# Comparative study of Ambient Air Quality of Jalna City (MS), India

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Abstract:- Comparative study of ambient air quality of Jalna city was carried using air quality index (AOI). Air pollutants concentration-SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, RSPM and NRSPM at residential and industrial sites for years 2016 and 2017 were compared. The monthly, seasonal and annual AQI values determined at both residential and industrial sites for these years. Results suggest better air quality at residential site for the year 2017 than 2016. While at industrial site better air quality was observed for the year 2016 than 2017. Government regulations, effective treatments in industries, appropriate waste disposal helped in minimization of pollution levels. For both the years and at both sites annual mean concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx were found within the permissible limits of Indian National Ambient Air Quality standards (NAAQS), although for both the years and at both the sites RSPM and NRSPM concentrations were observed above the norms. The annual AQI value at residential site was higher 128 for 2016 compared to 120 for 2017. While at industrial site AQI value 88 was found lower for 2016 compared to higher 126 for the year 2017.

**Keywords:-** Air Quality Index (AQI), Gaseous pollutants-SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, RSPM-Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter, NRSPM- Non Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter.)

## I. INTRODUCTION

Environmental pollution is most frightening issue world facing today. Over population, insufficient public facilities [1], urbanization [2], automobile emissions [3] and industrialization [4-6] affecting overall quality of environment. These factors are weakening human health, assets and climate [7-10]. Sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter are crucial pollutants identified by environment protection agency. Factors like pollution sources-local and distant, meteorological and topographical conditions, variations-spatial and temporal [11-14] decides the amount of pollutants within a particular area. Accurate knowledge of concentration and variation of air pollutants and field data helps in management of environment problems [15, 16]. For controlling these problems EPA initiated Air Quality Index (AQI) which mathematically links concentration of various pollutants and gives a single value indicating quality of air at a place based on rating scale [17-20]. Bikaner city, India found higher particulate matter during winters than monsoon [21]. PM<sub>10</sub> was a critical pollutant in Vapi city in India [22]. Increase in MazaharFarooqui<sup>2</sup>

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PM10 and PM2.5 are responsible for higher pollution in Delhi in 2013 [23]. 72 AAQM stations compiled data showed moderate to below quality of air for 2013-14 [24]. In continuation of earlier work [25-29] the present paper explores the comparative study of ambient air quality at IMA hall (residential site) and Krishidhan Seeds (industrial) sites of Jalna city for the years 2016 and 2017 using Air Quality Index (AQI).

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### A. Study area

Jaina district is in middle part of Maharashtra state and on northern direction of Marathwada region, India with north latitudes  $19^{\circ}1^{1}$  to  $23^{\circ}3^{1}$  and  $75^{\circ}4^{1}$  to  $76^{\circ}4^{1}$  east longitudes, having an area of 7612 km<sup>2</sup>. District has subtropical climate with bulk rainfall of around 450-700mm from southwest monsoon between June to September. During drought rainfall reduces to 400 to 450 mm. After monsoon in winter minimum temperature falls to 9°- 10°C and maximum goes to 30-35°C. In summer maximum day temperature reaches to 42-45°C [30, 31].

Industrially Jalna is famous for Seeds, Steel along with other areas Engineering, Plastic and Agriculture. City is having six industrial areas under MIDC having industries of pulses, oil mills, refineries, steel re-rolling, plastics, tiles, cement pipes, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides and the cooperative sugar factories. These industries along with automobiles and construction are the key air polluting factors in the city [32, 33].

## B. Sampling and analysis of particulate pollutant (RSPM and NRSPM):

Twice a week during January to December 2016 and 2017 RSPM, NRSPM, SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx samples were collected from both sites using High volume air sampler (model RDS APM 460NL) with attachment APM 411TE (Enviro-tech make) can work for 24 hours. For RSPM and NRSPM air flow rate maintained at 1.1-1.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min for 8 hours. The cyclone separator gathers bigger particles NRSPM > 10µm size on previously weighed dust collector in first stage, RSPM (size < 10µm) were collected on Whatmann GF/A glass microfiber filter. Using CPCB 2011 [34] gravimetrically the concentration of RSPM and NRSPM were found.

#### C. Gaseous pollutants (SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx)

SO<sub>2</sub> air samples were absorbed in absorbent solution of potassium tetrachloromercurate (TCM), complex formed dichlorosulphitomercurate was made to react with para rosaniline and methyl sulphonic acid. Spectrophotometer measures absorbance at 530 nm of formed sulphate ions concentration in absorbent using West and Gaeke Method (IS 5182 part 2:2001); CPCB 2001 [35].

Nitrogen dioxide from air bubbled through a solution of sodium hydroxide and sodium arsenite. Nitrile ion produced was treated with phosphoric acid, sulphanilamide and N-(1-naphthyl)-ethylenediamine dihydrochloride (NEDA) and measuring the absorbance of the highly coloured azo-dye at 540nm [36, 37].

## D. Air Quality Index (AQI)

AQI is a single number showing real concentration of criteria pollutants compared to its standard permissible values [38, 39]. AQI guides in analyzing and representing uniform air quality grade.

AQI equation is 
$$100^{n}$$
 ADC

$$AQI = (\frac{100}{n}) \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\frac{APC_k}{SPC_k})$$

Where, AQI= Air Quality Index n = number of criteria pollutants APC= Actual Pollutant Concentration SPC= Standard Pollutant Concentration (CPCB 2011)

Sr. No.	Pollutant	Time weighted	Air Quality Standard concentration in Ambient air			
		Average	Industrial, residential, rural and	Ecologically sensitive area		
			other area	(notified by central Govt.)		
1	$SO_2 \ \mu gm/m^3$	Annual	50	20		
		24 hours	80	80		
2	NO <sub>2</sub> µgm/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual	40	30		
		24 hours	80	80		
3	$PM_{10} \mu gm/m^3$	Annual	60	60		
		24 hours	100	100		
4	$PM_{2.5} \mu gm/m^3$	Annual	40	$4\overline{0}$		
		24 hours	60	60		

 Table 1:- Indian National Ambient Air quality standard

AQI rating scale of is as shown below.

AQI value	AQI Category
0-50	Good
51-100	Satisfactory
101-200	Moderately polluted
201-300	Poor
301-400	Very poor
>401	Severe

Table 2:- Air Quality Index (AQI) Rating Scale.

#### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Monthly average concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, RSPM and NRSPM monitored at residential and industrial sites for the year 2016 and 2017 has been presented in table.3, 4 and represented graphically in charts.1, 2 respectively. While seasonal variation in concentrations have been reported in table.5 and represented graphically in charts-3, 4 respectively.

Month	For the year 2016			For the year 2017				
	SO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	RSPM	NRSPM	SO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	RSPM	NRSPM
Jan	12.63	6	128.00	449.00	12.26	32.06	121.00	370.00
Feb	12.24	30.00	124.00	503.00	13.80	34.45	140.00	433.00
Mar	11.58	27.84	122.00	489.00	13.27	31.80	157.00	441.00
Apr	12.32	28.47	128.00	478.00	12.90	31.05	162.00	354.00
May	13.35	31.81	128.00	411.00	12.25	31.00	106.00	342.00
June	9.00	27.19	110.00	368.00	8.00	27.45	88.00	270.00
July	11.96	29.43	98.00	305.00	7.13	26.29	91.00	283.00
Aug	11.80	27.20	97.56	366.00	8.14	27.52	96.00	289.00
Sept	11.38	28.17	84.00	237.00	9.56	28.31	77.00	180.00
Oct	4.27	30.81	118.00	478.00	11.17	29.58	134.00	391.00
Nov	5.16	30.69	208.00	720.00	14.00	31.26	143.00	424.00
Dec	13.84	35.72	188.00	749.00	14.43	29.10	129.00	398.00
Avg.	10.79	29.72	127.79	462.75	11.40	29.98	120.30	347.90

Table 3:- Monthly average concentration of SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, RSPM and SPM (µgm/m<sup>3</sup>) at residential site for the year 2016 and 2017.

Month	For the year 2016			For the year 2017				
	SO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	RSPM	NRSPM	SO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	RSPM	NRSPM
Jan	11.71	31.62	93.00	227.00	13.77	34.31	206.00	781.00
Feb	11.93	29.41	94.00	232.00	12.94	32.60	257.00	507.00
Mar	13.52	13.52	95.00	241.00	12.25	31.80	132.00	313.00
Apr	13.44	32.81	92.00	374.00	12.90	31.05	162.00	354.00
May	11.49	31.24	89.00	356.00	12.72	31.20	130.00	347.00
June	9.25	26.61	82.00	288.00	8.09	27.45	101.00	193.00
July	12.63	27.48	89.00	200.00	10.96	28.08	95.00	264.00
Aug	12.06	28.62	83.00	275.00	9.26	26.12	90.00	196.00
Sept	11.70	27.66	78.00	258.00	10.57	28.52	72.00	220.00
Oct	12.91	30.81	91.00	289.00	11.80	31.00	89.00	238.00
Nov	8.37	37.24	87.00	164.00	13.20	33.00	91.00	201.00
Dec	13.70	35.53	89.00	200.00	11.50	31.24	91.00	209.00
Avg.	11.89	29.37	88.50	258.66	11.70	30.53	126.30	318.60

Table 4:- Monthly average concentration of SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, RSPM and SPM (µgm/m<sup>3</sup>) at industrial site for the year 2016 and 2017.

## A. Sulphur dioxide $(SO_2)$

At residential site: The monthly average concentration was varied between 4.27-13.84µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 while it varied between  $7.13-14.43\mu g/m^3$  in the year 2017 respectively. The highest concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> 13.84µg/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in December of 2016 while it was recorded highest  $14.43\mu g/m^3$  again in December of the year 2017. The lowest average concentration of SO<sub>2</sub>  $4.27 \text{ug/m}^3$  was observed in month October month of the year 2016, while lowest average concentration SO<sub>2</sub> 7.13µg/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in July of 2017. The yearly average concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> was  $10.79 \mu g/m^3$  for the year 2016 was found to be lower compared to  $11.40 \mu g/m^3$  for the year 2017, both are below the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) specified by the central pollution control board (CPCB 2009). The highest of average seasonal concentration of  $SO_2$  12.37µg/m³ was observed in summer for the year 2016, while for the year 2017 it was found to be 13.05µg/m<sup>3</sup> again in summer. The least seasonal average  $SO_2$  concentration was found to be  $8.98\mu g/m^3$  in winter for the year 2016, while for 2017 it was  $8.20\mu g/m^3$  in monsoon.

At industrial site: The monthly average concentration was varied between 8.37-13.70µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 while it varied between  $8.09-13.77 \mu g/m^3$  in the year 2017 respectively which is nearly a similar form of variation. The highest average concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> 13.70µg/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in December of 2016 while it was recorded highest  $13.77 \mu g/m^3$  in January month of the year 2017. The highest values for both these years are found to be very close. The lowest average concentration of  $SO_2 \ 8.37 \mu g/m^3$  was observed in month November month of 2016, while it was found to be  $8.09 \mu \text{g/m}^3$  in June for the year 2017. The lowest values are once again very close. The annual average  $SO_2$  concentration were 11.89µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the year 2016 and 11.70µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the year 2017, which were below the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) specified by the central pollution control board (CPCB 2009) [40]. The highest of average seasonal concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> 12.60µg/m<sup>3</sup> was observed in summer for the year 2016, while for the year 2017 it was found to be  $12.70 \mu g/m^3$  again

in summer. The least seasonal average  $SO_2$  concentration was found to be  $11.41 \mu g/m^3$  in monsoon for the year 2016, while for 2017 it was  $9.72 \mu g/m^3$  in monsoon.

## B. Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx)

At residential site: The average monthly concentrations of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) were varied between 27.19-35.72 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, while it varied between  $26.29-34.45\mu g/m^3$  in 2017. The highest monthly average concentration of NOx 35.72µg/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in December of 2016, while it was recorded  $34.45 \mu g/m^3$  in February month of 2017. The lowest monthly average concentration of NOx 27.19µg/m<sup>3</sup> was observed in June month of 2016, while it was recorded  $26.29 \mu g/m^3$  in July month of 2017. The yearly average concentration of NOx was found to be  $29.72 \mu g/m^3$  in the year 2016 compared to  $29.98 \mu g/m^3$  in the year 2017. Thus yearly average concentration of NOx was found only slightly lower in 2016 than in 2017. The highest average seasonal concentration of NOx was observed 31.65µg/m<sup>3</sup> in winter of 2016 while it was found  $37.42 \mu g/m^3$  in summer of 2017. The least average seasonal concentration of NOx was observed 28µg/m<sup>3</sup> in monsoon of 2016, similarly for 2017 was found  $27.39 \mu g/m^3$  in monsoon again.

industrial site: The average monthly At concentrations of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) were varied between  $13.52-37.24 \mu g/m^3$  in 2016, while it varied between  $26.12-34.31 \mu g/m^3$  in 2017. The highest monthly average concentration of NOx 37.24µg/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in November of 2016, while it was recorded 34.31µg/m<sup>3</sup> in January month of 2017. The lowest monthly average concentration of NOx 13.52µg/m<sup>3</sup> was observed in March month of 2016, while it was recorded 26.12µg/m<sup>3</sup> in August month of 2017. The yearly average concentration of NOx was found to be  $29.37 \mu g/m^3$  in the year 2016 compared to  $30.54 \mu g/m^3$  in the year 2017. Thus yearly average concentration of NOx was found only slightly lower in 2016 than in 2017. The highest average seasonal concentration of NOx was observed 33.80µg/m<sup>3</sup> in winter of 2016 while it was found 32.38µg/m<sup>3</sup> again in winter of 2017. The least average seasonal concentration of NOx was

observed 26.75 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in summer for 2016; similarly for 2017 it was found 27.54 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in monsoon. NOx values obtained were well below the NAAQS (CPCB 2009) for both the years.

Sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are the key pollutant contributing to ambient air which is given out by

fossil fuel burning, automobiles and industries [41, 42]. The seasonal concentration pattern of air pollutants is driven by emission characteristics of the dominant sources and meteorological conditions [13]. Researchers [43-45] reported similar observations.

Season	Pollutant	Residential		Industrial		
		2016	2017	2016	2017	
Summer	SO <sub>2</sub>	12.37	13.05	12.60	12.70	
	NOx	29.53	37.42	26.75	31.66	
	RSPM	125.50	141.25	92.50	170.25	
	SPM	470.25	392.50	300.75	380.25	
	AQI	125.50	141.25	92.50	170.25	
Monsoon	$SO_2$	11.04	8.20	11.41	9.72	
	NOx	28.00	27.39	27.59	27.54	
	RSPM	97.39	88.00	83.00	89.50	
	SPM	319.00	225.50	255.25	250.00	
	AQI	97.39	88.00	83.00	89.50	
Winter	$SO_2$	8.98	12.96	11.67	12.56	
	NOx	31.65	30.50	33.80	32.38	
	RSPM	160.50	131.75	90.00	119.25	
	SPM	599.00	395.75	220.00	357.25	
	AQI	160.50	131.75	90.00	119.25	

Table 5:- Seasonal average concentration of pollutants (µgm/m<sup>3</sup>) at residential and industrial sites for the year 2016 and 2017.

- C. Particulate pollutants
- > Respirable suspended particulate matter RSPM ( $\leq PM_{10}$ )

At residential site: The annual mean concentration of RSPM was observed 127.79 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2016 while 120.30 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2017 which are ahead of the maximum permissible limit of NAAQS (Table.1). November recorded highest monthly average RSPM concentration 208 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2016, while in the 2017 it was found highest 157 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in March. The lowest RSPM was recorded 84 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in September 2016, while for the year 2017 recorded 77 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> again in September. Seasonally winter recorded highest levels of RSPM 160.50 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, while 141.25 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded highest in summer of 2017. Monthly average RSPM concentration ranged between 84-208 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 while it ranged between 88-157 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017.

At industrial site: The annual mean concentration of RSPM was observed  $88.50\mu g/m^3$  in the year 2016 which is within the permissible limit of NAAQS. But in the year 2017 the annual mean concentration of RSPM was found to be 126.30 $\mu g/m^3$  which is above the permissible limits of NAAQS (Table.1). March 2016 recorded highest monthly average RSPM concentration 95 $\mu g/m^3$  while February 2017 recorded 257 $\mu g/m^3$  as highest concentration of RSPM. The lowest RSPM was recorded 78 $\mu g/m^3$  in September 2016, while for the year 2017 recorded 72 $\mu g/m^3$  again in September. Lowest concentration of RSPM both at residential and industrial sites was recorded in September for both the years which is the rainy month. Seasonally summer recorded highest levels of RSPM 92.50  $\mu g/m^3$  in 2016, while 170.25 $\mu g/m^3$  was recorded highest again in

summer of 2017. Monthly average RSPM concentration ranged between  $78-95\mu g/m^3$  in 2016 while it ranged between  $72-257\mu g/m^3$  in 2017.













## > Non Respirable Suspended particulate matter (NRSPM) $\geq PM_{10}$ :

At residential site: The annual mean concentration of NRSPM was observed 462.75 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2016 while 347.90 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2017 which are ahead of the maximum permissible limit of NAAQS. December recorded highest monthly average NRSPM concentration 749 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2016, while in the 2017 it was found highest 441 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in March. The lowest NRSPM was recorded as 237 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in September 2016, while for the year 2017 recorded 180 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> again in September. Seasonally winter recorded highest levels of NRSPM 599 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, while 395.95 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded highest in winter of 2017. Monthly average NRSPM concentration ranged between 237-749  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 while it ranged between 180-441  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017.

At industrial site: The annual mean concentration of NRSPM was observed 258.66  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in the year 2016 and in the year 2017 it was found to be 318.60  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> suggesting higher values than the permissible limits of NAAQS. April 2016 recorded highest monthly average NRSPM concentration 374 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> while January 2017 recorded 781 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> as highest concentration of NRSPM. The lowest NRSPM was recorded 164 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in November 2016, while for the year 2017 recorded 193 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in June. Seasonally summer recorded highest levels of NRSPM 300.75 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, while 380.25 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded highest again in summer of 2017. Monthly average NRSPM concentration ranged between 164-374 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 while it ranged between 193-781 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017.

Thus particulate matter concentration was found at residential and industrial site for both the years. The major contributors of particulate matter in ambient air are automobiles and industries [7, 43, 44]. The seasonal variation pattern of RSPM and NRSPM concentration can be seen from the values presented in table.5. The variation pattern is caused by the meteorological effects i.e. vertical mixing in summer and frequent inversions in winter [13, 44, 48]. The pattern for urban areas are basically similar for both summer and winter suggesting that most important emission sources are seasonally independent for urban areas and are surely traffic emissions and industries[49]. AQI values for residential site obtained are between 83 and 92.50 for the year 2016. While for the year 2017 AOI values are in between 89.50 and 170.50 due to higher particulate matter indicate moderate pollution as per rating scale (Table.2). Members of sensitive groups like older adults and children may experience health effects like heart or lung disease on prolong exposure and at greater risk [50] compared to general public which is affected to lesser extent.

## IV. CONCLUSIONS

Comparative analysis of temporal and spatial variations of SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, RSPM and NRSPM for the year 2016 and 2017 of continuous measurements at Jalna city area- residential and industrial sites revealed that gaseous pollutants were found within the permissible limits of NAAQS, while the particulate pollutants violated the norms for both the years and at both the sites. The annual AQI at residential site for 2016 was 128 which is higher than 120 for the year 2017. Thus for both the years residential sites pollution is in moderately polluted category. For industrial site the AQI values 88 for 2016 and 120 for 2017 suggest satisfactory for 2016 and moderately polluted AQI category for 2017. For both the years particulate pollutants RSPM and NRSPM are key pollutants responsible for higher AQI values and industries, automobiles, construction work, combustion activities, agricultural activities, mining activities and deforestation are major contributors of particulate pollutants. People with heart or lung diseases, children and older adults are the most likely to be affected by particulate particles pollution exposure and must be protected from the same.

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