World Ozone Day

"Montreal Protocol@35: Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth"

Date & Time: 20th September 3:00-5:40 pm

Start Time: 3:00 pm End Time: 5:40 pm The international webinar was organized on the World Ozone Day. The webinar began at 3:00 pm.

Introduction to the theme by Prof. Tanu Jindal

Prof. Tanu Jindal, Director of Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management, Amity University, Noida. She welcomed the dignitaries and introduced this year's theme for World Ozone Day. Prof. Tanu Jindal gave a welcome speech with highlight the theme. She discussed her research paper, books, patents, and projects. She said that ozone day is a very important day in terms of UV radiation and the ozone hole. She also discussed the toxic impact of ozone on human health and the environment. She said that UV-induced allergy occurs in 5-20 % of the population often after the first summer exposure to UV radiation. Malignant melanoma, non-melanocytic skin cancer, sunburn, and chronic sun damage are the effects of the skin due to exposure to UV radiation. Acute photokeratitis, cancer of the cornea, lens opacity, uveal melanoma, and macular degeneration are the effects on the eye. The growth of the plants is reduced, and acidity increases in aquatic ecosystems. There are many possible solutions such as reducing the production of those chemicals that cause the destruction of ozone, proper recycling, staying out of the sun, and carbon sequestration.

"Protect ozone layer save earth to bring worth for the new birth"







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UV-induced allergy

-Occurs in 5-20% of the population often after first spring/summer exposure to UV radiation



-Increased photosensitivity of the skin (temp., dust - deserts)

-Higher temperatures may lead to more skin cancers For the same UV exposure, for every 10°C increase, there is an estimated 3-6% increase in skin cancers





• Effects on the eye

- Acute photokeratitis and photoconjunctivitis
- Climatic droplet keratopathy
- Pterygium

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- Cancer of the cornea and conjunctiva
- Lens opacity (cataract) cortical, posterior subcapsular
- Uveal melanoma
- Acute solar retinopathy
- Macular degeneration

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<u>Malignant melanoma of</u> <u>the eye</u>



<u>Macular degeneration of</u> <u>the eye</u>







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Ozone depletion over India

- With so much worry about the rapid ozone depletion taking place in various parts of the earth, Indian scientists are closely monitoring the ozone layer over India for possible depletion trends
- Since India already receives high doses of ultraviolet (UV-B) radiation, and is at the threshold, effects of ozone layer depletion could be far more disastrous in India
- While there is no trend in the total ozone value, there is some evidence of ozone depletion at higher altitudes- at about 30 to 40 km even over the tropics







Address by Dr. D.K Bandyopadhyay

Dr. D.K Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor FPO, and Chairman, Amity Law School, Amity University, Noida. He also welcomed all the dignitaries. He addressed the theme of the ozone day. World Ozone Day is the most important day as per the Montreal Protocol. It is the international treaty which was adopted on 16 September 1987. Initially, it was signed by 46

countries but now it has nearly 200 countries. This treaty regulates the use of chemicals which were dangerous to ozone. CFC was the main responsible compounds for the depletion of ozone. So, many developed countries have taken the decision to ban the use of CFC. People should take the precautions from the UV radiations. Most of the remaining ozone occurs in the troposphere and the layer of the atmosphere is extent from earth to the stratosphere. The harmful UV rays can cause the skin disease.





Presentations were given by-

- 1- Dr. Mukesh Sharma, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur.
- 2- Dr. Vijay Kumar Soni, Head, Environmental Monitoring and Research Center (EMRC), Delhi.
- 3- Dr. S. K. Goyal, Chief Scientist & Head CSIR-NEERI, Delhi.

- 4- Prof. Manju Mohan, Head, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.
- 5- Prof. Umesh Kulshrestha, Deputy Director, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- 6- Prof. Qing-Bin Lu, Professor, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Speaker-wise discussion points (as per programme flow):

1. Dr. Mukesh Sharma- "Ozone: Basic to its stratospheric resurrection"

- 1.1. Ozone is a highly reactive gas composed of three oxygen atoms.
- 1.2. It is both a natural and man-made product that occurs in the Earth's upper atmosphere (stratosphere) and lower atmosphere (troposphere).
- 1.3.It works a lot like sunscreen, blocking out harmful UV rays from the sun.
- 1.4. The ozone layer is getting depleted due to anthropogenic pollution forming an ozone hole.
- 1.5. Since the 1970's the ozone hole has been increasing in size over Antarctica.
- 1.6.For the first time, in September of 2000, the ozone hole became so large it actually left populated areas of Southern Chile fully exposed to the effects of the Sun's UV rays.







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2. Dr. Vijay Kumar Soni-"Ozone Layer Hole in a Changing Climate"

- 2.1. Ozone or trioxygen is an allotrope of oxygen that is much less stable than the diatomic allotrope.
- 2.2.Oxygen is a colourless, odourless gas at ambient concentrations.
- 2.3.At high concentration, it is a pale blue gas, slightly soluble in water and much more soluble in inert non-polar solvents. At -112 °C temperature, it condenses to form a dark blue liquid.
- 2.4. Ozone is present in low concentrations throughout the Earth's atmosphere. In total, ozone makes up only 0.6 ppm of the atmosphere.
- 2.5.Ozone is a major product of air pollution and globally its abundance is unknown.
- 2.6.Ozone at the earth's surface plays a key role in the chemical cycling of many other trace gases in the atmosphere.
- 2.7.Knowing the amount of ozone helps assess the degree to which it is an environmental problem.
- 2.8. The clearest sign, so far, are ozone increases over the last 20 years in the upper stratosphere, and a decrease in the severity of the Antarctic ozone hole in September.

- 2.9.It is certain that the significant ozone decline from the 1960s to the 1990s has levelled off.
- 2.10. The worldwide ban of ozone-depleting substances (ODS)by the Montreal Protocol and its amendments has been successful.







































3. Dr. S. K. Goyal- "Ozone Layer: Protect the Protector"

- 3.1.In 1985, using satellites, balloons, and surface stations, a team of researchers discovered a balding patch of ozone in the upper stratosphere, the size of the United States, over Antarctica.
- 3.2. The ozone hole is defined as the area having less than 220 Dobson units (DU) of ozone in the overhead column (i.e., between the ground and space).
- 3.3.Composed of elements chlorine, fluorine, and carbon.
- 3.4.CFC was developed in 1903 by DuPont.
- 3.5.CFCs were welcomed by industries: low toxicity, chemical stability, and cheap.
- 3.6.CFCs are used as refrigerants, blowing agents, for making flexible foam, cleaning agents, propellants.
- 3.7.A panel of experts was formed to investigate substances responsible for hole formation.
- 3.8.Established policies that prevent future use of certain types of chemicals.





















- 4. Prof. Manju Mohan- "For Life on Earth Protect the Ozone Layer and Prevent Climate Change"
 - 4.1 197 countries agreed to the Montreal Protocol.
 - 4.2 To protect the ozone layer by taking measures to control total global production and consumption of substances that deplete it.
 - 4.3 Stratospheric ozone is present in high altitudes in the atmosphere and protects life on earth from damaging UV radiation from the sun.
 - 4.4 Tropospheric ozone forms near the ground from pollutants in presence of sunlight. It is the primary component of smog.
 - 4.5 Human activities such as driving cars and generating electricity are major sources of tropospheric ozone.
 - 4.6 Arctic stratosphere has cooled in recent years, and a strong correlation is found between this cooling and increased O₃ depletion.
 - 4.7 A growth of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in air conditioning and refrigeration systems is seen as a result of CFCs phase-out.

- 4.8 Photochemical production of ozone is a highly nonlinear system.
- 4.9 High VOC/NO_x ratios are less sensitive to changes in VOC concentrations.
- 4.10 O₃ increases with increasing VOC concentrations and decreases with increasing NO_x

concentrations.











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5. Prof. Umesh Kulshrestha- "How Continuous O₃ Monitoring without Chlorine Measurements is Incomplete"

- 5.1. There is 95 % certainty that human activities are responsible for global warming.
- 5.2.Carbon dioxide is at an unprecedented level not seen for at least the last 8000,000 years.

- 5.3.Sea level is set to continue to rise at a faster rate than over the past 40 years.
- 5.4.Over the last two decades, the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have been melting and glaciers have been recorded in most parts of the world.
- 5.5.The ban on the burning of plastic wastes and other polymers reduced emissions of chlorine species.
- 5.6.In addition, NO emission was very less due to shut down of industries, flights, automobiles, etc.
- 5.7.Regular monitoring of O₃ is required.
- 5.8. Monitoring of HCl and Cl₂ is required.
- 5.9.Role of sanitizer studied is needed.
- 5.10. Role and interference of atmospheric dust to be investigated.
- 5.11. Policies are needed to support more research.



















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6. Prof. Qing-Bin Lu- "Success and New Implications of the Montreal Protocol"

- 6.1. The Montreal Protocol is the most successful international treaty.
- 6.2.CFCs are not only major ozone-depleting gases but powerful greenhouse gases.
- 6.3.CFCs played a major role in global warming.
- 6.4.Cosmic-Ray theory of the ozone hole was given in 1998.
- 6.5.Cosmic rays could be a major contributor to ozone destruction over Antarctica.
- 6.6.Photolysis by UV photons, dissociative electron attachment by free electrons, and dissociative electron transfer reaction are the possible pathways for the destruction of CFCs in the atmosphere.
- 6.7.CFC theory of global warming was given in 2009.







Prof. Qing-Bin Lu Professor; Undergraduate Advisor - Chemical Physics University of Waterloo, Ontario

Dr. Lu (Pl) is a Professor in Physics, with cross appointments to the Departments of Biology and Chemistry at U of Waterloo. Holding a CIHR Senior Research Fellowship, he received training in radiation chemistry and radiation biology at U of Sherbrooke with Dr. Leon Sanche, and in femtochemistry and femtobiology at Caltech with Nobel laureate Dr. Ahmed Zewail. Dr. Lu's research at Waterloo has mainly focused on theories of the ozone hole and global climate change and on femtomedicine and cancer therapies. His main contributions include discoveries of a dissociative electron transfer (DET) reaction mechanism for various molecular systems of atmospheric, environmental and biological significance, ranging from atmospheric zone depletion to the activation of anticancer drugs and reductive DNA damage, discoveries/inventions of novel cancer therapies (16 issued patents), discoveries and development of a new theory of the ozone hole and a new theory of modern global warming, and discovery of the tropical ozone hole. He has published many reputed research papers, and received awards like Early Researcher Award, The Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI), New Investigator Award, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), University Research Chair, University of Waterloo











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