

More than 24 deaths reported in one day in India amid protracted heat wave

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A man splashes water from a roadside tap on his face to cool off on a hot summer day in Lucknow, India, Monday, May 27, 2024. (AP)

New Delhi, June 1 ((RHC)-- Large swaths of South Asia continue to grapple with a blistering heat wave and soaring temperatures that have reached over 125 degrees Fahrenheit.

In India, at least 24 people died Thursday of suspected heatstroke in the eastern states of Bihar and Odisha.

Meanwhile, many residents in Delhi are facing chronic water shortages. Warnings have been enacted across India as hospitals are seeing a spike in patients suffering heat-related ailments.

Dr. Seema Balkrishna Wasnik in New Delhi said: “We have got about six patients who were critical, and they had heatstroke-like symptoms, and two patients were having heat exertion symptoms. So, some of the patients were drowsy, and they needed ventilator, and some of the patients had convulsions also. And one patient came gasping also to the emergency department.”

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