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New Delhi: Mean Monthly Rainfall in Centimetres

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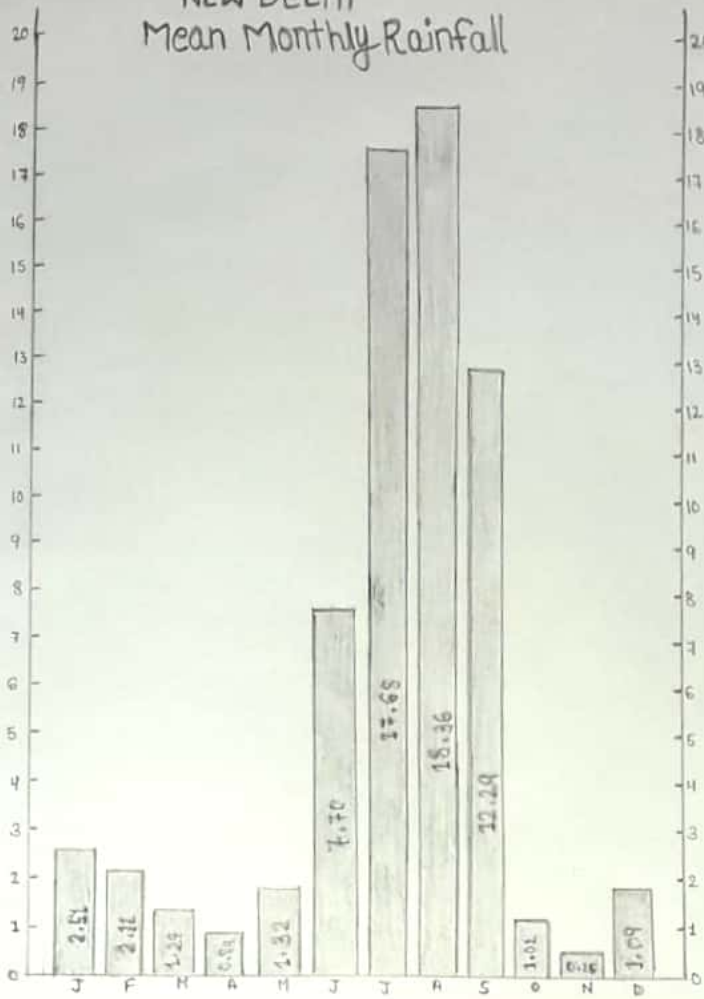
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