

# Response of different level of Nitrogen and Foliar application of Nano Zinc on Concerning Soil health/Health in Whaet cultivation/Cultivation of Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) Var. PWB-373

## ABSTRACT

~~A We conducted a field experiment was conducted during the rabi-spring season of 2023-24 at the Research Farm, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Naini Agriculture Institute, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences, to investigate the impact of different levels of nitrogen and foliar application of nano zinc on soil health and yield attributes of wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.). The We designed the experiment was designed using a Randomized Block Design (RBD) with 10 treatments and 3-three replications. Results indicated that the application of nano fertilizers significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) influenced various soil physical and chemical properties. Bulk density ranged from 1.231  $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$  to 1.264  $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm soil depth, and from 1.399 to 1.424  $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depth, respectively. Particle density ranged from 2.234 to 2.249  $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm depth, and from 2.276 to 2.299  $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. Porosity varied from 43.80% to 44.86% at 0-15 cm depth, and decreasing decreased to between 38.09% and 38.91% at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. Water holding capacity varied between 53.46% and 55.70% at 0-15 cm depth, and decreasing decreased to between 47.25% and 50.20% at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. Soil pH ranged from 6.80 to 6.95 at 0-15 cm depth and from 7.23 to 7.38 at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. Electrical conductivity (EC) ranged from 0.204  $\text{dS m}^{-1}$  to 0.223  $\text{dS m}^{-1}$  at 0-15 cm depth, and from 0.141  $\text{dS m}^{-1}$  to 0.163  $\text{dS m}^{-1}$  at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. Organic carbon content was 0.493% at 0-15 cm depth and 0.334% at 0-15 and 15-30 cm depth, respectively. The application of nano fertilizers also significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) influenced the growth and yield parameters of wheat, with the maximum plant height recorded at 86.07 cm at 100 DAS, and the highest seed yield at 5180.22  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ . The treatment involving 100% nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium fertilizers, along with two sprays of nano nitrogen and nano zinc (4 ml/l) at 25-30 DAS, resulted in the highest gross return ( $\text{₹ } 1,31,711 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ), net return ( $\text{₹ } 89,872 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ), and BC ratio (2.15). These findings suggest that nano fertilizers can effectively enhance soil health and wheat productivity.~~

**Keywords:** ~~-Field experiment, Foliar application, Field experiment, Nano fertilizers, N P K, Organic Carbon, Wheat, OC, etc.~~

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## INTRODUCTION

Soils of India are especially deficient in nitrogen and zinc which are compulsory for plant growth. Nitrogen (N) is the most critical element limiting agricultural production at a global scale. Since nitrogen is a component of many proteins, enzymes, and chlorophyll, it is the most significant nutrient essential ~~by~~ ~~for~~ plants for growth and metabolic activity. The wellness of plant parts (leaves, roots, trunks, *etc.*) depends on the availability of essential nutrients like nitrogen to enhance the plant's biological processes including growth, absorption, transpiration, and excretion. Nitrogen is a component of nucleic acid that forms DNA a genetic material significant in the transfer of certain crop traits and characteristics that aid in plant survival. It also helps hold the genetic code in ~~the~~ plant nucleus. N is the nutrient that typically restricts crop production out of all the nutrients essential by plants for crop growth (**Mosier *et al.* 2001**).

Zinc is the fourth most yield-limiting nutrient in Indian soils and worldwide, after potassium, phosphorus, and nitrogen. According to (**Arvind *et al.* 2019**), 36.5% of Indian soils are estimated to have zinc deficient. It is ~~an~~ important cofactor for about 200 enzymes, the most significant are carbonic anhydrase, alcoholic dehydrogenase, and Zn Cu-super oxide dismutase. Zinc is one of the essential micronutrients ~~for~~ crop nutrition as it plays an important role in metabolic processes like carbohydrate, nucleic acid, lipid, and protein synthesis as well as their degradation. It has a crucial role in the production of indole acetic acid (IAA), a phytohormone that drastically controls plant growth, chlorophyll synthesis, pollen development, tolerance to environmental stress, water uptake, and transport to plant parts. It is responsible for regulating and maintaining the gene expression responsible for tolerating environmental stresses. Zn influences ~~the~~ translocation and transport of P in plants. Under Zn deficiency, excessive translocation of P occurs resulting in P toxicity. Ensuring ~~of~~ food security for an ever-increasing population and scaling down poverty while sustaining agricultural systems under the present condition of depleting natural resources, calamities of climatic variability, continuous rise of inputs cost, and volatile food prices are the major challenges ~~for~~ most ~~of~~ Asian countries (**Bhan and Behera 2014**).

Wheat is one of the most important and widely cultivated staple food crops among the cereals and is contributing about 30% to the food basket of the country. It is agronomically and nutritionally ~~the~~ most important cereal essential for ~~the~~ food security, poverty alleviation, and improved livelihoods. The world acreage under wheat crop accounts ~~for~~ 223.11 million hectares with ~~a~~ production of 737.83 million metric tons with ~~an an~~ average productivity of 3.39 tons/ha (USDA report, 2017). After China, India is ~~the~~ leading producer of wheat in the world. In India, wheat comes second in number after rice among cereals and ~~is~~ cultivated in an area ~~of~~ 30 million hectares with the production of 97.44 million metric tons recorded in 2016-17 (**Kumar *et al.* 2017**). In Uttar Pradesh, wheat is grown on an area of 9.65 million hectares with a production of 26.87 million tons and productivity of 2785 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (**Anonymous 2016**). Uttar Pradesh

ranks first in area (36.6%) and production (39.3 %) of wheat in the country. Out of 100 leading ~~wheat-wheat~~-producing districts (each with more than lactones of production), 43 belong to Uttar Pradesh and of them, 19 to the western part of the state ~~in~~-particularly wheat productivity is far lower than ~~in~~ Punjab and Haryana. This is because of late sowing of wheat due to ~~long-long~~-duration rice varieties and late harvest of sugarcane, poor seed replacement rate, lack of quality seed at ~~the~~ right time and place, lack of inputs (fertilizers, irrigation water) due to limited resources and small holding size and poor mechanization, *etc.*

~~Sustainability~~-~~The sustainability~~ and profitability of ~~the~~ wheat crop system in Indian agriculture is the lifeline and future of ~~the~~ Indian economy with more than 60% ~~of~~ people living in rural areas. The challenges are enormous ranging from conservation of natural resources to investment in new technologies. Increasing food production ~~of in~~the country in the next 20 years ~~due to much~~-population growth is a big challenge in India. It is more difficult because, land area devoted to agriculture will stagnate or decline and better quality of land and water resources will be divided ~~to among~~the other sectors of ~~the~~ national economy. To grow more food from marginal and ~~good-good~~-quality lands, the quality of natural resources like seed, water, varieties, and fuel must be improved and sustained. The main reasons for its low productivity are poor crop establishment, improper scheduling of irrigation, and deficient nutrition. Amongst the other agronomic practices, proper crop establishment methods may considerably increase the production of wheat to some extent. Ideal planting geometry is important for better and ~~more~~ efficient utilization of plant growth resources ~~to get~~ the optimum productivity of wheat. It is also ~~a~~ well-known fact that nutrient management is one of the major factors responsible for achieving better harvests in crop production. Both, crop establishment method and fertilization in wheat, ~~which~~ also affect its nutrient-use efficiency and economics.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A field experiment conducted at the Soil Science Research Farm, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj, during the ~~Rabi-spring~~ season of (Dec 2022- April 2023) growing Wheat var **PWB-373** applied ~~3-three~~ levels of Nitrogen and foliar application of nano zinc respectively, Nitrogen and foliar application of nano zinc (0 ~~%and~~-100 %) experiment is lead to observe the physico~~al and~~-chemical parameters.

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**Table 1. The treatment combinations of wheat PWB-373**

Treatment	Treatment combinations
T <sub>1</sub>	Control
T <sub>2</sub>	[N 0% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (2 ml l-1)
T <sub>3</sub>	[N 0% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (4 ml l-1)
T <sub>4</sub>	[N 50% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (0 ml l-1)
T <sub>5</sub>	[N 50% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (2ml l-1)
T <sub>6</sub>	[N 50% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (4ml l-1)
T <sub>7</sub>	[N 100% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (0ml l-1)
T <sub>8</sub>	[N 100% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (2ml l-1)
T <sub>9</sub>	[N 100% @ + P @ 100% + K @ 100% + N Zn (4ml l-1)

#### Soil physical parameters

Bulk density, particle density, pore space, and water holding capacity through method by 100 ml graduated measuring cylinder and process by **Muthuvel et al.1992**.

## Soil Chemical parameters

~~Soil-~~The soil pH method was measured following given by M. L. Jackson, 1958 using a digital pH meter. Soil EC ( $\text{dSm}^{-1}$ ) following method given by Wilcox, 1950 using a digital EC meter. Organic Carbon (%) was measured using the Wet oxidation method given by after Walkley and Black, 1947. Available Nitrogen ( $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ ) by Kjeldhal Method by after Subbiah and Asija, 1956. Available Phosphorus ( $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ ) with Colorimetric method by using Jasper single beam, U.V. Spectrophotometer at 660 nm wavelength given by after Olsen *et al.*, 1954 and Available Potassium ( $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ ) using Flame photometric method by using with Metzer Flame Photometer given by after Toth and Prince, 1949.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As revealed the bulk density of soil was found to be non-significant in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum bulk density of soil  $1.31 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  and  $1.32 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_1$  (Absolute Control) and the minimum  $1.27 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  and  $1.29 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_6$  (N @ 50 + P @ 100% + K @ 100% N Zn ( $4 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$ )) respectively. Similar ~~A similar~~ result has been recorded by (Meena *et al.* 2018). The maximum particle density of soil  $2.67 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  and  $2.62 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_4$  (N @ 50 + P @ 100% + K @ 100% N Zn ( $0 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$ )) and the minimum  $2.66 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  and  $2.61 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_8$  (N @ 100 + P @ 100% + K @ 100% N Zn ( $2 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$ )) respectively. Similar results ~~has have~~ been recorded by (Kumar *et al.* 2019 and Meena *et al.* 2018). The response pore space of soil was found to be significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) in levels of Nitrogen and nano Zinc. The maximum pore space of soil  $48.99\%$  and  $48.84\%$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_4$  (N @ 50 + P @ 100% + K @ 100% N Zn ( $0 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$ )) and the minimum  $47.09\%$  and  $47.05\%$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_1$  (Absolute Control) respectively. Similar results ~~has have~~ been recorded by (Kumar *et al.* 2019 and Mishra *et al.* 2019). The response water holding capacity of soil was found to be significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizers. The maximum water holding capacity of the soil  $45.64\%$  and  $46.89\%$  at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment  $T_2$  (N @ 0 + P @ 100 + K @ 100% + N Zn ( $2 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$ )).

As revealed the pH of soil was found to be non-significant in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum pH of soil 7.04 and 7.05 at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>2</sub>(N @0 + P @100 + K @100% + N Zn (2 ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 6.98 and 7.00 at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>3</sub>(N @50 + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (2ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) respectively. Similar results have been recorded (Mishra *et al.* 2019 and Kumar *et al.* 2019). The response EC of soil was found to be non-significant in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum EC of soil 0.19 dSm<sup>-1</sup> and 0.19 dSm<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>6</sub>(N @50 % + P @100 % + K @100 % N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 0.13 dSm<sup>-1</sup> and 0.12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>3</sub>(N @0 + P @100 + K @100 % + N Zn (4 ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) respectively. Similar results have been recorded by (Mishra *et al.* 2019 and Sahar *et al.* 2020).

As revealed the organic carbon of soil was found to be non-significant in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum OC of soil 0.493 % and 0.334 % at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (N @100 % + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 0.423 % and 0.261 % at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>1</sub>(Absolute Control) respectively. Similar results have been recorded (Sahar *et al.* 2020 and Nibin *et al.* 2019). The response available nitrogen of soil was found to be significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum available nitrogen of soil 225.13 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 206.19 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (N @100% + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 192.94 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 166.38 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>1</sub>(Absolute Control) respectively. Similar results have been recorded by (Rajonee *et al.* 2016 and Gupta *et al.* 2018). The response available phosphorus of soil was found to be significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) in levels of organic and inorganic fertilizer. The maximum available phosphorus of soil 20.75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 18.39 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (N @100 + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 17.20 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 16.33 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>1</sub>(Absolute Control %) respectively. Similar results have been recorded by (Gupta *et al.* 2018 and Kumar *et al.* 2019). The maximum available potassium of soil 187.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 184.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>9</sub> N @100 % + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 162.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 155.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>1</sub>(Absolute Control %) respectively. Similar A similar result has been recorded by (Kumar *et al.* 2019). The maximum available Zinc of soil 0.767 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 0.710 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>9</sub> N @100 % + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)) and the minimum 0.350 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 0.260 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at 0-15 cm and 15-30 cm was recorded in treatment T<sub>1</sub>(Absolute Control %) respectively.

Table 2. Effect of different levels of NPK and NanoZn application of post-harvest soil

Treatment	Bd ( $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$ )		Pd ( $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$ )		Pore space (%)		Water holding capacity (%)	
	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm
T <sub>1</sub> [Absolute Control]	1.31	1.32	2.67	2.62	47.80	47.09	45.46	45.25
T <sub>2</sub> [N @0% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.30	1.30	2.65	2.60	47.09	48.84	46.57	45.87
T <sub>3</sub> [N @0% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.29	1.30	2.67	2.62	48.86	48.69	45.64	46.89

T <sub>4</sub>	[N @50% + P @100%+K @100% ±N Zn (0 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.29	1.31	2.67	2.62	48.95	48.69	45.22	45.81
T <sub>5</sub>	[N @50% + P @100% + K @100% ±N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.28	1.29	2.67	2.62	48.99	47.70	45.33	45.80
T <sub>6</sub>	[N @50% + P @100% + K @100% ±N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.27	1.29	2.66	2.61	47.28	47.91	46.38	45.14
T <sub>7</sub>	[N @100% + P @100% + K @100% ±N Zn (0 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.27	1.32	2.67	2.62	47.68	47.54	45.54	46.38
T <sub>8</sub>	[N @100% + P @100% + K @100% ±N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.28	1.31	2.66	2.61	48.74	48.69	45.97	45.05
T <sub>9</sub>	[N @100% + P @100% + K @100% ±N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> )]	1.27	1.32	2.65	2.60	47.86	48.56	45.70	45.20
<b>F-Test</b>		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	S	S
<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>		-	-	-	-	0.86	0.68	1.00	1.16
<b>C.D. at 0.5%</b>		-	-	-	-			2.99	3.49

Table 3. Effect of different levels of NPK and Nano Zn application of Post-Post-harvest soil

Treatment	pH		EC (dS m <sup>-1</sup> )		Organic carbon (%)	
	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm
[Absolute Control]	7.04	7.05	0.17	0.16	0.423	0.261

<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>							
	$\frac{[N\ 0\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.04	7.05	0.13	0.13	0.435	0.270
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	$\frac{+K\ @\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 0\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.04	7.03	0.13	0.13	0.445	0.285
<b>T<sub>3</sub></b>	$\frac{+K\ @\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 50\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (0\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.02	7.01	0.16	0.15	0.432	0.267
<b>T<sub>4</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (0\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 50\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	6.98	7.02	0.14	0.14	0.434	0.274
<b>T<sub>5</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 50\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.03	7.02	0.19	0.19	0.456	0.294
<b>T<sub>6</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 100\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (0\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.01	7.00	0.18	0.18	0.431	0.273
<b>T<sub>7</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (0\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 100\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.02	7.05	0.18	0.18	0.449	0.289
<b>T<sub>8</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (2\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	$\frac{[N\ 100\% + P\ 100\% + K\ 100\% + N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})]}{+}$	7.01	7.02	0.16	0.17	0.493	0.334
<b>T<sub>9</sub></b>	$\frac{\% + K\ @\ 100\% N\ Zn\ (4\ ml\ l^{-1})}{+}$						
	<b>F-Test</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	0.04	0.05	0.005	0.004	0.013	0.013
	<b>C.D. at 0.5%</b>	-	-	-	-	0.039	0.038

**Table 4. Effect of different levels of N P K and Nano Zn application of post-harvest soil**

Treatments	N (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )		P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )		K <sub>2</sub> O (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )		Zn (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	
	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30cm
T <sub>1</sub> [Absolute Control]	192.94	166.38	17.20	16.32	162.00	155.00	0.350	0.260
T <sub>2</sub> [N @0% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	198.73	170.63	17.27	16.40	163.00	159.00	0.430	0.387
T <sub>3</sub> [N @50% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (0 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	203.28	176.50	17.50	16.56	165.00	161.00	0.561	0.469
T <sub>4</sub> [N @50% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	197.01	168.92	17.74	16.87	172.00	164.00	0.429	0.322
T <sub>5</sub> [N @50% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	197.98	173.39	18.72	17.463	174.00	166.00	0.519	0.401
T <sub>6</sub> [N @50% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	208.04	184.48	18.94	16.92	175.00	168.00	0.683	0.610
T <sub>7</sub> [N @100% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (0 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	196.72	171.65	19.59	17.42	181.00	176.00	0.485	0.362
T <sub>8</sub> [N @100% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (2 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	205.15	179.72	20.75	18.12	184.00	179.00	0.599	0.522
T <sub>9</sub> [N @100% + P @100% + K @100% + N Zn (4 ml l <sup>-1</sup> ) ]	225.13	206.19	20.37	18.39	187.00	184.00	0.767	0.710

T<sub>1</sub>[N @100% + P @100 % + K @100% N Zn (4 ml l<sup>-1</sup> )]

<b>F-Test</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	1.98	3.42	0.45	0.56	1.29	0.74	0.012	0.018
<b>C.D. at 0.5%</b>	5.92	10.24	1.35	1.69	3.86	2.21	0.037	0.054

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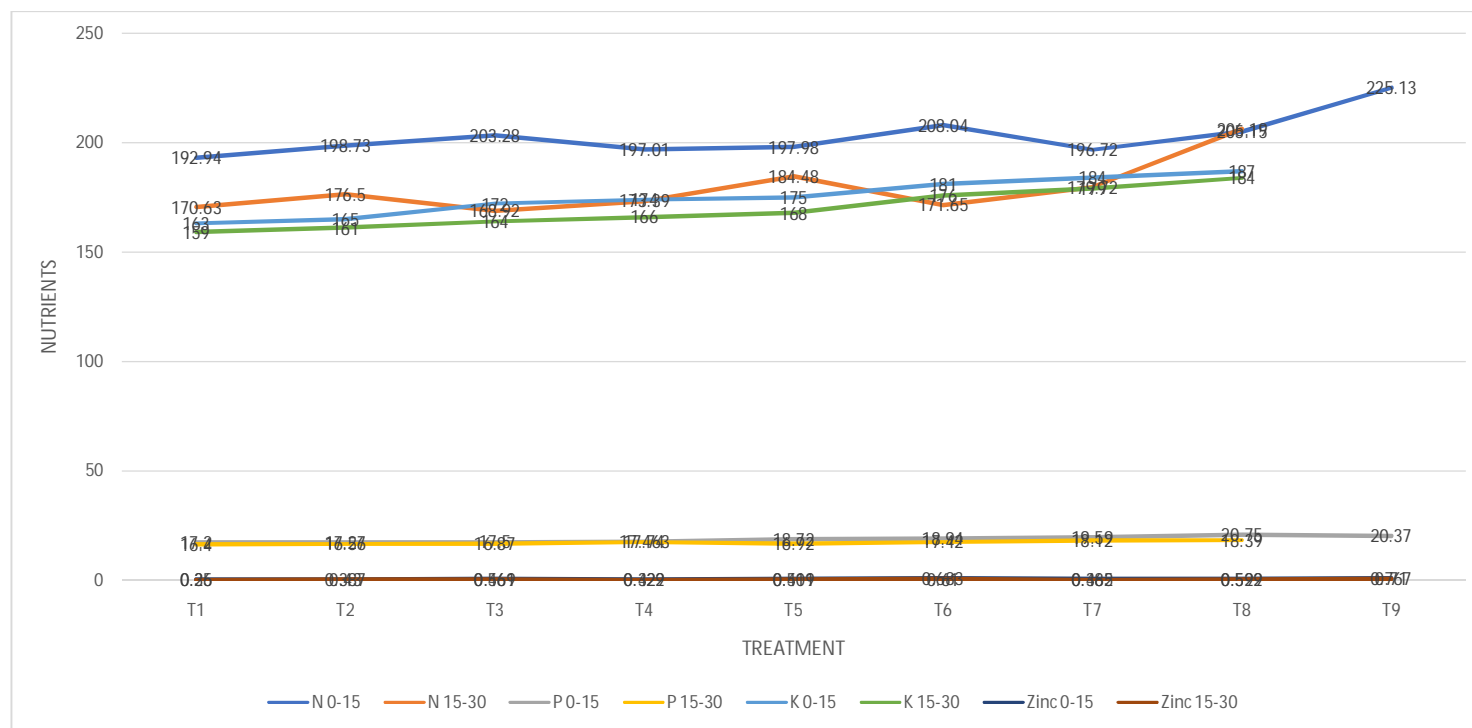


Fig. 1. Effect of different levels of Nitrogen and nano Zinc on Available N (kg h<sup>-1</sup>), P (kg h<sup>-1</sup>), and K (kg h<sup>-1</sup>) of soil depth (0-15 cm) and (15-30 cm)

## CONCLUSION

~~It is concluded from trial that T~~the various level of NPK and Nano Zinc ~~with different soil health parameter~~used from in the experiment, the treatment combination T<sub>9</sub>-N @100 + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (4ml l<sup>-1</sup>)~~was was~~found to be the best treatment that gave ~~better~~ production of Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) var. PBW-373. Treatments with Nano Zinc ~~is are~~better for soil health and Wheat production the important physico-~~and~~chemical properties of soil ~~is are~~also improved significantly under this treatment. T<sub>8</sub>-N @100 + P @100% + K @100% N Zn (2ml l<sup>-1</sup>) which is almost the second-best treatment combination in all aspects proven to be economically optimal, is the recommendation based on the current study work. So, ~~it is concluded that~~ Wheat should be applied with Nano Zinc with 4ml l<sup>-1</sup> ~~helps~~to achieve high productivity in Prayagraj.

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