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New Delhi, Jan 24 (PTI) Amidst the serene apple orchards, Nadeem Bhat's disappointed look skyward speaks of a pressing concern — the unnerving absence of the traditional winter cloak of snow, an unexpected departure that experts say has implications for Kashmir's agriculture, tourism, and its delicate ecosystem.

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dry spell during chillai kalaan — the annual 40-day cold

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December 21 — has cast a stark shadow on tourism, crop productivity, and water availability.



“Apple orchards, for example, require a consistent snow cover during this phase

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