

## **IMD forecasts heavy rainfall and snow for various parts of the country**

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India Meteorological Department (IMD) is issuing an alert for Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Muzaffarabad predicting heavy rain/snow during next two days. There is a possibility of heavy rain/snow in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh on 5th January 2021 and heavy rainfall over South Interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala & Mahe on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

As per the latest weather forecast by IMD, fresh Western Disturbance would likely to affect the Western Himalayan Region from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 creating conditions favourable for the temperature to go down by 2 to 4 degrees centigrade over some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and West Rajasthan during subsequent 2 days.

As per the National Weather Forecasting Centre, dense to very dense fogs are expected in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh and in isolated pockets over East Uttar Pradesh and West Rajasthan during 7 to 8 January 2021. Dense fogs in Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh, West Rajasthan, Odisha, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura during next 48 hours is also expected.

Another forecast from IMD warns of Western disturbance with its induced cyclonic circulation over southwest Rajasthan & neighborhood at lower level to create conditions favourable for scattered to fairly widespread rainfall that would be accompanied with thunderstorm/hailstorm over northwest India during next 3 days. However, dry weather would prevail over most of the remaining parts of the country.