

# Moscow Resorts to Fake Snow for New Year Festivities

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## Twitter

Authorities have brought artificial snow to central Moscow for New Year celebrations as the Russian capital experiences the highest December temperatures in more than a century.

Moscow [broke an 1886](#) record earlier this month, reaching 5.4 degrees Celsius on Dec. 18. Average temperatures for the month are usually below minus 6 degrees. Forecasts for the New Year holiday, Russia's main festive celebration, predict rain instead of snow.

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— Муд Роисси (@Fake\_MIDRF) [28 декабря 2019 г.](#)

Muscovites posted pictures of heaps of snow in [Zaryadye Park](#) and [Tverskaya Street](#) on social media Friday and over the weekend.

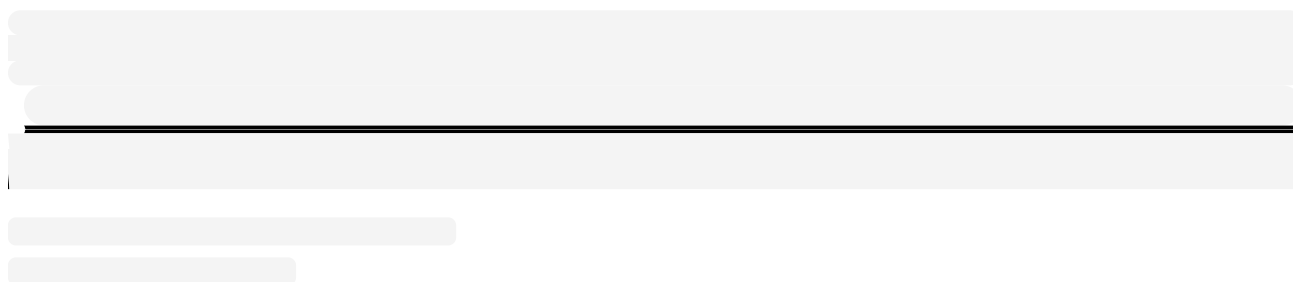
“It’s not festive at all,” one resident dressed as the fairy tale snow maiden Snegurochka [said](#).

“It’s already turned beige or gray,” said another resident, dressed as Russia’s version of Santa Claus.

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The snow came from the city's ice rinks and will be used to create snowboarding slopes, First Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office Alexei Nemeryuk [told](#) Interfax.

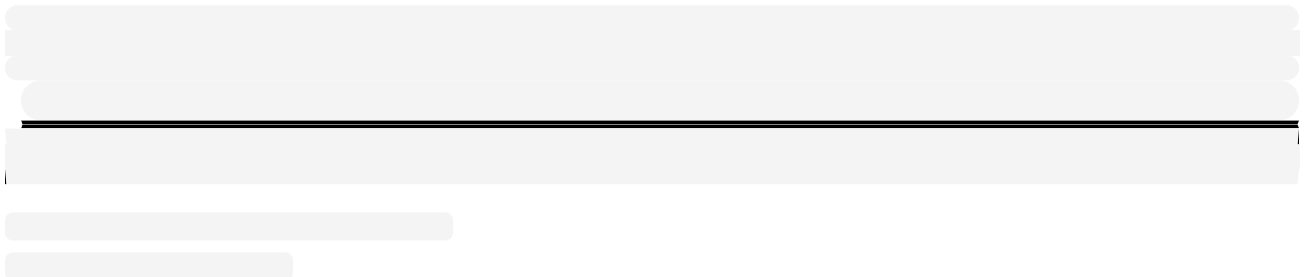
The lack of snow has also caused flowers to bloom early at Moscow State University's Apothecary

Garden. Snowdrops and rhododendrons there mistook the soft soil for the onset of spring.

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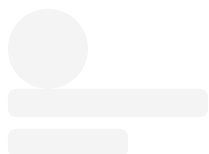


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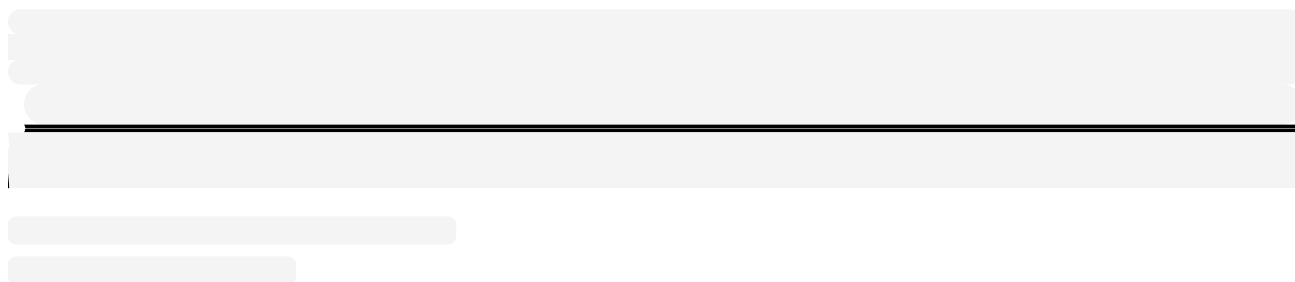
An atmospheric front from the Atlantic Ocean has caused the unseasonable warmth.

Russia [remains](#) a relatively climate-skeptic nation, with recent polls saying that less than half of Russians believe climate change poses a major threat to their country.

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Moscow also [suffered the coldest summer](#) on record in 2019, with August temperatures falling to 12 degrees Celsius.

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