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## PRESS RELEASE

**Subject: Wet Spell Over North-West India**

- **Current Weather Conditions**

In association with a Western Disturbance, light to moderate snowfall has been received over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during past 24 Hours. Isolated light rainfall has also been recorded over Punjab and Northern parts of Haryana.

- **Affect of an approaching Western Disturbance**

IMD models are indicating that a fresh western disturbance would affect Western Himalayan region from 4 January and plains of North West India from 5 January onwards. Analysis of various thermo-diagnostic parameters and indices indicate that the Western Disturbance would be quite intense and favourably located to affect the weather pattern of North-West India during 4 January to 7 January.

- **Weather Forecast**

1. Light to moderate snowfall very likely to commence over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand from 4 January which would become widespread and intense on 5 and 6 January.
2. Light rain/thundershowers likely to commence over Punjab from the night of 4 January. It will be widely distributed and will also extend into Haryana, Chandigarh and West-Uttar Pradesh on 5 and 6 January and over East-Uttar Pradesh on 6 and 7 January.
3. Light rainfall very likely over Northern parts of Rajasthan on 5 and 6 January.
4. Prevailing cold-wave and ground frost conditions most likely to abate from 4 January onwards.

- **Warnings**

1. Isolated heavy snowfall most likely to occur over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during 4 to 6 January.
2. Isolated Hailstorm likely over Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh on 5 and 6 January.

- **Forecast For Delhi NCR**

Generally cloudy sky with high probability of light rainfall/thundershowers on 5 and 6 January.