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Literature review on health benefits due to good quality of air during lockdown

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Abstract--The epidemic caused by COVID-19 triggered a terrible situation that spread over the whole world. Since the third week of March 2020, all forms of industrialization, including hospitality, education, the corporate world, and entertainment, are subject to restrictions as a result of this. Please provide research analyzing the effect of the lockout on habitats throughout the whole country of India or beyond. The findings not only show a reduction in potentially hazardous air pollutants such as SO₂, NO₂, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}, but they also show an increase in levels of O₃, which in turn leads to the repair of our ozone layer, which is essential for maintaining human health. These studies demonstrate the significant consequences of air quality affects across 46 cities located across the whole country of India.

Keywords--COVID, pollution, health, air quality.

Introduction

In developing countries like India faced the biggest environmental issues like “Air Pollution” it remained one of the many health issues throughout the World. In COVID-19 lockdown, scientists noticed an enormous difference in air pollution during this time span (April – August) 2019 to (2009-19)[1]. The Gard stick of Air Quality Index (AQI) nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide, Aerosol index and Aerosol optical depth data are retrieved from the Ozone Monitoring Instruments (OMI), TROPo spheric monitoring instrument (TROPOMI), and MODIS (moderate resolution pictures Spectroradiometer sensor on the Terra and Aqua satellites, respectively shown that in India. The moderate reduction of 16% and 20%. Due to lockdown this effect was seen in March 2020. The WHO believes that each and every year 2.4 million people loses their lives from increasing Air pollution. Many

studies proved that but (Short term- long period) effects of air pollution leads to many health problems and also increased fatality rate, overestimate hospital stay etc. Many studies in Delhi examined the effects of air pollution, a respiratory system and their associated morbidity[2].These are many extensive studies conducted by the Central Pollution Control board in 2008 WHO recognize remarkable associated with all relevant conflicted Health outcome. Inflammation or oppression was recognized as the main result of Air pollution due to damage of the cardo-pulmonary system [3].

Phases	Timeline	Duration	Activities restricted/permited
Phase 1	March 25, 2020 to April 14, 2020	21 days	Except for very necessary services, all businesses and services have been shut down.
Phase 2	April 15, 2020 to May 3, 2020	19 days	The COVID-contained areas will be granted a conditional relaxation on April 20. Regions are categorized into red, orange, and green zones based on colour. With a degree of social distance, agribusinesses and public work programmers may be re-opened. Trucks, railroads, and aircraft were used for the first time to convey goods. Many of the city's minor businesses, including banks and boutiques, have reopened. stranded travelers may now travel beyond state lines.
Phase 3	May 4, 2020 to May 17, 2020	14 days	Zones will be divided into three categories on May 1st: red (130 districts), orange (284 districts), and green (319 districts)
Phase 4	May 18, 2020 to May 31, 2020	14 days	States are in charge of defining the green, orange, and red zones of the United States. Containment and buffer zones are further subdivided into red zones.
Unlock			
Unlock 1.0	June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020	30 days	Begin reopening retail malls, religious sites and hotels and restaurants in this first stage There were no limits on interstate travel or large gatherings. Curfews will be enforced at night.
Unlock 2.0	July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020	31 days	Containment zones were subjected to lockdown tactics. The vast majority of activities were allowed in every other place. Curfews will be implemented at night. a small number of Vande Bharat Mission-approved trips abroad

India air quality scenario during lockdown

PM2.5 and PM10 are two of the most frequent air pollutants, and they have a substantial influence on the overall quality of the air that we breathe. In some nations, detention has had a significant influence on air quality. As part of the

detention, industrial and transportation networks may be shut down. the 2019 novel corona virus (COVID-19) was named on February 11, 2020, after an infectious sickness was discovered in Wuhan, China at the end of December.[3] The WHO found in January 2020 (WHO, 2020) a respiratory droplet transmission of COVID-19, which eventually spread throughout China and led the outbreak to become an epidemic. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 pandemic [4]. Thus, the World Health Organization (WHO) has recognised that pandemic COVID-19 may be transmitted by air. COVID-19, like SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, is a well-known zoonotic disease of the twenty-first century. As the virus continues to spread, lockdowns have been put in place in almost every nation. As carbon emissions decreased, the world economy came to a halt, and stock values dropped[5]. There was a worldwide industrial shutdown as a result of the government's order.

Most governments imposed a lockdown on the informal sector and transportation, which resulted in a major drop in the latter's activity. As the world's industrial and transportation sectors were placed on hold for some time, demand for fossil fuels decreased drastically throughout the world. COVID-19 was originally found in India on January 30, 2020, and travel restrictions were imposed on a number of countries on March 11, 2020, just after the number of cases increased on March 4, 2020[6]. On March 16th, all public gathering locations in India were shut down for the duration of the strike. For 21 days commencing March 22, 2020, the whole nation of India will be shut down as a trial phase by the Central Government of India. India's lockout and unlock phases are shown in Table 1. Global shutdowns may have a substantial impact on the quality of the atmosphere[7]. A correlation between COVID-19 urbanisation and air pollution and lockdown policy implementation has been found using data on air pollution and meteorological parameters. The World Air Quality Index (WAQI) Project (<https://aqicn.org/data-platform/covid19/>) was used to obtain the daily average (and median) of each air pollutant and meteorological parameter, as well as their minimum, maximum, and standard deviation, for the period of January 1 to June 30 of four years (2017–2020)[8]. Data from monitoring stations in each city have been averaged to provide daily averages of air contaminants and weather conditions. Additionally, this research assessed climatic variables [relative humidity (RH)], near surface air temperature, and other air pollution species such as PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), and tropospheric ozone (O₃)[9].

NAQI Images of satellite visual maps of AOD, NO₂, CO, and SO₂ may be seen in Figure 2. (a, b, c, and d, respectively). Its ability to quantify PM contamination makes the AOD a useful instrument for predicting PM_{2.5} surface concentration. In 2020, the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP) had a significant amount of AOD in January and February[10]. The AOD throughout central and northern India, except for the eastern portion of India, was very low in March 2020 and extremely low again in April 2020. There is a significant amount of NO₂ emissions coming from the burning of fossil fuels in the transportation sector, the industrial sector, the commercial sector, and the residential sector. As seen in Fig. 5(b), NO₂ concentrations are notably high in the metropolitan regions of India. Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Western Uttar Pradesh and the eastern provinces of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha were the areas with the highest

concentrations of NO₂ hotspots[11]. A large portion of India's NO₂ emissions came from densely populated and industrialised areas such as Delhi and the surrounding states of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. Pollutants may build up in the atmosphere along the IGP corridor, which covers seven states. NO₂ hotspots in the north and east of India have been discovered since January and February, respectively[12].

Some hot spots lingered in the east of India until April 2020, at which point they disappeared from the remainder of India save for a few isolated regions (Fig. 2(b)). The lack of NO₂ hotspots may be due to a decrease in NO₂ emissions from both transportation and industry during the national shutdown in March and April 2020[13]. Similar to nitrogen dioxide satellite images, carbon monoxide (CO) emissions exhibited a similar pattern (NO₂). SO₂ emission hotspots have been discovered in the eastern states of Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Gujarat, all along the IGP corridor. The major sources of SO₂ are coal-fired power plants and businesses that use coal in their boilers. In January and February of 2020, the intensity of Indian SO₂ emission hotspots was almost same. March 2020 (Fig.2(a)) is still clearly visible in April 2020 (Fig.2(d), despite the nationwide lockdown) [14]. While the statewide lockdown was in effect, coal-fired power facilities were able to continue providing energy. However, in April 2020, large AOD and NO₂, CO, and SO₂ emission hotspots remained in Odisha and Jharkhand (Figs. 5a-5d). Figures 1(a) and 1(b) illustrate that these locations have a relatively low NAQI. Large-scale coal mining can be found in Jharkhand and Odisha, and it is possible that these mines were operating during the country's lockdown to meet the need for coal to create energy [15]. Asian emission inventory (REAS, version 3.1, by Kurokawa and Ohara 2020) indicated that the eastern part of India, notably states like Jharkhand and Odisha, emitted considerable amounts of NO₂, CO and SO₂[16].

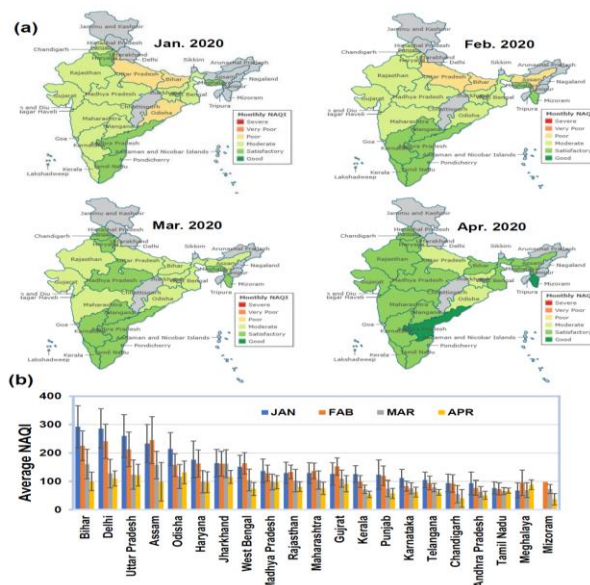


Fig 1. Pollution levels of different states

Satellite Visual Maps

AOD, NO₂, CO, and SO₂ satellite visual maps are shown in Figure 2. (a, b, c, and d, respectively). Due to its ability to quantify PM contamination, the AOD is an efficient method for determining surface PM_{2.5} concentrations [17]. The Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP) had a lot of AOD in January and February of 2020, same as NAQI (Fig. 1(a)). Central and northern India, save for the eastern side, had a relatively small AOD in March 2020 and even smaller in April 2020. The burning of fossil fuels in the transportation, industrial, commercial, and residential sectors, as well as in households, is the principal source of NO₂ emissions. – EPA. FIG. 5(b) shows India's metropolitan regions, which have the highest amounts of NO₂. NO₂ hotspots were most widespread in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Western Uttar Pradesh, and the eastern provinces of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha. India's NO₂ emissions were dominated by Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, as well as Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha.

Stagnant meteorological conditions that allow pollutants to build in the atmosphere are common throughout the IGP corridor (seven states)[18]. In January 2020 and February 2020, a few NO₂ hotspots were discovered in India's north and eastern areas. There were a few hot spots in the east of India until April 2020, when NO₂ hotspots disappeared from the rest of India save for a few isolated regions. The lack of NO₂ hotspots may be due to a decrease in NO₂ emissions from traffic and industries during the national lockdown in March and April 2020[19]. Carbon monoxide (CO) satellite images exhibited a similar pattern to nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) satellite maps (NO₂). Hotspots for SO₂ emissions have been identified in the IGP corridor, which includes Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand as well as the eastern states of Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Gujarat[20]. Sulfur dioxide is mostly produced by coal-fired power plants and industrial boilers. January and February 2020 had almost identical levels of Indian SO₂ emission hotspot intensity.

Despite the nationwide lockdown, the fall from March 2020 (Fig.2(a)) can still be seen in April 2020 (Fig.2(d))[21]. As a result of the statewide lockout, coal-fired power facilities were able to continue delivering energy. It was estimated that in April of 2020, Odisha and Jharkhand still had considerable AOD and emission hot areas associated with the greenhouse gases NO₂, CO, and SO₂. According to the figures shown in (a) and (b), there is an extremely low NAQI level in these areas. As a result, it is possible that large-scale coal mines in Jharkhand and Odisha operated during the country's shutdown in order to meet the need for coal in power generation. Eastern India's states of Jharkhand and Odisha were identified to be large emitters of NO₂, CO, and SO₂ in Kurokawa and Ohara's newly published regional emission inventory for Asia (REAS, version 3.1)[22].

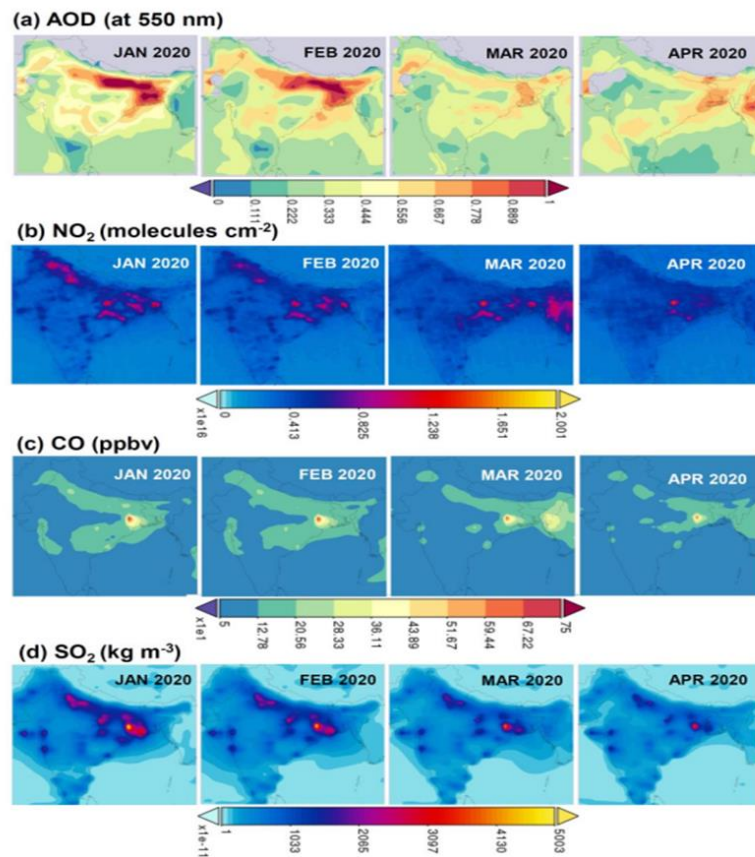


Fig 2. Satellite visual maps [23]

Policy Relevance

AOD, NO₂, CO, and SO₂ satellite visual maps are shown in figure 2. (a, b, c, and d, respectively). Its ability to quantify PM contamination makes the AOD a useful instrument for assessing PM_{2.5} surface concentrations. There was a lot of AOD over the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP) in the first two months of 2020, same as NAQI (Fig. 1(a)) [24]. The AOD throughout central and northern India, except for the eastern portion of India, was very low in March 2020 and extremely low in April 2020. The burning of fossil fuels in the transportation, industrial, commercial, and residential sectors, as well as in households, is the principal source of NO₂ emissions [25]. In Fig. 5(b), the urban regions of India can be clearly seen, where NO₂ concentrations are very high. NO₂ hotspots were most common in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Western Uttar Pradesh, and the eastern provinces of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha. India's NO₂ emissions were dominated by Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, as well as Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha [26]. Stagnant meteorological conditions that allow pollutants to build in the atmosphere are common throughout the IGP corridor (which covers seven states).

NO₂ hotspots in the north and east of India have been discovered since January and February, respectively, in the last year [27]. A few hot spots lingered in the east of India until April 2020, when NO₂ hotspots disappeared from the remainder of India save for a few isolated regions. The lack of NO₂ hotspots might be due to a decrease in NO₂ emissions from traffic and industries during the national lockdown in March and April 2020. carbon dioxide (NO₂) satellite maps revealed a similar pattern to those of carbon monoxide (CO) satellite maps (NO₂). Hotspots for SO₂ emissions have been identified in the eastern states of Odisha and West Bengal, as well as in Maharashtra and Gujarat along the IGP corridor [28]. Companies that burn coal in their boilers or in their electric power plants are the principal emitters of SO₂. January and February 2020 Indian SO₂ emission hotspot intensity was practically same. March 2020 (Fig.2(a)) is still clearly visible in April 2020 (despite the nationwide lockdown) [29]. As a result of the statewide lockout, coal-fired power facilities were able to continue supplying energy. By the end of April 2020, both Odisha and Jharkhand still had large AOD and emission hotspots for NO₂, CO, and SO₂ (Fig. 5a–5d). A low NAQI level may be seen in Figures 1(a) and 1(b)[30]. These massive coal mines in Jharkhand and Odisha, both of which have been shut down, may still continue producing coal to meet demand during the nationwide blackout. Eastern India's states of Jharkhand and Odisha were found to be large emitters of NO₂, CO, and SO₂ in Kurokawa and Ohara's newly published regional emission inventory for Asia (REAS, version 3.1), according to their findings [31-37].

Conclusion and Discussion

The impact of the COVID-19 on Indian air quality was thoroughly investigated using more than 200 CAAQMS. On March 25, 2020, a countrywide lockdown was imposed, with the exception of crucial services and transportation, lasting for a few months. We referred to the period from March 25 to April 30 as 'during lockdown' for the period from February 25 to March 24, 2020. AOD and emission hotspots of CO, NO₂, and SO₂ were gradually reduced as a consequence, and throughout the lockout, the monthly NAQI showed a consistently declining trend from poor to outstanding or good. As a proportion of pre-lockdown values, pollution levels of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, CO, NO₂, and SO₂ decreased by 33, 34, 21, and 47 percent during the lockdown. When compared to April 2019 measurements, the average concentrations of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, CO, NO₂, and SO₂ during the lockdown period were 53, 45, 27, 54, and 35% lower. During the shutdown, there was an increase in O₃. The COVID-19 has given India the opportunity to collect air pollution baseline data that might be utilised to design pollution-reduction plans.

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