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AIR QUALITY IN INDIA

A quick overview of India' s air pollution levels over the years

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PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Using this dataset, one can explore India's air pollution levels at a more granular scale. This data is combined (across the years and states) and largely clean versions of the Historical Daily Ambient Air Quality Data released by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Central Pollution Control Board of India under the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP).

Can we detect local trends? Can we relate the air quality changes to changes in Environmental policy in India?

ABSTRACT:

Air pollution occurs when harmful or excessive quantities of substances including gases, particles, and biological molecules are introduced into the Earth's atmosphere. Air pollution in India is a serious issue, ranking higher than smoking, high blood pressure, child and maternal malnutrition, and risk factors for diabetes. At least 140 million people breathe air 10 times or more over the WHO safe limit and 13 of the world's 20 cities with the highest annual levels of air pollution are in India. Air pollution contributes to the premature deaths of 2 million Indians every year. In urban areas, most emissions come from vehicles and industry, whereas in rural areas, much of the pollution stems from biomass burning for cooking and keeping warm. In autumn and winter months, large scale crop residue burning in agriculture fields – a low cost alternative to mechanical tilling – is a major source of smoke, smog and particulate pollution. India has a low per capita emissions of greenhouse gases but the country as a whole is the third largest after China and the United States. A 2013 study on non-smokers has found that Indians have 30% lower lung function compared to Europeans.

The major air pollutants are:

- Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)
- ➤ Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

INTERPRETATIONS:

```
#import data

mydata = read.csv ("C:\\Users\\Aravind\\Desktop\\data.csv")
summary (mydata)
```

SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO₂):

Sulphur dioxide is a gas. It is invisible and has a nasty, sharp smell. It reacts easily with other substances to form harmful compounds, such as sulphuric acid, sulphurous acid and sulphate particles.

● STATE-WISE SO₂ ANALYSIS:

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#state-wise SO2 analysis

SO2 = aggregate (mydata $so2, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)

SO2 = SO2 [order (-SO2 $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]

SO2 = na.omit (SO2)

SO2
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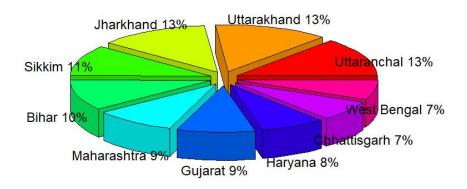
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                                Kerala
Odisha
           Manipur
Arunachal Pradesh
             Chandigarh
Himachal Pradesh
                             Mizoram
Nagaland
```

■ TOP 10 SO₂ EMITTING STATES:

```
#top 10 SO2 emitting states

top10 = head (SO2, 10)
top10
pct = round (top10 $x / sum (top10 $x) * 100)
top10pct = paste (top10 $state, pct)
top10pct = paste (top10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (top10 $x, labels = top10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (top10pct)),
main="Top 10 SO2 emitting states")
```

Top 10 SO2 emitting states



● BOTTOM 10 SO₂ EMITTING STATES:

```
#bottom 10 SO2 emitting states

bot10 = tail (SO2, 10)

bot10

pct = round (bot10 $x / sum (bot10 $x) * 100)

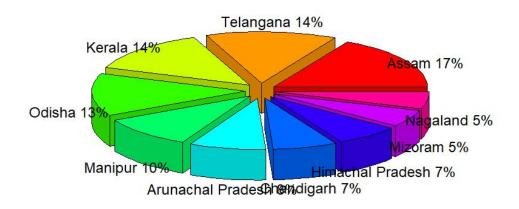
bot10pct = paste (bot10 $state, pct)

bot10pct = paste (bot10pct, "%", sep="")

pie3D (bot10 $x, labels = bot10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (bot10pct)),

main="Bottom 10 SO2 emitting states")
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Bottom 10 SO2 emitting states



HOW DOES SULPHUR DIOXIDE AFFECT HUMAN HEALTH?

Sulphur dioxide affects human health when it is breathed in. It irritates the nose, throat, and airways to cause coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, or a tight feeling around the chest. The effects of sulphur dioxide are felt very quickly and most people would feel the worst symptoms in 10 or 15 minutes after breathing it in. Those most at risk of developing problems if they are exposed to sulphur dioxide are people with asthma or similar conditions.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO MANAGE SULPHUR DIOXIDE?

- Implementing national fuel quality standards.
- Supporting the implementation of tighter vehicle emission standards.
- Promoting alternative fuels.

NITROGEN DIOXIDE:

As for particulate matter and O_3 , the evidence on NO_2 and health comes from different sources of information, including observational epidemiology, controlled

human exposures to pollutants and animal toxicology. The observational data are derived from studies outdoors where NO_2 is one component of the complex mixture of different pollutants found in ambient air and from studies of NO_2 exposure indoors where its sources include unvented combustion appliances. Interpretation of evidence on NO_2 exposures outdoors is complicated by the fact that in most urban locations, the nitrogen oxides that yield NO_2 are emitted primarily by motor vehicles, making it a strong indicator of vehicle emissions (including other unmeasured pollutants emitted by these sources). NO_2 (and other nitrogen oxides) is also a precursor for a number of harmful secondary air pollutants, including nitric acid, the nitrate part of secondary inorganic aerosols and photo oxidants (including ozone). The situation is also complicated by the fact that photochemical reactions take some time (depending on the composition of the atmosphere and meteorological parameters) and air can travel some distance before secondary pollutants are generated.

STATE-WISE NO₂ ANALYSIS:

```
#state-wise NO2 analysis

NO2 = aggregate (mydata $no2, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)

NO2 = NO2 [order (-NO2 $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]

NO2 = na.omit (NO2)

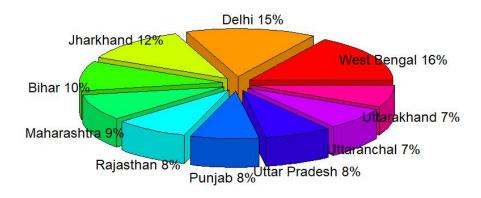
NO2
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aggregate (mydata $no2, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)
NO2 [order (-NO2 $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]
na.omit (NO2)
                          state
                 West Bengal 59.075731
Delhi 53.489147
                    Jharkhand 43.366341
                         Bihar 36.575525
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                Maharashtra 32.115370
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                     Nagaland
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                       Mizoram
         Arunachal Pradesh
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● TOP 10 NO₂ EMITTING STATES:

```
top10 = head (NO2, 10)
top10
pct = round (top10 $x / sum (top10 $x) * 100)
top10pct = paste (top10 $state, pct)
top10pct = paste (top10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (top10 $x, labels = top10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (top10pct)), main="Top 10 NO2 emitting states")
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Top 10 NO2 emitting states

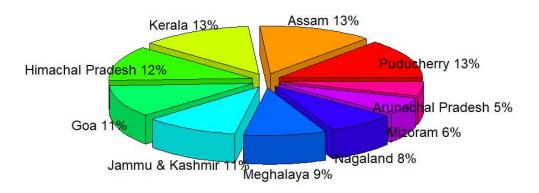


● BOTTOM 10 NO₂ EMITTING STATES:

```
#bottom 10 NO2 emitting states

bot10 = tail (NO2, 10)
bot10
pct = round (bot10 $x / sum (bot10 $x) * 100)
bot10pct = paste (bot10 $state, pct)
bot10pct = paste (bot10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (bot10 $x, labels = bot10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (bot10pct)),
main="Bottom 10 NO2 emitting states")
```

Bottom 10 NO2 emitting states



HOW DOES NITROGEN DIOXIDE AFFECT HUMAN HEALTH?

The main effect of breathing in raised levels of nitrogen dioxide is the increased likelihood of respiratory problems. Nitrogen dioxide inflames the lining of the lungs, and it can reduce immunity to lung infections. This can cause problems such as wheezing, coughing, colds, flu and bronchitis. Increased levels of nitrogen dioxide can have significant impacts on people with asthma because it can cause more frequent and more intense attacks. Children with asthma and older people with heart disease are most at risk.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO MANAGE NITROGEN DIOXIDE?

- Implementing national fuel quality standards.
- Supporting the implementation of tighter vehicle emission standards.
- ❖ Developing a National Environment Protection Measure for diesel, to improve the in-service performance of diesel vehicles.
- Developing and promoting alternative fuels.
- Developing pollution forecasting systems for major cities.
- Promoting bicycle use for short journeys through CycleConnect.

❖ Working with the States and Territories through programs such as TravelSmart to influence passengers transport choices.

RESPIRABLE SUSPENDED PARTICULATE MATTER (RSPM):

RSPM is that fraction of TSPM which is readily inhaled by humans through their respiratory system and in general, considered as particulate matter with their diameter (aerodynamic) less than 2.5 micrometers. Larger particles would be filtered in the nasal duct.

• STATE-WISE ANALYSIS OF RSPM CONCENTARTION:

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#state-wise analysis of rspm concentration

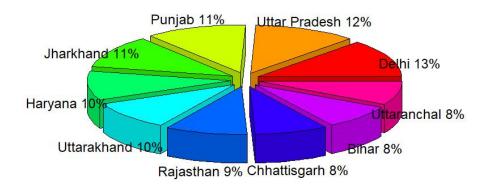
rspm = aggregate (mydata $rspm, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)
rspm = rspm [order (-rspm $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]
rspm = na.omit (rspm)
rspm
```

```
state-wise analysis of rspm concentration
        = aggregate (mydata $rspm, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)
= rspm [order (-rspm $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]
= na.omit (rspm)
                      state
                      Delhi 196.63977
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            Uttar Pradesh 176.95231
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             Punjab 173.49371
Jharkhand 168.51776
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             Haryana 149.86054
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                 Rajasthan 142.01683
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TOP 10 RSPM CONCENTRATED STATES:

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top10 = head (rspm, 10)
top10
pct = round (top10 $x / sum (top10 $x) * 100)
top10pct = paste (top10 $state, pct)
top10pct = paste (top10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (top10 $x, labels = top10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (top10pct)),
main="Top 10 rspm concentrated states")
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Top 10 rspm concentrated states

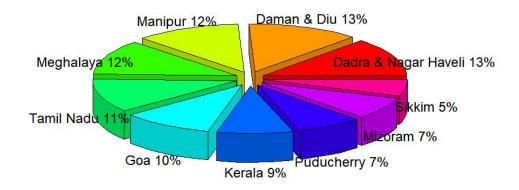


BOTTOM 10 RSPM CONCENTRATED STATES:

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#bottom 10 RSPM concentrated states

bot10 = tail (rspm, 10)
bot10
pct = round (bot10 $x / sum (bot10 $x) * 100)
bot10pct = paste (bot10 $state, pct)
bot10pct = paste (bot10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (bot10 $x, labels = bot10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (bot10pct)),
main="Bottom 10 rspm concentrated states")
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Bottom 10 rspm concentrated states



• EFFECT OF RSPM ON HUMAN HEALTH:

The effects of RSPM are far reaching on human health and principally affect the body's respiratory and cardiovascular system, which to a large extent depends upon the degree of exposure and the individual's health status and genetics. Around 99% of the inhaled large and medium sized particles by the human body are generally filtered out through nostrils. The rest of the particles may either pass through the windpipe or lungs where some inhalable particulates cling to protective mucous and are removed. The remaining smallest particles, popularly known as respirable particulates may tend to be deposited in the tiny air sacs in the lungs. In the lungs, particulates leads to slow down the exchange of oxygen with carbon dioxide in the blood, causing acute shortness of breath. The heart gets affected as it has to function harder to compensate for oxygen loss. Usually, human beings who are more sensitive are likely to have respiratory diseases like asthma, bronchitis, emphysema or heart problems, etc. Particles themselves may be poisonous if inhaled, damaging remote organs like the kidneys or liver. Swallowed mucous that is laden with hazardous particulate matter may damage the stomach.

SUSPENDED PARTICULATE MATTER (SPM):

Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) are microscopic solid or liquid matter suspended in Earth's atmosphere. The term aerosol commonly refers to the particulate/air mixture, as opposed to the particulate matter alone. Sources of particulate matter can be natural or anthropogenic. They have impacts on climate and precipitation that adversely affect human health.

• STATE WISE ANALYSIS OF SPM CONCENTRATION:

```
#state-wise analysis of spm concentration

spm = aggregate (mydata $spm, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)

spm = spm [order (-spm $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]

spm = na.omit (spm)

spm
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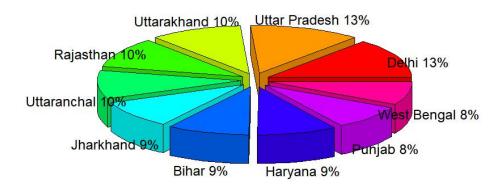
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aggregate (mydata $spm, list (state = mydata $state), mean, na.rm = TRUE)
spm [order (-spm $x, decreasing = FALSE), ]
na.omit (spm)
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             Uttar Pradesh 372.66369
              Uttarakhand 306.75892
                  Rajasthan 300.73540
                Uttaranchal 283.33571
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TOP 10 SPM CONCENTRATED STATES:

```
#top 10 spm concentrated states

top10 = head (spm, 10)
top10
pct = round (top10 $x / sum (top10 $x) * 100)
top10pct = paste (top10 $state, pct)
top10pct = paste (top10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (top10 $x, labels = top10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (top10pct)),
main="Top 10 spm concentrated states")
```

Top 10 spm concentrated states



• BOTTOM 10 SPM CONCENTRATED STATES:

```
#bottom 10 spm concentrated states

bot10 = tail (spm, 10)
bot10
pct = round (bot10 $x / sum (bot10 $x) * 100)
bot10pct = paste (bot10 $state, pct)
bot10pct = paste (bot10pct, "%", sep="")
pie3D (bot10 $x, labels = bot10pct, explode = 0.1, col = rainbow (length (bot10pct)), main="Bottom 10 spm concentrated states")
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Bottom 10 spm concentrated states

