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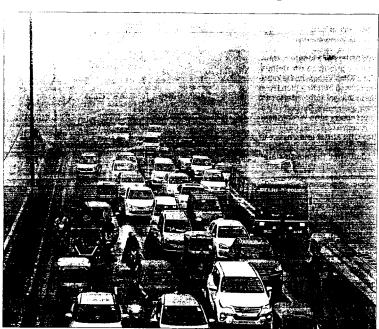
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Rain to bring back chill next week



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ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

EXPERTS SAY A western disturbance is likely to trigger showers and a thunderstorm after which the winter chill and dense fog will return

HT Correspondent

NEWDELHI: A western disturbance is likely to trigger some rain and a thunderstorm in the national capital on Tuesday according to the scientists at the Regional Weather Forecasting Centre (RWFC). This will bring back the winter chill that the Delhiites have been missing

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"We are expecting some rain and a thunderstorm on January 23. A western disturbance is approaching and this may trigger some rain in Delhi and other parts of northwest India." said Kuldeep Srivastava, a senior scientist of the RWFC.

The last time Delhi received light rain was on December 11, 2017. The day temperature dropped by around five degrees.

"This time too we are expecting some drop in the temperature. If the western disturbance triggers snow in the hills, then we can hope to expect the chill to return," he said. The minimum temperature droppedfrom 9.1°C on Tuesday to around 5.6°C on Wednesday, which was one degree below normal. The maximum temperature also dropped to around 23.1°C from 25.5°C.

As relative humidity will also shoot upaffer the rains, Met officials have warned that dense fog may return to the city. Weather experts are expecting some dense fog on Thursday morning as the moisture level will increase and wind speed is dropping. On Wednesday morning, the city was engulfed by a moderate fog with visibility around 300 metres at 8.30 am.

"There could be dense fog on Thursday. Visibility could drop to less than 100 metres at Palam and this would require CAT-III operations," said a senior official of the India Meteorological Department's unit at Reliaryord.

Department's unit at IGI airport.
Officials said that south-easterly and easterly winds are blowing and this is helping the moisture level to shoot up. The wind

speed has also dropped froi around 15km/hour to around 1 km/hour over the last 48 hours

"With low wind speed and hig relative humidity, the air qualit of Delhi has already started deteriorating. While the moisture i helping to trap pollutants, thiow-velocity wind is failing to disperse them." said D Saha, head other air quality laboratory at Certral Pollution Control Board.

The air quality, which hain, proved from 'very poor' cate gory on Monday to 'poor' cate gory on Tuesday, has once again deteriorated to 'very poor' level: on Wednesday. The AQI shot up from 256 on Tuesday to 347 or Wednesday. On a scale of 0-500, at AQI value below 300 is 'poor'. I the value is between 301 and 400, i is considered 'very noor'.

SAFAR, which is India's official pollution forecasting system under the ministry of earth sciences, has warned that levels of particulate matter — PM10 and PM2.5—would increase at least over the next two days.

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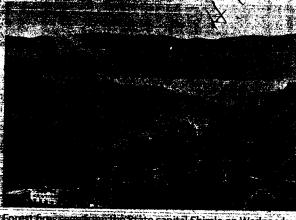
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The prolonged dry spell has also triggered forest fires in many areas in and around the State capital. More than 100 cases of forest fires have been reported in the last one week. The extreme dry weather is also leading to scarcity of drinking water in various townships and the municipalities are supplying water on alternate days.

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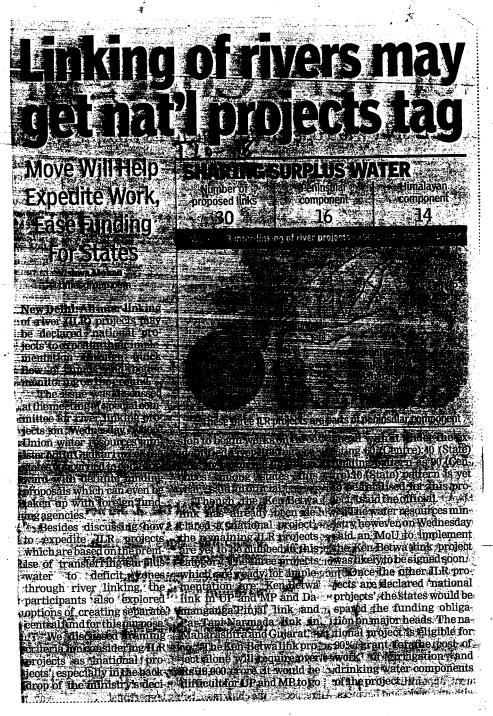
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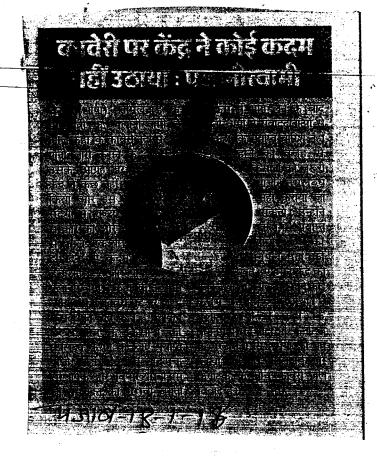
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