

## Snowfall, rain continue in northern, eastern India

Many places in India's northern and eastern regions received rain for the fourth consecutive day Tuesday while it snowed in hilly areas at the fag end of winter, bringing cheers from some even as those in cities like Delhi awaited return of sunny days.

In the national capital, there was a spell of heavy showers in the morning that caught citizens, mainly school students and office-goers, unawares amid long traffic snarls.

The city that had received 27.5 mm rain since Monday felt a little colder with mercury sliding to a minimum of 11.2 degrees Celsius, three degrees lower than Monday. Weathermen forecast that the night temperature would hover around 10 degrees.

Since the last four days, Delhi had recorded a maximum of 74 mm of rainfall, far above around 30 mm that it receives normally in the entire month.

'The low atmospheric pressure the main reason of the rain, has moved towards east and the effect was seen clearly in that part of the country,' said an India Meteorological Department (IMD) official.

'The weather condition is unlikely to improve till Wednesday evening. Both northern and eastern India would experience intermittent rainfall with a few spell of heavy showers coupled with thunderstorm and squalls,' he added.

In the eastern region, Dibrugarh in Assam received 22 mm of rain since Monday, Jamshedpur and