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NHRC notice to TN over farmer deaths

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TAKING suo motu cognizance of media reports claiming that 106 Tamil Nadu farmers died in a month, either due to heart attack or in suicides, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to the Chief Secretary, asking him to submit a detailed report within six weeks.

Noting that the failure of a crop not only affects farmers financially but also puts them under stress and mental agony, the notice quoted media reports that claimed that while 83 farmers had died of heart attack, many others had committed suicide.

Two days ago, the state government directed all district collectors to submit reports on crops and drought in the region based on spot assessment. A government statement said that till December 31, the state received only 168.3 mm of rain from the north-east monsoon as against the normal rainfall of 440 mm. It added that as per Centre's guidelines, crop assessment will have to be done in 10 per cent of the number of villages in a district before it can be declared drought-hit.

All Farmers' Associations of Tamil Nadu coordination committee president P R Pandian, who met the Chief Minister and seven other ministers Tuesday, told *The Indian Express* that the government had welcomed all the 18 demands they raised in the meeting. "We demanded that Tamil Nadu be immediately declared a drought-hit region," said Pandian.

The Chief Minister, he said, had told them that the state will declare drought and extend all relief soon after they receive the assessment reports, expected to be submitted on January 10.

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Cold conditions continue

Fresh snowfall fuels avalanche fears in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: Several parts of north India continued to remain in the grip of cold conditions which delayed many trains and led to cancellation of 12 flights in Srinagar.

Fresh snowfall in the plains and the upper reaches of Kashmir on Thursday affected traffic on the highways and fuelled avalanche fears, particularly in the mountain ranges of Pir Panjal and Shamsbari.

In south Kashmir's Kulgam district, 62 families in the highly vulnerable WALTENGGOO Naad, which witnessed a major snow blizzard in 2005, were shifted out. A local government higher secondary school, Razloo, was converted into a temporary rescue shelter.

"A team of 28 volunteers have been trained in rescue and relief operations during natural disasters," said Kulgam's Deputy Commissioner Showkat Aijaz Bhat, who chaired a Disaster Management Committee meeting.

Similar exercises were undertaken in Shopian and Kupwara districts, whose upper reaches are vulnerable to avalanches.

The authorities decided to



A shepherd walks with his herd after fresh snowfall in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. - PHOTO: NISSAR AHMAD

stop night traffic on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway. The Srinagar-Poonch, Srinagar-Gurez and Srinagar-Leh highways too were closed to traffic.

Valleys in all districts, including capital Srinagar, received snowfall on Thursday. The day temperature dipped to 2.5 degree Celsius.

Tourist footfall up

The fresh snowfall, however, is attracting skiers and tourists to Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Officials said there was increased tourist footfall after the snowfall on Monday.

PTI adds:

In the western part of the country, minimum temperat-

ures continued to hover above normal levels in most parts of Punjab and Haryana even as fog affected air, rail and road traffic.

Ludhiana was coldest in the plains of Punjab and Haryana with a low of 5.6 degrees Celsius, the Met office said, adding that there was a possibility of rain in the next 48 hours in the region.

In Rajasthan, night temperatures increased marginally. Alwar recorded a minimum temperature of 7.4 degrees Celsius in the State, followed by Phalodi which recorded a low of 7.5 degrees Celsius.

Two trains were cancelled and several were rescheduled due to fog in Rajasthan. Twelve more were running late.

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SADDAM-ERA DAM NEAR IS TERRITORY IS UNSTABLE, EXPERTS WARN

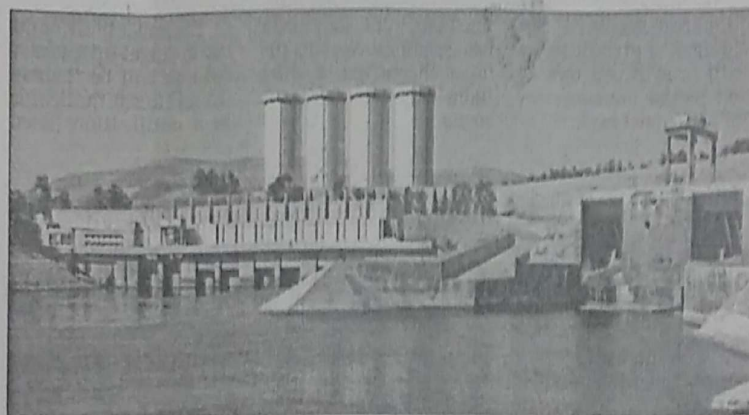
War damned: 1.5 mn in peril

THE INDEPENDENT
Mosul, 5 January

Engineers and other experts have warned that the collapse of an eight mile (13 kilometre) long dam on the Tigris River in northern Iraq is just a 'matter of time', triggering an environmental disaster which could leave 1.5 million people dead and millions more is far away as Baghdad without food or electricity.

The Mosul Dam, 40 miles (60 kilometres) away from the Isis-controlled city of the same name, holds 11.1 billion cubic metres of water, and has been plagued by problems since its construction in the 1980s thanks to the fact it was built on soluble ground. It has required constant maintenance to fill the cavities that form underneath the concrete to stop it collapsing ever since.

A 2006 US Army Corps engineering report found the "Mosul Dam is the most dangerous dam in the world" - but the situa-



tion has become more precarious since Isis took control of the area in 2014, including, briefly, the dam itself. Many of the 1,500 workers stationed there fled, and the extremists damaged much of their equipment.

"It is just a matter of time. It will be worse than throwing a nuclear bomb on Iraq," Professor Nadhir al-Ansari of the Environmental Engineering Department at Lulea University in Sweden, who inspected the initial construction, told Al-Jazeera.

A 2015 study from the European Commission's Science Centre found that even a partial breach of 26 per cent would unleash a flood of catastrophic proportions.

A wave of water up to 100 feet (30 metres) high would engulf Mosul in two hours, taking with it people, unexploded bombs, buildings and cars, as well as toxic substances from oil refineries and human waste. The surrounding flood plains are already home to more than one million people living in tents after being displaced by

fighting who would struggle to find protection from the water.

Within four days, both the EU and US experts predict, a wave between six - 36 feet (two - eight metres) high would reach Baghdad, 250 miles (400 kilometres) away. The UN predicted last year that in any flooding scenario, up to four million people will be left homeless, and aid will take up to two weeks to reach those in need if airports, electricity grids and roads are knocked out. Iraq's oil refineries and up to two thirds of its wheat fields

would also be affected. New £234 million (\$300 million) World Bank funded repairs are being carried out by an Italian engineering company, but the fragile security situation in the area is making completion of the work difficult. Kurdish and Italian soldiers remain on constant guard for extremist attacks.

In October, an Isis convoy armed with explosives tried to approach the dam but were killed by Kurdish missiles before they reached it. A better and more permanent solution would be to build a second dam - but the political and military instability and lack of funds mean this option is highly unlikely.

Iraqi officials have tried to downplay scientists' and the international community's fears of an imminent disaster, but Professor Ansari remains sceptical the problem will be solved in time. "I am convinced the dam could fail tomorrow," he said.

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Earth-like snow found on Pluto: Nasa

scientists have found evidence of Earth-like snow and ice features on Pluto, using a model similar to what meteorologists use to forecast weather on our planet and a computer simulation of the physics of evaporating ices.

"Penitentes" which are formed by erosion, are bowl-shaped depressions with spires around the edge, and are several metres high.

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Delhi may get first winter shower today

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NEW DELHI: Delhi may get to experience its first winter shower, with the Regional Weather Forecasting Centre (RWFC) predicting light rain in some parts of the city on Friday.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said that temperature may drop by as much as 5 degrees Celsius by Monday.

The rain may also help dissipate polluting dust particles and help improve the air quality in the city. System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), the air quality ministry of earth sciences, recorded very poor levels of air quality in the city on Thursday, with the daily average PM 2.5 level settling at 301.

The permissible level of PM 2.5 in the air is 60 micrograms per cubic metre. SAFAR has said the air quality will remain in the poor category on Friday as well, with the PM 2.5 levels hovering around the 252 level category, a notch better than Thursday's average. Gufran Beig, project director, SAFAR, said this expected drop in pollution levels may be attributed to the rain.

The PM 10 level, particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in diameter, is expected to hover around the 171 mark, lower than Thursday's recorded 180.

"Rain always helps in washing away particulate matter. So even if there is light rain, there will be a slight improvement in air quality," he said. Weather experts like Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director of the Centre for Science and Environment, said the respite may be short-lived, as the situation is highly variable right now.

"Rain has an immediate wash-out effect, but whether this period of clean air lasts or not would depend a lot on other meteorological factors like temperature, wind speed, and moisture in the air. If the temperature drops, with no winds and high levels of humidity, pollutants may get trapped close to the surface of the earth again and worsen the air quality," she said.

IMD officials explained that Friday's rain will be caused by the passage of a western disturbance, which is also responsible for the expected drop in temperatures.

"Western disturbances bring snowfall in the Himalayas and northern regions. After it passes, Delhi experiences westerly and north westerly winds. As these winds pass over the mountain regions before reaching Delhi, they are cold and help bring down temperature in the city," said a weather official.

The minimum temperature will further drop to five degrees Celsius by Tuesday.

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SC: Can't treat dam oustees like animals

The apex court has blasted the MP government for giving only Rs 11,000 as interim help to families displaced by construction of minor dams. "You are treating them like animals," it said. P 9

Don't treat dam oustees as beasts: SC to MP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

HC on July 18, 2016.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court castigated the Madhya Pradesh government on Thursday for giving Rs 11,000 as interim help to families displaced by construction of minor dams as against Rs 50,000 given to those who lost their homes to major dam projects.

Advocate Sanjay Parekh told a bench headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar that such discrimination in relief and rehabilitation measures to similarly placed families was inhuman. He was advocating the cause of 370 families rendered homeless by minor irrigation project of Kharak Dam, who were given Rs 11,000 as per the state's 2002 policy.

Advocate C D Singh, appearing for the MP government, said when the affected villagers, mostly tribals, approached the HC, the state had indicated willingness to offer Rs 50,000 to each of the affected families as per a new rehabilitation policy of 2008 titled 'the Madhya Pradesh Adarsh Punarvas Niti'. This amount was ordered to be given by the



Stinging the MP government for differentiating between minor and major dam oustees, the bench of Justices Khehar, N V Ramana and D Y Chandrachud said: "You are treating them like animals. You have to give proper compensation to them." It ordered immediate payment of Rs 50,000 to each family. The affected families through 'Jagrit Adivasi Dalit Sangathan' had moved the SC claiming adequate compensation and an effective mechanism to adjudicate their grievances relating to rehabilitation. These families belonged to Khargaon and Barwani districts.

The bench ordered the MP government to set up three grievance redressal bodies, each headed by a retired district judge, immediately to determine the relief and rehabilitation package for these dam oustees. The bench clarified that the GRAs were free to determine a package that was higher than what is provided under the 2008 policy. It said the GRAs would decide each claim within three months of its filing.

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Weekend rain may herald capital chill

The unusually mild winter in Delhi is likely to give way to a chilly spell from next Monday following light rain between Friday and Sunday. The mercury is predicted to drop to 5-7°C.

Met predicts light rain over weekend

Times News Network

New Delhi: Warm winter afternoons are about to end. The Met department has predicted light rain over the weekend; days will get colder.

Light rain will occur between January 6 and 8 and the temperature is likely to plummet as well.

The regional weather forecasting centre of Delhi has predicted that Friday will be partly cloudy. It is likely to rain on Saturday and Sunday. There will be shallow to moderate fog in the mornings but Monday is likely to be clear.

Maximum temperature on Thursday was 25.4 degrees Celsius, six degrees above normal, and minimum was 10.4 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal.

"The minimum temperature will increase to 12 degrees Celsius by Saturday and then fall to 5-7 degrees Celsius by January 9 or 10. The maximum temperature will also drop to 16-17 degrees Celsius. The rainfall will be due to an active western disturbance, which will affect north India between 6 and 8," said a Met official.

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Farmer suicides up 42% between 2014 & 2015

5,650 Cultivators Ended Their Lives In 2014; 8,007 In 2015. Maha In Top Spot With 3,030 Deaths

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Mumbai: Farmer suicides in the country rose by 42% between 2014 and 2015, according to newly released data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). It recorded 5,650 suicides by farmers and cultivators in 2014. The figure rose to 8,007 in the latest data.

Several states across the country battled severe drought in both 2014 and 2015. Some, including Maharashtra, experienced two successive years of drought.

With 3,030 cases, Maharashtra recorded the highest number of farmer suicides in the country (37.3%). Telangana was second, with 1,358 cases, and Karnataka third with 1,197. Six states of Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka accounted for 94.1% of total farmer suicides.

In fact, farmer suicides

shot up even though as many as nine states and seven Union territories recorded no case at all in the NCRB figures. The states which reported nil farmer suicides in 2015 include Bihar, West Bengal, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Nagaland and Uttarakhand.

Highly erratic and inadequate monsoon in the last two-three years has aggravated problems for persons engaged in the farming sector. Manifestations of these in extreme situations can be seen in the form of farmers' suicides," the report said.

While the data showed a sharp rise in suicides by farmers, it also recorded a steep 31.5% decline in suicides by agricultural labourers in the country during the same period. This category was introduced by the NCRB in 2014, a move which was criticised as an attempt to reduce the number recorded as "farmer sui-

KILLING FIELDS: 12,602 DIED IN '15

■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ % change

By farmers 5,650

8,007

41.7% rise

By agricultural labourers 4,595

6,710

31.5% decline



Total suicides in farming sector
2014 12,360 2015 12,602 2% rise

States with highest number of farmer suicides in 2015

State	No. of suicides	Share of total (%)
Maharashtra	3,030	16.9
Telangana	1,358	17
Karnataka	1,197	14.9
Chhattisgarh	854	10.7
Madhya Pradesh	581	7.3
Andhra Pradesh	516	6.4

Source: NCRB

While the NCRB data showed a rise in suicides by farmers, it also recorded a 31.5% decline in suicides by agricultural labourers during the same period

cides". The suicides by agricultural labourers declined from 6,710 cases in 2014 to 4,595 in 2015.

Maharashtra recorded the highest number of suicides in the category of agricultural labourers as well, accounting for 1,261 cases. Madhya Pradesh followed next with 709 suicides and then Tamil Nadu with 604 cases. The overall number of suicides in the farming sector in the country recorded a marginal 2% increase. The number of suicides by those in the farming sector rose from 12,360 in 2014 to 12,602 in 2015, according to the data. The figures have risen only marginally, given the major decline recorded in the number of suicides of agricultural labourers.

"Bankruptcy and indebtedness" emerged as the single largest underlying cause behind farmer suicides in 2015 with 38.7% of the 8,007 farmer suicides linked to these factors. Farming-related issues formed the second major cause, accounting for 19.5% of the cases. The data also showed that as many as 72.6% of the farmers who committed suicide in 2015 were small and marginal farmers who owned less than two hectares of land.

"Farmer suicides tend to be higher in states like Maharashtra which cultivate cash crops. These require high investments and are also high risk," said farm activist Vijay Jawandhia. States like Bihar where farmers migrate during the lean season are also better able to cope with farm distress, he said.

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मकर संक्रांति तक दिल्ली सहित उत्तर भारत में तापमान 5 डिग्री तक जा सकता है, मौसम के तेजी से बदलने के आसार राजधानी में 8 से 14 जनवरी तक कड़ाके की सर्दी पड़ेगी

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राजधानी और आसपास के मैदानी हिस्सों में बारिश के दौरान 6 और 7 जनवरी को दिन के तापमान में कमी रहेगी, जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान में 8 जनवरी से व्यापक गिरावट होने की संभावना है। मौसम वैज्ञानिक समरजीत चौधरी का कहना है कि 8 जनवरी से 14 जनवरी यानि

लोहड़ी/मकर संक्रांति तक दिल्ली सहित उत्तर भारत में कड़ाके की ठंड पड़ेगी। ऐसे में तापमान पांच डिग्री तक जा सकता है। उत्तर भारत के पर्वतीय राज्यों के करीब पहुंचे पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के प्रभाव से एक चक्रवाती हवाओं का क्षेत्र मध्य पाकिस्तान और उससे सटे पंजाब पर विकसित हो गया है।

अनुमान है कि दोनों सिस्टम पूर्वी दिशा में आगे बढ़ेंगे, जिससे भारत के उत्तरी हिस्सों में मौसम करवट लेगा। यूं तो जम्मू कश्मीर में 2 जनवरी से ही

बारिश और हिमपात की गतिविधियां चल रही हैं। जबकि मैदानी इलाकों में अभी बारिश नहीं हुई है। अभी फिलहाल पंजाब और उत्तरी राजस्थान के अधिकांश हिस्सों में 6 और 7 जनवरी को गरज के साथ बारिश होने के आसार हैं।

जैसे-जैसे यह सिस्टम पूर्वी दिशा में बढ़ेंगे दिल्ली, उत्तरी राजस्थान और पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश के भागों में भी बारिश देखने को मिलेगी। मौसम विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार दिल्ली और इसके आसपास के भागों में 6 जनवरी

कोहरे के कारण 70 रेलगाड़ियां प्रभावित

70 रेलगाड़ियां कोहरे के कारण देरी से चल रही हैं, जबकि सात को रद्द कर दिया गया है। उत्तर रेलवे के एक अधिकारी के मुताबिक, संपूर्ण क्रांति एक्सप्रेस निर्धारित समय से 26 घंटे देरी से, भागलपुर-आनंद विहार गरीब रथ और भागलपुर-नई दिल्ली विक्रमशिला एक्सप्रेस 23 घंटे और वैशाली एक्सप्रेस 25 देरी से चल रही है। 22 रेलगाड़ियों के समय में परिवर्तन किया गया है। वहीं, दिल्ली-मालदा टाउन फरक्का एक्सप्रेस, नई दिल्ली-पुरी एक्सप्रेस, फिरोजपुर कैंट-दिल्ली सराय रोहिल्ला एक्सप्रेस आदि रद्द कर दी गई हैं।

की रात्रि से कुछ स्थानों पर बारिश के लिए अनुकूल स्थितियां बनेगी। गुरुवार को अधिकतम तापमान

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गगर समेत घाटी के विभिन्न इलाकों में बारी गुरुवार को भी जारी रही। इससे पाया शून्य से नीचे पहुंच गया है। वहीं, राखंड के मुनस्यारी और इसके सपास के इलाकों में भी लगातार बारी होने से पाया गिरा है। गुरुवार को स्यारी का न्यूनतम तापमान शून्य से दो

ती नीचे दर्ज किया गया। पहाड़ों पर बर्फबारी के कारण मैदानी को में ठंड बढ़ गई है। मैदानी इलाकों कुछ जगह बारिश भी हुई है। वहीं, ब मौसम के कारण उत्तर भारत में रेल हवाई यातायात प्रभावित हुआ है।

श्रीनगर में गुरुवार सुबह साढ़े आठ तक बीते 24 घंटों के दौरान 7.5 मीमीटर बारिश के बराबर बर्फबारी बारिश हुई। शहर का न्यूनतम मान शून्य से 0.3 डिग्री सेल्सियस

दर्ज किया गया। करगिल का न्यूनतम मान शून्य से 10.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस और लेह का न्यूनतम तापमान शून्य 5.7 डिग्री सेल्सियस नीचे दर्ज किया

। खराब मौसम और कम दृश्यता के कारण श्रीनगर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर वार को 12 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। राज्य में मौसम विभाग के

धिकारियों ने अगले कुछ दिनों में और



श्रीनगर में गुरुवार को बर्फबारी के बीच सड़क से गुजरती युवतियां। • प्रे.

बर्फबारी होने का अनुमान जताया है। अधिकारियों ने अगले कुछ दिनों में यहां बारिश की संभावना भी जताई है।

उत्तराखंड में मुनस्यारी के आसपास गुरुवार को दोपहर बाद बर्फबारी हुई। इसके अलावा, धारचूला में बारिश हुई है। मुनस्यारी में दिनभर में तापमान करीब 14 डिग्री ऊपर-नीचे हुआ। गुरुवार को मुनस्यारी का अधिकतम तापमान 12

डिग्री सेल्सियस और न्यूनतम तापमान -2 डिग्री सेल्सियस डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। धारचूला में पवित्र कैलास मानसरोवर यात्रा मार्ग के साथ ही गुंजी, बूंदी, छियालेख, नाभीदांग, जौलीकांग, सिरखा, नारायण आश्रम में भी हिमपात हुआ है।

राजस्थान में भी सर्दी बढ़ी : राजस्थान में न्यूनतम और अधिकतम

तापमान में उतार-चढ़ाव के बीच कोहरे के कारण रेल यातायात प्रभावित हुआ है।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार माउंट आबू में सबसे कम न्यूनतम तापमान चार डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। वहीं, जयपुर, अजमेर, और भीलवाड़ा में धुंध छाई रही। इससे कई प्रमुख ट्रेनें देरी से चल रही हैं, जबकि कुछ को रद्द करना पड़ा।

पंजाब-हरियाणा में न्यूनतम तापमान सामान्य से अधिक

चंडीगढ़। पंजाब और हरियाणा में अधिकतर स्थानों पर गुरुवार को भी न्यूनतम तापमान औसत से अधिक रहा। हालांकि, सुबह धुंध छाये रहने के कारण क्षेत्र में हवाई, रेल और सड़क यातायात बाधित रहा। पंजाब में लुधियाना सबसे ठंडा मैदानी इलाका रहा। यहां का न्यूनतम तापमान 5.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। वहीं, हरियाणा में करनाल का न्यूनतम तापमान 6.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा।

यूपी में गलन भरी सर्दी

लखनऊ। उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में गलन भरी सर्दी पड़ रही है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, कड़ाके की ठंड से जल्द राहत के आसार भी नहीं हैं। राज्य में पिछले 24 घंटे में कई स्थानों पर घना कोहरा छाया रहा।

गोरखपुर, कानपुर तथा लखनऊ मंडलों में रात के तापमान में गिरावट दर्ज की गई। पिछले 24 घंटे में नजीबाबाद राज्य का सबसे ठंडा स्थान रहा। यहां न्यूनतम तापमान 6.5 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। वहीं, बिहार की राजधानी पटना तथा इसके आसपास में गुरुवार को धुंध छाई रही। राज्य में गया सबसे ठंडा रहा। यहां का न्यूनतम तापमान 8.3 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक पहुंच गया है।