

Impact of Vehicular Emissions on Environment in and Around Chennai City-Assessment and Control Measures

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Abstract: *Air quality emergency in urban areas is for the most part because of vehicular emanations. Transportation frameworks are expanding all over the place and the enhancements in innovation are deficient to balance development. Expanding urbanization, Industrialization and mechanization in India is answerable for more elevated levels of contamination. Engine vehicle discharges as of now include a significant wellspring of air contamination in Indian urban areas. They are evaluated to be liable for 60 to 70 % of the air contamination in the greater part of the urban communities. Engine vehicle emanations influences the wellbeing of all pay gatherings yet it's effect on the poor is essentially high because of their working and living in open places. In a large portion of the Indian urban areas, the contamination loads are far above satisfactory levels and Delhi has gained the questionable qualification of being the second most dirtied city on the planet and Chennai city is gradually approaching the second position alongside Delhi, in Indian setting, according to the report.*

Henceforth a reality discovering overview was led to survey the contamination worry in different areas of the Chennai city covering Residential, Industrial and Commercial territory. A portion of the key pollutants (PM 2.5 and PM10) are in abundance of allowed levels and the issues have arrived at undermining dimensions. To decrease the vehicular emanations, it is important to structure and actualize idiot proof procedures and to execute contamination control gauges adequately to control discharges.

Key words : Air pollution, PM10, Vehicular pollution,

I. INTRODUCTION

Human activities generate three sources of air pollution: stationary or point, mobile, and indoor. In developing countries especially in the rural area, indoor air pollution from using open fires for cooking and heating may be a serious problem. Industries, power plants etc. are the cause of stationary air pollution. But in urban areas – both developing and developed countries, it is predominantly mobile or vehicular pollution that contributes to overall air quality problem. Increasing urbanization, Industrialization and motorization in India is responsible for higher levels of pollution. Transportation systems are increasing everywhere and the improvements in technology are insufficient to counteract growth. Motor vehicle emissions already comprise a major source of air pollution in Indian cities. They

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are estimated to be responsible for 60 to 70 % of the air pollution in most of the cities. In most of the Indian cities, the pollution loads are far above acceptable levels and threaten human health and quality of life.. Motor vehicle emissions affects the health of all income groups but it's impact on the poor is significantly high due to their working and living in open places.[1]-[6]

Source apportionment contribution of vehicles to pollution:

Pollutants in the ambient air are contributed by many sources of which vehicles are one. The contributions of vehicular emissions to ambient air quality depends on the engine type, traffic movements, fuel quality etc. Two stroke engine two and three wheelers and diesel vehicles are the major sources of particulate matter. Gasoline cars produce more of carbon monoxide. More of particulates and Sox in the vehicle exhaust in Delhi may be due to larger number of two and three wheelers and buses compared to Mumbai. Similarly larger amounts of carbon monoxide in Mumbai may be due to larger share of gasoline cars in Mumbai compared to Delhi. Available evidence indicate that the pollutants with the most damaging health impacts are fine particulate matter (PM2.5 causing serious respiratory illness and premature death). In most of the Indian cities, two stroke engine two and three wheelers and diesel vehicles are the major sources of particulates especially fine particles. Studies indicate that though vehicles are responsible for about 16 to 20 % of the fine particulate matter, they are responsible for 60 to 70 % of the fine particulates. Pollution abatement from vehicles therefore is likely to be a key part of urban air quality management strategies in most of the Indian cities.[7]-[12]

Urbanization:

India is one of the largest developing country and its economic expansion over the past decades has been one of the strongest in the world history. Such an economic expansion increases uses of fossil fuels and automobile emission. Increasing urbanization, industrialization, and motorization result in more energy demand which generally lead to higher emissions of air pollutants, the Indian population is fast urbanizing. Out of about one billion population in 2000, the urban population was around 300 million,(30%) 410 million in 2010 (36%) and it is expected to reach 44% by 2020. Apart from increased industrialization in urban areas, frequent droughts and unequal land tenure system have affected the rural poor significantly and resulted in their migration to large cities in India in the last two decades.

Although jobs in urban areas may not pay well, they provided higher living standards than could be obtained in rural areas. As a result, there were massive population movements from rural areas to cities, especially mega cities with more than four million population. These changes have exacerbated the demand for transport per capita trip rates and trip lengths.[13]-[17]

Motor vehicle population trends:

The incomparable Indian dream is to claim a vehicle more as a grown-up toy. This fantasy is turning into a simple reality. Thanks to expanding individual wages, merciful financing plans and the administration approach to energize vehicle industry. In India monetary development during 1990s has set off a blast in the number and utilization of engine vehicles. Till 1982 just three producers M/s.Hindustan Motors, M/s.Premier Automobiles and M/s. Standard Motors rented the engine vehicle division. Inferable from low volumes, it propagated old advances. In 1982, Maruthi Udyog Ltd. Came up as an administration activity in a joint effort with Suzuki of Japan to set up volume creation of contemporary models. Subsequent to lifting of authorizing in 1990s, 17 new pursuits have come up of which 16 are makers of vehicles. Correspondingly there are 14 two/three wheeler produces. The no. of vehicles made and advertised in India during the most recent 15 years is shown in Table. It tends to be seen that the engine vehicle armada expanded from 0.30 million of every 1951 to more than 50 million out of 2001 and 150 million out of 2015. The portion of bike armada was 9 % in 1951 and increment to over 80% by 2001. The portion of transports declined from 11 % in 1951 to under 1% by 2001[17]-[22]

II. VEHICLE POLLUTION : AN ANALYSIS:

Total emissions from a vehicle during a period consists of emissions per km multiplied by the total vehicle kms (VKT) by the vehicle during that period. Hence the two major ways of reducing vehicular emissions are reducing the emissions per km and reducing the vehicle kmstravel(VKT) or the amount of travel. Hence in the long run, apart from reducing emissions per km in individual vehicles, efforts must be made to reduce the demand for motorized transport.

Emissions per km (in grams of pollutants per km) is affected by a variety of parameters: Engine and vehicle technology, fuel characteristics, fuel efficiency, maintenance of the vehicle, speed, congestion on the road, driving etc. generally better vehicle technology, better fuel quality, improving maintenance and inspection, scraping old vehicles, better driving, reducing congestion on roads etc; can improve fuel efficiency and reduce pollutant emissions

Vehicular pollution in Chennai city- An overview

Recent reports on Chennai city's pollution due to impact of vehicular pollution by state and central pollution control board, Environmentalists, scientists, reports by private environmental enthusiasts, etc reveal the following.

The city's coastline is a blessing not only does the sea breeze disperse the heat, it also carries away pollutants. But the day is not far when Chennai will overtake Delhi in pollution levels, warns a study of 14 cities by the Centre for Science and Environment(CSE). (Article published in "The Hindu News paper dated 02.09.18)

Averaging across its three monitoring stations, Chennai had the highest proportion of severe days(17.7 percent) and a third of all days were either severe, very poor or poor quality. The average AQI value for the last six months for these cities was also higher than Delhi's(A report published in The Hindu news paper dated 15.07.2013 by Rukmani and Samarth Bansal under the title " The quality of air you breath in Chennai is worse than in Delhi/)

Not at all like other super urban communities, Chennai speaks to an alternate contamination challenge. Its yearly normal contaminations however lower than other uber urban communities – still fluctuate between moderate to basic. Without ocean breeze in this beach front city, the pinnacles could have been more regrettable.

Reports says that throughout the most recent two decades, portion of transport and train has dropped radically. The portion of individual vehicle trips has expanded.

A quick acceleration in levels of different toxins has been seen:

PM 10 levels have expanded from 32 microgram for every cu m in 2007 to 94 microgram for every cu m in 2011 (a 193 percent hop) and 150 microgram for each cu m in 2018(368 percent) – expanding 33percent per year

NOx level rose from 9micrograme per cu m in 2007 to 24micrograme per cu m in 2011 – an expansion of 166 percent at 60 percent a year which is principally due increment in utilizing of vehicles

A concentrate did by researchers of college of Berkeley distributed in Environmental Science and Technology in 2012 demonstrates that the introduction to vehicular fumes(in terms of populace weighted consumption part, or the grams of vehicle contamination breathed in per grams of vehicle contamination radiated) in Chennai (72) is one of the most elevated in urban communities contemplated in India-third after Kolkatta(150) and Delhi(100)

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Among six mega cities and eight metropolitan cities where the study was conducted by centre for Environment and Science, New Delhi, Chennai was found to have the highest average trip length of cars, which means that people who travelled by cars covered long distances.

Personal vehicles dominate in terms of daily distance travelled in Chennai and other cities. In Chennai where the absolute number of registered vehicles is already large, the average annual growth rate of vehicles between 2006 and 2016 was a whopping 12.8%.

With all these vehicles on the roads, Chennai's PM10 concentration is way above the permissible level of 60 micro grams/cubic metre. Every time we make a trip by personal transport, we contribute two to five times more emissions as opposed to making a trip by public transport. Pollution load per travel trip per year from personal vehicles is significantly higher than that of public transport trip across cities. Though nitrogen oxide levels have seen a spike, they remain within permissible limits, The danger with increasing nitrogen oxide levels is that the cumulative effect of NOx for all travel trips is enormous.[26]-34]

It also indicates that in cities with a rising volume of travel, if personal vehicle trips are substituted with public transport trips, transport related emissions and energy consumptions can decline substantially.

With its higher trip rate, trip lengths and low modal share of public transport, Chennai's emissions per trip are higher than Delhi. What this means, as the population increases in Chennai and it spreads further, is that levels of air pollution, carbon emissions and energy consumption will get far worse, leaving even Delhi behind, the report said.

Hence a fact finding survey has been conducted to assess the pollution stress in various locations of the Chennai city covering Residential, Industrial and Commercial area
Air quality monitoring

In India, CPCB implements the national ambient air quality monitoring program (NAMP) through a network comprising 544 operating ambient air quality stations covering 224 cities/towns in 26 states and 5 union territories of the country.

Online monitoring network(continuous sampling)

These are robotized air quality checking stations which record constant hourly, month to month or every year arrived at the midpoint of information and parameters like PM10,PM2.5,NOx,SOx,CO and O3 are observed continuously.Data from these stations are accessible nearly progressively. In this way such systems are generally reasonable for calculation of AQI sub-records as data on AQI can be created progressively. For AQI to be progressively helpful and powerful there is a need to set up increasingly internet checking stations for nonstop and simple accessibility of air quality information for calculation of AQI for progressively Indian urban areas.

The sub lists for mechanical toxins at observing area are determined utilizing its 24 hours hourly normal focus esteem (8 hourly if there should arise an occurrence of CO and O3) and wellbeing breakpoint fixation run. The most noticeably terrible sub-list is the AQI for that area.

In general AQI at a specific station is determined just if pieces of information are accessible for least three toxins out of which one ought to fundamentally be PM2,5/PM10 and some other two contaminations. So also at least 16 hours information is viewed as fundamental for figuring sub list.

III. MANUAL SAMPLING

The manual stations include generally discontinuous air quality information assortment, in this way such stations are not reasonable for AQI figuring especially for its brisk

dispersal. In India a large portion of the air quality observing stations under NAMP is physically worked stations and just three criteria poisons viz PM10,Sox &NOx are estimated, at certain stations PM2,5 and Pb are additionally estimated. The observing recurrence is two times every week. Such manual systems are not reasonable for figuring AQI, as accessibility of observed information could have a slack of 1-3 days and a few times not accessible by any means. Anyway a few endeavors are required to utilize data in some beneficial way i.e investigate related examinations/ventures.

Calculation of air quality index (AQI) under manual sampling

In Manual stations, the sub-indices for pollutants are determined and disseminated even if datas are inadequate for determining AQI. The individual pollutant wise sub-index will provide air quality stations for that pollutant. Using the formula given below AQI can be found out under manual sampling.

For manual monitoring stations, an AQI calculator is developed wherein data can be fed manually to get AQI value.

$$I_p = \left[\frac{I_{Hi} - I_{Lo}}{B_{Hi} - B_{Lo}} \right] \times (C_p - B_{Lo}) + I_{Lo}$$

Where

I_p = Sub Index for a given pollutant

I_{Hi} = AQI value corresponding to B_{Hi}

I_{Lo} = AQI value corresponding to B_{Lo}

B_{Hi} = Break point concentration greater or equal to given concentration (C_p)

B_{Lo} = Break point concentration smaller or equal to given concentration (C_p)

C_p = Pollutant concentration

AQI = Max (I_p) (where $p=1,2,3,\dots,n$) whereas n denotes no. of pollutants)

Conducting fact finding survey to evaluate the status of air pollution in and around Chennai city

Air pollutants like Particulate matter (PM2.5 &PM10),Sox and NOx were measured at the following locations of Chennai city.

Table 1 : Proposed locations of survey at Chennai city

Sl.No.	CATEGORY	PLACE
1	RESIDENTIAL AREA	ANNA NAGAR
2	COMMERCIAL AREA	T.NAGAR
3	INDUSTRIAL AREA	MANALI

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

AQI of PM2.5,PM10,SO2 and NO2 have been arrived at the three stations one at Chennai- Anna Nagar(Residential Area),second one at Chennai -Manali(Industrial Area) and third one at Chennai - T.Nagar (Commercial/Traffic Area)

The pollution level and calculated Air Quality Index for the above three stations are given in Table 3.4 and 5.

Pollutant	SO ₂	NO ₂	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	O ₃	CO (mg/m ³)	Pb	NH ₃
Averaging time (hr)	24	24	24	24	1	8	1	8
Standard	80	80	60	100	180	100	4	2
							1	400

Note: All units are in µg/m³ unless mentioned otherwise. Source: CPCB.

Table 5 Ambient Air Quality Report at Chennai-T.Nagar(Commercial/Traffic Area)

Sl.No.	SEASON	SAMPLING DATE	24 Hours average in µg/m ³				SUB INDEX				AQI
			PM2.5	PM10	SO2	NO2	PM2.5	PM10	SO2	NO2	
1	MONSOON	01.11.18	35	126	9	14	35	126	11	18	126
2		08.11.18	40	105	12	15	40	105	15	19	105
3		15.11.18	45	120	13.8	20.8	45	120	17	26	120
4		21.11.18	24	112	10.4	23.3	24	112	13	29	112
5		25.11.18	32	155	11.7	22.4	32	155	15	28	155
6	POST MONSOON	02.12.18	46	100	15.9	24.6	46	100	20	31	100
7		08.12.18	34	74	16.5	26.9	34	74	21	34	74
8		15.12.18	23	45	16.8	27.6	23	45	21	35	45
9		21.12.18	25	39	14.5	24.9	25	39	18	31	39
10		28.12.18	44	147	12	27	44	147	15	34	147
11		01.01.19	38	124	14	33	38	124	18	41	124
12	WINTER	06.01.19	38	100	9	21	38	100	11	26	100
13		14.01.19	52	143	13	30	52	143	16	38	143
14		19.01.19	54	95	11	25	54	95	14	31	95
15		26.01.19	46	123	14	33	46	123	18	41	123
16		03.02.19	57	95	11	25	57	95	14	31	95
17		09.02.19	39	107	14	29	39	107	18	36	107
18		17.02.19	47	127	14.4	15.6	47	127	18	20	127
19		22.02.19	44	145	12	15.1	44	145	15	19	145
20		28.02.19	38	137	9	14	38	137	11	18	137

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2		08.11.18	40	105	12	15	40	105	15	19	105
3		15.11.18	45	120	13.8	20.8	45	120	17	26	120
4		21.11.18	24	112	10.4	23.3	24	112	13	29	112
5		25.11.18	32	155	11.7	22.4	32	155	15	28	155
6	POST MONSOON	02.12.18	46	100	15.9	24.6	46	100	20	31	100
7		08.12.18	34	74	16.5	26.9	34	74	21	34	74
8		15.12.18	23	45	16.8	27.6	23	45	21	35	45
9		21.12.18	25	39	14.5	24.9	25	39	18	31	39
10		28.12.18	44	147	12	27	44	147	15	34	147
11		01.01.19	38	124	14	33	38	124	18	41	124
12	WINTER	06.01.19	38	100	9	21	38	100	11	26	100
13		14.01.19	52	143	13	30	52	143	16	38	143
14		19.01.19	54	95	11	25	54	95	14	31	95
15		26.01.19	46	123	14	33	46	123	18	41	123
16		03.02.19	57	95	11	25	57	95	14	31	95
17		09.02.19	39	107	14	29	39	107	18	36	107
18		17.02.19	47	127	14.4	15.6	47	127	18	20	127
19		22.02.19	44	145	12	15.1	44	145	15	19	145
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AQI of the all the stations fall under Good,Satisfactory and Moderate category. Majority of the days the AQI fall under satisfactory and moderate category.

From the AQI of the above three stations, it is observed that responsible pollutant is PM2.5 and PM10.The other pollutants i.e SO2 and NO2 are under good category for all stations for all days.

AQI at Chennai – Anna Nagar varies from 45 to 155.Majority of the days AQI falls in Satisfactory and Moderate category,Vehicle pollution in and around Anna Nagar area is the main cause for increase in PM10 level.

Table 4 Ambient Air Quality Report at Chennai-Manali(Industrial Area)

Sl.No.	SEASON	SAMPLING DATE	24 Hours average in µg/m ³				SUB INDEX				AQI
			PM2.5	PM10	SO2	NO2	PM2.5	PM10	SO2	NO2	
1	MONSOON	01.11.18	32	78	13.1	20.5	32	78	16	26	78
2		08.11.18	31	95	15.6	16.8	31	95	20	21	95
3		15.11.18	26	85	15.3	16.7	26	85	19	21	85
4		21.11.18	46	124	10.9	20.1	46	124	14	26	124
5		25.11.18	39	105	13.6	16.6	39	105	11	21	105
6	POST MONSOON	02.12.18	48	113	16.4	19.3	48	113	21	24	113
7		08.12.18	47	122	14.4	19	47	122	18	24	122
8		15.12.18	24	45	15.1	19	24	45	16	24	45
9		21.12.18	32	48	12.6	19.3	32	48	16	24	48
10		28.12.18	46	85	14.3	21	46	85	18	26	85
11		01.01.19	54	75	13.3	17.2	54	75	17	22	75
12	WINTER	06.01.19	44	125	12.6	11.9	44	125	16	15	125
13		14.01.19	37	115	12.7	13.6	37	115	16	17	115
14		19.01.19	40	124	10	11.4	40	124	13	14	124
15		26.01.19	55	110	15.6	19.6	55	110	20	22	110
16		03.02.19	67	95	13.2	19.6	67	95	17	25	95
17		09.02.19	60	85	15.3	19.3	60	85	19	22	85
18		17.02.19	75	110	11.6	17.7	75	110	15	22	110
19		22.02.19	85	120	14.9	15.1	85	120	19	19	120
20		28.02.19	90	125	15.2	14.5	90	125	19	18	125

AQI at Chennai- Manali varies from 45 to 125. Majority of the days AQI falls in Satisfactory and Moderate category,Vehicle pollution is the main cause for increase in PM10 level.Mostly heavy vehicles are plying on the road and less no. of two wheelers and cars when compared to Anna Nagar and T,Nagar

AQI at Chennai- T.Nagar varies from 48 to 175. Majority of the days AQI falls in Satisfactory and Moderate/Poor category,It is a Commercial area and Vehicle movement is the main cause for increase in PM10 level.

Vulnerability Analysis

The most exceedingly awful thing about vehicular contamination is that it can't be dodged as the emanations are discharged at the close ground level where we relax. Contamination from vehicles gets reflected in expanded mortality and dreariness and is uncovered through side effects like hack, migraine, queasiness, aggravation of eyes, different bronchial issues and perceivability. The contamination from vehicles are because of releases like CO, unburned HC, Pb mixes, NOx, sediment suspended particulate issue (SPM) and aldehydes, among others, basically from the tail channels.

Ingredients of vehicular pollution

The key pollutants which are emitted from these motor vehicles in the atmosphere cause serious health impacts. The pollutants wise health effects are summarized in the Table.6 An ongoing report that in Delhi one out of each 10 younger students experiences asthma that is compounding because of vehicular contamination.

As per the World Health Organization (WHO), 4 to 8% of passings that happen every year on the planet are identified with air contamination and of its constituents, the WHO has recognized SPM as the most vile as far as its impact on wellbeing.

The SPM isn't homogeneous. It has various constituents. Thus, it is estimated and portrayed in different manners: (I) TSP (Total suspended particulates) with molecule distances across <50-100 m is the division tested with high-volume samplers. (ii) PM10: Inhalable particles having a width <10 m infiltrates through the nose, by relaxing. (iii) Thoracic particles: are around equivalent to PM10 particles. (iv) PM2.5: 'Fine portion' with a breadth <2.5 m enters to the lungs; and (v) Black smoke:



a proportion of the darkness of a molecule test gives a relative incentive for the sediment substance of the example. Because of their high wellbeing harming potential ongoing investigations have begun giving more consideration to PM10 and PM2.5 particles.

V. CONCLUSION

Data collected from the survey conducted (i.e AQI of Chennai city) reveals that PM10 is the main contributor for higher value of index. Sox and NOx are well within the NAAQ standards for 24 hours. The higher value of PM10 is mainly due to vehicular pollution because transport is a major sector that contributes to air pollution, especially in urban areas.

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