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## Action must to check farmers' suicides

Central and state governments need to take more seriously the wave of distress that is sweeping rural India. According to the 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India 2015' report, brought out by the National Crime Records Bureau, farmers' suicides surged from 5,650 in 2014 to 8,007 in 2015, a 42% increase in a span of a year. Crop failure and indebtedness appear to have prompted these farmers to take their lives, the report says. The distress hit smaller farmers the hardest; 73% of those who took their lives were small or marginal farmers, owning two acres of land or less. The statistics indicate a geographic concentration in the farmer suicides; 87.5% occurred in seven states including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. While the number of farmers who committed suicide soared in 2014-15; the number of farm labourers who took their lives dropped to 4,595 in 2015 from 6,710 the previous year. Economists attribute this difference to wage labourers having more options. Faced with distress in the agricultural sector, they moved to non-farm work. Farmers, tied as they are to their land, were unable to do so and were stuck with falling incomes and mounting debt. Trapped in their difficult and hopeless situation, they saw suicide as the only way out.

Farmers' suicides are often blamed on failed monsoons. Officials attribute the spike in suicides in 2015, for instance, to the fact that 2014 and 2015 were drought years. However, failed monsoons are at best aggravators of an already difficult situation. Agriculture has become linked to multi-national corporations and global markets. Rising cost of seeds, pesticides and fertilisers is accompanied by falling prices of agricultural produce. This has devastated farmers, leaving them with mounting debts and no means to pay back their loans. Under pressure from money lenders, they commit suicide.



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The Narendra Modi government has announced some programmes to alleviate the problems of farmers. For instance, its Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, a crop insurance scheme that was announced in January 2016, is likely to provide them with some respite. However, such initiatives, like the loan waiver scheme of the UPA government, tackle the symptoms and not the problem itself. With this year likely to see a surge in farmers' suicides on account of the impact of the demonetisation of high denomination bills, the Modi government must take the problem sweeping rural India seriously. While a symptomatic approach to farmers' suicides is useful in reducing the sting of rural distress, it will not tackle the agrarian crisis that is driving the suicides. A comprehensive approach that takes into account agrarian reforms, rural credit, agricultural insurance, crop changes, etc is needed.

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# Disputed hydel projects don't violate IWT: India to WB envoy

## Delhi Sticks To Demand For Neutral Expert

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** World Bank held talks with India on Thursday over the disputed Kishenganga and Ratle hydropower projects in J&K. While the ministry of external affairs (MEA) chose not to make any comment on the talks, sources here said that Indian officials again conveyed to World Bank that these projects did not in any way violate the Indus Waters Treaty

**World Bank last month halted action on two of its decisions taken to resolve the row: appointment of a neutral expert as asked for by India and setting up a court of arbitration as demanded by Pakistan**

(IWT) as alleged by Pakistan.

World Bank representative Ian Solomon held talks with senior officials from water resources ministry and MEA on Thursday. "It has been conveyed to them that the disputes should be resolved bilaterally or through the appointment of a neutral expert," said a source.

While the Kishenganga hydropower station is being built on the Jhelum river, Ratle is on Chenab.

The visit by Solomon followed World Bank's decision last month to pause the separate processes it had initiated—appointment of a neutral expert as demanded by India and setting up of a court of arbitration as asked for by Pakistan—to resolve the issue.

India had protested earlier saying that going ahead with both the steps simultaneously was "legally untenable".

"We made a presentation

and stuck to our position that there be a neutral expert to look into the issue as objections raised by Pakistan relating to the projects concerned are technical in nature. We also maintained that the project designs do not violate the IWT. Nothing was decided in the meeting," said the source.

Announcing the move to stall the simultaneous processes in December, World Bank noted that its decision was meant to protect the IWT and to help India and Pakistan consider alternative approaches to resolving conflicting interests under the treaty and its application to two hydroelectric power plants.

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# Rain brings temperature down, improves air quality

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## DELHI BREATHES EASIER

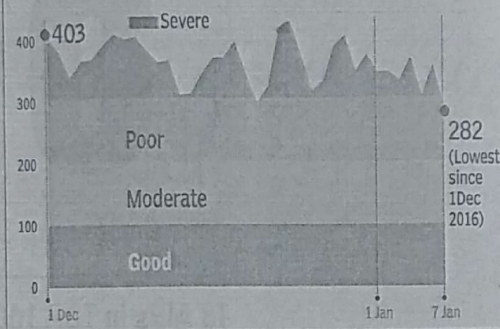
New Delhi: It was a chilly and damp Saturday after the capital received the first showers for the season early morning. While the maximum temperature fell by 8 degrees, the light rain also managed to wash away particulate matter to an extent and bring down PM2.5 levels to "poor" from "very poor" on Friday. The air quality index (AQI) fell to 282, lowest since December.

The maximum temperature on Saturday after the rain was 16 degrees, about 3 degrees below normal, but minimum temperature continued to remain high at 13.5 degrees, 6 degrees above normal.

According to Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, Delhi received rain after three months. The last rain was recorded on October 5, when Safdarjung received 2mm and Palam 4.1mm rainfall.

On Saturday, there was rainfall of 3.4mm at Safdarjung, 1.7mm at Palam, 3.2mm at Lodhi road, 2.8mm at Ridge, 1.8mm at Anand Nagar and 1mm at Gurgaon. "It helped in bringing down the PM concentrations.

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Pollution levels may remain comparatively low in the next couple of days," a Met official said.

Meteorologists explained that a cyclonic circulation is moving eastwards across northern India. There is also an associated upper air cyclonic circulation over northwest Rajasthan and nearby areas. Under their combined influence, it rained over the plains and snowed over the hills.

Once the western disturbance moves away, dense fog is

likely to form at several places in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh on December 8 and 9. "The western disturbance is likely to move away in the next 24 hours. No significant change is likely in the minimum temperature over the plains of northwest India. But there may be a gradual fall of 3 to 4 degrees in the next three days because of change in wind pattern. The maximum temperatures may fall by 2 to 3 degrees," the official added.



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## NGT directs govt to submit report on quality of water

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, 8 January

The National Green Tribunal has directed the Delhi government to submit a complete and comprehensive report on quality and quantity of water that is being supplied to end users at various localities of the national capital on random sample basis.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar asked the committee comprising environment secretary of the Delhi government, representatives from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) and the municipal corporations to file the report before February 13.

"In the meanwhile, the NCT of Delhi would file a complete and comprehensive report which must be self-contained and comply with directions issued by the tribunal," the bench said.

The tribunal had earlier taken exception to non-submission of a status report on quality of water supplied to households in the national capital by the Delhi government despite repeated directions.

Noting that not even a single report has been filed till date, the bench had summoned the environment secretary of the Delhi government with the report.

The issue of water supply in the capital had last year prompted the tribunal to seek the response of the city government in the matter.

The green panel had taken suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report, which had revealed that the "stinking and dirty" water flowing through water sup-



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ply lines and the borewells were pumping out contaminated water.

Later, it had constituted a committee comprising the environment secretary and representatives from CPCB, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, DJB, and all municipal corporations and asked them to submit a complete and comprehensive report.

"This committee shall examine and get the areas identified where the ground water is contaminated as well as the directions that should be passed, whether prohibitory or precautionary, ensuring that it is not permitted to be extracted and in any case not distributed for human consumption..."

"The committee will ensure that samples of the water from different areas are collected, analysed and reports be placed before it before submission of the final report," it had said.

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Most flights were cancelled.

Kashmir University postponed examinations scheduled for the next two days, as the Met forecast said it would be "more snow and rains for the next 48 hours" in the Kashmir Valley.

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FARMERS' DEATH TOLL RISES TO 106, GOVT WAKES UP LATE

## TN's worst drought in 150 years

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Chennai, 6 January

Tamil Nadu is now in the grip of the worst drought in the past 150 years which has, so far, taken a toll of 106 lives with farmers dying and committing suicide unable to bear the prospect of crop failure and consequent livelihood crisis and debt trap.

The state government has woken up to the situation rather late as it was busy handling the political crisis arising out of the death of former chief minister J Jayalalithaa. It has set up an app Bhuvan to assess losses due to crop failure. But, the farmers are becoming restive without getting government assistance till date.

According to the director of the meteorological



department S Balachandran the latest spell of rain due to Cyclone Vardah has only brought down the state's deficit from 66 per cent to 61 per cent. It has, so far, received 15.96 cm of rain fall till December 9 against 64 cm during the corresponding period in 2015.

Following the series of farmers' deaths and government inaction Madras High Court

ordered the state government to submit a list of measures taken to stop suicides by farmers and protect them.

The Bench of Chief Justice S K Kaul and Justice M Sundar issued the directive while admitting a PIL from the Tamil Nadu Centre for Public Interest Litigation on 5 January. If that is not enough, the water level in all the important reservoirs across the

state is also going down alarmingly. The latest assessment shows Tamil Nadu has a deficit of 62% rain.

Meanwhile, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of media reports on the deaths of 106 farmers in one month in Tamil Nadu and asked for information about the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the

state government to tackle the situation. It has issued a notice to the state chief secretary seeking a detailed report within six weeks.

"The entire family collapses when a farmer dies or commits suicide. The deaths are not only due to the victim's right to life and dignity, but is also indicative of failure and inaction by the State agencies," said the NHRC in a statement.

In another development, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has issued notice to the Central and the state government on a PIL seeking a direction to provide compensation of Rs 30 lakh each to the families of 84 farmers who committed suicide due to crop failure in the last one month alone.

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## Acute water shortage in Shimla areas: Bhardwaj

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 6

Local BJP legislator Suresh Bhardwaj today expressed concern over the inadequate water supply by the local Municipal Corporation to the town, resulting in acute shortage in many parts even during winters when half of the population of the town is away.

Bhardwaj said despite repeated assurances by the government that a single agency would provide regular water supply to the

town, many areas were still going dry for days together.

"Yesterday during my visit to the Gumma-Nauti Khud and Drabra-Craognano water supply schemes, more than a dozen places where there is heavy leakage, resulting in wastage of a lot of water," he said. He visited the site along with Municipal Councillors

Anup Vaid and Kalyan Dhimman to see why the town was facing shortage even during winter months when the water demand has been reduced to half.

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## Cold intensifies, heavy snow at Manali, Shimla

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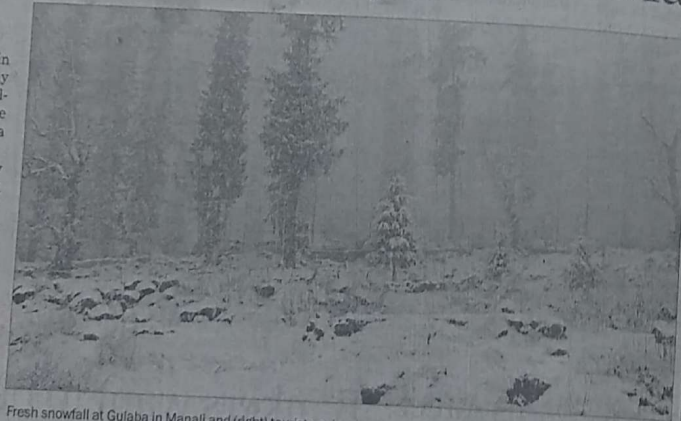
SHIMLA, JANUARY 6

The cold wave conditions in the state intensified today with Shimla, Manali, Dalhousie, Dharamsala and the higher reaches receiving a fresh spell of snowfall.

The state capital was today lashed by heavy rains, sleet followed by a snowfall which could be heavy during the night. This is the heaviest snowfall of the season the town has experienced in the season so far. The mighty Rohtang Pass (13,050 ft) and adjoining areas received 10 cm to 15 cm of fresh snowfall.

The famous tourist resorts of Narkanda, Fagu, Kufri and upper Shimla areas are also reported to be experiencing intermittent snowfall, accompanied by strong velocity icy winds and rains.

The local meteorological office has issued a warning of rain, thunder storm and heavy snowfall today and tomorrow in the middle and



Fresh snowfall at Gulaba in Manali and (right) tourists enjoy the snow at The Ridge in Shimla on Friday. PHOTOS: AMIT KANWAR & JAI KUMAR

high hills of the state.

Widespread rains occurred at various places in lower and mid hills and Dharmashala was the wettest in the region with 16 mm rains, followed by Chamba 14 mm, Kangra 13

mm, Una 9 mm, Saluni and Manali 7 mm each, Solan 6 mm, Sundernagar and Seobagh 4 mm, Bharmaur and Bangana 2 mm and Shimla and Bhuntar 1 mm.

The high altitude tribal areas reeling under freez-

ing cold wave conditions are experiencing intermittent snowfall, affecting the normal life within the tribal valleys also. Keylong and Kalpa in tribal Lahaul and Spiti and Kinnaur districts recorded minimum

temperatures at minus 5.6 degree and minus 2.6 degree while key tourist resort of Manali shivered at 0.6 degree C.

Solan and Shimla recorded minimum temperatures at 4.5 degree and 4.9 degree,

followed by Bhuntar 5.0 degree, Sundernagar 5.6 degree, Una 7.5 degree, Nahan 7.9 degree, Palampur 8.0 degree and Dharamsala 9.0 degree Celsius.

The maximum day temperatures have dropped. Nahan

was the hottest during the day with a high of 17.6 degree, followed by Solan 17.5 degree, Una 16.4 degree, Sundernagar 15.8 degree, Dharamsala 15.0 degree, Bhuntar 14.1 degree, Shimla 13.7 degree and Kalpa 3.6 degree.



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## Season's heaviest snowfall cuts off Kashmir

**AZHAR QADRI**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 6

Snowfall in the Kashmir valley on Friday isolated it from the outside world as it grounded air traffic and blocked roads, including the highways, that connect it with the rest of the country.

The Kashmir valley, including Srinagar city, received heavy snowfall, pausing life in the region and causing widespread power outages. This is the heaviest snowfall experienced in the summer capital this season. Sonam Lotus, director of the Srinagar Meteorological Centre, said snowfall was likely to continue over the next 24 hours and was expected to slow down or stop from tomorrow afternoon.

Lotus said snow fell across the Kashmir valley and had been heavy at several places such as Srinagar and Gulmarg. It was the first widespread snowfall of the season.

An official at the Traffic Control Department said all roads entering and



Srinagar city received 6 inches of snow on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: AMIN WAR

exiting the Kashmir valley were closed due to the snowfall. The Jammu-Srinagar highway, Srinagar-Leh highway, Mughal Road and the roads to remote parts of north Kashmir were closed.

Nine inches of snow had accumulated near the

Jawahar tunnel, gateway to the Kashmir valley, the official said, adding that air traffic in the region had been suspended due to the weather conditions.

Sharad Kumar, director of Srinagar International Airport, said 40 incoming and outgoing flights scheduled

for today were cancelled. "All flights were cancelled due to the snowfall," the airport director said.

Srinagar, incidentally, did not receive snow last year. This time, it is covered in six inches of snow, bringing routine life in the region to a pause. The traffic and

### Nearly 1,000 trucks stranded on highway

Jammu: The season's first rainfall in Jammu on Friday brought normal life to a grinding halt across the region. Nearly 1,000 trucks and passenger vehicles were stranded at different places on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. The vehicular traffic was stopped around the Jawahar Tunnel at 12.30 pm and at Patnitop at 2.45 pm due to the slippery conditions. The traffic police have advised the passenger vehicles to return to Jammu in view of bad weather forecast for Saturday. All Srinagar-based flights from the Jammu Airport were also cancelled due to bad weather and heavy snowfall in Srinagar. — TNS

pedestrian movement on the city roads and in other districts has thinned out.

The snowfall also caused widespread power outages in the region. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Farooq Lone said only 50 per cent of the areas were receiving power supply.

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# The dark side of enticing white in Shimla

Power outage kills five-day-old on ventilator in Kamla Nehru Hospital

**KULDEEP CHAUHAN**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 8

The sight of white might be a major draw for tourists, but the spell of heavy snowfall in the state capital and other parts of Himachal Pradesh brought its share of misery for the locals, besides the inconvenience caused to outsiders, as power and communication lines snapped.

In Shimla, a five-day-old premature baby died of multi-organ failure late last night at Kamla Nehru Hospital (KNH) owing to a 24-hour power outage. With electricity lines snapped in the region because of heavy snowfall, the hospital's power backup too collapsed at noon.

At that time, two babies were on ventilator support. One of them, who suffered from pulmonary bleeding and septicemia, could not be rescued even though the hospital staff continued to operate the ventilator manually, said doctors.

The hospital arranged for three gas heaters, with help from the office of the Medical Superintendent, to keep 16

premature babies warm. "It was a nightmare. Without power, we were unable to operate radiators, infusion pumps, phototherapy machines and ventilators," recalled a doctor.

With no waiting room, leave alone heating arrangements, attendants of several patients had to rough it out in the cold under the stairs.

The plight of patients at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) was no better. It had no diesel to run its generators.

The fuel came in an MC vehicle only after the road in front of the college was cleared of snow and the traffic restored. "We have a generator-run power backup for the ICU. However, heating in wards is a problem," said paediatrician Rakesh Sharma.

"We have three generators. But the priority was to ensure adequate lighting in the hospital complex. There was not enough voltage to operate X-ray, MRI and other machines. Things turned normal after power supply was restored this evening," said Medical Superintendent Dr Ramesh Chand.



People try to negotiate the damaged electricity wires at Chakkar in Shimla on Sunday. AMIT KANWAR

## LIFE HIT IN CAPITAL, ELSEWHERE

Shimla: Normal life remained disrupted in Shimla and several other places in Himachal, even as tourists and local people faced hardship on Sunday after the heaviest snowfall of the season. In spite of claims by the authorities as regards restoration of roads, water and power supply, tourists faced traffic jams and blockades. A large number of tourists coming to Shimla returned from Shoghi, 15 km from here. Power supply was partially restored in some areas of Shimla on Saturday night, but many localities remained powerless. Water supply was badly affected as there was little pumping due to the power breakdown.

## 75 MANDI VILLAGES CUT OFF

Mandi/Kullu: Life remained paralysed in rural areas of Mandi where electricity supply was snapped and most roads remained blocked on Sunday. Major parts of Gohar, Mandi, Pangna, Karsog, Thunag Barot and Dharampur have been affected. Superintending Engineer of the PWD, Mandi circle, Kartar Chand, said 75 roads, leading to villages, had been damaged or got blocked due to snowfall. Water supply to most areas in Kullu town has been disrupted since Saturday. Residents of Akhara said due to the non-availability of any alternative source of water like hand pumps or natural springs in the town, they had to go without water.



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# Getting into hot water

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It is in Pakistan's interest to adhere to the Indus Treaty and not provoke India

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi considered India's options in the wake of the Uri terrorist attack on September 18 last year. As part of this process, he probed the working of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960. Following a meeting on September 26, government sources informed the media that Modi told officials that "blood and water cannot flow together".

In order to give a concrete meaning to the PM's message to Pakistan, it was decided that India would only engage in Indus Waters Commission established under the IWT in an atmosphere "free of terror". Modi also decided to set up a task force to recommend ways for the full utilisation of the waters assigned to India in the treaty and instructed it to work with a "sense of urgency".

Around the time Modi was considering ways to use water as an aggressive instrument against Pakistan, a path no former Prime Minister has walked, Indian officials were in intense contact with the World Bank over Pakistan's fresh attempts to use the IWT to virtually sabotage the Kishanganga Hydroelectric Project (KHEP) in Kashmir. Pakistan's negative approach to KHEP is in keeping with its constant policy to deny India's legitimate rights on the non-consumptive use of waters of 'western' rivers — the Chenab, Jhelum and Indus — whose waters have been assigned to Pakistan. This also exposes the true nature of Pakistan's commitment to the Kashmir "cause".

India's current firm stand on the manner to resolve the current India-Pakistan differences on KHEP is entirely correct. However, Pakistan's obduracy and the World Bank's bizarre handling of this matter jeopardises the treaty itself. No wonder, the US was compelled to take the unprecedented step of making the lame-duck Secretary of State John Kerry interrupt his Christmas holidays to call Ishaq Dar, the powerful Pakistan finance minister, and counsel that Pakistan should sensibly handle the issue.

KHEP is a run-off-the river project to produce 330 MW of power by diverting a part of the water of the Kishanganga to the Jhelum. As it has done with every project on the 'western' rivers, Pakistan complained that KHEP violated



IN SPATE: Pakistan's bid to sabotage the Kishanganga project will complicate matters.

the treaty. Apart from technical issues regarding its design aspects, Pakistan asserted that waters of one river could not be diverted to another and that India could not reduce the reservoir below the dead storage level for draw-down flushing purposes. Broadly, under the IWT, technical objections are dealt by a neutral expert if the countries cannot resolve them bilaterally while disputes that require treaty interpretation or a consideration of other legal issues are handled by a "Court of Arbitration". In this instance, Pakistan proposed in 2010 that a court be constituted to go into the two basic issues; India agreed.

on the Chenab. India approached the World Bank for the appointment of a neutral expert to examine and pronounce on these technical issues. In doing so, India completely adhered to the IWT, both substantively and procedurally. On the other hand, Pakistan has acted outside the treaty in its demand for the arbitration court.

Strangely, the World Bank, which is obliged to act in these issues, complicated matters by an adventurous disregard of clear treaty provisions. It decided to address the technical differences on KHEP through the simultaneous invocation of both the neutral

would not give up its demand of a neutral expert. Solomon will now consult with Pakistan. Meanwhile, India will go ahead with the projects. Pakistan wants an arbitration court, for its rulings will impact on all hydel projects on the 'western' rivers in future. This is not tenable in matters relating to technical differences.

Speaking in Punjab in November last year, Modi announced the government's intention to use all waters of the Ravi, Beas and Sutlej — the eastern rivers whose entire waters are assigned to India — in the IWT. This signalled one more intent of taking a purposeful attitude on the water issue. The present stand on the neutral expert is another signal to Pakistan that it cannot prevent India from abandoning treaty-consistent projects.

This was so in the past when India did not wish to invoke the IWT's differences and dispute resolution mechanisms. This approach was a consequence of the general policy of not involving third parties in India-Pakistan matters. It is seen in the Tulbul Navigation Project which was put in the cold storage in 1987 and still remains unresolved. The Manmohan Singh government did well to break the inhibition to allow the resolutions mechanisms of the treaty to operate. This yielded good results in the Baghlihar project and has enabled KHEP to proceed.

The IWT is extremely generous to Pakistan. It assigns more than 80 per cent of the waters of the six rivers to it. It was meant to calm Pakistan's fears and turn it towards the road of peace and cooperation. In this it has failed. Having got the assurance of good Indian behaviour on the water issue, it has persisted in its hostility to India. It has, in recent years, gone further to blame India for its water crisis which actually is a consequence of gross mismanagement of water resources and a rising population. It is therefore in its interest to adhere to the IWT and not provoke India. It is doing just the opposite in the hope that its friends, especially China will help it.

On his part, Modi must not let outside powers like the US give Pakistan a face saver. That has always proved counter productive for India.

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The treaty is extremely generous to Pakistan. There was hope it would turn to peace and cooperation, which is unlikely to happen

The Court of Arbitration gave its final award in December 2013. It allowed the Kishanganga waters to be diverted, provided India ensured that a minimum of 9 cumecs of water continued to be discharged into the river. At the same time, it upheld Pakistan's plea on the water level to be maintained while the reservoirs are flushed. This does not make a great impact on the project.

Pakistan now wants that a similar court be established to go into the technical issues which the bilateral Indus Waters Commission has been unable to resolve with regard to KHEP. To this, it has added similar technical issues concerning the Ratle Hydroelectric Plant

expert and the arbitration court methods. This was simply unsustainable, hence India protested. Realising its mistake, it paused the proceedings and appointed Ian Solomon, former US executive director of the bank, to consult with India and Pakistan to amicably resolve the neutral expert/arbitration court question.

Solomon held talks with Indian officials in Delhi on January 5-6. India made it clear that Pakistan's case to set up a court of arbitration was simply wrong in terms of the treaty and the sequence of events of both countries approaching the World Bank regarding their difference. It stressed that it



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# Snowfall paralyses life in Himachal, 1 dead in Shimla

**BITING COLD** State capital under 3ft snow, homeless bear the brunt due to lack of shelters

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**SHIMLA:** A man died of cold at the inter-state bus terminal here, as record snowfall since 1982 and electricity and water supply shortage crippled normal life across Himachal Pradesh. Majority of roads connecting tourist towns were blocked for traffic.

Pratap Singh, a 44-year-old resident of Shilai in Sirmaur district, died at the ISBT on Saturday night. Sources said he was a porter at the bus terminal, and was drunk. Police handed over the body to his relatives after post-mortem examination.

Shimla received around three feet of snow, and recorded a minimum of minus 0.4°C. Kalpa recorded a minimum of minus 3.8°C, and Keylong minus 4°C. The day temperature in the state capital was 6°C on Sunday.

Lack of proper arrangements



• In higher altitude areas of Shimla, 80-100 cm of snowfall was recorded.

caused severe inconvenience to the homeless. Many people were seen under rain shelters but those were not enough to save them from the biting cold.

More than 500 roads, including major bus routes, were affected.

Uprooted trees damaged power lines in the capital, resulting in outage in many areas. In the freezing temperature, the residents remained indoors, while slow progress on clearing the snow from the roads affected traffic.

The daily milk and newspaper supplies were also affected, and residents anticipating more snow were seen stocking essential commodities.

Hospitals were the most affected. In absence of electricity, patients and their attendants at the premier Indira Gandhi Medical College Hospital and Kamla Nehru Hospital had a harrowing time. Emergency services were run on generators.

"There is no power in our area for the past two days. God knows when electricity supply will be restored," said a Shimla resident Ayush Bhallaik.

In higher altitude areas, 80-100 cm of snowfall was recorded. The Shimla meteorological centre has predicted more snowfall in isolated places. Farmer across the state, however, were elated. After a three-month dry spell, the heavy snowfall is expected to benefit fruit growers.

## Mercury dips 'below zero' at Maha's popular hill station

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**MAHARASHTRA:** Tourists arriving at Mahabaleshwar, a popular hill station from western Maharashtra, were in for a pleasant surprise on Sunday morning.

Locals claimed that mercury dipped to freezing point at Venna Lake and snowflake-like frozen dew drops were seen in the surrounding areas.

While the Indian Meteorological Department said it did not have an observatory at Venna lake, the locals asserted they measured the temperature, which was zero degree Celsius.

According to IMD, the average minimum temperature at Mahabaleshwar was 10.6°C. Most roads to the lake wore a snow-white look.



• A man scraps frozen dew from the floating decks at Venna Lake in Mahabaleshwar.

Two years ago, Mahabaleshwar witnessed the mercury plunging to one degree Celsius, with similar conditions prevailing in the area. According to the IMD, the current fall in tempera-

ture across the state is a result of snowing in J&K and Himachal Pradesh. IMD forecast says the minimum temperature will continue to remain the same for the next 24 hours.

## Traffic resumes on Jammu-Srinagar NH after two days

**JAMMU:** After remaining closed for around 48 hours, the 300-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway (NH) was made partially operational for movement since Sunday morning with improvement in weather conditions.

However, the air link to Valley, which too was shut for the last couple of days, was fully restored on Sunday.

Snowfall coupled with heavy downpour since Friday morning caused roadblocks and also triggered landslides on various places on the highway, leaving 1,000 odd vehicles stranded.

Nihar Ranjan deputy superintendent of police (DSP) (traffic), Banihal, said "Though there was a mild snowfall around Jawahar tunnel on Sunday, we made the highway accessible for vehicles. HTC



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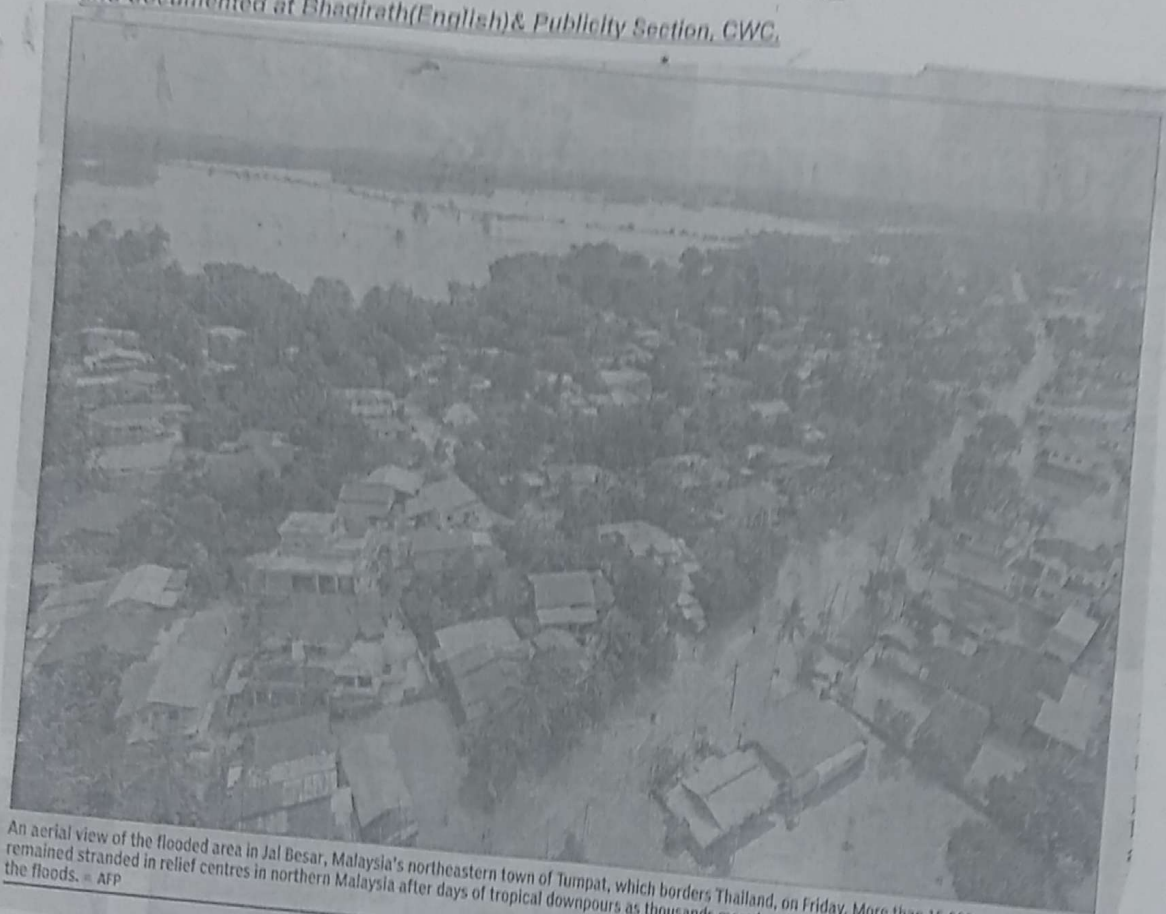
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An aerial view of the flooded area in Jal Besar, Malaysia's northeastern town of Tumpat, which borders Thailand, on Friday. More than 15,000 people remained stranded in relief centres in northern Malaysia after days of tropical downpours as thousands more headed home to survey the damage wreaked by the floods. - AFP

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# Notice to UP over garbage near Ganga

The green court has sought response before February 10

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DELHI: A National Green Tribunal (NGT) bench headed by its chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar on Monday took note of the reckless dumping of garbage along the Ganga during the Kartik Purnima fair at Garhmukteshwar in Uttar Pradesh and issued notice to the state government to show why environmental

compensation be not imposed for indiscriminate disposal of waste.

The green court has sought a response before February 10.

"They shall show cause why environmental compensation be not imposed upon them for indiscriminate dumping of waste on the river bank of Ganga," the Bench said.

The tribunal was hearing a

petition filed by Uttar Pradesh resident Krishan Kant Singh and NGO SAFE, seeking a direction to organisers and the district administration to make proper arrangement for the fair so that the river is not polluted.

The plea, filed through advocate Rahul Choudhary, contended that Kartik Purnima Fair is held on the banks of the Ganga at Garhmukteshwar in the month

of November every year.

Many villagers attending the fair stay on the banks of the river, cook food and wash utensils at the same place, besides disposing plastic, thermocol, bottles, and other waste material and biodegradable material, the plea said.

The toilets made for visitors also discharge wastes directly into the river thereby polluting it, it said.

The plea alleged that the district administration has not taken any step to control the waste disposal and even after the fair, no steps have been taken to clear the solid waste.

The plea sought a direction to the respondents to clear the entire stretches of the river near Garhmukteshwar, Brijghat and Pooth in Hapur and village in Tigr in Amroha districts of UP.



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## A WHITE WINTER IN THE VALLEY



Men walk on a footbridge during snowfall in Srinagar on Friday. The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic after heavy snowfall at several places in Ramban and Udhampur districts, virtually cutting off the Valley from the rest of the country.

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## Rain in Punjab, Haryana raises hopes of bumper wheat yield

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CHANDIGARH: A dip in temperature following rainfall in the country's key wheat-producing States of Punjab and Haryana will boost the wheat crop, easing concerns about the adverse impact of unusual warm weather on the crop, officials and experts told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

The showers during the past 24 hours have been widespread and ended the long dry spell in parts of Punjab and Haryana. A mercury dip is a good sign for the "temperature sensitive" wheat crop, they said.

"Rain has come at a good time easing out concerns regarding dip in productivity of the crop due to unusual warm weather in the past few days. It will benefit the crop immensely, and if the weather remains conducive in the coming days, we can expect a bumper production this year," P.S. Rangi, an agriculture expert and Punjab State Farmers Commission adviser said.

A long dry spell, since October had raised concerns



CAUSE FOR CHEER: Wheat being sown at a village near Phagwara in Kapurthala district, Punjab. — PHOTO: KAMAL NARANG

among experts and farmers about falling wheat yields in the both these States — which have sown the crop on nearly 35 lakh hectares and over 25 lakh hectares respectively during the ongoing rabi (winter) season.

"Punjab and Haryana are experiencing widespread rains due to fresh western disturbance. Minimum temperature has come down and in the next few days it is likely to fall further," said Surinder Pal, director at the

India Meteorological Department (IMD), Chandigarh.

"These are welcome showers. It will not only boost the productivity of wheat but will also help in curbing disease such as yellow rust," said Jasbir Singh Bains, director of Punjab agriculture department.

Wheat, the main rabi crop, is sown between late October till December while the harvesting of the crop will start from April.



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## Capital shivers as mercury dips with first winter rain



**COLD COMFORT:** Homeless people try to keep themselves warm on a chilly Saturday afternoon in the Capital. PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

STAFF REPORTER

**NEW DELHI:** The Capital woke up to a chilly and wet Saturday morning, with the city receiving its first spell of rain this winter.

According to the Meteorological Department, the overnight rain brought down the maximum temperature to 16 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal. The minimum temperature on Saturday was, however, six notches above normal at 13.5 degrees Celsius. A Met Department official said that Delhi had received 3.4 mm of rainfall as of 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, with only trace amounts of rain after that.

### Fog expected on Sunday

Sunday is likely to be another chilly day, with generally cloudy skies and the chance of very light rain and thunderstorms in some areas. Shallow to moderate

fog can be expected on Sunday morning with maximum and minimum temperatures forecast to be 17 degrees Celsius and 10 degrees, respectively.

### Air quality improves

The rain and wind on Saturday also improved air quality in the city, with levels of harmful particulate matter remaining in the 'moderate' and 'poor' categories. As per the Union Earth Science Ministry's SAFAR index, the level of PM2.5 was 91 micrograms per cubic metre, putting it in the 'poor' category, while the PM10 concentration was 160 micrograms per cubic metre, placing it in the 'moderate' category. While these values were above the standards of 60 and 100 micrograms per cubic metre for PM2.5 and PM10 respectively, the levels of pollutants were comparatively less than last month.

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## COLD DAYS IN US, EUROPE AND RUSSIA



Scene of a crash involving up to 20 vehicles on a highway in Connecticut, US on Saturday. Snow and sleet pounded a large swath of the US East Coast, coating roads with ice and causing hundreds of crashes. In Europe, a cold wave has left at least 23 dead in the past two days, including several migrants and homeless people, authorities said, with the frigid temperatures expected to continue through the weekend. Russia celebrated the coldest Orthodox Christmas in 120 years, and even Turkish city of Istanbul was covered with a blanket of snow.

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## श्रीनगर, शिमला में बिछी बर्फ की चादर



शिमला में भारी बर्फबारी के बाद लोग सड़कों पर तफरीह करते हुए। इनसेट में पृष्ठ में नन्हें बच्चे बर्फबारी का मजा लेते हुए (छाया : प्रेड)

पंजाब केसरी/ नई दिल्ली, शिमला, श्रीनगर

पिछले चौबीस घंटों में पहाड़ों पर हुई बर्फबारी ने मैदानी इलाकों तक अपना असर छोड़ा। लिहाजा दिल्ली तक ठिठुरन दौड़ गई। बारिश ने दिल्ली तथा पंजाब व हरियाणा में ठंड तेज कर दी। वहीं कश्मीर, शिमला में बर्फबारी के बाद पंजाब, हरियाणा, यूपी में शीत लहर तेज हो गई तो दिल्ली में शुक्रवार की देर रात इस सीजन की पहली बारिश ने लोगों की कंपकंपी छुड़ा दी। जम्मू-कश्मीर

में कई इलाकों में पिछले चार दिनों से जारी भारी बर्फबारी के कारण आज दूसरे दिन भी देश के शेष हिस्से से कश्मीर का संपर्क टूटा रहा। प्रदेश के अधिकांश स्थानों पर पारा जमाव बिन्दु से नीचे रहा जबकि गुलमर्ग सबसे ठंडा स्थान रहा। एक अधिकारी ने यहां पर बताया कि बर्फबारी और दूसरी तरफ पीर पंजाल पर्वत शृंखला के कुछ स्थानों पर भूस्खलन के चलते सड़क बंद

रहने के कारण श्रीनगर-जम्मू राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग लगातार दूसरे दिन बंद रहा। उधर, बर्फबारी के कारण रनवे बंद होने के कारण दूसरे दिन भी श्रीनगर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमानों का आवागमन बंद रहा। अधिकारी ने बताया कि सभी मौसम में कश्मीर को देश के शेष हिस्सों से जोड़ने वाली 294 किलोमीटर लंबी सड़क को फिर से खोलने का प्रयास

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### श्रीनगर, शिमला में...

किया जा रहा है। अधिकारी ने बताया, "अगर मौसम इसी तरह बना रहा तो इस दिव के उदगर्दों में सड़क को साफ और फंसे हुए वाहनों को निकालने में सफल हो सकते हैं।" पूरे कश्मीर में भारी बर्फबारी और कुछ स्थानों पर भूस्खलन के कारण कल सड़क बंद हो गई थी। बारिश कल रात से रुकी हुई है। शहर की मुख्य सड़कों और अन्य अंतर-जिला मार्गों पर बर्फ हटाने

शिमला, मनाली में बर्फबारी, अन्य इलाकों से संपर्क टूटा : हिमाचल प्रदेश के पर्यटन स्थलों शिमला, मनाली और डलहौसी का रातभर हुई भारी बर्फबारी के बाद शनिवार को अन्य इलाकों से संपर्क टूट गया है। शिमला और मनाली में पेड़ गिरने के कारण बिजली की लाइनें क्षतिग्रस्त हो गईं, जिसके कारण बिजली आपूर्ति बाधित हो गई। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि बर्फबारी के कारण शिमला से करीब 15 किलोमीटर दूर शोगी में यातायात अवरुद्ध हो गया है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार शिमला के मॉल रोड, रिज, यूएम क्लब और जाम्बू पहाड़ियों समेत कई इलाकों में एक फीट से ज्यादा बर्फबारी हुई और सर्द मौसम के कारण नलों में पानी जम गया है।

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## J&K, HP में ऐवलॉन्च की चेतावनी

■ एजेंसियां, नई दिल्ली

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जम्मू कश्मीर और हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुछ हिमखलन संभावित जिलों के लिए रविवार को हिमखलन की चेतावनी जारी की गई है। चंडीगढ़ के हिमखलन अध्ययन संस्थान (सासे) ने चेतावनी जारी की जो रविवार शाम पांच बजे से अगले 24 घंटे के लिए वैध होगी। सासे द्वारा जारी एक परामर्श के अनुसार जम्मू कश्मीर के बारामूला, कुपवाड़ा, बांदीपुरा, किश्तवाड़, राजौरी, डोडा, पुंछ और रियासी के लिए चेतावनी जारी की गई है। हिमाचल प्रदेश के चंबा, किन्नौर और लाहौल स्पीति जिलों के लिए भी चेतावनी जारी की गई है। शिमला, मनाली, चंबा और डलहौजी यात्री फंसे हुए हैं।

### पंजाब-हरियाणा में बंपर पैदावार की उम्मीद



मंडी के एक गांव में रविवार को देवता की पालकी को बर्फ से बचाते हुए ढककर ले जाते श्रद्धालु।

■ एजेंसियां, नई दिल्ली : देश के प्रमुख गेहूं उत्पादक पंजाब और हरियाणा में बारिश होने से गेहूं की फसल की बंपर पैदावार होने की उम्मीद है। पंजाब और हरियाणा के कुछ हिस्सों में सूखे की स्थिति थी बारिश के बाद राहत मिली है। कृषि विशेषज्ञ और पंजाब किसान

आयोग के सलाहकार पी.एस. रंगी ने कहा कि मौसम में आई गमी के कारण फसल की उत्पादकता में गिरावट होने की चिंता थी। लेकिन अब बारिश होने के बाद फसल के लिए अच्छा समय है। इस साल फसल के बंपर उत्पादन की उम्मीद कर सकते हैं।



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आफत

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राजधानी के लोगों को इस सप्ताह घने कोहरे और कड़के की ठंड का सामना करना पड़ेगा। मौसम विभाग की मानें तो न्यूनतम तापमान 5 डिग्री तक गिरने की संभावना है। पहाड़ों की ओर से आने वाली ठंडी हवाओं के चलते अधिकतम तापमान में भी गिरावट की संभावना है। इस दौरान हवा में आर्द्रता का स्तर अधिक होने से सुबह के समय घना कोहरा रहेगा।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, सोमवार से तापमान में गिरावट होगी। बुधवार से शुक्रवार के बीच न्यूनतम तापमान चार से पांच डिग्री सेल्सियस तक जाने की संभावना है। जबकि इस दौरान अधिकतम तापमान 14 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक जा सकता है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक समरजीत चौधरी के अनुसार, उत्तरी पाकिस्तान और जम्मू कश्मीर के कुछ हिस्सों के ऊपर पश्चिमी विक्षोभ सक्रिय है। साथ ही राजस्थान और हरियाणा के ऊपर एक कम दबाव का क्षेत्र बना हुआ है। इसी के चलते एनसीआर और आसपास के इलाकों में बारिश हो रही है। दिल्ली में रविवार को भी बादल छाए रहेंगे।



इंडिया गेट पर शनिवार को कोहरे के बीच से गुजरता युवक। • संचित खन्ना

पिछले पांच वर्षों में सुबह के समय न्यूनतम तापमान

वर्ष	अधिकतम तापमान	न्यूनतम तापमान
2017	16	13.5
2016	25	11
2015	18	06
2014	18	06
2013	12	02
2012	17	13

(सभी आंकड़े मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, डिग्री सेल्सियस में हैं।)

सफ़दरजंग में सबसे अधिक बारिश : पिछले 24 घंटे में सबसे अधिक बारिश सफ़दरजंग इलाके में हुई। यहां शनिवार सुबह 8.30 बजे तक 3.4 मिलीमीटर

असर

सात रेलगाड़ियां रद्द रहेंगी

रेलवे ने रविवार को सात रेलगाड़ियों को रद्द करने का फैसला लिया है। ये ट्रेनें कोहरे के कारण देरी से चल रही थीं। कोहरे और खराब मौसम के चलते लगभग 90 रेलगाड़ियां प्रभावित हुईं। सराय रोहिल्ला से चेन्नई के बीच चलने वाली जीटी एक्सप्रेस, तमिलनाडु एक्सप्रेस, मगध एक्सप्रेस स्वतंत्रता सेनानी एक्सप्रेस रद्द रहेंगी।

बारिश हुई। इसके बाद सबसे अधिक बारिश लोधी रोड में हुई। यहां 3.2 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई। पालम इलाके में 1.7 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई।