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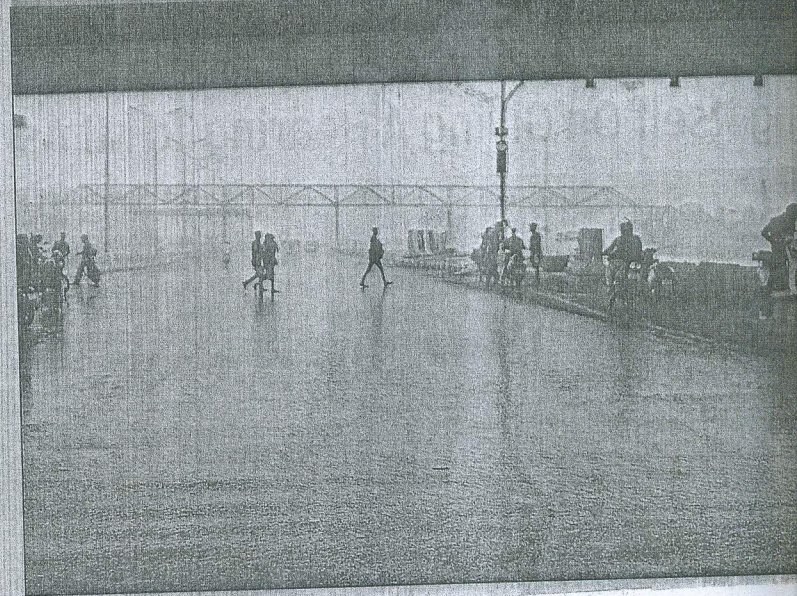
Darkness at noon as Delhi shivers again

Anindya Chattopadhyay, Neeraj Paul



ru Place, 1.32pm

Near Akshardham, 2.20pm



Max Temp Dips By Over 10°C; Air Quality Improves Slightly

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An overcast sky and rainfall on Tuesday afternoon brought down the maximum temperature by more than 10 degrees Celsius to 13 degrees Celsius compared to 25.2 degrees Celsius recorded on Monday. This significant fall in maximum temperature happened just after rainfall in parts of NCR on Tuesday afternoon.

The minimum temp on Tuesday was about 9.4 degrees Celsius, still 2 degrees above normal. There is no prediction for more rain in the coming days

Before that, the maximum temperature recorded was 17 degrees Celsius. Total rainfall recorded till 5.30pm at Safdarjung weather station was about 4.4mm.

While the city recorded an AQI of 325 on Monday, there was a marginal improvement to 318 on Tuesday. The chill is likely to linger for a couple of days — maximum temperature on Wednesday and Thursday is likely to be around 20 to 22 degrees Celsius. Another important forecast from Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Delhi is that there is going to be moderate to dense fog on January 24, 25 and 26. "Moisture levels

have increased in northwest India, which will lead to morning fog for the next few days. Visibility may reduce to less than 200 metres," said Kuldeep Shrivastava, director at the regional weather forecasting centre (RWFC).

The maximum temperature on Tuesday, though very low, is not at a record low. Last year, on January 18, the maximum temperature was 16 degrees Celsius. In 2015 on January 8 and January 23, the maximum was 13 degrees Celsius. In 2013, the maximum temperature on January 3 was 10 degrees Celsius and 12 degrees Celsius on January 12. The rainfall and subsequent drop in temperature on Tuesday was a result of a western disturbance. The WD is currently affecting the north-western region in the form of an upper air trough from January 22 to January 24.

Its peak activity was on Tuesday, which led to the formation of an induced cyclonic circulation over west Rajasthan and surrounding areas.

This weather system moved away swiftly from Delhi after the rainfall towards western UP and Uttarakhand. Palam on Tuesday recorded about 1mm, 4.7mm rainfall at Lodhi road, 5.6mm at Delhi Ridge, 1.8mm at Ayanagar, 7mm at Najafgarh and 8mm at Narela. The minimum temperature on Tuesday was about 9.4 degrees Celsius, still 2 degrees above normal. The sky may be overcast on Wednesday as well. There is no prediction for rain in the coming days.

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Shimla wears a white mantle as it received this year's first snowfall on Tuesday, bringing down the mercury in the region. AMIT KANWAR PAGE 10

Finally, snow in Shimla, Sirmaur ends dry spell

BHANU P LOHUMI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 23

Shimla and its surrounding areas and the higher hills in Sirmaur received the first snow of the year today while the lower hills had widespread scattered rain.

The rain and snow broke the seven-week-long dry spell, bringing cheers to farmers and apple growers. The day temperature dropped by six to seven degrees in the state.

The state capital and the areas in its vicinity had been experiencing moderate snow since this afternoon and the upper parts received 10 cm of snow till this evening. The snow disrupted the vehicular traffic on the Hindustan-Tibet National Highway near Narkanda and Kharapathar.

An ambulance carrying a patient skidded near The Ridge here and fell near the Tibetan market. However, the woman patient, being taken to the IGMC hospital, was rescued and taken to the hospital in another vehicle.

Roads at vulnerable locations, including the IGMC

FARMERS RELIEVED

Farmers felt relieved as the dry spell had threatened the rabi crop in the rainfed areas. The farmers had sown the crop and if dry weather continues, their seed would have gone waste.

Manali turns white

The upper areas in Manali experienced fresh snowfall, while the lower parts of the region were lashed by rain on Tuesday evening. The Rohtang Pass, gateway to Lahaul-Spiti, Pir Panjal Ranges, Marhi, Gulaba, Bhrihu slopes, Beaskund and Hamta ski slopes received fresh snow.

HOTELIERS HAPPY

Shimla hoteliers, who were facing a lean season with occupancy dipping to 20 per cent, are ecstatic after the snowfall as it attracts tourists to the town. They are making frantic calls to hotels, after the videos of snowfall went viral, and enquiring about bookings. "We expect heavy tourist rush till the weekend," said a hotelier.

and High Court, have been cleared and no reports of power disruption have poured in yet," said Shimla Deputy Commissioner Amit Kashyap who was at the control room, monitoring the activities. He advised people to avoid driving at night and during the snowfall and said all arrangements were in place to meet any exigency.

Relief for farmers

The rain and snow has broken a prolonged dry spell and brought cheers to farm-

ers while apple growers heaved a sigh of relief. Snow during this period is considered white manure for the apple crop as it provides much-needed cooling hours and moisture. However, farmers in several areas are worried as rain was not widespread and some areas did not receive any rain or snow. The Met has predicted dry weather for six days from tomorrow and rain or snow in higher hills on January 24.

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SC ruling on Mahanadi shot in the arm for BJD

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, 23 JANUARY

The Supreme Court's ruling on Tuesday directing the Centre to set up a tribunal in a month to adjudicate on the inter-state Mahanadi river water dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh has come as a shot in the arm for the ruling BJD as a regional party best suited to take up such issues for the state rather than national parties.

National parties like the BJP and Congress were not in a position to take a firm stand as they had stakes in both states, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

A regional party like the BJD had no such compulsion and took the battle on its own making it an issue of regional pride as 15 of the 30 districts in the state are dependent on Mahanadi waters.

The BJP has been left red faced as its central leaders including Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Dharmendra Pradhan had been advocating a negotiated settlement rather than a tribunal. The inordinate delay in constituting the tribunal had been perceived as tacit support to Chhattisgarh government to allow ongoing construction work.

However, Congress leader Narasingha Mishra had stood firm on settlement by way of a tribunal and convened an all-party meeting which ironically the OPCC chief Prasad Harichandan had undermined.

The BJP, on its part, took the line that a tribunal will take time to adjudicate, hence negotiations or talks were a better option. Pradhan had gone to the extent of noting that each of the

seven river water dispute tribunals formed till date had been constituted after several years of application and their orders issued after decades.

The existing inter-state water dispute Act stipulates that a tribunal should be constituted within a year of a state making a formal application for it. Odisha had asked for a tribunal in November 2016. The Centre had initially said it will do so by November 2017. But instead Gadkari wrote to Odisha CM Naveen Patanik requesting for time for negotiations.

The Centre had also taken the plea that since a Bill amending the existing Act and setting up a single tribunal for all water disputes is pending Parliament approval, the Mahanadi dispute could be negotiated and later taken up under the new Act.

Odisha had iterated the futility of talks as it had failed thrice. It insisted on early establishment of the tribunal. BJP national executive committee member and former water resources minister in the state, Bijay Mahapatra, said the SC verdict is a victory for Odisha. The water dispute started in 2016 when Odisha government came to know through some communication that some barrages have been set up on the upper end of the Mahanadi river by Chhattisgarh government without taking due consent and no objection from Odisha government. The BJD hit the streets in protest while the government took it up with the Central government. Patnaik repeatedly wrote to PM Narendra Modi seeking his intervention but did not get any response.

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World Bank to fund ₹975-cr water schemes for Doon, 6 other districts

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 23

To end water woes being experienced in several areas of Uttarakhand, the World Bank has agreed to finance water schemes worth Rs 975 crore in 35 semi-urban areas of Dehradun and six other districts. An agreement was signed among the Centre,

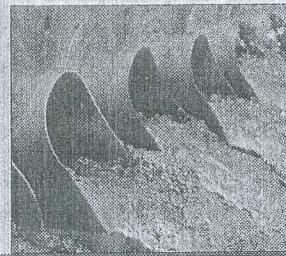
state government and the World Bank.

A population of over five lakh is expected to benefit once the water schemes are commissioned. Minister for Water Resources Prakash Pant, who was in Delhi for signing the agreement, said the programme would commence in 2018 and end in 2023.

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presented by the Uttarakhand Government last year



and the World Bank agreed to fund us in November 2017.

The World Bank will provide us assistance to the tune of Rs 780 crore, while the state will contribute Rs 195 crore as its share," said Pant.

He said around 35 semi-urban areas, which fall in Dehradun, Haridwar, Tehri, Pauri, Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar and Almora, would be part of the programme. These areas were

selected based on the 2011 Census and their current position in April 2016.

"A population comprising approximately 5.16 lakh will be able to receive between 100 litre per person to 135 litre per person in a day. Earlier, it was between 50 litre-75 litre per person per day and around 1,03,244 metered connections will be created," he said.

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Soon, a tribunal for all inter-state water disputes

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NEW DELHI: The Union cabinet could soon approve a law to establish a single national tribunal to adjudicate water disputes between states, two people familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

The tribunal, the Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal, will replace all existing tribunals on water disputes, and its orders, which will have to be issued within four-and-a-half years, will be binding on the parties involved in the dispute—both moves that will deal with disputes between states on water, some of which have gone on for decades, in a time-bound manner. There are currently five tribunals hearing disputes between states on the sharing of river waters.

The Union ministry of water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation has

Longest feuds

31 years and counting:
Punjab vs Haryana vs Rajasthan on Ravi-Beas

27 years and counting:
Tamil Nadu vs Karnataka vs Kerala vs Puducherry on Cauvery

11 years: Maharashtra vs Andhra Pradesh vs Karnataka vs Madhya Pradesh vs Odisha on Godavari

finalised the Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, after incorporating a majority of the recommendations made by a parliamentary panel. The bill, which seeks to amend the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, was introduced in the Lok Sabha in March 2017 and subsequently referred to the parliamentary standing committee.

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Rivers tribunal

India has 20 major inter-state river basins and states have often sparred over the sharing of water. Some of these disputes have been going on for years. For instance, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been fighting over sharing water from the Cauvery for 27 years.

The revised bill proposes that a four member panel comprising the Prime Minister or his nominee, the chief justice of India (CJI) or his nominee (a judge from the Supreme Court), the leader of opposition and the water resources minister will select the chairperson, vice chairperson and up to six members of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal. The original bill had proposed that the CJI would make these appointments.

"We have accepted the recommendation of the parliamentary standing committee to have a four member collegium to select chairperson and members. It will be on the lines of how the chairmen of agencies such as the Central Vigilance Commission are selected," one of the officials mentioned above said.

Another important change in the revised bill involves reducing the time taken by the tribunal to adjudicate disputes to a maximum of four-and-a-half years.

"While the parliamentary panel had recommended that the time for adjudication of disputes should be reduced to two years, we decided to stand by our proposal of four-and-a-half years," the official added.

The original 1956 law on such tribunals mentions a six-year time-frame but also added that the central government could extend this period indefinitely, till such time the tribunal submitted its report.

The draft bill also proposes that the decision of the tribunal will be binding on the disputing parties and will have the same force as an order or decree of the Supreme Court.

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Constitute Mahanadi tribunal: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Centre to set up a tribunal within a month to resolve the long-standing dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over the sharing of Mahanadi water.

A Bench of Justices S.A. Bobde and L. Nageswara Rao asked the Centre to constitute the tribunal and said that all pending issues can be raised before it. The court, however, refused to grant any stay as sought by Odisha government on the seven pick up weirs across the Mahanadi river, which flows through Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha, before pouring into the Bay of Bengal.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for Odisha government, said there cannot be any negotiation on the issue and the only way the dispute can be resolved is through the constitution of a tribunal.

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फिर बढ़ी सर्दी, मेघ गर्जना के साथ बरसे बादल मौसम पलटा, कई जगह गिरे ओले, राजधानी में मावठ

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जयपुर. राजधानी सहित प्रदेश के कुछ इलाकों में मंगलवार सुबह मेघ गर्जना के साथ मावठ हुई। इससे दिन में गर्मी का बढ़ रहा अहसास एक बार फिर सर्दी की ओर रूख कर गया। राजधानी में सुबह बारिश के कारण दोपहर में ठंडी हवा ने सर्दी का अहसास करवाया। जयपुर में 2.1 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। इससे पहले रात का न्यूनतम तापमान 12.6 डिग्री रहा। तड़के से छाए बादल सूर्योदय के बाद तक कायम रहे। मौसम के पलटा खाने से लोग देर तक घरों में ही रहे। प्रदेश में 6.2 डिग्री न्यूनतम तापमान के साथ



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इससे पड़ा असर

उत्तर पूर्वी राज्यों में सक्रिय पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के कारण प्रदेश के उत्तर पूर्वी और पश्चिमी मैदानी इलाकों में बादलों की आवाजाही है। इसके चलते अगले 24 घंटों में भी सर्दी का असर बने रहने का अनुमान है। बादलों की आवाजाही बंद होने के बाद फिर से न्यूनतम तापमान में तेजी से गिरावट आ सकती है। इस दौरान राजधानी के न्यूनतम तापमान में भी 3 डिग्री की गिरावट आ सकती है।

अलवर सबसे ठंडा रहा। श्रीगंगानगर इलाके में मंगलवार सुबह हुई ओलावृष्टि और बूदाबांदी से मौसम सर्द हो गया। अनूपगढ़ के गांव छह पीजीएम और हनुमानगढ़ जिले के रामगढ़ (गोगामेडी) में चने के आकार के ओले गिरे। वहीं श्रीगंगानगर जिला मुख्यालय सहित कैचिया, सिद्धवाला और राजियासर, मिर्जेवाला आदि क्षेत्र में

बूदाबांदी से मौसम सर्द हो गया। हनुमानगढ़ जिले के जंक्शन, टाउन, संगरिया सहित क्षेत्र में कहीं बूदाबांदी तो कहीं हल्की बारिश हुई।

शेखावाटी में सुबह कई स्थानों पर हल्की बूदाबांदी हुई। इससे हवा में नमी घुल गई और दिन का तापमान करीब चार डिग्री नीचे गिर गया। रात को बादल होने से

तापमान में बढोतरी दर्ज की गई। इससे सर्दी का अहसास कम हुआ। सीकर में सुबह से बादल छाए रहे और 3.2 किलोमीटर की रफ्तार से हवा चली।

फतेहपुर कृषि अनुसंधान केन्द्र पर न्यूनतम तापमान 13.8 डिग्री और अधिकतम तापमान 24.8 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकार्ड किया गया। अलवर जिले में कई जगह

बूदाबांदी तो कहीं ओले भी गिरे। दोपहर 12 बजे अलवर शहर के कई भागों पर चने के आकार के ओले गिरे। अजमेर में अलसुबह से ही बादलों ने डेरा जमा लिया। कई इलाकों में मामूली बूदाबांदी हुई।

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नर्मदा के पानी की अब रियल टाइम मॉनिटरिंग

भोपाल, देश की पवित्र नदियों में शामिल नर्मदा नदी के जल की अब हर घंटे जांच होगी। ओंकारेश्वर में मध्य प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडल द्वारा लगाया गया रियल टाइम मॉनिटरिंग स्टेशन सोमवार से शुरू हो गया। यहां नर्मदा के पानी की हर घंटे जांच होगी। खास बात यह है कि पानी की जांच का यह आंकड़ा सीधा प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडल को भी मिलेगा। प्रदेश में यह पहला मामला है जब कि किसी नदी के पानी की हर घंटे जांच होगी। बता दें वर्तमान में मध्य प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडल प्रतिमाह नर्मदा के पानी की जांच 40 स्थानों पर करता है।

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