

Adverse Effects of Traditional Cooking Stove Emissions on Health of Rural Women

Prachi Dixit

Department of Biotechnology, ITM University Gwalior, M.P. India

Abstract :- Revelation to traditional cooking stove emission from smoldering of biomass fuel is common in rural areas. Prior studies linked this exposure to an increased risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), respiratory illness, cardiovascular dysfunction, tuberculosis (TB), genotoxic effects and ocular cells failure in terms of cataracts, dry eye disease and other disorders. Aim to review the alliance between exposure to traditional cooking stove emission from biomass fuel sources in the rural area and adverse health upshots particularly in rural women. Customary cooking stove outflows evidently causes generous sick wellbeing in rural women where most of families depend on unclean energizes for cooking and other family unit exercises, yet there is much outstanding vulnerability. To entangle the effects of cooking stove outflow so as to effectively target intercessions, research is especially required in three regions : (1) the study of disease transmission: case control considers; (2) exposure appraisal: overview plans; (3) interventions: specialized methodologies for improved stoves and ventilations.

Keywords :- Respiratory illness, genotoxic effects, cardiovascular dysfunction, rural women, COPD and ocular diseases.

Introduction :- Approximately one a large portion of the total populace relies upon conventional biomass fuel for food readiness and other family unit exercises (UNDP, 1999). This activity results in exposure to household air pollution (HAP). Biomass smoke is a complex mixture of gaseous air pollutants including respirable small particles. According to Lidia and Junfeng (2002), these chemicals are known perils to human wellbeing; particularly women in light of the fact that the dynamic job of ladies in the improvement of home and family is settled as an essential cook are a well established certainty (Sharma and Dhawan, 1986). Such cooking rehearses, ladies in villages is regularly become a casualty of various different medical issues which related with unclean fuel consuming on customary preparing ovens for food readiness. These traditional cooking stoves generate gaseous air pollutants i.e. NO₂, SO₂, NH₃, O₃ and particulate matter. The resultant exposure to HAP is associated with

respiratory illness (Noonan and Balmes, 2010), cardiovascular diseases (Pena et al., 2017), as well as ocular disease (Pokhrel et al., 2013). This type of vitality is related with elevated levels of indoor particulate matter fixations and an expanded rate of acute lower respiratory infections (ALRI), tuberculosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Women and children, who invest quite a bit of their energy inside preparing and getting ready food, are excessively influenced by HAP (Smith, 2006).

Although numerous health risks have been identified in homes and are a public health priority (Bakke et al., 2007). Hazards in indoors are incorporate biological and chemical contaminants just as the impact of physical specialist. Major wellsprings of indoor pollution incorporate burning sources, for example, oil, gas, lamp oil, coal, wood and tobacco items, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), building materials (asbestos), housekeeping items and humidification gadgets, poor ventilation frameworks, an excessive amount of moistness, water penetration or spillage, carbon monoxide (CO_2) and different gases, radon and different toxic specialists (Oliver and Shackleton, 1998; Jaakkola, Yang et al., 2007). Approximations point towards that IAP is linked with 1.5 million mortalities yearly and 2.7% of the globally danger of illness (Singh and Dixit, 2019).

Aim is to find out the fundamental women based investigations that assess the wellbeing impacts of cooking stove emanations in villages. Rural women in creating nations disregard their medical problems. Cooking is done mainly inside with an open fire customary cooking stove and in blackish humid kitchen with poor ventilation framework.

Health Consequences of Cooking Stove Emission :- Conventional cooking stoves outflow impacts enormously rural women wellbeing, mainly the respiratory and cardiovascular systems just as optical system. The individual responses to air toxins fluctuate contingent upon the sort of operator to which individuals are exposed, the level of exposure and wellbeing conditions, and hereditary factor of the individual. Air toxins can cause assortment of impacts on wellbeing, going from biochemical and physiological changes to breathing troubles, hack, and irritation of optical, respiratory and heart issues. It left untreated, those ailments may bring about hospitalizations and even unexpected mortality. Cooking stove emissions affects health in different ways from simple to serious problems such as,

- Particulate matter in the air decreases life expectancy (Apte et al., 2018).
- Pollutants such as ozone gas irritate people's breathing, trigger asthma symptoms and cause lung and heart diseases.
- Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke causes many severe respiratory health problems such as asthma and lung cancer.
- Prolonged exposure to certain air pollutants can even cause infertility according to recent medical researchers (Rajper et al., 2018).

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) :- Long period experience to unclean fuel smolder is evidently linked with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (Kurmi et al., 2010). COPD is characterized by tightening of the airways, but these changes are permanent rather than reversible. The major causative factors to COPD in developing nations are bidi or cigarette smolder and exposure to unclean fuel smoke. According to WHO estimations 700,000 out of the 2.7 million global mortalities due to COPD could be attributable to IAP from unclean fuels (WHO, 2009), predominantly in women. COPD is caused by exposure to gaseous pollutants that generate inflammation, an immunological reaction. In larger airways, the inflammatory reaction is referred to as chronic bronchitis. In the small air cells at the end of the lung's smallest passageways, it leads to emphysema as illustrated in Fig.1. Revelation to air pollutants acts an important character in the increment of COPD and the cause and development of acute exacerbations (Physicians for Social Responsibility, 2009).

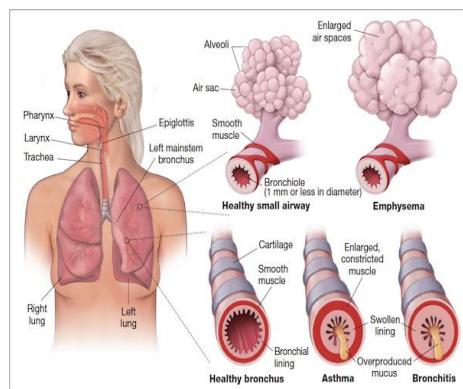


Fig.1: How chronic obstructive pulmonary disease disrupt breathing mechanism in human respiratory system.

Asthma :- Samuelsen et al., (2008) revealed sensitivity adjuvant impact of particles from fuel-wood smolder particles released from wood burning had about like capability to promote adversely vulnerable sharpening as street traffic particles, yet not as much as diesel fumes particles. Intense experience to solid fuel smolder

causes bronchial bothering, aggravation and increments bronchial reactivity that is potentially liable for fuel of asthma (Torres et al., 2008). Unfavorably susceptible asthma is portrayed by reversible narrowing of the lower aviation routes. Pneumonic capacity during an assault shows an obstructive pattern in genuine cases along with diminished ventilation limit which is illustrated in Fig. 2. Allergic asthma may be originated by exposure to IAP acting as allergens. Immunological specific IgE sensitization to an airborne allergen is a significant segment of this sickness, yet vague touchiness is additionally significant for the asthmatic assaults happening on exposure to aggravations in the indoor air (Tsakas et al., 2011).

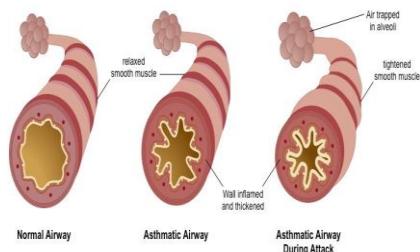


Fig. 2: Difference between healthy and asthmatic alveoli airway in human pulmonary system.

Lung cancer :- Yu et al., in a study distributed in 2015 discovered substantial genomic transformations ascribed to HAP related with coal ignition, in tumor and contiguous typical lung tissues and fringe blood tests from 164 patients with beforehand untreated non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) contrasted with patients likewise with NSCLC from different locales with low degrees of HAP coal burning. Other studies also report that NO₂ exposures are positively associated with lung cancer risk (Raaschou et al., 2013; Villeneuve et al., 2014; Cesaroni et al., 2013) and have the strongest associations with all-cause mortality and lung cancer (Jerrett et al., 2013).

Genotoxic effects :- Various investigations have measured DNA harm as an endpoint for the impacts of air pollutants (Vineis, 2005). Fortoul et al., (2011) accounted that genotoxic profiles, demonstrating that air pollutants cause adjustments in the hereditary material of the tried cells for example strand breaks, oxidative harm, adducts and micronucleus. DNA harm could incite changes in any cell from the respiratory tract.

Tuberculosis (TB) :- There is conflicting proof that exposure to unclean fuel smolder expands the danger of TB (Pokhrel et al., 2010; Crampin et al., 2004). The anticipated mechanism is that unclean fuel smolder bargains the respiratory system's capacity to

oppose infection by Mycobacterium tuberculosis or to resist development of active TB in already infected people (Mishra et al., 1999). Similarly, biomass exposure interferes with mucociliary clearance (Houtmeyers et al., 1999) and reduces numerous antibacterial properties of lung macrophages, such as adherence and phagocytic rate (Beck et al., 1982; Fick et al., 1984), giving hypothetical mechanistic reasons to help the likelihood that unclean fuel smolder may be a hazard issue for TB.

Respiratory infection :- Ozone can make harm the alveoli-air sac in the lungs where exchange of oxygen (O_2) and carbon dioxide (CO_2) is delivered. All the more explicitly, the aviation route tissues, which contain countless bio enactment compounds, can change organic pollutants into receptive metabolites, which can cause lung injuries. There is epidemiological proof connecting indoor exposure to air pollutants from the smoldering of solid unclean fuels to pneumococcal disease (O'Dempsey et al., 1996).

Cardiovascular effect :- A planned European study found a 19% expanded danger of stroke related with a $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ increment in yearly $PM_{2.5}$, with the most grounded affiliations found among the individuals who had never smoked just as hourly or day by day changes in pollutant concentrations were likewise identified with an expanded danger of stroke and stroke mortality, with a solid relationship between ultrafine particles and stroke mortality (Kettunen et al., 2007). A meta-examination presumed that there was a positive relationship between transient increments in PM and gaseous components and an expanded danger of hospitalization or death from congestive cardiovascular breakdown, with the most grounded relationship upon the arrival of exposure, and progressively constant impacts for $PM_{2.5}$ (Shah et al., 2013).

Effects on Ocular cells :- A wide scope of chemical and biological substances can legitimately influence the optical system and lead to basic damages. It is conceivable that chronic heat exposure is a mechanism by which household cooking and warming flames could actuate cataract, in spite of the fact that this would be hard to recognize from an IAP-incited impact. Another confinement is that most study didn't research the relationship with cataract subtypes. Investigations of the relationship with waterfall were led in India. Dry eye disease, while not a significant reason for visual impairment, is related with considerable visual agony and uneasiness and can prompt fluctuating visual aggravations (Miljanovic et al., 2007; Tong et al., 2010).

Discussion :- A conventional cooking stove outflow is a serious wellbeing peril. Besides, unfavorable impacts on the respiratory system, optical system, and pulmonary functions just as cardiovascular function showed up. The accessible proof proposes that, regardless of heterogeneity among distributed examinations, there is adequate proof and consistency among distributed investigations to presume that exposure to unclean fuel smoke discharge from customary cooking stove is a hazard factor to different illnesses in rural women. This article indicated that the rural women utilizing biomass fuel for cooking experienced respiratory and different morbidities. Cooking stove outflows, a blend of particles and harmful gases, has been unequivocally connected with cardiovascular mortality, asthma, respiratory sickness and visual dysfunction. The way that these harmful gases influence human wellbeing contrarily, their inevitable release into the bigger condition is equipped for adding to the centralization of green house gases in the environment.

Conclusion :- Epidemiological and human examinations all recommend that customary cooking stove outflows are engaged with the pathogenesis of unfavorably susceptible maladies, for example, asthma, TB, pulmonary infection just as heart stroke both as far as their turn of events and compounding. Albeit clashing proof for air pollution as causative in the advancement of hypersensitive illness continues, the unfavorable impact of customary cooking stove emissions is unequivocal and shirking measures ought to be executed.

References :-

- Apte, J.S., Brauer, M., Cohen, A.J., Ezzati, M. and Pope, C.A. (2018). Ambient PM2.5 Reduces Global and Regional Life Expectancy. *Environmental Science & Technology Letters*, 5:546–551.
- Bakke, J.V., Moen, B.E., Wieslander, G. and Norback, D. (2007). Gender and the physical and psychosocial work environment are related to indoor air symptoms. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 49: 641-50.
- Beck, B.D., Brain, J.D. and Bohannon, D.E. (1982). An in vivo hamster bioassay to assess the toxicity of particulates for the lungs. *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology*, 66: 9-29.
- Cesaroni, G., Badaloni, C. and Gariazzo, C., et al. (2013). Long-term exposure to urban air pollution and mortality in a cohort of more than a million adults in Rome. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 121: 324-331.

- Crampin, A.C., Glynn, J.R. and Floyd, S., et al. (2004). Tuberculosis and gender: exploring the patterns in a case control study in Malawi. *International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease*, 8: 194–203.
- Fick, R.B., Paul, E.S. and Merrill, W.W., et al. (1984). Alterations in the antibacterial properties of rabbit pulmonary macrophages exposed to wood smoke. *American Review of Respiratory Disease*, 129: 76-81.
- Fortoul, T.I., Rojas, L.M., Rodriguez, L.V., Cano, G.G. and Gonzalez, V.A., et al. (2011). *Air Pollution and Its Effects in the Respiratory System, the Impact of Air Pollution on Health, Economy, Environment and Agricultural Sources*, Dr. Mohamed Khallaf (Ed.), ISBN: 978-953-307-528-0.
- Houtmeyers, E., Gosselink, R. and Gayan, R.G., et al. (1999). Regulation of mucociliary clearance in health and disease. *European Respiratory Journal*, 13: 1177-1188.
- Indoor air pollution puts women of rural Bangladesh at risk of pulmonary diseases (2016, September 26) retrieved 12 July 2019 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-indoor-air-pollutionwomen-rural.html>
- Jaakkola, M.S., Yang, L., Ieromnimon, A. and Jaakkola, J.J. (2007). Office work exposures and respiratory and sick building syndrome symptoms. *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 64: 178-84.
- Jerrett, M., Burnett, R.T. and Beckerman, B.S., et al. (2013). Spatial analysis of air pollution and mortality in California. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, 188:593–599.
- Kettunen, J., Lanki, T. and Tiittanen, P., et al. (2007). Associations of fine and ultrafine particulate air pollution with stroke mortality in an area of low air pollution levels. *Stroke*, 38:918–22.
- Kurmi, O.P., Semple, S. and Simkhada, P., et al. (2010). COPD and chronic bronchitis risk of indoor air pollution from solid fuel: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Thorax*, 65: 221–228.
- Lidia, M. and Junfeng, Z. (2002). Combustion sources of particles. Health relevance and source signatures. *Chemosphere*, 49: 1045-1058.
- Miljanovic, B., Dana, R., Sullivan, D.A. and Schaumberg, D.A. (2007). Impact of dry eye syndrome on vision-related quality of life. *American Journal of Ophthalmology*, 143:409–415.
- Mishra, V.K., Retherford, R.D. and Smith, K.R. (1999). Biomass cooking fuels and prevalence of tuberculosis in India. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 3: 119–129.

- Nielsen, O.R., Andersen, Z.J. and Beelen, R., et al. (2013). Air pollution and lung cancer incidence in 17 European cohorts: prospective analyses from the European Study of Cohorts for Air Pollution Effects (ESCAPE). *The Lancet Oncology*, 14:813–822.
- Noonan, C.W. and Balmes, J.R.W. (2010). Biomass smoke exposure: Health outcomes measures and study design. *Inhalation toxicology*, 22:108-112.
- O'Dempsey, T.J., et al. (1996). A study of risk factors for pneumococcal disease among children in a rural area of West Africa. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 25(4):885–93.
- Oliver, L.C. and Shackleton, B.W. (1998.) The indoor air we breathe. *Public Health Reports*, 113: 398-409.
- Pena, M.S.B. et al. (2017). Biomass smoke fuel smoke exposure was associated with adverse cardiac remodeling and left ventricular dysfunction in Peru. *Indoor Air*, 27:737-745.
- Pokhrel, A.K. et al. (2013). Biomass stoves and lens opacity and cataract in Nepalese women. *Optometry and Vision Science*, 90:257.
- Pokhrel, A.K., Bates, M.N. and Verma, S.C., et al. (2010). Tuberculosis and indoor biomass and kerosene use in Nepal: a case–control study. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 118: 558–564.
- Rajper, S.A., Ullah, S. and Li, Z. (2018). Exposure to air pollution and self-reported effects on Chinese students: A case study of 13 megacities. *PLoS ONE*, 13(3): 01-21.
- Samuelsen, M., Nygaard, U.C. and Lovik, M. (2008). Allergy adjuvant effect of particles from wood smoke and road traffic. *Toxicology* , 246: 124–131.
- Shah, A.S., Langrish, J.P. and Nair, H., et al. (2013). Global association of air pollution and heart failure: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Lancet*, 382:1039–48.
- Sharma, R.K. and Dhawan S. (1986). Health problems of rural women. *Health and population*, 9(1): 18-25.
- Singh S. and Dixit P. (2019). Impact of household air pollution exposure on rural India: A systemic review. *Environment Conservation Journal*, 20 (1&2) 115-132.
- Smith, K.R. (2006). Women's work: the kitchen kills more than the sword. In: Jacquette JS, Summerfield G, eds. *Women and gender equity in development theory and practice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 202–15

- Tong, L., Waduthantri, S., Wong, T.Y., Saw, S.M. and Wang, J.J., et al. (2010). Impact of symptomatic dry eye on vision-related daily activities: The singapore malay eye study. *Eye* (London, England.) Journal, 24:1486–1491.
- Torres-Duque, C., Maldonado, D. and Perez-Padilla, R., et al. (2008). Biomass fuels and respiratory diseases: a review of the evidence. *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society*, 5: 577–590.
- Tsakas, M.P., Siskos, A.P. and Siskos, P. (2011). Indoor Air Pollutants and the Impact on Human Health, Chemistry, Emission Control, Radioactive Pollution and Indoor Air Quality, Dr. Nicolas Mazzeo (Ed.), ISBN: 978-953-307-316-3, InTech, Available from: <http://www.intechopen.com/books/chemistryemission-control-radioactive-pollution-and-indoor-air-quality/indoor-air-pollutants-and-the-impact-on-humanhealth>
- Villeneuve, P.J., Jerrett, M. and Brenner, D., et al. (2014). A case-control study of long-term exposure to ambient volatile organic compounds and lung cancer in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 179:443–451.
- World Health Organization. Indoor Air Pollution and Health. www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs292/en/ Date last accessed: October 14, 2009. Date last updated: September 2011.
- World Research Institute U, UNDP, World Bank, (1999). 1998-1999 World research: A guide to the global environment oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Yu, X.J., Yang, M.J. and Zhou, B., et al. (2015). Characterization of Somatic Mutations in Air Pollution-Related Lung Cancer. *EBioMedicine*, 2:583–590.