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Chilled? It's going to get even colder

Prediction Of 0°C On Friday

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New Delhi: If you thought Monday was too cold to handle, wait till Friday to get the jitters. According to BBC's weather prediction for this week, the minimum temperature is likely to fall to 0 degree Celsius on that day. Another prediction from Weather Underground, was just a bit less gloomy, with the minimum predicted to drop to one degree Celsius ahead of the weekend.

On Monday, the minimum fell to 2.3 degrees Celsius from 5.9 on Sunday. Even the maximum was 16.4 degrees, making it truly chilly. The chill has become a top talking point in the city. And the Met department predicts that the weather will continue to be chilly over the next 72 hours with partially cloudy skies and minimum temperature of 2 degrees predicted for Tuesday.

According to the Met department, this was the coldest January 28 in the last five years. The minimum temperature for this day between 2003 and 2007 ranged from 6 degrees to 12 degrees Celsius, while the maximum has varied from 15 to 28 degrees Celsius.

Said B P Yadav, director, Met department: "The minimum temperature started dipping from January 21 and it continued to be cold till January 24. Over the weekend the temperatures rose due to weak western disturbances in the north western region. When the WWD moved away, the cold winds from Himalayas led to the fall in temperature in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, UP etc. The cold is likely to last over the next two days."



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- Average minimum temperature upto Jan 28 is 6.7°, average normal minimum temperature for period supposed to be 7.3°

The most prone to falling ill are children who suffer from hyper reactive airway diseases, asthma, etc. Moreover, viral shifts are also taking place during this period leading to viral fever. People should be careful of acute change in weather and ensure that their head, hands and feet remain covered at all times."

But this is not the coldest January in recent times. According to Yadav, while the lowest minimum temperature recorded for this month was 1.9 degrees on January 2 and the highest was 14 degrees on January 18, average minimum temperature upto January 28,