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Cold wave conditions prevail in north India

NEW DELHI: Cold wave conditions continued unabated in several parts of north India on Friday with a MeT official predicting severe winter for Rajasthan in the coming days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that due to the prevailing of dry north or northwesterly winds over most parts of northwest India, minimum temperature will fall gradually by 3-5 degrees Celsius during the next 4-5 days causing cold wave conditions over Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and north Rajasthan.

Rainfall along with thundershowers was observed at some parts of Tamilnadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Kerala, Rajasthan, Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Some parts of Himachal Pradesh recorded sub-zero temperature and cold wave conditions prevailed in Punjab and Haryana, while the weather remained dry over Uttar Pradesh.

In Jammu and Kashmir, vehicles stranded on the national highway were allowed



to ply towards their destinations as the arterial road was cleared after remaining closed for five days due to heavy snowfall, officials said.

No new traffic was, however, allowed on the highway, the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, even though

there was improvement in weather conditions across the Valley.

"Stranded traffic has been allowed to move after the highway was cleared for the movement of traffic this morning," an official of the Traffic control room said. The 260-kilometre-long highway was blocked due to snowfall and landslides.

Several areas of Rajasthan were engulfed by a thick fog cover.

In Punjab and Haryana, cold weather conditions continued to sweep the two states, with Hisar turning out to be the

coldest place.

Hisar in Haryana recorded its low at 4.4 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal.

In Haryana, Ambala and Karnal experienced cold weather conditions at 10.5 and 8 degrees Celsius, up to four degrees above normal.

In Himachal Pradesh, Keylong and Kalpa shivered at sub-zero temperature. The tribal Lahaul and Spiti's administrative centre Keylong were the coldest place in the state at minus 10 degrees Celsius, Shimla MeT centre director Manmohan Singh said. AGENCIES

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Brace for fresh cold wave: IMD

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

After fairly warm weather conditions in the past few days, cold wave conditions are set to return with a gradual fall in temperatures over the next four to five days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said today.

“Due to the prevailing northwesterly winds over most parts of northwest India, minimum temperature will fall gradually by 3-5°C during the next four to five days, leading to cold wave conditions in Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and north Rajasthan on January 11-12,” the weather office said.

Due to western disturbance,



Keylong in Lahaul & Spiti witnesses fresh snowfall on Friday. PTI

Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad are witnessing scattered rain/snow and isolated rain/thundershower over Haryana, northeast Rajasthan and west Uttar Pradesh.

Dense to very dense fog is

very likely at isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and west Uttar Pradesh and dense fog over Delhi, east Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and northwest Madhya Pradesh in the morning hours over the weekend.

ग्रामीण परिवारों को शुद्ध पेयजल मुहैया कराने की मुहिम

जल जीवन मिशन के तहत 3.04 करोड़ नए नल कनेक्शन जारी

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केंद्र सरकार के देश के हर ग्रामीण घरों को स्वच्छ जल मुहैया कराने के लिए चलाए जा रहे प्रमुख कार्यक्रम जल जीवन मिशन के तहत अब तक देश के 27 जिलों, 458 ब्लॉकों, 33,516 ग्राम पंचायतों और 66,210 गांवों में 'हर घर जल' लक्ष्य हासिल कर लिया गया है।

मसलन इस लक्ष्य के तहत ग्रामीण परिवारों को 3.04 करोड़ नए कनेक्शन दिये जा चुके हैं। केंद्रीय जल शक्ति राज्य मंत्री रतनलाल कटारिया ने जल जीवन मिशन की प्रगति की समीक्षा करने के बाद पेय जल तथा स्वच्छता विभाग के अपर सचिव भरत लाल की प्रस्तुति के आंकड़ों का हवाला देते हुए मिशन के नतीजों की यह जानकारी दी। कटारिया ने दावा किया कि आजादी



के बाद से अगस्त 2019 तक देश में 18.93 करोड़ ग्रामीण परिवारों में से कुल 3.23 करोड़ ग्रामीण परिवारों के पास नल के जल कनेक्शन थे। महज एक वर्ष की कम अवधि में इस मिशन के तहत ग्रामीण परिवारों को 3.04 करोड़ नए कनेक्शन दिये जा चुके हैं। राष्ट्रीय जल जीवन मिशन ने 'कोई व्यक्ति न छूटे' का दृष्टिकोण अपनाते हुए प्रत्येक ग्रामीण परिवारों को पाइप जल कनेक्शन देने का महत्वकांक्षी लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है।

लद्दाख में सिंधु नदी पर 8 परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी



नई दिल्ली। केंद्र ने लद्दाख में सिंधु नदी पर 144 मेगावाट की आठ जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दे दी है। जलशक्ति मंत्रालय ने बताया कि परियोजनाओं की संख्या अब तक की सबसे अधिक है। अब तक विभिन्न छोटी परियोजनाओं की कुल क्षमता 113 मेगावाट है।