

# Diurnal Monitoring Of Surface Ozone And PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentration And Its Correlation With Temperature

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**ABSTRACT:** The ground level O<sub>3</sub> and SPM (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) are the two essential sources which change the quality of ambient air in the atmosphere due to which air pollution caused. The diurnal average of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2013 and 2014 reflects the annual variations in their concentrations. The correlation of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> with temperature shows negative correlation ( $r=-0.6015$  and  $-0.3392$ ,  $r=-0.757$  and  $-0.819$ ) in 2013 and 2014.

**Index Terms:** Diurnal average, Gaseous pollutants, Particulate pollution, Positive correlation, Suspended Particulate Matter

## INTRODUCTION

Ozone is an allotrope which consisting of three oxygen atoms that are bound together (triatomic oxygen) and forms the chemical formula 'O<sub>3</sub>'. As such, the gaseous pollutant O<sub>3</sub> (Ozone) is a major constituent which acts as a secondary pollutant in the lower atmosphere. Chemically, when primary pollutants NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs chemically react with the external substance like dust, smog, smoke and suspended particulate matters in the presence of sunlight the resultant is O<sub>3</sub>. Today, developing countries in their efforts to match the economy of the developed nations are adopting technological methodologies which are not optimal and scientifically up to date due to the lack of technological and scientific progress. That's the reason, in atmosphere O<sub>3</sub> shows a tremendous fluctuation with other pollutants. One of them is suspended particulate matter which plays a vital role for the formation surface O<sub>3</sub> in ground level. Suspended particulate matters (SPM) are the one of the major pollutants in the developing countries which is mainly occurring from the vehicular emissions and industrial chimneys. The SPM are mainly divided into two parts: PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>. SPM which is less than or up to 2.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in size comes under PM<sub>2.5</sub>. This PM<sub>2.5</sub> has an adverse impact on human respiratory system. The diurnal fluctuation of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations is monitoring 24 hours of the day. Basically, it is a continuous process which whose average predicted the variation trend throughout the year. Moreover, these gaseous pollutants rapidly fluctuated due to the presence of meteorological parameters. Out of which, temperature is one of the major parameter which is essential to predict the ratio of concentration by using correlation technique. Many studies have already proven that, without the intrusion of any meteorological parameters the correlation cannot be accurate. The impact of temperature on tropospheric ozone concentration shows linear correlation and temporal variation in with temperature. (Stathopoulou *et. al.* 2008) During the study at Jabalpur, various gaseous pollutants (O<sub>3</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>) are fluctuating there concentration throughout the years. A result found that, when O<sub>3</sub> concentration was higher (in 2014) concentration of CO and CH<sub>4</sub> was gradually increases whereas, NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was decreased (Sarkar, S., 2015). Jayamurugan *et. al.* (2013)<sup>3</sup> studied the influence of temperature, relative humidity and

seasonal variability on ambient air quality. Resultant shows, RSPM and SPM had positive correlation with temperature in all the seasons except post-monsoon. Spatial and temporal variations of PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and particle number concentration during the AUPHEP—project” was done by Gomisceka *et. al.* (2004)<sup>4</sup>. (AUPHEP—Austrian Project on Health Effects of Particulates). For this project, they selected four sites in Austria 3 urban sites and 1 in rural for the monitoring data of PM mass fractions - PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and TSP as well as the particle number concentrations over a 1 year period. The ratios between the different fractions were based on its daily and seasonal behavior. Annual concentrations for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> were higher in urban sites whereas, a bit lower at the rural site. At the city Kannur, surface ozone has continuously monitored throughout the study which shown its diurnal variation and correlation with various meteorological parameters (Nishanth, T. and Sathesh Kumar, M.K., 2011)<sup>5</sup>. During winter season, mixing ratios of surface ozone has maximum at the rural areas (44.01±3.1ppbv) and urban areas (36.3±5.4ppbv). It has also noticed that during winter, production of ozone was much higher in the afternoon (Selvaraj *et. al.*, 2013). At Bhubaneswar the study of surface ozone variation and its correlation with various parameters has performed. It found that, seasonal variation of O<sub>3</sub> concentration was maximum in January (~85ppbv), gradually it has increases in the month of June (~38 ppbv) and minimum in August (~20ppbv). Affected by topography and climatic conditions in contrary, ozone raised during pre-monsoon and monsoon (Mahapatra *et. al.*, 2012). Bahauddin and Uddin (2010) studied status of particulate matter and its impact on roadside population of Dhaka city, Bangladesh<sup>8</sup>. This paper investigated the level of particulate matter and to determine adverse impact of this on health of roadside population of Dhaka city. It was a desk research which has involved the collection of previous research reports, newspapers and journal content and also collection and synthesis of existing project reports regarding to air pollution of Bangladesh. In the year 2002-07, the maximum concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> in Dhaka city and average of particulate matter levels were 2 times higher than the Bangladeshi standard and the residential areas. Zhao *et. al.* (2013) investigated “characteristics of visibility and particulate matter (PM) in an urban area of Northeast

China<sup>9</sup>. They studied visibility data from 2010 to 2012 obtained at Shenyang in Northeast China and the relations between visibility, PM mass concentration and meteorological variables were statistically analyzed. These results demonstrate that the monthly-averaged visibility over Shenyang was higher in March and September with low visibility over Shenyang occurred in January. A study by David *et. al.* (2011)<sup>10</sup> found the distribution of ozone and its precursors over Bay of Bengal) shows  $61 \pm 7$  ppb and  $53 \pm 6$  ppb ozone mixing ratio at the head and southeast of BoB. Diurnally ozone mixing ratio was decreased down during

noon/afternoon which has increase in nighttime and high in morning.

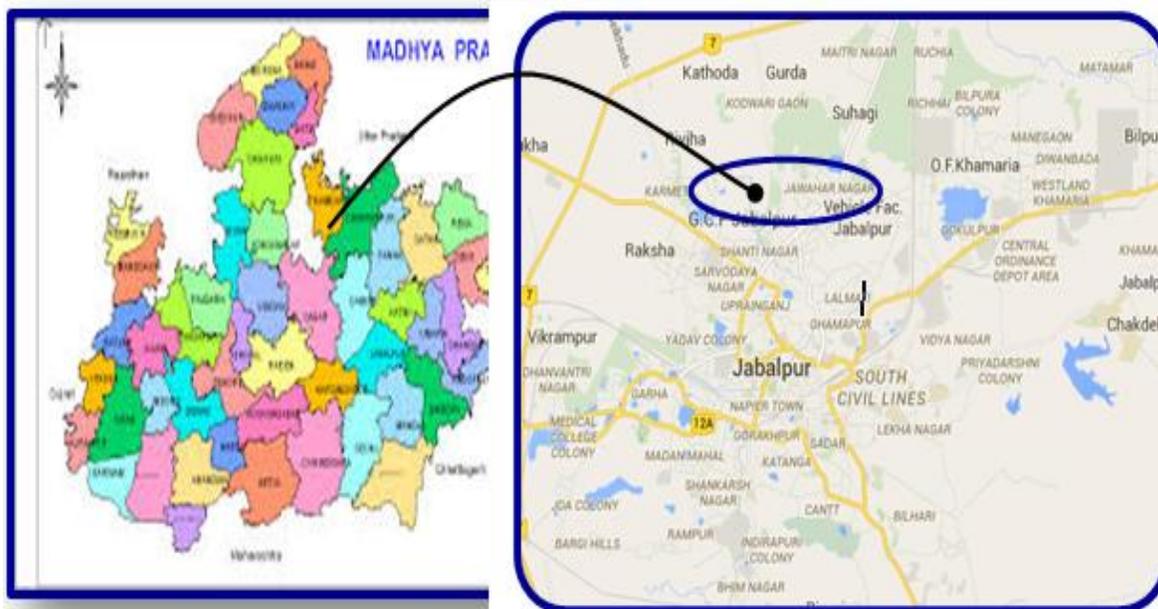
## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The study is significant to gain information about the ambient air quality of the city Jabalpur. The observation has continuously monitored by AAQMS (Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System). In the upcoming years, AAQMS is going to enforce in each city to aware the population about its importance and necessity.

## MATERIAL AND METHOD

### The Study Area:

Madhya Pradesh is generally known as the heart of India. The site Jabalpur is one of the major centers of Madhya Pradesh in India and is famous for its green belt. Geographically, it is located at "23.17°N 79.95°E". It has an average elevation of 411 meters (1348 ft). Topographically Jabalpur is rich with forests, hills and mountains which contain lots of minerals in it. On the other hand, quality of air is getting deteriorated slowly by increasing industrialization and due to tremendous increase in number of vehicles plying on the roads.



### Sampling and Investigative method:

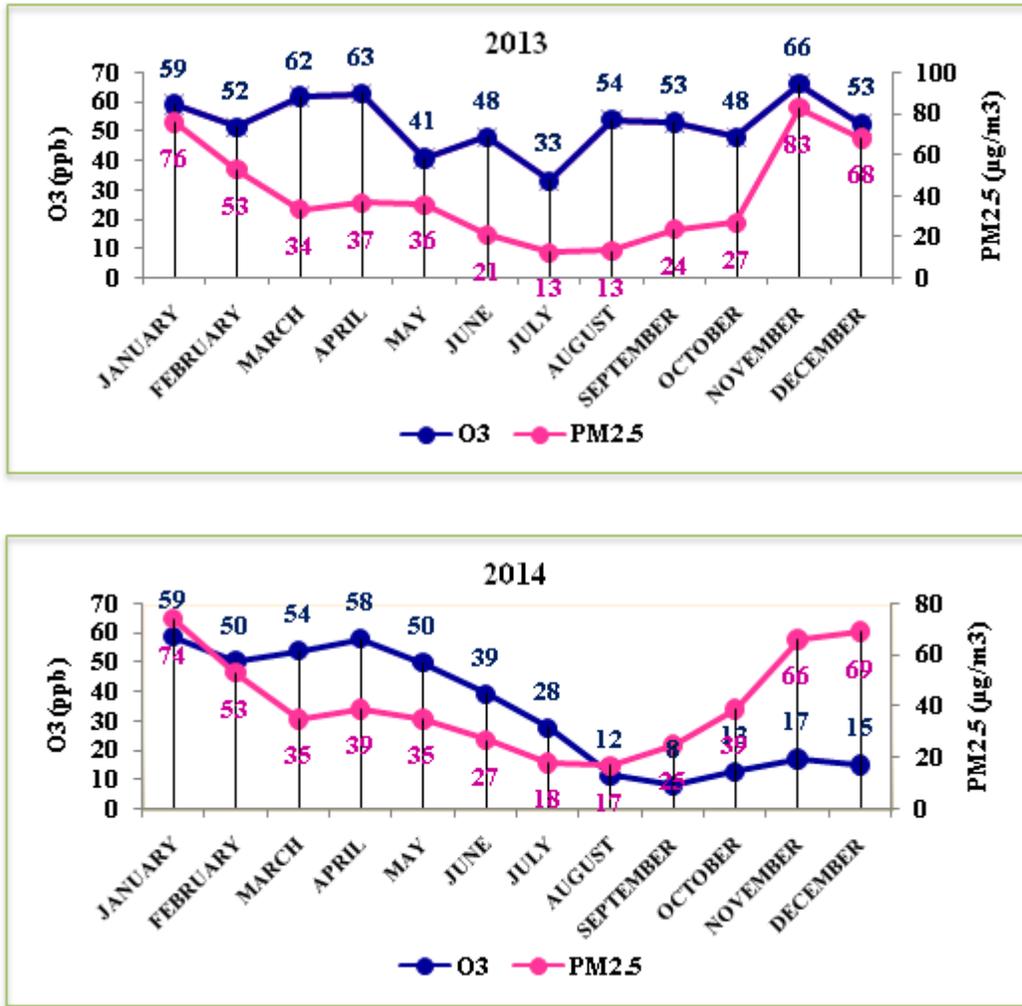
The instrument **Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (AAQMS)** was manufactured by **Ecotech** Australia. It is systematic, assessment of long term pollutants in the surroundings. **Ecotech** established the instrument for environmental monitoring that is WinAQMS (Air Quality Monitoring Station). This WinAQMS has two parts: the client as client and the server. The monitoring system consists of the assembly of many transducers and analyzers employing various instrumentation techniques. The instrument has provided all the yearly observation of the  $O_3$  concentration by EC9810 Ozone Analyzer ( $O_3$ ). In addition to this, BAM1020 provides all the observation of  $PM_{2.5}$ . The BAM1020 is determined the concentration in units 18 of milligrams or micrograms of particulate per cubic

19 meter of air. A small 14C (carbon 14) element emits a 20 constant source of high-energy electrons known as beta 21 particles. A statistical analysis Pearson correlation coefficient has done to estimate the correlation of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration with temperature.

### Observation Table:

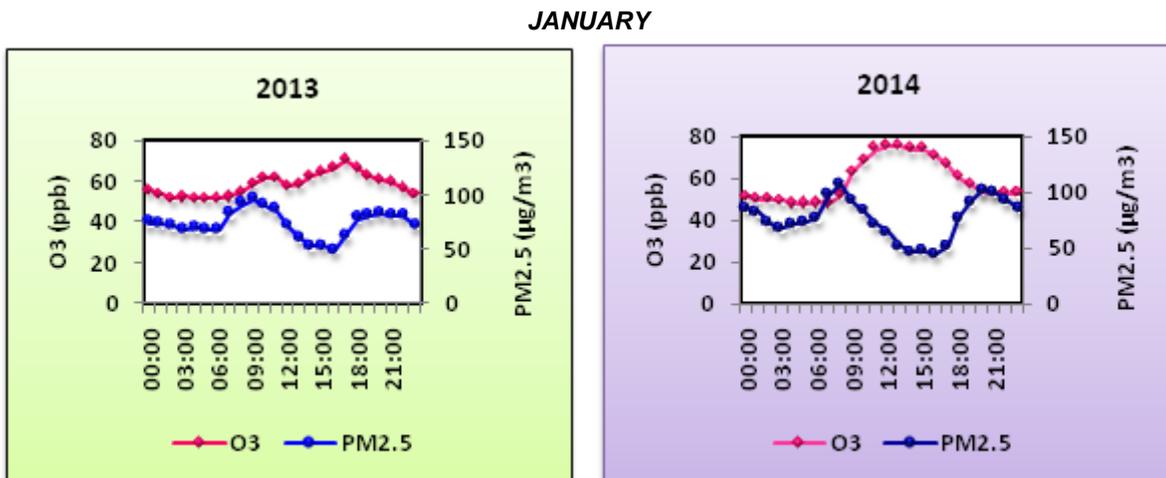
The study was monitored by two years: 2013 and 2014 in the area of Jabalpur which is quite residential but very near to green belt. While on monitoring the ambient air by AAQMS (Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System) of the city, some gaseous pollutants are like ozone ( $O_3$ ) and  $PM_{2.5}$  has obtained. The observation of gaseous pollutants and SPM has been observed from 2013 to 2014. Here, the graphical representation which is showing the annual average comparison of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  in different year:

**Fig. 2: Annual comparison of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration**

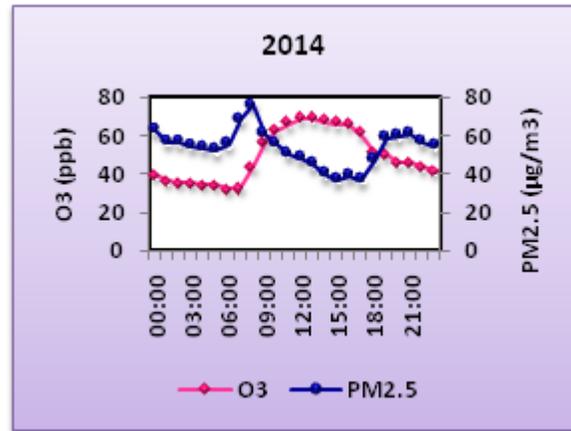
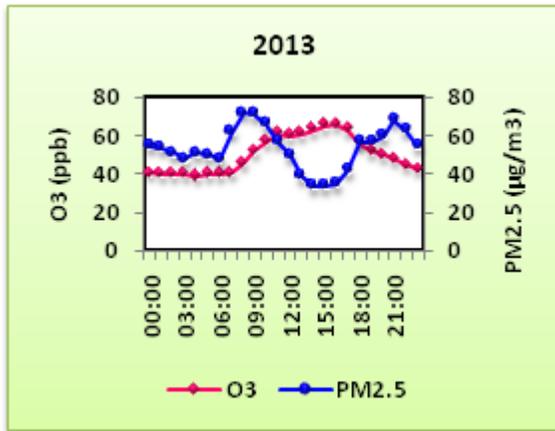


As it seen in fig. 2, the comparing trend of O<sub>3</sub> was almost similar with PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in the initial month (Jan-Feb). According to the observations, O<sub>3</sub> concentration slightly decreases towards the month of August and later on increases. But, in 2014 O<sub>3</sub> decreased down completely throughout the year whereas in 2013 it was quite higher. The diurnal average throughout the year of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> shows the fluctuation in between 24 hours time interval of each day in each month:

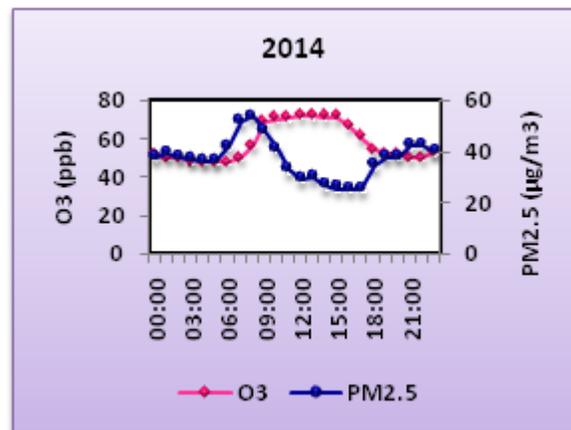
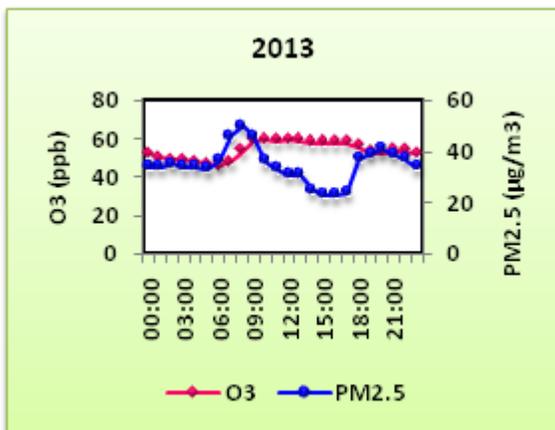
**Fig. 3: Diurnal average of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration**



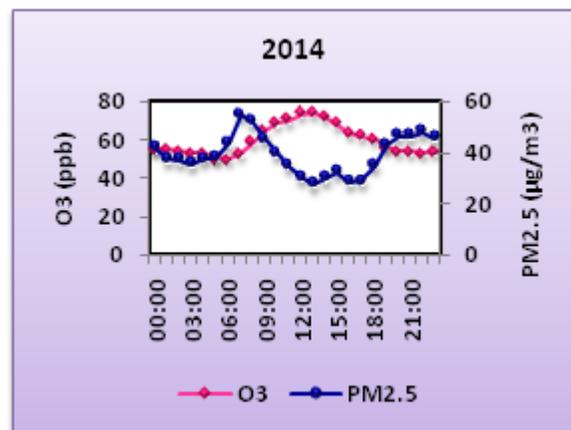
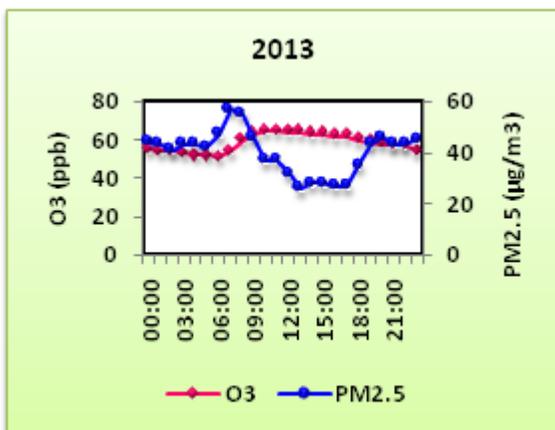
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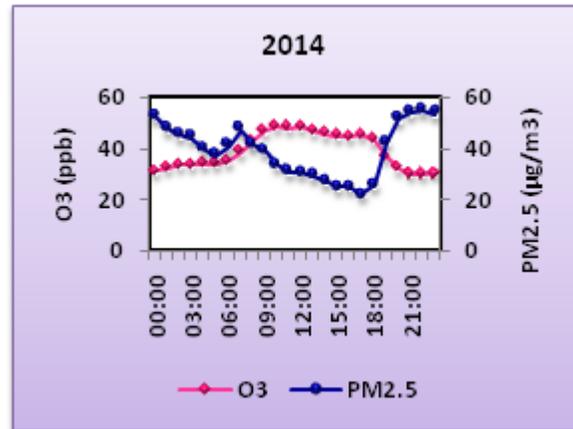
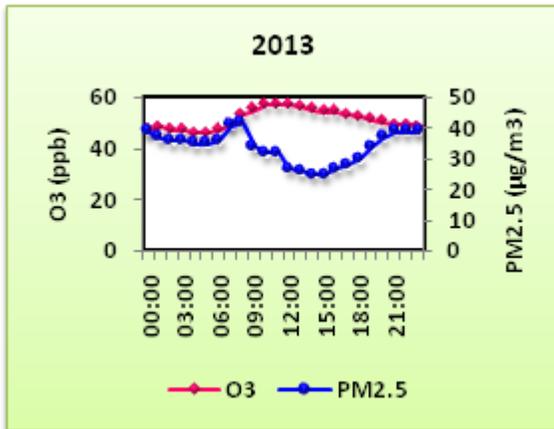
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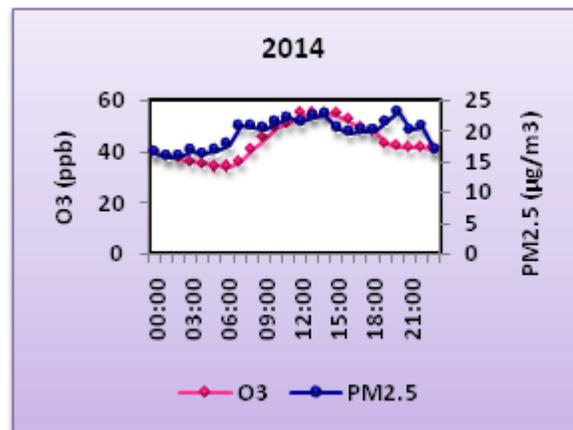
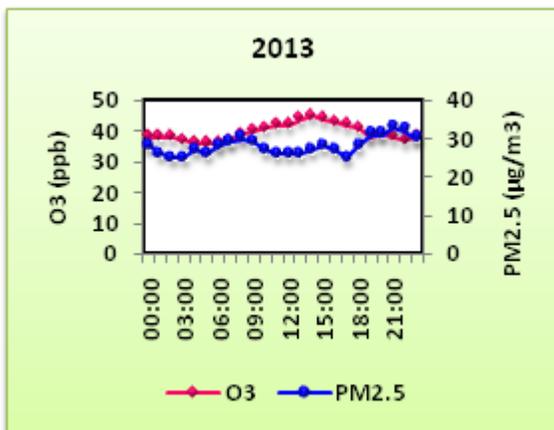
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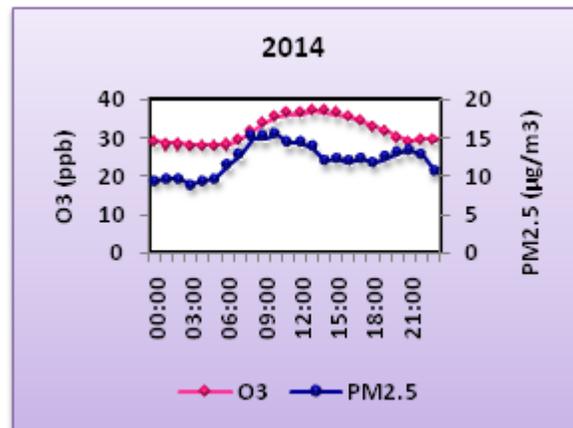
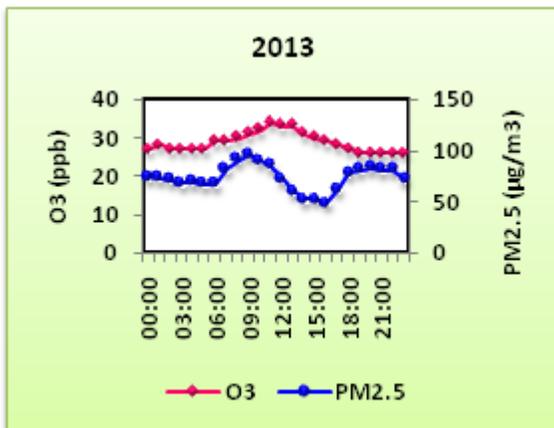
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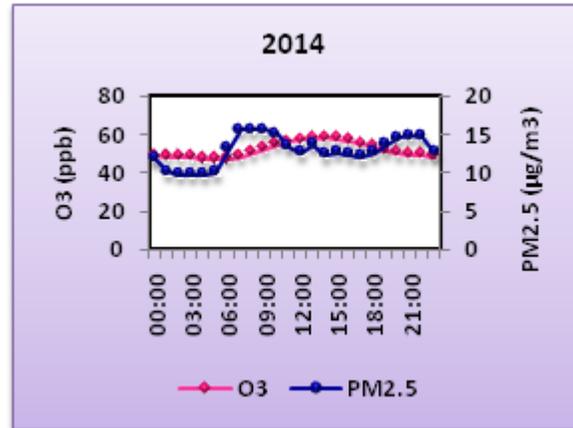
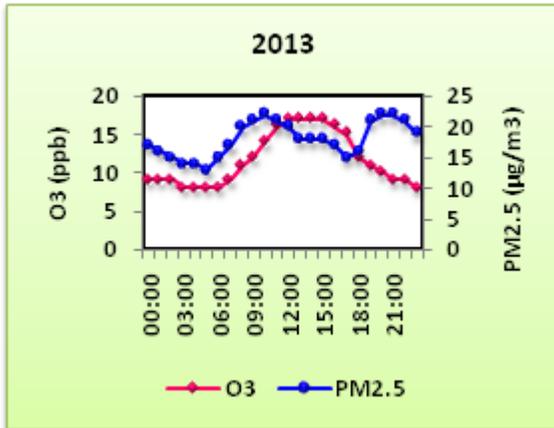
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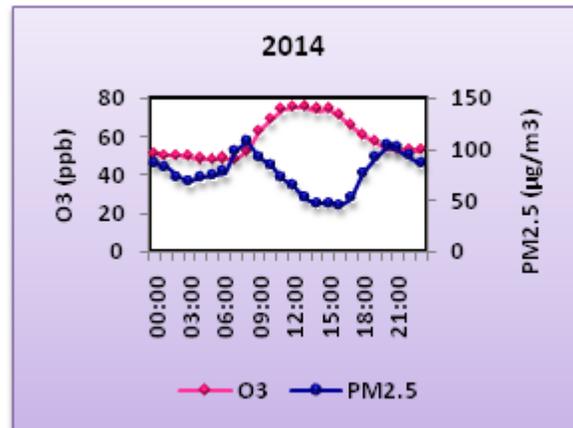
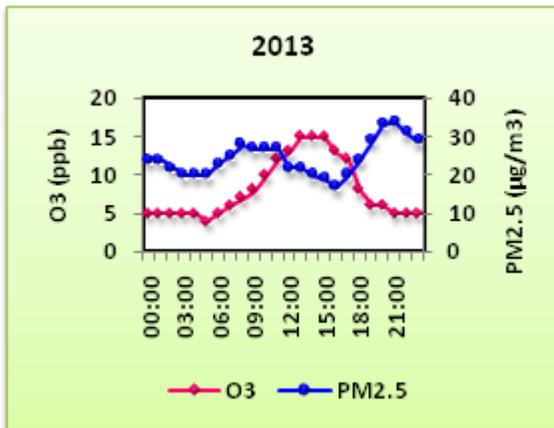
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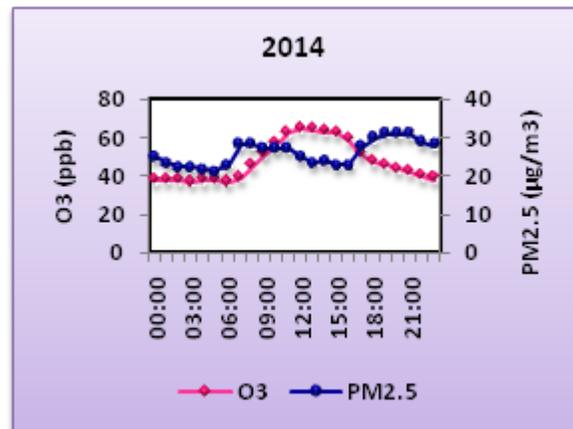
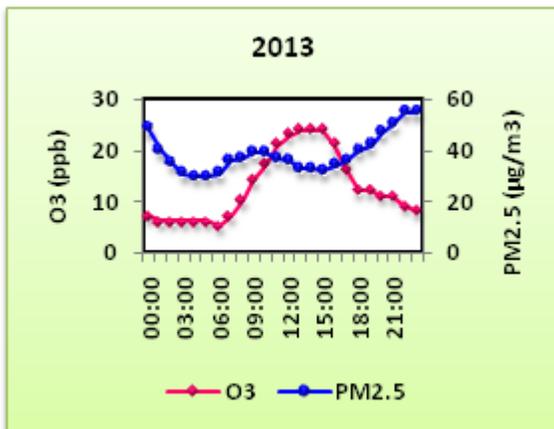
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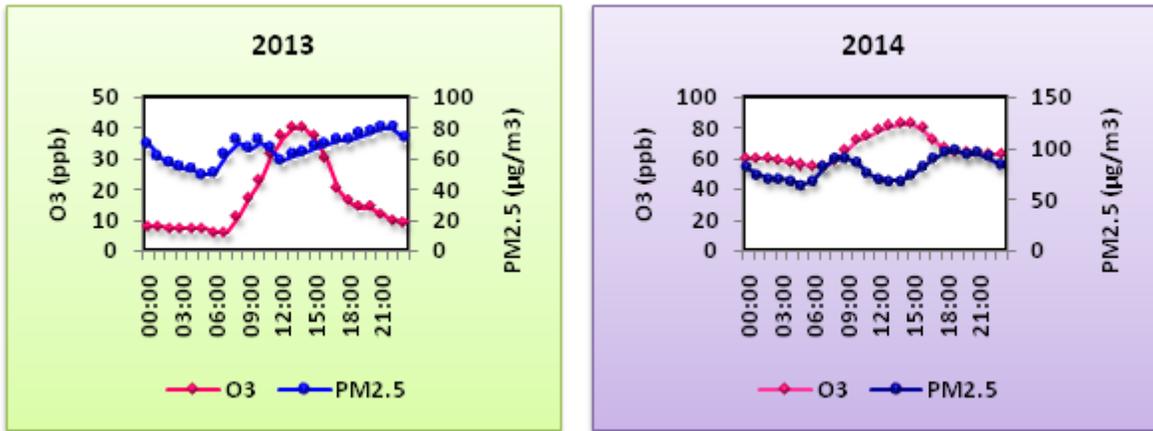
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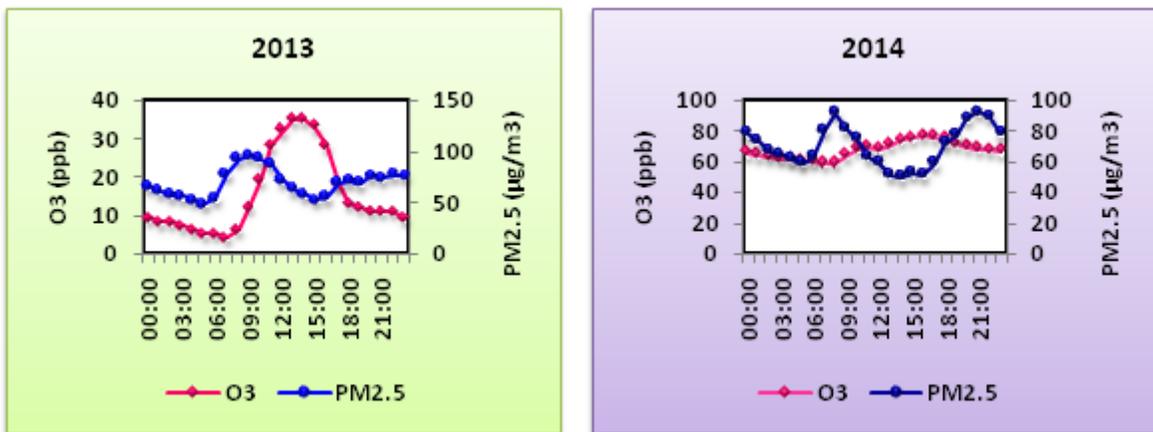
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From fig. 3, the comparative study of the diurnal variation of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  in 2013 and 2014 shows the major fluctuations simultaneously with each other. In addition to this, the correlation of the two gaseous pollutants with a meteorological parameter (temperature) has been shown the accuracy towards its percept. Moreover, the correlation was based on the annual average concentration of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  with annual average temperature.

Fig. 4(a): Annual correlation of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  with Temperature (2013)

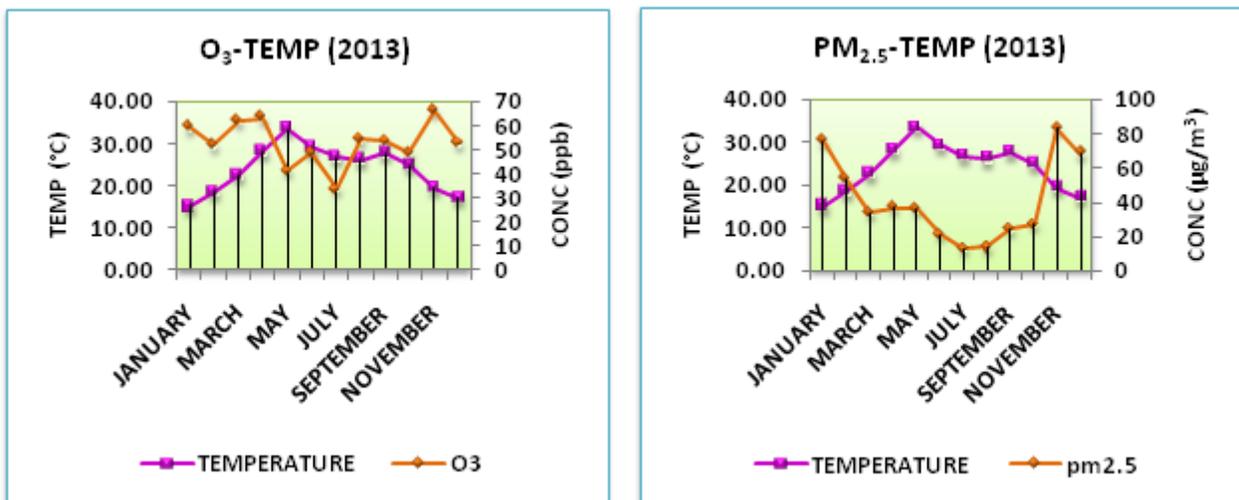
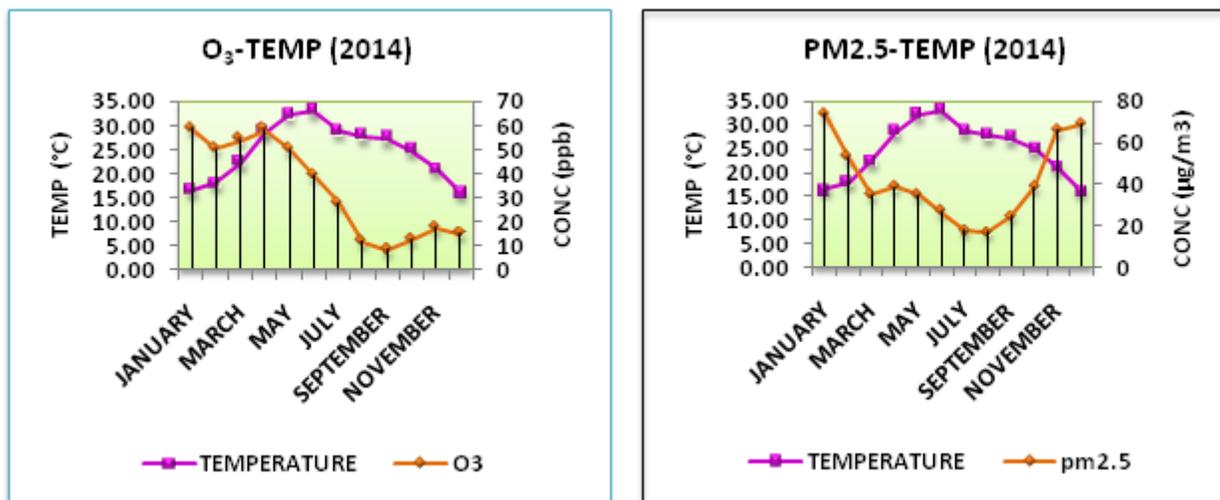


Fig. 4(b): Annual correlation of  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  with Temperature (2014)



The variation in between January-December of 2013 and 2014 performs the correlation with respect to temperature (major meteorological parameter).

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The ambient air quality of Jabalpur, shown the diurnal average (24hrs) O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2013 and 2014. It found that, O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> has shown major fluctuation in the month of November and December. From fig. 2, in November O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (66ppb and 83µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively) concentrations shows peak value in 2013. In the other hand, in 2014 O<sub>3</sub> was more in January (58ppb) and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration was higher in December (69 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). This variation was happened due to the effect of climate and the meteorological parameters which affects the concentration.

Somehow, it can easy to understand the correlation in between O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> with temperature. Thus, the diurnal correlation of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> shows negative correlation (Table 1) with temperature.

Resultant shows, high fluctuating trend in the month of December (O<sub>3</sub>= 15 ppb and PM<sub>2.5</sub>= 58µg/m<sup>3</sup>). Other than this, all the month shows nearly similar concentration and very minute fluctuation (Fig.3). In both years: 2013 and 2014 strong negative correlation has been observed throughout the study.

**Table 1:** Result of diurnal comparison of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration with Temperature

| DIRUNAL CORRELATION |                   |         |                |             |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| 2013                |                   | r       | r <sup>2</sup> | CORRELATION |
| TEMPERATURE         | O <sub>3</sub>    | -0.6015 | 0.362          | Negative    |
|                     | PM <sub>2.5</sub> | -0.757  | 0.573          | Negative    |
| 2014                |                   | r       | r <sup>2</sup> | CORRELATION |
| TEMPERATURE         | O <sub>3</sub>    | -0.3392 | 0.115          | Negative    |
|                     | PM <sub>2.5</sub> | -0.819  | 0.671          | Negative    |

Where, r= coefficient of correlation  
r<sup>2</sup>= coefficient of determination

**CONCLUSION**

A developing city like Jabalpur needs very small initiation to tackle the big need to fight, with the slowly increasing pollution. For this, the best way to secure the atmosphere is, to make people aware the exact condition for the pollution level of the city.

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