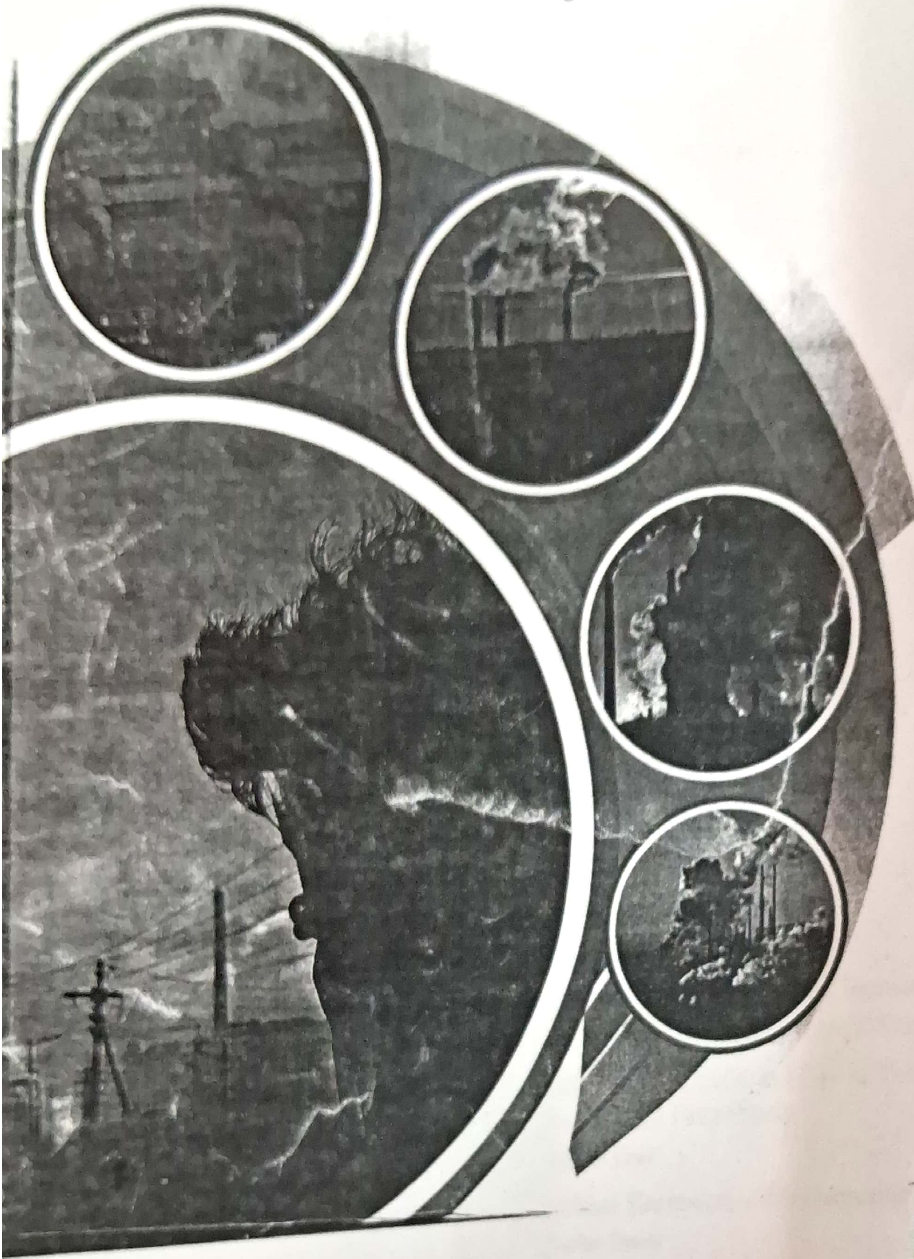


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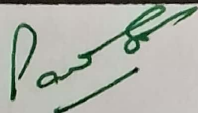


DELHI SMOG CRISIS: A CASE OF TOXIC AIR POLLUTION, ISSUES AND PREVENTION

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Introduction

Delhi is the most polluted city in the world and according to one estimate about 10,500 people in Delhi every year. Environmentalists have criticized Delhi for not making enough efforts to curb air pollution. Delhi, the sixth most populated metropolis in the world is one of the most polluted cities in India. In May 2014, Delhi was announced by WHO as the most polluted cities in the world. The WHO said that air pollution is the largest killer in India, and the death rate in India is due to chronic respiratory problems. Pollutants like PM 10, PM 2.5 & SO₂ mixed with smog and the dust particles increased over 300% and they are destroying Delhi's atmosphere. Cities like Delhi have been facing severe smog due to stubble burning in neighbouring agricultural areas. There is a clear evidence that death rates, emergency room visits, heart attacks and strokes are rising when particulate concentrations are high. With winter approaching the problem seems to be aggravating further. Whenever talked about poor air quality, Beijing has drawn attention historically but now the city stands safe


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