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Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh is enduring freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall, especially in districts such as Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur, Shimla, and Manali. Many roads have been blocked due to snow and landslides, cutting off remote villages.
- Power outages are widespread as snow has damaged electrical infrastructure. While tourist destinations are drawing visitors eager to experience snowfall, the extreme weather poses risks, with authorities urging caution.
- The agricultural sector, especially horticulture, faces challenges due to the risk of frost damage to apple orchards. Emergency services and snow clearance operations are in full swing to restore normalcy.

Jammu & Kashmir

- In Jammu & Kashmir, the cold wave has intensified, with temperatures plummeting well below freezing across the region. Srinagar's Dal Lake has partially frozen, and sub-zero temperatures have become the norm. Heavy snowfall has disrupted transportation, leaving the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway closed for days due to landslides and snow accumulation.
- Essential supplies have been delayed, and power outages are common in rural areas. Farmers and orchard owners are facing potential losses due to frost damage. Authorities have issued advisories and are providing relief materials to mitigate the impact on residents.

Bihar

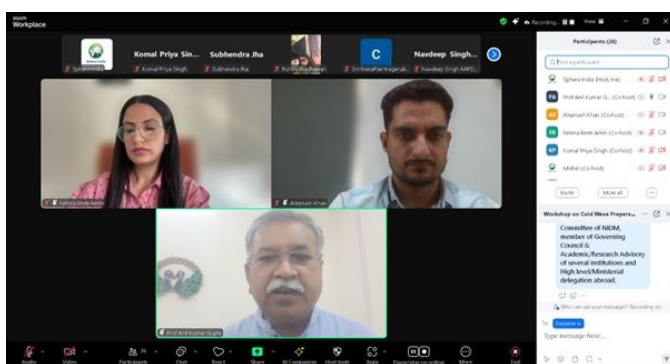
- Bihar has been gripped by severe cold wave conditions, with minimum temperatures dropping to record lows in several districts. Dense fog has further exacerbated the situation, disrupting transportation and reducing visibility to dangerous levels.
- Schools have been directed to remain closed or operate on revised schedules, while health facilities are on alert to address cases of hypothermia and respiratory illnesses. The agricultural sector is also facing challenges, with frost potentially affecting rabi crops.

Madhya Pradesh

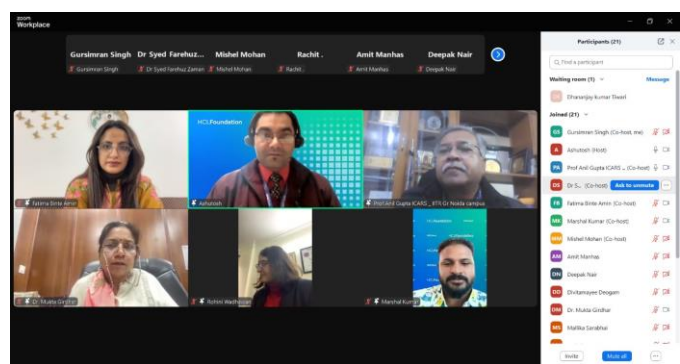
- In Madhya Pradesh, temperatures have plummeted, with many districts reporting below-normal minimum temperatures. The cold wave has disrupted daily life, especially in rural areas where access to heating is limited. Farmers are reporting concerns about frost damage to crops, including wheat and vegetables.
- Local authorities have started distributing warm clothing and essentials to vulnerable communities, while schools in some areas are operating on revised timings.

West Bengal

- In West Bengal, the cold wave has impacted both urban and rural areas, with Kolkata experiencing its coldest days in several years. In rural areas, farmers are concerned about the potential impact of the cold on crops like potatoes and rice. Dense fog in parts of the state has affected visibility, disrupting transportation and causing delays in train schedules.



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