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Visual Pollution in District- Prayagraj

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Abstract:

Visual pollution is an aesthetic issue, referring to the effect of pollution that impairs one's ability to enjoy a view. Visual pollution disturbs the visual areas of people. It is only because of negative changes in the natural environment. These changes are Billboards, telephone towers, electric wires, buildings, open debris and automobiles etc. An overcrowding of an area is also a reason of visual pollution. Visual pollution may be defined as disturbances of natural and built environments. Effects of visual pollutions are depressions, Stress, loss of tourism income, crime, distraction, eye fatigue, decreases in opinion diversity, and loss of identity etc.

Key words: *Pollution, Wires, Automobiles, Billboards.*

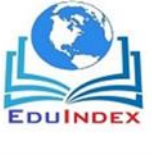

Visual Pollution is anything which is visually not fit. From the origin of the mankind, visual effects originated in the body and mind of humans. When we Starts observing our surrounding, our first effects goes to the visual environment. Now-a- days the term pollution is very common in our day today life. Pollution reduces the not only the economics but the quality of life also. Visual pollution is one of the type of pollution which is very common now-a-days. But very less known to common people. It effects not only the mental health of human beings but the physical health also. So the whole irregular formations and unorganized structures of buildings, wires, cable, dumping of litters etc., which effects the view and joy of a person, known as visual pollution. The aim of the study of authors is to draw the attention of everyone as visual pollution is also very significant as others pollution like- water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution etc. Different areas of District Prayagraj were explored, especially ubiquitous billboards, wire, cables and dumping of litters. Several observations have also been taken by common people through questionnaire also.

Material and Methods.

1. Photography –

Photographs were taken by Nikon coolpix digital camera of different areas as -katra, Civil lines, University road, chowk. Mainly photography are confined to bill boards, Wires and cable, , garbage and unorganized buildings.

2. Questionnaire-

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In different places different types of people- male/female were randomly selected and observation has been noted down.

3. Comparison-

A comparison between areas has been done through several components like- billboards, garbage, cables etc.

4. Statistical analysis-

Different parameters of visual pollution has been analyzed and represented by histograms and pie charts.

Observation-

Katra-

Katra is a rich market of District- Prayagraj. From Fruits, Vegetables to Clothes and Ornaments, everything is easily available in this market. Shops of this area is not very large. Because of very near to University Hostels, this market is always crowded. This area is badly affected by cables and wires. Although bill boards are also very unorganized but cable and wires are dominants pollutants of this area (Photo 1 and 2). Shopkeepers and customers are not very known with the visual pollution. Although they feel bad about to cables and wires. But they directly blame to administration for this visual pollutant.

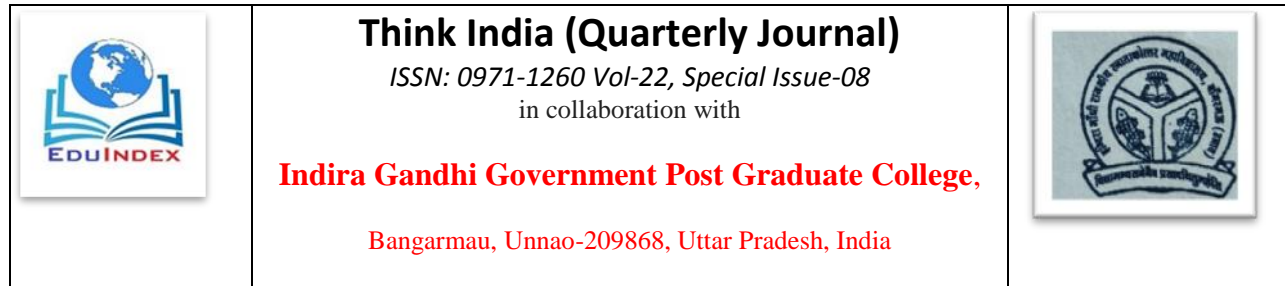
Civil Lines-

Civil Lines are accepted as marked of elite class of District Prayagraj. This market comprises showrooms of nearly all branded items like- clothes, ornaments, restaurants, hotels etc. Several malls are also situated in this area. Shops are very rich and very big. Several street vendors are also situated on the road side of this area. Mainly bill boards and unorganized buildings are visual pollutants in Civil lines. Although government is willing to remove the visual pollutants of civil lines but several obstacles are still on the way of it. Shopkeepers are not supporting the government administration for the major change in this area. This is more economically valued area in comparison to Katra and Chowk Market of District- Prayagraj. (Photo -6)

Chowk-

It is accepted as wholesale and the oldest market of District- Prayagraj. This area is also known as old Allahabad. It is the most crowded and famous area. This area is badly affected with traffic jam because of a large area is occupied by street vendors on road side. Nearly all types of visual pollutants are present in this area like- cables and wires, bill boards unorganized buildings etc. People of this area are not bothered about this type of visual pollutants. (Photo 3 and 4).

Conclusion-



From the above study it is clearly observed that every persons wants to enjoy the pleasant environments of their surroundings but they are not concerned with this type of pollution. In fact they are first time known to visual pollution, although they are affected with this type of pollution. Different areas are affected by different components of visual pollution. As Katra is mostly affected by cable and wires, Civil Lines is affected by unorganized buildings and bill boards and Chowk area is affected by nearly all the visual pollutants like-bill boards, cables and wires, unorganized buildings etc.

Mostly all visual pollutants are present because of ignorance of common people as well as district administration also. Visual pollutant leads to destroy the civic sense and civic behavior of people. It also plays a important role in distraction of aesthetic taste. So it destroys the quality of life also. Visual pollution has also affected the economic value of any area. Less visual polluted areas are economically more valued in comparison to more visual polluted areas. People feel pride to reside and visit the less visual polluted areas and they also experience a joyful feelings in free visual polluted areas. In opposite, visual polluted areas adversely affects the mental health of the people and it causes stress in the body and mind also. A comparison has been done with the less visual polluted area like Chandra Shekhar Azad Park i.e. Company Garden (Photo-5)

The landscaping garden (Loshinsky, N 2008) without any visual pollutants provides a joyful and stress free environment to the people of District- Prayagraj. Visual free environment is very common in Company Garden. District administration and High Court Allahabad are also willing to improve the quality of that area with so many beautification and planning (Nelessen, A, C 1994, City of Turlock, California 2010). The U.P. Government are also working a lot with releasing funds for District- Prayagraj and trying to remove all the visual pollutants present in this district. Removal of visual pollutants is a first step for making district Prayagraj as a Smart City of India.

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