

Cold wave: Delhi records 1.9 degrees Celsius, 'Orange' alert issued in India

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: A mid cold wave is prevailing in parts of northern India while Safdarjung in Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 1.9 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department said on Sunday. Meanwhile, Aya Nagar also in Delhi, recorded a minimum temperature of 2.6 degrees Celsius, while Lodhi Road recorded 2.8 degrees Celsius and Palam 5.2 degrees Celsius, reports quoted the IMD as saying, according to Indian media reports.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'orange' alert stating: "Dense fog and a cold wave is likely at a few places today and cold day conditions to prevail at isolated places". A thick layer of fog covered Delhi and its adjoining areas on Sunday morning lowering visibility. The national capital and nearby states continue to witness severe cold and fog conditions, reports said. Several flights and trains have been canceled due to dense fog conditions. Around 20 flights have been delayed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) till 1 pm due to weather conditions, and other operational issues.

Very Dense fog in isolated pockets is very likely over Uttarakhand, north Rajasthan, Bihar, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, Assam and Tripura during the next three days till Tuesday, the weather office said. "Very ground frost conditions will prevail in isolated places of north Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh on January 8-9," it added. Besides, a Northern Railway spokesperson said 42 trains were delayed by one hour to five hours due to the foggy conditions. The IMD has predicted cold wave and cold day conditions to continue over northwest India during the next two days till Monday.