravimetric method while SO₂ and NO₂ gases parameters were analyzed by using wet-chemical methods for all the three seasons for the period of 2018 - 2019 in East-Godavari district at different air quality monitoring stations. For the investigation of the seasonal variation, the year was divided into three seasons: winter (November to February), summer (March to June) and monsoon (July to October) as per the regional meteorological considerations. All collected data was analyzed using the Microsoft Excel was also used for data presentation as well as for making tables and graphs.



Figure. 1: showing air sampling locations in the present study

3. Results and Discussion

Table. 1: Concentration of PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, SO₂ and NO₂ at Annavaram

Seasons	Month & Year`	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	SO ₂	NO ₂
Rainy Season	Jul-18	68.1	85.6	4.5	10.3
	Aug-18	77.8	94.4	4.9	11.8
	Sep-18	69.4	95.8	4.2	11.1
	Oct-18	84	102.1	4.9	13.2
Winter Season	Nov-18	78.3	96.2	4.3	10.3
	Dec-18	68.4	86.3	4.2	12.6
	Jan-19	64.2	95.2	4.8	10.2
	Feb-19	77.8	108.3	5.6	11.8
Summer Season	Mar-19	72.2	125	6.9	12.5
	Apr-19	75.7	111.1	5.6	13.9
	May-19	57.1	79.3	4.3	9.8
	Jun-19	57.4	75.8	5.3	13.2
	Min.	57.1	75.8	4.2	9.8
	Max.	84	125	6.9	13.9
	Mean	70.9	96.3	5	11.7
NAAQ Standards		60	100	60	60

All values are expressed in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Table. 2: Concentration of PM2.5, PM10, SO₂ and NO₂ at Tuni

Season	Month & Year [`]	PM2.5	PM10	SO ₂	NO ₂
Rainy Season	Jul-18	65.3	111.2	5.9	13.6
	Aug-18	88.9	129.2	6.3	15.3
	Sep-18	93.1	118.8	6.9	14.6
	Oct-18	105.6	129.9	5.6	14.6
Winter Season	Nov-18	81.5	102.7	4.9	16.8
	Dec-18	80	101.6	4.2	17.4
	Jan-19	76	112.3	4.9	12.1
	Feb-19	100.7	129.9	6.3	11.8
Summer Season	Mar-19	89.6	121.5	6.3	13.9
	Apr-19	88.9	116.7	6.3	13.2
	May-19	60.9	81.5	5.4	11.4
	Jun-19	57.9	80.5	5.8	18.4
	Min.	57.9	80.5	4.2	11.4
	Max.	105.6	129.9	6.9	18.4
	Mean	82.4	111.3	5.7	14.4
NAAQ Standards		60	100	60	60

All values are expressed in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Table. 3: Concentration of PM2.5, PM10, SO₂ and NO₂ at Jaggampeta

Season	Month & Year [`]	PM2.5	PM10	SO ₂	NO ₂
Rainy Season	Jul-18	43.9	78.3	4.9	10.2
	Aug-18	38.2	70.1	8.3	5.6
	Sep-18	48.6	152.1	6.9	18.8
	Oct-18	73.6	100	5.6	15.3
Winter Season	Nov-18	91.8	119.6	6.5	15.2
	Dec-18	90.5	122.6	6.3	16.8
	Jan-19	96.3	102.3	5.2	11.2
	Feb-19	101.4	147.9	8.3	21.5
Summer Season	Mar-19	99.3	143.8	7.6	21.5
	Apr-19	93.8	138.2	8.3	22.2
	May-19	69	100	6.5	14.7
	Jun-19	71.1	100.5	6.8	15.3
	Min	38.2	70.1	4.9	5.6
	Max.	101.4	152.1	8.3	22.2
	Mean	76.5	114.6	6.8	15.7
NAAQ Standards		60	100	60	60

PM2.5 concentration:

PM2.5 is generally considered as fine inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller and high priority for particularly deadly, with a 36% increase in lung cancer per 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as it can penetrate deeper into the lungs (Ole et al., 2013).

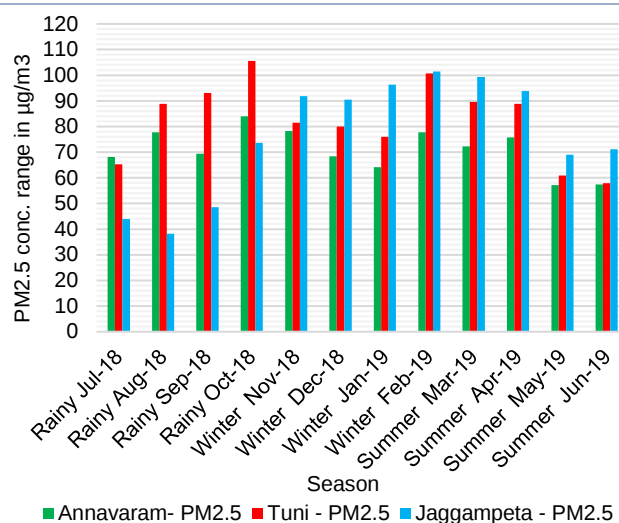


Figure. 2; Showing PM2.5 concentrations during the three seasons in the study

PM2.5 concentration ranges 57.1 to 84 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean of 70.9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Annavaram 57.9 to 105.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean of 82.4 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Tuni, 38.2 to 101.4 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean 76.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Jaggampeta during three seasons in the years of 2018 to 2019. The maximum concentration observed at Tuni (105.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) during the rainy season in the month October due to particulate matter can be natural or anthropogenic (Plainiotis et al., 2010) and its contributed to deaths from heart disease and stroke, lung cancer, chronic lung disease, and respiratory infections in 2016 (State of Global Air, 2018). While minimum PM2.5 concentration is observed at Jaggampeta (38.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) in rainy season (August) during the year of 2018 and 90% of the sampling locations were exceeded the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) is 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and this result indicates that the PM2.5 concentration originated from local sources, and the rest of the PM2.5 mass from transportation (Ojanen et al. 1998).

PM10 concentration:

PM10 describes inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 10 micro meters and smaller (Srimuruganandam and Shiva Nagendra, 2010). The issue of urban air quality in particular particulate matter (PM) concentrations receiving more attention as an increasing share of the world's population lives in urban centers (UN, 2004).

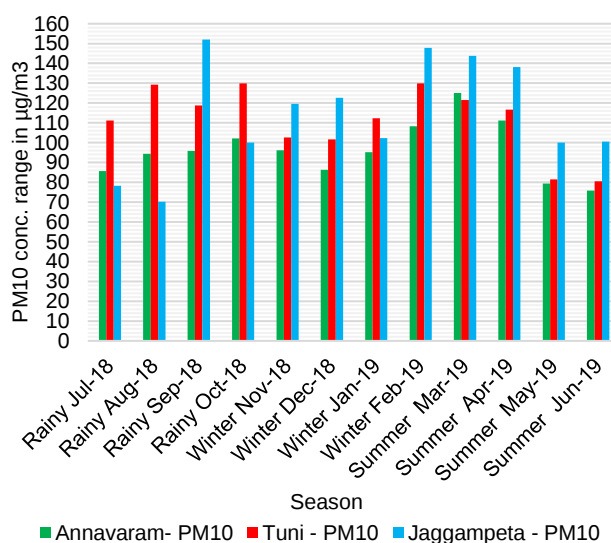


Figure. 2; Showing PM10 concentrations during the three seasons in the study

The concentrations of PM10 ranges from 75.8 to 125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean of 96.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Annavaram, 80.5 to 129.9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean of 111.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Tuni and 70.1 to 152.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mean of 114.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Jaggampeta during the all the seasons in the years of 2018 – 2019. All the seasons maximum concentrations were observed at were typically higher during winter and rainy seasons due to

prevailing inversion conditions trapping the pollutants. In particular, PM₁₀ concentrations were significantly higher during winter periods (Srimuruganandam and Nagendra Saragur, 2010). Elevated PM₁₀ concentrations observed in urban environments are linked with increased cardiovascular and pulmonary mortality and morbidity (Grivas et al., 2004) and other studies with PM₁₀ levels of comparable magnitude (Houthuijs et al., 2001; Vega et al., 2002; Hujia et al., 2013).

SO₂

Sulfur Dioxide is one of a group of gases called sulfur oxides (SO_x) and the gases in the group are much less common in the atmosphere (Pan, 2011; Abdelrahman et al., 2016).

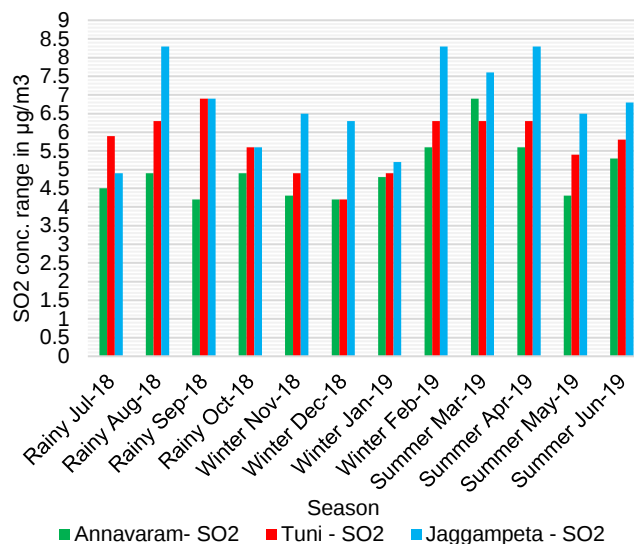


Figure. 2; Showing SO₂ concentrations during the three seasons in the study

In the present study, concentration of SO₂ ranges from 4.2 to 6.9 µg/m³ with mean of 5.0 µg/m³ at Annavaram, 4.0 to 6.9 µg/m³ with mean of 5.7 µg/m³ at Tuni and 4.9 to 8.3 µg/m³ with mean of 6.8 µg/m³ at Jaggampeta were observed for all the seasons during the years of 2018-2019. All the sampling location and all the seasons were observed below the National Ambient Quality Standards (NAAQS) for SO₂ is 60 µg/m³.

NO₂

Most predominant sources of NO₂ are internal combustion engines burning fossil fuels (USEPA, 2016) Outdoors, it can be a result of traffic from motor vehicles. The concentrations of NO₂, the present study, ranges from 9.8 to 13.9 µg/m³ with mean of 11.7 µg/m³ at Annavaram, 11.4 to 18.4 µg/m³ with mean of 14.4 µg/m³ at Tuni and 5.6 to 22.2 µg/m³ with mean of 15.7 µg/m³ at Jaggampeta were observed for all the seasons during the years of 2018-2019. All the sampling location and all the seasons were observed below the National Ambient Quality Standards (NAAQS) for NO₂ is 60 µg/m³.

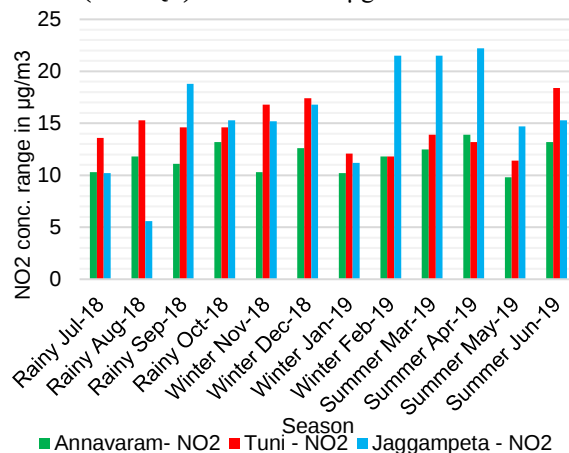


Figure. 2; Showing NO₂ concentrations during the three seasons in the study

4. Summary and conclusion

Air quality is deteriorating now-a-days due to increasing transportation sector, urbanization and over population. Mainly sub-urban areas converted into urban areas due to migration of people due employment or habitual problems. In the present study, monitor air quality, in three different locations and analysed four air quality parameters. Results shows that PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ concentrations were exceeded the National ambient air quality in the during present study. NO₂ and SO₂ concentrations were observed as below the standards and it considered as negligible levels. Unusually, rainy and summer seasons particulate matter decreased and winter seasons increased when compared to other seasons were increased and exceeded during study period when compared to location one to another location according to standards. Present works reveals, air quality provided making it difficult to take action for critical air pollution and exposed to poor air quality in the study area. It is expected that government or related agencies should be preventing health impacts on communities.

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