

**Need to curb the impact of hot summer on the farmers.-laid**

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM):**India reported its warmest February, since proper record keeping began in 1901, recording the highest average maximum temperature (29.5 degree centigrade across the country IMD signaled more bitter days ahead with a forecast of hotter than normal summer in many parts of India during March-May period. As per IMD's forecast, most parts of North East, East, Central and several areas of Northwest India including Delhi-NCR are expected to see 'above normal' day temperature and the season could see more heat wave during March to May season over many regions of Central and adjoining Northwest India. Heat wave's frequency and intensity are increasing in India because of climate change. Severe landslides and floods are projected to become increasingly common in such areas. It has been projected that climate change can deplete India's GDP heavily. I urge upon the Government to take necessary precautionary measures to curb the impacts of hot summer on the farmers and their livelihoods in advance.