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Dengue seems to be tightening its grip over the state, with as many as 681 cases being reported from across Telangana, including 117 from Hyderabad alone, in the last one month alone.

While official records confirm that a good number of dengue cases have been pouring in from Khammam district, where two outbreak alerts were sounded by the National Centre for Disease Control in September this year, cases also continue to stream in from Hyderabad and Mahbubnagar.

What is more alarming is the spurt in Influenza A cases being recorded in and around the city along with dengue, with health authorities hinting at the viruses remaining strong over the next two months.

With mercury levels likely to plunge, health experts have now sounded an alert on the triple threat of dengue, swine flu and Influenza A wreaking havoc on the health of citizens, prompting health authorities to prepare teams for tackling more cases. In any case, November is the recorded peak season for both swine flu and dengue in the state. However, the fluctuating temperatures seem to be having an unusual impact

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on the swine flu virus this year, which seems to be weakening for the first time since the beginning of the year.

The H1N1 virus, which had mutated into the Michigan strain earlier this year, is now seeing barely one to two cases daily and no positive cases. As usually a dip in mercury leads to a strengthening of all these three viruses, the scenario this year has left experts perplexed.

"It is surprising that swine flu cases have almost stopped coming over the last two weeks as it usually peaks in November. Although it's a good sign, its no guarantee that the virus has weakened. We are seeing a good number of dengue, Influenza A and respiratory virus patients currently and any of the viruses can flare up anytime," cautioned Dr K Shankar, director of the Institute of Preventive Medicine and superintendent of Fever Hospital.

"Swine flu cases usually pick up by mid-November. Currently though the night temperatures have dipped, day temperatures have not, which might be the reason for the plunge in cases," explained Dr G Subbalaxmi, joint director epidemics, Telangana state, adding that the dengue season is likely to extend upto January or February this time.

The state health department has cautioned people to stay away from crowded places and maintain basic hygiene as dengue primarily spreads due to lack of cleanliness, which provides a fertile breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and crowded places are ideal for the swine flu virus to thrive.

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