Minimum temperature may drop; better air in store: IMD

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NEW DELHI: The minimum temperature over Delhi is likely to drop by between 1 and 2 degrees Celsius from Tuesday, as wind directions change again, this time from easterly to northwesterly, said the Met office, adding that mornings may see shallow to moderate fog.

"With the change in wind direction, winds are likely to blow from the direction of western Himalayas, so they will be colder. The minimum temperature in Delhi may be around 8°C, while the maximum may be around 21°C. Winds are also likely to pick up, so air quality may improve," said Kuldeep Shrivastava, head, regional weather forecasting centre of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Delhi's minimum temperature rose to 9°C on Monday.

The air quality index (AQI) in Delhi on Monday was 372, categorised as 'very poor', a minor increase from 347 the previous day. According to air quality early warning system under the Union ministry of earth sciences, there will be northwesterly winds of around 10 kmph blowing on Tuesday and of 15 to 20 kmph on Wednesday, which will help disperse pollutants and improve the city's air.

Currently, easterly winds are prevailing at lower levels over the northern plains. Wind direction is likely to change from easterly to westerly/northwesterly over northwest India from Monday night. Due to the change in wind direction, minimum temperatures are likely to fall by 2 to 4°C during the next three days, leading to 'cold wave' conditions in isolated pockets over eastern Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi during January 18 to 20 and over western Uttar Pradesh and northern Rajasthan during January 19 to 21, according to IMD's Monday bulletin.

Dense to very dense fog is likely over parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, north Rajasthan, Bihar and Odisha during next 24. 'Cold day' conditions are also likely isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during next 2 days.

According to IMD, a cold day or a severe cold day is classified as such based on two parameters—a minimum temperature of under 10°C and maximum temperature of 4.5°C or 6.4°C below normal, respectively.

Delhi's minimum temperature rose to 9°C on Monday, from 5.2°C a day earlier. ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

{ MOVE SC } DEMAND CHOICE TO ARGUE CASES VIRTUALLY

5 women lawyers challenge physical hearings in Delhi HC

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NEW DELHI: Five women lawyers practising at the Delhi high court on Monday moved the Supreme Court, challenging the resumption of physical hearings contending that they were not given the choice to argue cases virtually.

The plea filed by advocates Amrita Sharma, Saumya Tandon, Padmapriya, Ashmita Narula and Shivani Luthra demanded fresh orders which would allow lawyers to select the option of virtual appearance in cases.

The petition stated that lawyers have been discharging their professional duties as well as looking after their children doing home schooling but with the resumption of the physical hearings, the lawyers will be constrained to choose between their work and taking care of their children, or worse be constrained to expose themselves, their children as well as vulnerable members of their families to Covid-19 as there is no other alternative.

It also said that the lawyers cannot effectively represent their clients in virtual hearings while attending courts physically.

From Monday, 11 benches — two division benches of two judges each and nine single-judge benches resumed physical proceedings in the high court. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the court was functioning with physical hearing by two to three benches, on a rotational basis.

The court building on Monday witnessed confusion and chaos briefly when a bunch of lawyers reached the building all at once, gathering around the gate to fill up self-declaration forms. The matter was resolved after the Delhi high court bar association (DHBCA) and the registry stepped in to streamline the process.

Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, president, DHBCA, said they will streamline entry to the building from Tuesday.

"There was a slight crowding at one of the gates due to the confusion in the timings of the hearing. But from tomorrow (Tuesday), we will streamline the entry process and upload the self-declaration forms on the HC website to ensure smooth access," he said.

The district courts also resumed physical proceedings from Monday. Now, hearings will be held on alternate days with half the courts holding in-person hearings and half conducting business virtually.

55-YEAR-OLD RICKSHAW PULLER KILLED IN E DELHI

NEW DELHI: A 55-year-old rickshaw puller was murdered allegedly by two men who then made off with ₹60 and his cycle rickshaw from east Delhi's Vasundhara Enclave, the police said on Monday. Police said the two suspects have been arrested and the stolen rickshaw has been recovered, as well as the knife that they had allegedly used to slit the rickshaw puller's throat on January 14.

The rickshaw puller's body, with the throat slit and head badly smashed with a stone, was found in the bushes of a vacant plot near a private school in Vasundhara Enclave on January 15, said deputy commissioner of police (east) Deepak Yadav.

On January 16, the police identified the man as Jiban Mazumdar, a rickshaw puller, said DCP Yadav. CCTV cameras installed near the spot helped the police identify and arrest the two suspects ---Chhotan Singh, and Dilip Haldar. HTC

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The living landmark returns

Pandemic life of an elderly woman known for her sing-song reading on a city footpath

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Here she is.

"I came back one or one-and-a-half months ago."

For years, Ramrati's morning routine stayed the same: reading aloud passages from the sacred Ramcharitmanas, her upper-half rocking back and forth with the rhythm and emotions of the epic's Awadhi verses. On the side-lane that connects Barakhamba Road to Kasturba Gandhi Marg, in Delhi's Connaught Place, she was a living landmark. Clothed in either a sari or a gown, she would be seen sitting cross-legged on the elevated footpath from 9 to 11am, with the hardbound on her lap or on a wooden book stand. Office-goers would walk past her. A few might glance at her, some slowing momentarily, moved by her sing-song recital. A very few might respectfully put a ₹10 note in front of her, or present her with a glass of fresh fruit juice from a nearby stall (she would ask them to confirm that it wasn't jootha). This elderly woman had the vibes of an archetypal neighbourhood dadi-maa who knits the socks, makes the mango pickles, keeps religious fasts and tells stories from the sacred epics. But she was without a house. She lived alone. This pavement was her home.

And then coronavirus arrived. The consequent lockdowns shut down the city and all the street life.

Ramrati too disappeared.

"I was in Prayagraj," says the woman, referring to the city in UP also known as Allahabad. Taking a break from her reading, her hands clasped beside the book, her arms under a blanket, Ramrati recalls the initial days of the lockdown, when there were no trains to be found. "I boarded a bus." And there in the city where three holy rivers meet, Ramrati lived beside the Ganga, she says. "Every morning I was reading from (Ramcharit) manas."

Ramrati is from Rae Bareli, in UP, and some of her family still lives there. Why didn't she stay on in Prayagraj, beside her "Ganga Mayya", or go back to her native district for good? The lady looks puzzled. Shrugging her shoulder, she says, "But I live in Delhi."

On whether she feels scared of the pandemic, she says, "Bhagwan Ram looks after me."

Meanwhile, the lane is filling up with morning commuters. Almost all are masked. Ramrati's mask is slung under chin. "I can't read easily wearing it," she says, before restarting her recital.

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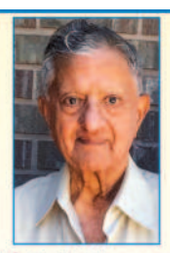

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